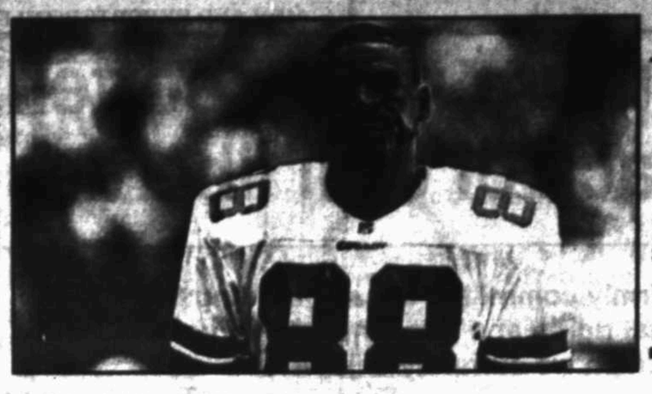


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Kaczynski could face death

Reno makes controversial call despite family's objections

By Michael J. Sniffen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno requested the death penalty Thursday for Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski despite pleas for mercy from his mother and brother, who had turned him in to the FBI.

Reno ordered prosecutors to seek death on grounds that Kaczynski allegedly killed two men with "planning and premeditation," lacks remorse and still presents a danger to the lives of others.

The 54-year-old mathematician-turned-hermit has pleaded innocent to federal charges in Sacramento, Calif., and Newark, N.J.

Kaczynski's younger brother, David, and mother, Wanda, ended the government's fruitless 18-year, nationwide manhunt for the Unabomber last year. They tipped the FBI that they had recognized the ideas and phrases of their relative, a former professor at the University of California at Berkeley, in the Unabomber's manifestoes railing against technology.

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But Reno, who personally opposes the death penalty, has promised to enforce laws providing it and granted prosecutors' requests to seek it in this case, as she has in 58 previous cases.

In four-page memos identical except for the names of the victims, prosecutors told federal courts in Sacramento and Newark that death is warranted because Kaczynski intended to kill and harm people and has little "potential for rehabilitation."

Each filing stated that "the defendant has committed two other murders and numerous other significant acts of violence and attempted acts of violence, and has made threats against others." Prosecutors contend Kaczynski killed three people and injured 23 others in 16 bombings.

The Sacramento filing said Kaczynski should be put

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Our apologies

For decades, Fred Simmons suffered from syphilis without knowing it because the government had decided not to tell him. Now, at 100, he is in a forgiving mood. "I'm going to go up there, shake the president's hand and tell him I'm doing all right," Simmons said.

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The Republican-controlled Senate brushed aside one plan for limiting late-term abortions Thursday, clearing the way for a showdown over a more restrictive proposal backed by many Democrats and the White House.

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Welfare rolls

Thirty-three states had permission to remove people from welfare rolls but few actually cut off benefits, according to a federal report released Thursday.

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A man — angered at being denied Social Security benefits — was in custody Thursday in connection with an alleged plot to take hostages from a dental office and plant bombs in day-care centers.

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Learning to read



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Lael Cordes-Pitts leads 8-year-old Noel Torres through a spirited reading session at Casa de Amigos.

Midland families break old cycle of illiteracy

By Dana Bartholomew
Staff Writer

They struggle with homework. They drift toward special ed. And by cap-and-gown time, they're often seen lurking outside the school yard. They're children who read poorly.

And as adults, studies show they're more apt to end up either locked up, out of work, or underemployed than children who learned their P's and Q's.

It's a fate Noel and his mother Gabriela Torres — once daunted by writing — are determined to avoid.

A recent visit to Casa de Amigos, a self-help community center on Midland's east side, found the Crockett Elementary second-grader working on his letters.

"I am a smarty pants — rum, tum, tie," reads the eager-eyed boy to the nod of two tutors and his mother. "Here is a race car. See me go."

They do. When Noel, 8, enrolled last summer in Casa's Family Reading Program, he couldn't put a sentence together. Two weeks later he had read a simple book. Today he reads the funnies to his family.

The Family Reading program was made possible last August by a $15,000 grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation.

With the help of volunteer tutors, it has allowed Ms. Torres and 10 other parents to hone their children's reading skills.

"He's getting better and better," said Ms. Torres, 29, an eighth-grade dropout and mother of three struggling to get her GED in hope of a job.

"He likes to read and write letters."

The words would be music to the ears of former Midland resident Lau-

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Child Illiteracy: What You Can Do to Help Prevent It

■ Enroll your child in the Midland County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, which offers storytelling, reading incentives and more to children aged 14 and younger. The program will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from May 27 through Aug. 1. Call 688-8991, or 697-8113.

■ Enroll your child in Reading America Summer '97, aimed at promoting family reading participation. Parents and children from kindergarten through grade three — in MISD schools —who read together at least 15 minutes a day, five days a week for five weeks graduate with a party and prizes. Call 689-1430.

■ Enroll your child in the Bluebird Reading Program, aimed at encouraging students to read in the first month of

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Area residents prioritize ideas from MOTRAN

■ Group focused on funding for highway improvements between Lubbock, Midland.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Permian Basin residents are letting the Texas Department of Transportation know they are serious about highway improvements in this area.

Charles Perry, chairman of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN) told TxDoT representatives at a recent town meeting that "the genie is out of the bottle and I don't think you can get him back in."

Perry said the meeting was held to prioritize improvements for the area and discussion groups unanimously listed as the first priority expanding State Highway 349 between Midland and Lamesa into a four-lane divided highway.

Equally important, Perry said, was constructing a new four-lane highway from Highway 349 to FM 1788.

Other priorities include constructing a bypass around Lamesa and expanding the highway between Crane and McCamey to four lanes.

"The objective is to get a four-lane divided highway between Midland-Odessa and Lubbock without a stop light or speed zone," Perry said.

"We made it clear in the statements we made, particularly myself and Glen Hackler, assistant city manager for Midland, that after spending over $2 million by them and untold amounts by us and ungodly manhours, that we hope and we really expect to see some substantial improvements. And we pointed out that studies of this area have been well-organized, well-financed and MOTRAN is now a permanent organization and TxDoT will continue to hear from us frequently."

Perry said the estimated cost of building the corridor from Lamesa to Interstate 10 is $81 million; the highway expansion between Lamesa and Midland, including the bypass around Lamesa, is estimated at $43 million.

While MOTRAN's struggle in the last couple of years has been to get experts to recommend the expansion, Perry said the harder fight will be to get funding for the highways.

He said TxDoT officials were non-committal at the meeting but noted that their

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Technician's testimony bright spot for defense



McVeigh

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

DENVER— Timothy McVeigh's fingerprints couldn't be found on several pieces of evidence that could tie him to the Oklahoma City bombing, including the ignition key and rental agreement for the Ryder truck allegedly used in the blast, a prosecution expert testified Thursday.

In a rare bright moment for the defense, FBI fingerprint technician Louis Hupp also said he didn't find McVeigh's fingerprints at the rental agency where a witness said McVeigh picked up the truck two days before the bombing.

The FBI had gone so far as to tear out the counter at Elliott's Body Shop in Junction City, Kan., and take it to the FBI lab for analysis, but still found none of McVeigh's fingerprints, Hupp said.

And, Hupp said, the FBI didn't find McVeigh's fingerprints in co-defendant Terry Nichols' pickup truck, which prosecutors contend Nichols drove to get McVeigh in Oklahoma City after McVeigh allegedly stashed a getaway car there three days before the blast.

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Cold front moves in; 20 percent chance of showers this weekend

By Kes Gilhome
Staff Writer

Despite a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms this weekend, organizers of the annual Celebration of the Arts festival say that the show will go on.

"We have rain plans for every day of celebration," said Linda Bond, executive director of the Arts Assembly of Midland, the group that organizes the event. "No matter what the weather, Celebration of the Arts will go on."

For the first time in the history of the street festival changes have been made to accommodate the possibility of inclement weather. "This year, for the first time, we have moved all the artists inside the Midland Center," Ms. Bond said. "We felt that the people who make their living by selling their art deserve the safety of being inside. That removes one of our biggest worries."

"Our weather is unpredictable enough that we do make back-up plans," Ms. Bond said. "We'll juggle things as they come up."

Eddie Brite of the National Weather Service based at Midland International Airport said the possibility of rain is brought by the cold front that moved into the Permian Basin Wednesday.

"The front is stationary from Shreveport, La., to Wink. It will hang around long enough to give us a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms for a few days."

According to the NWS, the cold front

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Hong Kong's future rulers soften stance on rollback of civil liberties

HONG KONG (AP) — China's plans to roll back Hong Kong's civil liberties prompted an outcry in the colony used to Western ways. On Thursday, Hong Kong's future leaders softened their stance, but it remained unclear whether the territory will be as free after the handover as it is now.

Acting on results of a three-week public consultation, the future government said it would ease planned restrictions on the right to demonstrate and to form links with foreign organizations.

It also sought to explain what it meant by "national security" as a reason for restricting civil liberties, indicating that it applied chiefly to advocacy of independence for Taiwan and Tibet — causes China abhors but which have no mass following in Hong Kong.

The 11 changes announced at a news conference Thursday are a significant climbdown in some respects. They seem to reveal a leadership-in-waiting that is trying to strike a balance between pro-democracy groups who want no change at all, and a Chinese government that believes Hong Kong already has more that enough freedom already.

In a speech Thursday night, future leader Tung Chee-hwa defended the changes as needed for "a proper balance between civil liberties and social order."

"I am firmly committed to safeguarding the individual rights and freedoms of everyone in Hong Kong, which we currently enjoy," the 59-year-old shipping tycoon said.

However, Hong Kong is already one of the world's most orderly, crime-free societies. Tung aides admit privately that they are making the changes not out of fear of a sudden outbreak of chaos, but because China has left them no choice.

"The central question... remains unanswered, and that is why any of it is necessary," said Chris Patten, the outgoing British governor, who has fought vigorously against any curbs on civil liberties.

In London, the British Foreign Office said the changes still represent a "step backward" for Hong Kong's 6.5 million residents.

The thrust of the new changes appears to be to assure Beijing that its critics will not use Hong Kong to export money and Western-style democracy into China, or espouse the Taiwan and Tibet causes, after the July 1 handover.

The definition of "national security" unveiled Thursday is "the safeguarding of the territorial integrity and the independence of the People's Republic of China."

Patten called the wording "nebulous." But the future government said it was a temporary definition, applicable only until an elected legislature takes office in about a year and writes a new national security law.

And in Taiwan on Thursday, President Lee Teng-hui said the island was "very concerned" about Hong Kong's future under Chinese rule. Lee indicated its boycott of mainland China could be extended to Hong Kong if China reneged on its promise to leave Hong Kong capitalist and semiautonomous for 50 years.

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The revisions will give police leeway in permitting demonstrations on short notice in special circumstances, virtually restoring the existing situation, Tung's officials said.

They remove the ban on foreign individuals giving money to political parties, while retaining the ban on foreign organizations doing so.

Hong Kong's last colonial days are marked by creeping uncertainty about its freedoms, contrasting with a buoyant economic outlook.

The stock market hit a record high Wednesday, and Standard and Poor, the ratings group, boosted Hong Kong's credit rating.

"We expected more problems of confidence but it hasn't panned out that way," Paul Coughlin, managing director of the group's Hong Kong office, said Wednesday.

But democrats saw a bad omen in the Urban Council's refusal to allow them to use city parks for eve-of-handover rallies and the display of a 26-foot-high memorial to victims of Tiananmen Square.

"We feel so angry about this. ... It totally contravenes the idea of freedom of expression," said legislator Yeung Sum, vice chairman of the Democratic Party, Hong Kong's largest.

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Prime minister faces tough election challenge in home district

SHAWINIGAN, Quebec (AP) — Canada has never witnessed a political race quite like the one unfolding in this factory town on the fringe of Quebec's wilderness.

In one corner is Jean Chretien, a hometown boy who since 1993 has been the nation's prime minister. His challenger is Yves Duhaime, who wants to humiliate Chretien and inspire Quebec's separatists.

Chretien has represented the district around Shawinigan in Parliament for most of the past 34 years. Now, he also is a world statesman, yet the race for the June 2 election may be the toughest of his long career.

There is widespread disappointment about the inability of Chretien's Liberal Party to produce more jobs for a region strapped by 16 percent unemployment. He remains the favorite in the race, but a poll in the Quebec newspaper Le Soleil put him and Duhaime about even, with 25 percent of the electorate undecided.

Duhaime, who represented the area in the provincial legislature from 1976-85, has been campaigning door-to-door, depicting Chretien as a man seduced by power and no longer in touch with his constituents.

"He disguises himself as the little guy from Shawinigan every four years in order to get re-elected," Duhaime told a rally of Bloc Quebecois supporters.

Chretien, son of a Shawinigan paper-mill machinist and the 18th of 19 children, has a summer cottage in the district, not a year-round home. But he bristled at Duhaime's charge, declaring, "When I come here, I'm not a guest. I'm home."

His aides say he visits the district at least once a month and is on the phone daily with local aides or constituents.

Jean-Yves Morin, a professor of political economics at Shawinigan's junior college, says Chretien "keeps a lot of contact with businessmen, but he's really lost touch with the little guys."

Morin says Shawinigan residents feel a degree of pride that a native son became prime minister. He predicts a Chretien victory, but detects little enthusiasm among voters for either camp.

"It's a case of the lesser of two evils," Morin said. "Some people will vote for Chretien who don't like him at all."

The campaign has a nasty edge because Chretien and Duhaime have been personal enemies for more than 25 years.

Duhaime, 57, used to belong to the Liberal Party, and received Chretien's help in starting a political and law career. But Duhaime switched to the separatist movement and broke with Chretien.

According to one biography of Chretien, the two men almost came to blows in the 1970s over a threat by Chretien to expropriate land owned by Duhaime's mother-in-law in order to build a federal tax center.

The two have ideological differences over Quebec's future. Chretien passionately wants to keep the mostly French-speaking province in Canada; Duhaime is one the most eloquent advocates of separatism.

Were Duhaime to engineer an upset, it would galvanize the separatist movement as it prepares for a new vote on secession. The separatists almost won a secession referendum in 1995, receiving 49.4 percent of the votes, and intend to try again within a couple of years.

But Rene Fugeres, spokesman for Chretien's local campaign, said Shawinigan residents aren't focusing on separatism.

"The foremost preoccupation of people here is to have some cash in their pockets," he said. "Quebeckers are not dumb. ...If you have a choice between being represented by a prime minister or an opposition legislator, it's an easy choice."

Shawinigan, about 65 miles northeast of Montreal, has a population of roughly 20,000 — down by more than 1,000 since 1991 largely because of an exodus of young people unable to find good jobs at home.

In the 1995 referendum, 56 percent of Shawinigan-area voters backed independence, a reversal from the 1993 federal election when Chretien won by almost that margin over a separatist candidate.

If Chretien loses to Duhaime, he could continue as prime minister if the Liberals, as expected, retain their overall parliamentary majority. A safe Liberal seat elsewhere in Canada could be vacated so Chretien could run in a by-election. But defeat in his home district would be a devastating blow and Chretien likely would feel some pressure to quit politics.

Kinshasa waits for revolution

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — With rebels nearing its gates, agents and provocateurs in its midst, and noises that go boom in the night, all of Kinshasa seems agreed on a single message: Get it over with already.

As President Mobutu Sese Seku's long goodbye drags on, this African-style Dodge City of a capital is hanging between panic and boredom.

Each morning, real news jostles with rumors, and no one knows any more which is which. Neither the government nor rebels allow reporters near front lines — wherever they are. Guesswork fills in the gaps.

"This is driving us nuts," said Kofi Makila, a chauffeur who lives near Camp Tshathsi, Mobutu's heavily armed headquarters. "In our neighborhood, everyone fears a battle."

At the main market downtown, however, Albertine Kalima sold bolts of colorful cloth, less concerned about the arrival of Kabila than of her imminent baby. Asked if she was afraid, she replied: "Of what?"

Before dawn Thursday, residents heard big guns west of Binza, a posh suburb on the road to Matadi, at the opposite end of town from Kabila's main advance from the east.

Western diplomats and Zairian sources say rebels are preparing overland approaches through thick bush south of Kinshasa. Other units are believed to be moving down the broad Zaire River from Mbandaka.

But Mobutu shows no signs of leaving voluntarily, and no one can guess how quickly rebel leader Laurent Kabila plans to send troops into the capital when he is eventually in a position to do it.

An advance into Kinshasa could come before the weekend, and long lines at grocery stores and gas stations reflect that fear. But Kabila may choose to encircle the city, and hold back to reinforce while its stocks dwindle and discipline erodes.

Soldiers, in groups and alone, already patrol the city with what often seems to be more interest in stealing money from Zairians and foreigners than civil defense.

Mobutu's long-time supporters insist that Kinshasa will repel a rebel assault. The ailing president is ready to return to his home in France, they said, but only after he negotiates a dignified exit.

"Kabila will find out about the steel of Kinshasa people," said Kithima Bin Ramazani, a businessman who led Mobutu's Popular Movement for the Revolution from 1967 through the 1980s.

"They might vote for him in elections, but if he attacks, the civil war will be terrible," Kithima said. "The city is vast. If he shells the east, the south will rise against him."

This is a minority view. The son of a ranking general, himself in the army, reflected what most people say: "No one will fight."

Diplomats say the greatest danger is last-chance looting by government soldiers. The word, "pillage," entered the Zairian lexicon after bloody, destructive rampages in 1991 and 1993.

Few people seem to be fleeing the city. Despite a dire warning by U.S. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns, no one appeared at the American Embassy to see about evacuation.

A Marine on duty, who by regulation cannot be named, laughed when asked if he saw any panicked Americans.

On street corners, vendors sell a snowstorm of newspapers with names including, "The Termite," and "The Grumbler." Most crow about Mobutu's departure and predict it will take place any minute.

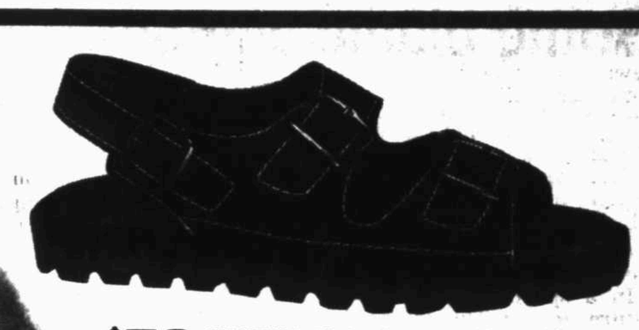
Those who know Mobutu are less convinced. He took power in 1965 as a savior and, ever since, has personified himself as the symbol of Zaire and the "guide" of its 45 million people.

Now, he has dug into his riverside army camp, three times traveling painfully to neighboring countries to negotiate a transition to make way for Kabila while appearing to have capitulated.

Kabila's infiltrators and Mobutu's opponents shut down the city Wednesday with a general strike, but a plan to extend it to Thursday and today fizzled out.



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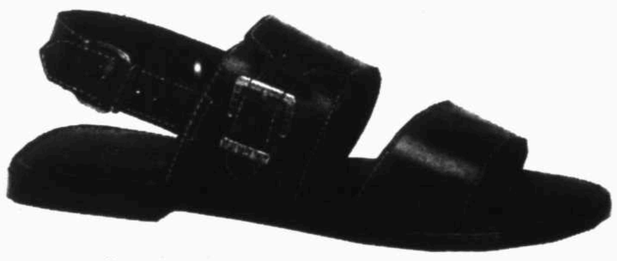
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Armed men massacre 30 at start of Algerian elections

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Men armed with knives, hatchets and pickaxes massacred 30 villagers — more than half of them children — in a pre-dawn attack Thursday aimed at sabotaging Algeria's legislative elections.

The attack in the village of Chebli, 15 miles south of the capital, came hours before the official opening of campaigning for the June 5 vote.

It is the first parliamentary election in five years, since the army aborted a ballot to keep the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front from winning. The Front is excluded from the new elections.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for Thursday's massacre, but security forces called the killers a "band of criminals," language used to designate Muslim insurgents trying to topple the military-backed government.

Among the dead were 17 children, two of them babies, and seven women, according to security forces quoted by Algerian television.

Travelers from the rural region where the attack occurred said 40 men, some on horseback, others on foot, invaded Chebli about 3 a.m., destroying homes in the darkness.

The massacre came three days after Algiers was rocked by four bombs that killed eight people and injured 70, part of the latest wave of violence marked by bombings village massacres and bombings.

Nearly 400 people died such violence during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which ended Feb. 9. Since May 1, more than 65 people have been killed. In all, more than 60,000 people have died in the insurgency.

Travelers said the attackers belonged to the Armed Islamic Group, the most radical faction fighting the government.

The renewed violence belied statements by Algerian authorities who claim that the worst of the insurgency is past.

Despite the massacre, campaigning for the 380 parliamentary seats went ahead around the country Thursday. Candidates spoke on television, the radio and at meetings, mostly with only passing reference to the attack.

"Security conditions must be adequate to allow for a frank and loyal debate," said Said Sadi, head of the Rally for Culture and Democracy, an adamantly anti-fundamentalist group.

President Liamine Zeroual is using the elections to try to end the country's political crisis.

While a constitutional revision last fall banned parties based on Islam, several moderate fundamentalist parties are taking part in the elections after modifying their names to do so.

"We don't believe at all in these elections," said Ali Rachedi of the Front for Socialist Forces, which wants a dialogue for peace that includes all parties, including the banned Salvation Front.

"We're taking part in these elections to say we must return to civil peace," he said.

The Salvation Front, whose leaders are jailed or in exile, wants voters to either boycott the election or choose candidates who want a negotiated solution to the crisis.

The Front's Islamic Salvation Army is taking part in the insurgency, but its leaders, speaking via exiled officials, have recently condemned violence against civilians.

Some blame climbers' inexperience for Everest deaths

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — May is a risky month on top of the world.

Mild weather can turn fierce and dangerous within minutes on Mount Everest. Blinding snow, or "whiteout," hides crevasses and cliffs. Winds snapping across icy slopes at 125 mph can propel a climber to his death in seconds.

Last year, eight mountaineers died on the 29,028-foot peak in a single day, on May 10, 1996. Another four also were killed during that season.

Now, a storm on the world's highest mountain has apparently claimed four more lives in one day: Three Russians and a German who went up Everest on May 8 never returned.

In addition, two Nepalese Sherpa guides plunged to their deaths in separate accidents last week, and a British climber died in base camp.

Weather is only one reason for the high number of casualties, however. A veteran Nepalese guide says more people with less experience are going up the mountain, which straddles the border between Tibet and Nepal.

"More and more climbers are making their attempt on the mountain without adequate training and knowledge of mountaineering. This is increasing the number of accidents," said Appa Sherpa, who has conquered Everest eight times.

H.P.S. Ahluwalia, an Indian army major who climbed Everest in 1965, says today's climbers are not as fit and are in too much of a hurry.

"In the old days, climbing was for the love of the mountains, for the passion. It was not a profession. Today, the philosophy has all changed. It's commercial," he said, speaking in New Delhi.

"We would not take any shortcuts. We would walk from the Indian border. It would take 25 or 30 days to get to base camp. By the time we got there we were absolutely fit," he said.

When Ahluwalia made the ascent, only four or five expeditions had preceded him since 1953, when Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay conquered it first.

This year, 12 teams are waiting on the Tibetan side for a window in the weather, and 10 groups are on the Nepalese side — about 60 climbers and nearly 100 Sherpas in all.

Todd Burleson, head of an American expedition, said in an Internet dispatch that his team planned to leave Thursday to begin its ascent, because forecasts indicated winds may drop to 50 mph by Saturday. The team hopes to reach the summit Sunday or Monday.

More than 700 people have stood on the summit, including 64 men and women last year. With the accidents last week, 154 died trying.

Improved mountaineering gear and more compact supplies have encouraged people to climb in smaller groups, without as much support from the Sherpas who grew up at the mountain's foot.

A new tourist industry has grown, led by skillful mountaineers willing to guide wealthy adventurers for a high price, as much as $65,000 per person.

Sometimes, it is fatal for both amateur and guide. Last year Rob Hall, a renowned New Zealand climber, died alongside his client, huddled together in a snow cave they dug 500 feet below the summit.

Also that day, Scott Fischer, of Seattle, Wash., died 1,500 feet below Hall, roped together with a Taiwanese climber, who survived.

Many mountaineers say a limit should be put on the number of people allowed to climb Everest, but the governments of Nepal and China are reluctant to lose the revenue.

Nepal charges $50,000 for an expedition permit. The Chinese government takes $5,500 — one reason why more climbers are trying the more difficult northern route.

"The time has come to have very strong rules and regulations," said Ahluwalia. "Everest is being littered with bodies."

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Police suspect college-circuit comedian in string of campus rapes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — On stage, standup comic Vinson Horace Champ was raunchy and not ready for prime time. Mostly, he earned a meager living on the college circuit.

It was during these campus stops across the Midwest that police suspect he raped or tried to rape young women in computer labs and music rooms.

Champ, 35, has been charged in one of those rapes and investigators are trying to match up his bookings with the rest of the attacks.

The victim in the one rape in which Champ was charged, 30-year-old business teacher Heidi Hess of Omaha, Neb., said it was "sickly ironic" that a comedian had been arrested.

"A comedian is supposed to be funny and make people laugh and this wasn't funny," said Hess, who was raped at a computer lab March 5 at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Earlier that day, Champ performed at a small college four hours away.

The attacks across the Midwest took place in February and March in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin and were carried out by a man in a ski mask who sometimes spit on his victims, questioned them about their sex lives and asked them to pray for him.

Champ — who had appeared on "The Late Show" with Joan Rivers in 1987, "Star Search" and other national TV shows but had yet to make his breakthrough — came under suspicion after he was arrested last week and charged with trying to rape a student at Pasadena City College as she was playing a piano. He was released on bail.

Police found a personal calendar in Champ's Hollywood apartment with a list of college performances, setting off a flurry of inquiries from authorities in the Midwest. Police in Omaha then filed charges against Champ in the March 5 rape.

Champ was arrested Tuesday at the airport in Newark, N.J., as he got off a flight from the Caribbean, where he had been on a cruise. He declared himself "101 percent innocent."

On Thursday, Champ agreed at a hearing to be taken back to Nebraska. "Obviously, he's bewildered somewhat by what's happened to him," said his lawyer, Kevin McLaughlin.

Off stage, Champ was known as quiet, well-dressed, a loner.

"When he would hit the stage, he would become totally different. Off stage, he would become very humble," said Ron Lester, a regular act at The Laugh Factory in Hollywood, where Champ performed. Lester said Champ hoped to get hired at The Laugh Factory, but his raunchy humor wasn't up to par for the club.

On stage, Champ was known to mimic Michael Jackson's crotch-grabbing moves, insult audience members with wisecracks of a sexual nature and tell other crude jokes.

He told audiences that his first sexual experience was with a hooker, whom he paid in Monopoly money before running away laughing. Champ also had a joke about going into a convenience store and asking for a ski mask.

In 1996, Champ was placed on probation in Hollywood for lewd conduct and destroying a woman's stereo. No details were available on the lewd conduct case. In the other case, Champ was ordered to attend domestic violence counseling. He filed for bankruptcy that same year.

Police are looking for links between Champ's schedule and various attacks:

■ On Feb. 6, a student playing piano at Union College in Lincoln, Neb., was raped. Champ's calendar indicates he was in Brookings, S.D., on Feb. 5 and in Concordia, Kan., on Feb. 7.

■ On Feb. 9, a woman was attacked in a music room at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. Champ was performing there and in nearby Carl Sandburg Community College.

■ On Feb. 10, a woman in a music room at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., was raped. Champ did a show that night at Milwaukee Area Technical College, 25 minutes away.

■ On Feb. 16, a teacher was attacked in her office at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. Another teacher scared away the assailant. Champ had played at the college before, but police are not sure if he was there that day.

■ About four hours after that attack, a woman was raped in a computer lab at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, just across the Mississippi River from Illinois.

■ On March 5, Champ performed at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Neb., before he allegedly committed the rape at the University of Nebraska.

Shuttle speeds for Mir with repair gear

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis sped toward Russia's orbiting Mir station Thursday to deliver urgently needed repair equipment and a fresh American astronaut to replace the weary one on board.

The shuttle turned night into day as it blasted off before sunrise with a crew of seven, riding a spectacular column of flame into space.

"Poyekhali, Houston!" shuttle commander Charles Precourt said, borrowing the Russian word for "We're on our way" that was uttered at liftoff 36 years ago by cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space.

Atlantis is expected to reach Mir late today for the sixth — and perhaps the most important — docking with the space station.

The aging, 11-year-old outpost has had numerous breakdowns and a fire since Atlantis dropped off astronaut Jerry Linenger in January. Although the situation has improved in the past few weeks, it is still serious because Mir's life-support systems lack functioning spare equipment.

Atlantis is carrying to Mir a new oxygen generator to replace one that broke; patches for cooling-system leaks; detectors for toxic fumes from failing equipment; and a valve for a backup carbon dioxide-removal unit that has yet to be built.

Also aboard the shuttle: astronaut Michael Foale, Linenger's replacement on Mir.

Foale, a 40-year-old astrophysicist with both U.S. and British citizenship, will spend 4 1/2 months on Mir.

Unlike his four predecessors, he expects to spend a large share of time fixing and maintaining the station, which has logged 1.6 billion miles since its 1986 launch.

The latest plan calls for the new generator to be installed and possibly tested during the five days Atlantis and Mir are linked. The swiftly built, 253-pound cylinder is designed to produce oxygen from waste water via electrolysis.

Soon after Atlantis' liftoff, Russian flight controllers radioed up the good news to Mir. Linenger was thrilled; the 42-year-old doctor wants to be home before the birth of his second child next month.

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 86	High 94	High 91
Low 56	Low 60	Low 62

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 80s and a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Winds will be south-easterly at 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

The possibility of storms will remain constant throughout tonight and skies will be continued cloudy. The expected low will be near 60.

Saturday will also be cloudy with a high near 90. The probability of storm will remain at 20 percent and winds should stay from the south-east at 5-15 mph.

Sunday calls for a 20 percent of rain with a high near 90.

Thursday's high was 83, compared with the record high of 103 set last year. The low was 62, as compared with the record low of 40 set in 1967.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday	0.03 in.
Rainfall Thursday	0.06 in.
Total for month	0.37 in.
Total for year	4.55 in.

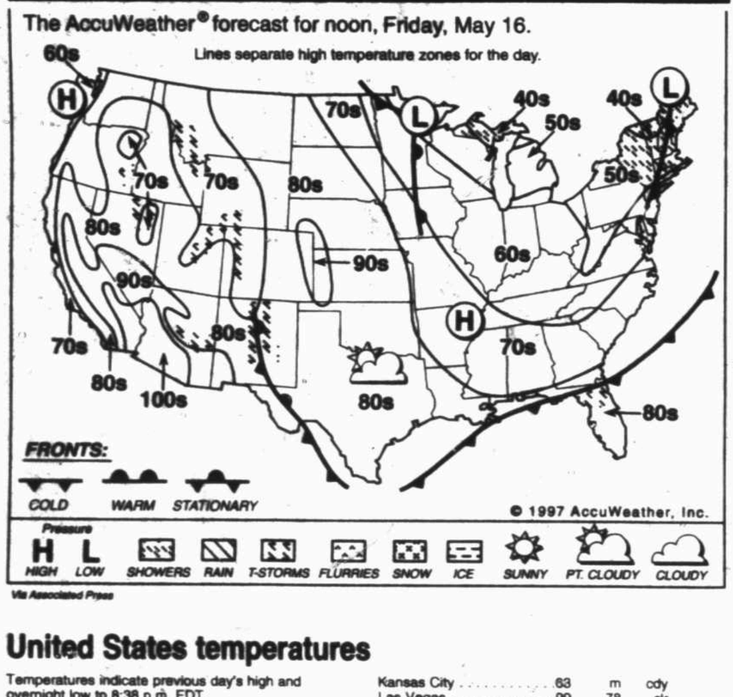
Yesterday's temperatures

High	83
low	62
Normal high	87
Normal low	58

Sunrise 6:51 a.m. Sunset 8:40 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, May 16.



