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Summer at library

The Midland County Public Library is offering children summer arts and crafts programs and two reading programs./**1B**

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Not even best in his own neighborhood to start the year, Mark O'Meara is now the British Open champion of golf./1C

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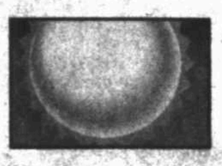

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Saturn vote

SPRING HILL, Tenn. — Saturn Corp. workers voted overwhelmingly to give union leaders the authority to call their first-ever strike against the automaker that prides itself for its harmonious relations with workers.
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Mideast talks

TEL AVIV, Israel — After months of stalemate, Israeli and Palestinian officials signaled Sunday that they made some progress in the first round of high-level peace talks brokered by the United States. More talks were scheduled for Monday. "We have discussed all the outstanding issues, dealt with them from all their aspects and we will follow up," Mahmoud Abbas, deputy to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, said after 3 1/2 hours of talks, primarily with Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.
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Blacksheep.com

Ax-murderers, ruthless Vikings, traitors or other notorious villains lurking in your family tree? Take heart. You may qualify for the International Black Sheep Society of Genealogists. Jeff Scism, of San Bernardino, Calif., formed the Internet group a year ago and launched its Web site in January.
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Kicked out

JUPITER, Fla. — A condominium board has told the family of a 12-year-old boy with muscular dystrophy they have to leave, complaining that his wheelchair damages the property. The family of Dorian Couturier had been renting an apartment at the Oceancrest condo for two years, but their lease is up at the end of the month.
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Tsunami death toll could reach 3,000

By Brian Cassey
Associated Press

SISSANO, Papua New Guinea — Bodies, shattered coconut palms and the remains of flimsy huts floated off the shores of this Pacific nation Sunday after a wall of water crashed into three villages. The official death toll Monday was at least 599, but at least 3,000 people were feared dead.

Australian Broadcasting Corp. quoted John Tekwi, governor of West Sepik Province, as saying at least 3,000 people died in the disaster.

There was no warning before the 23-foot wall of water crashed into the northwest coast of Papua New Guinea, a nation on the island of New Guinea, north of Australia, where some people live a near-Stone Age existence amid jungles and swamps.

The devastating wave, known as a tsunami, shattered the region Friday after a magnitude-7 earthquake.

On Monday, many survivors were in shock. Rescue officials said they expected to have a better idea later Monday on the death toll.

Entire villages have disappeared.

The village of Arop was built on a sand spit and had a population of about 2,000 people. It no longer exists. There are no people to be seen. Three other villages have also been destroyed.

"There was nothing left except for coconut trees," said resident Lusien Romme, whose wife was killed. Romme, who broke two fingers and injured his ribs

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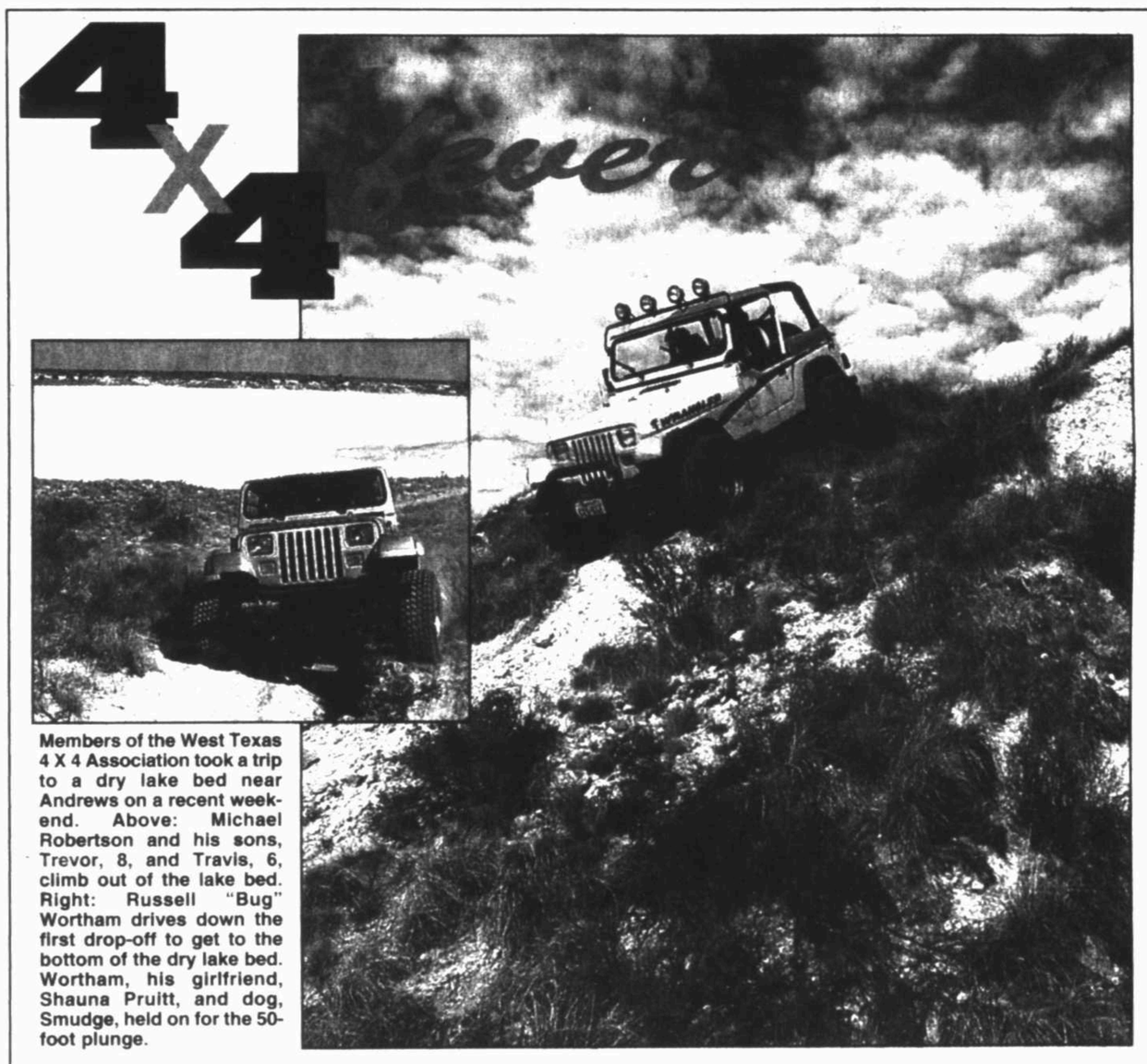
A young Papua New Guinea tidal wave victim is loaded on to a rescue plane as he calls out for his mother at the destroyed village of Sissano on the northern coast Sunday. A 23-foot wall of water crashed into the northwest coast of Papua New Guinea.

AP Photo

4 X 4



Members of the West Texas 4 X 4 Association took a trip to a dry lake bed near Andrews on a recent weekend. Above: Michael Robertson and his sons, Trevor, 8, and Travis, 6, climb out of the lake bed. Right: Russell "Bug" Wortham drives down the first drop-off to get to the bottom of the dry lake bed. Wortham, his girlfriend, Shauna Pruitt, and dog, Smudge, held on for the 50-foot plunge.

Local Jeep club driven by need for off-road adventure

West Texas' rugged and undulating terrain must have been laborious for natives to explore.

Nothing else besides mesquite, puny cactus and fenceposts provide shade from the merciless sun. Heaps of mud and mineral bake in the heat for years until they eventually form iron-strength boulders. A hint of skunk always fills the air.

And the rangeland is generally unpopulated — with the exception of a hungry coyote or slithering snake that might peek out from the brush every now and then.

If only the men and women who first roamed this land had a Jeep Wrangler, things could have been a whole lot easier for them.

They could have been able to meet their destination with enough leftover time to go four-wheeling across the desert and then relax and enjoy the world's most beautiful sunset.

West Texas 4x4 Jeep Club president Mark Farquhar said it's a dirty job to go where some people aren't usually brave enough to go, but there's no better way to admire Mother Nature's desert creations than from the seat of a four-by-four vehicle.

"The only way you can get to the top of these hills is with a four by-four vehicle," he said.

Though the local club has just few members, Farquhar and vice president Michael Robertson are hopeful they'll spread the word to other Jeep owners who want to participate in more activities across the Permian Basin.

They also wish that ranchers will open

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Story by Rick López Photos by Tim Fischer

Despite ruling, EPA stands by secondhand-smoke finding

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is standing by its finding that secondhand tobacco smoke causes cancer despite a federal judge's decision striking down its 1993 report that made the link.

Although lawyers were still reviewing the ruling handed down by U.S. District Judge William Osteen in North Carolina, officials said Sunday an appeal is all but a certainty.

Osteen, acting on a lawsuit filed by the tobacco industry, ruled the EPA based its 1993 report on inadequate science and failed to demonstrate a statistically significant relationship between secondhand smoke and lung cancer.

"The decision is disturbing," EPA Administrator Carol Browner said Sunday. "We believe the health threats to children and adults from breathing secondhand smoke are very real."

The EPA's controversial 1993 report on environmental tobacco smoke concluded that secondhand tobacco smoke should be classified as a Class A carcinogen and was responsible for more than 3,000 lung-cancer deaths a year.

Although the agency never issued formal regulations to control secondhand smoke, the report has been cited widely in decisions by state and local officials to restrict smoking in public places including restaurants, airliners, offices and — in California — even bars.

Some of the restrictions could be in jeopardy should the finding Osteen issued late Friday stand. The litigation had been under way for five years.

Asked about the decision on "Fox News Sunday," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said: "No one wants to go back to smoking on airplanes, smoking in restaurants. No one wants to go back to polluting indoors."

She said science supports classifying secondhand tobacco smoke as a carcinogen. She said the government must "look at very carefully" the relationship between the scientific evidence and the conclusions of the EPA's 1993 report.

EPA spokeswoman Loretta Ucelli told The Associated Press that agency attorneys were reviewing the decision, but they "tell us the decision was based largely on procedural grounds."

Please see **EPA/4A**

Brazilian descendants of 'Confederados' find Southern roots

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

MABLETON, Ga. — Amid paper plates laden with barbecue, cole slaw and potato salad, the teen-agers struggled in halting English and bursts of Portuguese to describe finding the Southern roots their ancestors left behind more than 130 years ago.

"We knew about the history, but now we have the details. Now we can imagine what their life was like, what they were like," said 17-year-old Joao Ferreira Padoveze.

He is among five Brazilian youths who have spent the past month on a whirlwind tour of the homeland their great- or great-great-grandparents abandoned after fighting for the Confederacy during the Civil War. Rather than remain in the war-devastated Reconstruction South, up to 10,000 Southerners headed to the truly Deep South — Brazil — to start new lives.

Concerned that the assimilated younger generations of "Confederados" descendants were losing touch with their heritage, their families worked with Georgia members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to put together this summer's trip as a pilot program meant to become a regular student exchange.

The visitors have gotten heaping helpings of Southern hospitality and regional culture, old and new — from their first tastes of grits and participation in the Cordele Watermelon Festival to trips to outlet malls and theme parks.

Please see **ROOTS/4A**

Civil War reenactor Doug "Bones" Jarrett kisses Anna Lee Carr DeMuzio's hand as she and other Brazilian youths visit the Atlanta History Center Saturday in Atlanta. DeMuzio and the rest of her group are decendents of Confederate soldiers who moved to Brazil after the Civil War.

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Amid tensions, Israel and Palestinians hold talks, report progress

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — After months of stalemate, Israeli and Palestinian officials signaled Sunday that they made some progress in the first round of high-level peace talks brokered by the United States. More talks were scheduled for Monday.

"We have discussed all the outstanding issues, dealt with them from all their aspects and we will follow up," Mahmoud Abbas, deputy to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, said after 3 1/2 hours of talks, primarily with Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Mordechai said the two delegations had agreed to set up "small teams," to discuss the issues that have blocked a long overdue Israeli troop withdrawal from West Bank land.

Just hours before the talks began in Tel Aviv, police in Jerusalem said they had foiled an attempted car bombing in the city center.

A Palestinian man described by police as a known activist with the militant group Hamas was arrested in the failed attack, in which he suffered serious burns. No one else was hurt.

Before the talks, Palestinian negotiators signaled low expectations. But afterward, some negotiators sounded slightly more upbeat.

Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan said that while no breakthrough had been reached, the sides agreed to keep talking and would meet again Monday.

AP Photo

A Jerusalem fireman hoses down a street in downtown Jerusalem Sunday after a car bomb failed to detonate. The van in the background, driven by a Palestinian, caught fire and a passerby quickly called police, who discovered explosive materials inside.

The United States had urged the two sides to meet Monday, saying they must negotiate directly to resolve differences over a U.S. initiative calling for Israel to withdraw from another 13 percent of the West Bank.

Israel has balked, citing security concerns. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday's attempted attack underscored those worries.

Dahlan said the Israeli team had refused to discuss the U.S. plan. "Whenever the Palestinians brought up the U.S. initiative, the Israelis would say 'not yet,'" Dahlan told The Associated Press.

Netanyahu said Israel was coming to the talks with "an open mind and a desire to achieve an agreement." He urged negotiations "at the highest levels" and said he did not rule out a meeting later with Arafat.

Earlier in the day, Netanyahu told his Cabinet and visiting Jordanian Foreign Minister Jawad Anani that he was determined to reach an agreement with the Palestinians soon. Talks have been frozen since March 1997.

Netanyahu has said a deal was within reach if the Palestinians met several key Israeli demands, including disarming militants, reducing the size of its police force and removing sections of the PLO covenant that call for Israel's destruction.

The meeting seemed to start off well with Mordechai and Abbas shaking hands in front of cameras, then meeting one-on-one before bringing in aides.

"We decided in the coming days to concentrate on the main issues, and to look for solutions to bridge the gaps with the idea of moving forward the agreements between the sides," Mordechai said.

Negotiators had feared that Sunday's attempted attack could hurt the talks. Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said the bombing was thwarted when an off-duty Jerusalem policeman and a bus driver saw smoke coming from a white van with front and back license plates that did not match.

They smashed its windows, pulled out the burned driver and called for help. Anti-terrorist police quickly arrived and determined it was a car bomb, said Jerusalem police chief Yair Yitzhaki. It was not clear what caused the fire inside the van.

Police described the van's contents as 160 gallons of "flammable fluid" in plastic containers. Yitzhaki said the material was capable of causing considerable damage and casualties. Also found were several pounds of nails, Israel radio reported. In the past, militants have rigged bombs with nails to make them more deadly.

Israel TV said its station had received an anonymous call Saturday warning of a planned attack in the city's downtown area and had passed on the information to police.

Police said the driver — who had been jailed previously for being a member of a "hostile organization" — was hospitalized under heavy police guard with serious burns. Israel radio said his brother was arrested Sunday evening.

Jerusalem police remained on high alert, said spokeswoman Linda Menuhin, and authorities urged people to be cautious.

Army radio said Palestinian security forces were cooperating in the investigation.

Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson lead Mandela birthday serenade

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and 2,000 other guests sang for President Nelson Mandela Sunday, but the highlight of the star-studded birthday bash was a kiss.

The party at an estate north of Johannesburg marked the first time Mandela appeared in public with Graca Machel, his longtime sweetheart, since he married her at his home on Saturday, his 80th birthday.

Surrounded by 80 children — each carrying a candle marking his years — and facing a chest-high birthday cake, Mandela said: "My wife and I ..."

At those four words, the estate's banquet hall erupted into applause, cheers and whistles. Mandela and Graca then kissed, causing outright pandemonium. When it subsided, Mandela — by now grinning widely — was able to continue: "My wife and I say thank you very much."

After Mandela and Machel blew out a candle atop the cake on the third try, Wonder, on keyboards, led Jackson — replete in black hat, spangly black jacket and aviator sunglasses — and dozens of others in a funky version of Happy Birthday. National television broadcast the banquet live to the nation and a worldwide audience of 150 million people.

Earlier, Mandela made his birthday wish, expressing hope for a South Africa "free of hatred and discrimination; a place from which hunger and homelessness have been banished; a safe place for our children to grow into our future leaders."

Some of Mandela's 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren helped him celebrate in the Gallagher Estate, a posh conference venue.

Mandela spent 27 years in prison for leading the fight against white rule, and Sunday's party was as much a tribute to his sacrifices as to his turning 80 a day earlier.

Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, the favorite to win the 1999 elections — Mandela is retiring — toasted the president, saying he "gave so much to ensure that we live in conditions of freedom and prosperity."

Photos from Mandela's life were on display: Mandela as a young amateur boxer, Mandela upon his release from prison in 1994, Mandela with world leaders and celebrities.

Guests paid up to $1,600 to attend. The money goes to charities sponsored by Mandela.

Saturday's wedding was the third for Mandela and the second for Machel. The couple met in 1990.

Machel, 52, works on children's issues for the United Nations and is the widow of Mozambique President Samora Machel, who died in a 1986 plane crash.

U.N. envoy travels, briefly and in secrecy, to East Timor

BAUCAU, Indonesia (AP) — In a swift, secretive trip that highlighted the tensions that reign in East Timor, a U.N. envoy flew to the disputed territory Sunday aboard an Indonesian military plane for talks with key players in the decades-old conflict.

Despite calls to stay away from the former Portuguese colony for fear the visit could trigger fresh violence, U.N. mediator Jamsheed Marker met with clergy, student leaders, former separatist guerrillas and Indonesian-appointed local officials.

"Regardless of the shade of opinion, there is a desire for a peaceful settlement as early as possible," Marker said at a news conference after the flurry of unannounced meetings.

However, East Timor has been so shaken by violence since last month that Marker spent only a few hours there before flying out on the C-130 transport plane that ferried him from the tourist island of Bali.

Despite expectations that he would visit East Timor's seaside capital of Dili, he chose instead the poor coastal town of Baucau, where he remained cloistered in an airport building as selected East Timorese loitered outside, awaiting their turn to speak.

In the exchanges, some of which lasted only 10 minutes, Marker heard arguments for a vote on independence and an opposing view that favors autonomy while maintaining Indonesian authority.

Indonesia invaded the territory of 800,000 people in December 1975 and annexed it a month later. Tens of thousand of people have died in fighting and of famine and disease, and several hundred rebels still roam the hills, enjoying wide support among the civilian population.

But the resignation of authoritarian President Suharto in May and the democratic changes that have swept Indonesia under his successor, B.J. Habibie, have pushed along negotiations for a solution that had stagnated for years.

Marker said the foreign ministers of Indonesia and Portugal, which advocates an independence vote in East Timor, will meet Aug. 4-5 in New York under the auspices of the United Nations. He urged the Indonesian military as well as East Timorese to show restraint and step up dialogue.

"You don't have to break a man's head to convince him you're right," said Marker, who planned to leave Indonesia Wednesday after a weeklong trip. "The time for slogans is over."

In recent weeks, Indonesian soldiers have shot and killed two pro-independence demonstrators during protests staged to impress three visiting European ambassadors. Thousands of immigrant workers have fled East Timor on buses, boats and planes, complaining of harassment by indigenous residents.

The Indonesian government and East Timor's Nobel peace laureate, Bishop Carlos Belo, had urged Marker not to visit East Timor. When he last went in 1997, security forces killed two protesters involved in a rally outside the Dili hotel where he was staying.

The secrecy of Marker's trip apparently paid off: There were no reports of rallies or political violence Sunday in East Timor. And the mix of pro- and anti-independence community leaders made for an unusual gathering of clashing viewpoints.

"This is a miracle," said Belo, a participant.

Still, major obstacles remain. Habibie has offered to grant a degree of autonomy and free the territory's jailed rebel leader, Xanana Gusmao, in exchange for international recognition that Indonesia controls East Timor.

Pro-independence activists say they will settle for nothing less than a vote on self-determination, possibly after five years or so to lay the groundwork for a referendum.

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Europeans shun U.S. trend for genetically engineered food products

By Michael Specter
N.Y. Times News Service

DALLIKON, Switzerland — Like his father and grandfather before him, Kaspar Gunthardt is a man of the soil. He lives in the solid old farmhouse where he was born and he has worked the rich earth around it for most of his 52 years.

He is a traditionalist who has nevertheless embraced the future. Gunthardt owns a sophisticated cooling system for storing dairy products. He recycles waste to fuel his farm, and cameras strapped to beams in his barn are connected to the Internet, putting the personal habits of his cattle on worldwide display (http://naturaplan.coop.ch).

But when it comes to playing with the rules of nature Gunthardt draws a line that he says he will never cross.

"There is some sickness spreading across Europe right now," he said, striding quickly through a 20-acre patch of organic potatoes on his farm just south of Zurich. "A bunch of people are trying to get rich by telling us that nature isn't good enough and that we will have to take genes out of a fish and put them in a strawberry if we want to survive. They are changing the basic rules of life and they want to try it all out on us."

"Maybe they will get their way," he said, referring to the failure of a recent national referendum here on curtailing genetic engineering. "It happened in America. But it won't happen on this farm. Here we are going to live like God intended."

If Gunthardt seems inflexible on the issue he certainly has company. From one end of Europe to the other consumers are in open revolt over the prospect of a future in which nature has somehow been altered by people holding test tubes.

Throughout the world last year more than 30 million acres of commercial farmland were planted with genetically modified seeds — 10 times as much as the year before. But not one of those acres was in the 15 countries of the European Union.

The debate here about how — and whether — to unleash the most powerful tools of modern biology says much about the cultural and philosophical differences between pragmatic and risk-ready America, where genetic technology that focuses on food has largely been accepted, and the far more reticent people of Europe.

Europeans do make distinctions. They see genetic engineering in the pursuit of better medicine as worth a few moral doubts, and like many Americans they are profoundly unsettled about the prospect of such research involving humans.

Yet often the differences between research in plants and animals are completely blurred by sensational events. The cloning of an adult lamb in Scotland two years ago only deepened fears people already had.

There are many ways to explain the European conservatism — a strong environmental movement rooted in the 19th-century philosophy that nature is as wise as man, a fear of drastic change and the unusually large number of small farms still run by families who are reluctant to end practices that have been honed over centuries.

Recent history also plays a role, for in this part of the world the uses of genetics have not always been benign. In almost any discussion the dark but recent past also comes up.

"The shadow of the Holocaust is dense and incredibly powerful still," Arthur Caplan, the ethicist who is at the University of Pennsylvania, said. "It leaves Europe terrified about the abuse of genetics. To them the potential to abuse genetics is no theory. It is a historical fact."

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— Farmer Kaspar Gunthardt

DESPITE THE VICTORY for researchers in Switzerland, the battle for Europe continues to rage. Norway no longer accepts U.S. soybean imports because more than one-third are genetically modified to ward off pests. Austria and Luxembourg have totally banned genetically modified food.

In France — where food is never just food — the issue was recently put before the nation by a "citizens conference" that produced an ambiguous statement of "cautious" support for such crops. In Britain vandalism has become so common at sites where genetically modified crops are tested that the government is now considering concealing their locations.

"These people who say they are defending nature simply harm the countries they pretend to protect," said Daniel Vasella, president and chief executive officer of Novartis AG, the pharmaceutical giant that has energetically begun to move into food production. "We have enough food in Europe. So that's not really an issue. That lets them fight to keep everything forever the way it is now. They move ahead by looking backward. It is so very egotistical."

All farmers try to grow crops that resist disease and last long enough to arrive safely at the market. The task is obvious but not simple. Officials at the United Nations World Food Program estimate that up to 40 percent of the world's crops are destroyed as they grow or before they leave the field. Attempts to find a way to protect them have therefore been intense.

Scientists can now tell with precision which of 50,000 genes in a plant governs a particular trait. If it is beneficial, they can take that gene out of one species — something that wards off a common insect, for instance — copy it and stick it into another organism, to protect it. That organism, and its offspring, will then have a genetic structure that lets them resist such pests.

In a way that is nothing new. For centuries farmers have been trying to breed crops to make sure that the biggest and best survive.

It has been more than 500 years since people realized that rennet from calves' stomachs turned milk into cheese. At the time nobody knew why exactly. An enzyme called chymosin does the job.

Nevertheless it was a use of biotechnology that prevails today in modern form, an enzyme made through genetic engineering that has replaced the rennet from calves' stomachs.

But consumers often see it as tampering with their food. And in Europe, where regulatory bodies are not nearly as powerful or as respected as the Food and Drug Administration is in the United States, the fact of manipulation drives people crazy. In addition, Mad Cow Disease, which exposed fundamental flaws in food-safety regulation, reminded people that science is never infallible.

"I am sure all this food is safe and that there might be some promise to it," Lianne Wilier, 31, an accountant in Zurich, said. "If it helps poor people somehow, I'm all for it. But I would never feed something to my children that is not natural. It feels wrong to me I guess because if we make a mistake on this level there is no going back. Saying we were wrong isn't going to be good enough."

Despite enormous experience that shows the crops are safe to grow and eat, fundamental questions do exist about the possible uses of such technology. It is now simple, for example, to put the taste of vanilla in almost any food by inserting the right gene into that food. It seems harmless, and physically it is.

"We looked into this carefully," said Maria Zimmerman, who is in charge of agricultural research for the sustainable development department of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. "If we start making fake vanilla we will destroy the lives of thousands of farmers in Madagascar," the African island-nation that is home to most of the world's vanilla crop. "We would ruin the island's economy. So we aren't moving forward with that."

OTHERS WOULD ARGUE that farmers in Madagascar need to find new crops to grow, and that could force them to do it. But it is a difficult issue for Ms. Zimmerman, because her job is to push genetically modified research toward its greatest goal, more — and more effective — food at lower cost for millions of people.

"It takes one hectare," or two and a half acres, "of land to feed four people," she said. "But as a result of population growth, drought and the rise of a middle class that eats better food and more food in many countries, that same amount of land is going to have to feed six people in about 20 years. That means we need 50 percent more food. And this technology can help. It must help."

She and other researchers say biotechnology can provide more nutritious rice, as well as cotton that requires less water to grow and fewer pesticides. She wants to find genes that will preserve crops, enrich their protein content and make them easier to grow. All that, theoretically at least, is possible.

There are dozens of varieties of genetically modified seeds — corn, soybean, potatoes and cotton are examples — that have been planted in the United States. Many more are on the way.

Soybeans that have been modified to tolerate an herbicide have revolutionized one of the world's most important crops. And, yes, it is now possible to take a gene from certain fish, which permits it to tolerate the extreme cold of the deep ocean, and insert it into a strawberry.

At first glance Florianne Koechlin might seem an unlikely advocate in the struggle to ban the use of genetically modified organisms. She lives near Basel, the home of the Swiss pharmaceutical industry, and she is a member of the Geigy family, which started the company that has become part of Novartis.

"I am not saying genetic research should disappear," she said, sitting in the bright kitchen of her unassuming suburban house. "This pervades all areas of life on earth, food, seed, the cells of human beings. I know that. But why can't we slow down and think about it all?"

That may no longer be possible, not even in Europe. Research and development cycles shorten every year. International competition demands swift action to remain competitive.

"We have eaten the apple and now we will have to live with the knowledge it gives us," said Gian Reto Plattner, a professor of physics at the University of Basel. He is also a Socialist member of the Swiss Parliament who broke with his own party to oppose the ban.

But he did not do that lightly.

"If you look at this as a question of risks it's pretty clear that these crops are safe," Plattner said. "Explosions and fire are far more dangerous, and we use them every day. But nobody is looking at the use of genetics that way. This is a religious discussion we are having. Many people feel nature is immutable. This work tells them they are wrong, and then they are being told to forget about their basic beliefs. It's really asking a lot."

Police battle guerrillas in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Hundreds of Serb police battled secessionist guerrillas for control of a central Kosovo town Sunday, while refugees streamed into nearby hills to flee some of the worst fighting in the five-month conflict.

Meanwhile, the pro-government Serb Media Center in Pristina said that 20 ethnic Albanian rebel fighters were killed by Serb forces early Sunday after several hundred rebels tried to cross from Albania into Yugoslavia.

For their part, the rebels claimed to have killed 30 Serb police — and both sides claimed they controlled most of the town of Orahovac. With a population of 20,000, Orahovac is the largest town yet caught in the conflict.

Ethnic Albanians, who outnumber Serbs 9-to-1 in Kosovo, are demanding independence from Serbia, the dominant republic of Yugoslavia.

Explosions and machine-gun fire echoed throughout the surrounding hills of Orahovac and several buildings were set on fire in the town about 30 miles southwest of Pristina, the capital of Kosovo province.

Reporters on the scene said it wasn't clear if either force controlled the town amid the house-to-house fighting and shelling in one of the largest battles to date.

The Serb Media Center said Serbian security forces had gained "total control" of the center of Orahovac and were calling in telecommunication and other workers to restore the town's infrastructure.

Witnesses said hundreds of refugees from nearby villages fled the area in tractors and trailers as police and the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army deployed snipers and heavy weapons throughout the wooded hills to battle for the third consecutive day.

The guerrilla offensive on Orahovac appeared aimed at expanding the estimated 30 percent of the Serbian province they hold.

An ethnic Albanian guerrilla commander claimed his fighters were using rocket launchers and vehicle-mounted machine guns to battle hundreds of police.

The commander claimed 200 Serb policemen were in the Orahovac police station, cut off from hundreds of reinforcements trying to reach the area.

The commander said his forces killed at least 30 Serb policemen and captured almost all of Orahovac since the guerrillas launched an offensive late Friday. But the Serb Media Center said Serb police held most of the town early Sunday.

Man shot to death in paramilitary 'punishment' attack in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Gunmen shot a man to death early Sunday on the stairs of his Belfast apartment building in what police said appeared to be a punishment attack by paramilitaries.

Andy Kearney, 33, was with his mother and 2-week-old daughter in his apartment in the Catholic New Lodge area when five men burst in shortly after midnight. Police said the men took him to an outside stairwell and shot him in both legs. Kearney died later of his wounds.

Police Superintendent Tim McGregor said the attack appeared to be a paramilitary punishment shooting. But it wasn't immediately clear if was carried out by the Irish Republican Army — which has continued to inflict punishment beatings and shootings on scores of people accused of criminal behavior — or a splinter group.

Separately, members of the Protestant fraternal group the Orange Order failed to strike a compromise with residents of a Catholic neighborhood of Portadown who object to an Orangemen march through their area. Talks between the two sides broke up early Sunday without agreement.

However, mediators reported some progress, saying "we will stay in close contact with the parties with the aim of resuming talks when further progress can be made."

After authorities blocked the Portadown march on July 5, the Protestant group camped near the blockade every night for a week. But the number of protesters declined after arsonists killed three young boys in the town of Ballymoney last Sunday in what police said was a sectarian attack.

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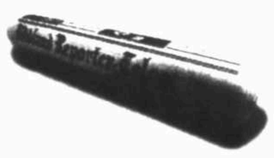

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 100	High 100	High 101
Low 73	Low 72	Low 74

Skies will be sunny today with temperatures around 100. Winds will be out of the southeast at 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight is expected to be mostly clear with a low between 70 and 75.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 100 and the extended forecast through Friday calls for partly cloudy conditions with a slight chance of thunderstorms and highs between 100 and 105.

Sunday's high was 101, compared with a record of 105 set in 1981. The low was 73, compared with a record of 61 set in 1947.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.17 in.
Total for year	1.65 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	101
Low	73
Normal high	95
Normal low	69

Pollen count

Trees: n/a Weeds: n/a
Grass: n/a Molds: n/a
Dust: n/a
Courtesy: Allergy Alliance of the Permian Basin

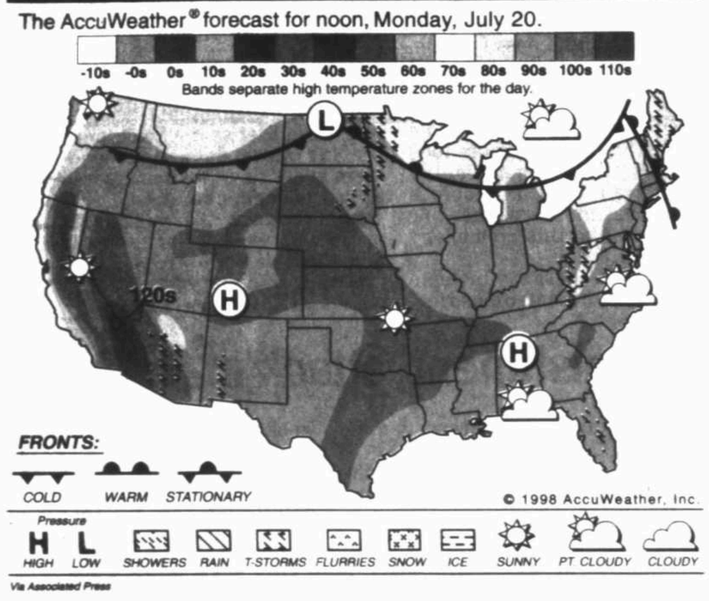
Sunrise ... 6:56 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:53 p.m.

UV reading

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Skin Cancer Prevention Project
UV readings for July 19:
11 a.m. - n/a
1 p.m. - n/a
3 p.m. - n/a

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, July 20.



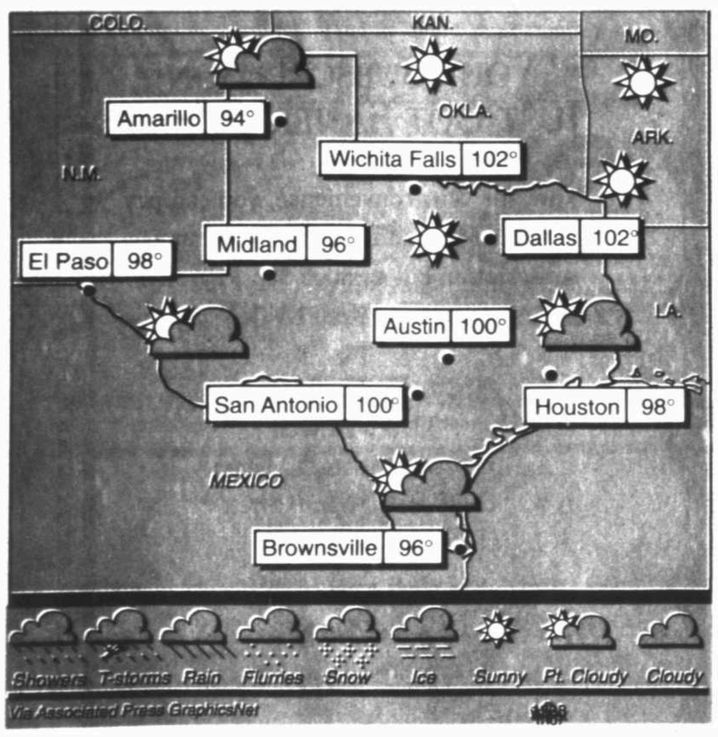
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:30 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Atlanta	95	72	cdy	
Atlantic City	89	62	cdy	
Baltimore	88	64	clr	
Baton Rouge	96	74	cdy	
Birmingham	96	71	cdy	
Boston	80	63	rn	
Bridgeport	80	65	rn	
Brownsville	97	77	cdy	
Buffalo	83	58	cdy	
Caribou,Maine	82	53	rn	
Casper	100	62	clr	
Charlotte,N.C.	97	68	clr	
Cheyenne	94	65	clr	
Chicago	91	70	cdy	
Cincinnati	89	68	.06	cdy
Colorado Springs	95	61	clr	
Columbia,S.C.	97	75	clr	
Columbus,Ga.	97	76	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	89	68	cdy	
Dayton	91	69	cdy	
Denver	99	71	clr	
Detroit	88	68	clr	
Fargo	88	61	.10	cdy
Flint	88	64	.06	clr
Green Bay	85	66	.02	clr
Honolulu	86	75	clr	
Huntsville	94	72	.01	cdy
Indianapolis	94	70	.05	clr
Jackson,Miss.	95	74	clr	
Jacksonville	92	75	.07	cdy
Juneau	64	53	cdy	
Kansas City	97	75	clr	
Knoxville	96	71	.36	clr
Lake Charles	93	77	cdy	
Lansing	89	67	.04	clr
Las Vegas	109	93	cdy	
Little Rock	100	77	clr	
Los Angeles	87	65	clr	
Memphis	95	78	clr	
Miami Beach	90	82	.12	rn
Milwaukee	90	70	.14	clr
Mpls-St Paul	87	67	.27	clr
Mobile	95	75	.21	cdy
Montgomery	97	71	cdy	
New Orleans	95	77	cdy	
New York City	86	71	rn	
Oklahoma City	104	73	clr	
Omaha	91	73	clr	
Orlando	94	74	1.76	rn
Philadelphia	89	71	cdy	
Phoenix	103	84	cdy	
Pittsburgh	85	61	cdy	
Portland,Maine	82	57	rn	
Portland,Ore	77	64	clr	
Providence	86	62	rn	
Raleigh-Durham	95	68	clr	
Reno	101	63	cdy	
Richmond	93	67	.01	clr
Salem,Ore	79	57	clr	
Salt Lake City	102	72	clr	
San Diego	73	65	cdy	
San Francisco	79	55	clr	
Santa Fe	91	54	.02	cdy
Savannah	94	74	1.32	cdy
Seattle	75	58	clr	
Syracuse	86	55	cdy	
Tallahassee	92	75	.10	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	90	78	.10	rn
Toledo	90	61	.30	clr
Topeka	99	77	clr	
Tucson	97	73	.02	cdy
Tulsa	101	80	clr	
Tupelo	97	74	clr	
Washington,D.C.	89	70	clr	
W.Palm Beach	88	76	.54	rn

State forecast



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	100	73	
Amarillo	101	68	
Arlington	103	78	
Austin Bergstrom	100	75	
Beaumont	92	76	
Brownsville	97	77	
College Station	101	77	
Corpus Christi	98	77	
Cotulla	104	75	
Dalhart	101	67	
Dallas	104	83	
Del Rio	104	81	
Denton	104	74	
El Paso	98	74	
Fort Stockton	M	72	
Fort Worth	104	79	
Galveston	89	80	
Harlingen	99	77	
Houston Intrctnl	96	75	
Huntsville	98	77	0.02
Junction	97	70	0.09
Kingsville	99	76	
Laredo	100	79	
Longview	102	74	
McAllen	100	79	
McKinney	102	75	
Mineral Wells	104	71	
New Braunfels	100	72	
Lubbock	98	73	
San Angelo	101	69	
Palacios	91	81	
San Antonio	100	76	
Victoria	99	76	
Wichita Falls	104	73	
Wink	102	73	

CLUB: Trek started with 50-foot drop off jagged cliff

(From 1A)

their property to a responsible group of four-by-four'ers who ban alcohol and drugs from their events. Crusin' in a four-by-four was always meant to be just family fun, Farquhar said.