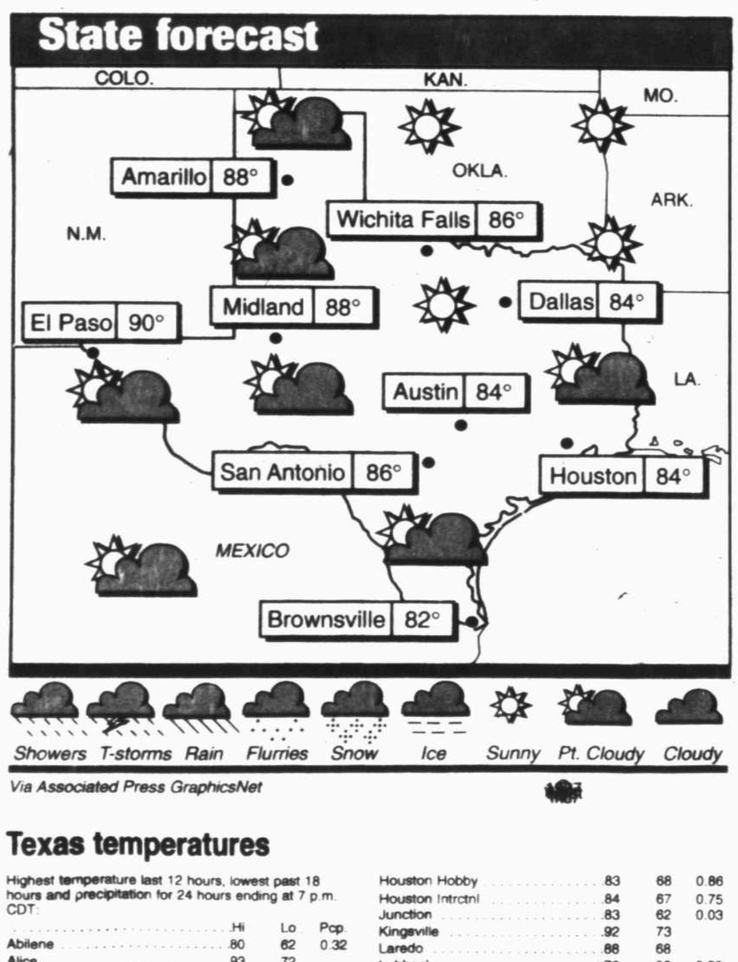
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:38 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	72	48	cdy	
Albuquerque	83	60	.01	cdy
Anchorage	52	40	.11	cdy
Asheville	73	m	clr	
Atlanta	76	m	clr	
Atlantic City	75	m	cdy	
Baltimore	76	m	cdy	
Billings	83	m	m	
Birmingham	77	60	cdy	
Bismarck	73	28	clr	
Boise	89	m	cdy	
Boston	72	m	cdy	
Brownsville	85	m	cdy	
Buffalo	51	m	m	
Burlington,Vt.	64	m	m	
Casper	79	m	cdy	
Charleston,S.C.	84	62	clr	
Charleston,W.Va.	63	m	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	80	m	.09	clr
Cheyenne	71	38	cdy	
Chicago	51	m	cdy	
Cincinnati	58	40	cdy	
Cleveland	56	45	.06	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	85	m	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	58	45	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	69	42	.03	m
Dayton	57	41	cdy	
Denver	77	43	.02	clr
Des Moines	58	m	cdy	
Detroit	51	m	cdy	
Duluth	44	m	cdy	
Evansville	65	m	clr	
Fairbanks	53	39	.05	clr
Fargo	56	34	clr	
Flagstaff	78	m	cdy	
Grand Rapids	44	m	cdy	
Great Falls	83	49	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	78	m	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	75	m	cdy	
Helena	84	42	cdy	
Honolulu	83	70	cdy	
Indianapolis	57	37	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	83	64	cdy	
Jacksonville	88	60	cdy	
Juneau	50	45	cdy	
Kansas City	63	m	cdy	
Las Vegas	99	78	clr	
Little Rock	80	m	clr	
Los Angeles	84	m	cdy	
Louisville	65	m	clr	
Memphis	78	55	clr	
Miami Beach	88	m	cdy	
Milwaukee	50	m	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	53	m	cdy	
Nashville	71	52	.03	clr
New Orleans	84	m	cdy	
New York City	75	56	.03	cdy
Norfolk,Va.	81	m	clr	
North Platte	75	m	clr	
Oklahoma City	81	m	clr	
Omaha	62	40	cdy	
Orlando	87	m	cdy	
Philadelphia	73	m	cdy	
Phoenix	103	80	clr	
Pittsburgh	57	m	cdy	
Portland,Maine	61	46	.02	m
Portland,Ore.	76	m	cdy	
Providence	66	m	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	83	m	clr	
Rapid City	73	m	cdy	
Reno	84	46	clr	
Richmond	80	m	clr	
Sacramento	91	57	clr	
St Louis	63	47	cdy	
Salt Lake City	87	56	cdy	
San Diego	76	m	clr	
San Francisco	82	m	clr	
San Juan,P.R.	86	76	cdy	
Santa Fe	78	48	cdy	
St Ste Marie	52	m	cdy	
Seattle	73	55	cdy	
Shreveport	79	m	clr	
Sioux Falls	55	27	cdy	
Spokane	83	m	cdy	
Syracuse	62	m	clr	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	83	m	cdy	
Topeka	67	44	cdy	
Tucson	97	74	clr	
Tulsa	78	m	clr	
Washington,D.C.	77	m	.01	cdy
Wichita	76	53	cdy	
Wilkes-Barre	65	m	cdy	
Wilmington,Del.	73	m	cdy	

State forecast



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

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	80	62	0.32
Alice	93	72	
Amarillo	75	53	0.68
Austin	83	70	0.08
Beaumont	86	68	
Brownsville	85	69	0.04
Childress	77	58	
College Station	85	67	
Corpus Christi	92	74	
Cotulla	90	65	0.04
Dalhart	77	57	
Dallas	73	65	0.51
Del Rio	84	65	
Denton	78	61	0.05
El Paso	90	60	
Fort Stockton	83	61	
Fort Worth	78	64	0.46
Galveston	81	74	
Houston Hobby	83	68	0.86
Houston Intrctnl	84	67	0.75
Junction	83	62	0.03
Kingsville	92	73	
Laredo	88	68	
Lubbock	76	58	0.25
Lufkin	87	65	0.02
Marfa	79	48	
McAllen	88	70	
Midland	84	62	0.09
Mineral Wells	82	63	0.51
Navy Corpus	88	74	
Palacios	83	73	
Paris	66	55	0.37
San Angelo	81	59	1.74
San Antonio	88	64	1.28
Shreveport	79	64	0.06
Texarkana	69	58	0.19
Victoria	86	71	
Waco	84	66	
Wichita Falls	81	57	
Wink	87	62	0.01

PENALTY: Reno OKs capital punishment

(From 1A)

to death if he is convicted at his November trial of the 1995 killing of timber lobbyist Gilbert B. Murray. The Newark filing called for death if a later trial there convicts him of killing advertising executive Thomas Mosser in 1994.

Kaczynski also is charged with the 1985 killing of Hugh Scrutton, owner of

a Sacramento computer rental store, but no death penalty could be sought for that killing because the federal death penalty was not revised to meet Supreme Court objections until 1994.

Scrutton was killed by a device that he picked up in the alley behind his store; Murray opened a package bomb addressed to his Sacramento office; and Mosser opened one addressed to his Caldwell, N.J., home.

Anthony Bisceglie, an attorney for Kaczynski's mother and brother, relayed their dismay.

"The family is devastated by this development, and they are in seclusion at this time," Bisceglie said. "We believe that the attorney general's decision is a terrible mistake, but we remain hopeful that justice will ultimately prevail in this tragic case."

Kaczynski was arrested by the FBI on April 3, 1996, at his remote cabin near Lincoln, Mont.

David Kaczynski, younger brother of the Harvard-trained mathematician, had recognized his brother's ideas and phrasing in manifestoes sent by the Unabomber and printed by The New York Times and The Washington Post at the request of the Justice Department.

During a months-long, closed-door Justice Department review by a panel of department officials — similar to that conducted in all potential capital cases — the family and attorney Bisceglie argued strenuously against a death penalty.

"If there is a death sentence in this case, then families down the road might not turn in their relatives," Bisceglie said in an interview. Justice Department regulations require the panel to consider any law enforcement reason for seeking or not seeking it.

Department officials pointed out that turning in a bomber was the right thing to do regardless of the penalty and that no bomber could expect to escape the death penalty by turning himself in. Further, they said, relatives of future criminals would still have a motive for cooperating with authorities: Arranging a peaceful arrest and trial that avoided shooting at capture.

Finally, department officials said diaries seized in Kaczynski's cabin show he carefully planned the bombings, designed them for maximum harm to people, criticized his own work when blasts only hurt someone's hand or left just minor injuries and vowed to build bigger, more harmful devices for later attacks.

The family also argued that Kaczynski suffered from mental illness from childhood, which can be a mitigating factor under death penalty law. David told The Washington Post earlier this year that Theodore had "unpredictable mood swings, a preoccupation with disease, extreme phobias, compulsive thinking and an inability to let go of minutiae."

The department historically has been unsympathetic to mental illness defenses.

READ: Literacy programs help at-risk students

(From 1A)

ra Bush, first lady of Texas and sponsor of the Bush grant.

Last year, Laura and Gov. George W. Bush issued a clarion call to raise reading levels from kindergarten through third grade with the First Lady Literacy Initiative.

A 1993-94 survey found that more than half of those living in Texas either read poorly or not at all. According to the U.S. Department of Education, Texas ranks 47th in states with the worst literacy problems.

Patti Groce of Midland's Need to Read estimated 20 percent of Midland residents were functionally illiterate, a level on a par with the rest of the nation.

"It's not a matter of not reading well at all, but not reading well enough," Ms. Groce said. "It does affect our society."

Because they can't read, illiterates often avoid voting, she said. They miss PTA meetings. They sidestep promotions. They memorize words, rather than learn them, so as not to enter the wrong restroom door.

But like the mother of Marysol Martinez, who quit school in the first grade to help her family work on the farm, they get by.

"I guess she's really, like, frustrated," said Ms. Martinez, a 19-year-old mother of two enrolled in Casa's Family Literacy Program to break the cycle of illiteracy.

"Because when she gets letters in the mail she has to wait for us to come home and read (them) to her."

Considering he doesn't read either, the father-in-law of Ludi Navarro, a Casa spokeswoman, has made do as well.

He can recognize city street signs, or his doctor's name in the phone book, as clearly as a blind man remembers his floor plan. But he, too, gets flustered.

"You send him down to the store to get a Coke, and he comes back with a Diet Coke," Ms. Navarro said. "He gets so mad at himself."

Educators say that if you teach children to read from kindergarten through grade three they are far more apt to succeed. Others say reading imparts rigorous habits of the mind.

"Bottom line: If you're going to cause a significant reduction of the dropout rate of high school students, you must focus on early literacy," said Marillyn Odum principal of Anson Jones Elementary.

Eight years ago, the school district did. Working one-to-one with students, teachers and volunteers coaxed children up to grade reading levels.

First-grade repeaters immediately dropped, Mrs. Odum said. And within three years, special education students from first to third grades dropped from 15 to 20 students to three.

High school dropout rates, once at 9 percent, dipped to around 3 percent.

But educators estimate 10 percent of Midland students like Noel still have serious reading difficulties, and 20 percent fail to pass third-grade-level reading tests.

Television, and lack of parental support are the biggest enemies of reading, book lovers say. Librarians say wooing want-to-be readers, let alone bibliophiles, into the stacks is a challenge.

"For the most part, the literate are afraid of the library; they find it daunting," said Denise Agosto, in charge of the Midland County Public Library Children's Department, which offers 30,000 children's titles.

"It's even harder to get the illiterate: it's hard to get anybody to come in here."

Not at the library at Casa de Amigo.

Since Bush's program was implemented, library withdrawals have shot up from 20 books a month to 161 books last month.

Because of her support, Ms. Martinez, one of 300 or so this year enrolled in Casa's literacy programs, sees a bright future for herself and her toddlers.

"It's important for them to learn how to read," she said, "to help themselves get good jobs, stay in school, so they won't be like other children who don't know how to read — and ask for help."

HELP: Area programs improve reading skills

(From 1A)

summer. Libraries at Bonham, Burnett, DeZavala and Milam elementary schools will offer storytelling and other reading activities Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from June 2 to June 27. Call 689-1440, or 689-1770.

- Enroll your child in a Casa de Amigo literacy program, or volunteer to help children read. Call 682-9701.
- Volunteer to assist children in the Midland Independent School District's Reading Recovery program. Call 689-1000.
- Enroll your child in the Hastings Summer Reader Club, for children from 2 to 16. Hastings bookstore, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave., will offer members discounts on certain books bought through Aug. 31 and prizes for book reviews.

The club will host a kick-off party, featuring storytellers and more, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

- Encourage children to read.

ROADS: Citizens seek highway improvements

(From 1A)

sole purpose was to gather facts and information. MOTRAN officials and others attending the meeting, including residents of Midland, Odessa, Presidio, Fort Stockton and Lamesa, gave TxDoT data and traffic counts. There was also a lot of discussion about the safety issues involving Highway 349.

"A man from Lamesa said his area's had one of the higher accident rates in the state; others testified that they live in Midland but wouldn't drive 349 when there's dust storms or it's raining; they go by way of Seminole. TxDoT won't just give us something, we have to show a need for it.

"We've done everything we can think of to cause them to see our way about this and hopefully include us in their report," he said of the experts studying highway expansion needs.

Perry said the experts will present an outline of their report in August and once they publicly announce their conclusions, the complete report will be given to the highway commission, which will accept or alter the recommendations.

"This is a long way from happening," he said. "There will be a bigger fight getting projects funded. There's a lot of competition for funding for highway construction."

He said improving the I-10 corridor is an integral part of developing a trade route between the Permian Basin and Mexico, called "La Entrada al Pacifico" that would connect Mexico's west coast with the Midwest United States.

"I think the future of our area is international trade," Perry said.

His organization has been incorporated as a Texas non-profit corporation with a permanent board of directors that rotates every two years. A permanent office will be established to oversee the Permian Basin's transportation needs.

"We've got a long fight for whatever improvements we get," Perry said. "MOTRAN has challenges for the next 20 to 30 years at least."

RAIN: Cold front stretches across state

(From 1A)

cuts Texas in half and warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico is meeting up with cooler, dryer air from the north. "At the location where these collide is where the thunderstorms will develop," Brite said.

Among the contingency plans for the festival is an alternate venue for the Marshall Tucker Band's concert, which is to be held downtown on Saturday night.

"Marshall Tucker will be at Midland Airpark if there is really bad weather," Ms. Bond said.

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the upper-80s and a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

The possibility of storms will remain constant throughout tonight with continued cloudiness. The expected low will be near 60.

Saturday should be cloudy but the high should reach 90 in the afternoon. The probability of storms will remain at 20 percent.

Area residents should expect similar weather and temperatures on Sunday with the chance of storms dropping to less than 20 percent. High will be around 90; the low near 60 and the skies will remain partly cloudy.

Cash 5 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Cash 5 winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

4-7-21-24-39

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

4-8-1

Celebration of the Arts party begins at 6:30 p.m.

From Staff Reports

The annual Celebration of the Arts kicks off with a Preview Party set for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. today.

Admission to the preview party is $35 a person.

COA's festival days begin Saturday with an 8:30 a.m. Westwood Medical Center Run for the Arts. The event also includes a one mile fun run.

Gates open Saturday at Centennial Plaza at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., an hour before the street concert featuring The Marshall Tucker Band.

Tickets to the street concert are $10 in advance at Blockbuster Video and $12 at the gate. Opening for The Marshall Tucker Band will be Jerry Dugan and West-Wind.

Tickets to COA Saturday and Sunday are $3 for adults, $2 for seniors, and $1 for children.

The Tejano Outlaws will perform on the Texas Street stage from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission to this concert is included in the gate admission that day.

COA hours Sunday are noon to 5 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. Sunday, COA will stop charging admission. A free family concert, sponsored by the Beal family, begins at 4 p.m. and features Bonnie Phipps and the Elastic Band from Denver.

For more information call the Arts Assembly, 687-1149.

Man charged in plot to take hostages at office

Hearst News Service

BAYTOWN — A man — angered at being denied Social Security benefits — was in custody Thursday in connection with an alleged plot to take hostages from a dental office and plant bombs in day-care centers.

David Jefferson Jennings, a 56-year-old unemployed air-conditioning repairman, was in the Harris County Jail in lieu of $100,000 bond after being charged with criminal solicitation of capital murder and possessing a prohibited weapon.

His arrest Wednesday by a special weapons and tactics team in a Baytown city park resulted from an undercover operation by Baytown police and federal agents.

Four homemade pipe bombs, tape, material for gags and a loaded .38-caliber pistol were found in his pickup truck after the arrest, police said. They said another four pipe bombs, along with bomb-making materials, were found in the Baytown mobile home where he lived with his elderly mother, Colleen Jennings.

Police spokesman Gene Sutton described Jennings as a soft-spoken man.

"Somebody who might make a good Santa Claus at Christmas or, if he shaved off his white beard, could apply for the new Captain Kangaroo," Sutton said. "But then he's the same guy who is talking to our agents about putting explosives in day-care centers."

His tearful mother declined comment, but police said she was "completely oblivious about what was going on." Police said Jennings was arrested as he met with two undercover federal agents to finalize plans to take hostages at a dental office that he had targeted. His accomplices were to be paid by splitting whatever ransom might be collected, investigators said.

Jennings was seated at a picnic table in the park when the SWAT team rushed him. He did not resist.

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TRIAL: Expert says McVeigh's prints missing from evidence

(From 1A)

Under redirect testimony by the prosecution, however, Hupp insisted that a person could touch something and still not leave prints.

"It's very common," he said.

Yet the testimony provided some of the only beneficial evidence for McVeigh, who could get the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people.

The prosecution has gone to lengths trying to show that McVeigh picked up the bomb-carrying Ryder truck at Elliott's on April 17, 1995.

Prosecutors also put heavy emphasis on a Ryder truck key found in an alley where McVeigh allegedly parked his getaway car. That key was traced back to the Ryder truck from Elliott's through a key-cutting code on file with Ryder.

And prosecutors showed fuzzy surveillance camera footage purporting to be Nichols' pickup truck in downtown Oklahoma City as Nichols picked up McVeigh from the getaway-car in the alley three days before the bombing.

Although this fingerprint testimony helped the defense, other evidence presented by Hupp clearly did not. Hupp, for instance, found McVeigh's fingerprints on a receipt for one ton of ammonium nitrate, which prosecutors say is the main bomb ingredient.

Earlier Thursday, in a courtroom filled with the mangled remains of a Ryder truck, a bombing survivor recalled how she was pinned in the rubble of a day-eare center and felt another victim's hand.

Speaking softly and fighting tears, Priscilla Salyers said the explosion plunged her from the U.S. Customs Office to the day-care center three floors below, her head and legs pinned beneath broken concrete more than four hours.

As she testified, she looked out on a twisted axle and dozens of other truck parts that an earlier witness said came from the Ryder truck McVeigh allegedly rented.

"I started trying to dig myself out. I tried to move rocks from beneath me, and when I went like this," she said, showing how she groped around, "there was a hand."

After she said that, other bombing survivors in the courtroom whispered, "Oh, God."

A defense attorney quickly objected and U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch told her to move on to another subject, leaving it unsaid whose hand it was or that person's fate.

Matsch has taken some steps throughout the trial to put a lid on the most emotionally incendiary testimony, ordering witnesses to merely stick to the facts. He has especially cracked down on witnesses expressing their feelings about dead friends and colleagues.

Salyers ended her testimony by establishing the deaths of two agents in the Customs office, among eight federal agents who died on the job. Proving those deaths is required under federal law to seek the death penalty.

Earlier, former Ford engineer Edward Paddock came into court with a sample Ryder truck that was cut into pieces to show jurors the parts. It was matched against the pieces of blackened metal found at the scene.

Among the parts he said matched were a crankshaft, two exhaust manifolds, a torque converter and most importantly the rear axle, which contained a vehicle number identifying it as the Ryder truck that a Junction City, Kan., body shop owner testified he rented to McVeigh on April 17, 1995.

"I believe that there was only one vehicle that was used in the Oklahoma City bombing," Paddock said. His findings were not challenged on cross-examination.

Jurors stood and craned their necks for better views as Paddock picked up the twisted parts and matched them to the cut-up truck.

Prosecutors had wheeled in hundreds of pounds of truck parts that they say came from the Ryder truck. A parade of agents testified earlier that the parts were scattered on rooftops, streets and parking lots. In one case, part of the steering assembly was embedded in the side of a van.

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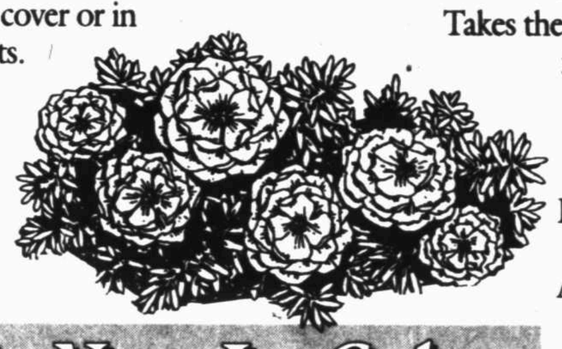
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Senate rejects looser restrictions on late-term abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-controlled Senate brushed aside one plan for limiting late-term abortions Thursday, clearing the way for a showdown over a more restrictive proposal backed by many Democrats and a late lobbying effort by the Clinton administration.

The vote was 72-28 to reject a ban except in cases in which a woman's life was threatened or she would be confronted with "serious adverse health consequences."

The proposal was backed by some of the Senate's most ardent abortion rights supporters, including California Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. Abortion foes said the exceptions were so broad the measure would do little to curb abortions after viability, the point at which a fetus could live outside the womb.

"It has no restrictions," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa. "It is an exception that is not an exception."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., countered that the true "purpose of the Republican leadership is not to regulate late-term abortions but to roll back protections guaranteed women by the Supreme Court."

The maneuvering came on a Republican-drafted bill to ban "partial birth" abortions except in cases in which a woman's life is in jeopardy. The House has already passed the measure and a final Senate vote is expected next week.

President Clinton vetoed an identical bill last year and has promised to do so again.

The procedure, more complicated than first-trimester abortions, involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, through the birth canal, cutting an incision in the barely visible skull base and then draining the skull.

A closer vote was shaping up on a proposal drafted by Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

'I am repulsed by the practice of partial birth, but I am also sensitive to the extraordinary circumstances many women face.'

— Democratic Leader Tom Daschle
South Dakota

His measure would ban all types of abortions after a fetus had reached viability — roughly 23 weeks of gestation — rather than the single procedure to be barred under the GOP measure. Such late-term abortions would be allowed in cases in which a mother's life was endangered or there was a risk of "grievous injury to her health" if she carried the fetus to term.

Daschle's proposal also would apply only in states that do not have restrictions of their own on late-term abortions.

"We are not going to satisfy the hard-core pro-choice or the hard-core pro-life people," Daschle told reporters a few hours before the vote. He did have Clinton's backing.

Administration and congressional officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Donna Shalala, the Health and Human Services secretary, was telephoning wavering senators on behalf of Daschle's proposal.

While Daschle mounted a major effort to win approval for his plan, abortion foes charged that he was merely attempting to provide political cover for himself and other Democrats who wanted to vote against the GOP measure but needed an alternative to vote for. Daschle consistently denied that his actions were politically motivated.

"I am repulsed by the practice of partial birth," the South Dakota lawmaker said in a floor speech. "But I am also sensitive to the extraordinary circumstances many women face." He said the GOP measure was unconstitutional, and even if enforced, would merely prompt abortion providers to turn to an alternative procedure. "This would not stop one abortion," he added.

Santorum countered that Daschle's proposal amounted to a "very broad loophole and will not restrict abortion." He said it would leave doctors in an unchallenged position of deciding when the risk to a woman's health justified an abortion.

"If this bill were to become law there would not be one less abortion performed in this country and there would not be one abortion banned in this country," he asserted.

The debate was unusually graphic and occasionally biting.

Santorum buttressed his case repeatedly by referring to oversized illustrations depicting a fetus at various stages of delivery. At one point, Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., said, "You're using a cartoon ... . If you are going to talk about these issues it really should be based on reality and not just posturing and not just politics."

For his part, Daschle described a series of alternatives to "partial birth," each one gruesome in its own right. One, he said, "dismembers (the fetus) inside the womb and then it is extracted."

Others made their point more somberly.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., referred to a biblical admonition in Deuteronomy: "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you that I have set before you life and death ... . Therefore, choose life that both you and your descendants may live."

Government gives OK to first nicotine-free anti-smoking aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smokers trying to kick the habit now can pop a pill to help: The government approved the first nicotine-free anti-smoking drug Thursday, one that works in the brain at the source of addiction.

Zyban is a prescription antidepressant that can curb the cravings and withdrawal symptoms smokers face when they quit.

And for hard-core smokers, doctors can try dealing the addiction a one-two punch by combining Zyban with nicotine patches, said manufacturer Glaxo Wellcome Inc. and the Food and Drug Administration.

"We've demonstrated that you can treat smoking addiction with a non-nicotine approach. I would call it a breakthrough," said Glaxo pharmacologist Andrew Johnston.

Zyban actually is a new name for the older antidepressant Wellbutrin-SR — renamed to distinguish its psychiatric use and because the anti-smoking version comes with a special tobacco counseling program. It will be on pharmacy shelves within eight weeks.

"This new therapy fills an important and, I would say, an urgent need," said Dr. Michael Fiore of the University of Wisconsin's Center for Tobacco Research.

Some 46 million Americans smoke, and the government says smoking kills 400,000 a year. Surveys indicate three-fourths of smokers want to quit — but fewer than 10 percent who try each year succeed, Fiore said.

Would-be quitters can try nicotine patches or gum over the counter, or get a doctor's prescription for a nicotine nasal spray or inhaler.

But scientists hunting alternatives noted that depression patients frequently stopped smoking while taking Wellbutrin, which works on two brain chemicals, dopamine and norepinephrine.

Nicotine affects many brain sites, but those two chemicals particularly are associated with cravings and withdrawal symptoms, Johnston explained.

In one study of smokers, 49 percent of Zyban users kicked the habit for a month vs. just 36 percent who used a nicotine patch. Another group of smokers used both the patch and Zyban, and 58 percent were able to quit for a month.

Taking the two drugs together is safe, but one study of the combination isn't enough to prove that's the most effective method, cautioned FDA medical reviewer Dr. Celia Jaffe Winchell.

Glaxo is following those patients to see how many relapse. But in another study, about 25 percent of people who used Zyban for a month remained cigarette-free after a year — twice the rate of smokers given a dummy pill.

Smokers are supposed to use Zyban for a week before stopping cigarettes, so the chemical has time to build up and buffer the nicotine loss.

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Smokers also will be offered a smoking-cessation counseling and support program tailored to their level of addiction, Johnston said.

But Zyban comes with some warnings: It occasionally can cause seizures, and should not be taken by anyone with seizure disorders such as epilepsy, or with eating disorders. The most common side effects, however, are dry mouth and insomnia.

Also, Zyban can be taken for longer periods than nicotine products, which are supposed to be used for only about 10 weeks at a time, Johnston said.

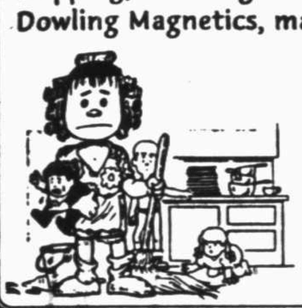
Other popular antidepressants, including Prozac, target different brain systems and have not been proved to fight smoking.

Most would-be quitters probably still will try nicotine products first because doctors and consumers are familiar with their safety profile, FDA's Winchell said. But Zyban "certainly works just as well," she added.

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Not just Whitewater: White House fights Espy counsel over papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Besides its very public fight with Whitewater prosecutors to shield documents, the White House is waging a secret court battle to block subpoenas by yet another independent counsel, say lawyers and others familiar with the litigation.

The White House has fought for two years with the independent counsel investigating Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy over presidential documents involving the former Cabinet member, said the lawyers, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The White House has invoked executive privilege in refusing to turn over documents from its 1994 ethics review of trips, sport tickets and other gifts that Espy accepted from large food producers that did business with the Agriculture Department, said the lawyers.

That internal investigation, conducted by then-White House counsel Abner Mikva, concluded that no further action was warranted against Espy. Espy left office at the end of 1994.

The case of the October 1994 subpoena is pending before a federal appeals court here, the sources said.

The White House also is resisting a March 1995 subpoena that seeks White House documents about political appointments at the Agriculture Department, the sources said.

At the time both subpoenas were served, the White House said it would comply with the demands for documents. Under federal court rules, challenges to grand jury subpoenas are secret.

Asked about the secret court litigation, Charles G. Bakaly, the spokesman for Espy independent counsel Donald C. Smaltz, said, "We have no comment."

"I am not going to say yea, nay, or maybe," said White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff.

A similar fight is being played out publicly between the White House and Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr.

Asserting attorney-client privilege, the White House this week asked the Supreme Court to block a subpoena for notes of conversations Hillary Rodham Clinton had with government lawyers and her personal attorneys about Whitewater.

In the Espy matter, the White House furnished some of the documents sought in the first subpoena but withheld others, arguing some were covered by executive privilege, the sources said.

The White House also argued that other documents produced by government lawyers were protected by a "work-product" privilege, the sources said. That privilege usually covers notes, memos and documents lawyers produce in anticipation of litigation.

Espy has not been charged and denies any wrongdoing. But he has repaid nearly $7,600 to companies that provided travel, lodging and sports tickets.

Last week, a federal judge fined Sun-Diamond Growers of Pleasanton, Calif., the nation's largest raisin producer, $1.5 million for giving Espy illegal gifts worth more than $5,000. The gifts included luggage and a trip to the U.S. Open tennis tournament for Espy and his girlfriend in 1993.

The company's former top lobbyist, Richard Douglas, is awaiting trial on related charges.

Smaltz's investigation has not been without controversy. He tangled with the Justice Department over the expansion of his jurisdiction.

The court fight over White House documents began in mid-1995 after Smaltz moved in secret court proceedings to force the White House to turn over the documents.

Attorney General Janet Reno authorized the White House to hire a private law firm to handle the grand jury litigation. Last summer, Reno approved a similar arrangement when the White House hired another private firm, Mayer, Brown & Platt, to represent the White House in the subpoena fight with Starr.

Scientists zero in on gene that controls body clocks of mice

BOSTON (AP) — Scientists are closing in on the gene that makes us tick.

For the first time, they have isolated a piece of DNA in higher animals that controls the internal clock — the mechanism in the brain and eyes that regulates the daily ebb and flow of everything from sleep to moods to hormone levels.

They found this gene, which they dubbed "clock," in mice. But the discoverers are almost certain they will soon locate a look-alike version that controls the so-called circadian rhythm in people, too.

The scientists believe this is one of several genes, perhaps 10 or so, that produce the proteins that keep the body running on schedule. Now that one has been nailed down, they believe others will be readily discovered.

"The significance is this is the first window into the molecular biology of clocks in mammals," said Joseph Takahashi, a geneticist who led the work at Northwestern University. The discovery was reported in today's issue of the journal Cell.

The discovery may eventually have practical uses. Several ailments — including insomnia and depression — can result from upsets in circadian rhythm. Diseases are also affected by the body rhythm. For instance, heart attacks are more common in the morning, while asthma is worse at night. Understanding how the circadian genes work may open new avenues to treating these problems.

Scientists have learned much about how the body holds to a daily routine. Tissue in the eyes and a spot in the brain called the suprachiasmatic nucleus of the hypothalamus generate the signals that tell creatures when to sleep and wake and regulate all sorts of bodily functions.

Until now, however, they have known little about how all this works on the most basic level — the genes and the proteins the genes produce. Some of the genes that regulate these functions have been uncovered in such lowly creatures as bread mold but never in anything as complicated as a mammal.

"It's really important work, because it opens up the biological clock in mammals to analysis," said Dr. Charles Weitz of Harvard Medical School. "It doesn't tell us how it works, but it is a first foot in the door that will allow us to move quickly."

Dr. Steven Hyman, director of the National Institute of Mental Health, cautioned that the practical applications are probably far off, but they could be impressive.

"Circadian rhythm obviously plays an important role not only in normal physiology but gets deranged in a whole host of human ills, from the trivial like jet lag, to the very serious, such as manic-depressive illness," he said. "This is good science, and it's important science."

The clock gene is large as genes go, containing about 100,000 bits of information. While no one knows exactly what it does, its structure suggests it works by regulating the function of other genes.

The researchers discovered the gene by first intentionally creating mutant mice that had lost their normal circadian rhythms. Then they isolated their broken gene and figured out what was wrong with it: A single bit of DNA was out of place.

Next, they inserted a normal version of the gene into embryos of the mutant mice. This fixed the problem. The mice grew up to have normal circadian clocks, proving the scientists had found the right gene.

Michael Young, a geneticist at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Rockefeller University, noted that the newly discovered gene appears to be distantly related to the genes that control day-night cycles in molds and fruit flies.

"This means this organization of control of animals' responses for daily cycles goes up and down the evolutionary tree with deep roots," Young said.



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Iran relief effort is aiding victims

Since the devastating earthquake that ripped through Iran Saturday, leaving 1,560 dead, injuring 4,460 and leaving up to 60,000 homeless, relief has been pouring into that country from around the world.

Planeloads of tents, blankets and stoves were arriving in northeastern Iran to help shelter and feed those left homeless by the 7.1 magnitude quake. Since the massive earthquake, Iran has been shaken by more than 250 aftershocks, including one that registered 5.6 on the Richter scale on Tuesday.

While the immediate problem is to help the thousands left homeless by the quake, help has been forthcoming. In fact, the Red Cross in Geneva noted that $5 million was donated in a single day for the victims, one of the agency's largest and quickest responses to an appeal for assistance.

Meanwhile, the cleanup has begun and soldiers were using bulldozers and spades to bury the dead. At the same time, rescue workers continued searching for survivors.

Iran has endured a long history of earthquakes and has increasingly improved its ability to deliver relief to those in need. In 1978, a magnitude-7.7 quake killed 25,000 people. During the years since, the government has built roads and hospitals, and set up National Disaster Headquarters in all major towns.

As is being witnessed now, those improvements were not wasted effort. Today lives will be saved because steps were taken in past years to make Iran's government better able to deal with a major disaster such as the one which occurred Saturday.

ANOTHER VIEW

Future Texans may wonder at priorities

The most enduring symbol of humankind's need to sit wedged among a mass of people, screaming lustily over a game of physical engagement is the great, arched Colosseum of Rome.

Technically known as the Flavian amphitheater, the four-tiered ovoid structure held a mere 45,000 spectators, but was considered "colossal" in its day. The ancient engineers and toga-clad fans could scarcely have dreamed that 20 centuries later, a people known as Texans would aspire to dwarf the Roman engineering achievement.

"Stadia-mania" may best describe the obsession gripping Texas this season. The desire to build gigantic sports facilities — ever larger, more luxurious, more expensive and more demanding of land and electric power — has dominated public discourse on several fronts recently. ...

If in 20 centuries, tourists visit the artifacts of "ancient Texas," they may walk among the ruined arches of the many colossal stadiums and wonder at the priorities of our age.

— **Austin American-Statesman**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, May 16, the 136th day of 1997. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1868, the U.S. Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.

On this date:

In 1763, the English lexicographer, author and wit Samuel Johnson first met his future biographer, James Boswell.

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the nickel.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

In 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won best production while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

In 1946, the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" opened on Broadway.

In 1948, the body of CBS News correspondent George Polk was found in Solonika Bay in Greece, a week after he'd disappeared.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

Ten years ago: Kentucky Derby winner Alysheba captured the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore. (However, Alysheba fell short in the Belmont Stakes, failing to become the first Triple Crown champion since Affirmed.)

Five years ago: The space shuttle Endeavour completed its maiden voyage with a safe landing in the California desert. Actress Marlene Dietrich, who had died in Paris at age 90, was buried in Berlin. America3, skippered by Bill Koch, won the 28th defense of the America's Cup.

One year ago: Admiral Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, the nation's top Navy officer, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after some of his military awards were called into question.

Today's Birthdays: Author Studs Terkel is 85. Jazz singer Betty Carter is 67. Former Connecticut Gov. Lowell Weicker is 66. North Carolina Gov. James Hunt Jr. is 60. Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., is 54. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 53. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 44. Actress Debra Winger is 42. Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut is 42. Actress Mare Winningham is 38. Singer Janet Jackson is 31. Singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 29. Actress Tracey Gold is 28. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 27.

JACK ANDERSON

Railroads take congressional staffers for ride

WASHINGTON — "Captive shippers" is the term railroad-industry types use to describe those who live in remote areas, and thus have only one choice when it comes to transporting their goods via rail.

Call this the case of the captive staffers.

More than 30 top staffers from the House and Senate spent the weekend of April 20 being ferried from Los Angeles to Albuquerque, N.M., courtesy of the good folks at Burlington-Northern Santa Fe Railroad. All expenses were paid by the company, including the round-trip air fare from Washington to Los Angeles.



Anderson

Also on board were several Burlington-Northern bigwigs, including their lobbyists, there to lecture the staffers on the finer details of the railroad industry.

It wasn't that long ago that railroad barons ruled American commerce, and could get what they wanted from practically any member of Congress. But those days are long gone. Now they have to use the same techniques as everyone else to get their points across. Apparently the folks at Burlington-Northern have figured out what most lobbyists in the nation's capital already know: If you want to gain influence on Capitol Hill, talk to the staff.

Dick Russack, of Burlington Northern's corporate relations office, explains that "it was just a business meeting on the train." Included in a partial itinerary we've reviewed were presentations about Burlington-Northern's safety improvements, a lecture on the railroad's relationship with Amtrak, and a fascinating lecture on the Diesel Fuel Deficit Reduction Act.

But the trip wasn't all business; time was also set aside for "scenic viewing," among other things. Russack declined to provide us with a complete copy of the trip's itinerary, explaining that it was filled with too many unimportant, logistical details and that he'd be forced to retype the document if he were to send it to us. He apologetically added: "I'm not trying to be secretive."

Russack went on to explain that the trip was made possible because the company "just happened to have" a passenger car sitting around for the occasion (normally, Burlington-Northern is in the freight business).

By any measure, the company has a lot riding on the outcome of this year's reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, the law that provides the basic framework for all federal transportation spending over the next five years. Railroad companies want to make sure they don't get passed over in favor of highway projects and other pork-barrel prizes that lawmakers like to show off for the constituents back home.

To help its cause in Washington, Burlington-Northern spent $90,000 last year for the services of two Washington lobbying firms, one of which now employs two former Senate majority leaders: Bob Dole and George Mitchell. Burlington-Northern's political action committee ladled out an additional $133,000 last year to dozens of candidates for local and national office.