"We don't tear up much land or vegetation. We just leave our tracks in the sand," he said, adding that four-wheel enthusiasts care about conserving the earth as much the next environmentalist does.

"We care about nature, but if we can't enjoy it, what's the use of taking care of it anyway?," Farquhar said. "There's some handicapped people who wouldn't have access these areas if it weren't for these four-wheel drive vehicles."

Recently, five Jeep owners indulged in an excursion to one of West Texas' dry salt lakes, where mudslinging was the norm ... and talk about getting in a rut!

Though the course was considered "amateur" (compared to national rallies held in New Mexico), the group leader warned that the loose mud by the lake was so dangerous that it swallowed a work truck that parked there overnight.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Trail leader and club president, Mark Farquhar tried going off a steep drop-off. David Brow pulled Farguhar's white Jeep off the ledge.

A couple of temporarily-abandoned, mud-drenched motorcycles gave a warning to the group like skeletons do to a desert mountain hiker.

The three-hour trek started with a daring stunt — a 50-foot drop off a jagged cliff onto acres of quicksand. After that, Jeep drivers dropped their tire pressure to 15 PSIs and ran over high rock, shot off small hills and cruised across seven miles of tall grassy plains.

"This was something else," said first-timer Shauna Pruitt. "I haven't been this dirty since I was a little girl making mud pies."

At times, an overly-confident driver would sink his tires into a sand pit or wedge their jeep in a tight spot. However, tug ropes were aplenty, as well as high-powered engines that could get anyone out of a jam.

Each Jeep had its own gadgets and emergency items that their owners acquired over the years.

"You don't buy a Jeep that comes stocked with all this stuff," Robertson said. "You build one over time."

The club was founded in September 1997. They've participated in other four-by-four rallies in Sanderson, Alpine and Big Bend area.

At this point, the club is open exclusively for Jeep members because of parts compatibility. If a club member's Jeep breaks down, there's a better chance that another participant will be able to assist them, Robertson said.

"Jeeps are also smaller and they tear up less that larger vehicles," Farquhar said.

Anyone who'd like more information on the club could call Farquhar at (915) 368-0520 or Robertson at 689-0876.

WAVE: Pope dedicates morning prayers to victims

(From 1A)

and shoulder, told Australian Associated Press by telephone from his bed at Aitape's Raihu Health Center.

Romme said he saw "the sea rising up and coming toward me" before he was hurled into a coconut tree and then into the Sissano lagoon.

The first of three Royal Australian Air Force C-130 transports arrived at Vanimo at first light Monday with emergency supplies including a field hospital and a team of doctors, nurses and engineers.

Vanimo is about 60 miles west of the area wiped out by the tsunami. It is the main administrative center and is close to the border of the Indonesian province of Iryan Jaya.

Fisherman Jerry Apuan said that he couldn't even count the number of bodies floating near one of the devastated villages.

"There were so many bodies together I had to move the boat slowly to pass through them," he said. "I was afraid. It was the first time I had seen so many bodies."

Scores of children were among the dead. Hundreds of people were injured and were awaiting urgent medical help, while others were believed to have fled to higher ground in the interior. An estimated 6,000 people were left homeless.

"We heard a large bang, then saw the sea rising up. We had no choice but to run for our lives," Paul Saroya, a resident of Nimas village, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. television.

Papua New Guinea, with a population of 4 million, occupies the eastern half of the island of New Guinea. It has a mountainous, jungle-filled interior that has only been explored in the past 20 to 30 years, along with lush tropical beaches on the coastal plains. The capital, Port Moresby, is about 375 miles east of Australia.

The tsunami struck west of Aitape in West Sepik province, hitting villages about 370 miles northwest of Port Moresby.

Area disaster coordinator Dickson Dalle said Monday the villages of Nimas and Warapu have also been swept from a low-lying sand spit into Sissano lagoon.

Other villages along the heavily populated coastline were also badly damaged. The area, which was home to up to 10,000 people, was deserted after villagers fled to higher ground.

Dalle said the confirmed death toll was 599, including 500 dead at Warapu.

"There are still people out there who are injured that we have not rescued," he said. "They're scattered all over in the mangroves."

Dalle said most of the victims were old people and schoolchildren.

"Schools in Arop, Sissano and Warapu will be closed because we don't have the children," Dalle said. "They're all dead."

Prime Minister Bill Skate inspected part of the stricken area Sunday.

The area is a jungle, swamp area that includes tribes that rely on subsistence farming and fishing. Most live in homes made of jungle materials and built on beaches.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II, who has visited Papua New Guinea twice during his papacy, dedicated his Sunday morning prayers to the victims. A spokesman said the pope was "very concerned" and asked to be kept informed.

SMOKE: Judge rules EPA followed improper procedure

(From 1A)

Osteen, a judge in the Middle District of North Carolina, ruled that the EPA followed improper procedure in compiling its report by not including industry in its deliberations as required by the 1986 Radon Gas and Indoor Air Quality Research Act. That's the law used to support the secondhand tobacco smoke decision.

In striking down the EPA finding, Osteen wrote:

"EPA publicly committed to a conclusion before research had begun; excluded industry by violating the (radon law's) procedural requirements; (and) adjusted established procedure and scientific norms to validate the agency's public conclusions."

The judge further criticized the EPA for having "aggressively utilized" the report's findings "to establish a de facto regulatory scheme intended to restrict plaintiff's products and to influence public opinion."

The Washington Post first reported Osteen's ruling Sunday.

The 1993 report was immediately challenged by the tobacco industry in its lawsuit filed in North Carolina.

"We feel vindicated by the federal court's decision that the EPA wrongly classified secondhand smoke as a cause of cancer in nonsmokers," Charles A. Blixt, executive vice president and general counsel of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., said Sunday. "This decision should prevent the EPA from becoming a participant in the anti-smoking industry's crusade to ban smoking.

"The court's ruling supports Reynolds Tobacco's long-held belief that science does not justify public smoking bans."

While credible scientific authorities are united in agreement that smoking causes cancer, the extent of the hazard posed to nonsmokers from smoke exhaled by other people remains controversial.

Some scientists argue that secondhand smoke produces such low concentrations of cancer-causing carcinogens that a conclusive connection to a significant increase in cancer risk has not been established. Others maintain that the exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke is so widespread that even a small increase translates into a large number of people being put at additional cancer risk.

Although the EPA report has been central in the secondhand smoke debate, an attorney for flight attendants who won a $349 million settlement in February involving secondhand smoke in airliners said he didn't expect the ruling to affect the case.

"There is no legitimate question in the scientific community that secondhand smoke is a Class A carcinogen," said attorney Stanley Rosenblatt. "For a judge to come along years later and decide that it's not or is still an open question is a sad commentary."

"People have got to realize that the decision comes from tobacco country. ... Coming from North Carolina, people expect that."

ROOTS: Jeb Stuart's great-grandson led one tour

(From 1A)

And they've been steeped in the history of the war that altered their families' history.

They visited a barrage of battlefield parks; Andersonville, site of an infamous war prison; the graves of Confederate heroes Gen. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson; and had a tour of Richmond, Va., conducted by the great-grandson of Confederate cavalry leader Jeb Stuart.

And they took part in this month's massive re-enactment of the climactic battle of the war, Gettysburg. Wearing gray uniforms like those of their ancestors, they slept on the ground, smeared black gunpowder on their faces, and raced into smoke and the sounds of withering cannon and gunfire in a re-enactment of the ill-fated Pickett's Charge.

By previously drawn lot, three of the boys "died" during the charge, while Ricardo da Silva, 16, was allowed to make it "over the top" into the Union line, where, by re-enactment tradition, "the Yankees shook my hand and said, 'Good fight!'"

Anna Lee de Muzio, 19, the lone female in the group, was a spectator at the battle.

All in all, what was Gettysburg like?

"Pre-tee cool!" the four boys answered in unison.

The group, which includes Joao's twin brother Jose, also have pondered the reasons why their ancestors left what Ricardo describes as "a beautiful country with friendly people."

Historians say some Confederate exiles wanted to continue slavery elsewhere, but many simply were hungry for a new frontier or feared retribution after losing the war. And Brazilian Emperor Don Pedro II recruited Southerners for their agrarian, textile and educational expertise.

"I think my ancestors didn't want to be oppressed. After the war was over, they said, 'Why stay in this country?'" said Anna Lee. Her great-great-grandfather, Albert Gallagher Carr, was an Alabama native who fought in the Georgia campaign.

Decked out in an antebellum hoop skirt for a barbecue Friday evening, she talked about watching the Gettysburg battle and imagining her ancestors in the Lost Cause.

"Thinking about them, it was a big emotion," she said.

Her father, Daniel de Muzio, heads the Brazilian chapter of Sons of Confederate Veterans. It's one of the heritage organization's two overseas groups — the other is in Europe and includes the grand-nephew of the Andersonville prison camp commander hanged after the war.

Daniel Coleman, a local leader of the heritage association who was host to two of the teens, had previously visited Brazil. He said attending one of the four-times-a-year festivals held at the Brazilian town of Americana by Confederados' descendants wearing Confederate garb and singing "Dixie" was "the most Southern thing I've ever experienced."

Still ahead as the youths conclude their visit this week is a meeting with former President Jimmy Carter, who as Georgia governor visited Brazilian "Confederado" descendants.

The youths, who watched on American television as Brazil lost the World Cup soccer final, will attend an Atlanta Braves baseball game Tuesday night and learn to do the Braves' fans' "Tomahawk chop."

"We like learning about baseball," said Raphael Rami, 16.

"We bought baseballs and the baseball sticks," added Ricardo da Silva.

What do Americans want to remember?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jet planes and organ transplants, the careers of John and Robert Kennedy, environmental awareness, the Cold War — events and people that helped shape America but that Americans rejected as subjects for postage stamps.

In the post office-sponsored poll of Americans for postage stamp subjects to highlight people and events of the millennium's last half-century, the topics that failed to make the cut for the 1950s and 1960s may be as telling as those that won.

For each decade the U.S. Postal Service compiled a list of 30 subjects and solicited votes through ballots at post offices and on the Internet. The top 15 vote-getters for each decade will become stamps.

The nostalgia-based voters' favorite topic of the 1950s was drive-in movies, which received 456,176 votes.

That was followed by "I Love Lucy," 453,903, and Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat," 449,919.

The first moon walk, clearly a milestone in the collective memory, scored first place among topics for 1960s stamps with 534,734 votes.

But the second favorite was the beginning of the National Football League's Super Bowl, 459,578 votes; followed by the ubiquitous peace symbol, 407,964.

When results of the 1960s voting were announced, questions were raised about how the assassinations of John and Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. could have been overlooked.

These leaders, who made a permanent mark on the nation, were included in the possible subjects, though not through their murders.

King made the list of stamps with commemoration for his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, No. 4 in the 1960s balloting with 392,441 votes.

Voting will be this fall for 1970s topics, with later decades to follow.

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Condo board wants to evict boy with muscular dystrophy

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — A condominium board has told the family of a 12-year-old boy with muscular dystrophy they have to leave, complaining that his wheelchair damages the property.

The family of Dorian Couturier had been renting an apartment at the Oceancrest condo for two years, but their lease is up at the end of the month.

They wanted to buy another unit, but the board voted 6-0 to block the sale last week, saying it had 17 complaints about Dorian from owners and eight complaints by the condo security staff.

"Because he's in a wheelchair doesn't give him the right to break the rules," board member James Walden said.

One complaint was that he uses the whirlpool spa for relief from his disease, although the spa is off limits to anyone younger than 14. Dorian also has been labeled mischievous because he has run his motorized wheelchair over lawn sprinklers, and scratched up walls with the chair.

Opposition to Dorian isn't unanimous.

"We've got some people here who are crotchety about everything — it's constant anger, upheaval and spite," owner Elizabeth Wienke said. "But to do something like this to a young kid who doesn't have that much longer to live is a di$grace."

Dorian's mother, Cloe Couturier, said he and his 14-year-old sister, Kassandre, have been targeted by other residents.

"They've been constantly giving my kids a hard time," she said.

She complained that security guards refuse to help Dorian with the door into the lobby, once leaving him outside for 45 minutes.

The condo board said the guard is there for surveillance, not assistance.

"The guard's first responsibility is to the desk," board member Robert Williams said. "It's not the guard's responsibility to see that he gets in the building."

"We're not a health facility; we're a private home," board member Clark Dowling said.

Earlier this year, Couturier was told she'd have to buy the condo where they were living or move out by Aug. 1 because the owner was putting it up for sale.

She applied to buy another unit in the building but on Thursday the board turned her down.

Couturier said the condo residents' attitude hinders her son's battle for self-esteem.

"They don't like seeing the wheelchair," she said. "I think it bothers them. He's always by the pool because he needs the water for therapy, and I think it bothers them to look at it because it doesn't look good."

AP Photo

Cloe Couturier and her children Dorian, 12, who has muscular dystrophy, left, and Kassandre,14, right, have been asked to move from their condo, as the condominium board says Dorian's wheelchair damages the property.

Pentagon struggles to redefine consequences of adultery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Pentagon officials have proposed reshaping the military's criminal code to soften the consequences of adultery by service members. The move, amid a series of military sex scandals, is sparking objections from some quarters.

A panel appointed by Defense Secretary William Cohen has proposed that adultery remain a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice but not one that would be prosecuted in every case, a senior-level defense official said Sunday.

"This is a very contentious issue," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It's far, far, far from being dealt with in a black-and-white manner."

Confirming a report that appeared Sunday in The New York Times, the official said the changes marked an effort to bring military's strict approach on the subject more in line with attitudes of contemporary America.

For example, rules would instruct commanders in the field to file charges only if an adulterous relationship has disrupted morale or functioning in a military unit. It would discourage commanders from pursuing cases that had occurred long ago or with no connection to a service member's military unit, the official said.

Other officials, also speaking privately, said such proposals have raised objections from some in the military who insist the armed forces should not soften its stand.

The proposals also potentially would adjust the consequences of adulterous behavior by allowing for bad conduct discharges instead of the more serious dishonorable discharge, which results in the loss of all benefits.

"There's not a policy across the board," resulting in "some heartburn" over proposed changes, one officer said.

Tightening the proposals for the Army would mean the service would have to grant some type of "grandfather" status to those couples in the service who married under the present rules, the officials said.

Saturn workers give leaders strike authority

SPRING HILL, Tenn. (AP) — Saturn Corp. workers voted overwhelmingly Sunday to authorize union leaders to call their first-ever strike against the automaker, a step toward joining their General Motors colleagues on the picket line.

GM already is reeling from strikes at two parts plants in Michigan, and a strike could taint the image of Saturn, a GM division that prides itself for harmonious relations with its workers.

"We're not going to be part of a lie," Joseph Rypkowski, president of United Auto Workers Local 1853, said, referring to Saturn's much-promoted image as "a different kind of car company."

A strike could be called by the end of the week, though negotiators were scheduled to resume talks Tuesday.

Saturn President Don Hudler played down the vote, saying it does not indicate a strike is imminent. He said Saturn will maintain its operating schedule and continue turning out cars.

"We recognize we have critical issues to work through," Hudler said in a statement. "We will continue to talk through each one of them and resolve issues as we've always done in the past — in the spirit of partnership."

Rypkowski said it was unfortunate that the vote had to be taken, but said "it is time for General Motors to step forward and keep its commitment" to its employees.

Rypkowski, who planned to fly to Flint, Mich., to talk to UAW leaders about the vote, said 96 percent of the more than 5,000 workers who cast ballots voted for strike authorization.

Saturn workers are concerned about possible job cuts from work being sent to other plants, sliding bonus pay and a decreasing role in management decisions.

"They're walking all over us," worker Luis Gonzales said before voting for authorization. "It's time to show some muscle."

A strike would be another blow to GM, which has lost more than $1.2 billion since workers at two parts plants in Flint, Mich., walked off the job June 5 and 11. More than 100 of GM's North American plants have been affected and 186,000 workers idled.

Talks at both striking plants were held Sunday. The UAW was calling in about 300 local union leaders from across the nation to Flint for a briefing on the GM strikes Monday.

Saturn's plant in Spring Hill, which has about 7,200 union workers, is GM's only U.S. facility still turning out cars.

Saturn, which opened the plant in 1990, uses a team approach in the factory and a no-haggle pricing policy on the sales floor, and has a reputation for first-rate customer service and strong management-employee relations.

The vote came four months after dissident employees forced a referendum on their unique contract with GM. Workers voted overwhelmingly to keep the "risk-and-reward" contract rather than abandon it for the contract all other UAW workers have.

Under the "risk-and-reward" pay program, Saturn employees average about 12 percent less in salary than GM's other workers but can add to their base pay by hitting certain goals.

In earlier years, annual bonuses reached $10,000 and Saturn workers made about $4,000 more than their GM counterparts. Last year, because fewer cars were made as a result of shrinking demand, it was about $4,000 less.

Now, union officials say Saturn is shortchanging workers for their second-quarter efforts this year. Officials say workers are owed a $1,400 bonus, but the company plans to pay only $390.

Man charged with torturing brother, mother

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A man was arrested for allegedly abusing his mentally disabled brother and his senile mother, who was taken to the hospital covered with worms, lice, maggots and excrement.

Lalare Brown, 76, also was extensively scarred with marks from a stun gun when she was taken to the New York University Medical Center on Saturday.

Dwight Brown, 46, had a stun gun with him when New York City police arrested him at the medical center Saturday. He was charged with weapons possession and assault by New York authorities, police said.

Brown also faces two counts of neglect of elderly or disabled persons in New Jersey, and additional charges were likely, authorities said.

One of the officers who entered their squalid, vermin-infested Newark apartment became so sick he needed hospital treatment.

The two officers who went to the apartment "were immediately contaminated with lice and other flying things" when they opened the door, Detective Rocco Malanga said.

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Governor right about Tucker and Henry Lee Lucas

In a state where most citizens are "tough on crime," it isn't surprising that Gov. George W. Bush would be criticized by some for his decision to commute the death sentence of Henry Lee Lucas to life in prison.

Lucas, most will recall, is the confessed serial killer who admitted to as many as 600 slayings around the country before recanting virtually all of them other than the murder of his own mother. He faces six other life sentences and 210 years in prison for other convictions.

Even so, Bush believed that despite guilt in other murders there was strong doubt as to Lucas' guilt in the specific case for which he received the death sentence.

Bush says guilt or innocence must be only consideration.

In a speech to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas last week Bush explained why he could decline to grant a reprieve to confessed murderer and born-again-Christian Karla Faye Tucker and yet commute the death penalty of a serial killer already convicted of several slayings.

Those weren't the slaying for which Lucas was sentenced to death, Bush reminded attendees and where Tucker was concerned he said he never lets "change of heart and soul and conscience" be the determining factor—only the defendant's guilt or innocence.

Bush obviously agrees with those who believe it is still important that people be executed for crimes in which their guilt is beyond reasonable doubt, not because they are guilty in other cases in which they did not receive the supreme penalty.

Some of the sheriffs disagreed, according to news reports from Austin, but in this case, as in others, the former Midlander was on target.

He should be commended for making these kinds of hard decisions and standing by them even when the political fallout is not all favorable, as was true in both the Tucker and Lucas cases.

Today in History

Today is Monday, July 20, the 201st day of 1998. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, Apollo XI astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

On this date:

In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered the Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, later known as WACs, began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler failed as a bomb explosion at his Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader.

In 1944, President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah Ibn Hussein was assassinated in Jerusalem.

In 1976, America's Viking I robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pa., killing 80 people and causing $350 million in damage.

Ten years ago: Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis received the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Atlanta. Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini accepted a truce with Iraq, even though he said the decision was like drinking poison.

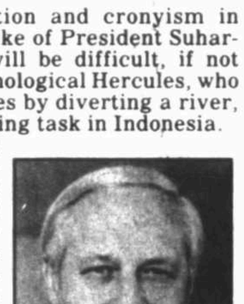
Five years ago: White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster Jr. was found shot to death in a park near Washington, a suicide. A day after firing William Sessions as FBI director, President Clinton named federal judge Louis Freeh to replace him.

One year ago: Seven people were arrested after New York City police found scores of deaf Mexicans kept in slave-like conditions and forced to peddle trinkets for the smugglers who had brought them to the United States.

JACK ANDERSON

Indonesia begins cleaning up after Suharto

Rooting out corruption and cronyism in Indonesia in the wake of President Suharto's 32-year rule will be difficult, if not impossible. Even the mythological Hercules, who cleaned the Augean stables by diverting a river, would have found a daunting task in Indonesia.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During his long imperial reign, we consistently criticized the Indonesian leader and detailed his and his family's growing fortune. Our reports were denounced by the Indonesian government as exaggerated and inaccurate.

It now appears we were too conservative in our reporting on Suharto's corruption and despotism. For instance, CIA sources told us their best estimate of Suharto's personal fortune was somewhere between $3 billion and $5 billion.

But now it appears that he may have as much as $14 billion, according to Forbes magazine, which would make him the world's sixth wealthiest man. (Incidentally, Forbes did not include Suharto and his ill-gotten gains in their top 400 until we chided them in 1995 for excluding the dictator.)

And that's not all. The best U.S. intelligence estimates — some of it drawn from whistle-blowers inside government — indicate that Suharto and his six children may be worth a total of $40 billion, a knowledgeable source told our associate Dale Van Atta. Ironically, that's the same amount of the aid that the International Monetary Fund suspended when the government changed hands in May.

How could the Suhartos amass such an incredible fortune? The chants of student demonstrators in Jakarta put it succinctly: "End corruption, collusion and nepotism!"

Suharto's children, and all manner of real and shirt-tail relatives, were given monopolies to run. The company directors often extracted huge personal fees from every contract. Bribing a Suharto was the only way foreign companies could cut through red tape and move ahead on projects.

For years, Suharto's wife, Tien, was irreverently mocked by Indonesian critics as "Madame Ten Percent," suggesting the portion of the overall Indonesia economy that she and her family take. Madame Tien has more of a taste for riches than her husband, favoring diamond rings, and was infamous for her ability to raise "contributions" for allegedly charitable causes in the manner Imelda Marcos and Evita Peron once did.

The Suhartos own banks, satellite communications, utilities, transportation networks, oil and gas concessions, pharmaceuticals, plantations, cement and steel factories, restaurants and toll roads. All in all, the Suhartos have more than 1,000 businesses. There have been Suharto family resignations from companies, but friends have been left behind to run them and, probably, continue to siphon the booty to the Suhartos.

But these days, a newly liberated press is slowly digging out the Suharto family's entanglements in Indonesia's businesses. Exposes are published on a daily basis. They call it "Suharto's trillions," which is the amount counted in Indonesian rupiah.

Only the new government can do an effective job of house- cleaning, but it is riddled with Suharto cronies. And that begins with the Suharto's successor, President B.J. Habibie.

He has promised to end the "corruption, collusion and nepotism." But what hope is there when, as Indonesian media have detailed, Habibie and his own family enriched themselves while he has been in public office, accumulating more than 80 companies worth as much as $80 million?

Habibie defended his personal wealth in a rare New York Times interview in this way: "Many people become rich if you work hard and you are educated." He insisted that his family had become wealthy not by personal connections, or conflicts of interest with the government, but through a good education and strong work habits.

Two independent organizations are trying to ferret out the corruption: the Indonesian Corruption Watch and the Concerned Citizens for Public Assets. They have some notable politicians, lawyers and accountants aboard, so they may make some headway — and we wish them well.

However, there's a poor track record of recovering money from corrupt dictators. The personal fortune of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was estimated at $5 billion to $10 billion, but in the 12 years since his ouster, only $1 billion has been recovered by the government.

Meanwhile, the deposed president Suharto doesn't venture out much from his central Jakarta home. When he does, he has to make unaccustomed stops at red lights, unescorted by motorcade. With few friends, considered a political leper by former cronies trying to distance themselves, Suharto's primary reminder of his glory days is his pet parrot that dutifully screeches: "Good morning, Mr. President."

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CHARLEY REESE

Must disaster bring out best in people?

The funny thing about disasters is that when they come, they remind us how we ought to act all the time.

The wildfires in Florida were spectacular. They consumed a half-million acres. But more impressive was the way people responded to the threat.

Reese

Firefighters came from all over the country. They performed heroically. People exploded with gratitude, and not just people but businesses, churches and private institutions. Law enforcement and local government officials stepped up and performed like champs. Even those two categories at the bottom of everybody's list — politicians and the media — behaved well.

So, ironically, as the fires destroyed forests, businesses and homes, they also created a strongly bonded community. You see this phenomenon all the time whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

The trick is to understand it. My guess is that faced with a common danger, we shed our petty, selfish concerns. All of a sudden there is something more important to occupy our attention than what's on TV, the traffic jam or the ache in our left toe.

At the same time, the threat almost automatically arranges our priorities: life, family, neighbors. We forget the other categories such as Democrat, Republican, conservative, liberal, race or whatever. All of a sudden we are just human beings trying to survive. Staring the power and cruel indifference of nature in the face, we don't feel so cocky. Having company and help starts looking like a good idea.

And then there are all those examples of just how great human beings can be. There are those firefighters enduring the heat and exhaustion and risking their lives without complaint to save someone else's life and property. There are those local government officials who are also working hard and smart. And all those generous people — of all types and classes — who opened their doors, their hearts, and wallets for the common good.

It kind of makes you wonder why we were cranky before or suspicious or cynical. When it counted most, they all came through — people, officials, firefighters, cops, even politicians and media.

So why can't we keep this good feeling of community and cooperation alive? Perhaps we ought to hire somebody to shoot at us once a month just so our priorities won't get out of whack again.

A better idea is just to remember. The next time we start to say something cynical about politicians, let's remember that when it counted, the government worked. All the pols couldn't have been all bad or it wouldn't have worked so well.

And the next time we find ourselves in disagreement with someone, let's remember that differences aside, nearly all people have that capacity for goodness inside them.

Cynicism is soul-poison. Oscar Wilde said a cynic knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. George Meredith called it intellectual dandyism. It's always struck me as a form of cowardice because it takes a great deal more courage to believe and love than to mock and despise. Like wildfires, we can do without it.

I read somewhere a long time ago that the secret of happiness is to be involved in something outside one's self. My own observations back that up. Truly, I have never known a self-centered person who wasn't miserable. And of course, what we see in the disaster situations is just the opposite — people acting unselfishly.

So, if we dump cynicism, if we keep faith in our fellow man and if we get rid of selfishness, we won't need a natural disaster to make us act like a community of decent human beings.

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DAN RATHER

Protecting the dream — and the protectors

In the aftermath of CNN's discredited report about the alleged use of lethal gas by U.S. forces in Laos, an old accusation against the press is being revived. It is the charge that the majority of American journalists are anti-military.

It isn't true. Never has been. The fact is, and the record shows, American journalists as a whole are and have been over the years decidedly PRO-military. Foreign reporters and other international observers often accuse us of favoring our armed forces — and they're right.

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We try not to show our bias, but it manifests itself almost every time U.S. military forces are deployed anywhere in the world.

This includes Vietnam. It's a myth that most American journalists in Vietnam didn't like the military, weren't pulling for America to win, and as a consequence "the media lost the war."

Some Americans, including some who fought valiantly in Vietnam, genuinely believe that myth. But others have viciously spread the myth for their own self-serving, often very partisan political purposes. The worst among these people were never in Vietnam, including some who went to great lengths to avoid going when it was most dangerous. Now, whenever it suits their purposes, they pose as experts.

This reporter reserves special scorn for such people.

Journalists are not blameless. We often bring criticism upon ourselves, sometimes through carelessness, sometimes through arrogance, and, yes, in at least a few cases, because a very few American journalists DO have anti-military biases.

All journalists make mistakes. That specifically includes myself. It also includes CNN, a basically good outfit that has admitted it created its own nightmare in that discredited report. However it happened, for whatever reasons, it was a mistake.

But there is now a concerted effort under way in some quarters to smear American journalists as a group because of that mistake.

Based on long personal experience with American military men and women, this reporter doubts that most rank and file members of our military services will sucker for this smear, for the same reason most of the general American public won't. They're too smart. They read, listen to and watch the news.

Americans will judge us individually. And they'll do the same with our accusers — some politicians, including some self-described "conservatives", and some people with admirable military service records. Americans will see that some of our accusers are sincere, while others are simply opportunists.

Americans will reason it out — just as they reasoned, for example, that it would be senseless and indecent to blame the whole Army for the atrocities committed at My Lai by one company.

However, some people are easily misled. And about this, we journalists need to be more careful, thoughtful, and more willing to admit our mistakes.

Sometimes we defend the fundamental truth of a story without acknowledging how it comes across — and that's a mistake. A story may be true, but still perceived as biased, if the facts are not presented in full, with careful attention to context and perspective. And the PERCEPTION of bias can be as damaging to a journalist's reputation as the EXISTENCE of bias.

We must scrutinize our work — and others' — for bias, and then correct it. We must be on high alert for even the perception of bias.

Journalism is not an exact science. It is, even at its best, a crude art. To pretend otherwise makes us vulnerable to misconceptions, even smears, such as the present one.

In the land of the American dream, someone must protect the dreamers. Experienced journalists know this. And about this, most of us are biased — fiercely so.

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Geneology Web site helps find the blackest sheep in family tree

By Brendan Riley
Associated Press

Ax-murderers, ruthless Vikings, traitors or other notorious villains lurking in your family tree? Take heart. You may qualify for the International Black Sheep Society of Genealogists.

Jeff Scism, of San Bernardino, Calif., formed the Internet group a year ago and launched its Web site in January. Starting with two dozen members, the society now counts 125.

The rules are simple: You must have someone in the family, preferably in your direct lines, who's "a dastardly, infamous individual of public knowledge and ill repute."

Stuffed shirts with claims of pure and noble roots need not apply. But you're automatically in if you can link to kidnappers, armed robbers, assassins, thieves who stole "any item of fame," members of infamous gangs, and anyone involved in witchcraft or among the FBI's "Most Wanted."

"Weirdness counts," says Scism. He even has a catchall category for ancestors causing "extreme public embarrassment," such as Lady Godiva.

In his day job, Scism is maintenance chief at a mobile home park. Off hours, he's a cybersleuth, using the Internet and help from society members to pursue genealogy that fascinates him.

Now 42, Scism speaks from a decade of digging. "If you're doing genealogical research, and you find nothing but blase people, it's really boring and you're going to quit," he says. But "if you do this long enough, you will find you have a black sheep in your family that nobody talks about."

Why talk at all? Because it's the icing on the cake, Scism says, "instead of eating bread all day."

Some folks won't swallow that. And perhaps, just perhaps, Scism speaks from experience here. Some people, he says, get resentful "even if you put the facts right out in front of them." Those he dismisses as "basically in denial."

But he's willing to help. "There is nothing you can do to change the past," he says. "There is no need to be worried about your ancestors' misdeeds. It's just history."

Members also assist each other with research and support — especially, Scism says, for newcomers "with a problem, something really tragic in their family."

Despite the passage of time, centuries in some cases, a few members don't want their full names linked to scoundrel relatives. So only their first names are listed on the Web site.

Others are cavalier about their rogues, joking and making puns about their "baaaaaaaaaad" ancestors and how they must sheepishly acknowledge them.

Ready for this one? Why are "black sheep" lawyers buried 30 feet down? Because, down deep, they're really nice people.

So who are these horrible ancestors?

Researching back to the 10th century, Janni Belgum of Calgary, Alberta, found a Norwegian earl nicknamed "Skull Splitter." A rather bloody Viking, she figures.

Fast-forwarding several centuries, Dianna Fisher of Corvallis, Ore., acknowledges John Billington, whom she places on the Mayflower in 1620 as well as on the blacklist: the first colonist hanged for murder.

Then there's Thomas Hickey, who fought under George Washington but turned traitor and helped the British. He was, says descendant Bill Ward of Pottsboro, Texas, the first American soldier to be executed following a court-martial in 1776.

But Ward also claims John Pass, who helped recast the Liberty Bell when it cracked in 1753. "So," he says, "I guess we deserve Thomas Hickey to balance out the scales."

In the late 1700s, Alexander Macomb was targeted by Congress for treason and jailed for a questionable bond deal that caused bank failures. The treasury secretary intervened, and Macomb walked.""""

But his descendant, Murray McCombs of Toronto, also claims a reprieve. Alexander Macomb's son helped save sites in New York from falling into British hands and became a hero in the War of 1812.

McCombs and Ward ought to watch what they say. Mentioning the family's "white sheep" might get them disqualified.

A better example would be James Durham. He was a preacher in Wells, Texas, in the late 1800s who tried to re-create Jesus' walk on water. Claimed by a member listed only as Gayla, he lands in the society's "extreme public embarrassment" category.

Now, try to untangle this. Member Mollie Haag of Proctor, Minn., cites a married ancestor who had an affair and then married his mistress who had his child. But they split up, and he married the mistress' mother and later, after she died, her sister.

In Scism's case, an ancestor living in Panama had his daughter's marriage annulled and sent her back to the United States. A child from that short marriage was reportedly adopted, but the grandfather, a tugboat pilot, secretly raised him. Because of all the secrecy, the boy knew nothing about his mother until years after she died.

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The Web address is homepages.rootsweb.com/(tilde)blk-sheep/index.html. A tilde is a computer symbol shaped like a horizontal S.

Little resort town wins big Jet Ski fight

FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash. (AP) — The straits around the San Juan Islands are big enough for tall sailboats, big luxury cabin cruisers and high-speed cigarette boats. But not those pesky little Jet Skis.

San Juan County's stand against waterjet-powered personal watercraft came to a head July 9 when the state Supreme Court affirmed local authority to ban the machines from the county's vast waterways northwest of Seattle.

The court's 7-2 ruling came just two days after the National Park Service proposed rules that would ban personal watercraft from many parks nationwide. And one Florida county has imposed restrictions.

The county approved the ban in 1996 in response to complaints that cited noise and safety concerns as well as potential damage to the fragile marine environment.

"I don't view the right to ride an obnoxious machine in circles in front of someone's house as a constitutional right," said Brian Calvert, a yacht salesman and legislative candidate who lives on a boat in the Friday Harbor marina.

"The only asset we have left is the frail, remote, pristine and quiet environment," added Steve Simpson, the resort town's port director. "If we lose that, we've lost a major economic asset and some of the spirit of the San Juans."

Reports: New nose for Paula

NEW YORK (AP) — Paula Jones' profile is dwindling.

The woman who sued President Clinton for sexual harassment underwent rhinoplasty at the Park Avenue office of plastic surgeon Dr. Thomas Loeb, two New York newspapers reported Sunday.

The New York Post and Daily News said Mrs. Jones was seen leaving Loeb's office Saturday morning with her nose heavily bandaged; it should take about three weeks to heal.

It's unclear who paid for the $9,000 nose job. Jones, a former Arkansas secretary, is a housewife living in Long Beach, Calif., and her husband, Stephen, lost his job as an airline ticket agent last year, according to the Daily News.