By no means is Burlington-Northern the only firm that likes to give congressional staffers a respite from the daily grind. It happens virtually every week and in almost every industry. In Detroit, for example, automakers have been known to invite staffers to test-drive the latest models and to tour their plants. And all of it is perfectly allowable within congressional ethics guidelines.

UNDER THE DOME – Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, came up with a near-heretical idea recently as the House of Representatives was preparing to debate a bill to reform the government's public housing policies: Why not abolish the Department of Housing and Urban Development altogether.

A libertarian who was actively shunned by Republican leaders during his primary run last year, Paul doesn't think the federal government has any business subsidizing housing for poor people.

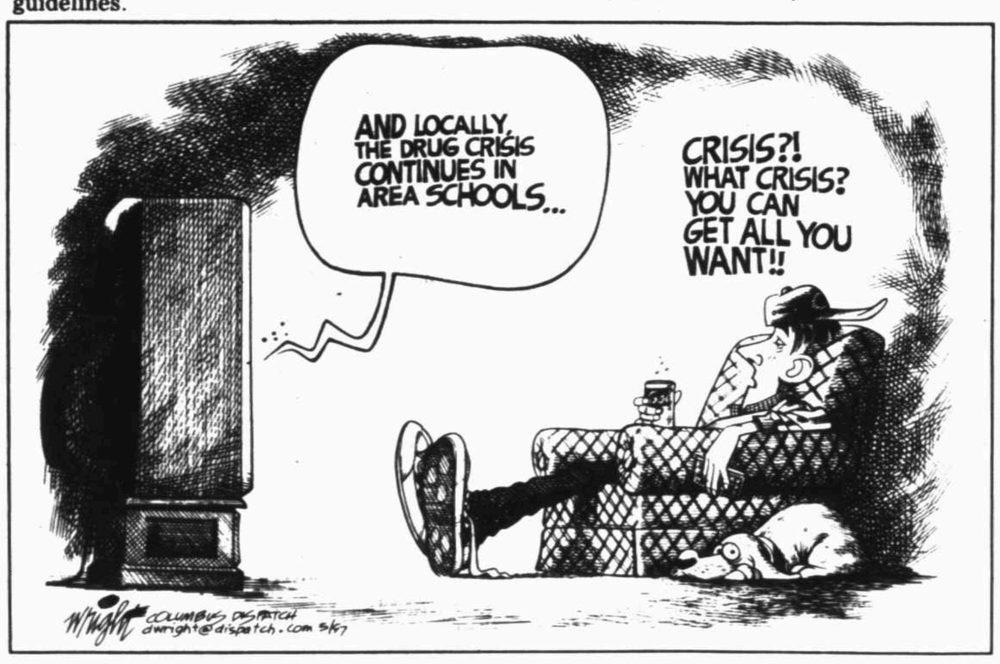
Not surprisingly, his idea met with some resistance. But the complaints didn't come from public housing recipients or their advocates. Instead, the moans came from landlords and developers, who've spent years feeding at the federal housing trough. Several of them were kind enough to call Paul's office to let him know what a mistake it would be to eliminate HUD.

"If they're getting $800 a month rent on a $400 apartment," Paul told us, "it's no wonder" they wanted to preserve the program.

In the end, Paul decided not to offer a bill to eliminate the agency.

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CHARLEY REESE

Zairian government needs real independence

The U.S. government continues to display hypocrisy of truly global dimensions. Spare us, please, the blather of U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson about concern for Zaire, the former Belgian Congo, which is about to completely oust — and already may have by the time you read this — the odious regime of Joseph Mobutu, who now calls himself Mobutu Sese Seko.



Reese

Mobutu was the CIA's boy in Zaire, installed in 1965, and assisted since — presumably to make sure the right corporations had access to Zaire's fabulous mineral wealth, principally copper and cobalt.

The trouble is, Mobutu is one of the worst tyrants in the post-colonial era. Mass murder, massacres of political opponents, torture, looting — you name it, and Mobutu and his cronies have done it. So outrageous, consistent and persistent has been the massive theft of the nation's resources that Mobutu's regime was dubbed a "kleptocracy," from the word kleptomaniac.

What ought to be a wealthy country, given its resources, has, in the words of rebel leader Laurent Kabila, been "crushed to a pulp."

And while all this crushing, all this stealing, all this murder, all this torture, all this impoverishment and all this dictatorship was going on, what did the U.S. government have to say about its concern for the welfare of the people of Zaire? Nothing, of course. Mobutu was our Cold War asset. As for the people, our government didn't care what happened to them (just, I should add, as it does not care about the people of Tibet, China, Iraq, etc.).

Now, after 32 years of U.S.-supported Mobutu repression and rapine, Richardson has the arrogance to try to tell the Zairian rebels what kind of government they ought to have. If I were Kabila, I'd tell the Richardson to get out of the country and stay out. I'd tell the United Nations to get out and stay out.

If ever there was a country wronged by the industrial powers and the United Nations, it is Zaire. If ever there was a country entitled to real independence and control of its own destiny, it is Zaire.

Zaire's sad story began in June 1960, when Belgium gave up its claim to the Belgian Congo. But Belgian business interests weren't willing to give up their economic domination. The nationalist prime minister, Patrice Lumumba, soon found himself faced with secession of the Katanga province (the big mining area) and a mutiny in the army. Mercenaries played a big role in all this. He was ousted and murdered, I believe, with the help of the CIA.

Lumumba's big sin was that he asked for help from the United Nations, which turned him down, and then in desperation appealed to the Soviet Union. That, during the Cold War, marked him as an enemy.

Ironically, as soon as the nationalists were out of the way, the United Nations did intervene and crushed the secession. (The United Nations had told poor Lumumba that they couldn't interfere in an internal affair of another nation. What liars.) Mobutu seized power in a CIA-assisted coup in November 1965. And the fortunes of the people went downhill from there.

Now, after 32 years of U.S.-sponsored misery, Kabila and his Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire are about to liberate their own country from Mobutu. Hopefully, they will also free it of U.S. and European imperialists.

You should be wary of any stories about atrocities, cannibalism, leftism or Marxism. Any nationalist patriot who dares to defy the internationalists is likely to get the full propaganda treatment if he refuses to give away his nation's assets at fire sale prices. I've seen the process several times in the last 40 years.

However the new government turns out, we have no moral standing to criticize it. It can't possibly be worse than the one we forced on the people of Zaire.

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Now you have your whole life in front of you...

Dear John: "Sweet sixteen," I believe the expression goes. In your case, ah ... um ... er ...

Bashful, blushing, swooning, eyes-cast-downish, sugar-on-your-tongue — nope, must be somebody else the feller was talking about.

That you are kind and generous and thoughtful and all those other good things remains true, and for it, your parents rejoice as this, your epochal birthday, No. 16, draws nigh.



Murchison

But this picture has a frame: a large, showy and — I am sure this pleases you most of all — unconventional one.

The truth is, you have never reveled in convention. No social straitjackets for John; no how-to-do-it manual. How to do it? Why, the way *you* want to — consistent always with The Great Tradition of the West (yeah, yeah, right, Dad).

You thought we hadn't noticed all this? Not likely. Who, at age 8, wanted his room painted bright red? Who demanded a futon instead of a plain old bed?

But such are the rights and prerogatives appertaining to Age Sixteen. The adult authority figures under your roof will not intervene any more than is necessary -- consistent always with The Great Tradition of the West.

As you know, we began this custom of the public birthday salute many years ago -- 16, come to think of it -- back when there was no chance of your offering objection. Dad would propound some well-seasoned wisdom, and you, unable to read, would burble happily. Burble. I wish. Could we try it again sometime? No? I see —— that would mean accepting the interventions of adult authority figures (hereinafter "AAFs").

Well, speaking as one AAF, congratulations on the way life is going. You didn't think I would say that? Shows how little the rising generation knows about AAFs. The likes of us don't care about heel-clicking hosannas. How dull! How dehumanized!

Discovery is what we like. And, yes, what a voyage of discovery you are launched on now: cars, books, journalism, architecture, poetry, Spanish. No mean flotilla for buoying and bearing a 16-year-old into the larger life.

Need I add, the "more expensive life"? Car insurance! Aaarghhh! And then college. But that's two years down the road. Let us rejoice in the meantime at the quality of your interests. How unspeakably delightful for a bookworm dad to find a son stretched on what, in baby days, we called the tummy, book propped open, eyes fixed on magical words. And a summer reading list that encompasses Steinbeck, Orwell, Cervantes. I believe I may have died and gone to heaven.

And a published poet — such you became this month with the publication of the high school literary magazine. And such I rejoice to see living under our roof. Maybe I will slip into your stack the lyrical Mr. Yeats, to be discovered some warm afternoon and, if that works, Kipling (for the surging rhythms, not the imperial vision at which you, in your present mood, would turn up your nose).

The creative urge, the artistic urge, is upon you, if the word of an AAF may be trusted. But it has always been upon you. This is nothing new. The forms are what is new: in the old days, designs for Nintendo games; today, designs for houses. (For you have chosen architecture as your professional interest? I understand that to be the case.)

Down like a old barn goes the family reputation for conservatism as the bare, smooth, modern designs pour from your pen. Well, why not modern (though you yourself dwell, futon and all, in a chimnied saltbox house)?

Adventure, adventure! Change, change! Sixteen was made for it. You are made for 16. In consequence, all that your AAFs (who love you dearly) can do is sigh, felicitate you warmly and assert again The Great Tradition of the West. Which Tradition generously accommodates creators of the irrepressible, over-the-top variety. Know any such? Please don't give 'em our address. One is about our quota at the moment.

With love and admiration.

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Syphilis survivors go to White House for apology

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (AP) — For decades, Fred Simmons suffered from syphilis without knowing it because the government had decided not to tell him.

Now, at 100, he is in a forgiving mood.

"I'm going to go up there, shake the president's hand and tell him I'm doing all right," Simmons said as he left for the White House on Thursday.

On Friday, President Clinton will offer an apology to Simmons and three other men — ages 91 to 100 — for one of the most shameful episodes in American history: the 40-year Tuskegee Syphilis Study, in which poor black men were unwittingly denied treatment for the disease they knew as "bad blood." The experiment was aimed at learning exactly what syphilis does to the body.

For a long time, Simmons was not all right. He suffered years of discomfort. One month nearly 50 years ago, he could not eat or walk, bled from sores and nearly starved to death.

Some feel that the apology to the four survivors and other victims comes 25 years late and hundreds of miles from where it should be issued.

"THEY THOUGHT he was going to die, but then one day he started getting better," said Simmons' grandson, Michael Simmons. "There was never any cure. We just prayed a lot. That worked better than anything."

'For so long, we began to think nothing was going to happen — that we had reached the end of the ballgame. This is late, but it will help quite a bit.'

— Henry Shaw
survivor

Simmons was among the 399 black men from rural southern Alabama who signed up for medical care in the 1930s, unaware they had syphilis. All of them were denied penicillin, the standard treatment for the disease since 1947. An additional 200 or so who did not have syphilis were used in a control group.

Those who were infected left thousands of descendants, many of whom had to deal with the stigma of coming from a family with a known history of syphilis.

"The way they treated him and the way they treated us, it was horrible," said Dora Banks, 90, the daughter of a syphilis victim. "I don't even like to think about it anymore."

Henry Shaw, another survivor headed for the White House, said he felt like a guinea pig as government doctors subjected him to spinal taps and blood tests he thought would cure him of his illness.

A 1972 article by The Associated Press exposed the study. The AP reported that 28 of the men who signed up for the supposed treatment had died of syphilis and 100 others had died of syphilis-related complications.

AT LEAST 40 wives had been infected and 19 children contracted the disease at birth. Hundreds of others watched as the disease ravaged their loved ones.

In the final stages, syphilis produces rubbery tumors that form large, crusty ulcers on the skin. The disease also eats away at bones, the liver, the heart and the brain and can cause paralysis, blindness and deafness.

David Allen recalled hearing stories about the slow death of his grandfather, Benjamin Rockamore.

"He lost teeth, broke out in rashes, all kinds of stuff," Allen said. "At the end he couldn't eat. My mother said it was terrible to watch. And to know he was used like that ... it was very inhumane."

The experiments contributed to a mistrust of government among blacks and added to suspicions that diseases such as AIDS are part of a genocidal conspiracy.

A STUDY by a University of Alabama professor found that black people who are aware of the Tuskegee experiment are more reluctant to take part in government-run medical experiments.

The government has never actually admitted wrongdoing, though it has distributed about $10 million to more than 6,000 survivors and their family members after settling a 1973 class-action lawsuit.

Shaw, 94, said: "For so long, we began to think nothing was going to happen — that we had reached the end of the ballgame. This is late, but it will help quite a bit."

Few states actually cutting off benefits to welfare recipients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-three states had permission to remove people from welfare rolls but few actually cut off benefits, according to a federal report released Thursday.

Wisconsin, Iowa, Massachusetts and Virginia accounted for 83 percent of the 18,000 families kicked off the welfare rolls through 1996, the General Accounting Office said.

"A lot of people were expecting there were going to be many people terminated, and I don't think we're really experiencing that," said David Bixler, who helped write the GAO report.

Most of those punished had failed to meet work requirements. About one-third re-enrolled after agreeing to obey the rules or after the state realized it had mistakenly terminated the cases.

The report, based on experimental state programs created with federal permission, comes as states implement their own programs under last year's welfare overhaul. While free from most federal rules, most states are building on the programs already under way, said GAO, an arm of Congress.

But it may be too early to draw conclusions. States are more likely to impose sanctions under their new programs due to federal prodding in the new law, said Elaine Ryan, director of government affairs for the American Public Welfare Association.

"It's just too soon to tell what actions of states might be under the new law," she said.

Still, the GAO concluded that some states were more willing than others to push people off the rolls. Some states "were trying to do everything to help people comply," Bixler said. He pointed to Florida, where just 74 families were cut off, and Utah, with 180 terminations.

"Other states dictate a harder line," he said. "They really placed the primary responsibility for compliance with the client."

In Wisconsin, 5,700 families were removed from the rolls, and in Iowa, there were 5,288. Massachusetts and Virginia each punished nearly 2,000 families. Even so, the GAO notes, this represents only about 1 percent of the caseload.

Fourteen states did not push a single family off assistance, and seven punished fewer than 100.

The report notes that some states imposed few punishments because sanctions were used in only a few counties, they were being phased in over time or they had exempted many families from the cutoff, such as those with small children.

Nearly all the sanctions through 1996 were for failing to comply with work requirements or with program enrollment rules, not for staying on welfare too long. In most cases, time limits have not kicked in yet, and it is not clear how many people will be removed from the rolls when they do.

Another central question also remains: how families kicked off welfare managed.

The GAO concluded that many of these families also left the food-stamp and Medicaid rolls, even though sanctions do not apply to these programs. But it is not clear whether they didn't realize they no longer qualified or if they simply didn't need the help.

Similarly, in Iowa, Massachusetts and Wisconsin, where the GAO did in-depth research, nearly half the families leaving welfare had some other support — from wages, pensions or child support. But the GAO has no idea how much, or how little, money they had.

"We didn't track these people," Bixler said. "We do not know anything about the well-being of the families."

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Charitable diplomacy: Embassies make snazzy fund-raiser venues

WASHINGTON (AP) — When a charity for poor children was looking for a classy place for a fund-raiser, the Lincoln Bedroom was not an option and first-class hotel ballrooms were too pricey.

So the group turned to Embassy Row, where some of Washington's snazziest venues go for a song.

By lending embassy foyers and function rooms, diplomats say, they show they are good neighbors and promote the image of their country. Fees vary according to the group and the event. Some charge nothing; others ask for reimbursement for food, drink, cleanup and overtime for security guards.

In a typical event, the Sasha Bruce Youthwork Foundation, which helps disadvantaged children in the Washington metropolitan area, borrowed the elegant British Embassy residence — where Queen Elizabeth II and Winston Churchill have stayed — to host a movie premiere last month.

"Such a setting has unusual appeal," said Deborah Shore, the foundation's executive director. "People get to see a place they ordinarily would not see and the embassy gets a chance to put its best foot forward."

But dealing with diplomats can be risky because affairs of state take precedence. And sometimes there are important guests who turn up at the last minute.

The Parent-Teacher Association at an elementary school landed the Russian Embassy for its fund-raising auction. But at the last minute they had to find another site because the Russian foreign minister came to town unexpectedly and security people were nervous about 600 parents and students rambling about their building.

"Obviously, we were panic-stricken," said Mia Perna, PTA co-president at Washington's Stoddert Elementary School. "Word got out about our plight and a former parent came through" and lined up the headquarters of the Organization of American States.

'We've been overwhelmed by the interest in our embassy. I've lost count of how many people have come. But we want them to see inside of our building, not just the outside.'
—Yrjo Lansipuro
Finnish Embassy spokesman

Some embassies are more popular than others.

With its spare lines and dramatic copper, green granite and wood interior, the Finnish Embassy has played host to the Red Cross twice and to the American Institute of Architects.

Last week, to the melodies of a four-piece jazz band, Rachel's Women's Center, which helps homeless women in the capital, took over the ground floor reception room with its sweeping wooden staircase.

David Schon, a member of the center's board, said the embassy was "the best building in Washington, an attraction in itself because it is so spectacular."

"We've been overwhelmed by the interest in our embassy," said Finnish Embassy spokesman Yrjo Lansipuro, "I've lost count of how many people have come. But we want them to see inside of our building, not just the outside.'

British Embassy spokesman Robert Chatterton-Dickson says his ambassador decides which events to host on a case-by-case basis.

"There are obvious advantages in doing this," he said. "We show that we are good diplomatic citizens, part of the community. And it helps us do our job because we are projecting a good image of Britain among influential people."

It's up to the event sponsors to price their tickets in a way that covers any embassy cost and leaves money left over for their coffers.

"There are a thousand factors that go into determining what the charge is," said Pam Chappell of the Canadian Embassy, whose rooftop has a to-die-for view of the Capitol. "Is it a buffet or a sitdown dinner? Is the sponsor a profit making group or not?"

Once the basics are taken care of, there can be a last-minute surprise.

"We really had to scramble to find a photographer when we learned Mrs. (Hillary Rodham) Clinton was coming" to a privately sponsored benefit for Korean orphans, said Korean Embassy spokesman Djun Kil Kim. "It transformed an ordinary evening into a memorable event."

Missile defense billions in red, Pentagon says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plans for a national missile defense system are years — and billions of dollars — behind schedule, top Pentagon officials told grim-faced lawmakers Thursday.

What's more, the military has yet to prove it can even build a reliable weapon to knock out incoming missiles.

"The disadvantage of this system is that close doesn't count," Paul Kaminski, the Pentagon's acquisition chief told the House National Security research subcommittee. "You must hit, and you must hit in the right place."

The consequences of a miss, under the scenarios being considered by the Pentagon, would be an enemy missile, perhaps with a chemical or biological warhead, flying through the defensive shield and hitting an American city.

After a major test failure in January, Kaminski said, the Pentagon is unable to say that its current missile defense system would work reliably even in ideal conditions, let alone in the chaos of an actual attack.

"I'm not happy about that," Kaminski said. "We owe you a better job."

Because of technical errors, rushed schedules, unclear requirements and other problems, Kaminski said, the United States would be unable to deploy a national missile defense system under current funding plans until 2006 at the earliest, a slip of three years.

To avert that delay, the Clinton administration proposes pumping $2.3 billion into national missile defense over the next five years — doubling the spending previously planned. Taxpayers have already shelled out $2.5 billion for research on the project over the past four years.

"Without the addition of these funds, I will tell you flatly we cannot execute this program" on schedule, Kaminski said.

All this money is going into a system that some in Congress and the Clinton administration argue is not needed. Republicans have made development of a national missile defense system a top defense priority, saying that a limited missile shield is needed to protect against an accidental launch from Russia or an attack by a rogue nation.

Administration officials resisted, pointing to a CIA estimate that said a realistic threat of missile attack from nations such as North Korea and Iran was decades away. But under pressure from a Republican-controlled Congress, President Clinton relented to dramatically higher funding for the defense system.

At Thursday's hearing, Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., the panel chairman, accused the administration of foot-dragging on a defense program it never really supported.

"They're scrambling around making it appear as though they're committed to national missile defense," Weldon said. "I have trouble buying that. ... Over the past three years they've starved the program."

Weldon also accused the administration of proposing to shift $2 billion from theater missile defense programs — designed to protect troops in the field — into the national defense plan. Kaminski said the shift would involve a much smaller amount but did say the proposal stemmed from four test failures in the "Thaad" theater missile defense program.

"We haven't hit the target yet," Kaminski said.

The system envisioned under the Clinton plan differs substantially from the "Star Wars" missile defense proposed by President Reagan in 1983. Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative proposed a space-based shield against massive attacks involving thousands of warheads launched simultaneously by the Soviet Union.

The Clinton plan would consist of ground-based radar and 100 ground-launched interceptor rockets based at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. Systems based in space would be infrared detectors that could pinpoint the plume of a missile launch, as well as relay satellites to convey information about an incoming missile's track.

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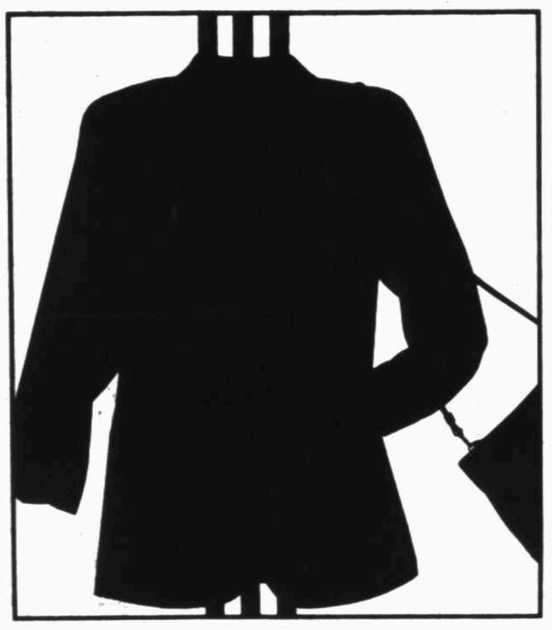


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Testimony ends in baby death trial

Unlicensed medical expert says earlier injury combined with fall could have killed baby

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Testimony ended Thursday in the capital murder trial of Abel David Alarcon, 21, of Midland, who has been charged in the Jan. 9, 1996, death of his 9-month-old niece, Emily Carter, who was fatally injured while under his care.

Both the defense and prosecution have rested and will make their closing arguments today before the jury begins to deliberate on Alarcon's fate. The case is being tried before Judge Willie Dubose of the 385th District Court.

During Thursday's testimony, defense attorney Tom Hirsch attempted to raise reasonable doubt in jurors' minds, seating an independent medical expert, Luis Zamora, who testified to the possibility that the child could have had previous injuries that were exacerbated by a fall from the bed.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Alarcon maintained that the baby fell from the bed, and when he went to the child's aid, he realized she was injured.

Before testifying, Zamora admitted that he is not licensed to practice medicine in the United States, having failed to pass appropriate tests at this time.

The medical examiner who performed the autopsy on the child, Randall Frost, testified earlier that the blow that caused bleeding in the brain and eventual death could not have happened earlier, since other witnesses testified that the child was sitting up and drinking and playing with a toy musical instrument.

Frost determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma to the head and identified a grid, or waffle-like, pattern of bruising on a portion of the baby's head. This injury could not have resulted from a 19-inch fall from the bed to the floor, Frost said.

Police investigators' testimony links this pattern found on the back and side of the baby's head to plastic speaker grills on two large, heavy stereo speakers in the bedroom where the baby was allegedly injured.

Prosecutor Robin Sams has been attempting to prove that the child was healthy and well cared for before her injury and that Alarcon was the only person in the home at the time of the injury.

If convicted in the girl's death, Alarcon will face a mandatory life sentence and under the current statutes, he would have to serve 40 calendar years before being eligible for parole.

BASIN BRIEFING

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Linda Finch departed late Thursday evening for Nauru. Early Thursday morning she landed in Nadzab, New Guinea, and is again having trouble with her COMSAT equipment that is used to broadcast flight position over the internet. Nadzab is near Lae, which was Amelia Earhart's departure point for Howland Island in 1937 and the last place she was seen alive. The airstrip used then is now overgrown. Ms. Finch and navigator Peter Cousins flew low over that runway in memory of Ms. Earhart before landing. Related curriculum and story on page 5C.

Rummage sale

St. Ann's Choir is holding a rummage sale 8 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Saturday in the former Aladdin Furniture Store next to Bagwell's Furniture on Wall St. The sale is a fund-raiser for the choir, which has been invited to sing at the Vatican in March.

Casa de Amigos

Casa de Amigos' annual meeting and volunteer recognition is planned for 4:30 p.m. Monday at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information call 682-9701.

Cancer support

Two cancer support groups are to meet 7 p.m. Tuesday at Allison Cancer Center. The Man to Man Prostate Cancer Education Group is to feature a discussion on "Lifestyle Changes Caused by Cancer," led by licensed counselor and prostate cancer survivor Marshall Mason and his wife Karen. The meeting is open to men and women. Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group is to feature aromatherapist Carol Calderazzo giving a presentation on using oils and herbs to aid in attitude, relaxation and vitality. For more information on either group, call 685-6606.

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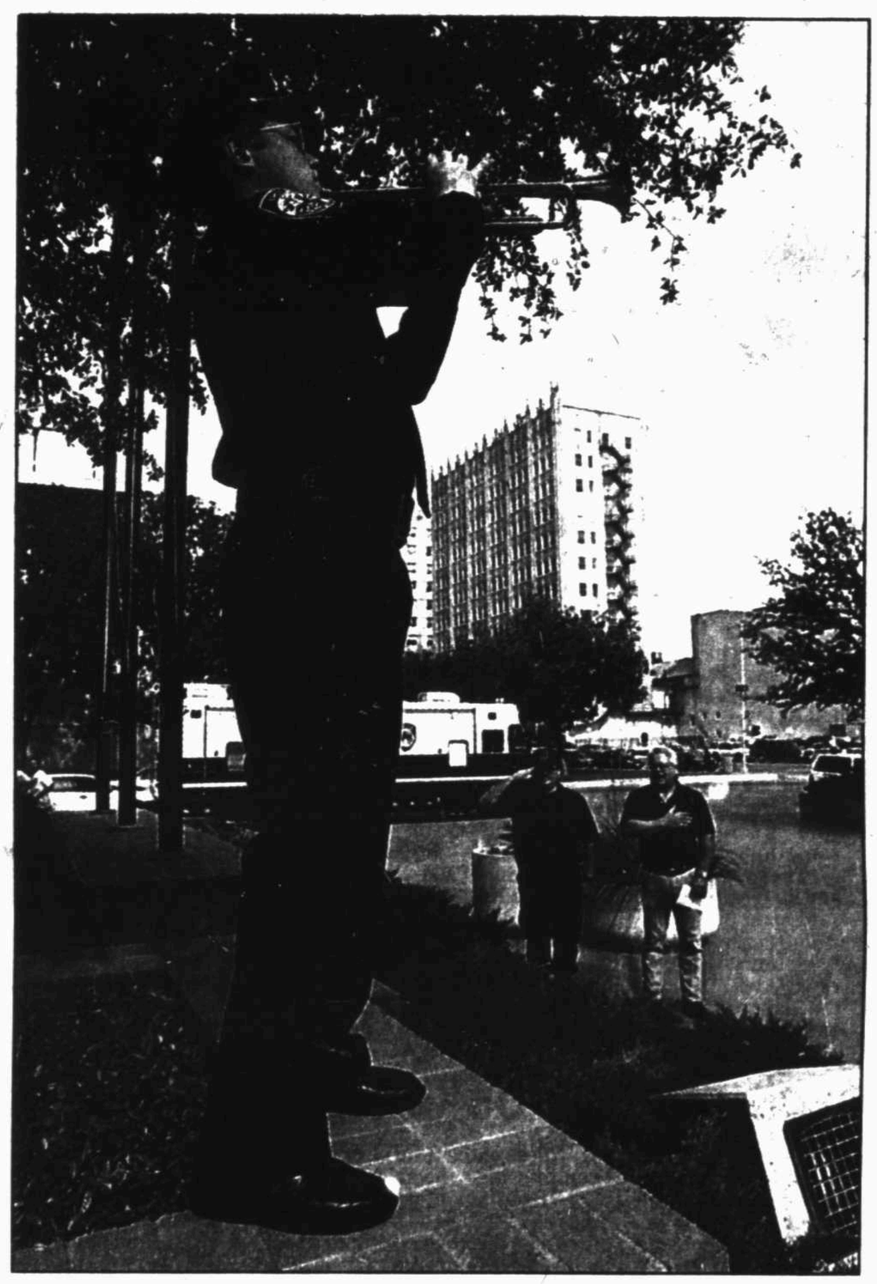
ODESSA — Odessa College is to go on its four-day summer schedule beginning Monday. Most offices are to be open 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The college will return to its normal schedule Aug. 18.

'Jail' fund-raiser

The employees of Memorial Hospital will spend today in jail for the March of Dimes. The jail will be located by the Emergency Room ramp at the intersection of Andrews Highway and Ohio Street. For a $25 donation to the March of Dimes, hospital employees can have any manager, supervisor, department director or member of the administration arrested for one-half an hour. The arrests will take place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and "prisoners" may gain early release by bribing jailers with a donation of double the amount that had them arrested. However, all prisoners must serve at least half of their sentence. All money collected will be donated to the March of Dimes.

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Photos by Curt Wilcott



Above left: Midland Police Department Officer David Fortenberry plays taps at the end of the 10th annual Midland Law Enforcement Memorial Service at Centennial Plaza Thursday.

Above right: Chari Rigtrup holds her niece Savannah Rigtrup during the reading of the names of Texas law enforcement personnel who have died in the line of duty.

Left: A red rose is held by a participant in the ceremony. The rose was placed on a memorial wreath.

Teen to stand trial as adult

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

A Midland teen-ager has been certified to stand trial as an adult on two felony charges stemming from crimes allegedly committed on the night that Odessa teacher Helen R. Johnson was slain last month.

Elizardo Ponde III, 16, is to be tried as an adult on charges of burglary of a habitation and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

After a hearing Thursday in the Midland County Court-At-Law, Judge Al Walvoord waived his jurisdiction over Ponde and transferred the case to criminal district court for prosecution.

Burglary of a habitation is a first-degree felony with a punishment range of up to 99 years in prison. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle is a state jail felony, with a punishment of up to five years in prison.

Ms. Johnson's body was found on the morning of April 16 in a caliche pit three miles east of Midland.

Her vehicle later was stopped for a

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Author to sign copies of book on Constitution

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

For author Thomas Baker, the U.S. Constitution is indeed a most wonderful work, as stated by William E. Gladstone, British statesman and prime minister in 1878.



Baker

"My quick question to anyone who would argue with that is to ask what they think is a more wonderful work," he said by phone from Lubbock, where he is the Alvin R. Allison Professor at the Texas Tech University School of Law.

Baker is to be at Barnes & Noble Booksellers 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday to sign copies of his book, "The Most Wonderful Work - Our Constitution Interpreted," and give a brief lecture on the Supreme Court and Constitution.

Please see **AUTHOR**/2B

Watercolor Society awards banquet owes success to local arts support

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

When first lady Laura Bush presents the awards Saturday for the Texas Watercolor Society's 48th annual Juried Show, the success of the opening reception, awards presentation and dinner will be due in large part to area support for the arts.

"The people of Midland have backed this to the hilt," said Midlander artist Charlotte Seay, who is co-president of the Texas Watercolor Society. "We've had generous sponsors and very generous award donors. We've had cooperation from all of the different art organizations including the Museum of the Southwest, Midland Arts Association, Arts Assembly of Midland, the Palette Club, Midland College fine arts department, and arts organizations from the surrounding

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Net surfing



Joyce Peterson, library secretary and computer whiz, helps Abell Junior High School students Jose Hernandez, seated, and Gabriel Moya surf the Web Thursday at Midland County Public Library. The library now offers free Internet access to patrons who have library cards.

Photo by Curt Wilcott

ED TODD

Life's journeys compel observers to ponder the how and why

"Life is a journey," goes the old truism. And to be on the go either at home in the imagination or abroad into new territory is certainly the way to go.



Todd

And certainly just about all folks have traveled worldwide in their mind's-eye by way of perusing travel catalogues, books, magazines, and newspaper travel sections; in listening to grandfather's adventures in times past, and in watching news reels and their technological successors.

But doing it, and not "just" doing it, is the all-time quest for many folks. (Besides, how would you "just do" anything? Rarely is anything just done, contrary to the marketing ploy of a footwear company.)

And old Ed Todd has just been recounting his travels, those memorial events, that include once across the ocean and back with a bunch of young fellows on a troopship, over the continent in trains pulled by coal-burning steam locomotives, and, of course, by airliner, open-cockpit aeroplane, automobile, horseback, mule, donkey, foot, bicycle, wagon, canoe, boat, raft, trolley, subway, and buggy.

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And the best way to go certainly depends entirely on your attitude and mission. If your joy is in sheer travel more than just the arrival, your options are greatly broadened and enhanced.

The sea is splendid from horizon to horizon. Its expanse makes a dramatic statement about the wonders of the planet Earth and excites the mind to explore the heart.

From above, the beauty of the landscape from mountains to plains and the spectacular creativity of the broad and deep clouds compel the observer to marvel at the architecture of it all and ponder on the how and the why.

Close to the beloved Earth, on foot or wheel, the traveler can marvel at the diversity and the intricacy of Creation: the bugs, birds, and other critters going about their business; the wildflowers in their splendor; the variegated rolls, turns, twists, dips and rises of the landscape, and the marks of times past on windmills, fence posts, and weathered home places.

Among the wonders of traveling alone and then with a congenial bunch are the quiet times to visit with thine own self and with friends of the Earth, to explore facets of fellow denizens on the journey, and to listen to the wisdom, reflections, and visions of sages along the way.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Police Reports

Midland Police Department
Wednesday

Theft: A theft report was made from 800 N. Marienfeld St. at 2:17 p.m.

Theft: Employees at Zales, 4511 N. Midkiff Road, made a report of an internal theft at 2:20 p.m. Numerous pieces of jewelry were missing.

Burglary of a residence: Freddy Holguin reported an apartment ransacked at 4715 W. Wadley Ave. Nothing was taken according to the report made at 2:31 p.m.

Theft: Checks were taken from Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road, according to a report made at 2:42 p.m.

Theft: An attempted theft of cash was made at 3001 W. Wadley Ave., according to a report made at 3:23 p.m. by Tausha Arguijo.

Burglary of a residence: A report of burglary was made by Chris Gilbert at 4:16 p.m. The incident occured at 3417 N. Midland Drive.

Vandalism of a vehicle: A vehicle was scratched at 1002 Andrews Highway, according to a report made by Kelly Ridgeway at 5:09 p.m.

Assault: Anne Riso reported an assault at 105 E. Golf Course Road. It was reported at 7:37 p.m.

Theft: A female juvenile is in custody after a theft report was made by Mervyn's, 3001 W. Loop 250, at 8 p.m.

Theft: Employees of Burger King, 4805 N. Midkiff Road, reported money taken. It was reported at 10:43 p.m.

Thursday

Burglary of a vehicle: Olga Ruiz reported a stereo taken from a vehicle at 600 S. Fort Worth St. It was reported at 7:03 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A window was broken and a telephone was taken from a vehicle at 2400 Northtown Court. The report was made by John Gould at 7:05 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Rick Patterson reported a stereo and speakers taken from a vehicle at 2928 W. Louisiana Ave. The report was made at 7:25 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Cash and tools were taken from a vehicle at 2205 W. Texas Ave., according to a report made by Abacadabra at 10:21 a.m.

Theft: A lawn mower was taken from 501 S. Baird St., according to a report made by Ted Dix at 10:24 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A television and jewelry were taken from 805 N. Dallas St., according to a report made by James Shannon at 11:55 a.m.

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

Death Notices

Leodis Smith

Leodis Smith, 62, died Sunday, May 11, at her Midland residence.

Services are to be 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Mount Carmel Baptist Church with the Rev. R.C. Hutchinson officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Directors.

She was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Hill County.

She lived in Midland all of her life and was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Glenda Aikins, and a sister, Viola McGowan.

Survivors include her husband, John C. Smith of Midland; three sons, John Charles Smith Jr., Johnny L. Smith and James A. Smith, all of Midland; two daughters, Violet Harris of Midland and Ruth Anderson of Houston; her mother, Ethelean Chappel of Midland; two brothers, Sandy Woodberry of Los Angeles and James Peterson of New Mexico; a sister, Doris Washington of Midland; 30 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

AUTHOR: Baker has high regard for current justices

(From 1B)

"Our Constitution was the first written constitution, it's the oldest," he said. "What I think is interesting about our Constitution is it's short, only about 4,000 words, but it has allowed us to govern ourselves now for more than 200 years. And if you study the constitutions of other countries, you would easily see that many other countries borrowed ideas and even borrowed whole parts of our Constitution, which I think is a historical kind of compliment."

The main intent of the book, he said, "is to help improve public understanding of the Constitution because I believe Americans need to know about the Constitution and I worry that they don't know enough about it."

Baker said that is because most Americans are busy with their jobs and families, involved with politics as voters and newspaper readers.

"Most adult Americans don't read materials like this after they leave school. I suppose most folks have read parts of the Constitution or 'Federalist Papers' when they were students, but when they're adults and actually citizens participating in a democracy, they try to get by with school-day memories."

Baker said that "the most important thing I want people to get out of this book is a sense of responsibility that in our system of government 'We the People' really govern ourselves and we have to understand our government and participate in our government, or else our system does not work. We can't leave it to the other fellow to run the government."

He said he worries about low voter turnout and how "sometimes very complicated issues are reduced to simple slogans and bumper stickers."

Our democracy, he said, should include arguments and debates that are thoughtful and don't degenerate into two sides yelling at each other.

"A democracy is built on public discussion and public debate. We each have a turn to have our say, but we're also obliged to listen to the other side."

He said there are phrases in the Constitution that Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson described as "majestic generalities" like due process and equal protection.

"We have to decide in cases or in controversies in 1997 what is due process, what is equal protection. We're constantly, and the Supreme Court is constantly, applying this 18th-century document, these 18th-century ideas, to 1997 problems and cases.

"It's a constant process of understanding and interpreting what is really at the heart of our system of self-government. That's the whole idea of 'We the people,'" he said.

Baker said he has a very high regard for the current nine members of the Supreme Court, saying each of them works very hard at reaching decisions.

That hard work, he said, was illustrated in the recently released papers of late Justice Thurgood Marshall. The papers showed how careful the justices were in deciding cases even as they disagreed among themselves; how hard they worked at arguing and debating the cases they faced.

He called the current Supreme Court term "one of the must interesting in maybe 10 years. They're looking at physician-assisted suicide; the Internet indecency act; Clinton vs. Jones. These are all good examples, I think, of how issues always seem to keep coming up, issues presented in different context, which oblige the justices to interpret and apply the principals they understand from the Constitution."

While his book targets "the serious reader who wanders around the bookstore on weekends," Baker said "it is not written for lawyers and judges and law professors. It's written for Americans who want to know more about the Constitution, and that should be everyone."

ART: People from all across U.S. to attend reception, awards presentation and dinner

(From 1B)

towns."

"We have people attending this from all over the United States and a large contingency from Texas and the surrounding states." Mrs. Seay said of Saturday's 6:30 p.m. opening reception, awards presentation and dinner on the lawn of the Museum of the Southwest.

This year marks the first time the national juried exhibition has been held outside San Antonio.

"They (TWS) wanted to include the other areas of the state," Mrs. Seay said. "It is a national show, a national exhibition, but it will always stay in Texas. But they wanted to give it new blood and new interest."

Next year, the juried exhibition will be held at the Hill Country Arts Foundation in Kerrville. The 50th annual exhibition will be in San Antonio and the 51st will be in Laredo.

The society has about eight to 10 members from Midland, she said. "For the most part they're signature members. That's quite a large group from one community. And that's not even counting associate members and members from surrounding areas."

Local committee members, who have been working on the event for more than a year, include Lavoe Peeler, Beth Barton, Virginia Rachal, Ann McCoy, Edna Krueger, Max Perry (awards chairman), Prudie Leibrock, James Purvis, Herb Cooper, Mary Lou King, Pam Hale, Dorothy Baird, Eleanor Robertson, Plyna Nesbitt, Jan Williams, Merle Burleson Taylor and Christ Scott.

"They have all worked so hard," Mrs. Seay said.. "Really, this has been a big job."

The possibility of Midland hosting the annual event began more than a year ago when local members were approached by some members of the TWS executive board, Mrs. Seay said.

"I took it to the Midland Arts Association board for approval and then to the Museum of the Southwest board of directors to see if they were interested in housing it. And it's been fully supported. That's something to take great pride in.

"These groups and museums have spoken up for this after we took the initiative," said Mrs. Seay.

The current show, which remains at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through June 22, includes 91 pieces of art — juried by Katherine Chang Liu of Los Angeles — from around 750 submitted from throughout the country. More than $15,000 in awards and merchandise have been donated.

The receptions are open to the public at no charge. Dinner tickets are $40 a person. For information on the dinner call 570-1880.

"We can accommodate a few people and that's all," Mrs. Seay said of the remaining dinner tickets. "About 10."

The keynote speaker is M. Stephen Doherty, editor in chief of "American Artist & Watercolor" publications of New York. A native of New Orleans, Doherty majored in art at Knox College, where he graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a Master of Fine Arts from Cornell University. Doherty taught art in colleges, public schools, and a community college before becoming editor in chief of American Artist Magazine in 1979.

"The enthusiasm has been so high about this," Mrs. Seay said of the exhibition and Saturday's reception, awards and dinner. "In fact, it's exciting to go by the museum because the large yellow-and-white-striped tent is in place, and it looks festive. And we expect a festive evening."

Sponsors include Jack Sherman Automotive Headquarters, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kimberly, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers, Lynn Durham, TU Electric, Community National Bank, Beverly Pevehouse, Mr. and Mrs. John Dublin, Air Master Equipment Corp., Delaney Winery, H.E.B., Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Brune, and Louis and Kay Burleson. It is partially funded by the Arts Assembly of Midland and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

TEEN: Ponde out on bond

(From 1B)

traffic violation and four teenage males, including Ponde, were taken into custody.

Frederick Ernest Keck, 17, has been charged with capital murder in the death of Ms. Johnson and is the only one of the four who police believe was directly involved in the slaying. Prosecutors have not yet determined whether they will seek the death penalty for Keck.

The other two 17-year-olds, James Garibay and Fernando Lujan, are charged with burglary of a habitation, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and abuse of a corpse.

Ms. Johnson died as a result of multiple stab wounds and her clothed body was buried in a shallow grave at the caliche pit, according to autopsy and police reports. Police have recovered a knife believed to be the one used in the slaying.

Police found signs of a struggle at Ms. Johnson's house and later recovered a television set and VCR belonging to her at the home of a relative of one of the suspects.

Ponde has been released on $15,000 bond, the same as that for Garibay and Lujan.

Keck is being held in lieu of $125,000 bond and remains in the Midland County Central Detention Center.

Haley at Mitchell home dedication

From Staff Reports

Midlander Rosalind Haley, widow of historian J. Evetts Haley, is in Atlanta today for the dedication of the restored home where Margaret Mitchell lived while writing much of "Gone With the Wind."

Mrs. Haley is the niece of the home's original owner, Cornelius J. Sheehan. She will represent the Sheehan family at the dedication.

The house was built in 1899 by Sheehan, an Atlanta businessman and postmaster. The house was eventually remodeled into four apartments, one of which was rented by Mrs. Mitchell and her husband John after they were married in 1925.

Mrs. Mitchell began writing "Gone With the Wind" in 1926 while living in the apartment.

The building was abandoned and boarded up in 1977.

Restoration — sidetracked after two separate fires destroyed much of the building — has returned the home to its original layout, and not the apartments.

Mail, web sites, kiosks aid searches for missing children

DALLAS (AP) — It's been two years since Colleen Nick's daughter disappeared from an Arkansas ballpark, but Nick still believes that one day she'll hold her little girl again.

Nick last saw 6-year-old Morgan on June 9, 1995, as the girl chased lightning bugs with her friends.

"I turned my back to her for five minutes and when I turned around, she was gone," Nick said.

Since then, hundreds of leads have led nowhere. But Nick, who has become an advocate for legislation to protect children, won't give up.

"I believe in my heart that she's alive and that she's out there if we can find her," Nick said. "I would never want to look her in the eye and tell her I didn't believe enough."

This month, Morgan's picture will be mailed to some 70 million homes across the country.

The blue and white cards with Morgan's age-progressed picture are part of a program started 12 years ago by ADVO, a Windsor, Pa.-based direct mail marketing company. The "Have You Seen Me?" cards have led to the recovery of 83 missing children.

Vince Giuliano, senior vice president of government relations, said the ADVO program is designed to keep public awareness high and possibly serve as a deterrent to child abductors.

"No child should be forgotten regardless of the time he or she has been missing," he said.

Distributing information about missing children as soon as possible can be the key to bringing them home safely, said Joe Matthews, a retired Miami Beach police officer who has worked more than 1,000 death investigations.

"After 24 hours, your chances are slimmer and slimmer to recover the child alive," he said.

"You want that picture out. You want everyone talking about it. You have to give the abducted child a name. You have to give it an identity."

More than 955,000 adults and juveniles were reported missing in 1996, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Arlington, Va., a resource center and clearinghouse for information on missing children and child protection. The FBI estimates that up to 90 percent of missing people are juveniles.

Several recent abductions have sparked massive searches by law enforcement officers and volunteers, highlighting the urgent nature of tracking missing children:

■ In April, the body of 10-year-old Anthony Martinez was found 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles, weeks after he was abducted by a knife-wielding stranger.

■ Danydia Betty-Jacqueline Thompson of Killeen was last seen April 30 leaving school with an unknown man. A body believed to be the 7-year-old's has been discovered.

■ Earlier this month, Kristin Lisk, 15, and her 12-year-old sister, Kati, were found dead under a bridge five days after they vanished from their Spotsylvania, Va., home.

■ Sarah Patterson, 11, and her 9-year-old brother, Cody, were kidnapped from their Granbury home in late April. Cody was found seriously injured with a fractured skull; Sarah was found dead on May 2. Their mother's ex-boyfriend has been arrested.

■ Laura Kate Smithers, 12, of Friendswood had been missing nearly three weeks when her body was found April 20 in a pond 10 miles away in Pasadena.

Laura's abduction and murder led U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont, to form the Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus. About 25 House members have joined the effort.

The caucus will discuss ideas for legislation, promote the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and coordinate the efforts of other search centers.

Dallas-based Pizza Hut is trying to track missing kids through its "Deliver Me Home" program.

In 1995, Pizza Hut started rolling out touch-screen kiosks that feature missing children's pictures and vital information in high-traffic areas like malls, airports and bus terminals. The data comes from the missing children's center.

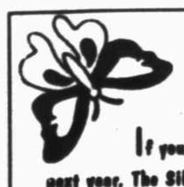
The company hopes to expand from 21 kiosks nationwide to 100 by the end of the year, program manager Jay Allison said.

Fifty children featured on the kiosks were recovered in 1996, Allison said, although the center cannot tie the recoveries to any one program.

There are also web sites with photos and information on missing children. The missing children's center offers access to a comprehensive database of missing children on its web page.

A person's motives for killing a child are not particularly complicated, Matthews said. Some abductors are sociopaths who just act on their urge to take a child.

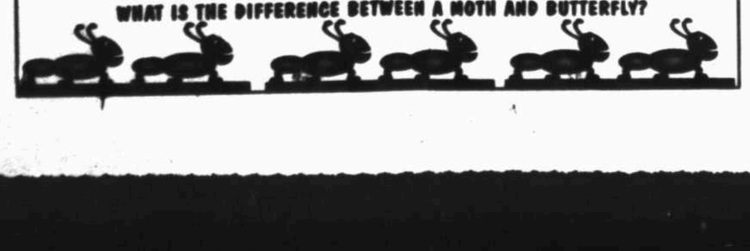
"A lot of times, it's part of their fantasy or their desires to do what they want with the child and when they get tired of it, reality sets in and they say, 'My God, this child could identify me,' and they kill them," Matthews said.



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Sign up Saturday, May 17, for one of these classes: (Sign up from 9am to 4 pm)
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WHAT DOES GOD SOUND LIKE?

"God sounds an awful lot like my Dad!" That's what one youngster replied when asked the question. Dandi Daley Mackall gives some interesting observations about God through the eyes of children in her book, *"Kids Say The Greatest Things About God."* Yes, it is a good question. Do you picture God as a silver-haired gentleman whose years give true wisdom, or perhaps a powerful ruler who battles and deals with a world out of control? Maybe he's a soft, kind, but firm friend who seems always to be there. Probably the sound of God is colored by experiences. The Bible says, "the heavens declare the glory of God." Psalms 19:1. When the sun shines and the winds blow, and rainfall is followed by a rainbow, God is speaking. When a newborn cries in reaching for that first breath, and an aged saint softly prays in her quiet corner alone, God is speaking. Before Christ and that Spirit which records and conveys His Word today as noted in I Peter 4:11 and 2 Timothy 3:16, God spoke in many ways. Hebrews 1:1. Now just in Christ. One child concluded, "God talks Bible talk. So sometimes you might not quite understand him!" Listened to Him lately?

Weather service: Budget cuts mean problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Summoned before Congress to explain unpopular job cuts, National Weather Service managers warned lawmakers Thursday that ongoing budget reductions cannot be sustained for long.

The service, which must fill a $41.5 million budget shortfall this year, is under fire for a series of moves that some contend could jeopardize public safety.

To meet financial constraints imposed largely by the Clinton administration and Congress, the agency has left job vacancies unfilled, halted training and postponed maintenance. The service also is eliminating 185 positions and closing its Southern Region headquarters in Fort Worth, splitting its functions between offices in New York and Missouri.

"The weather service cannot sustain these temporary reductions in '98 without affecting the provision of warnings and services to the public," James D. Baker, head of the National Weather Service's parent agency, told a Senate Commerce subcommittee Thursday.

Baker, who leads the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and National Weather Service chief Elbert Friday defended their cost-cutting strategies and said they have ensured services to the public won't be affected.

Their repeated assertions that public safety won't be harmed have been met with strong skepticism within the meteorological community, the weather service itself, and from Southern lawmakers and emergency preparedness officials.

"In my professional judgment, these reductions are ill-advised," testified Ron McPherson, a high-ranking National Weather Service official. "If implemented, they would increase the risk of hazardous weather events being improperly handled."

After a storm of protest and McPherson's threat to resign, the weather service backed off one part of its reorganization: immediate job cuts at the National Hurricane Center in Miami; the tornado-tracking Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.; and the Aviation Weather Center in Kansas City, Mo. Now, those jobs will be protected through September.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and several other senators questioned the wisdom of closing the 61-person Southern Region, which oversees the nation's most active weather zone.

The office oversees some 1,000 field personnel in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

'These reductions are ill-advised. If implemented, they would increase the risk of hazardous weather events being improperly handled.'
— Ron McPherson, National Weather Service official

Baker and Friday noted repeatedly that the Southern Region was due to be closed within two years anyway. "Given the budget constraints, there was nothing else we could do," Baker told Mrs. Hutchison.

But she noted that the weather service's regional directors had floated an alternative that would allow the Southern Region to remain open by reducing staffing at all the regional offices.

Under persistent questioning from Mrs. Hutchison, Friday said the alternative plan wouldn't provide the necessary savings. And, with some Fort Worth workers due to switch to new Weather Service jobs within the next two weeks, the current reorganization is too far along to stop without creating chaos, he said.

Obviously frustrated, Mrs. Hutchison said: "I would just ask you to please go back to the drawing board."

Mowbray heads for hearing that could set her free

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Nine years after a Brownsville jury sentenced her to life in prison for killing her husband, Susie Mowbray was headed back here Thursday for a hearing that could result in her freedom.

"I'm a nervous wreck," Mrs. Mowbray said, smiling broadly as she prepared to leave the Gatesville women's prison where she has been incarcerated since 1988.

Cameron County sheriff's deputies picked her up at 11:15 a.m. for the eight- to 10-hour drive back to the Rio Grande Valley. She will be held overnight at the county jail.

Dressed in a pink blouse and green pants, Mrs. Mowbray waved goodbye with cuffed hands to guards and inmates before climbing into the deputies' van. Dozens of inmates piled into wagons outside the prison gates applauded as the van passed by.

She brought with her two cardboard boxes and a white duffle bag, signs that this inmate hopes never to return. She could get her wish.

On Friday, Mrs. Mowbray is scheduled to appear at a hearing at which her attorney will ask that she be released on bond, pending a new trial on charges that she killed her husband in 1987.

Family members, including Mrs. Mowbray's son and daughter, were headed here Thursday in the hope that she will be freed.

"That's what we're working for — to get her out," said her son, Wade Burnett, a Louisiana law student who was 16 when his mother was convicted of killing his stepfather.

State District Judge Darrell Hester ordered the hearing Wednesday, after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals finalized a December ruling setting aside Mrs. Mowbray's conviction and recommending a new trial.

Bill would give incentives for school choice

AUSTIN (AP) — Students at low-performing schools might have a better chance of transferring to other campuses under a bill headed for the full Senate for consideration.

The bill would give higher-performing public schools financial incentives to take such transfer students and would require parents to be notified when their children are eligible for the program.

In crafting the bill, lawmakers hope to expand use of the public education grant program, created in 1995 to give students a way out of public schools where performance is poor on the state academic skills test.

About half a million of Texas' 3.7 million school children are eligible for the program, but fewer than 60 have been allowed to transfer since its creation. The law allows schools to reject the transfers.

The House last week voted to make 1.2 million school children eligible for the program and require public schools to accept the transfer students unless a particular grade is at least 95 percent filled.

Those provisions were stripped out of the bill by the Senate Education Committee, leaving only the notification and financial incentives, including additional money for school facilities if the number of transfer students make up at least 1 percent of the school district's attendance.

"I figure we ought to take one step at a time. Let's try to get the existing program to work, and then if it does, I'm all for expanding the eligibility," Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Thursday.

"My analysis is we ought to walk before we run, and so far we're just crawling."

Bivins said the committee stripped out the requirement for schools to take transfers unless they don't have room because "it's a lawsuit waiting to happen.

"If you put a standard like that in, it then invites people to challenge the decisions of schools. The program now is a voluntary program, and I think for it to work, it needs to stay that way," he said.

When the bill was debated by the House, lawmakers there debated a proposed amendment that would have allowed students from low-performing schools to use tax dollars for private school tuition. That amendment ultimately was pulled down.

Bivins, who supports a pilot program for so-called private school vouchers, said he has made a commitment not to use this measure as a vehicle for that program.

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AREA IN BRIEF

■ Piano students strive for honors

More than 230 local and area piano students recently registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians.

The young people have been playing since May 3 in the National Piano Playing Auditions held at St. Luke's Methodist Church. The auditions end today.

The students are striving for pledges, local, district, state, national and international honors that the organization will confer according to the number of standard baroque, classic, romantic, and modern pieces of pianoforte literature each student can credibly perform in the presence of an adjudicator.

This year's adjudicators are Joan Hines of Hobbs, N.M., Kathleen Fitzgerald of Bangs, and Janice Bowen of Canyon.

From coast to coast, more than 119,931 piano pupils are participating in this annual piano-playing event being held at 843 locations.

■ Blues Boy Willie to play in Odessa

ODESSA — Blues Boy Willie is to appear at Sam's Bar-B-Que, Blues Alley, 220 N. Grandview, Friday and Saturday. Hours are 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Also appearing this weekend at Sam's will be Joe Coronado & The Texas Beat blues band from 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday.

Cover charge is $5. A free buffet will be served Sunday.

■ Cowboy music, poetry in Levelland

LEVELLAND — Cowboy music and poetry return to the Llano Estacado Saturday with the Levelland Cowboy Gathering and Campfire Concert at 6:30 p.m. in the city park.

Performers include the musical group Blue Prairie of Lubbock, musicians Andy Wilkinson of Lubbock and Paul Davidson and Rodney Parker, both of Levelland.

Poetry entertainment will be provided by J.B. Allen of Whiteface, Mike Querner of Lubbock, Jack Douglas of Levelland and Andy Hedges of Brownfield.

Admission is $4 for adults and $1 for children under 12. The audience is asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Proceeds benefit the Llano Estacado Train of Music, a combined fund-raising effort among five cites to increase awareness of the Llano Estacado region. For more information call the Levelland Chamber of Commerce, 1-806-894-3157.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Bill would place demands on temporary companies' hiring

AUSTIN (AP) — People without high school diplomas could find job-hunting easier, at least when dealing with temporary employment agencies, under a bill approved Thursday by the Texas Senate.

Under the measure, agencies could not deny a job application or placement solely because someone doesn't have a diploma or its equivalent — as long as a diploma wasn't required for the job.

Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, said the bill was prompted by concern for people who have lost jobs in the wake of the North American Free Trade Agreement because longtime border garment companies have looked to other countries for cheaper labor.

When the arrival of new companies, such as plastics or electronics businesses, Shapleigh said he doesn't want people automatically shut out of work because they haven't finished high school.

"Increasingly, temporary employment agencies are acting as labor-force providers. They will take 100-200 workers and supply them to a factory moving to the border in a new industry," Shapleigh said. "They are acting as a filter for who gets work and who doesn't."

The bill, sponsored in the House by Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, returns to that chamber for consideration of Senate changes. Senators added an amendment to prevent the law from creating a new avenue for private lawsuits.

Opponents of the measure called it an unwarranted intervention into private business and an unfair singling out of one industry.

"To me, this was an unnecessary intrusion into a business," said Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock. "Where do we draw the line?"

Debbie D'Ambrosio of the Texas Association of Staffing, which represents employment services, called the measure "anti-business" and said her group was concerned about temporary agencies being carved out.

"We employ 2 percent of the workers in Texas," she said. "It's just a Band-Aid. It's not going to solve the NAFTA problem."

Shapleigh said temporary employment agencies can make more money from the companies with which they contract by requiring people to have diplomas, because such workers are paid more and that raises agency rates.

Ms. D'Ambrosio disagreed. "The pay rate is not dictated by the level of education a person has. It's dictated by the level of skill a person has," she said.

Employment service agencies provide jobs for more than 155,000 Texas workers daily, and those workers' annual payroll is about $2.2 billion, she said.

"I think, too, it's saying the wrong thing to the students," Ms. D'Ambrosio added. "It's sending out that message that you don't have to have a high school diploma to get a job. We need those people to stay in school so when they get older, they're not still making the minimum wage."

Water fees to be taken out of bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Water-use fees that would have affected most Texas households will be taken out of legislation proposed for the state's first comprehensive water conservation and drought management plan.

The compromise between House and Senate versions of the bill was announced Thursday by Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, and Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

Lewis, the House sponsor of the bill, had been adamant about including a fee of $1 per month for water used in excess of 7,000 gallons. The fee would have impacted 80 percent of Texas households, Lewis said.

The money was to go into a fund to help pay for water infrastructure needs, such as the construction of reservoirs or pipelines, primarily in small- and medium-sized cities that couldn't afford high-priced water projects.

But Brown, the Senate sponsor, said the fees might become a sticking point that could threaten the bill's passage.

Lewis said he would take the fees out of the bill with an amendment when the legislation hits the House floor, likely next week.

He will then offer an amendment that would call for a study to be conducted by a joint committee of House and Senate members prior to the 1999 Legislature, he said.

Lewis said the study would examine the state's inventory of water resources, the state's water needs to the year 2050 and the costs of meeting water needs statewide.

"I have absolutely no doubt that the House would approve this plan to create a source of revenue for state loans and grants to local entities," Lewis said.

"While I remain committed to the establishment of a fund to help local entities meet their financial needs, I also believe that it is essential to take enough time to foster complete cooperation and understanding."

Lewis said even though a compromise has been reached on the water fees, he believes there are enough differences between the House and Senate bill to require a conference committee.

Such a committee is comprised of both House and Senate members to work out disagreements in a bill.

Lewis said the House bill is more restrictive on interbasin transfers than the Senate bill.

Both the House and Senate would require environmental and economic impact studies to be done on how the basin of origin — the basin giving the water — would be affected by the transfer.

But Lewis said the House bill would require more public input before a decision is made to allow one area to pump water to another area of the state.

"The House bill will make the basin of origin a little more comfortable with interbasin transfers," Lewis said.

The original cost of implementing the bill was announced at more than $50 million. But Brown said the Legislature, so far, has only appropriated $34 million.

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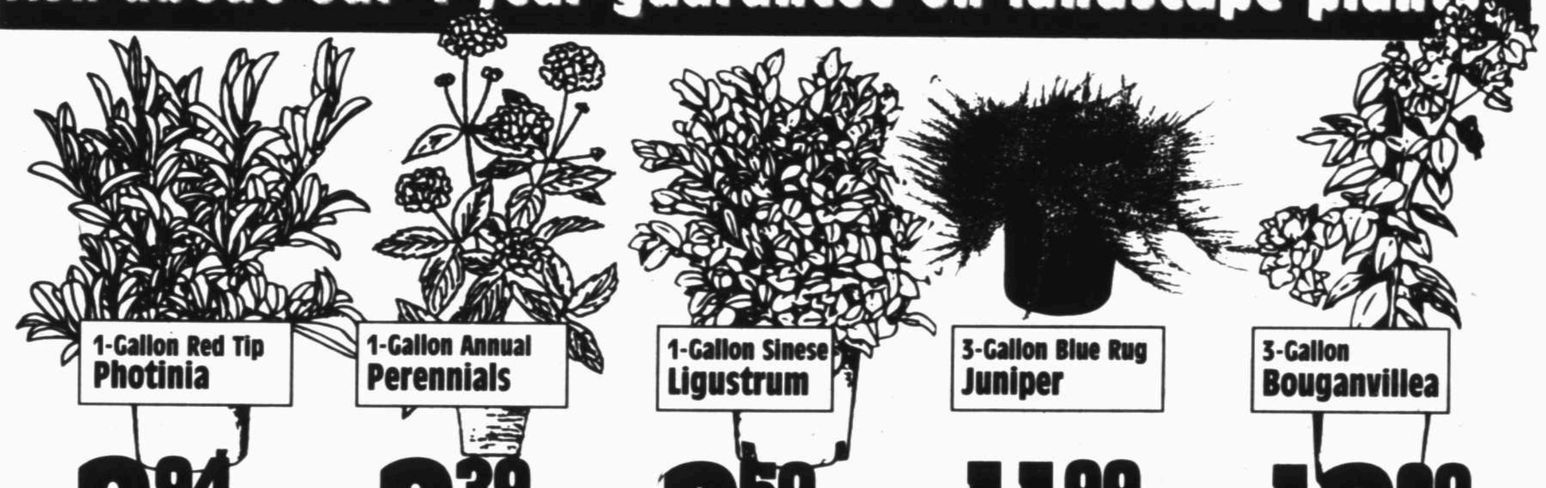


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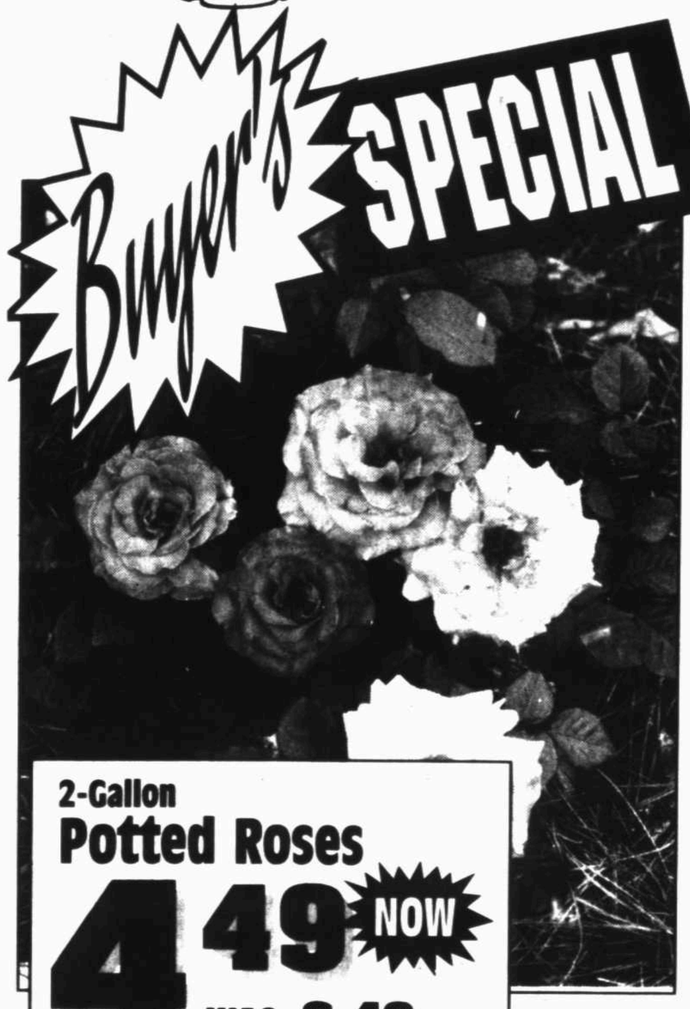
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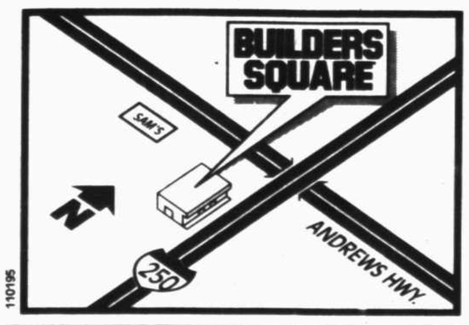


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Pied Pipers of Heaven's Gate kept their eyes on goal of glory

By Barry Bearak
N.Y. Times News Service

The Two found their burning bush in an Oregon campground, amid the myrtle and cedar along the Rogue River. They had been on the road for 29 weeks. The deer loped; the gulls cawed; God spoke.

The year was 1973, a restless time. It was not so unusual to find people in a prolonged wandering, sea to shining sea, trying to get lost to find themselves.

But even among these wayfarers, The Two were a curiosity. There was nothing of the bohemian in these middle-aged Texans. Bonnie Lu Trusdale Nettles, 46, was a registered nurse from Houston, a recent casualty of the marital wars and the quietly forceful mom of three teen-agers and a 12-year-old. She loved to shop.

Marshall Herff Applewhite, 41, was divorced and had two children of his own. Son of a Presbyterian minister, he was an opera singer, a voice professor and a choirmaster, well known in Houston's small arts community as a bon vivant. His love of a good time had only recently been turned inside out by his self-willed gift for prophecy.

Their friendship was slightly more than a year old, and from the start, they had rarely left each other's sides. The relationship was chaste, but their minds were complementary and their passions the same. Like so many through the ages, they wanted to escape mankind's eternal predicament, to find a way to get out of life alive.

To that end, The Two would eventually cut and cobble a far-fetched theology from the scriptural and the occult. Mrs. Nettles knew her Bible, but she also charted the stars, summoned the dead in seances and took guidance from the voice of someone she called Brother Francis, a 19th-century monk. Applewhite, himself a novice mystic, had once been a seminarian and could quote the Gospel front to back. He believed that Armaggedon approached and that only the righteous would emerge at God's side from the volcanic depths of reckoning.

How their jerry-built doctrine evolved — and how it attracted others into a lethal fusion of church and space known as Heaven's Gate — is a study of people in a vertigo of psychic and religious upheaval. America now knows The Two as Guinea and Pig, Bo and Peep, Do and Ti, the dead shepherds of a dead flock. Five weeks ago, their search for immortal truths led Applewhite and 38 acolytes to a mass suicide in California.

Unfathomable as this spiritual misadventure may always be, an extraordinary record has been left behind, including soul-searching letters that have been buried in boxes for the past two decades. The Two frequently wrote down their thoughts, in private correspondence in the early days, in entreaties and manifestos later on. These testimonies are the plot points in a very peculiar passage, the journey from sincere religious zeal to delusional beliefs in a divine calling and finally to what most psychiatrists would call outright psychosis.

These delusions would prove to be a human lodestone. Hundreds passed through the group in 24 years, and there might easily have been more than 39 among the dead if all those still loyal to the teachings had stayed in the group. Some of those closest to The Two had left the group for one reason or another and now wonder whether they missed a chance at a heavenly ascension. Interviews with these people provide an intimate portrait of day-to-day life in what amounted to a scrub room for the mind.

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL meeting took place in September 1975, at a motel in the seaside town of Waldport, Ore. Within days, 20 new disciples abandoned their possessions, said goodbye forever to loved ones and went off with what was quickly becoming known as "the UFO cult."

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," David Van Sinderen, 27, told friends. A highly personable man with a ponytail and a passion for environmental causes, he hailed from a prominent Connecticut family. His father was the chief executive of the Southern New England Telephone Co.

Along with David was his 22-year-old girlfriend, Susan Strom, a botany student about to graduate from Oregon State University. Her father was a well-known lawyer in Omaha who later became a federal judge. Soon after Ms. Strom's departure, she wrote to her family, saying, "The only way I reconciled leaving you is that I can help you from the Next Level, God's Kingdom."

These vanishings understandably upset those left behind. The police were called. Detectives were hired. Journalists snooped.

A few weeks later, as The Two brought their message to Chicago, the story sprang into the national news. The CBS anchorman Walter Cronkite reported: "A score of persons from a small Oregon town have disappeared. It's a mystery whether they've been taken on a so-called trip to eternity — or simply been taken."

The Two were in a fright. They had wanted the light of attention but not the heat of scrutiny. So they went into hiding.

The flock was dispatched on road trips, with The Two staying in touch through a secretive relay of phone messages and notes sent to post office boxes. The group had about 200 people at the time, former followers estimate.

The press had been highly skeptical of The Two, and what they craved now was control of their public image. They agreed to help two writers, Hayden Hewes and Brad Steiger, in the writing of a book. They assumed the writers to be sympathetic, but the book, "UFO Missionaries Extraordinary" (Pocket Books, 1976), disappointed them. It did not proclaim The Two's divinity.

The authors did not suggest any deception on the part of The Two. "We did voice-stress tests," Steiger recalled. "They believed what they were saying." In fact, The Two wanted to time the publication of the book to coincide with their anticipated assassinations. Failing that, they proposed starving themselves to death, Steiger said.

Nine months went by before the flock came back together, in June 1976, this time in Medicine Bow National Forest in Wyoming. The Two had declared the recruiting of souls complete. Now it was time to "clarify the butter," as Mrs. Nettles put it, separating the pure from the impure.

Only 100 members were left in the group — and some of them were not sufficiently serious, smoking marijuana or having sex. These were intolerable transgressions. Stop it or go, The Two declared. And many left.

All that winnowing left fewer than 70 disciples. They made up the "class," preparing for the Next Level with lessons from The Two, who renamed themselves after notes on the musical scale, Ti, for Mrs. Nettles, and Do, for Applewhite.