John Whitehead of the Rutherford Institute of Virginia, a conservative think tank that has covered some of Jones' legal costs, told the Daily News that her legal defense fund could not be used to pay for the surgery.

"It would have to be related to litigation somehow," he said.

The Post, citing unidentified sources, said the money came from an anonymous donor.

Calls by The Associated Press to Loeb's office on Sunday went unanswered.

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Nurse fired after disclosing crisis hotline was sex hotline

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Nurse Linda Reno was working the night shift at San Bernardino Community Hospital when a distraught man called. He said he was the convicted stalker of a teen-age girl.

He needed a toll-free crisis hotline, someone to talk to when he felt manic. Ms. Reno searched a resource directory kept at the nurse's station but found nothing. So she looked in the white pages.

In the newest GTE phone book, under "Crisis — A 24-Hour Emergency Help Line," Ms. Reno found an 800 number. She gave it to him.

That simple act launched a series of events that got her fired.

The man dialed the number. "Get it hot ... with the naughtiest girls around," said the tape-recorded female voice, who then explained how a conversation with an underage girl or a porn queen could be charged to a credit card.

The man called the hospital back and complained.

When Ms. Reno learned about his angry call, she feared she'd taken the number down wrong. Double-checking, she confirmed that, yes, she'd given the listed crisis line number. But it had been disconnected, the number reassigned.

She set out to solve the problem. On her day off, she called phone companies, the state Public Utilities Commission and the attorney general's office. The calls, she said, were exercises in futility.

"No one was listening to me," she recalled. "I said, 'Listen, this has to be taken care of right away. Anyone in a crisis, if they called that number and got a sex tape, that could be their last call.'

"I just kept getting transferred, or referred to other numbers. At one point, I think I ended up in the warehouse where the phone books are printed."

So, she called her local newspaper.

On May 28, The Sun of San Bernardino ran a front-page story about the hotline, and quoted Ms. Reno.

The next day, she was fired.

"They said I put the hospital in a bad light," the 15-year employee said. "But I just don't understand how that can be."

A hospital spokeswoman declined comment but faxed this statement: "Community Hospital of San Bernardino believes it acted appropriately regarding the situation with this employee."

Ms. Reno has consulted an attorney and may sue over her dismissal.

She is not the only person who tried to get the sex line unplugged.

Pat Pina, executive director of Hotline Help Center Inc., a nonprofit crisis intervention service in Orange County, tried in early May to get the number disconnected, based on complaints to her agency.

"AT&T said they couldn't do anything. We complained to the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and they said they couldn't do anything," Ms. Pina said.

She knows of two similar incidents this year, Ms. Pina said. Mental health advocates keep no national statistics on this issue. But they often hear of it.

The sex line in Ms. Reno's case was operated by Network Telephone Services and Pacific Marketing, a phone solicitation firm in Woodland Hills, Calif. Company attorney Dan Coleman said the toll-free number was disconnected May 27, after officials learned of the hotline mix-up from a Sun reporter.

"We obviously wouldn't want to use a number that had been a suicide hotline," he said.

The crisis line apparently went out of business last July without notifying authorities. Its number reverted to an industry-run pool, from which toll-free numbers are reassigned to new customers.

The FCC has little involvement in the highly competitive market for toll-free numbers, said spokeswoman Anna Gomez. Mostly, its regulations affect only how numbers are allocated — on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are no rules that prevent a suicide hotline number from being reassigned to a phone sex line.

Incorrect phone book listings cannot be changed between publications. The 1998-99 phone books won't be published until fall.

"Outside of removing a bad number from directory assistance, there is nothing GTE can do," said spokesman Larry Cox. AT&T spokeswoman Janet Wyles said the phone company has no authority to disconnect numbers under such circumstances or to force customers to change numbers.

Ms. Reno, who is divorced and now unemployed at age 53, wonders what can be done for her.

"People say, 'You didn't do anything wrong.' But then why did I get fired?" she asked, her eyes filling with tears. "I'm the one who's terminated. No one is going to want to hire me."

A licensed vocational nurse, Ms. Reno says she had never been disciplined in her decade and a half at Community Hospital. She said hospital officials classified her as an "at will" employee who worked without a contract and could be fired without reason.

Deaf Mexicans held as slave a year ago head for new hom

NEW YORK (AP) — A year day to the day after their plight was discovered, 37 deaf Mexicans who had lived as indentured slaves peddling trinkets in subways were taken Sunday to a city-owned shelter.

As workers loaded their possessions into a semitrailer, the Mexicans smiled, waved and flashed peace signs from second floor windows of the motel where they lived for the past 11 months.

"Brooklyn!" shouted the son of one family, referring to their new home.

The group of 37 adults, along with six of their children, moved to a renovated three-story house with nursing care, security, 24-hour sign language interpreters and tutors. They also will receive job training.

Their new neighborhood is rundown with grafitti-smeared buildings, some with boarded-up windows. But the Mexicans will have full-time security.

"I would imagine the neighborhood is pretty sympathetic to what they've been through," resident John Koenig said. "They will be welcome here."

Their move also came month to the day since the last 18 other Mexicans was se tenced for the scheme in whi the deaf illegal immigrants we held prisoner and forced to pe dle key-chains and other trink on New York subways a streets.

Operating in New York a other cities since 1993, the set was earning $1 million a ye authorities said. It ended wh four captives fled a house befc dawn on July 19, 1997, and nc fied police.

Police found 57 people living virtual prisoners in two hous Smaller operations were b ken up in Chicago and Los An les.

The defendants, most of the also deaf, pleaded guilty crimes ranging from crimi conspiracy to immigrant smu gling and enslavement.

Ringleader Adriana Paole Lemus, 30, was sentenced to years and her mother, Delia, to five years, and ordered to p $1 million and $500,000, resp tively, to some 50 victims.

Some Indian tribes spend millions on lobbying

WASHINGTON (AP) — A few years ago, American Indian tribes could only dream of having the political clout that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw now enjoys.

Congress was considering a tax on tribes to pay for regulating their casinos. Alarmed, the Choctaws put their Washington lobbying firm to work. What happened next stunned federal regulators: With help from Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., Congress declared the Choctaws "self-regulated" and exempted them from the new fee, saving the tribe about $160,000 a year.

Such influence doesn't come cheap. Tribes reported spending $5 million last year on lobbying Congress and the executive branch, a computerized analysis by The Associated Press of lobbying disclosure reports found. The Choctaws alone ran up a $1.1 million lobbying bill.

"I learned that from the white man," said Choctaw Chief Phillip Martin: "If you want support you're going to have to make friends."

Special interests are required to report what they spend to sway Congress or the administration. The AP database is a joint project with the nonprofit, nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics.

The 60 tribes that reported lobbying expenses had significant financial stakes on several major issues before Congress: the casino fee; a proposed tax on tribal business earnings; and legislation that would allow tribes to be sued, require them to account for business income and force them to collect state taxes on cigarettes and gasoline.

Except for the casino fee, tribes stopped each of the proposals.

Eight tribes, mostly small bands with major gambling and business interests, accounted for more than half the lobbying expenditures. Some of the nation's largest and poorest tribes spent little or nothing.

■ The 8,300-member Choctaw tribe, one of the biggest success stories in Indian country, owns a 550,000-square-foot casino, which grosses an estimated $200 million a year, and several manufacturing plants and a world-class golf course. Along with access to good jobs, each tribal member gets $2,000 a year from the band's profits.

■ Arizona's Gila River Indian Community, which spent $180,000 on lobbyists last year, is making a reported $126 million a year from two Las Vegas-style casinos.

■ Florida's Seminoles, who spent $420,000 on lobbyists, want federal legislative help in its battle with state officials to expand gambling operations and win other favors. California's tiny Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, with about 50 members on its reservation, spent $280,000, for help on casino, tax and other problems.

The nation's two largest tribes, the 200,000-member Navajo Nation and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, between them reported spending $220,000 for lobbying. The next five largest tribes, including the poverty-stricken Oglala and Rosebud Sioux in South Dakota, reported no expenditures or said they spent less than $10,000. There are 557 federally recognized tribes.

Kevin Gover, the Interior Department's assistant secretary for Indian affairs, thinks the needs of impoverished tribes for better schools, law enforcement and health care have a lower priority on Capitol Hill to the interests of tribes who have lobbyists. "That's my job to represent the tribes that don't have that kind of representation," said Gover, a former lobbyist himself.

An Interior Department spending bill pending in the Senate would cut spending for Bureau of Indian Affairs police and scale back the Clinton administration's plans for school construction on reservations. A recent lobbying and public relations campaign by tribes has focused not on restoring the money but on killing the bill's Robin Hood provision that would shift federal subsidies from wealthy to poorer tribes.

Report says Castro survived near-fatal illness last year

MIAMI (AP) — Dangerously high blood pressure sent Fidel Castro to the hospital last fall and doctors had to sedate him nearly to a comatose state to avoid a possible stroke, The Miami Herald reported Sunday.

"Fidel is hyperactive and he had to be sedated fully," Dr. Elizabeth Trujillo Izquierdo told the newspaper. She worked at Havana's exclusive Center for Medical and Surgical Research until she defected to Costa Rica in April.

"They had to make his mind a blank, as in a coma, because if they hadn't he would have kept on ordering people around and asking questions," Trujillo said. "He bosses even the doctors. That's the way he is. He is the boss."

Castro spent more than a week at the hospital in October after an extreme rise in blood pressure, and had been hospitalized twice previously in the past year for other ailments, Trujillo said.

News of the 71-year-old Cuban leader's health is guarded like a state secret, although rumors of various illnesses have circulated on the communist-controlled island nation and abroad for years.

Trujillo said Castro was rushed to the hospital Oct. 22 with symptoms of hypertensive encephalopathy, a traumatic rise in blood pressure that often leads to stroke. The condition paralyzes brain functions and can lead to death in severe cases.

She said Castro's treatment largely consisted of "sedating him as much as possible, almost to a state of coma, during the first three days, to prevent the formation of a blood clot that might affect the brain."

The newspaper said it confirmed Trujillo's identity through documents and multiple sources. But it said no other sources in or outside Cuba have confirmed her report of Castro's illness.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry in Havana did not return calls from the newspaper requesting comment.

Trujillo, 34, said she was not allowed to leave the hospital during Castro's stay. She said the atmosphere at the hospital was tense, but doctors did not discuss Castro's condition among themselves.

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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Alligator boots

An Army Ranger was on vacation in the depths of Louisiana and he wanted a pair of genuine alligator boots in the worst way, but was very reluctant to pay the high prices the local vendors were asking.

After becoming very frustrated with the "no haggle" attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the Ranger shouted, "maybe I'll just go out and get my own alligator so I can get a pair of boots made at a reasonable price!"

The vendor said, "By all means, be my guest. Maybe you will run into a couple of Marines who were in here earlier saying the same thing."

So the Ranger headed into the bayou that same day and a few hours later came upon two men standing waist deep in the water. He thought, "those must be the two Marines the guy in town was talking about." Just then, the Ranger saw a tremendously long gator swimming rapidly underwater towards one of the Marines.

Just as the gator was about to attack, the Marine grabbed its neck with both hands and strangled it to death with great effort. Then both Marines dragged it on shore and flipped it on its back. Laying nearby were several more of the creatures.

One of the Marines then exclaimed, "Darn, this one doesn't have any boots either!"

A Redneck's Computer...

10.) The monitor is up on blocks.

9.) Outgoing faxes have tobacco stains on them.

8.) The six front keys have rotted out.

7.) The extra RAM slots have Dodge truck parts stored in them.

6.) The numeric keypad only goes up to six.

5.) The password is "Bubba".

4.) There's a gun rack mounted on the CPU.

3.) There's a Skoal can in the CD-ROM Drive.

2.) The keyboard is camouflaged.

1.) The mouse is referred to as a "critter."

Cuss it

A preacher retired and moved to the country to enjoy life and practice his hobby of yard work. Needing a lawn mower, he headed into town to buy one. On the way he saw a sign advertising a lawn mower for sale. He stopped at the house and a young lad came out to greet him. The preacher asked about the lawn mower and the kid said it was behind the house. The two went to look at the lawn mower. The engine was sputtering along at idle speed. The preacher increased the speed of the engine and mowed a few strips. Satisfied that the mower would do the job they settled on a price of $25.

Later in the day, the young lad was riding his bicycle when he spied the preacher pulling on the engine starter rope. The kid stopped and watched for a couple of minutes. He asked, "What's wrong?"

The reply came, "I can't get this mower started. Do you know how?"

The kid said, "Yep."

"Well, how do you do it? Tell me!", the preacher yelled.

The kid replied, "You have to cuss it."

The preacher rose up indignantly. "Now you listen here. I am a preacher and if I ever did cuss, not saying I have, I've forgotten how to do it after all these years."

With a wise look on his face well beyond his years, the kid said, "Preacher, you keep on pulling that rope and it'll all come back to ya."

Blond humor

Why did the Blonde stare at a can of frozen orange juice? Because it said concentrate.

Why did the blonde wear her ski parka and her raincoat to paint the dining room? Because the paint can said, "for best results put on 2 coats."

Why do Blondes have "TGIF" written on their shoes? Toes Go In First.

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Coming clean in light of current media scandals

By David Grimes
N.Y. Times News Service

■ **Humor**

It's a bad time for magazine writers and newspaper columnists, some of whom have recently been fired for making up quotes or inventing sources.

A Boston Globe columnist who was fired for making stuff up wrote a final column explaining her actions and apologizing to her readers, more or less.

It is just a matter of time before management discovers that my column has been an unbroken string of lies, fabrications and blatant exaggerations since its debut in 1984 (Or was it 1983? Ah, who cares.) I figure I may as well write my apology now in case my heave-ho is too sudden to allow for explanations.

For starters, I would like to apologize for an April 24, 1984, column in which I suggested that rubbing Spam all over yourself makes a terrific shark repellent. There is absolutely no scientific basis for that statement, and it was also brought to my attention that that would be a cruel and unusual thing to do to sharks, many of which have felt unloved and insecure ever since the release of the movie "Jaws."

Next, I would like to grovel in as obsequious a manner as possible for a Nov. 20, 1986, column in which I suggested that you cook your Thanksgiving turkey with the plastic wrapper still on as that not only gives the turkey that traditional dragged-through-the-refinery petrochemical aroma, but also dramatically increases the chances that your oven will catch fire and/or your smoke alarm will go off, thereby hastening the departure of your guests. Many cooks and fire safety officials vehemently disagreed with my advice, though they all advised staying as far away from giblets as possible.

I also wish to distance myself as far as possible, preferably upwind, from a March 15, 1988, column, in which I compared the Easter bunny to Godzilla, only with poorer personal hygiene. Contrary to what was printed in the paper, I have never, personally, seen a 20-foot-tall Easter bunny lumbering through my, or any other, neighborhood late at night. I have no supporting evidence that the Easter bunny's eyes are bloodshot and big as dinner plates, nor can I honestly claim that its "cavernous jaws and cruel yellow fangs" make the lawyer-gulping dinosaur in "Jurassic Park" look about as lethal as a baby duck.

I sincerely regret any misunderstanding or lifelong psychotic episodes this may have caused.

It is also quite possible that I was asleep or not even in the building at the time when I wrote a Nov. 4, 1990, column suggested that Snooty the manatee would be a better choice for vice president than Dan Quayle. Although Snooty may be a better speller than Quayle, he does not play golf very well, if at all, and doesn't have anywhere near the magnificent head of hair that Quayle does. Quayle has the kind of

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Summer at the library

AT RIGHT: Judy Jimenez and her daughter, Julie Clepper, 5, listen to Barbara Davis (also shown below) read during story time Thursday at Midland County Public Library.

Photos by Tim Fischer

Children flock to summer program for arts, crafts, reading

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Earlier this summer, the Children's Department at the Midland Country Public Library developed a decidedly fishy smell. Four fish — deceased — rested in a place of honor in the middle of the department as eager children waited their turn.

"Some didn't know that fish smelled," said Children's Department Head Barbara Davis. She laughed. "They were so excited until they got up to the front of the line, then they'd ask, 'What is that smell?'"

They also questioned the appropriateness of the name given the fish.

"The very dead red snappers were blue, orange, red and green," Mrs. Davis said.

Donated to the library by H-E-B, the snappers represented the "highlight" of one of the library's craft programs, Mrs. Davis said. "We took real fish with all of their gills and scales in tact and painted them and made fish prints. I have some of the cutest pictures."

In addition to the arts and crafts the library is offering this summer, the facility is hosting two reading programs.

"It's been a exciting summer," said Mrs. Davis, who worked as a clerk in the children's department last summer. "We've had just a marvelous response."

Although the free summer program has been offered for years, this year has been "a little bit different simply by the fact that we received a grant from Junior League of Midland that enriched our activities," Mrs. Davis said.

In addition to the crafts, the program includes a reading or a read-to-me club.

"When a child walks in the door, from birth through age 14, we try to sign them up either as a reader or as a listener," Mrs. Davis said. "The Texas State Library provides the reading logs and the programming and all the information (including setting the goal for read-

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Why can't kids ever spill a cup that's empty?

Mrs. P and I were sitting in the living room the other afternoon, calmly minding our own business and asking ourselves, *Why haven't we heard any loud noises from the children in the last five minutes?*

Patterson

What a blessed event it is when you are gift-wrapped an unscheduled few moments of blissful silence that you had not otherwise planned on.

In the midst of enjoying this moment, from out of nowhere a small blond, blurry, blob shot past and suddenly materialized, becoming a small, blond, perfectly still, male child standing in the middle of the kitchen.

It was with great force that The Boy suddenly flung open the drawer containing the kitchen hand towels and wash rags. He yanked a towel out of the drawer and again became a fast speeding blob, the kitchen towel dangling from the rear of his person-age like a flag waving violently in the wind.

Mrs. P looked at me, and I at her. We didn't know what exactly had happened but one thing was all too clear: Our unscheduled blissful silence period was just about over.

"Oh no!" Mrs. P said as she looked at me.

"What? What?" I said.

She called out to The Boy as she got up from her previously comfortable, silent seat on the living room sofa.

"WHAT DID YOU SPILL NOWWWWWW?????"

"NOTHhhiiiinnnnggggg," he said as he ran down the hall, his voice trailing off and careening off the walls.

She called The Boy's name again as she entered our bedroom where he had apparently been playing when an elbow or a finger or a knee or a foot or something went dreadfully awry, knocking over a still-warm, half full cup of morning coffee onto the carpet.

What had me marveling was The Boy's insistence that he had spilled nothing as he dashed past in a flash with towel in tow.

Apparently he actually felt he had an ample amount of time to mop up the spill, call and order new carpet, have it installed, brew another pot of coffee and have the coffee cooled down to the appropriate temperature by the time we got into the bedroom to find out what the problem was.

But you can't fool us.

As Mrs. P took care of the situation in the bedroom, I headed to the family planning calendar on the refrigerator, and on that day's date, calmly jotted down the number "8." Beside it, I wrote the word "coffee." Most people keep track of consecutive 100 degree days. Not us. We're too busy tallying consecutive spill days at our house.

With a great huff, Mrs. P returned to the couch and retrieved the crossword puzzle on which she had been hard at work before The Spill.

"WHAT'S A FIVE-LETTER WORD MEANING 'HIGHLY AGITATED?'" she asked.

I spelled her name, hoping she'd see the humor in the situation.

She didn't.

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DAVE BARRY

Thinking of playing soccer? Get back on the sofa

Perhaps you've been watching World Cup soccer on TV, and you're tempted to get up off the sofa and try the game yourself. Allow me, as a big believer in the benefits of exercise, to offer you these words of encouragement: Get back on the sofa.

Barry

I say this because recently I played in a soccer game (or "match") on a regulation soccer field or ("pitch") and I wound up fearing for the safety of my most sensitive male anatomical parts (or "Roscoes").

I blame my wife. She's a sports writer, and she covers South Florida's Major League Soccer team, which is called the "Miami Fusion." (This name represents the powerful bond that forms, in this multicultural melting-pot community, between your thighs and your car seat.)

I attend most of the Fusion games, because I like to sit in the press box and help the sports writers by offering knowledgeable soccer observations such as, "I bet that hurts when they hit it with their heads!" and "There's the beer vendor!"

The reason I know so much about soccer is that I used to play it myself, as a college freshperson in 1965. The type of soccer I played was "intramurals," which comes from the Greek words "intra," meaning "guys," and "murals," meaning "who are not trying too hard." If the ball happened to come directly to us, we'd try to kick it, but we did not go LOOKING to get involved.

So I remembered soccer as a casual, relaxing activity, which is why, when my wife and I were asked to play in a match between the media and the staff of the Miami Fusion, I said sure. I figured we'd jog around in the vicinity of the ball for a few friendly minutes, then go to a restaurant.

I was an idiot. I realized this the instant we arrived at the stadium. Most of the other people, on both teams, were serious, cleat-wearing soccer players. Some had played on professional teams, where they ate intramural players for their team snack. They were shouting Spanish soccer expressions that translate roughly to, "I shall kick the ball with great velocity, so stand clear, lest it pass through your torso and travel a great distance farther with your pancreas clinging to it!"

The other problem was the size of the playing field. It always appeared, from up in the press box, to be about the size of a football field, but when I actually stood on it, I realized that it was much closer, in terms of square footage, to Kansas. I became exhausted before the game even started merely from jogging to the middle of the field, where I had the following conversation with one of my teammates, a foreign journalist who spoke very limited English:

ME: What am I supposed to do?

HIM: OK!

ME: No, really, I have no idea what to do.

HIM: Yes!

When the game started, I ran around in a sort of ampersand pattern. Every now and then, the ball would shoot past me, followed by people yelling in Spanish. One time the ball came directly toward me, and I was about to kick it when I heard cleated footsteps approaching from behind at an estimated 140 miles per hour. Because I am a free-thinking '90s guy, I'm not ashamed to say that it was a woman player who knocked me sideways like an inflatable Bozo doll and took the ball away. I AM ashamed to say that I was then replaced in the lineup by a man named Leo Mueller who is — I swear I am not making this up — 89 years old. Leo took up soccer in his late 60s, and he's in a league, and he played WAY better than I did, despite the fact that he has about the same foot speed as a geranium.

At halftime, my wife, who had also been running around out there somewhere, came to me on the sideline. I figured that, as a competitive person and sports journalist, she wanted to discuss tactics.

She said: "Do these shorts look too big?"

As a veteran male, I know it's a big mistake to answer that type of question, so I trotted onto the field for the second half. This was an even bigger mistake, because I wound up being part of a "wall." This happens when your team commits a foul, and the other team gets to kick the ball at your goal, so the players on your team line up in front of the kicker to try to block the shot. All the men put both hands over the part of their body that they value the most, which needless to say is not their brains.

Fortunately, the ball was kicked in such a way that nobody in the wall will have to change choir sections, if you get my drift. Finally, after about a month, the game ended. I will frankly admit that the Fusion staff team was a lot better than the media team. But since the media get to write the story, I'm stating here, for the official record, that we won 158 to 3, and I personally scored nine touchdowns. So all in all, it was a lot of fun, and I look forward to playing soccer again. When they pry my cold, dead butt off the sofa.

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PATTERSON: Bet on it, if it's spilled and lands on clothes, it'll be red & sticky

(From 1B)

We have a problem.

We have in our possession a small person who is on a streak. Eight days in a row now he has spilled something, somewhere in the house. Way too often, we don't find the spill until it is either seeping through our toes, or soaking up into our socks, or rhythmically drip, drip, dripping onto the kitchen floor as it snakes across the kitchen table and through the crack where the leaf goes. A crack that is really very annoying when it comes to spills.

Think about it: most spills could be kept confined to the table top were it not for Thanksgiving. Really, the only time a lot of people ever put the leaf in the table is for Thanksgiving. So the majority of the time, the crack in the table really serves only as a shortcut for spilled liquids in a hurry to get to the floor. It's very disturbing to me, but I suppose that's fairly obvious by now.

And spills, I've noticed, come in varying degrees. In ascending order, the urgency of spills include:

Water onto tile

Water onto clothes

Water onto carpet

Spills containing any other liquid should be considered extremely urgent and panic should commence immediately.

Grade AAA spills (the highest urgency level on our grading system) require immediate attention and include milk, chocolate milk, and any kind of juice spilled anywhere.

Sticky spills, caused by juice or soda are by far the worst since they require actually mopping the affected area. However, running a close second are milk spills that you can see but can't confirm until you have administered the "looks like, feels like, smells like" test, and third, milk spills that you don't know about until you smell them two days later.

And then there's a little something I like to call The Red Theory. The Red Theory states:

a. Anything spilled onto clothing will be red.

b. The clothing that is the recipient of a red juice spill, coincidentally, will always be light colored and will never, ever look the same again.

After eight days of continuous spilling and constantly moist carpet, we have finally figured there is but one way to bring all this to an end: We have simply decided we will no longer give The Boy anything to drink.

If you're a parent, you know our reason for doing this is obvious: Kids never tump over cups if there's nothing in them. And since anything you give a kid to drink will eventually end up on the floor or dripping through the leaf crack, why bother.

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Former dollmaker still lives in land of make-believe

By Christine Hanley
Associated Press

CAMBRIA, Calif. — The blue eyes of Baby Hannah stare out from a cardboard box in a backyard shed. Eleven sets of them.

The child's matching torsos cook in a kiln nearby.

Across the driveway, inside a small white cottage, other body parts are strewn along a studio table. Tiny fists. Chubby arms and legs.

The creator of these porcelain pieces, Martha Armstrong-Hand, bounds from her kitchen porch, then stands in the stifling heat of the shed while she checks her latest work-in-progress: a doll set named after her youngest grandchild.

The 78-year-old widow of David Hand — an award-winning animator and director for the late Walt Disney — has spent most of her life toiling in the land of make-believe.

Remember those View-Master slides? She designed many of those featured figurines, including Bambi, Bugs Bunny and Rudolph. She also designed dozens of dolls for Mattel Inc., including Baby Secret and Lov'n Touch Baby.

But the work hasn't always been fun and games.

Before her career took off, Armstrong-Hand relied heavily on her handiwork to flee Nazi Germany and elude capture in European hide-outs. And once she got to America, the work often kept her away from her family.

"A friend of mine says 'Martha, you've been escaping in your work all of your life,'" Armstrong-Hand said.

However, with plenty of time to reflect on her life from her small home on a bluff overlooking the Pacific, Armstrong-Hand realizes now she was "never trying to escape."

"I do this simply because I enjoy it so much," she said.

Born on the Fourth of July and raised in Germany, Armstrong-Hand said she was an apprentice at the Berlin Academy of Art before she was banished from campus in 1942 by a Nazi professor.

For the next three years, she held down a variety of jobs while making her way around Europe, including work as a maid and interpreter but mostly capitalizing on her artistic talents.

She wrote documents as a calligrapher for Nazi party members but left because she felt uncomfortable, despite her boss's offer of a fake birth certificate, something she said was done all the time.

While working as a cartographer for a company near the Polish border, a fellow employee informed authorities that Armstrong-Hand and others were Jewish, and they were ordered to a labor camp in November 1944.

But instead, they packed their suitcases. As the Russian army headed their way, the group jumped aboard an ox cart in below-zero weather, joining a slow procession through the rural countryside.

Then they walked for five days to a mountain village, where many of the refugees sought shelter. Armstrong-Hand and a guardian pushed on by train, to the home of a German family who gave them a tiny, stinky room where they slept on hay.

"This was February 1st and I had to look for a job as I needed to blend in after my flight from the labor camp," Armstrong-Hand writes in unpublished memoirs.

She eventually was hired at a British Army post in Nienburg, working from 1945 to 1946 as a sign writer, interpreter, then cashier at the officers shop.

That's where she met her first husband, Sam Armstrong, a bombardier. They married in 1948 and immigrated to the United States the next spring, shortly after the first of their four daughters was born.

Armstrong-Hand was teaching art at a summer camp near Beverly Hills when the father of a student asked her if she was interested in working on projects for View-Master, a popular Mattel toy that chronicles Disney stories with three-dimensional slides mounted on a rotating disk.

She started off sewing costumes for Captain Nemo and other characters for slides of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," then graduated to sculpting and painting figurines, making 56 versions of Bambi alone.

She started making Mattel dolls in the early 1960s. She didn't work on Barbie, but did help design about 50 other dolls, some from start to finish. She took a brief break after Sam died, but returned to the company and stayed until 1980.

"She's very well-known for the work she did for Mattel. But then she's also well-known for her original work, which she continues to do," said Debbie Thompson, managing editor of Doll Reader magazine.

She met David Hand when he came into her art studio here looking for help with a Muppet movie. The film didn't pan out, but the two hit it off. Though at 76 he was much older, he had directed such Disney classics as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "Bambi."

The couple married in 1976 and were together until David died in 1986, three years after they co-authored the book "Living Dolls."

Armstrong-Hand, who now shares her Cambria cottage with cats Cindy and Mish-Mish (German for Kitty Kitty), is still plugging away but at a pace more agreeable to her semi-retirement.

It takes about 500 hours to develop a prototype mold for her limited edition dolls, many fashioned after family members — including a set of her four daughters that are enclosed in glass in her living room.

Each additional member of a set takes about 100 hours to mold, paint and assemble with an elaborate spring system of elastic chords, swivels and fishing hooks.

The average cost is about $2,500 for a doll, climbing from the $275 she got for her first porcelain experiment. Armstrong-Hand said she could charge a lot more, but she's not doing it for the money anymore.

"I do it for pleasure," said Armstrong-Hand.

And after recent surgery that improved her weakening vision, she certainly sees no reason to stop making dolls.

"I guess I'll keep doing this as long as my eyes let me," she said.

FREE: Number of children involved in program increased over last year

(From 1B)

ing and listening), and we just kind of put wings to them."

This year's reading program is entitled "Furry Tails! Funny Tales!"

Halfway through their goal, the children received coupons from 7-Eleven stores and Wendy's.

"That kept the children moving," Mrs. Davis said.

When they reached the state goal, the Friends of the Library offered the children a choice between a sports bottle and a theme patch.

"They reached the state goal, then Texaco stepped in and said, 'Double your reading, and we'll provide baseball caps.' And so we have the cutest little baseball caps that say 'read to succeed.'"

The number of children involved in the summer activities has increased over last year, Mrs. Davis said. "Last summer, according to the statistics, the program attendance was 1,519 students for June and July. This summer, in June alone, we had 1,804. We shot them out of the sky with what we're doing this summer."

The listening program relies on story tellers.

"We've had a delightful variety of different flavors and different types of storytelling from throughout the community," Mrs. Davis said.

The program, which runs for two more weeks, also counts on volunteer help preparing supplies. Abell-Hanger and Texas Scholars have provided this kind of support.

"These students have been coming very faithfully and joined in and done a lot of the grungy work preparing crafts," Mrs. Davis said.

As far as Mrs. Davis is concerned, "the best part" of this summer's activities comes down to "the kids are reading. And they are really achieving."

Convertibles allow middle-agers to escape sport utility phase

By Paul Dean
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Convertibles died in 1976. Now America is back living, dreaming and buying drop tops. About 222,000 left American showrooms last year — sales not seen since the convertible-crazy '60s — with more delivered to sunschmoozing Southern California than to any other region.

Owning, driving and wanting a convertible represent a complex yearning. Visibility tinged with vulnerability, sensuality. Exhilaration without real danger. Reverse voyeurism with a view.

"You are no longer cloistered in this little capsule. You have ripped off the roof, and suddenly it's like moving from the city to the country," explains Chevrolet's Dick Almond, former brand manager for Corvette and Camaro.

You become younger, Almond says. Certainly better-looking. And if your convertible sounds naughtier and drives faster than the family station wagon, the spiritual lift becomes a leap.

"That higher performance gives you a new freedom, a fresh sense of being in control," he goes on. "You are young again. Also very cool."

Convertibles are as old as the American automobile. Our first cars — the gasoline-powered Duryea that rolled from a Massachusetts barn in 1893, the steam-engined Breer hammered together in a Los Angeles blacksmith's shop in 1901 — came without tops.

It wasn't until the '20s and '30s that the pure, elemental convertible — something cozy with top and glass windows up, yet carefree and stylish with roof tucked into the trunk — entered our ways and became the mistress of American motoring.

From Maine to Malibu, wage earners' savings were seduced by the 1927 McFarlan Boattail Roadster.

Through the '40s into the '50s, life was freer, the car market was strong, and a dozen American convertibles were on their way to becoming classics.

Annette Funicello drove to the Mickey Mouse Club in a Thunderbird. Richard Burton owned a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado. Lucy and Ricky made a movie about towing a long, long trailer behind a '59 Mercury convertible.

"Movies were telling us, 'Sexy, fun, famous, successful people buy convertibles,'" Leopardo says. In 1965, Americans bought 507,000 such status symbols, with convertibles representing 7 percent of the car market. Stripped and modified, they were to die for — sometimes literally — as part of the Southern California-fed street sport of drag racing. They certainly were a significant contributor to the growth of drive-up coffee shops, drive-in movies, drive-through liquor stores and, inevitably, drive-and-park pregnancies.

Nothing, it seemed, could stem the success — except full and furious development of the 20th century.

In the infant '70s, high-speed interstates meant that drivers and passengers in convertibles faced head-on gales instead of soft breezes. Insurance companies charged premiums for topless cars, although statistics from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety now show that convertibles are no more dangerous than sedans. The government dropped hints about roll-over requirements for soft tops — although none came into being.

The 1973-74 Arab oil embargo brought all things automotive to a screeching halt. It was considered unpatriotic to enjoy automobiles — especially sporty, topless, spirited, unusually muscular automobiles.

Chrysler dumped the convertible in 1971. Ford followed two years later. On April 21, 1976, in Detroit, a bicentennial Cadillac Eldorado convertible, the last of the gargantuans, rolled through its final assembly station. With white paint and white leather, red carpeting and blue body striping, this 5,000-pound convertible with its 500-cubic-inch V-8 was a defiant gesture. Also a final flourish that sent the convertible the way of running boards and rumble seats.

What nobody really considered was that love affairs can be indestructible things, often prone to return for a final fling. One for the road, as it were. Further, the American public has a perverse habit of demanding precisely what big business says it cannot have.

Hence the birth within in a few years of a cottage industry headquartered in Southern California — where else? — in a cluster of firms that decapitated Toyotas and Mazdas, Camaros and Fiats and turned them into nifty convertibles. They called themselves convertible converters.

It took awhile — about three years — for Detroit to catch on. But stir it did, with charismatic, custom-shirted, crafty Lee Iacocca deciding that a LeBaron convertible just might prevent the final chapter of his Chrysler Corp. becoming a Chapter 11.

He ordered a prototype and in his huge-selling 1984 biography wrote of local response to the car: "I felt like the Pied Piper. People in Mercedes and Cadillacs started running me off the road and pulling me over like a cop. 'What are you driving?' they all wanted to know. 'Who built it? Where can I get one?'"

Iacocca built his lifeboat, the 1982 Chrysler LeBaron/Dodge 400 convertible, and "we sold 23,000 the first year instead of the 3,000 we planned."

Despite the attraction and visibility of the form, convertibles still represent only 2.7 percent of today's auto sales. Analysts believe 300,000 units a year to be the saturation point. Because a cloth roof typically adds $5,000 to the cost of the same car with a steel roof, convertibles remain a fantasy of the young, bought by 45-year-old, college-educated professionals earning more than $60,000 a year.

"It's their way of saying, 'Now it's my turn,'" says Chevrolet's Almond. "'Now I can escape from the sport-utility and minivan phase of my life and get into something offering pleasures I can't get from an old tin box with four doors.'"

APOLOGY: I conveniently chose to disregard independent testing

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good looks that movie stars are made of, while Snooty has all the sex appeal of an Idaho potato (potatoe?), only with more gas. Snooty also likes to roll over on his back to have his stomach scratched, which is probably not a good quality for a vice president to have in light of the Lewinsky scandal.

I would also (almost) be willing to crawl on my hands and knees and lick the bacteria-infested shoes of any New Yorkers who took umbrage with my Aug. 10, 1992, characterization of their native cockroaches as "weenies" compared to Florida cockroaches. Independent testing — which I conveniently chose to disregard — has proven time and again that New York cockroaches are every bit as big and fiesty as Florida cockroaches, even though Florida cockroaches — the ones that live in Sarasota, at least — have better manners and are more stylish dressers than their northern counterparts.

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By Jon Swartz
N.Y. Times News

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MUSIC: Many go to Web for CD selection

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ter.) Nor should the data necessarily be trusted; two sites list "Some Girls," a 1978 Rolling Stones album, as having been released in 1994.

Sometimes a database by itself is valuable, as is the case with the Global Electronic Music Marketplace (**www.gemm.com**), a clearinghouse for used, out-of-print and esoteric recordings that is little more than an enormous text-based registry. Other online retailers routinely decorate their shops by adding digital bells and whistles, typically including album recommendations meant to spur further buying.

Shoppers truly seeking guidance should turn to specialty retailers like Descarga, a Latin-music purveyor in Brooklyn that opened its Web site (**www.descarga.com**) in June.

Or they might consider returning to the real world. Chicago Compact Disc in Evanston, Ill., had the highest prices of the eight sites participating in the informal survey. But its owner, Michael Bernard, has been selling used CD's to this collector for nearly a decade. Asked to suggest a new disk he thought I might like, he immediately volunteered a recently reissued Miles Davis title. "I don't even have to think about it," Bernard said. He was right.

WWW.CDNOW.COM

What led to the start of CDnow was the passion of Jason Olim, the company's co-founder and chief executive, for the music of Miles Davis. After hearing the trumpeter's "Kind of Blue" in 1988, he went to a nearby music store. "I asked them, 'What can you recommend?'" Olim recalled, "and the answer I got was, 'Oh, Miles Davis is in the jazz section.'"

When Olim and his twin brother, Matthew, now 29, opened CDnow on the Web in October 1994, their goal was to build a music store where the virtual staff was well prepared for that sort of inquiry. Like its rivals, CDnow maintains an editorial team to write articles and reviews (invariably positive) and to compile buyer's guides on genres like Celtic music. And more content is coming from sources like the archives of Rolling Stone magazine.

A central feature of the site is the Audio Advisor, which recommends other titles based on the preferences of like-minded listeners. For fans of "Kind of Blue," CDnow's somewhat odd suggestions include albums by Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and Radiohead, as well as an apt tip for Thelonious Monk.

CDnow has a workmanlike interface, and registering at the site is a snap (as it was for all the services reviewed here). Shipping costs $2.99 for the first CD, plus 99 cents for each additional CD; the maximum fee is $4.97. Sales tax is collected for California, Florida, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where the company is based.

CDnow says it offers 250,00 titles and 315,000 audio clips. Like Music Boulevard, it sells a few exclusives, like a limited-edition disk of remixed tunes by David Byrne, former leader of the Talking Heads.

While sample sound clips are offered for some albums on CDnow, many albums have none. That is particularly true for classical music; half-minute clips rarely do justice to an hourlong concerto. Also, none of the sites have a search engine that works well for classical titles, an impression confirmed when a quest for Bartok's "Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta" confounded the CDnow software.

CDnow's customer-service area invites visitors to e-mail inquiries to its staff of experts. After three days, a question about a Charlie Palmieri-arranged album by Cal Tjader, a cool-jazz vibraphonist, drew this response: "I have not yet had the opportunity to listen to 'Primo,' so I am unable to tell you if you will like it or not. Also, I think that only you can be the true judge of what music you will like." Compare that with the response from a specialty site, Descarga. Bruce Polin, Descarga's founder, sent this message: " 'Primo' is not a typical Tjader release. . . . It's a classic that smokes from beginning to end. 'Mama Guela' is worth the price alone." Polin's expertise comes at a premium: Descarga charges $15.98 for the disk; at CDnow, it's $11.49.

WWW.MUSICBLVD.COM

Music Boulevard is a nice ride if you are willing to tolerate the speed limit. With its colorful graphics and glossy black backdrops, the site creates a visually appealing environment, a Barneys among two Bloomingdale's and a Kmart. The trade-off is the wait while the graphics-rich pages load.

Started in 1996, Music Boulevard carries 260,000 titles and provides 350,000 audio clips. On-screen annotation comes from the All-Music Guide, among other sources, but large amounts of original content can be found by following the links to Classical Insites, Jazz Central Station and Rocktropolis, genre-specific sites also operated by N2K, Music Boulevard's parent, based in Manhattan. One oddity: despite the company's attention to classical music, the search function does not permit hunting for compositions by name.

Music Boulevard offered a few more sound samples and consistently lower prices — this week, anyway — on an offbeat array of 10 titles, like NRBQ's "Tapdancin' Bats." Shipping is $2.49 for the first item and 49 cents for the next, but a total of only 99 cents for three or more. Taxes are assessed in Pennsylvania, California and New York. Repeat customers are rewarded with a free CD after buying 10.

Good customer service is essential for online retailers. When a CD arrived with a cracked case, I wrote to Music Boulevard via e-mail. Just as when I placed my order, my message was immediately acknowledged. Four days later, the company informed me that a replacement had been shipped; three days after that, it was delivered.

I also got an explanatory note intended for another customer. Wild, I hope your problem was solved, too.

WWW.AMAZON.COM

Amazon.com has been selling books on the Web since 1995, but its music site is the new kid on the block, appearing just last month.

Unlike its well-developed literary counterpart, the music area remains very much a work in progress. The look is simple, the recommendation system is in its early stages, and plans for a classical section are still being drafted. At the moment, the site also has the dinkiest selection, a mere 125,000 titles and 225,000 clips. Shipping is $2 per order, plus 95 cents per item, and taxes are levied on residents of Washington State (the company is based in Seattle).

Amazon.com deserves praise for its search engine, which yielded a recording by the Three Baritone Saxophone Band that other sites did not when queried with the word "baritone." Similarly, the site's song-title search is also the most effective, a useful feature for those who are unable to identify a tune heard on the radio — you know, the one with the chorus that goes "something, something, mmm, hmm . . . baby!" Only on the Amazon.com site did a search on "corner" lead to Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Down on the Corner."

Besides providing review excerpts from about a dozen publications, Amazon.com allows visitors to sound off about recordings. While these comments are rarely illuminating, they can be entertaining, as in this analysis of a new release by Master P: "Could've been better, but could've been much worse."

WWW.GEMM.COM

When a friend's romantic relationship ended recently, she lost more than a beau. A treasured CD by Timbuk 3 also vanished from her life. The disk was not available at several music sites on line, but rather than scour the used-CD bins, she searched the Global Electronic Music Marketplace's listings. Six entries popped up, ranging in price from $7.95 to $35.66.

The credit goes to Roger Raffee's mom. When Raffee decided to unload his vinyl LP's in 1994, his mother suggested that he meet with Jim Hall, a programmer, about cataloguing the collection on a PC. Over dinner, the pair hatched a plan for an open marketplace on the Internet.

Born as a bulletin board system, GEMM hit the Web that fall. It has become a huge online flea market with 1,500 retailers selling everything from old 45's and posters to new-release CD's and concert videos.

The GEMM database has an astounding 2.7 million items, although entries from different merchants for the same title do pad that count. "I'm pretty sure we've got everything CDnow, Amazon and all the other music sites combined have — and a heck of a lot more," Raffee said.

Despite its unrefined appearance, GEMM's functions are quite polished, enabling users to customize their searches by filtering out, say, older disks, imports or any item that costs more than $12. Buyers can order through the site, operated from San Diego, or get in contact with the seller directly, possibly avoiding a commission of up to 15 percent that GEMM sometimes collects. GEMM's site is devoid of news, commentary and audio clips, although there are easy-to-follow links to noisier locales, and the text-heavy look derives too clearly from the site's bulletin-board roots. Hall promised a graphics update soon.

But the blend of used CD's, vintage vinyl and unusual memorabilia is a collector's dream. Raffee said he regularly received e-mail messages of thanks for fulfilling decades-old desires, like an unused ticket from a Beatles concert at Shea Stadium. Because GEMM is not the actual retailer, it monitors sellers to make sure that transactions actually take place. Raffee said only five vendors had

CHAT: Learning how to talk on 'Net

(From 4B)

that let you reach some of the Internet Relay Chat areas. That's another nice feature of this page: It also has links to downloads for the chat programs. You'll be able to download the programs free and the page offers software for almost any computer platform you can name (and some you probably have never heard of) including Unix, Windows, DOS, Macintosh, OS/2, VMS, Amiga and X-Windows.

There are several choices for most platforms. My favorite software programs for Windows and Macintosh chatting are both available from this site. I'd select a program called mIRC for Windows and IRCle 2.1 for Macintosh computers. But, since these programs are free, you may want to download a couple and find something that suits your own tastes.

Once you're connected and online with other chatters you'll notice that a lot of abbreviations and special terms are used. If you want to sound like you've been around for a while, you may want to drop in on a page called Chatter's Jargon Dictionary at **http://www.tiac.net/users/scg/jargpge.htm**. You'll soon learn that if someone is ROFL they're "rolling on the floor laughing" or if they tell you something IMHO, it's "in my humble opinion."

So far we've talked about the type of chat that is known as IRC. But there is a new breed of chat on the Net that goes beyond typing. It's called virtual worlds. In most of these Web-based chat services, you'll be able to see a cartoonish representation of the person you visit with.

There are way too many virtual chat services to list them all. If you want to explore that type of chat, there's an excellent collection of links from the Yahoo search engine at **http://www.yahoo.com/Recreation/Games/Internet_Games/Virtual_Worlds/3D_Worlds/**.

Those of you who are only casually interested in chat and do not want the trouble of downloading chat programs may want to check out some of the Web-based chat services. In most cases, you need nothing more than your Web browser to chat there. Again, there are literally dozens, maybe hundreds, of Web chat services. So you should start with another group of Yahoo sites at **http://www.yahoo.com/Computers_and_Internet/Internet/World_Wide_Web/Chat/**.

That's it. Check it out. We'll chat more later.

COOL: Some tips may come as surprise

(From 4B)

topic areas that offer the same sort of common-sense advice you got from your mother. For instance, you are told to drink plenty of fluids, pace yourself when working in the heat and to wear appropriate clothing. While most people who have enough sense to come in from the heat already know these things, you'll find plenty of details and tips that may come as a surprise. For instance, it's smart — on a really hot day — to avoid extremely cold beverages since the contrast in the temperatures can actually produce a harmful shock to your system in some instances.

In fact, the Federal Emergency Management Agency site, the last heat-related page on our tour of hot sites says that even a cool shower after coming inside from hot temperatures can "result in hypothermia, particularly for elderly and very young people."

Tall Texan's Big Words

By Jon Swartz
N.Y. Times News Service

Silicon Valley entrepreneur Jim Clark has as many opinions about the high-tech industry as he has startup ideas. A sampling of his views:

■ **On former Silicon Graphics Inc. CEO Ed McCracken:** "He's a Napoleon, a classic example of a massive egomaniac. Ed assumed he was the reason for the company's success, but I fully blame the current state of SGI on him."

■ **On Microsoft CEO Bill Gates:** "A whole library can be written about Bill Gates' business practices, but it can be distilled in one sentence: He's a thief." (A Microsoft spokeswoman responded: "It is too bad that the leader of a fine company would take business issues and make them so personal.")

■ **On Netscape Communications CEO Jim Barksdale:** "Jim is like a Confederate general. There's not too much idle talk, but the man is a natural leader."

■ **On At Home CEO and former SGI executive Tom Jermoluk:** "Outgoing, gregarious, smart. He was the reason behind a lot of SGI's success, not Ed McCracken."

■ **On building a successful startup.** "You can't be too religious or wedded to your ideas. You have to adapt to keep customers."

■ **On the Web-browser war.** "If Microsoft beats Netscape, the Internet will be dominated and governed by Microsoft. There will be no stopping them."

■ **On mixing politics and high tech:** "A waste of time. I don't have the patience. It's hard to make things happen. I remember testifying before the Senate in the late 1980s and being asked by (then Senator Al Gore) and others about what we could do to start an information superhighway. I told them it already exists. They just needed to pave it."

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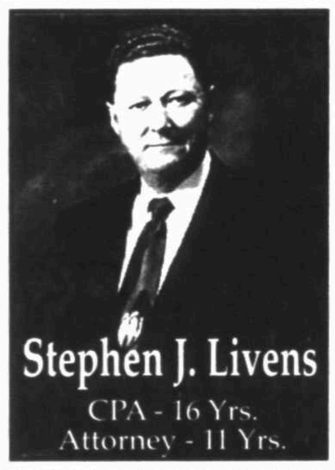
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Bill receives support

An Oklahoma congressman won preliminary support last week for legislation that would require public schools and libraries to use filters on their computers as a way to keep children from seeing sexually explicit material on the Internet.

The proposal by Rep. Ernest Istook Jr., a Republican, was added to an $81.9 billion budget bill pending in the House Appropriations Committee to cover education, labor and health and human services. The bill is expected to be sent to the full House after lawmakers return from the July 4 recess.

Since the Communications Decency Act was overturned by the Supreme Court last year, lawmakers have sought more narrowly tailored legislation to shield children without violating the First Amendment.

"The appropriations bill is a must-pass bill, so it is very dangerous that the provision has been added to that bill," said Ron Weich, a legislative consultant to the American Civil Liberties Union, which successfully challenged the Communications Decency Act.

Art of luring readers

Want to learn how to put an end to junk e-mail forever? Don't ask Avatar Publishing — even though a piece of widely circulated promotional electronic mail from Avatar has been luring readers with the subject line: "Never Receive Junk E-Mail Again!" "Wouldn't it be great to never get junk e-mail again?" the message begins. "Well, no one can make you that promise, unfortunately. But you can profit from junk e-mail."

Avatar, which has an unlisted phone number and has hidden its return e-mail address, then invites the reader to mail $29 to a Los Angeles address for more information and a junk e-mail starter kit that includes a primer on what is legal and what is not.

The message explains that Avatar is in a "fun little war" with the producers of Internet filter software, to see just who can outsmart whom. "We know all the secrets," the message says. "Obviously, or you wouldn't be reading this, would you?" Probably not.

Future wear

With all the dire predictions that airlines, banks, power grids and even the federal government will be felled by ill-programmed computers when the calendar turns over to Jan. 1, 2000, there is now one less thing to worry about: what to wear.

Two entrepreneurs in Birmingham, Mich., have come up with what they have trademarked as the "Official Logo of the New Millennium." And they have the Web site — and the T-shirts — to prove it.

The idea grew from a brainstorming session a year ago, said Larry Smith, a managing partner of the venture, called Millennium 321. (The 3 denotes the third millennium; the 21 refers to the 21st century.)

"We had just read that M & M's had just applied to be the official candy of the new millennium," he said. "We thought, 'What could we do that could have a global impact?'"

He and his partner, James Iacobucci, came up with a logo with three columns that Smith said "looks as though you're unzipping the future." Shirts, sweatshirts and caps with the logo are for sale on the company's Web site, which opened last week (**www.m321.com**).

Local User Groups

■ The Macintosh Permian User Group meets the 4th Thursday of every month (except Nov. & Dec.). MacPUG has it's own web domain at **http://www.macpug.org**.

■ The Permian Basin User Group, an open platform user group, meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at Barnes & Noble.

■ The MMUA meets the third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m., at the Permian Basin Graduate Center, 221 No. Main, in Midland.

THE I-WAY EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Compaq unveils fingerprint ID for computer users

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Logging onto a computer soon could be just a fingertip away.

Compaq Computer Corp. on Tuesday introduced Fingerprint Identification Technology, a way to use a person's fingerprint instead of a password to log into a computer network in the workplace.

The technology uses a device, about the size of a deck of cards, that plugs into the office computer. A camera takes a picture of a person's fingerprint, and software transforms the fingerprint into a point map that is stored for future reference.

Later, a user holds a finger to the camera, and the computer matches the stored print map to the fingerprint.

The product is expected to become widely available next month.

"No question that this is of great value," Tim Bajarin, president of the Creative Strategies industry research firm, told the Houston Chronicle.

Though network security is important, even for small companies, Bajarin said it will be three to five years before this type of technology becomes widespread.

The identifier initially will help companies that have computer networks by providing increased security and easing the log-in process, said Michael Takemura, Compaq's product marketing manager for desktop products.

Products similar to Compaq's already are on the market. But Compaq hopes to capitalize on its product's relatively cheaper price, $99. SecureTouch from Biometric Access Corp., for example, sells for $199.

The identifier was the result of collaboration between Compaq and Identicator Technology, a company based in San Bruno, Calif., that makes a number of fingerprint identification products.

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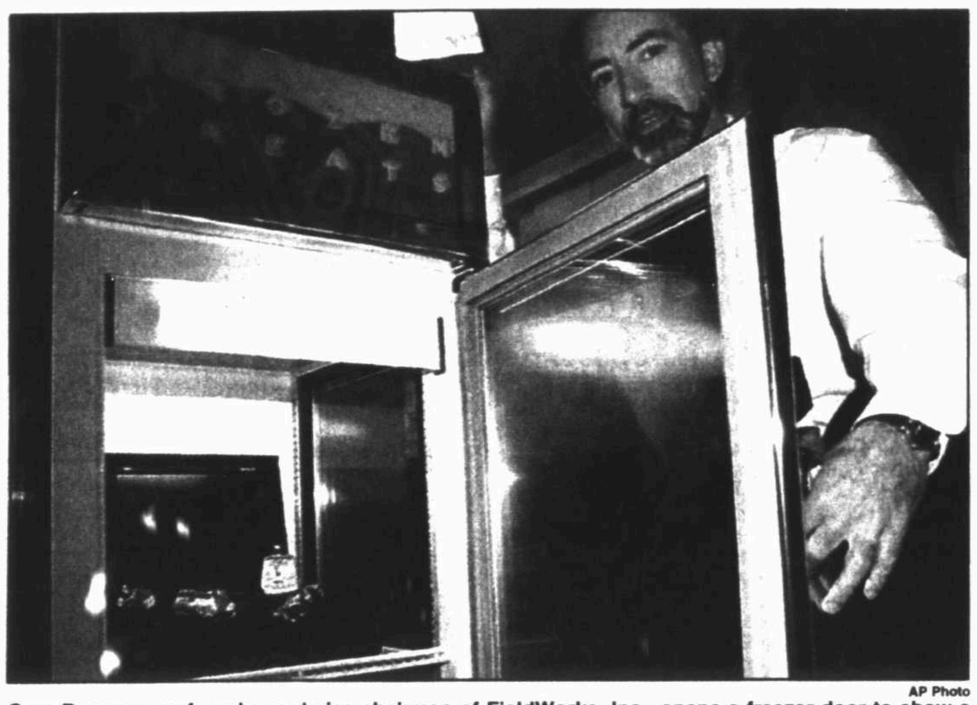

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Gary Beeman, co-founder and vice chairman of FieldWorks, Inc., opens a freezer door to show a working laptop computer along with some frozen treats at the company's headquarters in Eden Prairie, Minn. FieldWorks, which has computers on space station Mir, is building a reputation as a custom manufacturer of a new class of durable laptop computers which can be droppped, frozen, baked and even run over, and they still work.

Cyberscene: There's always somebody to talk to

By Bill Husted
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — So you'd like to have a little chat?

Lots of people use the Internet as a way to make friends and have typed conversations with them using one of the many chat services there. You'll find plenty of do's and don'ts about chatting with strangers on the Internet.

But, other than to say that it's just common sense not to tell anonymous strangers your name, telephone number, address or any personal information, this article isn't about the right and wrong of chat. Instead, it'll guide you to places where you can get the software you need, sites that offer instruction on how to use chat, and even offer a brief course in chat etiquette.

We'll start at one of the best Web sites for basic chat information. It's not a commercial site and that makes the complete information and terrific links all the more impressive. The start page is called Internet Relay Chat and can be found at **http://hoga.wwa.com/~edge/irc.html**.

If you're a beginner, you'll find the Newbie section especially helpful. In simple language, you'll be able to cover topics such as: How to get Hooked up, Servers and How to Connect, Join Channels and Communicate with Others.

Once you've learned what to do and why you might like to do it, you'll need the computer programs

Please see **CHAT**/3B

Getting informed about heat-related ills online

By Bill Husted
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Just about the coolest thing a person can do on the Internet at this time of the year is to find ways to get out of the heat.

There are plenty of Web sites that suggest ways to stay cool during the hot summer.

Our first stop is at the Atlanta-based Weather Channel site at **http://www.weather.com**. That organization has a special site at **http://www.weather.com/safeside/heat/** devoted to dealing with the heat.

You'll learn right away that staying cool in the extreme heat is more than just a way of being comfortable. It can save your life. You are reminded, high up on the page, that: "In 1995, extreme heat contributed to the deaths of almost 500 people in Chicago. And that same year, it killed more people in the United States than all other natural disasters combined."

So pay attention as you follow the well-thought-out links on this page. At the click of your mouse, you can be whisked to areas that tell you what you can do to stay cool (and safe) during a heat wave; how to determine if your age or physical condition put you at special risk; and how to prepare for a heat emergency.

While sunburns aren't as serious as a heatstroke, they are very common in the South. And since long exposure to the sun can increase your risk of skin cancer, it's worth your time to learn about protecting your skin from serious burns. So before we leave the excellent Weather Channel site, let's drop in at **http://www.weather.com/health/sunpro.html**.

You'll find out about sunscreens and lotions, but — for those who want to be really scientific about fighting the sun — you can also follow a link from this page to learn how to read the Weather Channel's ultraviolet forecast maps that show the intensity of these rays in different parts of the country. The UV ratings — which start at zero and go to levels beyond 10 — can call for protection as simple as wearing a hat (at levels of 2 or below) to staying inside if you can (when levels are 10 or higher).

Our next site also originates in Atlanta. It's from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The page, called "Extreme Heat — A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety" can be found at **http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/programs/emergenc/prevent/heat/heat.htm**. While the information isn't as well-organized as what's offered by the Weather Channel, you will find links from this page to

Please see **COOL**/3B

Variety, cost draw music fans to Web

By Matthew Mirapaul
N.Y. Times News Service

Jim Auman has stopped wolfing down his lunch. He used to spend his meal break in the music marts of Raleigh, N.C., hunting for hard-to-find compact disks by Yes and the other progressive-rock bands he enjoys.

Now, instead of scarfing a sandwich on the run, Auman, a 28-year-old network administrator, munches in front of his computer while shopping at CDnow, a huge music boutique located solely on the World Wide Web.

"The Blockbuster Musics and Wal-Marts have billions of copies of whatever is in the Top 40, but I'm usually going for the more obscure stuff," said Auman, who figures that 10 percent of the 500 CD's in his collection have been ordered from CDnow.

He is not alone in turning to the Internet to satisfy his musical needs. While music sales nationwide through online retailers will reach only $81 million this year, according to Jupiter Communications, a new-media research company in New York, they are expected to grow to $1.1 billion in 2002.

On-line music retailers are essentially mail-order vendors who post interactive catalogs on the Web. Those catalogs are searchable databases attached to distribution and credit-card billing systems; orders may also be placed by phone. Auman occasionally pays extra for overnight delivery so a hot new release can be delivered to his desk before Raleigh's stores open.

On-line music stores can offer a vast selection, long lists of CD's that would dwarf most real-world inventories. The entries are often supplemented with song titles and cover art. Even ardent fans may be surprised by the availability of imported recordings and other rarities by their favorite performers.

Another benefit can be price: the time spent waiting for music to arrive in the mail is often offset by attractive Web prices. An informal survey of eight music retailers, four on line and four off line, showed that a trio of chart-topping disks bought from CDnow, Music Boulevard or Amazon.com was as much as 4 percent cheaper than the same albums purchased at the lowest-cost chain store, once shipping charges and sales taxes were factored in.

But every music vendor's prices fluctuate regularly, especially with sales on current hits. It pays to shop around: choose several sites and open a browser window for each site, then register at each, pick identical items and choose the store with the lowest price. The options include Sound Stone (**www.soundstone.com**), Tower Records (**www.towerrecords.com**), Total E of Columbia House (**www.totale.com**) and Tunes.com (**www.tunes.com**).

Virtual merchants also capitalize on the Web's multimedia capabilities by offering hundreds of thousands of 30-second song snippets that encourage you to sample before you buy. Auman said he had been inspired to buy a John Wetton album — a disk he would never have found at a Tower Records listening station — after sampling its tracks on the Web.

In online music catalogs, as in any database, accuracy is critical for conducting searches. An errant keystroke can alter results — is that band's name Figdish or Fig Dish? (It is the lat-

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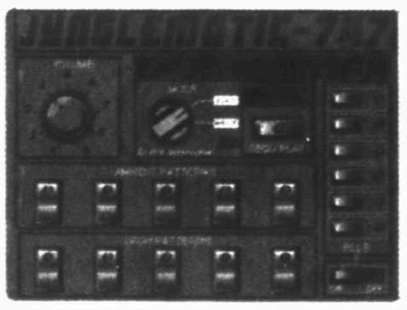
MIX N MATCH
The beat goes on at SS7X7, the Internet's premier master mixing Web site. You'll merge with other wired musicians in an ensemble of jungle, jazz, house and techno. Jam to your favorite sounds at http://www.ss7x7.com/html/start.html to find out whether or not you were born to mix. Through looping audio, drumming patterns and random sequences, you'll have the opportunity to blend various sounds into what could be the next big hit.



The site features music from international acts and producers. You can record the new sounds you make, and if you want to make a long-term contribution to SS7X7, you can even e-mail the site your own music. Get ready to spin, sample, rap and dance. It's time to play that funky music!

WHALE RESCUE
Have you ever met a whale up close? Well, some kids did last year when they helped a beached baby Gray Whale in California. Meet J.J., the tough little whale who survived, at http://tqjunior.advanced.org/4397/. J.J. may be a baby, but a baby whale is BIG! Learn all about how much milk it took to feed J.J. and what the scientists at SeaWorld did to help their flippered friend survive. There's even a real movie of a visit to SeaWorld, and you can link up to the latest news on how J.J. is doing right now. Immerse yourself in this whale of a site: Learn about whale history, play whale games and even submit your own whale poetry and art.

Be a 4Kids Detective

When you know the answers to these questions, go to http://www.4Kids.org/detectives/
Which body part does a worm use to grab leaves to eat? Which town in California was J.J. the whale rescued from? Which type of music do you mix on the Junglematic 747?

AskAmy@4Kids.org

Dear Amy: Our family is relocating to Stockton, CA. What are your suggestions for helping my two older daughters make the transition?—Carla, Oakland, CA
Dear Carla: Every summer, lots of kids move to another city and are faced with meeting new friends and finding out about what to do in their new town. Your letter started me thinking that the Web can help a lot. So I put together a Web page at http://www.4kids.org/askamy/coolmove.html that can help you and other kids to look forward to moving. There are links to help find the city's home page or to make a map of their neighborhood. You can see what the weather will be like, look for historic places, and try to find a key pal at your new school.

Dear Amy: If I put up my own home page, what kind of things should I put on it?—Arnie, Pittsburgh, PA
Dear Arnie: A good place to start is to put up links to things that interest you. What kind of sports, music or computer games do you like? Do you have some favorite Web sites? Think about your friends and relatives that are visiting your page. What would they want to see? Pictures of a family event, like a wedding or even funny pictures of your pets are always fun, too. A good site for ideas and help is http://www.worldkids.net/kotw/ownpage.htm. Let me know when your page is up!

Send your comments or questions about the WWW to Amy at: Ask Amy, 3001 Dole Center, Lawrence, KS 66045 or AskAmy@4Kids.org

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DEATH NOTICES

Robert Crittenden

FORT WORTH — Robert W. "Bob" Crittenden, 72, father of a Midland woman, died Friday, July 17 in Fort Worth. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, July 20 at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth. Burial will follow at Greenwood Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 11, 1924 in White Settlement and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He graduated from Texas Christian University and retired from General Dynamics in 1971.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Loretta Nevil Crittenden of Fort Worth; a daughter, Joy Crittenden Matejek of Midland; three brothers, F.M. Crittenden Jr. and D.M. Crittenden, both of Fort Worth; Archie Crittenden of Arkansas; and two sisters, Jo Bennett of Arizona and Betty Whitehurst of Nevada.

Johnnie Burns

Services for Johnnie Burns of Midland are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Ellis Chapel. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

William Irvin Currie

William Irvin Currie died Friday, July 17 at his residence. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 21 in Bellview Baptist Church with Rev. Myron Unruh officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 16, 1916 in Belmont, La. to William Wesley Currie and Vessie Vivettie Haley. He moved to Stanton with his family in 1924, graduating from Stanton High School. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II, serving in North Africa, Italy, France and Australia. While attending Sul Ross University, he worked at The Sweet Shop, eventually owning it. He moved to Midland in the early 1950s and worked for Zales Jewelers, later owning Currie Jewelers until 1974.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Alta Currie in 1986.

Survivors include his daughter, Sandy Singer of Midland, a brother, Milton Currie of Stanton, a grandson, great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Mona Dickson

Mona Ruth Dickson died Saturday, July 18 in a Midland hospital. Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 22 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Edwards of St. Luke's United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 4, 1907 in Ardmore, Okla. to Ron L. Webb and Alice Butcher Webb. She married Hugh Dickson Nov. 18, 1926 in Ardmore, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1963. She was the staff organist at Ellis Funeral Home for many years and for St. Luke's United Methodist Church for over 20 years.

Survivors include her son, James Hugh Dickson of Cleveland, Okla.; a daughter, Ann Dickson Church of Fort Worth, eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Friday

Burglary of A Vehicle: A report of a burglary was made at 11:30 p.m. at 1001 W. College.

Saturday

Auto Theft: A 1988 black two-door Honda CRX was reported stolen from 2801 Kessler at 11:12 a.m. by Shan James. The car was later recovered with the dashboard ruined and interior ransacked.

Burglary of a Business: A window was broken and items taken from Friends Convenience Store at 2404 N. Big Spring, reported Ysidro Rubio Guzman at 3:04 a.m.

Burglary of a Business: A business at 1501 N. Big Spring was burglarized, reported Debbie Chiu at 2:56 p.m.

Burglary of a Residence: Norma Boles reported a burglary at the residence at 2005 W. Texas at 4:30 a.m. A back window was broken out and items taken from the home.

Burglary of a Vehicle: Two vehicles at 1110 E. Scharbauer were reported burglarized at 2 a.m. Jaime Martinez reported that a window broken and items taken from his truck while Tomas Lopez reported a broken window and items taken from his automobile.

Criminal Mischief: Water balloons were thrown at a vehicle at Nobles and Big Spring, cracking the windshield, reported Monica Salcido at 5:45 a.m.

Criminal Mischief: Lucas Acosta reported at 5:14 p.m. that his car was "keyed" while parked at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff.

Criminal Mischief: The right side of a vehicle at 1000 W. Interstate 20 was scratched, reported Susan Willhelm at 9 a.m.

Theft: Two juveniles were caught shoplifting at Claire's Boutique in Midland Park Mall, 4511 Midkiff, at 12:20 p.m.

Theft: Willis Ratliff reported at 3:30 p.m. that cash had been taken from a purse left at Big 5 Sports, 4100 Loop 250.

Sunday

Criminal Mischief: A vehicle at 3100 Caldera was damaged, reported Richard Gardner at 12:16 a.m.

Criminal Mischief: A vehicle at 3713 Humble was damaged with a brick or bat; the windshield and passenger door window were broken, radio antenna was broken and passenger door dented. A report was made at 3:09 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Saturday

Criminal Mischief: Signs were pulled up at the Las Colinas complex at 3315 Godfrey, reported Gary Painter at 4:56 a.m.

Criminal Mischief: A golf ball was hit through the windshield of a vehicle at 3511 S. County Road 1312, reported Mary Aguirre at 8:54 p.m.

Sunday

Burglary of a Business: The offices at TMBR/Sharp Drilling, 4517 W. Industrial, were reported taken into at 8:08 a.m.

DEAR ABBY

Server shouldn't ask whether to give change

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I go out for lunch quite often. Our check is typically about $15, to which I customarily add a 15 percent tip.

Van Buren

My problem is the food servers who ask if I want my change back. This puts me in an awkward situation because it appears that the server is expecting a $5 tip, which in my opinion is too much for a $15 check.

Abby, this happens all the time, and it's getting me steamed. I think it's totally improper for a food server to ask for a tip, and to specify the amount.

How would you handle a situation like this? — STEAMED IN BOSTON

DEAR STEAMED: I would tell the server that, yes, I wanted my change. Then I'd leave a 15 or 20 percent tip, depending on the service I'd received. Although in the past, servers have written to tell me that the question is asked to save a trip back to the table, I consider it to be presumptuous. Servers should courteously return change to the customer as a matter of course.

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to "Lost in North Carolina," who has herpes.

I am fortunate to be in a relationship with a fine woman who knows how much she is worth and brings joy and a great attitude into my life and the lives of her children. Yes, she has herpes. She had it long before I met her, and I knew she had it before I asked her to go out with me. She had so many of the important qualities I was looking for in a woman that it was not an issue.

With proper care and proper precaution, "Lost in North Carolina" can have a normal life and a great sex life to go with it. My darling and I have been together two years, and I have not contracted herpes. I expect to live a long life with her and not have a problem. And if I get herpes, it will not be the end of the world. There is life after herpes.

To "Lost," I would say, "Start believing in yourself and don't look for reasons to fail. If you think no one will want you, it will become a self-fulfilling prophecy. The fact that you have herpes will not stop someone from loving you. What will is a defeatist attitude." Sign me ... HOLDING THE HAND OF SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN THERE

DEAR HOLDING: I subscribe to your philosophy for successful living — and it applies to more challenges than herpes. Thank you for a helpful letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I write to offer hope to the lady who confided to you that she feels that now she has genital herpes, no one will ever want her.

When I caught genital herpes two years ago, I felt the same way. Back then I took your advice and contacted the Herpes Foundation. These caring people got me set up with my local support chapter and I began attending their monthly meetings. Through these meetings I met my soul mate, who is also afflicted.

We plan to be married in the future. Out of something bad came something wonderful! I hope this helps the woman who wrote to you by letting her know that all is not lost. — LIVING (WELL) IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that may not seem like a big deal to most people, but it really bothers me.

I meet people, and the next time I see them, they do not remember having met me. While I can't always remember the name of a new acquaintance, I can at least remember having met that person.

Abby, it's a blow to my ego when someone has no recollection of having met me. I admit that I am on the shy and quiet side; perhaps that is why I'm not remembered.

Is there anything I can do to make a lasting impression? — MR. FORGETTABLE

DEAR MR.: A good way to be remembered is to pay a new acquaintance a compliment. You need not go overboard, but everyone appreciates being complimented.

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Tracks reopen after Milam County derailment

CAMERON (AP) — A railroad bridge was reopened Sunday after crews replaced a support that collapsed when a train derailed Friday evening, officials said.

Officials began letting trains use the bridge in Milam County shortly after midnight, Burlington Northern Santa Fe spokesman Jim Sabourin said Sunday.

The railroad bridge was the same one used Thursday by a train carrying two cars of napalm to the Houston suburb of Deer Park for recycling.

Motorists still face a roundabout detour along U.S. Highway 190 in Milam County, also named Texas Highway 36 along the stretch, said Bill Powers, spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Powers said the highway under the bridge is blocked by fill dirt now supporting the overhead tracks, and the railroad has had trouble constructing a detour that would have taken motorists only 1 mile out of the way.

Instead, motorists will have to use a detour involving farm to market roads until at least late Monday afternoon, Powers said Sunday.

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Desperate immigrants risk death to cross border

FALFURRIAS (AP) — It took 15 days for Juan Martinez, a father of four, to make it to South Texas from his home in central Mexico.

Carrying only a 2-liter bottle of water that he refilled from yard sprinklers, the illegal immigrant plodded in scorching heat through thorny brushland and rocks.

Finally his water ran out. Afraid he would die in the desert, Martinez sought help at a ranch, where security officers called the U.S. Border Patrol and he was captured.

On Sunday, as Martinez awaited deportation at the Falfurrias Border Patrol checkpoint 80 miles north of the border, he vowed to rest up for a few weeks at home and try all over again — maybe with a bigger bottle of water.

He was unfazed by the knowledge that 43 illegal immigrants have died on the same journey from heat exhaustion, dehydration and other heat-related causes. A 13-year-old boy found dead Saturday was expected to raise the toll.

"Knowing that, I still risked it," said Martinez, who had hoped to find work fishing or working on a ranch. "I'm scared, but I need to risk my life."

The area around the Falfurrias border checkpoint on state Highway 281 is a combination of shaded pastures and wild country. Part of the storied King Ranch is here, along with other sprawling spreads.

In the wild brushland, bushes taller than an average person provide plenty of cover for immigrants who are dropped off by smugglers in Brooks and Kenedy counties. They then try to navigate the terrain to make it to a rendezvous spot north of the checkpoints.

There are some well-marked sand paths used by immigrants, evidenced by footprints in the soft soil, discarded water jugs and shirts and sweaters left on nearby bushes.

But since those same paths are watched by the Border Patrol, some immigrants head out into the thick tangle of cactus and mesquite. Some are guided by signs marking oil and gas pipelines. At night, the twinkling lights of distant microwave towers beckon. But many get lost.

"They don't know the terrain," said Francisco Z. Camacho, supervisor at the Falfurrias border patrol station. "They get dropped off at night. They walk all night. Suddenly it's daylight, the sun comes up, they get dehydrated and sick."

On Saturday, Camacho said, agents found a 13-year-old boy who died as he and his older cousins tried to walk north. The two older men were deported to Mexico after they were caught.

"It's just the same old need to get through," Camacho said.