The class teachings were improvised. The Two claimed no individual memories of their lives on the Next Level, saying knowledge came to them through psychic communication from the "fathers." The Next Level was a place without sex, each body born much as a flower sprouts from a vine. Every being had one "older member" to guide it. Mrs. Nettles, for instance, was Applewhite's father in a parental chain that led all the way to a "chief of chiefs."

The Two admitted that much about the Next Level perplexed ever them. In class, one would sometimes mutter to the other, "No, that's not right." They would excuse themselves and go off to iron things out.

This period in the group's past, 1976 to 1979, could be called the campground phase. During this time, the students slept in tents, and The Two slept in a small camping trailer. Warm months were spent in the Rocky Mountains, cold ones in Texas.

Money was little problem. David Van Sinderen had access to a trust fund, a possession he had not been urged to leave behind. The total in the fund was unknown to other group members, though Lee Ann

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GLORY: Heaven's Gate became disciplined holy boot camp for members

(From 6B)

Fenton, who did much of the bookkeeping, says $300,000 to $400,000 is a reasonable estimate.

The money financed something like a holy boot camp. Each day was structured down to the minute. The goal was to cleanse the mind of its sense of self. Prohibited activities included trusting one's judgment, inappropriate curiosity and any desire for attention.

Partners were assigned, with one acolyte watching the other's obedience to the regimen. Each bathed in six minutes, using exactly a gallon of water. They worked in 12-minute segments, returning to a command post for a new assignment or simply standing and meditating about the satisfactions of providing service to the group.

"When you'd get a bad thought, you'd tell yourself it wasn't you, it was an agent of Lucifer," Michael Conyers said.

Experiments were tried. People would concentrate for hours on the pitch of a tuning fork. Or they would wear blinder-like visors so they could see only straight ahead.

Yet complete focus was elusive. The self seemed an invincible companion. Some members of the group even found themselves counterproductively competing for status, thinking about how they could think less than the next person. Others thought obsessively about failures, thinking endlessly about why they thought so much.

Nick Cooke, 36, was a sculptor who had deserted his 10-year-old daughter to join the group. He quit in defeat two years later. Others seemed better able to shed the self "and it bothered me — and it bothered me that it bothered me," he said.

For those who stayed, bonds formed, not just to The Two but to one another. That was one of the paradoxes. The disciples had forsaken one family for another.

Days were often fun. The Two were not humorless; they acted with gentleness. "They were more like parental figures or that cool high school teacher you thought so much of — not quite your buddy, but someone you could talk to," Joslyn said.

Group members were permitted to occupy their spare time with "approved" games, like Yahtzee, Clue and croquet. They read mysteries. They watched a television powered by a generator. Applewhite would point out the all-too-human frailties of contestants on "The Price is Right."

During the nights, small teams of stargazers kept a vigil, watching for that magic gash of speeding light that might be a spaceship. After all, it could come at any time.

Once, in a South Texas campground, Mrs. Nettles felt sure of a telepathic communique from the Next Level: Their spaceship was about to come in. Everyone packed up. They waited all atwitter through the night, but nothing happened.

"Well, I feel like I have egg on my face," she apologized at daybreak.

YET AFTER THAT letdown, and after others as well, the faith of most followers remained intact. That kind of acceptance is typical for members of the many groups over time that have believed in specific dates for a UFOs descent, or the messiah's arrival or the Second Coming. When predictions fail, belief often grows stronger. The disappointed claim that the unfulfilled prophecy had merely been a test of their faith or a misreading of portents.

When longtime disciples did leave The Two, they rarely quit because of a rupture in belief. More often, it was out of boredom or a rebellion against the rules or frustration with their own progress.

One night in 1977, Joslyn sneaked out of the campsite in Wyoming. He stumbled through the darkness until he found the road. The wind was groaning, and he was scared, half-expecting The Two to drive up and confront him with his betrayal. He walked all night. At dawn, he sat down for breakfast at a truck stop outside Cheyenne, Wyo. He studied the place hard — the dreariness of the cafe, the dead-end lives of the truckers and the waitresses. This is what the world has to offer, he thought.

Joslyn hitchhiked home to the campground. He was back before lunch.

He would stay another 12 years.

IN 1979, THE GROUP moved indoors. Attrition had culled it to 40 members or so, numbers easily accommodated in two or three houses. Some members expressed reservations: Would a spaceship be able to find them in the lights of residential sprawl?

The Denver suburb of Wheat Ridge was the group's first location. Later, they hopscotched across the Southwest. The Dallas area was a repeated choice. The Two were fanatics about security, afraid of meddlesome authorities and the desperate detective work of scuttled families. The group rarely stayed in one place more than six months.

They did not skimp on rent. "Ti and Do said the Next Level did not want us living in meager means," said Ms. Fenton, the bookkeeper.

Usually, the group took a separate house for The Two. At times, they also rented mountaintop chalets in the Rockies.

Good use was made of John Craig, who was 41 when he joined in 1975. In his earlier life, he had been a wealthy real estate developer, and he had six children. His expertise at negotiating leases was of great benefit. Ms. Fenton said Craig had also contributed support from a family inheritance.

By 1981, some members began to get jobs. The Two wanted the group to become financially self-sufficient. By then, Van Sinderen's trust fund was running low, Ms. Fenton said, though there would remain enough for occasional $10,000 withdrawals in emergencies. (The fund was entirely depleted by 1989, she said, although Van Sinderen "rediscovered" $30,000 to $40,000 in annuities in 1991.)

There was risk in allowing people to take outside jobs. With so many people going in and out, there might be a breach in security. And members would be exposing themselves to the world's temptations, though Do and Ti believed that most of the flock was well-immunized against such infection.

Still, secretiveness could not be stressed enough. Only menial work was accepted at first, nothing that related to one's actual skills. Applications were filled out with fictions. People drove without licenses.

"We only began to use our real names when we were sure no one was looking anymore," Ms. Fenton said.

Members then sought better jobs suiting their talents. Even then, subterfuge was deemed necessary. Phony resumes were submitted, which required elaborate ruses. Phone numbers for out-of-state "references" would ring back to the house through call-forwarding. Members pretended to be past bosses and dispensed high praise.

Margaret Richter, a high school valedictorian, was a computer whiz. David Geoffrey Moore was a master mechanic. Susan Paup was a technical writer. They were among the dependable who never had any trouble finding work. Employers were invariably pleased. Group members were punctual, impeccably groomed and collegial but not gossipy. They ate bag lunches.

Quite rapidly — and with only a dozen or so working — the group's after-tax annual income rose to $300,000 to $400,000, Ms. Fenton said. These were ample sums for frugal people living communally.

Clothing was generally purchased by The Two, avowed masters of mall shopping, especially at T.J. Maxx and Burlington Coat Factory. Apparel, even underwear, was shared. Any attachment to a favorite garment was deplored.

SOME OF THESE PRACTICES had an obvious self-squelching function. Others were merely experimental. Different sleep cycles were tried. Special diets included all pasta, all vegetables, all protein-enriched Kool-Aid and dinner rolls. For a month, the group drank a concoction of water, lemon juice, maple syrup and cayenne pepper. Various enemas were employed for purification.

Everyone has human addictions, the group was taught. Ms. Fenton was addicted to "giving and receiving affection." Joslyn was addicted to egotism. Craig was addicted to stubbornness. Angela Skala was addicted to pie.

Yet ridding oneself of addictions — or even simple bad habits — could become an addiction of its own. The human "vehicle" could get used to any regime and then crave it, members were told. Now and then, a satisfied vegetarian was confronted with a meal of sloppy joes.

There was one addiction, however, whose cure could not be considered addictive. This was sex. Abstinence was never to make the heart grow fonder. Sex was forbidden — doing it, thinking it, dreaming it. Sleeping arrangements were often segregated by sex, though gay men slept with women and lesbians with men.

Violators of sexual taboos were expected to announce their lapses to the class, though the confessing was restricted to euphemisms like "a major sensual slippage" so as not to stimulate anyone inadvertently. Full details were then either told to Ti and Do or written to them in a note.

"Shame and fear were your impetus to keep under control," Michael Conyers said. "You were trying to define yourself as a pure vessel" in the leader's mind, he

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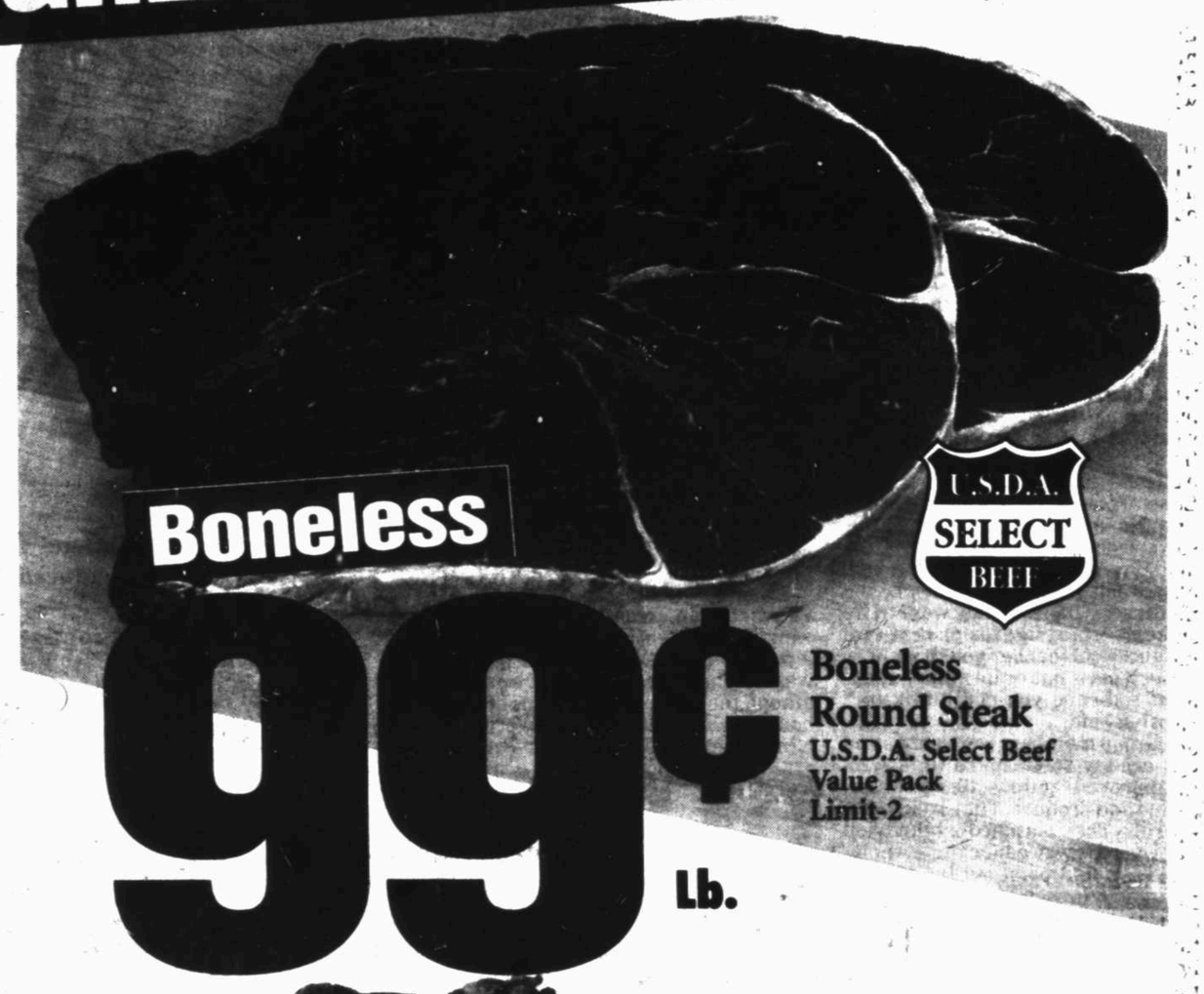
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GLORY: Overcoming sex urge became obsession for Applewhite

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explained. "Your punishment was him denying you his approval."

In private, Applewhite could be sympathetic. He understood heterosexuality, he said. He understood homosexuality as well. He called them both primitive, animalistic acts, but Conyers recalled him saying, " 'Heterosexuals were less evolved than homosexuals, who had at least overcome the attraction to women.' "

Men, Applewhite said, were less able than women to control the physical valves of carnal need. Steven McCarter had a problem with sexual fantasies. Michael Fiester sometimes had an unwanted orgasm at the movies. Most everyone became aroused from time to time.

The most sex-beset members pressed Applewhite to consider the one obvious solution. Why not undergo castration?

The thought, some recall, made Applewhite cringe.

IN 1988, Applewhite returned to the question that had confounded him and Mrs. Nettles from their first days on the road: What to do with what he knew?

His Next Level fathers wanted the prophecies spread. Applewhite sensed that. They were placing ideas into the minds of creative humans.

How else could one explain movies like "Star Wars"? he asked the group. Who else was Luke Skywalker if not Do in his long struggle against the forces of the devil?

But from experience, Applewhite knew all too well that going public was hard. So the group would re-emerge cautiously, at first doing a small mailing to New Age centers on behalf of the Next Level, rebutting loose talk about "hostile space aliens" who were supposed to be abducting humans and even eating them. Members also went to Sexaholics Anonymous meetings in Los Angeles, sharing what they billed as better methods for ebbing the libido.

But Applewhite knew that more needed to be done, much more. He once again told the class that decampment for the Next Level seemed imminent. The close of this "age" was at hand. Lucifer now controlled Earth. Humans must perish. They would be "spaded under."

In 1992, the group, then living in Laguna Hills, Calif., paid to broadcast 12 of its homemade videotapes via satellite. In 1993, it published long screeds as advertisements in newspapers worldwide. At all times, it offered to answer the letters of anyone interested in what was then being called the "final offer."

Few responded, which Applewhite found unsettling. He believed that he had an obligation to troll the planet for any humans ready for Next Level education.

The class had now dwindled to about 25. Some of the most faithful had left: Michael Conyers in 1988, Dick Joslyn in 1990, Lee Ann Fenton in 1991 and Michael Fiester in 1992.

Applewhite, so sensitive to the Apocalypse's approaching flames, was confounded by all this human indifference. Still, he felt duty-bound to deliver his prophecies. In 1994, the group sold most of its possessions, except for its cars, vans and portable computers, split into four evangelical teams and once again hit the road.

Reflecting back across the millennia, Applewhite wondered whether Christ had not tried hard enough. As Sawyer said, "Do thought Jesus had probably made a mistake — getting bumped off too early."

Sawyer — as he calls himself — is a gaunt man with a scruffy underhang of beard. During his 19 years in the group, he was close to Applewhite but longed to be closer.

"I felt Do was my father — I still do," he said. He envied the greater spiritual contact that others enjoyed. After Mrs. Nettles died, her place at Do's side was generally taken by women, most often Susan Strom and Julie LaMontagne, who was a nurse.

Unable to lessen the distance, Sawyer blamed himself. He had failed to obliterate his sensual nature fully. "I was a male with a male's sensual vibrations, and perhaps Do couldn't stand to be around me," Sawyer said. "Do was homosexual, so he partnered himself with females to remove temptation."

To smother the ashes of his sexual drive, Sawyer wanted to be castrated. The group had occasionally discussed the procedure. From a practical point of view, Applewhite could see its merits; after all, it is commonly done on animals other than humans. Still, he hesitated to grant his approval. "Do worried about someone going to the police and saying, 'Look what they made me do!' " Sawyer said.

But over the course of a few years, Sawyer and other men tried hard to convince him. "This was really no different than olden days when manservants to the queen would be castrated so they couldn't try anything," Sawyer said.

Finally, Applewhite allowed inquiries to be made. American doctors routinely said no, but a surgeon's assistant in Mexico was willing enough. In 1993, Steven McCarter — perhaps the group's most gung-ho disciple — won a coin flip against Sawyer and became the first to have his testicles removed. The operation, which is not complicated, was nevertheless botched. McCarter's scrotum failed to drain properly, resulting in massive swelling.

"Do felt terrible," Sawyer said. "He wanted to turn himself in to the police. He felt he had let a student do something that was improper, but I said, 'No. Do, let's take it a step at a time.' And that next step was to take Steven to a hospital."

In years ahead, Applewhite and seven others were castrated. By then, Sawyer, feeling compelled to do some thinking while outside the group, had left. Presumably, he said, "they went ahead after finding a better doctor to do it."

In any event, the group's focus for 1994 would shift singlemindedly toward cross-country proselytizing. Applewhite was superseding the group's "final offer" with what he now called the "last chance." As in his early days as a prophet, he expected to provide a "demonstration." His murder would be followed by his ascent.

"He thought we'd be killed in the streets, zapped by fundamentalists or something," Sawyer said. "He wanted to be more than just the 250th Jesus to come along."

Sometimes, Applewhite allowed himself optimism about his soul-saving campaign. He wondered aloud how he would handle things if thousands wanted to join. He joked: What if a UFO lands on the White House lawn and its occupants order the president to cooperate?

But the group traveled for nine months with little to show for it. While it grew to 45 people, most of the recruits were "lost sheep," members who had quit and now wanted back in. There had been some heckling from audiences, even derision, but no assassin ever unsheathed a weapon.

So what of Applewhite's "demonstration?" At times, he grew sullen, followers said. He speculated, Maybe we are supposed to provoke a government attack? (Indeed, with vague notions of that in mind, the group purchased two rifles, three revolvers and two semiautomatic pistols in the following year. Many felt uneasy around the firearms, however, and they were put into storage.)

There was another, more obvious way to die, of course. It required no outside participants. Do had considered it for years: Must he be the candle? Or could he be the flame?

In mid-August in 1994, while in Boston, Applewhite suggested that "it may be necessary to take things into our own hands," Sawyer recalled. By September, the group had moved to a warehouse near San Clemente, Calif. Do's mood had swung back to good cheer, but he was still mulling over the means to a fatal end.

Off to one side of the building were offices. Applewhite called a meeting to discuss suicide. He had done some research. There were potions to make it painless, he said.

He asked, Did anyone have qualms about such a death? "A few actually said they did, though they were newcomers," recalled Sawyer, who was then still in the group. "There were a couple of others who said that while they'd do it, it was a fearful thought."

The leader nodded. He was only checking. It was just something to think about.

APPLEWHITE KNEW he had been wrong before. With or without Ti helping him, Next Level information was hard to decipher. That had always been the unnerving part of the mission. He needed sure signs.

In July 1995, astronomers sighted the Comet Hale-Bopp. Its icy core was an astonishing 25 miles wide. Such a titan appears maybe once in 200 years.

To the group, that would have been intriguing enough, but there was more. Someone had photographed a small, trailing shower of light. UFO buffs would spread the rumor: A spaceship was approaching in the comet's wake.

By the fall of 1996, the group was running a computer-consulting business and living in a gated estate in affluent Rancho Sante Fe, Calif., where extravagant houses were spread far apart and zoning laws banned street lights, preserving a skyward view of brilliant, starry nights.

The group bought a top-of-the-line telescope, then returned it. Spotting the UFO might not have been that important to them. They were avid students of heavenly transportation. Spaceships, they had often read, could make themselves invisible at will.

For most members, mass suicide now seemed like a great relief. They were very frightened. Do's earthly vehicle was 65 years old and beginning to show the relentless disrepair of age. What if he were to leave them, just as Ti had done?

Instead, with barbiturates and vodka, they could all outlast mortality, they thought. Farewell videos were bequeathed to the world. Happy prospects were written across the exiting faces.

Do himself left various words of parting. After the suicides — and before the "spading under" of all earthly life — there would be a brief window of time for those who wanted to join the group, he said. The preferred locations would be in the West or Southwest. Calling out the names Ti or Do would alert the spacecraft.

Otherwise, the class for overcoming humanness was over. It had gone on for 24 years, at least as people here on Earth would measure it.

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FALLOUT: Despite revelation and AIDS death, Hudson still accepted as straight romantic lead

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And why should straight actors get to glory in playing gay while homosexual performers are limited by their orientation or forced to hide it, they argue.

"It's a very strange double standard," said Jeffrey Friedman, co-director and co-producer of "The Celluloid Closet," a documentary on Hollywood's treatment of homosexuality.

There is an unquestionable allure in gay roles in recent years. Some 40 actors, for example, competed for the drag queen part that Patrick Swayze won in "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Love, Julie Newmar."

"The actors were beating down our doors," recalled producer Bruce Cohen.

Audiences have, at times, been equally enthusiastic. Although "Wong Foo" did only moderately well ($36.4 million), "Philadelphia" grossed an impressive $77.3 million. "The Birdcage," the gay farce starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane, did even better with $124 million.

Expecting a similar reaction to films featuring gay actors in straight roles may be wishful thinking, said Doug Chapin, a manager and producer of "'Love! Valour! Compassion!"

Chapin, himself gay, says he would advise clients thinking of coming out to, "Be prepared. This could have a negative impact."

Joey Lauren Adams, a straight actress playing a bisexual in "Chasing Amy," notes that actors fret about how many issues, not just sexual orientation, might affect their careers.

"I knew an actress whose agent told her she couldn't tell anyone she had a daughter, because then she would only be cast in mommy roles," said Adams. "People don't want to know if an actress has slept with 500 guys, because she couldn't play the virgin role."

Heche's own honesty might have less impact because of her gender, some suggest.

"The culture is much more used to selling the romantic fantasy of sex between two women, and men don't find it as threatening; they find it somewhat titillating," said Chapin. "And I don't think women are as threatened by gay women as men are by gay men."

"Wong Foo" producer Cohen agrees that homosexual women are better positioned for acceptance, but he believes that is because of the gumption they've already shown.

"When you look at k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge and Ellen DeGeneres and Anne now, there's sort of this whole line of brave women pioneers and the boys are still in the closet quivering," he said.

When a actor finally does make the leap, "if they're accepted, everybody might say, 'Guess what? The public doesn't have any harder time with men than with women,'" he said.

There is a kind of retro example available: Rock Hudson, whose homosexuality became known shortly before his 1985 AIDS-related death, seems to be accepted as a straight romantic star in TV reruns of his many movies.

"I've never heard commentary from viewers suggesting otherwise," said Ken Schwab, vice president of programming for Turner Classic Movies. The cable channel shows such Hudson films as "Pillow Talk" and "Lover Come Back," frothy brew he made opposite Doris Day.

"It's the movies themselves that our viewers assess, and they don't necessarily take into account the star's lifestyle," said Schwab. "We just look at Rock Hudson as one of the stars we feature on a regular basis."

NBC: Monday is Ladies Night in new alignment

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a week.

After "Suddenly Susan," the Monday comedies are Sharon Lawrence's "Fired Up," "Caroline in the City" and Tea Leoni's "The Naked Truth."

Warren Littlefield, president of NBC Entertainment, said the strategy is to seize young adult viewers, especially women, from CBS. ABC has a strong male audience on Mondays with "ABC Monday Night Football."

"We sensed a unique opportunity and we seized it," Littlefield said. "This night has a strong female point of view, which should keep us in the game for women viewers while at the same time making us more inviting to men."

All four of the comedy series being shifted to Mondays were launched at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, in the protected time slot between "Seinfeld" and "ER."

NBC will continue to use Thursday as a launching pad this fall. Two new comedies, "Union Square" and Kirstie Alley's "Veronica's Closet," are scheduled for 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Thursdays. With the weekend signing of Michael Richards, Jason Alexander and Julia Louis-Dreyfus for another season of "Seinfeld," NBC secured its linchpin Thursday series for one more year.

Missing from NBC's fall schedule, along with "Unsolved Mysteries" and the Monday movie, are "Boston Common," "The Single Guy," "Mr. Rhodes," "The Jeff Foxworthy Show," "Something So Right," "Larroquette," "Dark Skies" and, having completed an eight-season run, "Wings."

NBC's new series:

■ "The Tony Danza Show," 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Danza, who tasted his first TV failure two seasons ago with ABC's "Hudson Street," will star in the sitcom as a recently separated New York sportswriter who is raising two daughters.

■ "Built to Last," 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Stand-up comic Royale Watkins, who is about to be seen in the movie "Speed 2: Cruise Control," will play a young man who takes over his family's contracting business in Washington, D.C., after his father (Paul Winfield) suffers a mild heart attack.

■ "Working," 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Fred Savage ("The Wonder Years") lands an adult role in a comedy about a young man's climb up the corporate ladder. The series, about the "surreal" aspects of business life, apparently is influenced by the comic strip "Dilbert."

■ "Union Square," 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. From the creators of "Caroline in the City," it will be an ensemble comedy about the employees and regular customers at a New York restaurant.

■ "Veronica's Closet," 9:30 p.m. Thursdays. In Alley's first series since "Cheers," she'll play a renowned romance expert and owner of a Victoria's Secret-type lingerie store. Jamey Sheridan ("Shannon's Deal") will play her philandering husband. The comedy is from the team that created "Friends."

■ "Players," 8 p.m. Fridays. Rapper Ice-T will star in the crime drama as a paroled convict whose street smarts are now being put to use by the FBI. Dick Wolf ("Law & Order") is executive producer.

■ "Sleepwalkers," 9 p.m. Saturdays. Hammocked between "The Pretender" and "Profiler" on NBC's "thrillogy" night, the drama is about scientists who learn to participate in the dream adventures of their research subjects. Bruce Greenwood ("Nowhere Man") will head the cast.

■ "Jenny," 8:30 p.m. Sundays. MTV star and former Playboy model Jenny McCarthy will play a single woman from a small town who moves to Los Angeles when she inherits a Hollywood Hills house and guest house.

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DIFFIE: Golden voice often wasted

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"Third Rock from the Sun."

Diffie doesn't blame it all on hair. He thinks releasing a Christmas album at about the same time may have cut into sales, as did snowstorms that shut down the Northeast the week "Life's So Funny" hit record stores.

This time around, he released his new album, "Twice Upon a Time," in the middle spring, near no holidays and with a new look. What didn't change, despite the wishes of some critics, was his musical direction. He still provides catchy, funny ditties designed to give listeners a chuckle.

The first single is a good example. "This is Your Brain" is an agreeable, toe-tapping trifle about how new love can cause tunnel vision. It's a smash hit with fans, but as Billboard stated in its review:

"Joe Diffie is one of the best ballad singers in the world. Even Vern Gosdin, who is nicknamed 'The Voice,' has called him 'the man with the golden voice.' So why is he constantly saddled with insignificant ditties, like the current 'This is Your Brain'?"

But novelty numbers are a long and honorable part of country music: George Jones went to No. 1 with "White Lightning" in 1959, and "Little" Jimmy Dickens' biggest hit is "May the Bird of Paradise Fly up Your Nose." Currently, country singers like Alan Jackson have taken to teaming up for humorous records with comedians such as Jeff Foxworthy, and the song-video parodies of Cletus T. Judd are steadily popular.

Besides, good ballads that aren't mawkish are hard to come by. Diffie sings them wonderfully, but the three on "Twice Upon a Time" are overwhelmed by pompous production.

Diffie is proud of his ballad singing, but he's not about to give up the competitive advantage he's built. The uptempo, funny numbers work great during live shows and give him a niche in the marketplace, he said.

"I think every singer would like to be known as a great ballad singer," Diffie said. "But it's not what people hear on the radio very often, 'cause we tend to put out those songs that we feel like are going to work (on the radio)."

FESTIVAL: Really Big Show crowns Katrina and the Waves winner

(From 12B)

Reminded that this year's winners, Katrina and Waves, had joined that pantheon, the group's bass player Vince De La Cruz winced: "I kind of wish we'd come second now."

Yet it remains hugely popular, this weekend reaching upward of 300 million people in 50 countries. Why? Fans go into postmodern paroxysms to explain that, no, it's not the music.

"I love ... the monstrosity of it, the kitsch of it, the politics of it, the heroic endless foolishness of it all," veteran TV commentator Terry Wogan wrote last week in Radio Times.

"It's the spectacle," said Dubliner Sarah Britton, resplendent in white gown as she wandered into Dublin's cavernous Point Depot theater. "It's not a music thing."

No, no, it isn't.

Switzerland — also known for inventing the cuckoo clock — launched the contest in 1956, to showcase Europe's dubious love-ballad tradition: major chords piled on top of one another, like confections in a sickly sweet dessert.

That tradition, played out each year in one of the 46 member nations of the European Broadcasting Union, still holds, as does the cliche — long abandoned elsewhere in the civilized world — of modulating the key upward for the final chorus.

Other traditions accrued. Mutually unintelligible languages sired a host of onomatopoeia: "Boom badaboum" (Monaco 1967), "Boom bang-a-bang" (Britain 1968), "Boom Boom Boomerang" (Austria 1977), and the minimalist "Boom Boom," (Denmark 1978).

Among songs that attempted coherence, many offered earnest homilies: from Israel in 1979 ("Hallelujah to the World") through Germany in 1982 ("A Little Peace") to this year's British winner ("Love shine a light in every corner of the world.")

Another rule: if it works for someone else, then try it out yourself. This year Austria, Croatia and the Netherlands all took their cue from the ubiquitous Spice Girls, sending scantily clad all-girl groups decrying male sexual inadequacy.

LAHTI: Actor once turned down 'Cheers' role given to Shelley Long

(From 12B)

women, and certainly playing them is not challenging."

She was concerned about playing just one character on a TV series, but she feels that "Kate Austin is so complex, and there are so many surprising, kind of twists and turns to her that I have not been bored yet."

Lahti says that some young women have expressed their appreciation for Austin as a role model — "partly because she is so human. She's strong and intelligent and ambitious and successful. But also because she makes mistakes.

"So often when you have a woman like that portrayed on television or in films, they're supermom or superwoman; they're perfect.

"I just set out to play as complex a character as I could," she says, denying any role-model aspirations. "I wanted to play someone who wasn't completely likable. ... It's much more fun to play someone who's got some edge."

She also wanted to play a woman in a traditionally man's world, much as Helen Mirren's detective does in "Prime Suspect."

Growing up in an affluent Detroit suburb, Lahti was the third of six children. And her father belonged to that traditional man's world as a surgeon. (Her mother relinquished her nursing career to take care of the kids.)

"He didn't bring his work home very much," she recalls. "When I first got on the show, he said, 'I'm really proud that one of my kids finally turned out to be a doctor,' because nobody else did."

She likes to joke that it took him 12 years to become a surgeon, and it took her about three hours.

So far the only constructive criticism she's gotten from him is: "It's great that you're doing this. But could you try to save a few more lives?"

Now her TV success is opening some feature-film doors for her, which strikes her as quite a twist.

"When I was first starting out, if you were acting on television, it was a real stigma. The crossover wasn't happening. TV actors were TV actors, and film and stage actors were a whole different thing. And now there's just a lot of crossover."

And that's why back then she was downright "snobbish" about doing television. She refused to even meet with the people who wanted to consider her for the "Cheers" role that Shelley Long eventually got.

COSBY: Baggage of original concept may hurt show's future

(From 12B)

ing," "Sesame Street" and lots of movies. And it was right here, too, that, from 1984 through 1992, Cosby soared in "The Cosby Show," a spectacularly successful NBC sitcom about an attractive professional couple (she a lawyer, he an obstetrician) who seemed to have it all, including the last word in every exchange with their townhouse-full of kids.

After that came a pair of misfires: "You Bet Your Life," a syndicated game show, and a bland whodunit on NBC called "The Cosby Mysteries."

Then, 18 months ago, CBS' newly named entertainment president, Leslie Moonves, unveiled Cosby as the key player to pull his anemic network from the brink.

Cosby's new sitcom would be based on "One Foot in the Grave," a popular British comedy about a downsized worker and his wife in their autumn years, acrimoniously coping with his joblessness.

At the CBS announcement on Dec. 1, 1995, Cosby told the press he would be portraying a "curmudgeon, a correctable fool" who is "Archie Bunker without the racism and sexism."

He brought back his "Cosby Show" co-star Phylicia Rashad to once again play his wife, and added Madeline Kahn as his wife's best friend, Doug E. Doug as the lovable but ne'er-do-well next-door neighbor, and T'Keyah Crystal Keymah as the Lucas' grown daughter.

Their world would be a modest Queens neighborhood not unlike the one surrounding Kaufman Astoria.

On Sept. 16, 1996, "Cosby" — the seventh TV series to bear some version of Bill Cosby's name — took the lead-off spot on CBS' Monday schedule. The premiere outing won a hefty 27 percent share of the viewers.

Five weeks later, its share had plunged to 17 percent.

"Losing 10 share points with the fear of going even lower," sighs Cosby in the plush refuge of his office/dressing room. "I think it was solely because I wasn't doing the things the 27-share people had tuned in to see."

A safe bet. For more than three decades, he had reaped incalculable goodwill from audiences who, in turn, relied on him to stick to variations on a single irresistible theme: a hip, empathetic patriarch.

By now, at age 58, Cosby has long since come to be seen as the latter-day Father of Our Country, a family man of towering credibility, influence and means.

Even when struck powerless by the murder of his only son, 27-year-old Ennis Cosby — well, rather than retreat into private mourning, the father was brave for his extended family. He saw that his fans, grieving for him, needed him to make them laugh again. Adopting his son's chipper greeting ("Hello, friend"), he got back to work.

So why WOULDN'T viewers be perplexed by Cosby recasting himself as Hilton Lucas, a grouchy, none-too-levelheaded baggage handler laid off by the airline he had worked for all his life? For the first time in his career, Cosby was playing someone operating not from a position of strength but from weakness. And it just didn't compute.

"Cosby," in short, got in the way of Cosby being Cosby.

"There were times Hilton did things a Bill Cosby would not get away with," acknowledges Cosby, speaking slowly, deliberately, a sort of godfather of comedy as he declares, "The character had to be changed."

All through the season (which ends with this Monday's episode), "Cosby" was going through changes, too. Writers for the show charted its migration further and further from the bitterly funny British original — and did so, at times, with serious misgivings.

And what remained after all this tinkering? Well, for one thing, a hit.

David Poltrack, CBS' research guru, notes that the most recent Nielsen survey ranks the series 21st for the season (out of more than 100 shows), and that, all season, "Cosby" has dominated its daunting Monday-at-8-p.m.-ET half-hour — a slot with no network lead-in and competition on five other networks.

Poltrack brands the show "an unqualified success."

"I feel great about it, I really do," echoes the network's entertainment chief, Leslie Moonves. "I would do 'Cosby' again in a second."

Of course, whatever success "Cosby" has achieved dims with comparisons, as inevitable as they are unfair, to "The Cosby Show."

That was the sitcom that not only saved NBC's bacon but the sitcom genre, to boot. It filled the air with an excited buzz even before its premiere, boasted a perfect vision with perfect execution from its first week, finished its freshman season in the No. 3 slot, and then owned the top spot for the next four seasons.

"It was probably more thought-out," allows Rashad, who was wife Clair to Cosby's Cliff Huxtable. "It didn't feel as touch-and-go as some of the weeks have with the current show.

"I don't think we've hit our stride yet," she says. "But we will. We will."

In his sparely appointed office just off the soundstage, Steinberg, who became the show's third "runner" during a year he describes as "quite a roller-coaster ride," peers through his tortoise-shell frames and says, "I think it took a season to get Cliff and Clair Huxtable out of viewers' minds.

"I think there was a haze, and in that haze I think there was some groping going on internally: 'Where are we headed?' I can't tell you that we're there yet. But I think we're getting there."

The larger problem may not be where the show is headed, but the baggage it's carrying en route — the baggage of the original concept.

Taping for the 1997-98 season begins in August. Then the task resumes to retrofit "Cosby," a show that can claim a great star and a healthy following, with the one thing it still hasn't settled on: a clear vision.