AP Photo

A Mexican national naps on the floor of a holding cell at the Border Patrol Station in Falfurrias. The death count among illegal immigrants in Texas has reached 44, with the discovery earlier Saturday of a 13-year-old boy's body in Brooks County.

Zoo animals escape triple-digit temperatures as humans bake

DALLAS (AP) — Zookeepers coping with a deadly heat wave that has killed at least 79 people in Texas in recent weeks are trying to keep their charges cool by hosing off the red pandas and snow leopards three times a day and feeding ice blocks to the primates.

Even the animals are doing their part.

"Unlike people, who continue to exercise, animals will make behavioral changes" during extreme heat, Dallas Zoo bird curator Chuck Siegel said Sunday. "They'll sit in the shade. They will remain motionless."

The human death toll since May from the heat includes 36 Texans and 43 undocumented immigrants found dead along or near the U.S.-Mexico border as they tried to cross open desert and rangeland.

And conditions are not expected to improve any time soon. Dallas reached 100 by Sunday afternoon, marking the 14th straight day of triple-digit temperatures.

Highs across the state are likely to hit 100 or more through Wednesday.

This summer is comparable to the infamous summer of 1980, when the Lone Star state saw 42 consecutive days of 100-degree temperatures and dozens of heat-related deaths.

The heat and a prolonged drought are causing other problems.

Increased water use has put a strain on the water systems of several communities, causing a handful of water-main breaks every day.

City crews in two days last week were called out to fix 67 water mains in Dallas. That's more than they would normally handle in two weeks.

"The demand is so high, and we're pumping so much more water through the pipes that they can't take it," Janell Mirochna, a Dallas Water Utilities spokeswoman, told the Dallas Morning News.

Dallas Water Utilities has put repair crews on 12-hour shifts, and crews at TU Electric are working around the clock.

"We don't have any choice," said Sandy Smith, a TU spokeswoman. "In weather like this, the luxury of air conditioning becomes something that's a matter of life and death."

Zachary Thompson, deputy director of Dallas County Health and Human Services, spent most of Sunday unloading box fans and window units that were donated to the county health department for people without air conditioners.

And for people who do not use their air conditioners for fear of high electric bills, Thompson said the county has established a program where people can donate money to help with the bills.

"You may not be the one donating the air conditioner, but you may be the one chipping in toward the electric bills," he said.

Zoo officials in Fort Worth and Dallas said people could learn a few lessons from animals on keeping cool.

Ron Sarratt, mammal curator at the Fort Worth Zoo, said the Asian rhinos spend most of their time in the pool and most other animals do not stand in direct sunlight for long periods of time

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USA 95, Spain 78

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Former Texas Tech standout Jason Sasser scored 15 points and former Xavier player Michael Hawkins added 12 points, four assists and three steals as all 15 USA Basketball players scored in Sunday's 95-78 exhibition victory over Spain.

It was USA Basketball's second victory in as many days in preparation for the World Championships, following Saturday's 93-63 rout of France.

With the Americans ahead 49-40 with 17:50 remaining, Hawkins hit a 3-pointer to start a 19-8 run and give them a 68-48 lead.

"I thought that Spain was a lot more physical and we got into foul trouble early," USA coach Rudy Tomjanovich of the Houston Rockets said. "We didn't make the adjustment to the way they were calling the game and we put them on the line a lot in the first half. I thought it was a good learning experience for us. I was pleased with the way we came out in the second half and kept the defensive intensity high."

The exhibition was the second of three scheduled in Europe for the USA team before it begins World Championship play on July 29. The Americans will play the Italian National Team in Rome on July 25.

NBA meetings

MIAMI — For the first time since the National Basketball Association instituted its lockout at the end of last month, representatives of the players association will meet with Commissioner David Stern on Tuesday.

"I want to see where he is and whether there's any possibility of reaching an accord between now and the time to go to camp," the players association's executive director, Billy Hunter, said Sunday at Miami Arena before a charity game organized by Heat center Alonzo Mourning. "Is there any light at the end of the tunnel?"

Hunter requested the meeting with Stern, as he had promised to do after meeting with all but four of the league's player representatives last week in Hawaii.

The heart of the dispute is over the owners' desire to put a ceiling on how much players earn. The owners would like to change a system in which player salaries account for more than 57 percent of basketball-related revenue taken in by the league.

Hunter calculated that there were more than 100 NBA players last season making the minimum salary — $272,000 — compared with 22 whom the league feels may be excessively compensated. "So the issue is about the owners being able to cap the guys who are responsible for putting the fans in the seats," he said.

Hunter reiterated that he seriously doubted the league's assertion that nearly half its 29 teams lost money last season. "Maybe there's one or two at the most," he said. "And there's nothing there that couldn't be overcome by better management."

Hunter came here to offer assurances about the union's strength to 30 of his constituents, including Gary Payton, Mitch Richmond, Juwan Howard, Allen Iverson, Glen Rice and Vin Baker, who participated in Sunday's game, and Patrick Ewing, the players association president, who was here for moral support.

Ewing, sporting a blue wrap on his long-mending right wrist, said the union had never been more unified and was ready for anything. He declined to answer further questions.

For Ewing and Hunter, Sunday's game — dubbed Zo's Summer Groove II — was a chance to laugh and clap with the rest of the fans, estimated at 7,000, who paid from $17.50 to $33.50 for tickets. Proceeds went to two charities in the South Florida area.

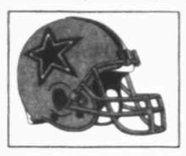
The players seemed divided on how long the lockout would last.

LaFleur looks to flourish in new offense

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

WICHITA FALLS — Tight end David LaFleur was the forgotten man in the Dallas Cowboys offense last year.

He is just hoping that in new coach Chan Gailey's wide open offense, there will be some plays designed for him.



"I'm very optimistic about this season," said LaFleur, a first round draft pick two years ago out of Louisiana State University. "Last year was a learning experience for me. Now, I'll be in an offense a lot like the one we had in college. I think they'll get the ball to me particularly if linebackers pick me up man-to-man."

Gailey, the former Pittsburgh offensive coordinator known for his inventiveness, said he is counting heavily on the 6-foot-6, 260-pound LaFleur to contribute this year.

"David's development is very important to us this season," Gailey said. "We look for him to make a big jump in production from last year and if he does, it will really help our offense."

LaFleur mostly blocked for the Cowboys last year and did that well. In one game, he had five pancake blocks.

But Dallas fans expected more because of the contributions of Jay Novacek in seasons past, when he was the most prolific pass-catching tight end in the NFL.

LaFleur showed his promise against Cincinnati in a late-season game when he caught his first NFL touchdown passes on tosses of 13 and 12 yards from Troy Aikman.

But for the season, LaFleur had only 18 catches for 122 yards and the two TD passes against the Bengals.

"I think I showed in that game what I'm capable of doing," LaFleur said. "It's a matter of working on the same page with Troy and having him get confidence in me."

Aikman says that will be no problem.

"I think David is going to work well in this new scheme," Aikman said. "He is tall and makes a great target. I think we'll be going to him much more this season."

The Cowboys recently signed Eric Bjornson to a two-year contract. He was the primary receiving threat at tight end until he fractured a fibula last year. But Bjornson will

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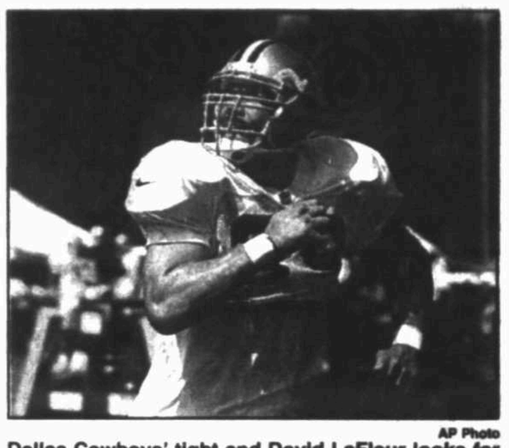

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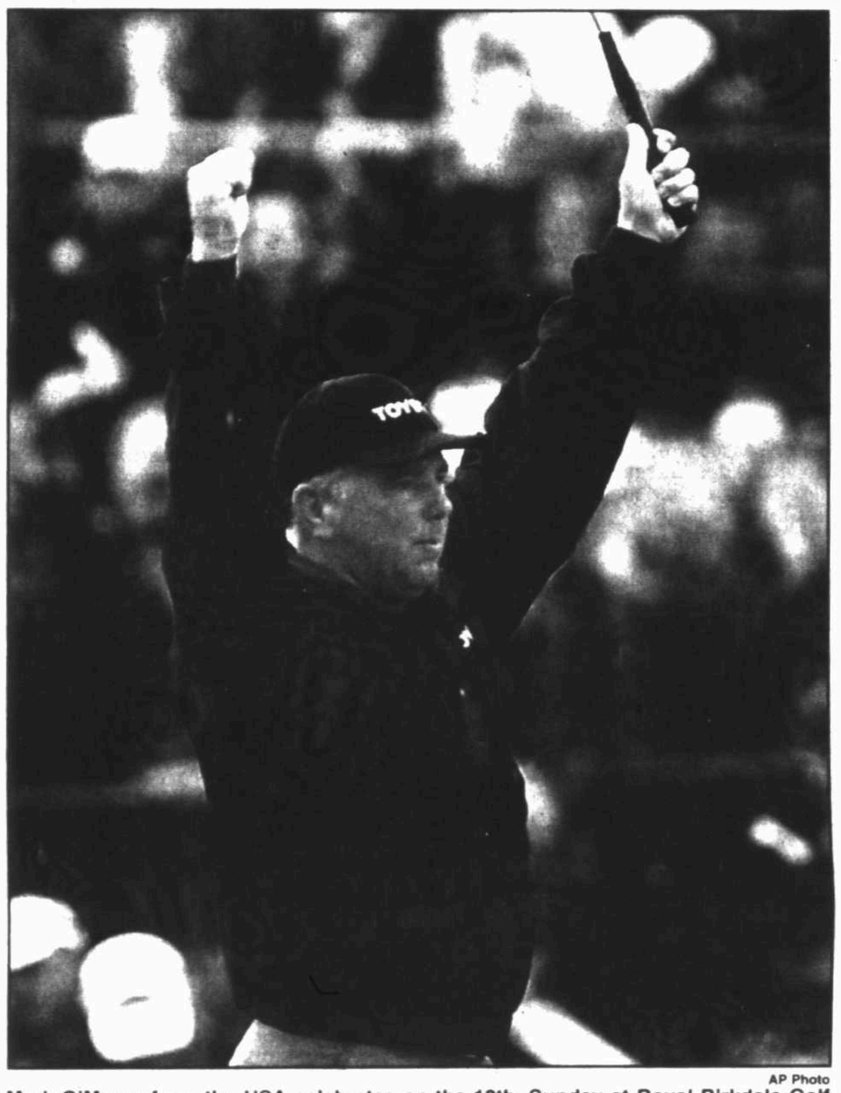
Dallas Cowboys' tight end David LaFleur looks for a pass during practice in Wichita Falls on Friday. LaFleur was a first round draft pick two years ago.



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Mark O'Meara from the USA celebrates on the 18th, Sunday at Royal Birkdale Golf Club, in North West England after winning the 1998 British Open Golf Championships in a playoff against fellow American Brian Watts.

Steady O'Meara wins British Open

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

SOUTHPORT, England — Not even best in his own neighborhood to start the year, Mark O'Meara is now the champion of golf.

He basked in suddenly sunny skies on the 18th green of Royal Birkdale on Sunday, the claret jug in his hand and a green jacket in his closet back home in Florida.

For 18 years, his steady, grinding play was good enough for 14 victories on the PGA Tour, but never a mention as one of the game's elite players.

Even in the Orlando haven of golfing stars known as Isleworth, he was stuck in the shadows of Tiger Woods and Ernie Els.

O'Meara changed that by winning the British Open in a playoff over Brian Watts, raising his arms in defiant triumph just like he had done three months earlier at Augusta National.

"It's just an incredible feeling to have won two major championships in a year," O'Meara said. "If I could put my finger on it, I'd have done it earlier in my career. It's just not that easy."

On a day of heroics and miracle shots, when Birkdale demanded a little more than 72 holes of even par, O'Meara drew from his steely nerves to become the first player since Nick Faldo in 1990 to win the Masters and the British Open in the same year.

"I use past experience to my advantage," said O'Meara, who closed with a 2-under 68 and beat Watts by two strokes in the four-hole playoff. "Even though I'm nervous, more times than not I've been able to finish off the deal."

At 41, O'Meara became the oldest player to win two majors in the same year. Jack Nicklaus (1980), Ben Hogan (1953) and Craig Wood (1941) were all 40 when they won two majors.

O'Meara and Watts, a 32-year-old Oklahoman who plays on the Japanese tour, both finished at 280, the first time even par has won the Open since Greg Norman in 1986 at Turnberry.

Woods roared from behind with birdies on three of the last four holes and narrowly missed the playoff. He closed with a 66, tied with Scotland's Raymond Russell for the best round of the day, to finish at 281.

Russell, Jim Furyk, Jesper Parnevik and the 17-year-old amateur Justin Rose of England were at 282.

"Of all the championships in the world, this in my opinion is the most special," O'Meara said.

He won it with the steady play that has marked his career, in the face of one dramatic finish after another on a breezy day at Birkdale.

First came Woods, pumping his fist in rapid-fire succession with each of his three birdies over the final four holes. Needing a birdie on No. 18 to tie for the lead at 1 over, he rammed home a 30-footer and let out a roar.

"Unfortunately, it wasn't good enough," Woods said after his best finish in a major since he won the Masters last year.

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Jones makes it nine in a row

By Bert Rosenthal
AP Track Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Not even a false start could keep Marion Jones from winning her ninth consecutive 100-meter race.

■ Goodwill Games

On her second try, Jones burst out of the blocks and raced to a three-yard victory at the Goodwill Games Sunday night.

Although her time of 10.90 seconds was her second-slowest of the year, it was the eighth straight time she had broken 11 seconds. No other sprinter has done it more than six times.

Even more impressive was that Jones was running into a headwind of nearly 2 mph and facing a field in which all the runners had broken 11 seconds — the fastest ever assembled.

No one but Jones, the second-fastest woman ever in the 100 behind Florence Griffith Joyner, could break 11 this time.

Ukraine's Zhanna Pintusevich was second at 11.09, with Inger Miller third at 11.18, and Jamaica's Merlene Ottey fourth at 11.21.

Dan O'Brien, the Olympic gold medalist and world record-holder in the decathlon, returned to the event for the first time since the Atlanta Games and had a respectable showing.

After the first five events, O'Brien was in second place with 4,575 points, 45 behind Chris Huffins, the U.S. champion and world leader.

"I felt the two years' off," O'Brien said. "I wanted to finish in style, but I just didn't get a good rhythm going in the 400. My overall fitness is good and my technique was solid."

O'Brien was ahead of his Olympic pace after four events and was leading the final event, the 400, into the stretch before finishing third. He also ran well early in the 100, again slowing in the closing meters.

"I had a great first four events," he said.

Huffins was pleased with his overall performance.

"This was a very solid day, better than nationals," Huffins said after accumulating 4,620 points. "At the nationals, I didn't do anything outrageous during the second day, so hopefully I can do better tomorrow and get a higher score (than 8,694)."

The final five decathlon events will be Monday.

John Godina, the world leader in the shot put and discus, won the shot at 70 feet, 4 1/2 inches, after finishing a disappointing third in the discus at 206-2 behind Dmitri Shevchenko (212-8) and Andy Bloom (209-11).

AP Photo
Dan O'Brien lands his second long jump during the decathlon at the 1998 Goodwill Games at the Nassau County Mitchell Athletics Complex in Uniondale, N.Y.

Ato Boldon, the 200 world champion from Trinidad and Tobago, blazed around the curve and raced to a two-meter victory over Tyree Washington in 20.15. The time matched the fifth-fastest of the year, even though the race was run into a headwind.

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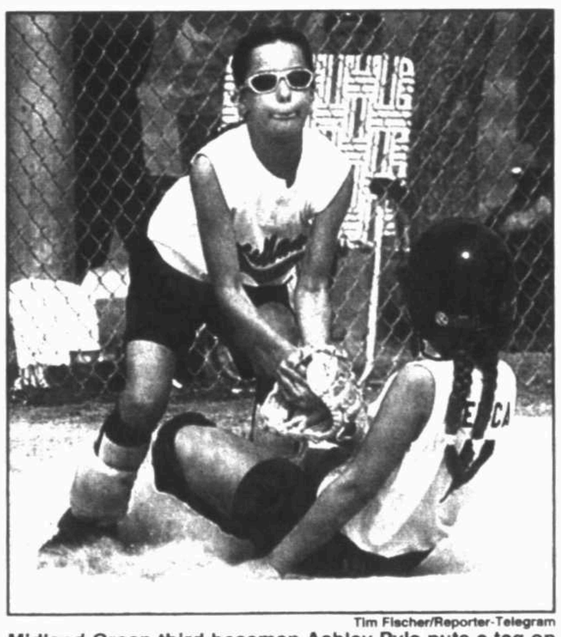

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Midland Green third baseman Ashley Pyle puts a tag on the sliding Erica Juarrez of Jal, N.M., for an out in Division I (10-under) play during the All-Star softball tournament play at the MUGS fields over the weekend. Midland Green didn't make the finals of Sunday's championship round, however.

Odessa teams take two titles home

■ Midland team captures Division IA championship in dramatic fashion.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Odessa won two of the five titles taken at Midland's United Girls Softball All-Star tournament Sunday at the MUGS fields, taking the Division I (10-under) and Division III (14-under) crowns.

Midland captured one of the tournament championships, winning the Division IA (8-under, machine pitch) title in dramatic fashion.

Midland took a 16-15 win over Odessa Red in IA when Ashley Ruggles knocked in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Valarie Esquivel also was a huge factor in the game, getting three hits to the outfield, driving in five runs in the game. Esquivel went all the way around the bases on two of her hits.

"We got beat by Odessa (Red) in pool play early in the tournament, something like 12-10, but we just ran out of time in that game," said Midland coach Lee Summers. "This game was close the whole time, but the girls played hard the whole tournament."

Odessa Blue won the machine pitch consolation title with a win over Andrews.

Even though Odessa won two of the division titles, it had to be creative. In the Division III title game, Odessa Blue's Miss-stix found themselves on the short end of a 6-0 game with Monahans in the title game, but scored seven runs in the last inning to take the victory. In Division I play, Odessa Blue defeated Andrews 9-8 in their last at-bat.

The Miss-stix got a break when the Monahans pitcher went down to the searing heat. That opened the door for the seven-run rally where Frances Esparza's bases loaded triple started the rally and Amber Pierce's double later scored Meghan Cox with the winning run.

"We were down 6-0 with one time at the plate left," said Odessa coach Dwayne Cox. "It looked a little dark, but we got that bases loaded triple and we felt we could win it. I think their pitcher got sick from the heat and she had really pitched a good game. This was the first time in the whole tournament that we were the home team. It couldn't have come at a better time."

Midland Blue defeated Fort Stockton to win the Division III consolation title.

In Division I, Odessa Blue, which had a 6-0 record in the tournament, got the win when Kayli Cooper got the game winning hit in the bottom of the fifth inning, breaking open an 8-8 tie with Andrews.

"Coming in I felt like we could win this tournament," said Odessa coach Gary Smith, "but we had a tough time with Andrews. We played Andrews earlier (Sunday) and we won that one 13-12 in our last at-bat."

Lubbock defeated Fort Stockton to win the Division I consolation title.

Jal, N.M., took the Division II (12-under) championship with an 8-0 blanking of Andrews. Jami Smith

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Two Cowboys defenders go down with injuries, could be lost for entire season

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have lost two defensive players to knee injuries.

Linebacker Broderick Thomas was hurt in Sunday's late practice, a day after cornerback Wendell Davis went down during a passing drill.

Owner Jerry Jones said Thomas could miss the entire season, but trainer Jim Maurer said it was too early to tell.

"We'll have to see after an MRI," Maurer said.

Thomas had been moved from defensive end to linebacker and was being counted upon to be one of the Cowboys primary rushers on obvious passing downs.

Coach Chan Gailey said Davis "is definitely out for the season. It's a tough injury because he got hurt last year."

Davis underwent arthroscopic surgery in January for a tear suffered in a Dec. 22 game against Washington.

"It seems like everything has been going against me but I'm determined to come back again," said the former Oklahoma Sooner.

■ Cowboys Notebook

RISING STAR: Eubanks moving up with a bullet

Mark down No. 15 on your training camp roster as one of the most impressive wide receivers.

He's Anthony Eubanks, a free agent from Arkansas.

Eubanks has made catch after catch in drills, including several spectaculars grabs in Sunday's 105-degree heat.

"This kid has been making catches since he showed up in our mini-camps (Valley Ranch)," said coach Chan Gailey. "He's been doing it every day down here, too."

TEEING IT UP: Cowboys get golf break

The Dallas Cowboys will take up golf on Monday during a break from the training-camp grind. Wichita Falls Country Club will be the site of the annual team golf outing.

Coach Chan Gailey said he would just as soon be working but said the team probably could stand a little rest.

"Not many coaches want players playing in golf tournaments in the middle of training camp," said Gailey, who is about a 2-handicapper himself.

NEW OFFENSE: Where's the Shotgun?

Yet another practice went by without the Cowboys unveiling the shotgun offense that coach Gailey has promised to use.

Quarterback Troy Aikman said it is coming soon.

"We'll be working it into the offense late next week," said Aikman who has decided to give it a try.

"I'm fine with the Shotgun, no problem," said Aikman, who could gain a valuable second or two from the defensive pass rush in the formation where he takes a direct snap from center.

ATTENDANCE: Cowboys a Hot Draw

Despite a blowtorch-hot sun, the Cowboys are packing them in at Midwestern State University.

Over 3,000 fans braved the 100-degree plus weather on Sunday to attend the late practice.

"I hear the cheers," said coach Gailey. "We appreciate them. I think it gives our players added incentive. This is an excellent training facility."

AP Photo

Annika Sorenstam watches her drive on the second hole during final round play in the JAL Big Apple Classic golf tournament on Sunday. Sorenstam won the tournament with a 4-day score of 19-under par.

Sorenstam gets record-breaking LPGA victory

Associated Press

■ Golf Roundup

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — Annika Sorenstam finished off her assault on the JAL Big Apple Classic record book Sunday with a 4-under-par 67 for her third tournament win of the year.

The 27-year-old established marks for 72-hole total (265), strokes under par (19) and margin of victory (eight) after setting the 54-hole record on Saturday and going into the final round with a six-stroke lead.

Joan Pitcock had three birdies in a four-hole stretch on the back nine and closed with a 66 to finish second at 273. Michell Estill, who started the final round in second place, had a 71 and was alone at 275. Betsy King was another stroke back in fourth after a 67.

Estill was as close as four strokes early in the final round, but Sorenstam pulled away with birdies at Nos. 6, 7 and 8 to offset two early bogeys.

Sorenstam then put it away with birdies at Nos. 12, 13 and 15 on the 6,161-yard Wykagyl Country Club course. Her closing round matched her opening 67 which she followed with a 66 and the third-round 65.

Sorenstam, who has won all three of her tournaments since the first weekend in June, tied rookie sensation Se Ri Pak with the three wins and passed Pak to take over the No. 1 spot on the money list with the winner's share of $116,250 giving her $661,724 for the year.

The 1995 and 1997 LPGA player of the year, Sorenstam has won 15 tournaments in her career, nine in the last two years. She set the money record last season with over $1.2 million.

The previous lowest score in the Big Apple Classic was Michele Redman's 272 last year, and the lowest total under par was Betsy King's 15-under in 1990 when the course played to a par of 72. The largest margin of victory was Caroline Pierce McMillan's five-stroke win in 1996 when the tournament was 54 holes.

Sorenstam's year has been as impressive as her four rounds this week. She has finished in the top 10 in 11 of the 13 official events she has played.

Pak's winning streak came to an end with a final-round 76 that left her at 4-over 288. She won the U.S. Women's Open in a 20-hole playoff two weeks ago — her second major of the year — and set LPGA records for a round (61) and total (23-under 261) in last week's Jamie Farr Kroger Classic.

"Many, many times today I have bad breaks," she said. "Today I did not play well, but I'm happy I do my best and fans here are so great."

Funk back on top after winning Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic

MADISON, Miss. — Fred Funk used a stretch of birdies on the back nine Sunday to win the Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic for his fifth PGA Tour victory.

Funk, who had finished in the top five in three of his last four tournaments, had four birdies down the stretch for a final-round 68. He finished with a four-day total of 18-under 270 and his first victory since the 1996 B.C. Open.

Franklin Langham, who was trying to become the PGA Tour's fourth first-time winner in six weeks, blew a four-stroke lead on the back nine and lost any chance for a victory by messing up at No. 17 for the second day in a row.

Langham finished two strokes back in second place with Paul Goydos and Tim Loustalot, who carded a final-round 66 for his first top 30 finish in 37 tournaments.

Funk, who began the final round tied with Mike Brisky, two shots ahead of the field, played the front nine in even par. As he stood in the No. 10 fairway at 14-under, Langham tapped in a birdie on the green to go to 18-under.

But Langham, who had a front-nine 31, bogeyed the 11th, 13th, 14th and 17th, where he had a triple bogey on Saturday.

Like Langham, Funk had a tap-in birdie at the 407-yard 10th. Funk took a par at No. 11 and then sank long birdie putts on the next two holes to take a one-stroke lead.

Funk, the former Maryland golf coach, entered the tournament with more than $4.2 million in 10 full PGA Tour seasons.

After finishing third in the Kemper Open, he withdrew from the Buick Open after a first-round 74 and then followed with top-five finishes the last two weeks at Hartford and Quad City.

Loustalot had nine birdies and three bogeys Sunday. The former Nike Tour player, who regained his PGA card at Qualifying School last winter, had made just 10 cuts before this weekend and had never finished better than 32nd.

Brisky quickly fell out of contention for his first PGA Tour victory when he started the day double bogey-bogey.

Brisky's first two shots of the day hit trees and the third ended up in a bunker short of the green, and he didn't get up and down. On No. 2, a 213-yard par 3, his tee shot missed the green to the right. After pitching over a small creek, he two-putted for bogey.

Nelson gives Irwin scare in Ameritech Senior

LONG GROVE, Ill. — After two days of total dominance, Hale Irwin needed some luck and a couple of bad shots from Larry Nelson to hang on for a three-stroke victory in the Ameritech Senior Open.

Nelson kept the pressure on the struggling Irwin all day, making eight birdies and trying a gutsy drive over 60-foot trees on the 18th. But he put two shots in the water on the back nine, and missed birdie putts on the 17th and 18th.

Irwin birdied just two holes on his way to a 73 — his first plus-70 score in 11 rounds — and finished at 15-under 201. Nelson shot a 68 to finish at 12-under 204.

It was a long, tough day for Irwin. He finally smiled in relief when he sank a birdie putt on 18, tipping his cap to the crowd and patting Nelson on the back.

It was Irwin's fourth Senior PGA Tour victory this season, and 17th overall on the senior tour. His first senior victory was in 1995 at this tournament at Stonebridge Country Club.

The senior circuit's money leader picked up $195,000 for the victory, giving him $1,735,250 for the year. Nelson, who's won two tournaments this season, earned $114,400.

Irwin looked like he was going to run away with the tournament after the first two rounds. His 10-under 62 on Friday set a new record at Kemper Lakes Golf Course, and his eight-stroke lead after two rounds tied the senior tour record for largest lead, initially set by Arnold Palmer in the 1984 PGA Seniors' Championship.

But while everyone else was conceding the tournament, Nelson said it was still possible to catch Irwin. And he set out to prove it.

He started his run on No. 3, chipping in from 15 feet. As the ball dropped into the cup, the crowd cheered and Nelson exchanged a high-five with his caddy. He birdied the next four holes before his 3-foot birdie putt hit the rim and bounced out on No. 8.

LOCAL SPORTS

McGee wins MCC title

Mac McGee won his second Midland Country Club Stroke-play Championship Sunday at MCC.

McGee, who also won the title in 1995, shot a final-round 74 to hold on to a one-stroke lead over Reece Boudreaux. McGee finished with a 221 while Boudreaux finished with a 222.

Charles Ray took third, and Harry Bettis and Tim Kohn rounded out the top 5.

Results from the 1998 Strokeplay Championship held this weekend at Midland Country Club. Top 6 finishers listed.

Championship Flight: 1. Mac McGee 74-221. 2. Reece Boudreaux 74-222. 3. Charles Ray 74-225. 4. Harry Bettis 78-227. 5. Tim Kohn 79-227. 6. Steve Cole 74-228 (Low Last Round)

First Flight (Net Scores): 1. Scott Dufford 68-137. 2. Rob Porter 71-145. 3. Mike Stewart 73-146. 4. Earl Freeman 74-151. 5. Ken Sewell 78-152. 6. Stephen McKeller 77-163.

Second Flight (Net Scores): 1. Don Bishop 67-140. 2. Ben Hankins 73-142. 3. Cadell Liedtke 75-145. 4. Lynn Conine 75-147. 5. Robert Bennett 79-148. 6. Charles Gaines 76-148.

Mitchells take RHCC tourney

Skeet and Sterling Mitchell won the championship flight of the Ranchland Hills Country Club Parent-Child Tournament.

The Mitchells beat out Kirk and Korbin Mehaffey for the top spot.

Top three placers from the Ranchland Hills Country Club Parent-Child Tournament.

Championship Flight: 1. Skeet and Sterling Mitchell; 2. Kirk and Korbin Mehaffey; 3. Kirk and Krystal Mehaffey

First Flight: 1. Matt and Mason Manulik; 2. Medford and Chris Owen; 3. Matt and Mik Manulik.

Second Flight: 1. Barbara and Justin Smith; 2. June McGill and Danny Hood; 3. J.L. McGill and Danny Hood.

Third Flight: 1. David and Claire Legg; 2. Duane and Jonathan Harmon; 3. George and Tyler Moody.

Varnadore earns another trophy

ODESSA — Gary Varnadore added another trophy to his trophy case, teaming with Donnie Johnson to win the championship flight of the Dorado Invitational at The Club at Mission Dorado.

Varnadore, who won the Odessa City title earlier this summer, and Johnson won the two-man low ball tournament on the first playoff hole. They defeated Lonnie McGaughy and Larry Nunez in sudden death after both teams finished 54 holes of regulation with scores of 208.

Results from the Dorado Invitational held this weekend at The Club at Mission Dorado in Odessa. Top 4 Finishers listed.

Championship Flight: 1. Garry Varnadore-Donnie Johnson 71=208 (won on first playoff hole). 2. Lonnie McGaughy-Larry Nunez 72-208. 3. Kelly Eng-Scooter Parks 72-211. 4. Mickey Wilson-Jim Sumner 71-212.

Presidents Flight: 1. Rick Seaton-James Stinnett Jr. 70-213. 2. Eddy Madden-Tim Edgmon 73-214. 3. Jim Reeves-Willie Taylor 74-217. 4. Mark Jones-Lynn Lawrence 73-219.

First Flight: 1. David Barton-Dean Kelly 72-216. 2. George McKinzey-Bobby Jones 76-216. 3. Carl Goetz-Randy Russell 74-219. 4. Jim Gilbert-Curtis Guss 75-220.

Second Flight: 1. Jimmy Goates-Fred Crawford 70-217. 2. Paul Slaughter-Kelly Hughes 74-219. 3. Joe Jamigan-Ray Chavez 76-222. 4. Mark McCollum-Junior Caraway 75-227.

Third Flight: 1. Brad Robinson-Joel Shelton 76-222. 2. Dee Witt-Randy Pack 78-225. 3. Bob Glast-Bob Dickerson 78-227. 4. Bill Perkins-Kenneth Butler 78-228.

Fourth Flight: 1. James Haest-Bill Jasperson 71-224. 2. Willie Hill Jr.-Sam Silvas 70-230. 3. Dan Gallager-Kim Boudreaux 81-234. 4. Ernie Crawford-Wayne Elder 77-239.

Fifth Flight: 1. Jackie Mitchell-Boyd Finch 77-228. 2. Doug Scott-David Mladenka 79-231. 3. Rodney King-Larry Handlin 81-231. 4. David Waldrop-Bobby Woods 74-232.

Sixth Flight: 1. Tom and Reagan Rees 79-242. 2. Jerry Brooks-Stebe Mareschal 82-245. 3. Kit Dennis-Greg Dugas 81-247. 4. Johnny Fayo-Larry Briley 83-248.

Hogue grabs bowling gold

AUSTIN — Tommy Hogue, a retired Midland firefighter, took gold in the Texas State Firefighters Olympics this past weekend.

Hogue took first rolling a 706 on a 177 average in the Class B Singles. Hogue rolled a 183, 234 and 289. In the 289 game, he spared the first frame and followed it with 11 strikes.

Hogue also took bronze in all event catagories for his class (173-186 average. The Midland Fire Department team of Hogue, Chris Montgomery, Bob White, Pam Bigg and Phil Cleveland took fifth out of 13 teams.

GAMES: U.S. hoops lose

(From 1C)

Shana Williams took advantage of the absence of Jones, the world leader in the long jump, and became the first American to win the event at the Goodwill Games, leaping a wind-aided 22-9 to beat Russia's Lyudmila Galkina, the 1997 world champion, and Greece's Niki Xanthou, the world championship silver medalist.

Deon Hemmings, the 1996 Olympic champion in the women's 400 hurdles, capitalized on world record-holder Kim Batten's mistake at the final hurdle and won in 54.20.

Mozambique's Maria Mutola led nearly all the way in winning her second Goodwill Games women's 800 in 1:58.83, her season's best. Mutola withstood a late charge from Jearl Miles-Clark, second in 1:59.08. Miles-Clark's sister-in-law, Joetta Clark, was third.

The competition began with basketball, and the U.S. team of college players quickly found out there's a difference at the international level.

Puerto Rico, cheered on by aa clear majority of the 8,700 fans at Madison Square garden, rallied from a 19-point deficit to beat the United States 84-76.

Eddie Casiano scored 31 points fro the winners, while Duke's Elton Brand led the United States with 24.

Australia, behind 17 points from Andrew Gaze, beat Argentina 84-72, and Lithuania beat Russia 79-72.

In gymnastics, Dominique Moceanu, the youngest member of the "Magnificent Seven" gold-medal gymnastics team in Atlanta, won the women's all-around title. She finished with a score of 38.662, well in front of Maria Olaru of Romania with 37.975. Another Romanian, Simona Amanar, was third with 37.850.

In synchronized swimming, a U.S. athlete moved in on history.

Bill May and partner Kristina Lum were in second place behind Russia after the short program of duet, and a medal when the event is completed Monday would be a rare one for a man in an international synchro meet.

The U.S. team, with May as a reserve, also was in second place behind Russia.

OPEN: Rose shines as amateur in tournament

(From 1C)

Then came Rose, his innocent smile as sweet as the name implies. Impervious to the pressure of being an amateur mixing it up with best in the world, he holed a wedge on No. 18 from 45 yards away in the nasty rough for a 69 that put him at 2-over 282.

He raised his hands and smiled into the heavens, soaking in a performance that captivated a country.

"To finish like that was unexplainable," said Rose, who posted the highest finish in the Open by an amateur since Frank Stranahan tied for second four strokes behind Hogan at Carnoustie in 1953.

"It's just one of those magic moments."

But there was one more piece of magic left at Birkdale.

O'Meara broke the 1-over tie with Woods by making a 15-foot birdie putt on the 17th. One group behind, Watts dropped a 12-footer for birdie to join him.

But Watts' drive on the 18th found the clumpy rough left of the fairway, and his approach took one last hop into the bunker, stopping on the down-slope of the sand — no guarantee he would even be able to knock it on the green.

Digging in the sand with his left foot, his right foot flexed at an angle on the grass above, Watts took the club back twice, hovered over the ball and then blasted out.

With O'Meara watching from behind the green, the ball hopped slightly to the right and rolled to within a foot of the cup for a tap-in par, setting the table for even more drama.

The playoff was the first since John Daly beat Costantino Rocca at St. Andrews in 1995 to begin a four-year stretch of American dominance across the Atlantic.

On the way to the 15th hole to start the playoff, O'Meara's caddie, Jerry Higginbotham, turned to him and said, "Just pretend you've got Tiger out for an emergency nine."

O'Meara routinely wins practice rounds against Woods, who lives in the pricey Orlando community of Isleworth along with Ernie Els and Lee Janzen, both two-time U.S. Open champions.

Watts, however, wasn't up to the task.

He missed a 3-foot birdie putt on the par-5 15th, missed another birdie putt from 12 feet on the next hole and only stayed in the game by saving par on the 17th with a 10-foot putt.