As he looks ahead, Cosby is asked if he found this uncertain year a good experience.

"Yes," he says, his voice dipping into a cool, assured whisper, "and I want more." A man used to having his way, he says it again. "Yes. And I want more."

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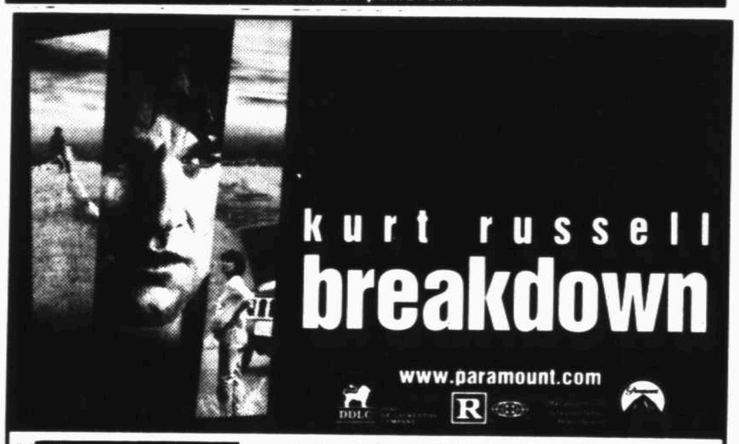
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Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1 The Fifth Element $17, one week, 2,500 screens	$17
2 Father's Day $8.8, one week, 2,482 screens	$8.8
3 Breakdown $23.2, two weeks, 2,295 screens	$7.6
4 Austin Powers $19.5, two weeks, 2,187 screens	$7.1
5 Volcano $34.1, three weeks, 2,650 screens	$4.5
6 Liar, Liar $156.5, eight weeks, 2,312 screens	$3.6
7 Romy and Michele's High ... $19.1, three weeks, 1,606 screens	$2.9
8 Anaconda $53.1, five weeks, 2,302 screens	$2.7
9 The Saint $54.8, six weeks, 1,730 screens	$1.6
10 Murder at 1600 $21.7, four weeks, 1,504 screens	$1.3

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1997, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1."Sleepers," (Warner)
2."The Ghost and the Darkness," (Paramount)
3."William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet," (Fox)
4."The Long Kiss Goodnight," (New Line)
5."The First Wives Club," (Paramount)
6."101 Dalmatians," (Disney)
7."Emma," (Miramax)
8."Extreme Measures," (Columbia TriStar)
9."The Chamber," (MCA-Universal)
10."Set It Off," (New Line)

Top Singles

1."MMMBop," Hanson (Mercury)
2."Hypnotize," The Notorious B.I.G. (Bad Boy)
3."Return of the Mack," Mark Morrison (Atlantic) (Gold)
4."For You I Will," Monica (Rowdy-Warner Sunset) (Gold)
5."Say You'll Be There," Spice Girls (Virgin)
6."You Were Meant For Me," Jewel (Atlantic) (Gold)
7."I Want You," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
8."Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" Paula Cole (Imago-Warner Bros.)
9."I Belong to You," Rome (RCA)
10."Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," Puff Daddy featuring Mase (Bad Boy) (Platinum)

Top Albums

1."Spice," Spice Girls (Virgin) (Platinum)
2."Carrying Your Love With Me," George Strait (MCA)
3."Share My World," Mary J. Blige (MCA)
4."Life After Death," The Notorious B.I.G. (Bad Boy-Arista)
5."'Space Jam' Soundtrack," various artists (Warner Sunset) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1."One Night At a Time," George Strait (MCA)
2."Better Man, Better Off," Tracy Lawrence (Atlantic)
3."Sad Lookin' Moon," Alabama (RCA)
4."Good As I Was to You," Lorrie Morgan (BNA)
5."On the Verge," Collin Raye (Epic)
6."Sittin' On Go," Bryan White (Asylum)
7."I Miss You A Little," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
8."A Girl's Gotta Do (What A Girl's Gotta Do)," Mindy McCready (BNA)
9."She's Sure Taking It Well," Kevin Sharp (143-Asylum)
10."It's Your Love," Tim McGraw with Faith Hill (Curb)

Latin Tracks

1."Solo En Ti," Enrique Iglesias
2."Secuestro De Amor," Los Tucanes De Tijuana (EMI Latin)
3."Unidos Para Siempre," Los Tigres Del Norte (Fonovisa)
4."Ya Me Voy Para Siempre," Los Temerarios (Fonovisa)
5."El Destino," Juan Gabriel & Rocio Durcal (Ariola-BMG)
6."O Soy O Fui," Marcos Antonio Solis (Fonovisa)
7."Sola Otra Vez," Celine Dion (550 Music-Sony)
8."Quien Pierde Mas," Bronco (Fonovisa)
9."Solo Contigo," Grupo Limite (PolyGram Latino)
10."Nube Viajera," Alejandro Fernandez (Sony)

REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

NBC shuffles its deck for fall season

'3rd Rock,' 'Suddenly Susan' given new time slots

By John Carman
N.Y. Times News Service

NBC's fall schedule announcement Monday was more of an occasion for a moving van than a burial detail.

There were cancellations — notably "Unsolved Mysteries" after nine seasons and "Monday Night at the Movies" — but more often NBC slotted returning shows in new times.

The top-rated network's fall schedule also includes eight new weekly series, six of them comedies.

"Suddenly Susan" and "3rd Rock From the Sun" are the major shows that will have new time slots. In its second season, Brooke Shields' "Suddenly Susan" will lead off NBC's Monday schedule at 8 p.m. "3rd Rock" will move from Sundays to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.

Among the other returning series with new times are "Caroline in the City," "The Pretender" and a sitcom many observers expected NBC to cancel, "Men Behaving Badly."

NBC appears to be making its biggest push on Monday. "Monday Night at the Movies," which previously anchored the night, has been canceled to make room for a slate of four sitcoms followed at 10 p.m. by "Dateline NBC," which expands from three to four nights

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The cast of "Seinfeld", from left, Michael Richards, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Jerry Seinfeld and Jason Alexander agreed this week to return for next season's "Seinfeld." They didn't receive their asking price of $1 million each per episode, but NBC said the deal was "financially acceptable to all parties."



Comedian Bill Cosby, left, and at right in top photo, gestures in a scene from CBS' "Cosby" sitcom with co-star Phylicia Rashad. The series built around Cosby, television's most identifiable star, continues to suffer an identity crisis as it ends its first season.

'Cosby' and its beloved star put wraps on first year, look ahead

By Frazier Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Bill Cosby is talking whipped cream.

"... A vat of whipped cream," he proposes, "with a paintbrush in it where you just slap it on him." By "him" Cosby means Hilton Lucas, the character he plays on his CBS sitcom.

He is standing in cavernous Stage E at Kaufman Astoria Studios in Queens, consulting with executive producer Norman Steinberg.

It's the end of a long rehearsal, the day before taping the season's 25th and final episode (and the day before the Los Angeles police announce the capture of the man they say killed Cosby's son in January, a tragedy that has hung over the show and haunted its star the two months since).

But at the moment, Cosby is consumed with just one thing: fixing the script's slapstick finale. How to stage it remains somewhat uncertain.

"Uncertain" could describe "Cosby" overall. Extremely high-profile (as if any TV show Cosby did could be otherwise), his new sitcom knocked nobody's socks off in its freshman season.

Even some of those present on Stage E this March afternoon concede the vexing truth: A series built around television's most identifiable star continues to suffer an identity crisis.

"... The tag is, he has been kind enough," riffs Cosby, still sketching ut the episode's finale in his free-form, almost be-bop style of expressing ideas, "the tag for this is, y'know, he's been kind enough to let the kid — you know what I mean? And I'm sitting there and I have to take it, y'understand? OK?"

"OK," says Steinberg, who really does understand. Then he's off to get another rewrite going.

Historic Kaufman Astoria is home to "Imus in the Morn-

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The fallout of coming out

■ Hollywood split on how Anne Heche's revelation will affect her career.

By Lynn Elber
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — They aren't homosexual, but Tom Hanks, William Hurt and Meryl Streep found audience acceptance playing gay or lesbian characters on screen. Hanks and Hurt even struck Oscar gold.

Now, Anne Heche may discover if turnabout is fair play. Will the actress who declared she's in a lesbian relationship with Ellen DeGeneres be accepted in straight romantic roles or will her career suffer?

While some Hollywood insiders express confidence that Heche and those who may follow her will get equal treatment, others — while lauding Heche's candor — are pessimistic.

"I have no explanation for it, but it's one thing to see me kiss a man and say, 'Well, he's playing a part,'" said Jason Alexander ("Seinfeld"), a straight actor with a gay role in the upcoming film "Love! Valour! Compassion!"

"It's another thing to see a gay actor in a heterosexual romantic scene and buy into it, for most people," Alexander said.

Working against Heche is the industry's traditional timidity and fear of that great unknown: public reaction. In her favor are her talent and, some contend, the difference in how gay men and lesbians are perceived.

Common sense also counts, say the optimists.

"Gay actors have been passing in straight roles for centuries. I mean, c'mon, they're actors," said Alan Klein of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in New York.

"Hollywood's got to let it happen," said lesbian activist Chastity Bono, whose mother is Cher. "And if anybody can do it, I think that Anne certainly can. She's an excellent actress and has done very sexual scenes with men and had strong connections with men."

The first test will come relatively soon: Heche, 27, currently co-starring in "Volcano" and "Donnie Brasco," will be paired with Harrison Ford in the romantic comedy "6 Days, 7 Nights." Filming begins in July.

Why should moviegoers be willing to suspend disbelief for Hanks in "Philadelphia" (1993), Hurt in "Kiss of the Spider Woman" (1985), Streep in "Manhattan" (1979) and not for Heche, ask Klein and others.

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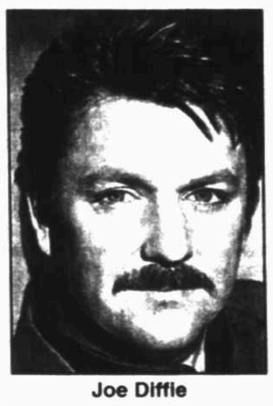
Regular Joe has new look, same old sound

By Jim Patterson
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The fashion police have finally gotten to Joe Diffie. They've cut the big blond hair that along with his bulk made him look like the pro wrestling good-guy of country music.

It's getting harder these days to tell the working class Joes like Diffie from the Kendoll crooners like Ty Herndon. Long-locked Tracy Lawrence went clean-cut, and even bouffant band Little Texas now looks like they stepped out of the pages of GQ magazine.

The hair make-overs are a business decision. For Diffie and his management team, it was something to tinker with after his 1996 CD "Life's So Funny" sold 500,000 copies, a quarter of the amount sold by his 1994 effort



Joe Diffie

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Forget the music, enjoy the show

■ Eurovision Song Contest has helped launch stellar careers.

By Ron Kampeas
Associated Press Writer

DUBLIN, Ireland — War is bad, peace is good, modulate up half a tone and join in the chorus: Boum Badaboum, Boom Boom, Boom Boom Boomerang.

Check your irony at the door, this is the Eurovision Song Contest, the bizarro world where originality, humor and a catchy tune are more likely to lose than gain you points.

Never heard of it, you say? But you have suffered — or loved — its consequences. The annual springtime walpurgisnacht of goo has given the world the likes of Abba, Olivia Newton-John, Julio Iglesias and Celine Dion.



Katrina Leskanavich, a native of Topeka, Kan., sings "Love Shine a Light," at the 1997 Eurovision Song Contest in Dublin, Ireland,. The annual songfest, launched by Switzerland in 1956, has given the world the likes of Abba, Olivia Newton-John, Julio Iglesias and Celine Dion.

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Christine Lahti puts a human face on the post-liberated woman



Actress Christine Lahti poses during a break on the set of the CBS series "Chicago Hope," where she stars as Dr. Kate Austin. Lahti, 47, won an Oscar in 1996 for directing the film short "Lieberman in Love."
AP Laserphoto

By Douglas Rowe
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — So much has changed over the years for Christine Lahti.

She used to hate not working. Now she's strongly considering taking the summer off. She once considered herself good at her career but not good at her life. Now she's enjoying domestic bliss with her husband and three kids.

And if she ever won an Academy Award, she figured it'd for acting. Now she has one for dire ...g.

One thing has remained constant, though, since she started in the 1970s: She effectively conveys the self-doubt of the postliberated woman, offering a humanity and vulnerability to her feminist roles.

These days, Lahti is most visible on the CBS medical drama "Chicago Hope" as Dr. Kathryn Austin, a world-class cardiothoracic surgeon.

The 47-year-old actress, whose directing debut, "Lieberman in Love," won the 1996 live-action short Academy Award, says she turned to acting on television and directing films in frustration.

The cause: the age discrimination she sees in the film industry.

"This is a very real age barrier for women in movies. In television it seems to be not so bad," she says. "Also, I thought the writing, on 'Chicago Hope' in particular, was far superior to a lot of the feature-film scripts that I had been getting anyway."

All too often she was getting offers to play "earnest moms."

"There's nothing wrong with playing an earnest mom once. But it gets really boring," Lahti says during an interview in a midtown Manhattan hotel lounge. "They're the ones at home, wringing their hands, fretting, long-suffering, while the husband's out having these great adventures.

"It's a very limited way of portraying

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GOLF — Senior PGA Golf, NFL Golf Classic, first round, at Clifton, N.J., 2 p.m., ESPN.

PGA Golf, Byron Nelson Classic, second round, at Irving, Texas, 3 p.m., USA.

BASEBALL — San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs, 2 p.m., WGN.

St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves, 6:35 p.m., TBS.

New York Yankees at Texas Rangers, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

Chicago White Sox at Oakland A's, 9:30 p.m., WGN.

RACING — Swamp Buggys racing, Swamp Buggy Classic II, at Naples, Fla., 7 p.m., TNN.

BOXING — Champion Phillip Holiday (30-0-0) vs. Pete Taliafarro (33-6-0), for IBF lightweight championship, at Hammanskraal, South Africa (same-day tape), 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

Heavyweights, Tim Witherspoon (45-5-0) vs. Jimmy Thunder (32-7-0); heavyweights, Andrew Golota (28-2-0) vs. Ray Mercer (24-4-1), at New York, 8 p.m., HBO.

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — N.Y. Yankees 11, Texas Rangers 8.

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Oklahoma State 11, Baylor 8.

Texas A&M 11, Oklahoma 3.

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Sports Today

PREP BASEBALL — Region I-5A Quarterfinal, Abilene High vs. Midland Lee, 4:30 p.m., Ernie Johnson Field. RADIO: KCRS (103.3 FM).

TEXAS LEAGUE — Arkansas Travelers vs. Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium. RADIO: KCRS (AM 550).

GOLF — Midland Country Club Invitational, 8:45 a.m.

BULLRIDING — The Professional Bull Riders Top Guns Championship, 8 p.m., Odessa's Ector County Coliseum.

Houston wins again

NEW ORLEANS — Houston and North Carolina-Charlotte remained unbeaten in the Conference USA baseball tournament with victories Thursday.

Houston got a combined eight-hitter from Shane Nance, Robert Dieudonne and Tommy Marik to take a 2-0 victory over South Florida, while UNCC jumped to an early 7-0 lead and held on for an 8-6 victory over host Tulane.

Houston (38-20) and UNCC (29-24-1) need just one more victory on Saturday to advance to Sunday's championship game.

In other games Thursday, UAB eliminated Saint Louis, 6-2, and Southern Miss defeated Cincinnati, 5-0, to eliminate the Bearcats.

Houston scored its runs in the fifth on an RBI double by Shaun Skrehot and a balk by South Florida starter Pat Ryan.

Duke holds PBA lead

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario — Norm Duke, the 1994 PBA Player of the Year, won six of his eight matches Thursday and held a 23-pin lead over Justin Hromek heading into the final round of match play at the Independent Order of Foresters Open.

Duke beat Hromek 247-246 in Thursday night's last game and the 30 points for the match-play win gave him the overall lead, 6,179-6,156.

Duke is looking for his first title since 1995.

Bob Learn Jr., 18th on the money list despite not finishing higher than sixth in any event, was third with 6,097 pins and he was followed by Walter Ray Williams Jr., the reigning PBA Player of the Year, 6,054, and Ricky Ward, 6,022..

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Rebels Playoff Run

■ **Quarterfinals:** Midland Lee vs. Abilene High in a best 2-of-3 series.

■ **Dates:** Game 1, Today at 4:30 p.m. at Ernie Johnson Field.

Game 2, Saturday at 1 p.m. Blackburn Field in Abilene. Game 3 (if needed), 30 minutes after Game 2.

■ **Radio:** Game 1, KCRS (FM 103.3). Game 2-3, KCRS (AM 550).

■ **Records:** Lee 18-13-1. Abilene High 23-4.

■ **Playoff Highways:** Midland Lee, Bi-District, defeated Amarillo High; Area, defeated El Paso Socorro.

Abilene High, Bi-district, bye. Area, defeated El Paso Bel Air.

■ **Previous meetings between Lee and AHS:** Game 1, Abilene High 3, Lee 0. Game 2, Abilene High 13, Lee 12.

■ Lee-AHS victor will play the Duncanville-Irving Nimitz winner in the Region I-5A Semifinals.



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Purves

Postseason heroics

■ Senior Centerfielder David Smith leads the team in hitting with a .348 playoff batting average.

■ Senior pitcher John Purves is 1-0 in the playoffs with a 2.55 ERA. Four Lee pitchers have post-season wins.

■ The team has fought its way back from two 1-0 series deficits in the playoffs this season.

Lee, Abilene High ready for Region I-5A quarters

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Neither day has fallen on the 13th on the calendar, nor has a black cat crossed their path, but there is something about Fridays and the Region I-5A baseball playoffs which doesn't mix for the Midland Lee Rebels.

LEE Baseball Playoffs

In each of the first two rounds of the playoffs, Lee has lost the first game of the best-of-three series played on a Friday, but have come back to win twice on Saturday in both the bi-district round against Amarillo High and the area round against El Paso Socorro. Those series were played at neutral sites, a factor which won't come into play in the quarterfinal round starting today when the Rebels (18-13-1) host District 4-5A rival and top seed Abilene High (23-4) in Game one starting at 4:30 p.m.

The two teams have already met twice this year, with Abilene High winning both games. In effect, the Eagles have already won something of a best-of-three series with Lee this season. Yet, they could have taken their chances with a one-game playoff.

"I figured they might want to throw one game at us because we've lost the first game both times," said Lee coach Jesse Benavidez, who will take his team to Abilene Saturday for the second game against the Eagles at 1 p.m.

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Irvin wants out of Dallas

Reports say 'Playmaker' has asked to be traded

By Dan Bollerman and Scott Newman
c.1997 Bloomberg News

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin asked to be traded, although salary cap rules make it almost impossible for him to be traded to another National Football League team.

Irvin has said he would like to leave Dallas because he's tired of the media scrutiny after he was involved in three off-field incidents last year.

If the Cowboys were to trade the 31-year-old Irvin, he would count $2.7 million against the Cowboys' salary cap for this season.

Dallas has been unable to keep some of its top free agents this year, including kicker Chris Boniol, linebacker Darrin Smith and cornerback George Teague, because it had little money to spend under the cap. It's doubtful that any team would trade a player who would still count more than $2 million against its salary cap, the league's restriction on each team's player payroll.

Steve Endicott, Irvin's Dallas-based agent, said Irvin is happy with the Cowboys "as far as I know," while a team spokeswoman refused to comment on Irvin's request.

Irvin signed a five-year, $15 million contract before the 1995 season that included a $4.5 million signing bonus.

In calculating the salary cap, the NFL

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AP Laserphoto

Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin, highly scrutinized through a year of off-the-field troubles, has asked to be traded, The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday.

Donaldson's future in doubt

By Josie Karp
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Although Ray Donaldson and his agent have said the 38-year-old center plans to play in the 1997 season, Cowboys officials say they are unsure whether the 18-year veteran will return.

Donaldson was excused from this week's quarterback school. He has been working out on his own and does not maintain an off-season residence in Dallas.

"We'll look and see if he's going to be at the next camp," Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones said yesterday. "Probably if he's not showing up when June gets here, then we might be concerned."

The Cowboys' next quarterback school is scheduled to begin June 2.

Donaldson, who will be 39 in about three weeks, has two years remaining on his contract. He has been a starter for two seasons since signing a deal when Mark Stepnoski left via free agency to join the Houston Oilers. Jones said Donaldson is not attending quarterback school this week because, "He's taking care of personal business."

Said Jones: "He's missed camps before, so it's not a total shock that he's

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Woods, lightning electrify first day of Byron Nelson

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

IRVING — The familiar feeling in his belly told Tiger Woods he was back. The familiar numbers on the scoreboard told everyone else.

And in an increasingly familiar scenario, Woods proved once again that nothing is beyond his grasp, returning after four weeks away from competition with a 6-under-par 64, one stroke off Jim Furyk's lead in the GTE Byron Nelson Classic.

Woods, absent from the PGA Tour since his record-setting victory at the Masters, was welcomed to the first tee at the TPC course at the Four Seasons Resort and Club with a wild, whistling ovation and shouts of "Go Tiger."

It was as if a long-travelling son had returned home for the holidays and sat down to a favorite dinner he had dreamed of on many lonely nights.

The warm ovation snapped Woods from his stoic stare and he beamed that now familiar smile that outshone the sun that had finally fought its way out from behind the rain clouds that delayed his return.

"I was pretty nervous out there," Woods said about his recep-

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AP Laserphoto

Tiger Woods lines up a put on the first hole of the GTE Byron Nelson Classic tournament in Irving. Woods finished the first day one stroke back of Jim Furyk.

Angels return to Midland for homecooking

■ Midland comes off the road to start 10-game homestand tonight against Arkansas.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

When the Midland Angels started their most recent road trip 11 days ago in Arkansas, they had a three-game winning streak, the confidence was on a season high, and they were ready to prove they could play on the road.



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The Angels would lose four out of five against the Travelers and they weren't coming home for another five days. Midland had suffered through blowouts, costly errors, ejections and Arkansas rallies.

Then came Jackson.

In what was a nightmarish road trip, the Angels started to spread their wings and showed the Generals they could indeed fly on the road. Clutch hitting and good pitching enabled Midland to take four out of five games from Jackson to close the road trip and come back home with a three-game winning streak and within five games of first place San Antonio in the Western Division of the Texas League. Just the way it started 11 days ago.

This time around Arkansas and Jackson come to Christensen Stadium during the Angels' 10-game home stand which begins at 7 p.m. tonight against the Travelers (20-16). Scott Schoeneweis (3-2, 4.30 ERA) takes the mound for the Angels.

The Angels (21-18) are definitely hot once again and the most dangerous part is that they are playing 10 straight games on a field where they are 11-4 this

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Sonics beat Rockets, force Game 7

By Jim Cour
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — The Seattle SuperSonics like this brinkmanship business.

Facing elimination for the fourth time in the playoffs, the Sonics beat the Houston Rockets 99-96 Thursday night to force a seventh and deciding game in their Western Conference semifinal series.

After the Rockets cut the Sonics' 22-point lead to two on Clyde Drexler's 3-pointer with 31 seconds left, Gary Payton made a spinning left-handed hook for Seattle with 12.1 seconds remaining and the Sonics held on for the victory.

Payton finished with 19 points, 13 assists and five steals for Seattle, which will play Game 7 at Houston on Saturday. The winner will go to the conference finals against Utah.

"Now we're going back to their territory," said Shawn Kemp, who led the Sonics with 22 points and 11 rebounds. "It's going to be a dogfight, so we're going to eat our puppy chow."

Payton's basket, which gave Seattle a 97-93 lead, was the Sonics' first field goal in nearly eight minutes. Drexler missed a 3-point attempt with seven seconds left and Hersey Hawkins made two clinching free throws for the Sonics with 5.8 seconds remaining.

Houston's Sedale Threatt sank a 3-pointer with with four-tenths of a second left for the final margin.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 30 points and 11 rebounds, including 16 points to key the fourth-quarter comeback. Charles Barkley had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Mario Elie added 18 points for Houston.

Seattle is trying to become only the sixth NBA team to win a best-of-7 series after falling behind 3-1. The last team to do it was Houston, which came back against Phoenix in the 1995 Western

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NBA suspends five Knicks, one Heat player after brawl/2C

NBA hands out harshest penalty after Heat-Knicks playoff melee

■ League suspends five Knicks and one Heat player after bench-clearing brawl on Wednesday.

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A bench-clearing brawl has left the New York Knicks with almost no bench at all — and without the biggest chunk of their offense, too.

In the harshest penalty in NBA playoff history, five New York Knicks were suspended Thursday, including three starters, along with P.J. Brown of the Miami Heat for a melee during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Patrick Ewing, Allan Houston, Larry Johnson, John Starks and Charlie Ward each were suspended one game. Only Ewing, Houston and Ward must sit out Game 6 on Friday night. Johnson and Starks will miss Sunday's game — either Game 7 at Miami or Game 1 of the conference finals against the Chicago Bulls.

Brown was suspended for two games, meaning his season is over unless the Heat can overcome their 3-2 deficit in the best-of-7 series.

The penalty itself may change the outcome of the series.

The suspensions should have a greater effect on the Knicks, who will have to replace their two leading scorers — All-Star center Ewing (10.8 points per game) and Houston (18.5) — in Game 6. Buck Williams will probably replace Ewing, and Starks will start in place of Houston. Third-stringer Scott Brooks will handle Ward's duties as the backup point guard.

The fight began when Brown threw Ward to the ground while the two fought for position under the basket Wednesday night.

"I'm disappointed with the decision, especially as it pertains to Charlie Ward and the way he was viciously body-slammed to the floor by a player a foot bigger and 75 pounds heavier," Knicks general manager Ernie Grunfeld said.

Bill Hunter, executive director of the NBA Players Association, said Thursday night the league "acted improperly in suspending those players who left the bench as peacemakers."

Union lawyer Jeffrey Kessler said he will go to U.S. District Court in Manhattan on Friday, seeking a temporary restraining order that would delay any suspensions until the union appeals the penalties to either one of both of the NBA's arbitrators: Ken Dam, a professor at the University of Chicago, and John Feerick, the dean of Fordham University Law School.

Miami will sorely miss Brown, one of the few members of the Heat who has sustained his energy and production throughout the series. Brown, who has drawn the defensive assignment on Ewing, did an especially good job in Game 5.

NBA rules stipulate teams must have nine players in uniform for playoff games, and that's why only three of the five suspended Knicks will miss Game 6.

Ward must sit out immediately because he was one of the principals in the fight. Ewing and Houston will sit out Game 6 because the NBA uses an alphabetical system when numerous players are suspended to determine who sits out first.

The Knicks were stung especially hard because the NBA adhered strictly to a rule calling for an automatic one-game suspension for any player leaving the bench during an altercation.

"All of our players served as peacemakers," Grunfeld said. "They wanted to help one of their own, and I'm proud they stood up for their teammate."

He especially criticized the NBA's decision to suspend Ewing.

"He was nowhere near the action. They really went by the letter of the law in Patrick's case," he said.

Miami coach Pat Riley said the decision to suspend Brown for Games 6 and 7 was "too harsh."

"Nothing would have happened had Ward not tried to take out his legs," Riley said. "No doubt Ward instigated the whole thing."

At the Heat's practice Thursday, Brown said he had "no second thoughts" about grabbing Ward and flipping him upside down along the baseline during the fourth quarter of Miami's 96-81 victory.

"That's what I had to do. I have to protect myself," he said.

Never before have so many players been suspended in the playoffs. In the 1995-96 regular season, 16 players were suspended following a brawl between the Indiana Pacers and Sacramento Kings.

Until the brawl, the series had been relatively free of the animosity and malice that the teams displayed against each other in the regular season.

Aside from several technical fouls, the series wasn't even living up to its advance billing: a street fight. It turned into more of a wrestling match between two defense-minded teams making it exceedingly difficult for the other to score.

But the tone changed Tuesday when Riley harangued his players for their post-game comments following a Game 4 loss, in which none of them expressed confidence that they could beat the Knicks. Riley, who quit the Knicks to take the Miami job two years ago, challenged his players to stand up to New York and get physical with them.



AP Laserphoto

Miami Heats P.J. Brown grabs New York Knicks Charlie Ward while New York Knicks John Wallace, top, pulls on Brown during a fight in the fourth quarter Wednesday in Miami. The Heat defeated the Knicks 96-81, but six players were suspended Thursday for their involvement in the altercation.

And just like in the past, Riley's motivational tactics worked.

Brown was talking trash to Ewing as early as the first quarter Wednesday night, and the game turned nasty late in the fourth quarter when Charles Oakley knocked Alonzo Mourning to the ground on a hard foul.

Starks stirred things up in the third quarter when he traded insults with Miami fans and, as he headed for the bench, waved his middle finger at the crowd. A photo of that ran on the front page of Thursday's New York Post.

Just two seconds after Oakley was ejected, Ward ducked and moved sideways into Brown's legs as Tim Hardaway made a free throw.

Brown wrapped his arm around the smaller Ward's waist, lifted him, flipped him over and threw him to the floor behind the baseline.

New York's John Wallace grabbed Brown, and players from both teams joined the pile.

Before order was restored, several Knicks left the bench to join the melee while the Heat players not in the game stayed on the sideline. Riley and Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy entered the fray to try to pull players apart.

Starks was pelted with debris as he walked to a tunnel leading to the lockers, and security guards had to restrain him from going into the crowd.

In addition to the suspensions, Brown was fined $10,000; Ward $6,000; and Ewing, Houston, Johnson and Starks $2,500 each.

The Knicks were fined $20,000 — $5,000 for each player who left the bench, and Starks was fined an additional $5,000 for making an obscene gesture toward the crowd.

Dontae' Jones, the inactive Knicks rookie, was suspended for a game and banned from sitting on the bench for the rest of the postseason. He also left the bench during the fight and reportedly spit at some Miami fans.

Knicks not happy with 'samaritan' suspensions

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

PURCHASE, N.Y. — Fair or unfair?

The subject was the suspension of five New York players and one member of the Miami Heat, and Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy pondered the first question of his post-practice news conference for a full 10 seconds Thursday night before giving his answer.

"Tough question, because when I watched the tape I saw what I thought the most cowardly act I've seen in my eight years in the NBA — a guy who is a good 10 inches taller and 80 pounds heavier tried to body slam another guy," Van Gundy said of P.J. Brown's takedown of Charlie Ward — an incident that spurred several Knicks to leave the bench and join the fray at the end of Miami's Game 5 victory in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Leaving the bench to join an altercation brings an automatic suspension, and that's why the Knicks drew five suspensions to Miami's one. None of the Heat players left the bench to join the fight.

"It's a rule, we know it's a rule, but I liken it to an analogy of Charlie's on the street with some guys he works with, and a guy 10 inches taller and 80 pounds heavier body-slammed him to the ground," Van Gundy said. "If those workers came to his aid, they'd be known as heroes or good samaritans. But in the NBA they suspend him."

Van Gundy was not happy on the day when the NBA issued the harshest postseason penalties in its history.

"I feel it's unfortunate," he said. "I feel our team has worked too hard to this point to be penalized for what basically was guys coming to his defense."

Patrick Ewing, Allan Houston, Larry Johnson, John Starks and Ward each were suspended one game. Only Ewing, Houston and Ward must sit out Game 6 on Friday night at New York. Johnson and Starks will miss Sunday's game — either Game 7 at Miami or Game 1 of the conference finals against the Chicago Bulls.

Brown was suspended for two games, meaning his season is over unless the Heat can overcome their 3-2 deficit in the best-of-7 series.

"If you're Miami, you'll take that tradeoff," Van Gundy said.

Several Knicks players echoed Van Gundy's party line, especially the part about Brown not picking on someone his own size.

"He wouldn't have done that against one of our big guys," Johnson said.

"What he did was cowardly," Starks said. "If I had to do it over again I would. We were standing up for a friend."

The brawl began when Ward ducked and moved sideways into Brown's legs as Miami's Tim Hardaway made a free throw. Brown wrapped his arm around Ward's waist, lifted him, flipped him over and threw him to the floor behind the baseline.

New York's John Wallace grabbed Brown, and players from both teams joined the pile.

The Knicks were stung especially hard because the NBA adhered strictly to a rule calling for an automatic one-game suspension for any player leaving the bench during an altercation.

"By the letter of the rule they're correct, it's the correct interpretation," Van Gundy said. "But I understand why our guys would look out for one of own own. Only in the NBA do guys get suspended for that."



AP Laserphoto

Seattle SuperSonics' Shawn Kemp (40) grabs a rebound from the reach of Houston Rockets' Hakeem Olajuwon, right, in the first quarter Thursday, in Seattle. Sonics Sam Perkins is at left.

SONIC: Seattle hangs on late

(From 1C)

Conference finals and went on to win the NBA championship.

Seattle trailed Phoenix 2-1 in their best-of-5, first-round series and rallied to win the last two games. In six years under coach George Karl, the Sonics are now 11-5 in games where they've faced elimination.

The Sonics opened the game with a 16-2 spurt, twice led by 22 points in the second quarter, and took a 17-point lead into the fourth period.

But the Rockets rallied behind Olajuwon, who scored eight straight points to cut Seattle's lead to 92-88 with 2:33 left.

The Sonics then made three free throws to take a 95-88 lead, but Barkley hit a short shot in the lane and Drexler sank a 3-pointer to make it 95-93 with 31 seconds remaining.

Houston cut Seattle's lead to 66-57 on Elie's 16-footer with 3:40 left in the third quarter before the Sonics went on an 11-0 run that included a jumper and two free throws by Terry Cummings.

Houston's Kevin Willis was called for a technical foul for throwing an elbow at Kemp with three seconds left in the third quarter. Kemp appeared to retaliate with a slap to the head, but the officials missed that one.

The Sonics grabbed a 16-2 lead in the first 4:59 as Hawkins scored seven points, including a 3-pointer.

When Hawkins made a layup with 1:40 left in the first quarter, Seattle led 28-9. By the end of the first period, Houston had hit only 5-of-21 shots and trailed 30-13. Olajuwon went 1-for-6 and Barkley 2-for-7 in the opening 12 minutes.

The Rockets' frustration began to show in the second quarter when the Sonics twice built 22-point leads at 37-15 and 39-17. After Payton stripped Barkley of the ball and Seattle was awarded possession after the ball went out of bounds, Barkley was called for a technical foul for arguing with ref Eddie F. Rush. The score was 45-29 at the time.

With 2:42 left in the opening half, Payton fouled Drexler under the Houston basket and they exchanged words. Each player was whistled for a technical.

When Payton was fouled by Elie with 47 seconds left in the first half, he sneered at Drexler and then sank both his free throws to put Seattle ahead 51-3. **Notes:** Houston's three victories in the series have been by 10, four and six points. Seattle's other wins were by five and four points. ... Houston suffered its first road loss in the playoffs. ... Seattle won for the first time at home in three playoff games against the Rockets.

University of Texas mounts defense to academic bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas is playing defense on a bill that would require college athletes to match the grade point average of their fellow students to get state-funded athletic scholarships.

"It would be a disaster if it passed," University of Texas basketball coach Tom Penders told the Senate Education Committee. "You might as well blow up the football field and the basketball courts and make parking lots out of them."

Also opposing the measure were former UT football coach Darrell Royal, UT women's head basketball coach Jody Conradt and UT athletic director DeLoss Dodds. The bill would result in Texas being dropped from the Big 12 conference, Dodds said.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Thursday he does not believe there are enough votes on the committee to pass the bill, which he said has attracted bi-partisan opposition.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, filed the bill following a federal court ruling that stopped consideration of race in financial aid and admissions.