O'Meara never wavered, expressionless as he walked down the fairway — always a safe place to be at Birkdale. He birdied the 15th from 5 feet and made two-putt pars the rest of the way.

Watts' last hope was to hole a bunker shot at No. 18, but he shook his head as soon as the ball emerged from a splash of sand and scurried 20 feet past the hole.

Watts two-putted for bogey, his first on any of the last six holes over the four rounds of the tournament.

"I knew I had to hole the bunker shot to have any chance," Watts said. "If you would have told me at the beginning of this week that I'd be in position to win the Open championship, I wouldn't have believed you.

"I'm still proud of myself."

Furyk, hoping to return the majors to the 20-something crowd, also played steady for his first time in contention. But he didn't take advantage of birdie putts when he had them, and he finally fell back when a 10-foot par putt rimmed all the way around the cup on No. 15.

He finished with an even-par 70. In four rounds of fickle British weather — two that featured wind gusts up to 40 mph — Furyk never shot worse than 72.

Parnevik, playing in the final group for the third time at the British Open, also closed with a 70.

O'Meara got $520,000 for the victory, his 23rd worldwide in a career that is just now starting to blossom. Watts won $329,000 for second, which should be good enough to qualify for the PGA Tour next year.

O'Meara won't play again until the PGA Championship next month in Seattle. A win there would make him the first player to win three majors in a year since Hogan won the Masters, U.S. Open and British Open in 1953.

The odds against that are high. Just like they were four months ago, when O'Meara was just another guy trying to make a living.

Favorite Trick gets back on track with Long Branch crown

OCEANPORT, N.J. (AP) — Favorite Trick, the 1997 Horse of the Year who had lost two straight races, got back on the winning track Sunday at Monmouth Park, beating Tomorrows Cat by a head in the $100,000 Long Branch Breeders' Cup Stakes.

The Bill Mott-trained 3-year-old went for the lead from the start in the 1 1-16 mile event and battled Tomorrows Cat most of the way down the backstretch and around the turn.

Jockey Pat Day did not ask for the colt's best until the deep stretch, when Favorite Trick turned back his rival. Sent off as the 1-5 favorite, Favorite Trick paid $2.40 and raced over a fast track in 1:43 in winning his first race since March after defeats in the Arkansas Derby and the Kentucky Derby.

In the John McSorley Stakes, Tarzena turned the tables on Incredible Revenge by a nose after five furlongs on turf in 55 4-5 seconds. The Clyde Ricce-trained mare lost by a neck to Incredible Revenge in their last meeting.

Tarzena returned $4.60 as the second choice in winning her second straight race. Incredible Revenge kept her record strong at five furlongs on turf, where she has 12 wins and three seconds in 15 starts.

GIRLS: Small town Jal wins softball tourney title

(From 1C)

won the game for Jal, hurling the only shutout in the five championship games.

"I guess small town Jal won it all," said Jal coach Bobby Kimball. "We thought we had a good bunch of girls and we came over here and won all six games we played. This was a very good tournament all the way around. We really enjoyed it."

Fort Stockton won the consolation championship over Kermit in Division II.

Monahans took the Division IV (18-under) title in rather easy fashion, beating Odessa Red by a 10-2 margin. Kermit won the Division IV consolation trophy with a win over Midland Green.

BOYS: Tight end feels good about new offense

(From 1C)

be playing more as a wide receiver and setting up in the backfield in four wide receiver sets this season.

"I'm comfortable with the way the offense is going," Bjornson said. "I just want to help in any way I can. It doesn't matter who starts."

Bjornson will still receive a lot of the passes, LaFleur believes.

"Eric can catch the ball and will be in there a lot, particularly on obvious passing downs," LaFleur said. "But I also think my name will be called in the huddle a little more. Eric and I work well together. We want the same thing, a winning season. The last part of last season wasn't a lot of fun."

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AL Boxes

RANGERS 7, DEVIL

TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi	TEXAS
McCkn cf	4	1	1	TGdwin
Boggs 3b	4	0	2	2 McLmr
DaMrtz rf	4	0	1	0 Greer lf
McGriff dh	4	1	1	0 JuGnlz
Trmmll lf	4	0	2	0 WClark
Srrento 1b	4	0	1	0 IRdrgz
Cairo 2b	4	1	2	1 Alicea
DiFlce c	3	0	0	0 Elster
Winn ph	1	0	0	0 FTatis
Blocker ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	35	4	11	4 Totals

Tampa Bay 010 020
Texas 020 050

DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Texas 7. 2B—Boggs (15), McGriff (18), Greer (15). 3B—McCracken, tluGonzalez (27). WClark. HR—McCracken.

	IP	H	R
Tampa Bay			
Rekar L,0-2	4 1-3	8	7
White	3 2-3	2	0
Texas			
Burkett W,6-10	7	10	4
Gunderson	1	0	0
Wetteland S,27	1	1	0

WP—Rekar. T—2:35. A—38,840 (49,166).

ORIOLES 7, ANGE

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	ANAHE
Becker rf	4	1	2	0 Erstad
ByAdsn cf	3	1	1	0 Edmnd
EDavis dh	4	3	2	3 Salmon
RPlmr 1b	3	0	0	1 Fielder
CRpken 3b	5	0	1	2 GAndsn
Surhoff lf	4	1	1	0 Wlbeck
Hoiles c	4	0	2	1 Shipley
Rboulet 2b	3	1	0	0 Bghmn
Bordick ss	3	0	0	0 PIrmro
				DSrcna
Totals	33	7	9	7 Totals

Baltimore 000 002
Anaheim 001 003

Erstad reached first on interference.

E—Hoiles (2), Reboulet (2), Baltimore 1, Anaheim 1. LOB—Baltimore 8, Anaheim 4. 2B—Erstad (32). 3B—GAnderson, EDavis 2 (15). SB—Becker, Salmon 2 (9). CS—RPalmeiro (3), Ivey (3). S—Bordick.

	IP	H	R
Baltimore			
Mussina	6 2-3	7	4
Orosco W,4-1	1 2-3	0	0
ABenitez	2-3	0	0
Anaheim			
Olivares	6 1-3	7	3
Cadaret	1-3	1	1
BHarris	1 1-3	0	0
Percival L,2-4	2-3	1	3
Holtz	1-3	0	0

T—3:18. A—38,840 (45,

ROYALS 4, MARINE

KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi	SEATTL
Alnswrt cf	2	1	1	0 JCora
Offrmn dh	4	0	1	1 ARdrgz
Mack lf	3	0	0	0 Grfy Jr.
Damon lf	0	0	0	0 EMrtnz
JKing 1b	4	0	0	0 Segui
Palmer 3b	4	1	1	1 Buhner
Conine rf	4	0	1	0 DWilsn
Fasano c	4	0	1	0 Mrzano
LRivra 2b	4	1	1	0 Mnhan
MLopez ss	4	1	2	0 Rossy
				RDavis
Totals	33	4	8	2 Totals

Kansas City 102 000
Seattle 100 000

E—DWilson (3). LOB—Kansas City 5, Seattle 11. 2B—Conine (11), MLopez (4). HR—Palmeiro (30), Buhner (19). SB—Allensworth (30), Fasano (1). CS—Offerman (1), Rodriguez (9). S—Allensworth.

	IP	H	R
Kansas City			
Belcher W,9-8	7	4	1
Service	1	0	0
JMtgm S,22	1	1	0
Seattle			
Fassero L,9-6	9	8	4

HBP—by Belcher (Grudzielanek). WP—Belcher. PB—DWilson. A—30,851 (59,084).

ATHLETICS 5, TWI

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi	OAKLA
Nixon cf	4	0	0	0 Robrts
Lawton rf	3	1	1	0 Christn
Molitor dh	4	0	0	0 Gnieve
MCdva lf	4	0	0	0 Mitchll
Ortiz 1b	2	0	0	0 Lesher
Stnbch c	3	0	1	0 Stairs
Mdares ss	4	0	1	0 Giambi
TWlker 2b	4	1	1	0 Voigt
Gates 3b	4	0	3	1 Blwers
				Tejada
				Hinch
Totals	32	2	7	1 Totals

Minnesota 000 010
Oakland 000 111

E—Gates (5), Blowers (13), Tejada (13). DP—Oakland 2. LOB—Minnesota 9, Oakland 7. 2B—Lawton (32), TWalker (23), Gates (6). HR—Stairs 2 (14). SB—L... S—Nixon, Hinch. SF—Ch...

	IP	H	R
Minnesota			
Serafini L,3-3	6 1-3	5	4
Carrasco	1 2-3	2	
Oakland			
Rogers W,10-3	9	7	

HBP—by Rogers (L... 2:56. A—15,117 (45,177

WHITE SOX 8, IND

CLEVELAND	CHIC	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf		3	0	1 0 Drhart
Dnston ss		4	1	0 0 Carus
MRmrz rf		3	0	1 1 FThm
Thome 1b		4	0	0 0 Belle
Frymn 3b		3	0	1 0 Vnturi
Whiten lf		3	0	1 0 MOrd
Justice dh		3	0	0 0 Nortn
Brders c		3	0	0 0 JAbbt
DaBell 2b		3	0	0 0 Cmen
				Kreut
Totals		29	1	4 1 Totals

Cleveland 000 10
Chicago 004 00

E—Dunston 2 (4). Bu... Ghicago 1. LOB—Cleve... go 5. 2B—Whiten (4). ... Belle 2 (25). HR—FT... SB—Dunston (9). SF—...

	IP	H
Cleveland		
Burba L,10-8	5 2-3	9
Mesa	1 1-3	0
Assenmacher	1	0
Chicago		
Sirotka W,9-9	9	4

WP—Burba, Sirotka. 29,543 (44,321).

BLUE JAYS 9, YA

NEW YORK	TOR	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b		4	3	1 0 Phillip
DJeter ss		4	0	1 0 Stew
O'Neill rf		3	0	2 1 Cnsc
BWllms dh		3	0	1 1 SGrc
TMrtnz 1b		3	0	0 1 CDlg
Raines lf		4	0	0 0 Starn
Curtis cf		3	0	1 0 Sprg
Brosius 3b		4	0	0 0 KLB
Girardi c		3	0	1 0 Grbe
Posada ph		1	0	0 0 AGnz
Totals		32	3	7 3 Tota

New York 001 0
Toronto 004 0

E—Grebeck (2), A... DP—New York 1, Toro... New York 8, Toro... Knoblauch (17), O'Ne... (14), Phillips (2). KLBro... (8) HR—Canseco 2 (... (19). SB—CDelgado (2... AGonzalez (14). SF—...

	IP	H
New York		
Pettitte L,12-6	6 2-3	6
Buddie	1 1-3	2
Toronto		
WWlms W,9-4	6 1-3	6
Plesac	1	
Quantrill	2-3	
Stieb	1	

Balk—Buddie. T—... (51,000).

TIGERS 3, RE

BOSTON	DE	ab	r	hbi
DLewis rf		4	0	1 0 BLk
JnVntin 3b		3	0	0 0 Eas
Grsprr ss		3	0	0 0 Hg
MVghn 1b		4	0	2 0 To
Buford cf		4	0	1 0 LG
KeiMtchl lf		4	0	1 0 Bal
Ashley dh		4	1	2 1 GA
Bnghm 2b		3	0	0 0 Bal
Varitek c		3	0	0 0 Ra
Totals		32	1	7 1 To

Boston 001
Detroit 000

DP—Boston 1. L... Detroit 5. 2B—Ashley (18), Beamon (3). H... LGonzalez (13). CS—...

	IP
Boston	

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

RANGERS 7, DEVIL RAYS 4

TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi	TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
McCkn cf	4	1	1	TGdwin cf	4	1	0
Boggs 3b	4	0	2	McLmr 2b	2	1	0
DaMrtz rf	4	0	1	Greer lf	4	1	2
McGrff dh	4	1	1	JuGnlz rf	4	1	1
Trmml lf	4	0	2	WClark 1b	4	2	2
Srrento 1b	4	0	1	IRdrgz c	4	0	1
Cairo 2b	4	1	2	1	Alicea dh	4	0	1
DiFlce c	3	0	0	0	Elster ss	3	0	0
Winn ph	1	0	0	0	FTatis 3b	4	1	2
Stocker ss	3	1	1	0				
Totals	**35**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**33**	**7**	**10**
Tampa Bay				**010**	**020**	**100**	**—**	**4**
Texas				**020**	**050**	**00x**	**—**	**7**

DP—Tampa Bay 1, Texas 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Texas 5. 2B—Boggs (15), McGriff (18), Cairo (15), Greer (15). 3B—McCracken (5). HR—JuGonzalez (27), WClark (14). SF—McCracken.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rekar L,0-2	4 1-3	8	7	7	3	2
White	3 2-3	2	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Burkett W,6-10	7 1-3	10	4	4	1	4
Gunderson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wetteland S,27	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Rekar. T—2:35. A—34,700 (49,166).

ORIOLES 7, ANGELS 4

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
Becker rf	4	1	2	0	Erstad lf	3	1	2
ByAdsn cf	3	1	1	0	Edmnd cf	4	1	1
EDavis dh	4	3	2	3	Salmon dh	4	0	0
RPlmr 1b	3	0	0	1	Fielder 1b	4	0	0
CRpken 3b	5	0	1	2	GAndsn rf	4	0	1
Surhoff lf	4	1	1	0	Wlbeck c	3	0	0
Hoiles c	4	0	2	1	Shipley 3b	4	0	2
Rboulet 2b	3	1	0	0	Bghmn 2b	3	1	0
Bordick ss	3	0	0	0	OPlmro ph	1	0	0
					DSrcna ss	3	1	1
Totals	**33**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**Totals**	**33**	**4**	**7**
Baltimore				**000**	**002**	**203**	**—**	**7**
Anaheim				**001**	**003**	**000**	**—**	**4**

Erstad reached first on catcher's interference. E—Hoiles (2), Reboulet (1). DP—Baltimore 1, Anaheim 1. LOB—Baltimore 8, Anaheim 4. 2B—Hoiles (9), Erstad (32). 3B—GAnderson (6). HR—EDavis 2 (15), SB—Becker (1), Baughman 2 (9). CS—RPalmeiro (7), Shipley (3). S—Bordick.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mussina	6 2-3	7	4	2	0	5
Orosco W,4-1	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	0
ABenitez	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Anaheim						
Olivares	6 1-3	7	3	3	3	7
Cadaret	1-3	1	1	1	1	1
BHarris	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Percival L,2-4	2-3	1	3	3	4	0
Holtz	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

T—3:18. A—38,840 (45,050).

ROYALS 4, MARINERS 1

KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Alnswrt cf	2	1	1	0	JCora 2b	4	0	1
Offrmn dh	4	0	1	1	ARdrgz ss	3	1	1
Mack lf	3	0	0	0	Grfy Jr cf	3	0	1
Damon lf	0	0	0	0	EMrtnz dh	3	0	1
JKing 1b	4	0	0	0	Segui 1b	3	0	0
Palmer 3b	4	1	1	1	Buhner rf	4	0	0
Conine rf	4	0	1	0	DWilsn c	1	0	0
Fasano c	4	0	1	0	MrzanoC	3	0	0
LRivra 2b	4	1	1	0	Mnhan lf	3	0	0
MLopez ss	4	1	2	0	Rossy 3b	3	0	0
					RDavis ph	1	0	1
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**5**
Kansas City				**102**	**000**	**001**	**—**	**4**
Seattle				**100**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**1**

E—DWilson (3). LOB—Kansas City 5, Seattle 11. 2B—Conine (17), MLopez (4). HR—Palmer (19), ARodriguez (30). SB—Allensworth 2 (5), Fasano (1). CS—Offerman (8), ARodriguez (9). S—Allensworth.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Belcher W,9-8	7	4	1	1	6	4
Service	1	0	0	0	0	1
JMtgm S,22	1	1	0	0	1	0
Seattle						
Fassero L,9-6	9	8	4	2	2	5

HBP—by Belcher (Griffey Jr). WP—Belcher. PB—DWilson. T—2:41. A—30,851 (59,084).

ATHLETICS 5, TWINS 2

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi	OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
Nixon cf	4	0	0	0	Robrts 2b	2	0	1
Lawton rf	3	1	1	0	Chrstns cf	3	0	1
Molitor dh	4	0	0	0	Gnevie rf	4	0	1
MCdva lf	4	0	0	0	Mitchll lf	4	0	0
Ortiz 1b	3	0	0	0	Lesher lf	0	0	0
Stnbch c	3	0	1	0	Stairs dh	4	2	2
Meares ss	4	0	1	0	Giambi 1b	4	0	1
TWiker 2b	4	1	1	0	Voigt 1b	0	1	0
Gates 3b	4	0	3	1	Blwers 3b	3	0	0
					Tejada ss	3	1	1
					Hnch c	3	1	0
Totals	**32**	**2**	**7**	**1**	**Totals**	**30**	**5**	**7**
Minnesota				**000**	**010**	**100**	**—**	**2**
Oakland				**000**	**011**	**11x**	**—**	**5**

E—Gates (5), Blowers (12), Tejada (13). DP—Oakland 2. LOB—Minnesota 9, Oakland 7. 2B—Lawton (26), TWalker (23), Gates (6), Hinch (3). HR—Stairs 2 (14). SB—Lawton (10). S—Nixon, Hinch. SF—Chrstenson.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Serafini L,3-3	6 1-3	5	4	4	3	5
Carrasco	1 2-3	2	1	1	1	2
Oakland						
Rogers W,10-3	9	7	2	1	4	3

HBP—by Rogers (Lawton). T—2:56. A—15,117 (45,177).

WHITE SOX 8, INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf	3	0	1	0	Drham 2b	5	2	1
Dnston ss	4	1	0	0	Caruso ss	4	1	1
MRmrz rf	3	0	1	1	FThms dh	4	1	3
Thome 1b	4	0	0	0	Belle lf	4	1	2
Frymn 3b	3	0	1	0	Vntura 3b	2	0	1
Whiten lf	3	0	1	0	MOrdz rf	4	0	1
Justice dh	3	0	0	0	Norton 1b	4	1	2
Brders c	3	0	0	0	JAbbott cf	2	0	0
DaBell 2b	3	0	0	0	Cmeron cf	1	1	0
					Kreuter c	3	1	1
Totals	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**Totals**	**33**	**8**	**9**
Cleveland				**000**	**100**	**000**	**—**	**1**
Chicago				**004**	**004**	**00x**	**—**	**8**

E—Dunston 2 (4), Burba (2). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Cleveland 3, Chicago 5. 2B—Whiten (4), Durham (23), Belle 2 (25). HR—FThomas (16). SB—Dunston (9). SF—Ventura.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Burba L,10-8	5 2-3	9	8	8	3	3
Mesa	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Assenmacher	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Sirotka W,9-9	9	4	1	1	2	7

WP—Burba, Sirotka. T—2:28. A—26,543 (44,321).

BLUE JAYS 9, YANKEES 3

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	TORONTO	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b	4	3	1	0	Phillips lf	5	0	1
DJeter ss	4	0	1	0	Stewart cf	3	2	0
O'Neill rf	3	0	2	1	Cnseco rf	4	2	2
BWllms dh	3	0	1	1	SGreen rf	1	0	0
TMrtnz 1b	3	0	0	1	CDlgdo 1b	3	1	2
Raines lf	4	0	0	0	Stanley dh	2	0	0
Curtis cf	3	0	1	0	Sprgue 3b	4	0	1
Brosius 3b	4	0	0	0	KLBwn c	4	1	1
Girardi c	3	0	1	0	Grbeck 2b	3	1	1
Posada ph	1	0	0	0	AGnzlz ss	2	2	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**31**	**9**	**8**
New York				**001**	**010**	**100**	**—**	**3**
Toronto				**004**	**020**	**12x**	**—**	**9**

E—Grebeck (2), AGonzalez (10). DP—New York 1, Toronto 1. LOB—New York 8, Toronto 6. 2B—Knoblauch (17), O'Neill (25), Curtis (14), Phillips (2), KLBrown (7), Grebeck (8). HR—Canseco 2 (26), CDelgado (19). SB—CDelgado (2), Grebeck (2), AGonzalez (14). SF—TMartinez.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pettitte L,12-6	6 2-3	6	7	7	7	7
Buddie	1 1-3	2	2	2	1	1
Toronto						
WWlms W,9-4	6 1-3	6	3	3	5	3
Plesac	1	1	0	0	0	2
Quantrill	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Stieb	1	0	0	0	0	1

Balk—Buddie. T—3:06. A—42,176 (51,000).

TIGERS 3, RED SOX 1

BOSTON	ab	r	hbi	DETROIT	ab	r	hbi
DLewis rf	4	0	1	0	BLHntr cf	4	1	2
JnVntin 3b	3	0	0	0	Easley ss	4	0	1
Greprr ss	3	0	0	0	Hggnsn rf	4	0	1
MVghn 1b	4	0	2	0	ToCrk 1b	4	0	0
Bulord cf	4	0	1	0	LGnzlz lf	4	1	2
KeiMtchl lf	4	0	1	0	Bamon dh	3	0	1
Ashley dh	4	1	2	1	GAlvrz 3b	3	0	1
Bnmin 2b	3	0	0	0	Bako c	3	0	0
Varitek c	3	0	0	0	Randa 2b	3	1	1
Totals	**32**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**9**
Boston				**001**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**1**
Detroit				**000**	**100**	**02x**	**—**	**3**

DP—Boston 1. LOB—Boston 6, Detroit 5. 2B—Ashley (3), BLHunter (18), Beamon (3). HR—Ashley (2), LGanzalez (13). CS—DLewis (7).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Saberhagen	7	5	1	1	0	8
Gordon L,4-3	1	4	2	2	0	0
Detroit						
JThpsn W,9-8	9	7	1	1	2	10

T—2:18. A—21,018 (46,945).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	68	24	739	—	z-6-4	L-1	33-6	35-18	13-3
Boston	56	40	583	14	4-6	L-1	30-16	26-24	9-7
Toronto	50	50	500	22	4-6	W-1	27-21	23-29	9-7
Baltimore	48	51	485	23 1/2	z-9-1	W-1	27-23	21-28	5-11
Tampa Bay	36	61	371	34 1/2	2-8	L-3	17-30	19-31	5-11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	54	42	563	—	z-4-6	L-1	26-21	28-21	10-6
Minnesota	44	53	454	10 1/2	3-7	L-1	19-26	25-27	7-9
Kansas City	43	54	443	11 1/2	4-6	W-1	15-30	28-24	9-7
Chicago	43	55	439	12	z-7-3	W-1	24-27	19-28	7-9
Detroit	41	54	432	12 1/2	z-6-4	W-1	23-26	18-28	7-9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	54	44	551	—	z-5-5	W-3	30-23	24-21	8-8
Anaheim	53	44	546	1/2	z-4-6	L-1	29-25	24-19	10-6
Oakland	46	51	474	7 1/2	5-5	W-1	24-28	22-23	8-8
Seattle	45	54	455	9 1/2	7-3	L-1	28-24	17-30	7-9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	65	33	663	—	z-6-4	W-1	38-16	27-17	9-7
New York	48	45	516	14 1/2	4-6	L-1	29-21	19-24	9-7
Philadelphia	49	46	516	14 1/2	z-6-4	W-1	27-20	22-26	7-9
Montreal	39	58	402	25 1/2	z-4-6	L-3	24-28	15-30	6-10
Florida	37	60	381	27 1/2	5-5	L-1	24-30	13-30	8-8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	58	39	598	—	z-5-5	W-3	30-16	28-23	10-4
Chicago	53	44	546	5	5-5	W-1	33-18	20-26	5-8
Milwaukee	48	48	500	9 1/2	z-4-6	L-1	25-25	23-23	8-6
St. Louis	45	52	464	13	z-5-5	W-1	28-21	17-31	4-9
Cincinnati	45	53	459	13 1/2	z-7-3	L-3	20-28	25-25	7-6
Pittsburgh	45	53	459	13 1/2	5-5	W-3	27-24	18-29	6-7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Diego	64	34	653	—	7-3	W-5	33-9	31-25	6-7
San Francisco	53	45	541	11	z-2-8	L-3	29-17	24-28	8-5
Los Angeles	49	49	500	15	z-5-5	L-1	25-19	24-30	8-5
Colorado	41	57	418	23	4-6	L-5	21-25	20-32	4-8
Arizona	35	62	361	28 1/2	5-5	W-4	19-27	16-35	5-8

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Detroit 3, Boston 1
Toronto 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 1
Oakland 5, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 4, Seattle 1
Texas 7, Tampa Bay 4
Baltimore 7, Anaheim 4

Monday's Games

Detroit (Greisinger 1-4 and Florie 5-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 11-2 and Irabu 8-2), 2, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 9-5) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 11, Milwaukee 6
San Diego 7, Cincinnati 6
Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings
Houston 4, San Francisco 3, 12 innings
Chicago Cubs 7, Florida 6, 12 innings
St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 4
Arizona 4, Colorado 2

Monday's Games

Philadelphia (Schilling 9-9) at Montreal (Perez 7-9), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 7-4) at Florida (Hernandez 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 7-8) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-5), 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 10-6) at Atlanta (Neagle 10-7), 6:40 p.m.
Colorado (Brownson 0-0) at Houston (Reynolds 12-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 1-0) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 5-8), 9:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 0-0) at San Diego (Langston 3-2), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 3-5) at San Francisco (Ortiz 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

NL Boxes

ASTROS 4, GIANTS 3, 12 innings

SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi	HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi
DHmtn cf	6	0	1	0	Biggio 2b	5	0	0
Mueller 3b	4	1	1	0	Gterrez ss	5	0	0
Bonds lf	3	1	1	2	DeBell rf	5	1	1
JKent 2b	5	0	0	0	Bgwell 1b	2	1	0
Hayes 1b	4	1	1	1	Alou lf	5	1	3
SReed p	0	0	0	0	Everett cf	5	0	1
Benard ph	1	0	0	0	Berry 3b	4	0	1
Johnstne p	0	0	0	0	TMiller p	0	0	0
WDigdo ss	1	0	0	0	Esabio ph	1	0	0
CrJnes rf	3	0	0	0	DHenry p	0	0	0
Javier rf	2	0	0	0	Asmus c	5	0	1
RSnchz ss	5	0	3	0	Schrek p	1	0	0
Nen p	0	0	0	0	DClark ph	1	0	1
BJhnsn c	3	0	0	0	Elarton p	0	0	0
Rueter pr	0	0	0	0	Phillips ph	1	0	0
Mayne	1	0	0	0	Mgnntte p	0	0	0
Gantner p	2	0	0	0	JPwell p	0	0	0
Snow 1b	2	0	0	0	Spiers 3b	2	1	1
Totals	**42**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**42**	**4**	**9**
San Francisco				**000**	**300**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**3**
Houston				**300**	**000**	**000**	**001**	**—**	**4**

One out when winning run scored. E—Berry (8). DP—San Francisco 1, Houston 2. LOB—San Francisco 11, Houston 10. 2B—RSanchez (6), Everett (23), Spiers (18). HR—Bonds (20), Hayes (6), Alou (23). SB—Bonds (16), Bagwell (14), Alou (7). CS—Rueter (1).

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gardner	7	4	3	3	2	3
SReed	2	0	0	0	1	4
Johnstone	1	1	0	0	0	0
Nen L,6-2	1 1-3	4	1	1	2	2
Houston						
Schourek	5	5	3	3	2	4
Elarton	2	0	0	0	1	1
Magnante	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
JPowell	2 1-3	0	0	0	3	3
TMiller	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
DHenry W,5-2	1	1	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Gardner (Bagwell). WP—Schourek. T—3:47. A—32,900 (54,370).

CARDINALS 5, DODGERS 4

LOS ANGELS	ab	r	hbi	ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi
WGrero 2b	5	0	0	0	Clayton ss	4	1	0
ACora ss	4	0	0	0	RLnkfd cf	4	1	2
Mndesi cf	4	0	1	0	McGwr 1b	3	1	1
Shffield rf	4	0	1	0	BJrdan rf	5	0	1
Karros 1b	3	1	1	0	Gant lf	4	1	2
Luke lf	3	3	3	3	Mabry 3b	3	1	2
THbbrd lf	1	0	1	0	PKelly 2b	4	0	2
Rdnsky p	0	0	0	0	Sttlmyr p	2	0	1
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	Lmpkin c	1	0	0
CJhnsn c	4	0	1	1	Mrrero c	1	0	0
Park p	2	0	1	0	Frsctre p	0	0	0
Osuna p	1	0	0	0	Painter p	0	0	0
Cedeno lf	1	0	0	0	Painter p	0	0	0
					Crshore p	0	0	0
					McGee ph	1	0	1
					Ptkvsk p	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**5**	**11**	**5**
Los Angeles				**010**	**201**	**000**	**—**	**4**
St. Louis				**200**	**000**	**021**	**—**	**5**

Two outs when winning run scored. E—Beltre (4). DP—Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1. LOB—Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 11. 2B—Gant (10), PKelly (1), 3B—BJordan (4). HR—Luke 2 (7), RLankford (15). SB—Mondesi (7), Sheffield (14). S—Mabry.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Park	5 2-3	7	2	2	4	7
Osuna	1 1-3	3	2	2	1	1
Radinsky L,4-5	1 2-3	1	1	1	1	3
St. Louis						
Stottlemyre	6	8	4	4	0	3
Frascatore	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Painter	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Croushore	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Petkovsek W,6-4	1	0	0	0	0	0

Osuna pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Radinsky (Gant). Balk—Radinsky. T—2:58. A—47,006 (49,676).

CUBS 7, MARLINS 6, 12 innings

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi
LJhnsn cf	5	2	2	0	Dnwdy cf	5	1	1	0
Mrndni 2b	5	0	2	0	Drnsbr p	0	0	0	0
Sosa rf	5	0	0	0	LHrndz ph	1	0	0	0
MaGce 1b	4	1	2	2	Stnifer p	0	0	0	0
HRdrgz lf	4	0	1	1	Rnteria ss	6	2	2	1
Beck p	0	0	0	0	Kotsay rf	4	2	1	0
Blauser ss	6	0	1	0	Zeile 3b	4	1	1	1
Huston c	5	1	0	0	Alfnsca p	0	0	0	0
JHrndz 3b	4	2	1	2	Cnglosi cf	2	0	2	1
JeGnzlz p2	0	0	0	0	Floyd lf	6	0	3	2
Alxndr ph	1	0	1	0	RJcksn 1b	2	0	1	1
Fossas p	0	0	0	0	DLee 1b	3	0	0	0
TAdms p	0	0	0	0	Cunsell 2b	5	0	0	0
GHill ph	1	0	0	0	Rdmnd c	3	0	1	0
Wngert p	0	0	0	0	Zaun c	3	0	0	0
MIhlind p	0	0	0	0	Ldwick p	0	0	0	0
Mieske lf	0	1	0	0	Ojala p	1	0	0	0
					Edmnd p	2	0	0	0
					FHrdia p	0	0	0	0
					Berg 3b	1	0	0	0
Totals	**42**	**7**	**10**	**5**	**Totals**	**48**	**6**	**12**	**6**
Chicago				**100**	**100**	**200**	**003**	**—**	**7**
Florida				**202**	**000**	**000**	**002**	**—**	**6**

E—Morandini (4), Stanifer (1). DP—Chicago 1, Florida 3. LOB—Chicago 8, Florida 11. 2B—MaGrace (23), Renteria (13), Zeile (17), RJackson (7). HR—MaGrace (10), JHernandez (15), Renteria (2). SB—Floyd (20). SF—MaGrace, HRodriguez.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
JeGonzalez	6	6	4	3	3	4
Fossas	2-3	0	0	0	1	2
TAdams	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Wengert	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
MIhlind W,3-2	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Beck S,26	1	4	2	2	0	2
Florida						
Ludwick	1-3	1	1	1	2	0
Ojala	2 2-3	3	1	1	1	1
Edmondson	3 1-3	4	2	2	0	0
FHeredia	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Alfonseca	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Darensbourg	2	1	0	0	0	3
Stanifer L,0-3	1	0	3	1	4	0

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Totals	**38**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**	**34**	**11**	**13**	**9**
Milwaukee					**010**	**010**	**130**	**—**	**6**
Atlanta					**111**	**233**	**00x**	**—**	**11**

E—Hamelin (2), Burnitz (6), ChJones (9), Galarraga (10), EddPerez (2). DP—Milwaukee 1, Atlanta 3. LOB—Milwaukee 6, Atlanta 11. 2B—JLopez (14). 3B—Hughes (2), Weiss (2). HR—Burnitz (21), Pride (2), Graffanino (3). SB—ChJones (8), JLopez (2). CS—Hughes (2). S—Smoltz. SF—Hamelin, ChJones.

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Juden L,7-9	3	7	5	5	4	4
Patrick	1	1	0	0	0	2
DJones	2	4	6	5	4	3
Weathers	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wickman	1	1	0	0	0	0
Atlanta						
Smoltz W,8-2	7	7	3	2	0	6
DeMartinez	1-3	4	3	2	0	0
Rocker	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Ligtenberg	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1

Juden pitched to 3 batters in the 4th. HBP—by Weathers (Galarraga), by Juden (Pride).

DIAMONDBACKS 6, ROCKIES 4

COLORADO	ab	r	hbi	ARIZONA	ab	r	hbi
NPerez ss	4	0	0	0	AFox 3b	4	2	1
Lnsing 2b	5	1	2	3	Klssen 2b	4	0	1
Bchette lf	4	1	2	0	Embre p	0	0	0
Munoz p	0	0	0	0	TLee 1b	4	2	2
McElry p	0	0	0	0	DWhite cf	4	0	1
Lskanic p	0	0	0	0	Dllucci lf	3	0	1
LWlker rf	4	0	2	0	JBell ss	3	0	0
JReed c	3	0	0	0	KGrcia rf	3	1	0
CJbrnn ph	1	0	0	0	Tlmaco p	2	0	0
Mnwrn c	0	0	0	0	Small p	0	0	0
CGdwin cf	3	1	2	0	Stnkwc 2b	1	0	1
Kile p	2	1	0	0				
Burks lf	0	0	0	0				
White lf	1	0	0	0

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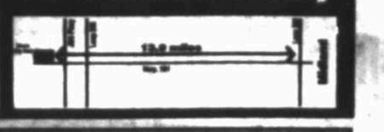

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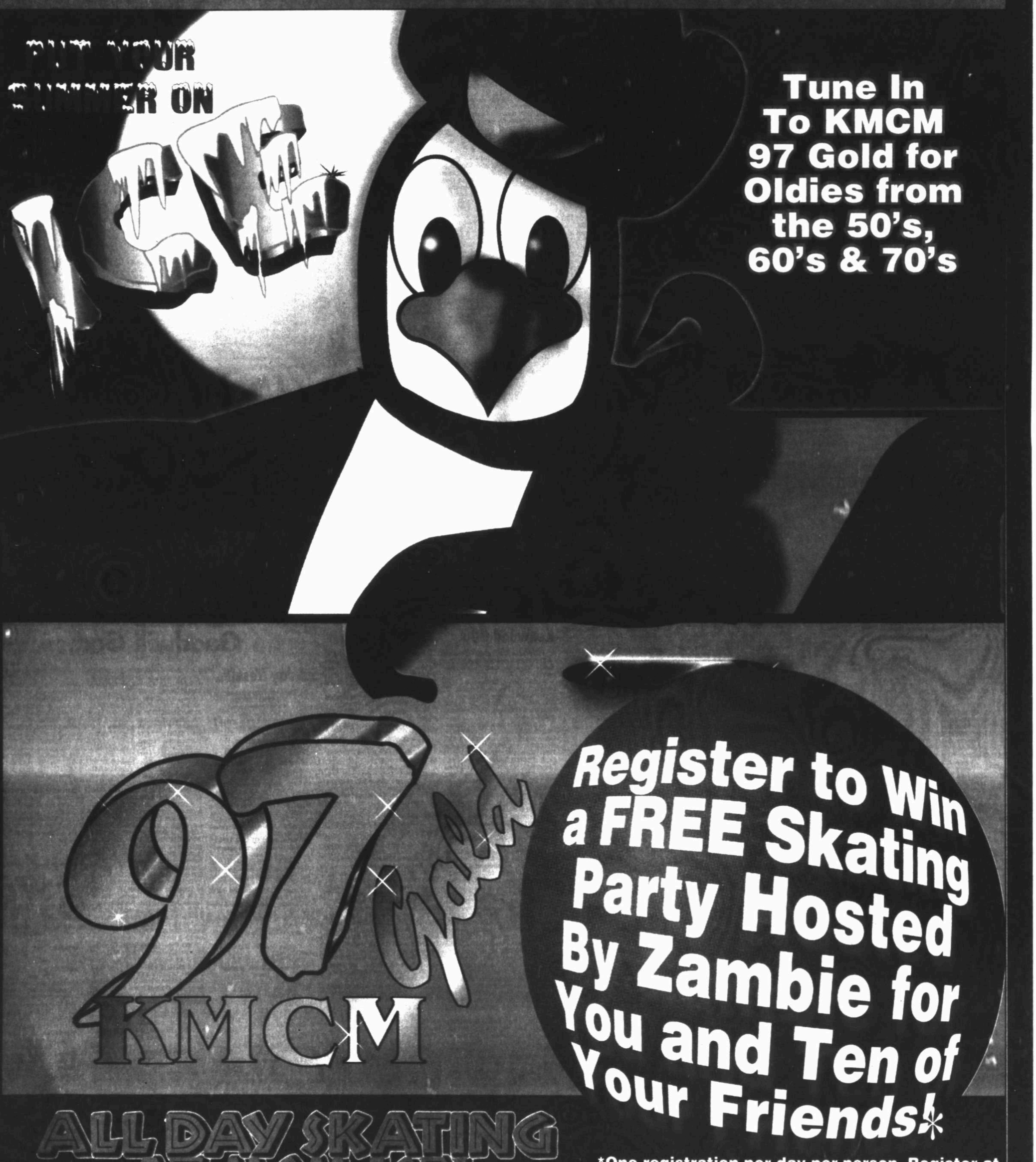

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Bell singles home winning run in 12th

Associated Press

■ NL Roundup

HOUSTON — Derek Bell singled home the winning run off Robb Nen in the 12th inning Sunday, lifting the Houston Astros to a 4-3 victory over San Francisco and a three-game sweep of the Giants.

Bill Spiers doubled with one out in the 12th off Nen (6-2) and Craig Biggio was intentionally walked before Ricky Gutierrez walked. Bell, hitless in his four at-bats, then lined an 0-2 pitch up the middle.

The Giants have lost four straight and eight of their last nine.

Doug Henry (5-2) pitched the 12th for his first win against his former team. He pitched in 75 games for Houston last season.

Moises Alou went 3-for-5 with a three-run homer for the Astros.

Barry Bonds homered and Rey Sanchez had three hits for the Giants.

Trailing 3-0, San Francisco scored three runs in the fourth.

Bill Mueller led off with a single and Bonds followed with his 20th homer, a shot off Pete Schourek. One out later, Charlie Hayes hit his sixth homer.

Alou hit a three-run homer in the first inning off Giants' starter Mark Gardner after Bell and Jeff Bagwell drew two-out walks. Alou's homer, his 23rd, matched his career-high set last year with Florida.

After Alou's homer, Gardner retired 18 of 22 between the first and eighth innings, and allowed only three hits — all singles — during that span. He allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings.

Schourek allowed three runs and five hits in five innings.

Padres 7, Reds 6

CINCINNATI — Greg Vaughn hit his fourth homer of the series and Tony Gwynn broke an eighth-inning tie with a sacrifice fly as the San Diego Padres beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-6 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.

San Diego blew a 6-0 lead set up by Vaughn's 34th homer of the season before rallying against John Hudek (2-5), who let the Padres load the bases on a pair of walks and second baseman Bret Boone's error. Gwynn drove in his second run of the game with a fly out.

Donne Wall (3-2) got the win despite allowing Barry Larkin's tying RBI single in the seventh, and Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth to remain perfect in 30 save opportunities this season.

Braves 11, Brewers 6

ATLANTA — Atlanta scored in each of the first six innings, getting homers from Tony Graffanino and Curtis Pride.

John Smoltz (8-2) benefited from the offensive support, allowing two earned runs in seven innings as Milwaukee lost for the seventh time in its last eight road games.

Milwaukee starter Jeff Juden (7-9) lasted only three innings.

Pirates 6, Expos 1

MONTREAL — Chris Peters pitched seven strong innings, Tony Womack got three hits and stole his NL-leading 36th base and Pittsburgh won its third straight.

Peters (4-7) allowed five hits, struck out five and walked one in his longest outing of the season. Mark Grudzielanek homered leading off the seventh to spoil Peters' shutout bid.

Dustin Hermanson (7-8) allowed three runs and seven hits in five innings.

Phillies 7, Mets 6, 10 innings

NEW YORK — Mike Lieberthal singled for his fourth hit and scored on Ruben Amaro's double in the 10th.

Mark Leiter (3-2) struck out Mike Piazza with runners on first and third to end the game.

Lieberthal, who tied a career high for hits, singled off Dennis Cook (4-3) to start the 10th. Bobby Abreu sacrificed and Amaro doubled to the base of the left-field wall.

AP Photo

The ball hangs in the air as Atlanta Braves' Curtis Pride (19) scores on a fourth-inning Ryan Klesko single against Milwaukee Brewers catcher Bobby Hughes (33) at Turner Field in Atlanta on Sunday. The Braves downed the Brewers 11-6.

Cardinals 5, Dodgers 4

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire won the game with his legs instead of his bat.

McGwire slid home just ahead of Charles Johnson's tag, scoring the winning run on John Mabry's two-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday night to give the St. Louis Cardinals a 5-4 victory over Los Angeles.

McGwire drew a one-out walk from Scott Radinsky (4-5) and Ron Gant was hit by a pitch with two outs.

Mark Petkovsek (6-4) retired all four batters he faced to earn the victory.

Cubs 7, Marlins 6, 12 innings

MIAMI — The Chicago Cubs took advantage of Florida pitcher Rob Stanifer's throwing error to score three runs in the top of the 12th inning, then held off the Marlins 7-6 Sunday.

Tied at 4, Stanifer (0-3), the Marlins seventh pitcher, walked Jose Hernandez and pinch-hitter Matt Mieske to begin the 12th.

Lance Johnson bunted and Stanifer threw wildly to third base, and both runners scored when the ball bounced past left fielder Cliff Floyd. Johnson reached third on the play and scored on Henry Rodriguez's sacrifice fly.

The Marlins scored twice in the 12th against Rod Beck on RBI singles by John Cangelosi and Floyd. But Beck got his 26th save, striking out Craig Counsell and Gregg Zaun with runners on first and second to end the game.

Terry Mulholland (3-2) pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings for the win.

Diamondbacks 6, Rockies 4

PHOENIX — Rookie Travis Lee completed a sizzling series with a triple and an RBI single as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Colorado Rockies to match their longest winning streak of the season at four games.

Mike Lansing drove in three runs with a home run and double for the Rockies, who lost their fifth in a row. Vinny Castilla had two hits and an RBI for Colorado.

In three games against the Rockies, Lee was 7-for-12.

Aaron Small (1-0) got one out in the seventh for the victory, and Alan Embree pitched two innings for his first save since Aug. 21, 1995.

Mike Munoz (2-1) was the loser.

More Sports/1D

Angels continue slide with loss to Drillers

Staff Report

TULSA — There are two hot teams in the Texas League.

The problem for the Midland Angels is that they are chasing one (Wichita) and playing the other (Tulsa).

Sunday, a 7-1 loss to East-leading Tulsa — which has won 11 of its last 12 and 13 of 15 — put the Angels 7 1/2 games behind West-leading Wichita — which has claimed 19 of its last 22.

Midland, which has dropped seven of its last eight, suffered some firsts with this loss. This loss is the fourth straight (a first for 1988). The loss also moves Midland to under .500 for the first time in the second half and three games under .500 for the first time this season.

The problem Sunday was that Midland (17-18 in the second half) couldn't get much going offensively while it fell behind early on.

In the second, a single by Tulsa's Mike Zywika was followed by Cliff Brumbaugh reaching after being hit by a Matt Beaumont pitch and a Mike Murphy walk.

With the bases loaded, Ramsey Koeyers hit a two-run single to right field. After a sacrifice fly, Tulsa led 3-0.

Three of Tulsa's remaining four runs came via the homer. Mike Murphy blasted one in the fourth, Jason Conti belted one in the sixth and Brumbaugh jacked one in the eighth.

The Angels, who were relatively silent against Tulsa starter Corey Lee, scored in the ninth as Greg Morris drove in Angelo Encarnacion.

Lee (8-5) held Midland to no runs and three hits while striking out nine before being lifted in the eighth. Beaumont (5-9) took the loss.

ANGELICS: Tulsa improved to 27-8 in the second half... Morris has four hits in his last six at-bats, including a two doubles and a homerun... Danny Buxbaum, who hasn't played since July 10, was placed on the DL. The Angels have added Norm Montoya to take his spot. Today's starters are Tulsa's Ryan Glenn (6-5, 3.56) and Midland's Matt Wise (7-5, 5.36)...

AP Photo

France's Jacky Durand reacts as he crosses the finish line to win the eighth stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Brive-la-Gaillarde and Montauban on Sunday.

Rangers complete sweep of Devil Rays

Associated Press

■ AL Roundup

ARLINGTON — Juan Gonzalez homered and drove in two runs, giving him a major league-leading 105 RBIs, as the Texas Rangers completed a three-game sweep of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays with a 7-4 victory Sunday night.

Gonzalez hit his 27th homer — and first since July 5 — in the second inning off Bryan Rekar (0-2). He added an RBI grounder in a five-run fifth.

Gonzalez has four RBIs in the last two games after going a season-high nine games without driving in a run.

Will Clark hit a two-run homer and Rusty Greer added a two-run double in the fifth for Texas. Tampa Bay has lost 15 of its last 17 games.

John Burkett (6-10) survived a shaky outing to win for only the second time in his last eight starts. He allowed four runs and 10 hits in seven innings.

John Wetteland recovered from Saturday night's blown save to pitch the ninth for his 27th save.

Trailing 3-2, the Rangers chased Rekar in the fifth. Clark's two-run shot, his 14th, capped the inning as Texas took a 7-3 lead.

The Devil Rays Bay made it 7-4 in the seventh when Quinton McCracken tripled and scored on Wade Boggs' groundout.

Tampa Bay got a run in the second on Miguel Cairo's RBI single. Texas took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second on Gonzalez's homer and Fernando Tatis' RBI single.

The Devil Rays moved ahead 3-2 in the fifth on McCracken's sacrifice fly and Boggs' run-scoring single.

Royals 4, Mariners 1

SEATTLE — Tim Belcher quieted Seattle's bats by pitching seven strong innings, and the Kansas City Royals stopped the Mariners' six-game winning streak.

The Mariners totaled 36 hits in beating Kansas City 18-5 and 8-5 the previous two days, but managed only four hits off Belcher.

Seattle lost its No. 1 catcher, Dan Wilson, who severely sprained his left ankle chasing a passed ball in the third inning. His ankle will be immobilized 7-10 days and then re-evaluated.

Wilson had a career-high six RBIs Friday night and hit three home runs during the Mariners' 8-3 homestand.

Belcher (9-8), who helped the Mariners win the AL West in 1995, gave up Alex Rodriguez's 30th home run in the first inning.

Jeff Montgomery pitched the ninth for his 22nd save. The Mariners finished with five hits.

Jeff Fassero (9-6) had his four-game winning streak broken.

Athletics 5, Twins 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Matt Stairs hit two home runs, leading Kenny Rogers and the Oakland Athletics over the Minnesota Twins.

Stairs hit his 13th and 14th home runs, going 2-for-4 to improve his average to .332, second only to Texas' Ivan Rodriguez in the American League.

Rogers (10-3) gave up seven hits and allowed only one earned run in his third complete game of the season.

Since a 1-0 loss at Los Angeles June 10, Rogers is 4-0 with a 2.06 ERA. He has not allowed more than two earned runs in eight of his last nine starts, with a 1.56 ERA in that span.

Dan Serafini (3-3) held the A's hitless until Stairs homered with one out in the fourth for a 1-0 lead. He led off the sixth his 14th home run of the season.

Blue Jays 9, Yankees 3

TORONTO — Jose Canseco hit two home runs, including a grand slam, and Carlos Delgado hit the first ball into SkyDome's fifth deck in right field as the Toronto Blue Jays slowed the New York Yankees 9-3 Sunday.

The Blue Jays won twice in the three-game series. New York lost a series for only the third time this season, and has now dropped three of four games.

Canseco's sixth career slam gave the Blue Jays a 4-1 lead in the third against Andy Pettitte (12-6), who lost for the first time since May 31.

Canseco's 26th homer in the seventh hit the facing of the fifth deck in left field, a 460-foot shot. It was his fourth multi-homer game of the season and 31st of his career.

Woody Williams (9-4) allowed three earned runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out three and walked five.

Tigers 3, Red Sox 1

DETROIT — Damion Easley and Bobby Higginson each hit RBI singles in the eighth inning to give Justin Thompson his second straight home win.

Tied 1-1 in the eighth, Joe Randa hit a one-out single off Tom Gordon (4-3) and took third on Brian Hunter's single. Easley and Higginson then hit consecutive singles.

Thompson (9-8) struck out 10 in a seven-hitter, his fourth complete game.

Luis Gonzalez homered for the Tigers, who took two of three from the Red Sox.

Boston starter Bret Saberhagen pitched seven strong innings but got his third straight no-decision.

White Sox 8, Indians 1

CHICAGO — Mike Sirotka pitched a four-hitter, slumping Frank Thomas hit a three-run homer and Chicago capitalized on three Cleveland errors.

Sirotka (9-9) retired 12 straight before Kenny Lofton singled with one out in the ninth. He beat the Indians for the third time this season while picking up his first victory since June 23 and his fifth complete game.

Thomas, having his worst season since coming to the majors in 1990, was in a 1-for-16 skid when he lifted a pitch from Dave Burba (10-8) over the fence in right-center for his 16th homer.

Burba, who has lost three straight, allowed nine hits and eight runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Orioles 7, Angels 4

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Troy Percival walked four batters in the ninth inning to force home the go-ahead run and Cal Ripken followed with a two-run single as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Anaheim Angels 7-4 Sunday night.

Eric Davis hit two home runs as Baltimore won for the 10th time in 11 games.

Percival (2-4) walked Jeff Reboulet to open the ninth. He then got two straight outs before three consecutive walks, the last to Rafael Palmeiro. Ripken's single gave the Orioles a three-run lead.

Jesse Orosco (4-1) pitched 1 2-3 perfect innings for the win. Armando Benitez got two outs for his 13th save.

Two Frenchmen excel as Tour de France reels

By Salvatore Zanca
Associated Press Writer

MONTAUBAN, France — With temperatures scorching at 104 degrees, two Frenchman enjoyed a big day as the Tour de France tried to return to racing after a week of tumultuous events.

A drug scandal has rocked the cycling showcase, and Sunday's eighth stage could not completely cast aside the shadow of drug use.

Laurent Desbiens, who in 1996 was suspended for six months for failing a drug test, took the overall lead. He was part of a breakaway group that finished more than seven minutes ahead of the pack.

Jacky Durand of France won the stage. He was part of the group that included Desbiens in the day's 118-mile leg from Brive-La Gaillarde to Montauban.

Durand won the final sprint over Andrea Tafi, with two other Italians, Fabio Sacchi and Eddy Mazzoleni, third and fourth. Desbiens was fifth.

Desbiens' suspension in 1996 stemmed from a race in France in which he was found to have used the steroid nandrolone.

On Sunday, the major pack finished more than seven minutes behind Durand. That was enough to let Desbians take the leader's yellow jersey from defending champion Jan Ullrich of Germany, who took it in Saturday's time trial.

"After 40 kilometers, I was tired already and I was giving water to other members of the team just to help Bo Hamburger," Durand said. Hamburger of Denmark was second in the overall standings at the time and Durand was trying to keep him in contention.

"The pack was tired because of the heat and somehow I wound up with more water than expected," Durand said. "Maybe that's why I won."

The extreme heat prompted a change in regulations, allowing water to be brought to the riders more often.

Desbiens is not expected to hold the lead in the mountains. Desbiens ended up nearly four hours behind Ullrich in last year's final standings, placing 127th.

Ullrich is now fifth, 3: 21 behind, but he still has large margins over his major rivals.

Hamburger is 1: 18 behind Ullrich. He is sixth and American Bobby Julich is seventh, in the same time as Hamburger.

Desbiens won a stage last year by coming in second. Sergei Outschalkov of Ukraine was first in Perpignan but was placed last after interference in the final sprint.

"Last year, I won a stage in special conditions," Desbiens said. "But I wanted to come back and do something better this year."

The ninth stage is from Montauban to Pau at the base of the mountains followed by two stages in which there will be four major climbs on Tuesday and five on Wednesday.

Last year, Ullrich made his first big move in the Pyrenees to take control, stretching his lead by minutes over the final 12 days with the help of his German Telekom team.

Only the Festina team, led by Richard Virenque, was able to challenge Ullrich and Telekom. Virenque was the only racer within 10 minutes of Ullrich in 1997.

But the Festina team is gone now. Its ouster ended a chaotic week since the historic start in Ireland on July 11.

The leader of the first two days, Chris Boardman, fell and crashed out of the race last Monday while wearing the yellow jersey.

Then the drug scandel hit. First, Festina's director Bruno Roussel was detained by police for questioning along with the team doctor. They were moved to Lille for further investigation.

Tour officials ejected the Festina team from the three-week race Friday after Roussel admitted a practice of supplying illegal drugs with medical supervision to improve performances.

The Festina riders withdrew from the race Saturday at the request of the Tour de France after first trying to defy the ban and race in Saturday's time trial.

Roussel, team doctor Erik Ryckaert and team masseur Wily Voet were still under police custody in Lille. Voet was jailed July 9 after customs officials found a stash of performance-enhacing drugs in Voet's car bearing Festina emblems.

The three are expected in court July 24.

Zanardi captures Toronto Molson-Indy; Sharp takes Pep Boys

Associated Press

■ Auto Racing Roundup

TORONTO — Alex Zanardi tied a CART record by winning his fourth straight race, executing a sensational pass to take the lead three laps from the end and win the Toronto Molson-Indy.

The streak matches the mark set by Al Unser Jr. in 1990, and was the hard-charging Italian's sixth in 11 starts this season.

This race seemed to belong to pole-winner Dario Franchitti, who dominated the 95-lap event until misfortune overtook him on the first turn of lap 80. But the 25-year-old Scot spun while all alone on the track with a lead of nearly 11 seconds.

His car wound up stopped sideways across the track, leaving barely enough room on either side for oncoming cars to snake by after coming off the blind turn.

Michael Andretti barely slipped by the front of the car, taking over the lead. Jimmy Vasser, who had been third, nearly stopped before bumping over the front wing of Franchitti's Reynard as Zanardi, his Target-Chip Ganassi Racing teammate, took advantage to speed past the rear of Franchitti's car and take second place.

Paul Tracy braked hard and nearly slid into his teammate, whose race was over.

That situation brought out the fourth and final caution flag of the race. When the green flag flew again for the start of lap 86, Andretti held a nearly 2-second lead over Zanardi. But that margin began to dwindle almost immediately, with Zanardi's Reynard-Honda pulling close to the rear of Andretti's Swift-Ford on lap 89.

Finally, on the third turn of lap 93, Zanardi darted to the inside, moved alongside the leader and squeezed past without touching either Andretti or the looming concrete barrier.

That was the race, with Zanardi moving away to win by 1.921 seconds, the 14th win of his career.

"It came in a very unexpected way," Zanardi said.

Of his pass, he said: "Michael was just protecting his line, like anybody would. But I think he had a problem. At the last moment, he lost the car a little bit. I saw a little gap and I said, 'I have to go for it.' I took my foot off the brake pedal and it worked."

Sharp wins crash-filled Dover race

DOVER, Del. — Scott Sharp outclassed the field and took over the Indy Racing League points lead from Tony Stewart with a victory Sunday in the crash-filled Pep Boys 400k.

It was the second win of the year and third in Sharp's career. He outclassed pole-sitter and overwhelming favorite Stewart in the first Indy-car race in the last 29 years at Dover Downs International Speedway.

The crowd at the 107,000-seat facility appeared to be about 25,000. They and the drivers learned the true meaning of the high-banked track's nickname — the Monster Mile. At the end, just 10 of 22 starters were running.

By the 201st of 248 laps, only Buddy Lazier, Sharp and Arie Luyendyk remained on the lead lap. On lap 203, Sharp, who led 145 laps on the concrete oval, got by Lazier entering the first turn.

A lap later, Luyendyk found the wall on turn four, bringing out the last of eight cautions.

Stewart started on the pole after qualifying at a speed of nearly 3 mph faster than Davey Hamilton, and dominated the early part of the race. But the 30-year-old Sharp was considerably quicker on restarts, and assumed control of race by the 86th lap.

After another 20 laps, Stewart's ill-handling car was out contention. He wound up eighth, and now trails Sharp 202-194 in the championship race.

The 27 year-old Stewart, the reigning IRL champion, is leaving after this season to race on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit. He has plans to return to the IRL only for the Indianapolis 500.

The attrition rate posed a further problem for the teams. They must get their cars ready to run again Saturday night in Charlotte, N.C.

Rookie Steve Knapp and Robby Unser were taken to Kent General Hospital as a result of their crashes. Knapp had a slight concussion, and Unser was being checked for foot and ankle injuries.

Earnhardt Jr. wins Kenwood 300

FONTANA, Calif. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. climbed to the top of the NASCAR Busch Grand National standings Sunday, dominating the Kenwood Home & Car Audio 300 for his fourth victory of the year.

"This is awesome," the third-generation NASCAR star said. "My team makes my job easy. They put great race cars under me every week and if we don't finish up front it's usually my fault.

"We're going for the championship and that has been our focus all along. Winning races is a great bonus, but the championship is the main focus."

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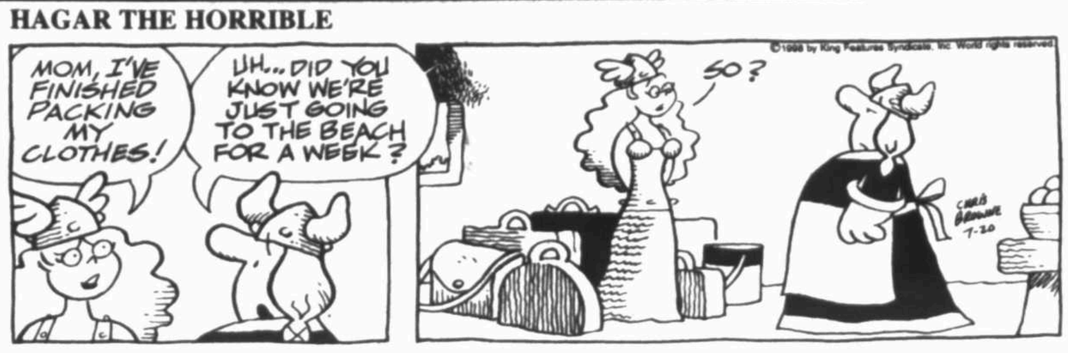

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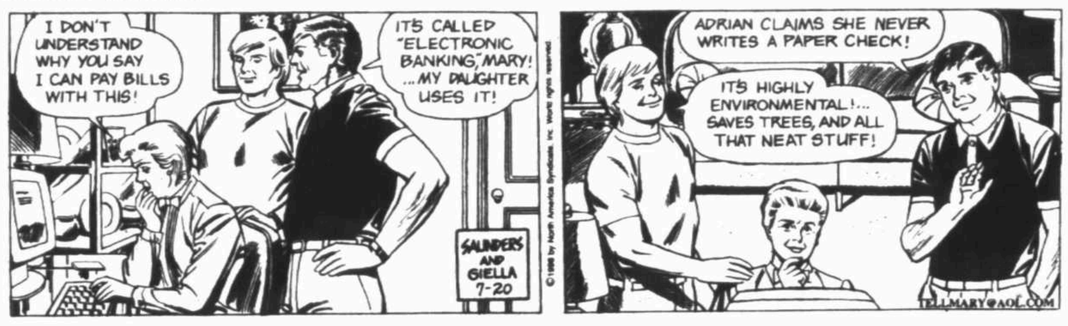

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Reach for the stars, and everyone will work with you. Discussions help you make what you want happen. Intuition is right on, and leads you down the right path. Family supports you in every way. Don't hold yourself back. The time is now. Tonight: Run errands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Check out various investment possibilities. Any sense of negativity will quickly dissolve. You regain confidence in someone's judgment. Balance your budget. Your actions bring a long-term goal within reach. Move decisively when a friend makes a key offer. Tonight: Make that major purchase.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You get that career opportunity that you have been pining for. But be willing to go the distance. You need to spend money to make money. Don't hold yourself back. Make calls, and adjust your schedule if necessary. Others respond to your requests. Tonight: Beam into the night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use your intelligence, and don't reveal more than you need to. Good news comes from a distance. Be willing to break past current restrictions. Greet risks with a smile; this is the next step for you. Financial matters come under close scrutiny. Tonight: Take time just for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your keen sense of direction carries you to the finish line. Count on your foresight to jump past any obstacle than arises. Others respect your ideas, business aptitude and upbeat personality. Intuition serves you with a partnership and finances. Tonight: With the crowds.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You can make or break a situation. Don't hesitate any longer to say what's on your mind. Go for the bottom line. Partners like what they see, and they cooperate. Network, make new friends and zero in on important matters. Socialize later in the day. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Reaching out for someone benefits both of you. The result is better understanding. You need to hear another perspective. A work offer proves positive for you in the long run. Take the lead, and be responsible. Stand your ground. Tonight: Celebrate life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Anchor in on what you want. Creativity and energy mix to make you a sure-fire winner. Touch base with someone, and listen to feedback. You come up with the right answer and the right moment to act. Understand the key role your intuition plays. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Let other people make decisions. Being passive puts you in the position of choosing what you want from what others present. Stay on top of communications with someone who is at a distance. Plan that special trip. A partnership enriches your life. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Get projects moving. Others greet you positively and are ready to accommodate you. One-to-one relating allows greater flexibility. See life with a new perspective. Be direct. Give others room to express themselves, and you'll come out on top. Tonight: The moment is now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Work finally pays off. Follow your instincts with business. You are unlikely to go wrong. Excellent talks stem from your ability to listen, offer suggestions and let others think it is their idea. Aim for greater self-expression. Tonight: A creative project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Prioritize if you can. So much is happening on all fronts, you could be overwhelmed. Think before you accept a co-worker's offer. You might not want to take on anything more for now. Romance flourishes for those who are young at heart. Tonight: A happy camper.

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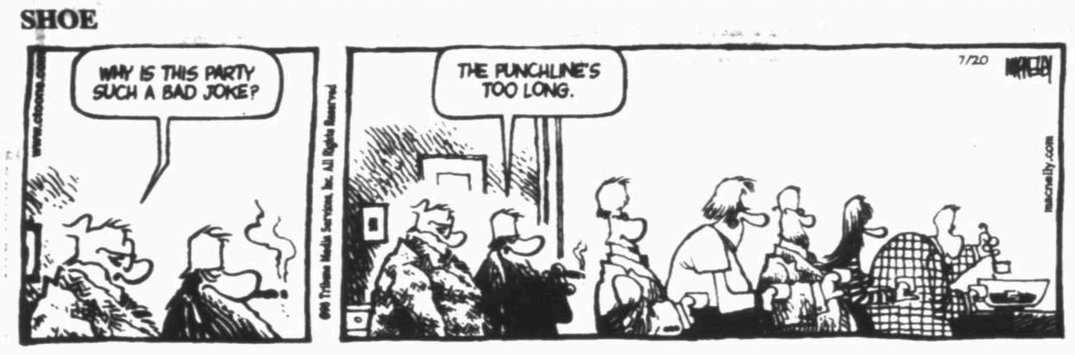

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 10 6 ♡ J 4 3 ◇ Q J 9 8 5 2 ♣ A 8

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

A - This is not the hand with which to respond two diamonds and then rebid the suit to suggest a sub-minimum two-over-one response. Regardless of whether you are playing four- or five-card majors, your two ruffing values and three-card trump support headed by an honor qualify for a raise to two hearts.

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ J 9 7 ♡ A K J 6 3 ◇ 8 7 4 ♣ 9 2

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

A - You have a fine five-card heart suit, but the hand is not quite good enough for a two-over-one-response. As in the previous example, raise opener's suit. This hand is a maximum for a raise to two spades, no more.

Q 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 7 6 5 4 ♡ A ◇ Q 7 6 5 ♣ 8

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

A - You have a very good hand, if you play a spade contract. However, your suit is not self-sufficient and your singleton in partner's suit suggests caution. Be content to bid one spade to see what develops.

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ J 8 ♡ A Q 7 ◇ J 9 4 3 2 ♣ A 9 7

The bidding has proceeded

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

What do you bid now?

A - With a doubleton honor in trumps and two aces, you are too strong for a discouraging bid of three no trump. Raise to four spades to see whether your positive attitude can evoke a move from partner.

Q 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K Q 6 3 ♡ 9 6 5 2 ◇ 8 3 ♣ J 10 9

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♠	?	

What action do you take?

A - Your choices lie between one no trump and pass. (If you play negative doubles, that comes into consideration as well.) Do not even consider a club raise. Since almost all your values are in the enemy suit, and may be of little use to partner, pass. Even contemplating a negative double would be awful!

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K 10 5 ♡ K 7 4 ◇ A 10 7 6 2 ♣ A 4

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - No one would quibble with a rebid of one no trump to describe a balanced minimum opening bid. That, however, demonstrates a failure to properly evaluate your prime cards and ruffing value in clubs. Those assets clearly favor a suit contract, so raise to two spades.

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PEOPLE TODAY

Dennis Quaid couldn't say no to role

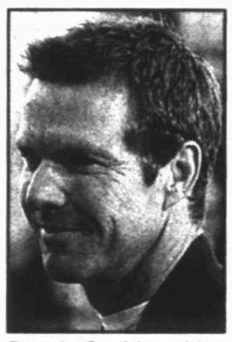
NEW YORK — **Dennis Quaid** couldn't say no to playing the divorced father in the remake of "The Parent Trap."

"Every woman I know insisted," Quaid says in the August issue of Cosmopolitan. The husband of Meg Ryan said his wife was first on the list.

"Meg was like, 'You have to do it,'" he said.

Doing the updated version of the 1961 classic, in which two long-separated twins (Hayley Mills in a dual role) meet accidentally and try to get their parents back together, agreed with Quaid for personal reasons too.

"It was one of my favorite movies as a kid," Quaid said. "I had a huge crush on the star, Hayley Mills."



Dennis Quaid couldn't say no to role in "The Parent Trap."

Quaid's many film credits include "Breaking Away," "The Right Stuff," "The Big Easy," "Great Balls of Fire" and "Wyatt Earp."

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NEW YORK — **Steven Spielberg** took a page from Oliver Stone, questioning authority and depicting the horrors of war in his World War II drama, "Saving Private Ryan."

Starring Tom Hanks and Matt Damon, the film follows a team of soldiers trying to extricate one enlisted man from action after all his other brothers die in combat. For Spielberg, the seemingly straightforward humanitarian mission raised broader concerns.

"The moral question at the heart of the story. Why do we send eight boys on a mission to save one, simply because that one lost all of his brothers within 48 hours of each other?" Spielberg asks in Sunday's Daily News. "Is this a ... Washington public relations mission?"

The critically acclaimed film bothered some with its sometimes grisly depictions of combat during and after the famed D-Day invasion of German-occupied France, including showing Americans guilty of wartime atrocities.

"I'm only holding a mirror up to what really took place," Spielberg said. "There are soldiers today, in their 80s, who candidly come out and talk about shooting prisoners. It's something that happened, and I just wanted to show it the way it actually happened.

"I don't want to turn Americans away from the patriotism many of us feel, but in the process of the chaos of combat, these were some of the things men were driven to do."

Spielberg said a lot of WWII veterans he interviewed told him traditional Hollywood war movies glossed over the horrors of combat, while they praised the realism of Stone's "Platoon."

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NEW YORK — Hip-hop fans thought maybe **Queen Latifah** was making a personal statement about her sexuality in her new song "Get Off Minez," which features raw, explicit — and ambiguous — lyrics.

Queen Latifah's new song raises questions about her sexuality.

"Coming out? Of the closet?" the rapper-actress whose real name is Dana Owens says in the August issue of The Source magazine. "The funny thing is, I don't really (care) what people think about my sexuality. There was a time when I wasn't dating a guy, I wasn't dating anybody at the time. And people started those rumors about me being gay, and I felt like I had to go get a boyfriend."

Latifah made her rap debut in 1989 with "All Hail to the Queen" and won a Grammy in 1993 for her song "U.N.I.T.Y." As an actress, she has co-starred for five years on the TV sitcom "Living Single" and played a lesbian character in the film "Set It Off."

"I don't have any problems with my sexuality, whatever you wanna think I am," Latifah said. "I'll never answer the question. I'd rather have you die wanting to know."

Besides, she said, she's too straightforward to use "Get Off Minez" as a veiled sexual announcement. "If I wanted to come out ... why wouldn't I just say it?" Latifah said.

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LOS ANGELES — Film critic **Leonard Maltin**, who wrote that the actor who played Bud on "Father Knows Best" became a drug-addicted heroin pusher, issued an apology to Billy Gray as part of a libel lawsuit settlement, saying it was all a mistake.

Financial terms of the settlement were not released.

"I did not intend to convey that Billy Gray was a heroin addict or pusher in my review of the film 'Dusty and Sweets McGee,'" Maltin said Saturday.

"If any damage has resulted from the publication of my review, I apologize for that. I grew up watching and enjoying Billy Gray on the television series 'Father Knows Best' and wish him success in his future acting career," he said.

Gray and Maltin appeared together at a news conference but, as part of the settlement, neither answered questions.

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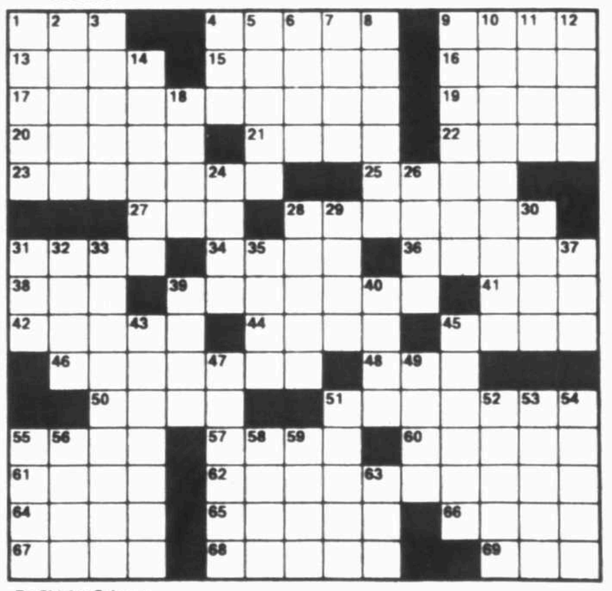

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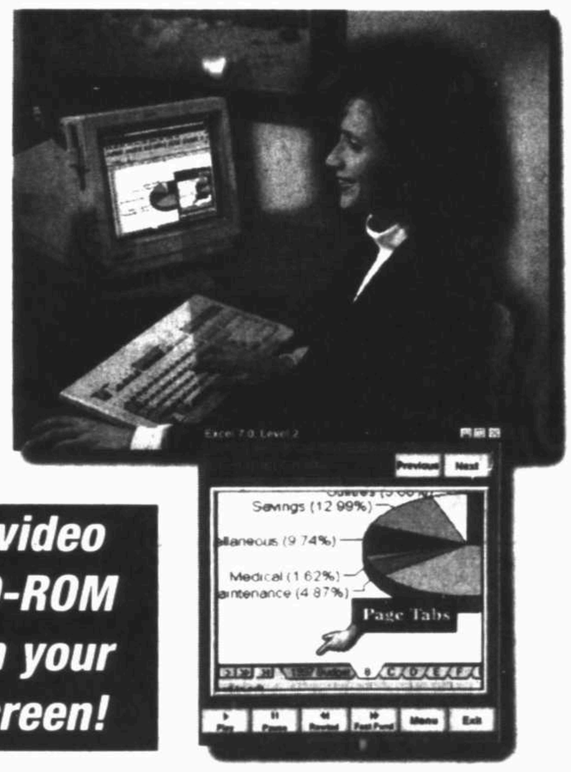

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Steffi Graf prepares to return the ball to Amanda Coetzer in the A&P Tennis Classic final Sunday. Graf captured her sixth A&P Tennis Classic championship Sunday by defeating Amanda Coetzer, 6-3, 6-3.

Graf wins 6th A&P

MAHWAH, N.J. (AP) — Showing flashes of the brilliance that propelled her to 21 Grand Slam singles titles, Steffi Graf captured her sixth A&P Tennis Classic championship Sunday by defeating Amanda Coetzer, 6-3, 6-3.

Graf has won the annual exhibition tournament six of the seven times she's participated, losing only to Kathy Rinaldi in the 1985 final. In the 21-year history of the event, no other player has won it more than twice.

Winning the the A&P Classic, though it is only an exhibition event, was a significant step in Graf's comeback from surgery on her right knee in June of 1997.

"I think I made the best out of these three days," she said. "I couldn't expect to come here and win all three matches, especially today. I haven't really felt so great in the heat because I haven't really been in the heat for quite some time, but it's a great way to start."