He said he wanted to stave off a "plantation education system" in which the number of minority students would decline overall at top public universities but minority athletes would continue to be admitted for "entertainment value."

Blasting UT officials for opposing his bill, Wilson said, "They are playing plantation politics. They are trying to figure out how to keep the darkies on the plantation in a civilized manner."

UT Chancellor William Cunningham defended the university's athletic scholarship and recruitment program, saying, "We are race-neutral because we go after the best student athletes available."

University officials promised to help UT increase efforts to recruit black and Hispanic scholars.

Bivins said he is concerned that the bill would cut back on minority scholarships.

"It looks to me like that if we pass this legislation, that it would reduce minority enrollment instead of increase it. I think that's a serious concern," he said.

Wilson's bill would apply to students awarded state-funded scholarships, grants or other financial assistance after Sept. 1 based on their status as student athletes.

It would allow such financial aid only if an entering freshman's high school GPA was equal to or greater than the average high school GPA of all entering freshman students in the preceding academic year.

If the student wasn't a freshman, the cumulative college-level GPA would have to be equal to or greater than the average of all undergraduates at the institution the previous academic year.

NBA's Bullets become Wizards

LANDOVER — The Washington Bullets became the Washington Wizards, committing to history a nickname that had served the franchise since 1963.

The team also unveiled new logos and colors of black, bronze and blue that will replace its old colors of red, white and blue.

The changes, which come as the team moves into the new MCI Center in downtown Washington next season, ends an odyssey that had the National Basketball Association franchise and a comedy basketball team fighting over the name in court.

The team became the Bullets in 1963 when the Chicago Zephyrs moved to Baltimore and named themselves after a team that played during the 1940s. That team was named after the city's wartime ammunition factory. The Baltimore Bullets moved to Landover, Maryland, in 1973 and became the Capital Bullets, then changed the name to the Washington Bullets in 1974.

The change was opposed by the Harlem Wizards, a comedy basketball team that has been playing for more than 35 years. The team filed a lawsuit last fall.





SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

Day-By-Day
By The Associated Press

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 4
Utah 93, L.A. Lakers 77

Monday, May 5
Houston 112, Seattle 102

Tuesday, May 6
Chicago 100, Atlanta 97
Utah 103, L.A. Lakers 101

Wednesday, May 7
New York 88, Miami 79
Seattle 106, Houston 101

Thursday, May 8
Atlanta 103, Chicago 95
L.A. Lakers 104, Utah 84

Friday, May 9
Miami 88, New York 84
Houston 97, Seattle 93

Saturday, May 10
Chicago 100, Atlanta 80
Utah 110, L.A. Lakers 95

Sunday, May 11
New York 77, Miami 73
Houston 110, Seattle 106, OT
Chicago 89, Atlanta 80

Monday, May 12
New York 89, Miami 76
Utah 98, L.A. Lakers 93, OT, Utah wins series 4-1

Tuesday, May 13
Seattle 100, Houston 94
Chicago 107, Atlanta 92, Chicago wins series 4-1

Wednesday, May 14
Miami 96, New York 81, New York leads series 3-2

Thursday, May 15
Seattle 99, Houston 96, series tied 3-3

Friday, May 16
Miami at New York, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 17
Seattle at Houston, 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 18
New York at Miami, TBA, if necessary

SuperSonics 99, Rockets 96

HOUSTON (96): Barkley 7-17 5-7 20, Elie 7-9 2-3 18, Olajuwon 12-21 6-7 30, Drexler 3-14 2-2 9, Maloney 1-5 1-2 4, Threatt 2-5 2-2 7, Willis 2-7 4-4 8, Johnson 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 34-81 22-27 96.

SEATTLE (99): Kemp 6-14 10-14 22, Schrempf 5-12 4-4 14, Perkins 2-5 0-0 6, Hawkins 4-10 7-8 16, Payton 7-16 4-5 19, Cummings 6-13 2-2 14, Wingate 3-4 0-0 6, Snow 1-2 0-0 2, Stewart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-76 27-33 99.

Houston	**13**	**24**	**24**	**35 — 96**
Seattle	**30**	**21**	**27**	**21 — 99**

3-Point goals—Houston 6-23 (Elie 2-3, Threatt 1-2, Barkley 1-3, Maloney 1-4, Drexler 1-8, Olajuwon 0-1, Johnson 0-2), Seattle 4-12 (Perkins 2-2, Payton 1-4, Hawkins 1-5, Kemp 0-1). Fouled out—Elie, Cummings. Rebounds—Houston 57 (Barkley 12), Seattle 43 (Kemp 11). Assists—Houston 21 (Drexler 6), Seattle 23 (Payton 13). Total fouls—Houston 26, Seattle 19. Technicals—Barkley, Drexler, Olajuwon, Willis, Payton, Seattle illegal defense 3. A—17,072 (17,072).

NHL Playoffs

Day-By-Day
By The Associated Press

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, May 15
Colorado 2, Detroit 1, Colorado leads series 1-0

Friday, May 16
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17
Detroit at Colorado, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 18
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 19
Colorado at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21
No games scheduled

Thursday, May 22
Colorado at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 23
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 24
Detroit at Colorado, 6:30 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, May 25
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 1 p.m., if necessary

Monday, May 26
Colorado at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 27
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, May 28
No games scheduled

Thursday, May 29
Detroit at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Friday, May 30
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m., if necessary

Avalanche 2, Red Wings 1

Detroit	**0**	**0**	**1**	**— 1**
Colorado	**0**	**0**	**2**	**— 2**

First Period—None
Second Period—None
Third Period—1, Detroit, Shanahan 5 (Lapointe, Yzerman), 1:13. 2, Colorado, Sakic 5 (Lacroix), 1:40. 3, Colorado, Ricci 2 (Lemieux, Sakic), 6:13.
Shots on goal—Detroit 10-13-12—35. Colorado 8-2-9—19.
Goalies—Detroit, Vernon. Colorado, Roy. A—16,061 (16,061).

Italian Open

ROME (AP) — Results Thursday of the $2.3 million Italian Open men's clay court tennis tournament:

Singles
Third Round

Alberto Berasategui, Spain, def. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (4), Russia, 6-3, 6-2.

Marc-Kevin Goellner, Germany, def. Albert Costa (11), Spain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Jim Couner, Miami, def. Marc Rosset (15), Switzerland, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

Alex Corretja (10), Spain, def. Carlos Moya (8), Spain, 6-4, 6-4.

Marcelo Rios (7), Chile, def. Magnus Larsson, Sweden, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Goran Ivanisevic (6), Croatia, def. Boris Becker (12), Germany, 7-6 (9-7), 6-3.

Scott Draper, Australia, def. Davide Scala, Italy, 7-5, 6-2.

Doubles
Second Round

Sandon Stolle, Australia, and Cyril Suk, Czech Republic, def. Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands (2), 6-4, 7-5.

Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Daniel Nestor, Canada (3), def. Cristian Brandi and Filippo Messon, Italy, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-2.

Luis Lobo, Argentina, and Javier Sanchez, Spain, def. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, and Daniel Vacek, Czech Republic (4), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Byron Black, Zimbabwe, and Alex O'Brien, Amarillo, Texas (5), def. Olivier Delaitre and Fabrice Santoro, France, 6-3, 6-2.

Rick Leach, Laguna Beach, Calif., and Jonathan Stark, Seattle, Wash. (7), def. Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent, Australia, 6-3, 6-4.

David Adams, South Africa, and Andrei Olhovsky, Russia (8), def. Grant Connell, Canada, and Jim Grabb, Tucson, Ariz., 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

Gary Muller, South Africa, and Jeff Tarango, Manhattan Beach, Calif., def. Pablo Albano, Argentina, and Alex Corretja, Spain, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-4.

German Open

BERLIN (AP) — Results Thursday of the $927,000 German Open women's tennis tournament:

Singles
Third Round

Jana Novotna (2), Czech Republic, def. Nathalie Tauziat, France, 6-0, 6-2.

Mary Joe Fernandez (10), Key Biscayne, Fla., def. Sandrine Testud, France, 6-2, 6-2.

Anna Kournikova, Russia, def. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (5), Spain, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Mary Pierce (12), France, def. Conchita Martinez (4), Spain, 6-2, 6-0.

Sabine Appelmans, Belgium, def. Irina Spirlea (8), Romania, 6-7 (2-7), 6-2, 6-3.

Amanda Coetzer, South Africa, def. Judith Wiesner (14), Austria, 6-1, 6-1.

Iva Majoli (6), Croatia, def. Gloria Pizzichini, Italy, 6-4, 6-2.

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

YANKEES 6, RANGERS 2

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
Raines lf	5	1	2	2 Buford cf	4	1	2
Boggs 3b	5	0	1	1 Rdrgz c	4	0	1
BWms cf	4	1	1	0 Greer lf	4	1	1
TMrtnz 1b	4	1	0	0 JuGntz dh	4	0	1
Fielder dh	5	1	2	3 WClark 1b	3	0	1
O'Neill rf	4	0	1	0 Palmer 3b	3	0	0
Jeter ss	4	1	1	0 Dvraux rf	3	0	0
Duncan 2b	3	2	1	0 DCdno ph	1	0	0
Sojo 2b	0	0	0	0 BRplkn 2b	3	0	2
Girardi c	4	1	2	1 Newsn ph	1	0	0
				Gil ss	3	0	1
				LStvns ph	1	0	0
Totals	**38**	**8**	**11**	**7 Totals**	**34**	**2**	**9**

New York	**300**	**004**	**010**	**— 8**
Texas	**200**	**000**	**000**	**— 2**

E—BRipken (1). DP—New York 1, Texas 1. LOB—New York 6, Texas 7. 2B—Raines (8), Gil (4). HR—Fielder (3). SF—Palmer.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
KnRogers W,3-1	6	1-3	9	2	2	4
Nelson	1	2-3	0	0	0	1
Boehringer	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Alberro L,0-1	2-3	1	3	3	2	0
Whiteside	5	8	4	4	0	1
Gunderson	2	1-3	2	1	0	1
Vosberg	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by KnRogers (WClark). Balk—Whiteside. T—2:53. A—35,488 (48,100).

ROYALS 10, TIGERS 9

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
BLHntr cf	4	1	1	0 Offrmn 2b	4	1	2
JoReed 2b	3	1	0	0 JBell ss	3	1	2
Hgginsn lf	4	1	0	0 Roberts lf	4	0	3
ToClrk 1b	3	3	2	3 King 1b	5	0	0
Frymn 3b	3	2	0	0 CDavis dh	4	1	1
Nieves rf	5	1	3	3 Pquette 3b	3	1	0
Hmelin dh	3	0	0	1 Damon ph	1	1	1
Csnova c	4	0	1	1 Dye rf	4	0	0
DCruz ss	4	0	0	0 Cooper ph	1	1	1
				Spehr c	3	1	2
				DHwrd ph	1	0	0
				MiSwy c	1	1	1
				TGdwin cf	4	2	2
Totals	**33**	**9**	**7**	**8 Totals**	**38**	**10**	**15**

Detroit	**030**	**210**	**300**	**— 9**
Kansas City	**030**	**102**	**013**	**—10**

No outs when winning run scored.
E—Fryman (5), Offerman (1). DP—Detroit 2, Kansas City 1. LOB—Detroit 6, Kansas City 10. 2B—JBell (6). HR—ToClark (14), Nieves (4), Damon (2), MiSweeney (2). SB—BLHunter 2 (18), TGoodwin 2 (14).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Olivares	5	6	4	3	5	1
JCummings	0	2	2	2	0	0
Miceli	2	3	0	0	0	2
ToJones	1	1	1	1	1	0
Brocail L,0-4	0	3	3	3	0	0
Kansas City						
Appier	5	4	6	5	4	5
Mcdill	1	1-3	2	3	3	2
JMontgomery	2	-3	1	0	0	0
Converse	2	-3	0	0	0	2
JWalker W,2-1	1	1-3	0	0	0	0

JCummings pitched to 2 batters in the 6th, Brocail pitched to 3 batters in the 9th.
HBP—by Appier (Fryman). T—3:37. A—18,160 (40,625).

WHITE SOX 4, MARINERS 3

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Drham 2b	5	1	3	0 Cora 2b	4	1	1
Cmeron rf	4	1	2	0 ARdrgz ss	4	0	0
FThms 1b	3	0	0	0 Grfy Jr cf	4	1	2
Belle lf	4	1	1	1 EMrtnz dh	3	1	1
Snopek 3b	5	1	2	2 Buhner rf	3	0	1
Kreuter c	4	0	0	0 Srrento 1b	4	0	0
NMartn dh	5	0	2	0 DaWlsn c	4	0	1
DLewis cf	3	0	0	1 Gates 3b	4	0	1
Phillips rf	1	0	0	0 Ducey lf	1	0	1
OGuiln ss	4	0	0	0			
Levine p	0	0	0	0			
LThms p	0	0	0	0			
Simas p	0	0	0	0			
RHrndz p	0	0	0	0			
Totals	**37**	**4**	**10**	**4 Totals**	**34**	**3**	**7**

Chicago	**000**	**110**	**002**	**— 4**
Seattle	**200**	**001**	**000**	**— 3**

E—Durham (5), Cora (7), ARodriguez (7). LOB—Chicago 12, Seattle 6. 2B—Cameron 2 (3), Snopek (4), EMartinez (12). HR—Griffey Jr (18). SB—Durham (11), NMartin (1), ARodriguez (8). CS—Durham (7), Gates (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Drabek	6	7	3	3	1	2
Levine	1	0	0	0	0	0
LThomas	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Simas W,1-0	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
RHernandez S,7	1	0	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Fassero	8	8	2	1	3	5
Charlton L,2-2	1	2	2	2	3	1

Levine pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
WP—Fassero, Charlton. T—3:20. A—29,225 (59,166).

NL Boxes

CUBS 8, PADRES 2

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
SFinley cf	4	0	0	0 McRae cf	5	1	2
QVeras 2b	3	0	0	0 Glnville lf	4	1	1
Gwynn rf	3	0	0	0 MaGrc 1b	5	1	3
Joyner 1b	4	1	1	1 Sosa rf	4	1	1
GVghn lf	4	0	0	0 Dnston ss	3	1	1
Cnfrcco 3b	4	0	0	0 Snchez ss	1	0	1
Shipley ss	3	1	1	0 Sndbrg 2b	4	0	0
Flherty c	3	0	1	1 JHmdz 3b	3	2	1
Htchck p	0	0	0	0 Servais c	3	0	1
Bamon ph	1	0	0	0 FCstillo p	2	0	0
Scott p	0	0	0	0 DClark ph	1	0	0
				Pttrson p	0	0	0
				Kschnc ph	0	0	0
				Bttnfld p	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**2**	**3**	**2 Totals**	**35**	**8**	**11**

San Diego	**000**	**110**	**000**	**— 2**
Chicago	**010**	**200**	**41x**	**— 8**

E—Shipley (1), Hitchcock (1). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—San Diego 4, Chicago 7. 2B—Shipley (1), 3B—McRae (3), Glanville (1), Sosa (1), JHernandez (2). HR—Joyner (2). CS—Hitchcock (1). S—Hitchcock. SF—Servais.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Hitchcock L,3-4	6	5	3	3	2	5
Scott	2	6	5	5	1	1
Chicago						
FCastillo W,2-5	7	3	2	2	3	8
Patterson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bottenfield	1	0	0	0	0	2

Balk—Hitchcock. T—2:38. A—19,766 (38,756).

PIRATES 4, ROCKIES 3

COLORADO	ab	r	hbi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi
EcYng 2b	4	0	1	0 Wmack 2b	3	0	1
Burks cf	4	1	1	1 Alnswrt cf	2	0	0
LWalkr rf	4	1	2	1 EBrwn cf	1	0	0
Glrrga 1b	4	0	0	0 AMartn lf	4	1	2
Bchette lf	4	0	1	1 Mulhsn 1b	3	1	1
Castilla 3b	4	0	1	0 Loiselle p	0	0	0
JeReed c	3	0	0	0 Rincon p	0	0	0
Coles ph	1	0	0	0 Elster ss	3	1	1
Weiss ss	3	1	2	0 Kendall c	3	0	0
RBaily p	2	0	1	0 JGllen rf	3	1	1
Bates ph	1	0	0	0 Randa 3b	3	0	1
DeJean p	0	0	0	0 FCrdva p	1	0	0
				KYng 1b	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3 Totals**	**26**	**4**	**6**

Colorado	**210**	**000**	**000**	**— 3**
Pittsburgh	**000**	**013**	**00x**	**— 4**

E—Randa (9). DP—Colorado 3, Pittsburgh 2. LOB—Colorado 4, Pittsburgh 6. 2B—LWalker (12), Weiss (8), MaJohnson (6). HR—AMartin (5), Elster (7). SB—AMartin (8). S—Elster.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
RBailey L,4-3	6	5	4	4	4	3
DeJean	2	1	0	0	2	1
Pittsburgh						
FCordova W,3-3	8	9	3	1	0	5
Loiselle	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Rincon S,3	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by RBailey (Allensworth). T—2:13. A—8,548 (47,972).

EXPOS 8, GIANTS 7

SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi	MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi
DHmtn cf	4	2	2	0 Grdzln ss	4	2	2
Vzcano ss	4	2	2	1 Lnsing 2b	4	1	2
GHill rf	4	0	1	2 RWhite cf	4	0	2
Bonds lf	5	0	2	2 Segui 1b	4	0	0
Kent 2b	3	0	0	1 HRdrgz lf	4	1	2
Snow 1b	3	1	1	0 LSmith p	0	0	0
MLewis 3b	3	0	1	0 Urbina p	0	0	0
Roa p	0	0	0	0 VGrero rf	4	1	0
Javier ph	1	0	0	0 Fltcher c	3	1	1
Tvarez p	0	0	0	0 Strang 3b	4	1	2
RWkns ph	0	0	0	0 Hrmns p	2	0	1
Benard pr	0	0	0	0 Stnkwc ph	0	0	0
Brryhll c	4	1	2	1 Daal p	0	0	0
OFrndz pr	0	0	0	0 DVeres p	0	0	0
VnLndn p	2	0	0	0 Telford p	0	0	0
Poole p	0	0	0	0 Sntnglo lf	1	1	0
Mueller 3b	3	1	1	0			
Totals	**36**	**7**	**12**	**7 Totals**	**34**	**8**	**13**

San Francisco	**002**	**000**	**401**	**— 7**
Montreal	**100**	**014**	**02x**	**— 8**

E—GHill (4), Grudzielanek (9). Hermanson (1). DP—Montreal 1. LOB—San Francisco 11, Montreal 9. 2B—Bonds (2), Snow (8), Lansing (11). HRodriguez 2 (16), Strange (5). HR—Fletcher (5). SB—Bonds (7). S—Lansing, Stankiewicz. SF—GHill, Kent, RWhite, Segui.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
VnLandinghm	5	7	4	3	1	2
Poole	1-3	2	2	2	0	0
Roa	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Tavarez L,0-1	2	4	2	2	1	1
Montreal						
Hermanson	6	6	2	2	2	8
Daal	0	3	4	3	0	0
DVeres	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Telford W,1-0	1	2-3	1	0	0	2
LSmith	2-3	1	1	1	2	1
Urbina S,4	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

VnLandinghm pitched to 2 batters in the 6th, Daal pitched to 4 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Telford (Kent). T—3:30. A—11,907 (46,500).

DODGERS 2, REDS 1

LOS ANGELES	ab	r	hbi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi
Hndsw cf	5	0	1	0 DSndrs cf	4	0	1
Gagne ss	4	0	1	0 CGdwn lf	3	0	0
Piazza c	4	0	0	0 Larkin ss	4	0	0
Karros 1b	3	1	0	0 Belinda p	0	0	0
Mndesi rf	3	1	1	0 Rmingr p	0	0	0
Zeile 3b	3	0	1	1 WGrne 3b	4	0	0
Ashley lf	3	0	1	1 RSndrs rf	3	0	0
Kirby lf	1	0	0	0 EduPrz 1b	2	1	0
Castro 2b	4	0	1	0 Tbnsee ph	1	0	1
IValdes p	3	0	0	0 Boone 2b	3	0	2
Guthrie p	0	0	0	0 JOlver c	3	0	1
Hall p	0	0	0	0 LHrris ph	1	0	0
Anthny ph	0	0	0	0 Smiley p	2	0	0
EWlms ph	0	0	0	0 Brntley p	0	0	0
ToWrll p	0	0	0	0 Pndlton ph	1	0	1
				Reese ss	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2 Totals**	**31**	**1**	**5**

Los Angeles	**010**	**100**	**000**	**— 2**
Cincinnati	**000**	**010**	**000**	**— 1**

LOB—Los Angeles 8, Cincinnati 7. 2B—Hollandsworth (9), Castro (1), DSanders (6), Pendleton (3). SB—Mondesi (9), CGoodwin (4), Reese (1). CS—Boone (2). S—CGoodwin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
IValdes W,2-4	7	3	1	1	2	5
Guthrie	2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Hall	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
ToWorrell S,12	1	1	0	0	1	0
Cincinnati						
Smiley L,3-6	7	5	2	2	3	4
Brantley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Belinda	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Remlinger	1-3	0	0	0	1	0

Smiley pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
WP—Smiley. T—2:52. A—16,986 (52,952).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Baltimore	25	12	.676	—	6-4	L-1	15-7	10-5	0-0
New York	24	16	.600	2 1/2	8-2	W-5	12-8	12-8	0-0
Toronto	20	17	.541	5	z-7-3	W-1	9-8	11-9	0-0
Detroit	16	23	.410	10	4-6	L-2	10-10	6-13	0-0
Boston	15	22	.405	10	1-9	L-6	7-11	8-11	0-0

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Milwaukee	19	16	.543	—	6-4	L-2	14-6	5-10	0-0
Kansas City	20	17	.541	—	z-7-3	W-3	9-8	11-9	0-0
Cleveland	18	19	.486	2	4-6	L-1	9-8	9-11	0-0
Chicago	15	22	.405	5	z-6-4	W-1	10-11	5-11	0-0
Minnesota	15	25	.375	6 1/2	z-3-7	L-2	7-13	8-12	0-0

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Seattle	23	16	.590	—	z-6-4	L-1	10-9	13-7	0-0
Texas	21	16	.568	1	-5-5	L-1	11-8	10-8	0-0
Anaheim	17	19	.472	4 1/2	4-6	W-3	10-7	7-12	0-0
Oakland	16	24	.400	7 1/2	2-8	W-1	9-8	7-16	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	26	13	.667	—	z-5-5	L-2	13-6	13-7	0-0
Florida	23	16	.590	3	z-6-4	W-4	7-5	6-11	0-0
Montreal	21	16	.568	4	z-7-3	W-4	12-4	9-12	0-0
New York	20	19	.513	6	6-4	L-1	9-9	11-10	0-0
Philadelphia	14	24	.368	11 1/2	5-5	L-1	7-11	7-13	0-0

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Pittsburgh	21	18	.538	—	6-4	W-2	9-9	12-9	0-0
Houston	21	19	.525	1/2	z-4-6	W-1	12-9	9-10	0-0
St. Louis	17	21	.447	3 1/2	z-5-5	W-1	11-8	6-13	0-0
Chicago	12	26	.316	8 1/2	5-5	W-1	6-10	6-16	0-0
Cincinnati	11	27	.289	9 1/2	2-8	L-5	5-10	6-17	0-0

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Francisco	23	14	.622	—	z-6-4	L-1	13-9	10-5	0-0
Los Angeles	22	15	.595	1	z-7-3	W-2	14-9	8-6	0-0
Colorado	22	16	.579	1 1/2	2-8	L-2	12-7	10-9	0-0
San Diego	14	23	.378	9	3-7	L-3	10-13	4-10	0-0

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 3
Kansas City 10, Detroit 9
N.Y. Yankees 8, Texas 2
Baltimore at Anaheim (n)
Milwaukee at Oakland (n)
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Cleveland (Hershiser 3-1) at Toronto (Clemens 6-0), 6:35 p.m.
Boston (Hammond 1-1) at Minnesota (Aldred 1-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 3-2) at Kansas City (Rosado 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 4-1) at Texas (Santana 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (McDonald 4-2) at Anaheim (Finley 0-3), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 6-1) at Seattle (Martinez 1-3), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Alvarez 2-4) at Oakland (Adams 2-4), 9:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
Chicago Cubs 8, San Diego 2
Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 3
Los Angeles 2, Cincinnati 1
Montreal 8, San Francisco 7
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
San Diego (Ashby 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Foster 3-3), 2:20 p.m.
Florida (Fernandez 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 4-3) at Philadelphia (Leiter 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 2-0) at Montreal (Bullinger 2-4), 6:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 2-1) at Cincinnati (Morgan 0-4), 6:35 p.m.
Colorado (Ritz 6-4) at N.Y. Mets (Clark 4-2), 6:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Al.Benes 3-4) at Atlanta (Smoltz 4-3), 6:40 p.m.

Late Boxes

ANGELS 6, ORIOLES 5

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
ByAdsn cf	5	1	3	1 Erstad 1b	4	2	2
RAlmr 2b	5	0	0	0 Edmnd cf	4	1	2
EDavis dh	4	0	0	0 Hollins 3b	4	0	0
RPmro 1b	4	2	2	0 Salmon rf	3	1	1
CRipkn 3b	4	1	2	2 GAndsn lf	4	1	2
Surhoff lf	4	1	2	1 EMrry dh	4	0	0
Hoiles c	4	0	1	1 Alicea 2b	2	0	0
Trasco rf	4	0	1	0 Fbrgas c	3	1	0
Bordick ss	1	0	0	0 DiScna ss	3	0	0
Incvgla ph	1	0	0	0			
Totals	**36**	**5**	**11**	**5 Totals**	**31**	**6**	**7**

Baltimore	**302**	**000**	**000**	**— 5**
Anaheim	**002**	**220**	**00x**	**— 6**

E—Hollins (10). DP—Anaheim 1. LOB—Baltimore 6, Anaheim 5. 2B—Surhoff (7), Edmonds (9). 3B—Tarasco (1). HR—ByAnderson (4), CRipken (8), Erstad (3), Edmonds (6), GAnderson (2). SB—EMurray (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
MiJohnson	4	4	4	4	1	1
Boskie L,1-2	1	1-3	3	2	1	0
Rhodes	2	0	0	0	1	2
BrWilliams	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Anaheim						
Hasegawa	3	8	5	4	1	1
DSprngr W,1-1	5	2-3	2	0	0	1
Holt

No. 6 Red Raiders open strong with romp over Mizzou

■ Texas Tech opens Big 12 baseball tournament with victory over Missouri.

By Owen Canfield
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Texas Tech played like the No. 1 seed Thursday, getting strong pitching from Jason Gooding and five RBIs from Jason Landreth to beat Missouri 12-2 in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

The Red Raiders (44-10) came in having lost four out of five, but were never threatened after scoring four in the first inning. They will play Friday against either Oklahoma or Texas A&M.

Missouri (30-26) will play an elimination game Friday against Baylor or Oklahoma State.

Texas Tech has been bothered by off-the-field problems in the past week, most notably their reporting last week that they had exceeded the financial limit on their baseball scholarships.

But the Red Raiders were relaxed and confident and it showed against Missouri. Landreth hit a three-run homer in the first to get Tech going, and finished the scoring with a two-run single in the eighth.

Josh Bard and Brandon Toro had three hits each for the Red Raiders, who had 15 altogether.

"We needed that," coach Larry Hays said. "Gooding was pretty good today. It was a good first game and something that this team needed."

Gooding gave up eight hits and struck out nine to raise his record to 11-0. He worked out of a jam in the second inning and again in the third, and took advantage of three double plays by his infield.



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Texas Tech pitcher Jason Gooding winds up during the first game of the Big 12 Championship Series against the Missouri Wildcats Thursday. Gooding had nine strikeouts as Tech defeated Missouri 12-2.

Hays said Gooding threw better than he had in the past couple of weeks when he had to pitch three times on just four days rest.

Missouri starter Jeremy Callier (3-3) lasted only 3 2/3 innings, allowing nine hits and seven runs, all of them earned.

Joe Dillon hit a two-run home run for Tech, his 29th of the year. Aaron Jaworowski had two hits for Missouri.

Guiel leads Oklahoma St. to win over Baylor

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma State roughed up Baylor's ace pitcher with a four-run first inning, then held on at the end to beat the Bears 11-8 Thursday in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

Jon Adkins (10-4) pitched seven solid innings and Jeff Guiel, brother of Midland Angel Aaron Guiel, had four hits as the Cowboys opened a seemingly comfortable 11-5 lead through seven innings before Baylor made things interesting in the ninth.

No. 2 seed Oklahoma State (42-15) advances to play Friday night against Texas A&M. Baylor (32-22) plays an elimination game Friday against Missouri, which lost its first-round game to Tech, 12-2.

"We don't like people to leave the ballpark," OSU coach Tom Holliday said of Baylor's late rally. "We have a couple guys in the bullpen who know how to throw wood on the fire."

The culprit this time was Elvin Nina, who came on in the ninth. After two were out, he gave up three straight RBI singles as Baylor pulled within 11-8.

With two runners on and the count 2-2 to Mark Cogdill, Nina was taken out and replaced by Marques Davis. Davis got Cogdill to ground out to end the game.

"We've blown leads like that 15 or 20 times this year," Holliday said. "Thank God we have Marques Davis. ... We have a guy who can get the last out and we had a guy on the mound that couldn't."



AP Laserphoto

Oklahoma State's Jeff Guiel (8) scores the winning run as he slides past Baylor catcher Chad Polk.

It didn't appear early on as though the Cowboys would need the relief help. They used three doubles to spark their four-run first against Kris Lambert (8-6), and they scored in each of the first four innings in taking an 8-1 lead.

Lambert lasted just 1 2-3 innings, allowing eight hits and five runs.

"As soon as we got past Lambert, I knew we had this ballgame won," Holliday said. "Lambert is a guy I have a lot of respect for."

Baylor used three hits and two walks — all after two were out — to score three times in the fifth inning, then made it 8-5 by adding one more in the sixth.

But Oklahoma State scored three of its own in the bottom of the sixth, thanks to three errors and three walks and just one hit.

Aggies pound 19 hits, run by Oklahoma

By Owen Canfield
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Texas A&M continued its strong play Thursday night, getting a complete game from Matt Blank and four RBIs from Matt Garrick to beat Oklahoma 11-3 in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

The third-seeded Aggies (39-18) won for the 23rd time in the past 29 games, and advanced to play No. 2 seed Oklahoma State on Friday night. OSU beat Baylor 11-8 earlier Thursday.

Oklahoma (35-18) will play top-seeded Texas Tech on Friday afternoon and must win to stay alive in the double-elimination tournament. Tech opened play with a 12-2 victory over Missouri.

Texas A&M had 19 hits, marking the seventh time in the past eight games the Aggies have had a double-digit hit total.

"I hope we didn't use it all tonight," coach Mark Johnson said. "Tonight was a good night for us. We found some holes and hit some long balls. We just had a lot of base hits."

Fourteen of them came against freshman Rick Park (6-2), who allowed 10 runs in four-plus innings.

"We just thought maybe he would get the ball down sooner or later and he didn't," OU coach Larry Cochell said of staying with Park so long. "We rolled the dice and they didn't come up our way."

Oklahoma took a 2-0 lead in the first inning, on an RBI single by Brian Shackelford and a balk. But the Aggies scored once in the second, then took control with a four-run third highlighted by a two-run double by Garrick.

Garrick hit a two-run homer in the fourth, and Steven Truitt had a three-run shot off Park in the fifth.

Johnny Hunter had four hits for the Aggies and Jason Tyner had three. Shackelford and Corey Hart had two each for the Sooners, who finished with seven as Blank (7-3) threw his sixth complete game of the season.

Oklahoma has lost three straight and has given up 17, 18 and 11 runs in those games.

Johnson said Oklahoma may have been tired from playing Saturday, Sunday and Monday against Oklahoma State.

"Obviously they got in their bullpen those last two games (against OSU). Probably we lucked out and didn't catch them all ready to go."

Sakic puts charge in Avalanche attack

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Joe Sakic put a charge into a game slowed by a power outage.

Sakic had a goal and an assist in the third period, and the Colorado Avalanche beat the Detroit Red Wings 2-1 Thursday night in the opener of the Western Conference finals that featured — surprise! — two well-behaved teams.

Patrick Roy stopped 34 shots as the Avalanche posted their 11th straight playoff victory at home. Roy has allowed only seven goals in Colorado's seven home playoff games this year, and extended his own record for career playoff victories to 95.

"Patty stood on his head and gave us a chance to win," said Mike Ricci, who scored the deciding goal at 6:13 of the third period.

Colorado was outshot 35-19, and the NHL's most effective power play went 0-for-5.

"I don't think we played our best game of the playoffs tonight," Roy said, "but we found a way to win."

Several sections of the ice surface became soft during the second period — the result of a power outage at McNichols Arena that occurred 30 minutes prior to the game and affected concession stands, restrooms and the press area throughout the game. The seating area was unaffected, except for temperatures that rose 13-15 degrees.

Thanks to restoration of one of two ice chillers that cool the surface, the ice was normal for the third period.

Sakic said the condition of the ice was not a factor.

Detroit's Brendan Shanahan broke a scoreless tie at 1:13 of the third period, taking a pass from behind the net by Martin Lapointe and scoring from the left circle. It was Shanahan's fifth goal of the playoffs.

Just 27 seconds later, however, Sakic countered. Eric Lacroix got the puck and, as he was being upended, passed it to Sakic in the left circle. Sakic beat Mike Vernon at 1:40 for his fifth goal of the postseason.

Colorado got the winner when Sakic brought the puck down the left side, passed to Claude Lemieux on the right side, and Lemieux found Ricci, who scored from the slot.

"Joey and Claude made great passes," Ricci said. "I just tapped it into the net."

Detroit pulled Vernon with 55 seconds left and had several chances, but the Avalanche survived the flurry.

"I'm proud of the way we played, but I'm not satisfied with the result," Detroit coach Scotty Bowman said. "I thought it was a typical first game of a series, with both teams feeling each other out."

Shanahan said the Wings "had a lapse there in the third period, and you can't have that against this team."

The first period featured nine penalties — five by Colorado — but none of the bloody skirmishes — including a battle between goalies Roy and Vernon — that marred the most recent meeting between the two rivals, on March 26 in Detroit. Referee Terry Gregson kept a tight rein on the action throughout.

Colorado had a two-man advantage midway through the first period but, despite sending passes across the crease several times, had no serious scoring chances.

Roy, who had 10 saves in the period, stopped Vyacheslav Fetisov on a hard shot from the right circle, and defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh prevented Kirk Maltby from scoring on the rebound.

Rogers gets win in old home, Yanks thump Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Cecil Fielder hit a three-run homer and Kenny Rogers settled down from a shaky first inning Thursday night as the New York Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 8-2 for their season-high fifth consecutive victory.

Rogers (3-1), who had been involved in three straight no-decisions, survived a two-run first inning. He lasted 6 1-3 innings and gave up nine hits.

Reliever Jeff Nelson bailed out Rogers in the seventh inning. Bill Ripken and Damon Buford singled with one out, but Nelson struck out Ivan Rodriguez and got Rusty Greer to ground out.

■ AL Roundup

Rookie Jose Alberro (0-1), starting because Ken Hill is on the disabled list, lasted only two-thirds of an inning.

After retiring the first two batters, he walked Bernie Williams and Tino Martinez and served up a first pitch homer to Fielder. Complaining of back spasms, Alberro was replaced by Matt Whiteside.

The Yankees have won 19 of their last 25 games and have won nine consecutive series.