Although Coetzer is only 4-10 lifetime against Graf on the WTA Tour, three of those four wins came in 1997, including a victory at the Australian Open when Graf was still ranked No. 1 and another at the French Open. Graf is currently ranked 57th in the world while Coetzer is ranked eighth.

Neither player was at their best in Sunday's error-filled final. Still, despite oppressive heat and humidity which elevated the on-court temperature to 94 degrees, Graf continued to show signs of improvement.

Her backhand slice was her most effective weapon. She used it repeatedly to work Coetzer's backhand, causing her to commit several unforced errors.

Her biggest improvement was in her serve. After double faulting six times in her three-set semifinal win over Fang Li Saturday, Graf didn't have any double faults against Coetzer and registered three aces. Coetzer, on the other hand, double faulted six times and held serve only once in the second set and three times on the day.

Although she is still battling a sinus infection, Graf, 29, won almost every long rally and showed good agility in running down several solid Coetzer forehands, reminding more than a few of the Graf of old.

"At certain points I saw a lot of it," Coetzer said. "Both of us made a lot of errors and we both have to clean that up going into the next few tournaments. But I was impressed with the way she moved. I think she moved very well and she's starting to serve better and better."

In preparation for the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 31, Graf plans to play tournaments at Stanford Univerity, San Diego and Montreal. She's skipping the Germany's Federation Cup match against Russia next week in Moscow to make sure she's ready for the Open because she felt she didn't get in enough tournaments before she played Wimbledon earlier this month.

If she continues to progess as she has, Graf feels there's no reason she shouldn't be factor in Flushing.

"No question about it," she said. "That's why I decided to come here really early. I'll be here all the way through the U.S. Open. Next week would have been the Federation Cup and I decided to stay here and continue to play tournaments because I felt that if I want to really be a threat at the open I really need to start playing tournaments and get accustomed to playing matches."

Davis Cup gets its Final Four

By Roy Kammerer
Associated Press Writer

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Unruffled by a raucous crowd, Jonas Bjorkman picked up right where he left off last year in the Davis Cup.

He beat Nicolas Kiefer in five sets Sunday to send defending champion Sweden past Germany and into the semifinals of the Davis Cup.

In another quarterfinal, Spain ousted Switzerland and will play the Swedes in one semifinal. The United States, which beat Belgium 4-1, and Italy, a 5-0 winner over Zimbabwe, will meet in the other. Both semifinals are Sept. 25-27.

Bjorkman won 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 to give Sweden a 3-1 lead in the first of two matches, with a crowd of 10,200 jeering every call that went against the German.

"I had doubts a lot of times I would win," Bjorkman said. "I didn't play well, but I never gave up."

Kiefer failed twice to break Bjorkman at 4-4 in the final set, then was broken on his next serve to end a wild match.

"Bjorkman's hard to beat, but Kiefer had his chances," German captain Carl-Uwe Steeb said.

In a final singles reduced to three sets, Germany's Tommy Haas defeated Magnus Larsson 6-7 (4-7), 7-5, 6-2.

Bjorkman, ranked No. 9 in the world, won three singles and went undefeated in doubles in Sweden's title run last year.

One of the world's top doubles players, Bjorkman teamed with Nicklas Kulti on Saturday to give Sweden a 2-1 lead by beating Boris Becker and David Prinosil 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

United States 4, Belgium 1

At sweltering Indianapolis, Todd Martin spoiled Xavier Malisse's 18th birthday Sunday but Belgium avoided a sweep when Jim Courier retired with an arm injury.

Courier was leading Christophe Van Garsse, 6-3, 1-4, when he left the court. In Sunday's opening match at the Indianapoils Tennis Center, Martin beat Malisse, 7-6 (7-1), 6-3.

"I just have a tired arm from a lot of tennis this weekend," said Courier, who won a four-set singles match against Filip Dewulf on Friday, then teamed with Martin as the United States clinched the tie with a five-set doubles triumph in a three-and-a-half hour match.

NBA players stay unified as they gather for charity game

By Jeff Shain
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Gary Payton scanned the defense as he ran upcourt, zipping a pass between two defenders to teammate Tim Hardaway. Hardaway returned the favor, and Payton fired a no-look pass to Glen Rice for a mid-range jumper.

This wasn't happening Sunday in Monte Carlo, where the trio originally was scheduled to be preparing for the World Championships in Greece. It took place at Miami Arena, at a charity game organized by Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat.

And until the NBA lockout ends, it's the closest any of them are going to get to organized competition.

"It's disappointing," said Payton, one of five members of the original World Championship team who took part in the second annual "Zo's Summer Groove" event Sunday.

The 12 original members of the US team were removed from the roster in late June for refusing to play in the event of a lockout. They have been replaced by a team of CBA players and collegians.

"We want to represent our country," Payton continued. "That's a lot of guys' dream, to win a gold medal. Like my buddy Vin (Baker, a Seattle teammate) — he's never won anything like that. But we've got to stick together."

While the original Team USA players are somewhat saddened by the missed opportunity, there were no regrets.

"I'd love to go," said Milwaukee's Terrell Brandon. "Greece is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. And I've heard so much about Monte Carlo. It's disappointing. But we made the right decision."

New York's Patrick Ewing, the NBAPA president, and other union officials have a breakfast meeting scheduled later this week with commissioner David Stern. It will be the first time the sides have met since the lockout was imposed.

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Dear Mark & Dale:

I absolutely love your column! You make us see the world as basic stuff. Thank you. My problem is that I resigned from a large bank several months ago due to a horrible boss making my life a living hell. Now, when prospective employers ask me why I left my former job, I don't know what to tell them. I can't tell them what I just told you, so I find myself saying all kinds of things that just don't sound right. It's a shame I have to be put in this position because of his bad treatment. Any advice?— Kathi

DALE: First, thanks for the compliment, Kathi. The world of work is full of basic stuff, disguised as complexity. For instance, Mark and I were just visiting with Andy Patti, the former president of the Dial Corp. You can find fat books on "the new job market," but Patti summed it up in one sentence: "Employers are now saying to employees, I make you no promises, but if you're worth more than you cost, I'll keep you around." And there's a theme you can take into job interviews: "I get things done. I contribute." Nothing extraordinary there. Still, it gives you leverage to handle the "why did you leave" question. You left because it was a place where personalities got in the way of the work.

MARK: It's a start. But that explanation will probably lead to follow up questions and the same old conundrum—(a) to criticize her old employer and appear to be a whiner, or (b) to shrug it off as a a bad fit" and let her very casualness provoke suspicions. It's like when I started "at dating again and my date would ask why I got divorced. There's no great answer. So, maybe the best response is to answer with a question. Something like, "Have you ever had a job that just didn't work for you?" It might just lead to sharing some stories and to a human connection. And if the interviewer knows all about lousy jobs because he or she is in one right now, then we're back to "basic stuff"... RUN!

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Dear Mark & Dale:

My company wants me to move to Atlanta, which seems like a great place. They tell me that the cost of living is comparable to where I am now, in Cincinnati. How would I check this? Even if it is the same, it seems like a good time to do some aggressive negotiating, right?— Larry

DALE: Yes, this is a good time to be aggressive—to aggressively pursue information. Once you have that information let it do the negotiating.

MARK: And the information you need is easy to get if you use the Internet. Go to www.homefair.com and you'll find a sophisticated salary calculator. And when I put in your cities, Larry, I found that you'd need nearly a 5 percent raise to stay level. And while you're there, you can go into "The Relocation Wizard," which prints out a long list of things you need to do before you move. If you plug in the estimated date of your move, it gives you a to-do list for months ahead of moving day.

DALE: The same company has a lesser-known service, and you don't need the Internet. You can call 800-522-1052 and get a "relocation coach" It's particularly useful to people changing companies and who need advice on pension rollovers or health insurance gaps. For you, Larry, it's a great source of information on what to negotiate—temporary housing, or maybe a lump-sum payment for moving. And it's all free. Just like the Web site, the company makes its money by offering referrals to real estate companies and van lines and so on. But you don't get referred unless you request it.

MARK: And once you have all the facts, you go to your management and explain how you were preparing for the move and you made a few discoveries . And then you invite them to discover some additional salary and benefits for you. Once you understand cost of living differences and the demands of moving, you won't have to ask for more, just for what's fair.

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310 General Help Wanted

☆LABORERS☆

Local manufacturing company is seeking laborers-general work, no experience required will train. Come by 2501 E. I-20, Midland, between 9- 5 Monday thru Friday.

SPA TECH with plumbing and electrical knowledge needed for spa repairs and deliveries. Truck preferred. Drug testing required. Apply at Morgan Buildings and Spas, 12000 W. Hwy. 80 E., 1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland

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Delivery in Texas. CDL + 2 years experience

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*** THE BAR ***

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310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT- Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring Cashier and Counter Help. Apply in person between 3- 5 pm, 4317 W. Illinois, Midland.

RESTAURANT- The Bar is currently accepting applications for Cooks. Apply in person between 8- 10 am or 2- 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, 606 W. Missouri.

SALES PERSON- Self starter, knowledge of home sewing, commission & salary. Send resume to: Box J-1079, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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RETAIL SALES- Part time position. Must have retail experience and love working with children. Salary negotiable. Verifiable references required. Send letter of interest to Box T-05118, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SALON- Great Expectations is looking for full time and part time stylists and part time receptionist. Please call 697-7961.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 153 Bed JCAHO Accredited Acute Care Facility has an immediate opening for a Full Time Surgical Tech.

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Personnel
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Big Spring, Texas 79720
or FAX to: (915)263-0151

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McCamey Hospital

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Contact Cheryl Roberts RN - Director of Nursing Services McCamey Hospital - P.O. Box 1200, McCamey, TX 79752 (915) 652-8626 - Mail Inquiries or Contact Cheryl Roberts RN.

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SECURITY. Leading Security Company is seeking a full- time employee to monitor burglar alarms. Monitoring is done through a computer enhanced environment. No experience necessary. Will train the right person. Job consists of 40 hours per week. non smoking environment. Hours are: Tuesday- Friday: 3:00 PM- 11:00 PM; Saturday: 4:00 PM- 12:00 PM. Starting Salary: $7 per hour. To apply, send resume to: Personnel Manager, 1011 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701, 915-570-0189.

TCC now hiring Telesecretaries. Weekend & Evening work a must. Typing skills a must. May apply at 2002 South County Road 1276 (Located at Air Terminal, directly behind Big 2 News), Monday- Wednesday, 10:00 am- 2:00 pm.

TEACHER/ CHILD Care Giver for child care center, working with 3 year old children. Full time. College Child Development or CDA helpful. Call Mama Bear's Cottage, 684-5009.

TELEPHONE/ SECRETARIES needed. Must type minimum 35- 40 wpm. Evening and weekend shift. Apply in person 10 am- 3 pm, 1300 S. Midland Drive, Midland.

TRAVEL AGENCY. Professional agent with 3 + years experience to start immediately. Salary $1,500- $2,200 month, DOE. Please send resume with salary history and requirements to: Travel Agent, Amera Travel, P.O. Box 50562, Midland, TX 79710.

UNIVERSAL TOXICOLOGY has 2 part- time positions available for opening and accessioning of samples. Hours are 10 am- 2 pm, Monday thru Friday. Please call Loni at 561-8851.

WAREHOUSE position. High school diploma, drug test, and valid drivers license required. Construction background helpful. 707 S Colorado, Midland, Texas.

WELDERS/ FABRICATORS- taking applications for single-hand welders/ fabricators experienced on stainless. Must be able to read blueprints, pass welding test and pass drug/ alcohol screen. Call Harold at 362-4666.

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***CERTIFIED SCRUB TECH**

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For more information, please contact: Odessa Regional Hospital, Human Resources Dept. 915-334-8397. EOE

✔ PROVIDERS NEEDED for Midland and Odessa areas. Job includes, light housekeeping, cleaning, cooking and etc! Please come by InHome Care, 808 W. Indiana, Midland, Texas.

BILLING CLERK/ Receptionist with experience for busy physicians office. Medical Manager software. Mail resumes to: Box P-06115, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY Outpatient Clinic is looking for: P.T. Aide, to work on part time basis. Apply in person: Seal Physical Therapy, 4500 West Illinois, Suite 110 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday- Friday.

312 Professional Help Wanted

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***LEGAL SECRETARY**

Legal Assistant needed for non- smoking law firm who has an accurate typing speed of 75- 80+ wpm, transcription, phones, filing, and light bookkeeping. Knowledge of WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows is a must. Would prefer a candidate who is familiar with oil and gas law, estate law and some litigation. Please send resume to:

Box T-05122
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APARTMENT MANAGER needed for challenging community. Must have 2+ years experience in apartment industry. Preference for CAM designation or candidates. Call Vicki at 694-5950.

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BIG SPRING: Contractor has opening for a pilot- plane Beechcraft 58P Baron. Must be multi-engine, IFR Rates. Will have some clerical work when not flying. Salary $20's. Send resume to: Universal Const., PO Box 603, Coahoma, Texas 79511, Attention: Jim Wright.

DIRECTOR of MARKETING/ Admissions. Comanche Trail Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is seeking a healthcare marketing professional with excellent relationship- building, organizational and analytical skills. The ideal candidate will have healthcare marketing experience, familiarity with the Big Spring and surrounding area's medical communities, an interest in the geriatric healthcare market and computer skills. RN or LVN a plus. Competitive salary and benefits including health insurance, 401K, paid vacation and holidays. Please send resume and salary requirements to: Administrator, Comanche Trail Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

Aids the Executive Staff capacity by analyzing and coordinating office services. Bachelors degree in Business or Healthcare Administration with two years healthcare management experience and/ or training; equivalent combination of education and experience.

CONTROLLER/ FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Aids the Executive Staff capacity by organizing and analyzing the office operations and procedures. Also provides support to the physicians to assure that billing is accurate and is posted in a timely manner to facilitate timely billing. Associate's degree in Business or Healthcare Administration with two years healthcare management experience and/ or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have CPT and ICD-9 Coding knowledge, either through education or experience and have at least three to five years of medical coding experience.

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LEGAL SECRETARY. Law office seeking secretary with litigation experience. Very busy desk. Must be able to handle multiple tasks efficiently and with attention to detail. Send salary requirements and resume to: Human Resources, Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson, P.O. Box 2776, Midland, Texas 79702. No phone calls please. Closing date: July 27th, 1998.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

LAND TECHNICIAN

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This individual must have a working knowledge of oil and gas land and legal principles, lease administration, title review, and contracts. 5+ years of similar experience is also necessary. Please reply in confidence to: **Enron Corp., P.O. Box 1188, EB 1584, Job #4ADMP828, Houston, TX 77251-1188.** EOE, M/F/D/V. No phone calls or personal visits, please. Visit our website at **www.enron.com**

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OIL OPERATOR. Contract Administrative position. Joint Interest Billings & Regulatory Filings. Office Manager, PO Box 10303, Midland, Texas 79702.

RECEPTIONIST needed for 30 hours per week for busy clinic. Varied shifts include some morning, evening and weekend work. Bilingual and Medical Manager are a plus. Paid Health Insurance. Send resumes to First Care, 2310 W. Ohio, Midland, TX 79701.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

LOOKING for Experienced Gang Pushers, Roustabouts, & Oilfield Dozer Operator. For details, call Smith Oilfield & Environmental Services at (940)683-5922 or Rick Smith at (940)969-2187.

OIL FIELD- Experience Rig Mechanic wanted. Must be willing to work shop and field, have own tools, experienced on CATS, Detroits and able to work on draworks. Contact Ron Settell, Big A Well Service, Farmington, NM (505)327-4961.

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320 Skilled Trades

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320 Skilled Trades

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For Texas Department of Criminal Justice project, Lamesa, Texas. One year duration. Applicant should have a minimum of three years experience in preparing, updating and maintaining CPM Construction Schedules of 500 activities or more and two years experience using Primavera Software in construction scheduling. Call Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. 806-797-8400, speak with Andy Haynie or Lee Lewis or send resume: P.O. 65197, Lubbock, TX 79464 or fax: 806-797-1034.

CONTRACT WELDERS- Meridian Aggregates L.P. is now looking for contract welders for the construction of a crush stone facility located in Sierra Blanca, Tx. Must have your own rig. All gas, rods and lodging furnished. Please contact Tim Lochridge at (915)986-2428 Monday- Friday between 7 am and 5 pm Mountain Standard Time.

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LOOKING FOR licensed plumbers and experienced sheet metal mechanics and helpers. To start work immediately. Please call 686-0002.

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ROOFING CREW needed. All types of roofing, must be willing to travel within 200 mile radius of Midland. 520-0561.

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WANTED: Experienced Commercial Licensed Plumber. Permanent position, top pay. Apply in person at Permian Air Conditioning, Inc. at 311 West 42nd, Odessa.

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ELECTRIC SERVICE Business, service truck, tool boxes, tools, ladders and supplies plus some inventory. Call after 6, (915)381-1456.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION! Saturday, July 25, 1998, 10 am, Sharp! 3010 East County Road 142, Midland, Texas. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. 10% Buyers premium. Vehicles subject to sellers confirmation. Auction to include: 2075 Sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, Oak Creek Manufactured home, located on 2/3 acre, beautifully landscaped yard, 20+ mature trees and it's own water well & RO system. 1988 Cadillac, Motor home, pistols, artwork, furniture, lamps, tapestry, clocks, lawn maintenance equipment. Preview, Friday, July 24, 1998, 10:00 am- 4:00 pm. Auction Conducted by: Auction Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, TX License #6250.

410 Misc. Sales

STANDING SPEAKERS by Bose, Model 3 Omni Vector. White sewing machine & cabinet, round solid maple table. Stereo processor SP2000 for Satellite. Sale or Trade for Satellite Descrambler. 694-4913.

★ BIBLE TALK: How are We Saved by Abrahamic Faith? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

BAR B Q smoker, new custom built from 20" pipe. Last a lifetime. $360. 563-3605.

RESTHAVEN- CHOICE burial spaces in Garden of Last Supper, lot 138, spaces 3 & 4, Call (254)772-2784.

LARGE COUNTER Case with black formica top. Used in the First National Bank for coins, 30 ball bearing drawers, length is 14'. Original price $1,200, asking $600, 689-6962.

PRICE REDUCED- Damaged 12' x 24' storage building/ shop- heavy duty floor- delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

EAST HIGHWAY 80 Flea Market. Everybody welcome! Open Saturday & Sundays, 10:00 am.

21" MURRY Lawn Mower. Good condition. $35. Call 694-6732

HOME STEREO- turn table and AM FM radio, equalizer, CD player, dual cassette, stand. 697-7969.

KREEPY KRAULY Pool Cleaner. 2 Years old. $125. Call 697-0539 after 6:00 pm.

BOOKCASE- white, $40, picnic tables $85, porch swings $35, Glider swings $65, dog houses. 563-0452.

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WEDDING DRESS- Size 14. Slip, neck & shoulder sheer with pearl edging. Satin bodice, 570-9738.

RESTHAVEN MEMORIAL Park, Inspiration lot 61 spaces 1 & 2, $1,000 each. 694-3197 (work), 699-5552.

CHILDCRAFT 5 Drawer chest white with primary colors, matching lamps, twin red metal headboard, twin bedding set- sports theme, queen brass headboard, 699-5608.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, Riding/ mowers, refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, bamboo dining/ buffet, others. Miscellaneous furniture. 570-4851.

JOHN DEER Riding lawn mower. Good condition, $400. Please call 689-7902 for more information.

USED METAL 16' X 7' Garage door with hardware & opener $50, H P computer scanner $30, (2) 40" x 60" smoke glass $5, 699-2596. No Sunday calls!

ANTIQUE LACE Wedding dress, size 7, very full, petticoat included. Call 522-7841.

MURRAY RIDING Lawn mower 18 HP, 46" mowing deck with accessories, $700, 697-7041.

410 Misc. Sales

POOL TABLE for sale with light and other accessories. $550. Call 561-8878.

GE 3 COM Air Conditioner unit, works good, $450, Please call 697-8583.

HUFFY Trail bike $65, Western Flyer 10 speed $40, Singer vacuum $35, Atari 2600 with games $65, 19 channel CB $35, Camper shell long wide $700, Bed liner $50, 694-6031.

MOVING! Must sell! Childrens Fort/ Swing Set. $250. Call 520-8722.

413 Jewelry & Furs

BUYING ROLEX Watches. Vintage to New. Cash paid. Call John, 685-1037 or Cellular 559-1785.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

PERMIAN BASIN Farmers Market will open at 5021 Princeton Street, beginning Saturday July 4th. And 1505 East Front, beginning Tuesday July 7th. Shop early for best selections.

430 Household Goods

MUST SELL this week- slightly damaged '96 model hot tub/ spa- delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

432 Household Furniture

LARGE CARVED Indonesian dining table with 6 matching chairs, also unusual antique Scottish buffet. 684-8135.

HARVEST Coffee Table Pine with Dark Oak finish. 72"x19" 2-10 1/2" Drop Leaves. $125. 687-6373.

BLUE BASSETT Sectional with 2 built in recliners, $600 or best offer. 689-3327 after 5.

5 DRAWER Chest $20, super single water bed with 6 drawer pedestal $50, queen waterbed with 6 drawer pedestal/ bookcase headboard $75. Small desk $20, 694-2351.

SLEEPER SOFA and Love Seat. Good condition, southwest colors. Call Marge at 520-8520.

54" X 16" X 34"H New Cherrywood Queen Anne Legs Sideboard. $500. 36" x 18" x 52"H 4 Drawer Black Lateral File, $300. Call 520-8804.

COUCH WITH matching chair & ottoman in southwestern pastels. Excellent condition, $300. Hide a bed couch, brown with navy & burgundy stripes, good condition, $150. Call after 5 686-7711.

BEAUTIFUL wood display hutch, matching diningroom set with 4 chairs. Old work truck. 2 full/ queen comforter sets. 686-7150 after 5.

COUCH AND Love seat, almost new, great shape, gray/ blue multi, 688-6874 Ask for Linda.

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.

BROWN & RUST couch, $75. 2 rust chairs $25 each. Queen bed, $50. Levolour mini blinds, 2 green area rugs. 694-3688.

435 Household Appliances

WHIRLPOOL Smooth- Top (ceramic top) Stove, white with black top and door, new $450. 697-5114.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

IBM SELECTRIC II Typewriter. First $85 takes it. See at 306 E. Illinois. 682-0470.

WHIRLPOOL self- cleaning drop in electric range, chrome top, very good condition, $150. 685-1155.

WHIRLPOOL REFRIGERATOR 17 cubic foot, almond, excellent condition, $300 o. b. o. 620-0748.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

MAYTAG washer and dryer, 15 years old, almond, never used with Midland water, $200. 687-1738.

WHIRLPOOL Washer/ Dryer, $275. Kenmore Water Softener, $50. Schwinn Airdyne, $350. Stairstepper, $30. 682-1210.

G.E. TRASH compactor, $150 or trade for trampoline or upright freezer. 689-6301.

MAGIC CHEF Almond Refrigerator, Maytag dishwasher (black front). Both in excellent condition. 685-6023.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

450 Sporting Goods

DEER BLINDS, Deer Feeders by Spin Cast. Terry's Trailers, 1403 Garden City Hwy, Call 688-5198.

PAINT BALL- Open Monday nights. Weekends by reservation only. Call 362-1779.

POWER RIDER- $75, stomach crunch machine- $10. Please call 686-0866 for more information.

450 Sporting Goods

PRICE REDUCED- 24' display model- complete above ground pool kit- delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

460 Antiques & Arts

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

ORNAMENTAL CAST Iron fence- (14) 7 foot sections, 5 posts & gate, $3,000, 699-4054 after 5.

2 ANTIQUE SINGER sewing machines, 1 in a beautiful antique walnut cabinet, 699-5608.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway. (915)687–2004.

465 Collectibles

EXTENSIVE Vanderbear Collection & clothes, Boyd's bears, Valentine/ Heart stuff, 10 pair Ladies Justin ropers fits 6 1/2- 7. 697-5672.

MEME'S COLLECTION, 3205 W. Cuthbert, 520-0055. Come in and see our Antique Oak Table and Chairs, Beautiful Antique Buffet, China and Curio Cabinets. Also Fostoria (American), Milk Glass, Hand Painted Plates, Depression Glass and Crystal Items. Wonderful selection of Kitchen Collectibles (Rooster, Cookie Jars, Pink, Red & Green Wooden Handled Utensils, room full of Childrens Collectible Toys (Iron Baby Bed, Disney, Looney Tunes, Games, to name a few). Elvis Plates, Stamps, Doll, Books and More. Wonderful selection of Collectibles and New. And of course, Ty Beanie Babies! Tuesday through Saturday 10- 6.

Anna Marie Gifts has new retired and hard to find Beanie Babies come by 1705 N. Big Spring. Ask how you could win "Glory".

BEANIE BABIES for sale. Current and retired. For more information please call 687-6400.

470 Musical Instruments

KIMBALL SPINET Piano with bench. Pecan finish. Nice detailing. $900 or best offer. Call 699-6724.

VIOLINS for sale. 3/4 size, $185. 4/4 size $150. 4/4 size $225. Please call 683-5836.

WHITE CABINET Hammond organ, Melody Maker. One owner, 694-3524 after 4 pm.

GETZEN 300 series trumpet. Used one year. $350. Call 684-7378.

FOR SALE- beginners viola in good condition with case. Please call 682-2617.

480 Cameras & Supplies

NIKON F4S with 50 mm F1.8 lens, Like new, $1,200. Have other lenses, (915)694-3030

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.

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FREE ADULT female cat, spayed, shots, excellent for lamp or barn. Call 699-6352.

5 FREE Kittens, litter box trained and 3 outside pups all looking for good homes. 682-7655.3

1 -1/2 year old spayed female house cat to good home, child's pet. Moving must sacrifice 694-8351.

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FREE MALE neutered Great Dane and female spayed Dalmation to good home(s). 520-0315.

FREE KITTENS to good home, litter box trained and lots of fun. Please call 570-6970.

GOLDEN Retriever/ German Shepherd mix puppies. To a good home. 684-6006.

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1/2 RED HEELER, 1/2 Blue Heeler puppies, 8 weeks old. 1 7 month old female. 694-6970.

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC REGISTERED English Bulldog available for stud service. Proven breeder. Excellent bloodline. Call Josh, 694-3877.

SIAMESE Indoor companion kittens, completely vaccinated, wormed, very active. Papers optional. $100. 697-2046 after Noon.

ENGLISH BULLDOGS, AKC, registered, 5 females, 2 males, mother free whelper, $800. 263-4462.

AKC BOXERS, fawn and white shots, declawed, bobtails, males and females, superb, ready July 24, booking now 806-462-7668, 866-0484.

UNWANTED Kittens & Puppies often suffer from the West Texas heat, malnutrition, neglect, and other abuse. Then, after all that, they may be taken to a shelter & put to sleep. Be kind to our furry friends, spay or neuter your pets.

AKC REGISTERED Boston Terrier puppies- now taking deposits. Dam on premises. Please call 520-5004.

CARALOT Obedience Training Center. Puppy, beginner and advanced classes. Board and train service available. 683-4718.

AKC REGISTER English Springer pups- liver and white. 8 Weeks old, first shots, dew claws, tails- three males one female. (806)792-9288.

AKC MINIATURE Schnauzers. 5 Weeks old. Excellent bloodline & temperament. Private owners, not kennel. 915-573-7967.

ADORABLE TRI- colored Cocker Spaniel puppies to approved homes. Champion sired, AKC registered. 683-9199.

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TWO DOGHOUSES, one igloo style for large dog- $45, one small house $30. 520-7561

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FOR RENT. Horse barn- 8 stalls, roping arena, approximately 3 acres, fenced, water furnished. $450 per month. 682-6739, 683-7283.

RAFTER H TRAILERS & TACK SALES. New & Used Trailers. Financing Available. Trailer Repairs. Hitches. 5203 East Garden City Highway 158. 684-5850.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

WALNUT OFFICE Suite: Executive desk, credenza, chair, 2 piece secretary desk and chair. $475; Oak drafting table and chair, $375. 682-1210.

CONTEMPORARY METAL desk with left hand return. Almond color with oak top. $150. 686-7701.

540 Building Materials

ANGLE IRON ROOF Trusses. 26' length. $75 each. Please Call 684-7535.

550 Portable Buildings

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560 Machinery/ Tools

FOR SALE, vertical 60 gallon air compressor, 6.5 hp, Campbell Hausfeld. $300. 694-3620.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

FOR SALE: Two Bethlehem TP- 6 (B- 150), 1 TP- 3A (B-50) Triplex pumps. Aluminum bronze heads with ceramic plungers. Complete with skids, motors, sheaves and belts. Also approximately 4700' of 3 1/2" EUE tubing, 9 1/2 lb., with Rice duolined lining. For information, call 684-8421.

(2) 1990 MACK Trucks, (1) 1984 Mack Truck, (1) 1981 Mack Truck, (3) Transport trailers. Call (915)399-4711.

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682–1546.

590 Legal Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Greenwood Independent School District is seeking vendors for catalog purchases made from August 1, 1998 to July 31, 1999. Proposals will be accepted for Maintenance, and Transportation.

LEGAL NOTICE

WESTWOOD MEDICAL CENTER HOME HEALTH AGENCY will be closing effective August 1, 1998. Any patients still under the are of Westwood Medical Center Home Health Agency on August 1, 1998 will either be transferred to another certified Home Health Agency or will continue to receive care from Westwood Medical Center Home Health for as long as that care is deemed medically necessary.

600 Rooms for Rent

FURNISHED BEDROOM in quiet home, kitchen privileges, off Midland Drive. $200 monthly. Please call 694-3972.

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✂3313 W. CUTHBERT, Sunday & Monday 8am- ? Moving sale! We have all kinds of good stuff including women's clothes, dresser, child's desk, play pen, high chair, toys, bikes, books, and lots more! Don't miss this one. Great stuff at a great price!

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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, Jennifer or Nancy 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. $6 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

605 Apartments Furnished

1210 COLLEGE 1 room furnished. $250 monthly, $75 deposit. Bills paid. Inquire rear apartment C.

ALL BILLS Paid, furnished, 1 & 2 bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

FURNISHED ROOMS- No credit check. $300 monthly, all bills paid. 3101 Bankhead Hwy. 697-7991.

STUDIOS. 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155.

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1 BEDROOM, 1 Bath. 616- 814 ft. $350/ up. Washer/ dryer, fans, pool. 689-8115.

SUTTON PLACE kingsize townhome. 2 1/2 baths, 2 bedroom, fireplace, assigned covered parking, approximately 1,400 sq. ft. 682-2423.

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2 Bdrms, Start at $320
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699-7246

WESTPARK APTS.
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687–4514
●1-2 & 3 Bedrooms
●Mini-Blinds Throughout
● 2 Pools
●2 Laundry Facilities
●Covered Parking
★ Open (7) Days A Week ★

THORNWOOD APARTMENTS Great prices, all sizes, great location. Free cable. 682–5381.

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$75 Deposit
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1 Bedroom, 2 Bedroom
THE ARCHES
694-2466

GARAGES, lovely, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, flat $449 and townhome $489. Leisure Estates, 682-5622.

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Hunter's Ridge
$195 - 1 Bedroom
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◆ Sport Courts
◆ Lovely Pool
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520–0023

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NICE APARTMENT for single or married couple, near downtown, $300 month. 620-0740.

ALL BILLS PAID. Large 1 & 2 Bedrooms. Excellent location. Abbey Court. 694-2549.

LARGE 1 BEDROOM condo with furniture. For sale or rent. Great investment $8,500. Renaissance, 699-0550.

✔ SILVER CREEK APARTMENTS 2438 Whitmire, 687-0053. One, two and three bedrooms, washer/ dryer connections, large closets, fishing pond, and courtesy officer on premises. Don't miss our special, 1st month free on 1 and 2 bedrooms.

625 Houses Unfurnished

NICE clean Westside home: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, ceiling fans, trees, refrigerator, stove. $650 monthly, $350 deposit. Call 631-0155, Cellular.

3304 CUNNINGHAM, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, central heat and air, no pets. $350 Deposit, $425 rent. 694-6193

3 BEDROOMS, 2 baths, fenced yard. $400 Per month, $200 deposit. 900 Baird. Call 684-7535.

SALE/ LEASE- available around the first. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3504 Humble, $750 monthly, 694-1607.

3311 BAUMANN, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living and dining combination, kitchen has disposal, dishwasher and range, central heat and air, 2 ceiling fans. Nice carpet, mini blinds, 1 car garage with Genie, fenced yard. Pauline Turney 694-7987.

FRESH PAINT, new carpet. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, 2 car garage. 2001 Sands. $775 Monthly, $500 Deposit. References required. 520-3529 or 687-0924.

3211 & 3211-A STOREY. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath Duplex. Appliances, central heat/ air, washer- dryer. No pets. $350 Month plus deposit. 699-6258.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

*FOR LEASE:
5109 Daventry.....$1,100
2317 Siesta.....$495
725 Kansas.....$475
No Pets
Good Credit Required
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687-0595

GREENTREE COUNTRY Club area! 5200 Teakwood Trace- 4 or 5 bedrooms, 2 or 3 living areas, formal dining. 1 year lease required, to see call Janis Cook, 699-8088.

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE in the country. Five miles south of Midland. Four bedrooms, 3 bath. Clean & fresh paint. $700 Per month. $500 Deposit. No indoor pets. References required. Call 687-0348, ask for Mark Slate.

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NEWLY REMODELED 2 bedroom duplex. Appliances furnished. $375 monthly, $200 deposit. No pets. 210 B Mitchell. Call 570-7473.

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4702 RIC
2 or 3 Bdrm., 2 Ba., 2 living. Rent $600/ $500 deposit.
COLDWELL BANKER COOPER REALTY
689-7700

625 Houses Unfurnished

FOR SALE or lease, 4 bedrooms +, 2 bath, fireplace, ceiling fans, storage, and more. 4819 Ric. 697-0000.

2 AND 3 BEDROOM Houses and Duplexes. Central air. Garage. Fireplace. $475 to $650/ month. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

4600 GRACELAND- 4 bedroom, 2 living areas, clean, no pets, references required. $625/ month plus deposit. 697-4808.

412 A ALTA, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, all appliances, washer/ dryer connection, central heat/ air, 2 car garage with opener, no pets, $425 monthly plus deposit. 699-6258.

2 BEDROOM, 2 Bath Duplex. Appliances, washer- dryer connections. Fireplace, central heat/ air. 2 Car garage with opener, small yard. No pets. 4418-B Thomason. $485 plus Deposit. 699-6258.

1 & 2 BEDROOMS, 1 Bath Duplexes for rent at $425-$525/ Month. Available soon! Small pets only. 699-6724.

→NEW TODAY←
3 BEDROOM, 1 bath, carpet, fenced, evaporative cooler, carport. No inside pets. $350 per month, $150 deposit. 694-1400.

SPACIOUS BRICK Duplex, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, built ins, utility, den, fireplace, central heat and air, carport, storage, yard, circle drive, Lee High area, no pets, $575/ $325 deposit, 3521 W. Wadley, 520-9402 after 6 pm.

SMALL HOUSE, good neighborhood, bills paid. Verifiable references needed. $325 monthly, $150 deposit. Call 520-5355.

630 Houses Furnished

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640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

1 & 2 BEDROOMS 1, 2 baths. 841- 1,305 Ft. Garage, washer/ dryer connections, microwave, fans. $650- $680/up. 689-8116, 697–9768.

FAIRGATE Townhomes- 4400 Fairgate Drive. 2 & 3 Bedrooms 12 and 6 month leases. $750 & up. 1,600 sq. ft. Approx. All appliances, fireplaces, garages. Northwest side. 697-9566.

STYLE, PRESTIGE & Elegance. Very private. Intrusion alarms. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Over 2,000 sq ft. $1,000-$1,100 per month. 563-4554.

AVAILABLE AUGUST 1st, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car garage townhouse, $500 per month. 4016 Livingston. Call 694-2622 or (512)835-4875.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

3 BEDROOM, 2 baths, fenced yard. $350 monthly, $125 deposit. 3415 Cotton Flat Rd. space F. 682-2939 leave message.

RENTERS WANTED! One Month's Rent Will Allow You to Own 3 Or 4 Bedroom Mobile Home. $500 Down Will Move You In. 9.75% APR Fixed, 360 Months with approved credit. 1-800-698-8003.

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660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

NICE LARGE spaces, $59 monthly for a year. Security fence around park, water furnished. 550-7505.

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rentals

4305- B/ 4311- A West Illinois, B- 1,000 square feet, A- 1,600 square feet, beauty shop building. 689-7107.

NORTHWEST MIDLAND- new office space for lease. 4 office suite or individually. Broker/ Owner, Century 21 Midtex, 689-0021.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

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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
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