White Sox 4, Mariners 3

SEATTLE — Chris Snopek hit a two-out, two-run double in the ninth inning after an intentional walk to Albert Belle, rallying the Chicago White Sox over Seattle.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his major league-leading 18th home run, helping Seattle take a 3-2 lead.

But Norm Charlton (2-2) relieved starter Jeff Fassero to begin the ninth, and Chicago came back.

Royals 10, Tigers 9

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Pinch-hitter Johnny Damon homered to lead off the ninth inning, then Mike Sweeney hit a two-run homer that lifted the Kansas City Royals over the Detroit Tigers.

Doug Brocail (0-4) relieved to start the ninth with a 9-7 lead, but the Royals needed only three batters to rally for their third straight win.

Damon began the comeback with a home run, and pinch-hitter Scott Cooper followed with a single. Sweeney won it with his second homer of the season.

Cubs down Padres; Montreal gets by Giants

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Frank Castillo pitched seven strong innings for his first victory since April 21 and the Chicago Cubs hit four triples — three in the same inning — to beat the San Diego Padres 8-2 Thursday.

With a game-time temperature of just 45 degrees and winds whipping up to 25 mph, Castillo (2-5) allowed just three hits.

Leading 3-2, the Cubs scored four runs in the seventh off Tim Scott as Brian McRae, Doug Glanville and Sammy Sosa all tripled. It was Chicago's first three-triple inning since 1981.

Expos 8, Giants 7

MONTREAL — Rondell White's two-run single broke an eighth inning tie to give lift Montreal.

The Giants had tied the game 6-all with a four-run seventh highlighted by Barry Bonds' two-run double. But White's two-run single off Julian Tavarez (0-1) made a winner of Anthony Telford (1-0), the fourth of six Expos pitchers.

■ NL Roundup

Dodgers 2, Reds 1

Cincinnati — Ismael Valdes scattered three hits over seven innings to get his first win since April 2.

Todd Zeile and Billy Ashley singled home runs to help Valdes (2-4) snap a streak of six starts without a win. The right-hander has been a victim of the Dodgers' weak offense, which has scored only 17 runs in his eight starts.

The Reds reached new depths with their fifth consecutive loss. At 11-27, they're off to their worst start since 1950, when they had an identical mark. The loss also dropped them a game behind the Chicago Cubs with the worst record in the major leagues.

Pirates 4, Rockies 3

PITTSBURGH — Kevin Elster and Al Martin awakened Pittsburgh's offense with sixth-inning homers, and Pittsburgh rallied over Colorado.

Francisco Cordova (3-3) settled down after giving up two unearned runs in the first and another run in the second, outdueling Roger Bailey (4-3) in a matchup of two of six NL starters with ERAs under 2.00.

Alou, Baker stick to guns on sign stealing

MONTREAL (AP) — Dusty Baker insists Montreal Expos' runners were tipping the location of pitches to their hitters.

Felipe Alou says the San Francisco Giants manager wasn't showing due respect to the Expos' hitters or batting coach Tommie Harper.

Neither manager relented Thursday in their war of words that began last week after the Expos won 10-3 and 19-3 at San Francisco.

Last week, Baker said he would spread word around the league that Expos' runners were stealing signs from the catcher on the type and location of pitches, suggesting teams might retaliate by knocking down Expos' hitters.

"You didn't see me calling up LA or San Diego or Colorado," answered Baker, adding he didn't want the Expos to have an advantage in in the NL wild-card race.

Alou denied the accusation and was upset that one minority manager would accuse another of cheating "in the year of Jackie Robinson's anniversary."

"I evoked the name of Jackie Robinson because, the same day, USA Today had a story about how there aren't enough minority people in baseball, from the front office to field level," Alou said. "One reason I stayed here is because the Montreal Expos don't look at the color of an individual."

"If anyone accuses our team of stealing signs after getting 19 runs and 26 hits, he's not telling the truth. If our hitting coach is black and we're getting all those hits and you accuse us of stealing signs, you're not giving credit to the venerable Tommie Harper."



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HALO: Angels on three-game winning streak

(From 1C)

season.

Most notably, the Angels who are leading the charge into this home stand are outfielder Aaron Guiel, first baseman Danny Buxbaum, catcher Bret Hemphill and pitcher Mike Bovee.

Buxbaum comes into the home stand with a league-leading .385 batting average. This despite having a little slump, well if you can call a .372 average on the road a slump. Buxbaum has proven to be the most reliable slugger on the squad, hitting safely in 21 out of the last 23 games with a .469 average.

Buxbaum will have some company in this five-game series against Arkansas, as far a league leaders is concerned. Four out of the top six hitters will be playing in the series. Three of them are Travelers. Aldo Pecorilli trails Buxbaum by 25 points with a .360 average; lead-off man Kerry Robinson is third in the league with .358; and Scarborough Green is sixth with a .352 average.

Guiel and Hemphill also contributed well on the road. Guiel did some damage against the Generals, especially in the last two games when he connected for two three-run home runs. Guiel finished off the road trip hitting .381 and driving in 15 runs, most from any other Angel other than Buxbaum's six. Guiel is on a five-game hit streak. Hemphill had some quiet success on the road, batting .323 on the trip.

Not all the highlights belonged to the Angels offensive side of the ball, the pitching staff, which is fifth in the league with a 4.81 ERA, held its own. Bovee got three of the Angels' five wins on the road trip which should come as no surprise since he was an 11-game winner for Wichita last season. Closer Mike Freehill, who had some early season trouble closing out games, got two saves on the road and currently leads the league with eight.

Along with several players standing out, the Angels' turnaround on the road from almost lethargic play to playing like league contenders comes from the team's attitude, according to Bob Hards, the radio voice of the Angels and director of media relations.

"I think that last game at Arkansas (a 6-3 loss) was a turning point and really a wake up call," Hards said. "On the bus to Jackson, sure they were disappointed with the loss, but they also were light-hearted. I like that about our team. They have a good sense of when they're not doing their job."

ANGEL SIDENOTES: Pitcher Matt Beaumont was sent down to Lake Elsinore during the road trip. The lefty has struggled and a hurt knee hasn't helped much either... Right-hander Rob Bonanno, who's been on the disabled list with tendinitis in his throwing elbow should be back sometime during the Arkansas series... Just how bad was the Angels' trip to Arkansas? Manager Mitch Seoane and designated hitter Derrick White got tossed for arguing calls, and pitcher Kurt Knudsen got ejected for throwing at the Travelers' Green. Seoane makes his return to the dugout tonight after serving a two-game suspension; Knudsen still has to sit out one more game; and White still has to serve his two-game suspension by the league.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Angels' first baseman Danny Buxbaum leads the Texas League in hitting and is one of the Angels hitting the ball at a torrid pace as the team opens a 10-game homestand today against Arkansas.

REBS: Best 2-of-3 series starts today

(From 1C)

It might help the Rebels that they are finally getting to play a playoff game at home for the first time in seven games. What they need to overcome is whatever it is which has caused them to open each series showing less than their best face.

In both Game one losses, the Rebels gave up five-run innings from which they never recovered. Amarillo High knocked starter Aaron Erdwurm out of the game en route to a five-run fourth inning which was the impetus for an 11-5 victory over Lee. In the second inning against El Paso Socorro, Mike Hale couldn't locate the strike zone, walking four of the first five batters to start the inning and earning a ticket to the showers as he gave up five runs and the Rebels lost 6-1.

"A lot of (the game one troubles) has to do with the way the team starts out pitching," Benavidez said. "When we start out like that, the team kind of starts flat and that's the way the offense ends up.

"Maybe we got this out of our system and we can win the first game."

A solid starting pitching performance would go a long way in that direction, yet Benavidez is coy about who will receive the call today. He did give some clues as to who might not go out, though.

"It's one of those situations where maybe you have to try something different because they've seen Hale twice," Benavidez said.

The first time Abilene High saw Hale was in Abilene, when the Eagles beat Lee 3-0. That was one of two games this season where Hale threw well enough to win but the Rebel bats didn't respond with any runs. Left-hander Josh Duwe pitched the first district shutout of the season against Lee.

When the two teams met in Midland in the second game, though, neither Hale nor Duwe had the same results. Hale couldn't make it out of the third inning while the Rebels knocked Duwe out in the fifth. Both aces getting knocked out of the game only scratched the surface of what would transpire, as Abilene High rallied for eight runs in the top of the seventh to take the lead and held on to win 13-12.

Hale, Erdwurm and John Purves all pitched in that game for the Rebels, and none of them particularly distinguished themselves. In the playoffs, Purves has had the hot hand and his 1-0 win over Socorro in Game two was the clutch pitching performance of the season for the Rebels. It also gives the Eagles something extra to think about.

"We've been getting ready for all those guys and whoever they throw at us I wouldn't be shocked," said Abilene coach Jim Reese, who said he is leaning toward starting Duwe today but won't say for certain.

For better or worse, the Rebels haven't had to do much scouting of Abilene High the way they did for their first two playoff opponents. Regardless of what starting pitcher each team trots out there doesn't figure to be many secrets between the two teams. More incentive might ride with the Rebels, who haven't forgotten that 10-5 lead they blew the last time they played AHS.

"It sticks in the back of your mind," Benavidez said. "The kids won't take a one or two run lead lightly."

The Rebels are more playoff tested at this point of the season than Abilene High, which swept its best-of-three series with El Paso Bel Air to advance. Since losing to the Eagles, Lee has faced several must-win situations and come through every time.

"We haven't won a lot of games but we've come together as a team," said senior centerfielder David Smith, who leads the Rebels with a .348 playoff batting average and was also a starter on last year's playoff team. "We realize that the playoffs is a totally different season. We know if we lose it's over."

But only if the Rebels lose twice. Amarillo High beat them once, and now its season is over. Same goes for Socorro.

It would look like a huge advantage for Abilene High if it beats the Rebels on its own turf again Friday. But Reese won't make too much of it.

"If we happen to win Friday I think our guys know it's a long way from being over," Reese said.

5A Regional Quarterfinals

Midland Lee (16-13-1) vs. Abilene High (23-4) — Best-of-three series: Game 1, 4:30 p.m. Friday at Ernie Johnson Field; Game 2, 1 p.m. Saturday at Abilene High; Game 3 following if necessary.

Irving Nimitz (16-13) vs. Duncanville (30-2) — One-game playoff: 7:30 p.m. Friday at UT Arlington.

Lubbock Monterey (26-4) vs. El Paso Franklin (21-7) — Best-of-three series: Game 1, 5 p.m. Friday at Franklin; Game 2, 1 p.m. Saturday at Franklin; Game 3 following if necessary.

Mansfield (21-9) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (17-9) — Best-of-three series: Game 1, 7 p.m. Friday at Marcus; Game 2, 1 p.m. Saturday at Mansfield; Game 3 following if necessary.

Andrews starts run at UIL softball tournament

AUSTIN (AP) — The Andrews Lady Mustangs have two more games to go to win the Permian Basin's first state softball title.

Coach Eddie Bane's team (20-5 overall) will play Cedar Hill (22-9) today in a Class 4A semifinal at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex.

Andrews is the second Permian Basin team to make it to the tournament. In 1995, the Midland Lee Lady Rebels advance to Austin before being knocked out in the semifinals.

Four teams in Austin have already won a state title in the short history of high school softball in Texas.

The fifth annual University Interscholastic League state softball championships begins with semifinals Friday.

Defending 2A champion Blooming Grove is joined by other return winners 2A Hawley (1995), 3A Mount Vernon (1994) and 5A Pasadena Dobie (1995, 1993).

Semifinal matchups are:

—Class 2A: Grand Saline (18-2) vs. Blooming Grove (22-9-1); and Hawley (30-1-1) vs. Shiner (21-3).

—Class 3A: Mount Vernon (19-4) vs. Breckenridge (17-6); Pollok Central (24-6) vs. Bellville (20-7).

—Class 4A: Beeville Jones (20-6) vs. La Marque (23-8-1); Andrews (20-5) vs. Cedar Hill (22-9).

—Class 5A: Richardson Berkner (29-3) vs. Pasadena Dobie (15-13); Keller (31-6) vs. San Antonio Holmes (19-4).

Woman pitcher begins minor league workouts

By Ron Lesko
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Ila Borders was nervous and cold. And quiet.

The best thing about the first day of training camp for Borders was that it ended.

Trying to become the first woman to pitch in a regular-season minor league game, Borders was swarmed by reporters, bothered by unseasonably cold weather and largely left alone by her would-be teammates as the St. Paul Saints began preseason workouts Thursday.

"Here I am coming in with a tryout and the media is all around, that's kind of a tough situation," Borders said. "But I'm just going to try to play baseball and earn (other players') respect. That's all I can do."

A left-handed pitcher, Borders comes to the independent league Saints after a four-year college career, the first three at Southern California College and the last at Whittier College in her hometown outside Los Angeles.

If she makes the team, it is believed she would be the second woman to play in a regular-season minor league game. Outfielder Kendra Hanes played sparingly for the now-defunct Kentucky Rifles of the independent Frontier League in 1994.

Upbeat and talkative in interviews since her tryout was announced last week, Borders admitted she was nervous and seemed edgy Thursday. The Saints have earned an offbeat reputation with moves like giving a tryout to a man with no legs last year, and Borders' tryout has been perceived by some as another publicity stunt.

Among the players signed by the Saints in the past were former major league All-Stars Darryl Strawberry and Jack Morris.

Borders already has turned down an offer to appear on David Letterman's late-night show if she makes the team.

"The only reason it would be a sideshow is if I make it into one," Borders said.

Borders mingled little with the rest of the Saints on the first day of workouts. She dressed alone in the visitor's clubhouse, and sat apart from the rest of the players until she was scooped up for about 45 minutes of interviews by a large media contingent that included a Japanese television crew.

Aside from a handful of players who introduced themselves, Borders' main interaction with the rest of the team was a lengthy conversation with manager Marty Scott in right field during batting practice.

"If she has the ability and wants to give it a shot, she deserves a shot," pitcher Ernie Peterman said. "We'll see what she can do. She's got enough guts to come out here, you've got to give her credit for that."

A starter in college, Borders will be a reliever if she makes the team. She went through routine fielding drills and took her turn throwing in the bullpen for about 10 minutes Thursday.

At 5-foot-9 and 130 pounds, her fastball (clocked in the past around 80 mph) lacked the velocity of the other pitchers. But most of her pitches had good movement and Scott said it was an encouraging start.

Borders was less pleased.

"I'm a perfectionist," she said. "I expect to improve 100 percent by tomorrow."

Saints president Mike Veeck has admitted he gave Borders a chance in part to pique interest in his already-popular team.

FUTURE: Center ponders 1997 plans

(From 1C)

not sitting right here."

Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said that he expects Donaldson to play again, but that because of the player's age and experience, he probably will not make a final decision until later in the off-season. The Cowboys have tentatively scheduled July 18 as the starting date for training camp in Austin.

Second-year player Clay Shiver said yesterday that he and John Flannery have been told by offensive line coach Hudson Houck to prepare during the off-season as if they are going to start.

The Cowboys selected Shiver in the second round in 1996. The former Florida State center is slightly undersized at 6-foot-1, 285 pounds.

Flannery, meanwhile, signed a free-agent contract with the team in October. He is rehabilitating a knee injury that kept him off the field last season and in 1995. A 1991 all-NFL rookie team selection with the Oilers, Flannery was a standout center at Syracuse but has played mostly guard as a professional.

When Donaldson broke his leg in November 1995, he was replaced by Derek Kennard in the Cowboys' starting lineup. The team re-signed Kennard in December 1996 to provide backup offensive line help. Kennard has said he plans to retire.

Jones indicated that the Cowboys will rely on Shiver or Flannery if Donaldson chooses to quit.

"We just think that if for some reason, Ray decided that he didn't want to play, that the alternatives are right here," Jones said.

Donaldson's status was also uncertain before last season. He was coming off surgery to repair a broken ankle and did not begin to practice with the team until August. He started all 16 regular-season games and both playoff games and was chosen to the Pro Bowl for the sixth time in his career and his second consecutive season with the Cowboys.

"I don't think we're any more unsure than we've been since we've signed him," Jones said. "When we signed him his first year, we didn't know how long that was going to be at the time. He is a guy that's been around a long time, so it's always been year to year with Ray."

TRADE: Salary should affect any deal

(From 1C)

prorates the bonus over the life of the contract. Irvin's bonus costs the Cowboys $900,000 a season. When a player is traded, any remaining prorated signing bonus immediately counts against the cap. In Irvin's case, that would be $2.7 million.

Irvin was suspended for the first five games of last season after pleading no contest to a cocaine possession charge on July 15. He received four years probation, a $10,000 fine and was ordered to perform 800 hours of community service. Any violation of his probation could mean a prison sentence of up to 20 years.

His probation also could cause a problem for a team that would trade for the five-time Pro Bowl pick. He must get permission from the court to travel outside of Dallas County and notify his probation officer of any changes in his address or employer.

Irvin also was the target of an alleged murder-for-hire plot involving a Dallas police officer last fall, and was alleged to have held a gun to the head of a 23-year-old woman while teammate Erik Williams and another man raped her on Dec. 29. The woman recanted her story on Jan. 10 and was charged by Dallas police with filing a false report.

Irvin was especially critical of the attention the media paid to the incident.

He caught a team-high 64 passes for 962 yards with two touchdowns last season. Irvin also caught one pass for 22 yards before breaking his right collarbone in the Cowboys' 26-17 loss to the Carolina Panthers in an NFC Divisional Playoff game on Jan. 5.

The Cowboys' first-round selection in 1988 out of the University of Miami has caught 591 passes for 9,500 yards and 52 touchdowns in 123 games as a pro.

TENTH IN A SERIES

Dear Diary: 17,933 Nautical Miles Down, 7,827 to Go

MAY 2: For the third time, the Albatross tried to leave Calcutta. And didn't. Meanwhile, Finch landed in Bangkok. The trip's photographers decided to take a commercial flight to Singapore.

MAY 3: Finch flew over Malaysia on her way to Singapore. She landed at the Seletar airport, and taxied by an adjacent golf course. The golfers didn't take their eyes off the ball as the 62-year-old Electra passed. The photographers arrived in Singapore, ahead of Finch and the Albatross crew.

MAY 4: The Albatross finally took off, after three days of testing, swapping engine parts and comparing notes with local mechanics More problems ensued. Officials wanted proof that their permit to fly over Burma had been updated. It had. Then they insisted that they fly to Chiang Mai rather than Bangkok. They relented. The engine started on the second try, and the Albatross took off.

MAY 5: In Singapore, Finch visited a Chinese "theme park." One attraction was the "courts of hell" that one endures, according to one's sins in life. Parents bring children here to show them their fate for straying from the proper path in life.

MAY 6: Finch took off from Singapore and landed four hours later in Jakarta. The Albatross remained for one more day.

MAY 7: Finch flew to Surabaya from Jakarta, and the rest arrived from Singapore.

On the way to Surabaya, they flew over forest-covered islands, fishing boats, tankers, and aqua-green reefs. Finch chatted with local officials about the rainy season (it's over) and Indonesian agriculture (rice is the main crop).

MAY 8: Take off was delayed by rain, but there were no engine problems. So they headed across the Timor Sea to Darwin, Australia. At the airport, Finch accepted flowers from a girl named after Amelia Earhart. When asked how it felt to be two-thirds through the trip. Finch said, "I feel like I'm on my way home."

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Davies true to form at LPGA

By MARK BLAUDSCHUN
The Boston Globe

WILMINGTON, Del. — Usually, Laura Davies waits until at least Sunday morning before making it clear to everyone that the LPGA Championship is hers to lose.

By then the rest of the field has made its run on the long and challenging DuPont Country Club course, and Davies slides comfortably into the winner's role.

Which is why what happened here Thursday on a sunny and warm day — a rarity for this tournament — was so ominious.

At first it looked like just another normal first round. Mitzi Edge, Kim Saiki and Sherri Steinhauer all made appearances on top of the leaderboard. Edge was at 6 under par through 10 holes before doing a quick fade to a respectable 2-under-par 69.

Davies, who has wins here three of the last four years in what some LPGA observers jokingly said should be called the "Laura Davies Invitational," was moving along, making neither bogies nor birdies.

Through the first eight holes, Davies wasn't even on the leaderboard. But when the first round was over, the once and probable future champion had found her game, going 4 under on the final 10 to card a 67, good enough for a one-stroke lead over Saiki, Barb Mucha, Chris Johnson, and Steinhauer and two shots better than six others.

And this was on a day when much of DuPont's monstrous length of 6,386 yards was offset by dry fairways, negating some of Davies's driving advantage.

"There's certain stops that I really look forward to," said the British golfer, who has started the season rather slowly with only one tournament win and no other Top 10 finishes on the US tour. "I'd say this is the No. 1 stop for me."

Since Davies played in 20 events last year and earned $927,302 for four victories and 14 top 10 finishes, that means there are more than a few stops she enjoys.

"I'm comfortable on this golf course," said Davies, who has had three firsts and one second in her visits here. "Something good has happened to me on almost every hole of this golf course. It's difficult not to be happy."

Which she was after the par-5, 528-yard 11th hole, when she pulled her drive so far left that she landed in a fairway bunker on the 16th hole.

No problem, said Davies, as she blasted out of the bunker down the 16th fairway and then hit a wedge to the green, making her up and down to save par.

Davies overpowered the course, using eight wedges on her second shots on each par 4.

Using a new putter, Davies had tap-ins for pars and birdies. "I've been playing well," she argued. "I just haven't been making my putts."

That and the fact that at the point in the tournament when Davies is generally gathering her game, she already had it in championship form.

Now all she needs is a little rain — which was in the forecast last night — to put some of the length back on the course. "I'm going to be up on the roof tonight doing a rain dance," she said.

LPGA NOTES: Steinhauer had an opportunity to match Davies's 67 but three-putted the 18th hole, putting her a shot back. Steinhauer still had a phenomenal round, eagling the 498-yard par-5 ninth with an approach shot that hit 10 feet in front of the pin and bounced into the hole. Dottie Pepper, playing two groups behind, duplicated the feat 10 minutes later ... The field will be cut to the low 70s after Friday's second round ... Pat Hurst had the most bizarre round of the day with eight birdies and one triple-bogey for a 69.

TIGER: Weather holds up first round

(From 1C)

tion on No. 1. "I had the jitterbugs. It was nice to feel that again. I just wanted to shoot something under par."

That he did — and more — thrilling the record gallery by rolling in a 15-foot putt on No. 1 to birdie his first hole back on tour and then adding consecutive birdies on Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 to turn the front nine at 5-under-par 30.

"I just wanted to get off to a good start," he said. "And obviously I did.'

Woods got to 6-under with a birdie on No. 10, made consecutive bogeys on Nos. 11 and 12 when he had bunker trouble, but birdied No. 16 and ended with a birdie on No. 18 to share second place with Dudley Hart and Paul Stankowski.

Tom Watson, Lee Rinker, Eric Johnson, Kevin Sutherland and Chris Perry were knotted at 65. Defending champion Phil Mickelson, Nick Faldo and Justin Leonard were in a bunch at 66.

Five of Woods' birdies came on putts of 6 feet or less as he showed wonderful distance control for a player who had been away from competition for so long.

"I had a lot more feel than I thought I would today," Woods said. "I think that shows that my swing is in a better spot than it has been."

Furyk, who played the Cottonwood course and was returning from a break of his own, went out in 30 and birdied the final hole for his 63.

"I just had a couple of weeks off," Furyk said. "I jumped right in there and hit my irons well, chipped well and putted well — all things I had been working on."

Unlike Woods, who played before a massive gallery, Furyk said he had "about 10 people" following him.

There was electricity in the air when Woods returned, the crackle of lightning that stopped play for 3 hours and 40 minutes before he teed off.

But the highly charged atmosphere was as much from Woods' eagerly awaited return as it was from the overly excited ions snapping in the area.

And the 21-year-old sensation did not disappoint.

Not teeing off until 3:30 p.m. CDT, Woods raced the sun and managed to finish before darkness fell. Because both the TPC course and the Cottonwood layout were in use for the first two rounds, only three players were stranded by darnkess despite the lengthy delay.

Woods' return ended a stretch of rest and relaxation since he won the Masters by a record 12 strokes in April. He skipped four consecutive tour events but now will likely play three weeks in a row and then skip a week as he gets ready for his next major challenge, the U.S. Open outside Washington D.C. in June.

"Each round I'll get better and better with my mental state," Woods said before a shaky 74 in Wednesday's pro-am. "It took me about a round to get my focus and my intensity," he said about the last time he returned from a break this lengthy.

This return, though delayed by the elements on Thursday, seemed to be progressing just as Woods planned.

DIVOTS: Woods has the second-longest streak of consecutive cuts made on the PGA Tour with 17 dating to his miss at the Masters last year. Mark O'Meara also has made 17 straight cuts. Vijay Singh, who is not playing the Nelson, has the longest active streak at 35. The record is 113 by Byron Nelson in the 1940s. ... Play was suspended by lightning in the area at 9:21 a.m. and resumed at 1 p.m. ... Ben Crenshaw, from Austin, was a big hit with the Texas fans, drawing a huge roar when he was announced on the first tee and one yell of, "Forget Tiger Woods." Crenshaw responded by giving the University of Texas hook 'em horns sign as he walked down the fairway. ... Johnson was the first alternate and didn't find out until 7:45 a.m. that Todd Dempsey had dropped out with a bad back. Johnson then shot his best round on the PGA Tour. ... Mark Calcavecchia and Sandy Lyle had their wives caddying for them.

STEWART DOREEN

Junior golf priority for High School success

More Sports/2D

Want to send another Midland golf team to state? Better start them young.

Last week, the products of successful junior programs from around the state went to Austin to see who the best was. And as San Antonio Churchill proved by carrying off the state title hardware, the best way to win a title is by starting them early.

Congratulations have to go to Phyllis Sutton's Lee girls golf team after its fourth-place finish at Austin. Their finish is proof of what kind of talent they have and shows how much room there is to improve in this area. Of the two all-region seniors, only Kelly Feavel has experience beyond the high school age. Sandy Talley, who is likely to sign a college scholarship later this spring, didn't get her start until her sophomore season, leaving no doubt that her best is still yet to come.

Ideally, junior golf programs should prepare the player for high school and beyond with the right combination of practice time and tournament play. Both will improve the player's game and also gives them knowledge of what big competions like the state tournament are like, after they've played golfers from other parts of the state.

In Andrews, the junior highs have teams to feed golfers into the high school. Its effects could be seen as freshman Brad Gibson won the Region I-4A title and made the trip to Austin. For the Lady Rebs, freshman Amy Roach took advantage of the newly installed freshman eligibility rule to make the team and have a big impact. But there must be more. Sutton admits that the day of starting kids out as sophomores are over. The competition is just to good.

A good sign for the Midland teams are that the numbers are going up, especially on the boys' side, but for more teams to get to state and have realistic chances against golf factories like Churchill, getting kids started right away is a must.

Golf Schedule

Midland Country Club
May 15-17 Midland Country Club Invitational
June 5-8 Texas State Amateur

Green Tree
May 17 MCA One Day
May 19 West Texas Superintendents
May 21 LGA Permian Basin Basin Play Day

Hogan Park
May 18 2-person scramble

Big Spring Country Club
May 17-18 Men's 2-man low ball

Martin County Country Club
May 17-18 3-Person Scramble,
May 31-June 1 Parent-Child Tournament

Ratliff Ranch
May 18 Two-person (6 hole scramble, 6 hole best ball, 6 hole alternate shot)

This summer, young hackers will have plenty of golf development programs around the area to choose from. Hogan Park's week-long program (June 9-17) will be great for those wanting to get into the game or trying to develop into a solid junior golfer. The cost is $65 dollars. For the junior golfer ready to master all aspects of the junior golf scene from the grip to course management, there is Green Tree's summer-long program, which is open to the all junior golfers.

Ranchland and Midland Country Clubs also offer three-day clinics at different times during the summer to help fine-tune particulars in a junior golfers swing.

The high school programs around Midland and West Texas have something to shoot for every year — the state tournament. Continuing to develop their junior programs will help them get there.

LEGS: For those ladies looking to get in a few holes after a stressful day of work, Hogan Park has the thing for you —The Ladies Evening Golf Society (LEGS).

LEGS is currently up to 30 members or regulars, who take the time at the end of the day to get their golf in. It is an advantageous situation for someone who can't play in the mornings and would like a group to play with.

"It has gone above expectations and I anticipate it growing," Hogan Park professional Price Courter said.

The society plays nine holes a week and one tournament a month. Registration is weekly by calling or faxing names to Hogan Park Golf Shop by 6 p.m. Wednesday.

HOLUB HOSTS TOURNAMENT: E.J. Holub, a former Texas Tech all-American and Kansas City Chief, and the West Texas Expo Center Board are hosting the **Spikes and Spurs Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament** at Green Tree Country Club June 1-2 with tee time at 8 a.m.. The four-man scramble, which pairs three players with a celebrity, benefits the Expo Center and the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center. Some of the celebrities expected to attend are Lamar Hunt, Hank Stram, Bum Phillips, Kathy Whitworth, Spike Dykes, Walt Garrison and Mike Singletary. Entry fee, which includes a reception, breakfast and lunch, is $200 per player by May 23. For more information, call the West Texas Expo Center at 682-6405 or Nancy Swallow at the Chamber of Commerce at 683-3381...

Matthews, Stark lead at NFL Classic

Associated Press

CLIFTON, N.J. — Carolina Panthers punter Rohn Stark shot a 4-over-par 76 Thursday and moved into a tie for first with opening-round leader Shane Matthews after 36 holes of the players portion of the Cadillac NFL Classic.

Matthews, a free agent quarterback who last played with the Chicago Bears, had a 79 in the second round for a 5-over 149 total as 26 players from the field of 56 advanced.

Four-time defending champion Al Del Greco of the Oilers and Buffalo Bills quarterback Billy Joe Hobart were tied for third at 154.

Scoring will start over Friday and the low 12 will advance to Saturday's championship round, where the low score that day wins.

"It was one of those days," Matthews said. "I knew I had made the cut and I wasn't concentrating."

Matthews had five bogeys and a double-bogey in his round at the 6,816-yard Upper Montclair Country Club. He has made it past the opening two rounds in each of his two previous appearances here, but he never reached the final round.

Stark had two birdies, four bogeys and a double-bogey in the day's low round.

"There are four or five guys who have a good chance to win," Stark said. "Guys like Matthews, Del Greco and (Baltimore tight end Brian) Kinchen. Anyone can shoot par on any given day."

Miami Dolphis quarterback Dan Marino was fifth at 155, but he is not expected to play Friday because of a prior commitment.

Roger Chapman shoots 66 in English Open

WARE, England — Roger Chapman of England, six times a runnerup on the European tour but never a winner, took the first-round lead in the English Open with a 6-under-par 66 Thursday.

One stroke behind him was Germany's Thomas Gogele.

Nine players were tied for second two strokes back. They were Carl Suneson and Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain, Swedes Mats Hallberg and Dennis Edlund, Stephen Ames of Trinidad and Tobago, Englishmen Brian Davis, Gary Emerson, Paul Lawrie and Steve Webster.

LOCAL SPORTS

Gulley, Starks lead Invitational

Bill Gulley and David Starks from Green Tree Country Club shot a 6-under par 66 Thursday to lead after the first round of the 54-hole Men's Invitational at Midland Country Club.

Dub Huckabee and Ron Huckabee, the defending champions, were one stroke back at 67.

The low-ball tournament resumes at 8:45 a.m. Friday and concludes Saturday.

Here are complete results for the Championship Flight and President's Flight and top six for all other flights:

Championship Flight: 1, David Starks and Bill Gulley, 66; 2, Dub Huckabee and Ron Huckabee, 67; 3, Mac McGee and Phillip Karper, 68; 4 (tie), David Dickerson and Conway Jordan, 69; Jeff Dillard and John Warren, 69; Alan White and Bill Baker, 69; Tim Kohn and Rick Gasser, 69; 8 (tie), Harry M. Bettis and Kelly Cox, 70; Kirk Branum and Vince Vines, 70; Steve Cole and Everett Coon, 70; 11 (tie), Michael Guss and Doug Noah, 71; Jeff Morton and Mike Johnson, 71; Tim Hamilton and Marc Beale, 71; Barry Levin and Merrell Spence, 71;

President's Flight: 1 (tie), Marshall Morgan and Steve Thompson, 72; David Griffin and Charles Ray, 72; Jim Adams and David Johnson, 72; Kyle Rowland and Randy Waterhouse, 72; Larry Snyder and Larry Schultz, 72; Burl Fuller and Chris Hale, 72; 7 (tie), Randy Geiselman and William H. Munn, 73; Eric Griffin and Trey Womack, 73; Dennis Sledge and Cole Mitchell, 73; 10 (tie), Pat Weaver and John Staub, 74; Jim Goates and Larry Hensley, 74; Lane Nutt and Dan Desilets, 74; 13, Glen Ellis Jr. and Jim Hodge, 75; 14, Mark Branum and Jim Cauthen, 76.

First Flight: 1, Hal Rasmussen and Hayden Fleming, 69; 2 (tie), Raymond Eaves and Ron Moran, 71; Eddy Ohlenburg and Richard Salmon, 71; David Logan and Bill Kerr, 71; James Gilbert and Ron Ainsworth, 71; 6 (tie), Dana Engelstad and Herschel O'Kelley, 73; Scott Peterson and Bennett Robb, 73; John Young and Pete Carter, 73.

Second Flight: 1, Paul Page and Robert Canon, 70; 2, Rodney Satterwhite and Bill Franklin, 72; 3, Bob Brown and Buddy Gerber, 73; 4 (tie), Ken Carter and Tom Albrech , 74; Darren Seglem and Don Hembree, 74; 6 (tie), Buddy Gieb and Mark Hardwick, 75; Steve Harper and Rick Osborne, 75.

Third Flight: 1, Richard Minnix and Greg Pitts, 71; 2 (tie), Miles Nelson and Stacy Trotter, 72; Bob Wiggins and Mike Braun, 72; Ben Hankins and Gerald Ashbrook, 72; Jim Crowder and Harry Graham, 72; 6 (tie), Bob Glast and Eddie Dickerson, 73; Jim Brimer and Stephen McKeller, 73.

Fourth Flight: 1, Van Pearcy and Dan Wilkins, 72; 2, James Davis and Gary Veazy, 73; 3 (tie), Gary Shumskie and Gary Lamb, 74; Sandy Beach and Carl Beach, 74; 5, Curtis Guss and Les Opperman, 75; 6, Bill Averitt and Dennis Rambo, 76.

Fifth Flight: 1, David D. Kalish and Frand McCabe, 74; 2 (tie), John Kuykendall and Marvin Herd, 78; Brett Smith and Mike Grimm, 78; Al Langford and Al Langford Jr., 78; 5 (tie), David Essex and Bill Clelland, 79; Scot Northern and Craig Aldridge, 79.

Sixth Flight: 1, Paul Lucas and Robb Porter, 79; 2 (tie), Glenn Ellis and Tom Garber, 80; Bill Wilson and John Wilson, 80; Hal Brockett and Mike O'Brien, 80; 5, Charles Koch and Will Hill, 82; 6 (tie), R.H. Bo Williamson and Roger Williamson, 83; Mark Martin and Gerald Pitts, 83.

MHS grad wins NAIA honors

KERRVILLE — Schreiner College soccer player Alejandro Lerma, a graduate of Midland High, was honored as a 1996 All-America Soccer Scholar-Athlete by the NAIA. Lerma, a business major who lettered in soccer, had a grade-point average of more than 3.50 to earn the honor.

Green Tree Ladies Golf

Lettia Collins defeated Shirley Newman 3 and 2 to win the championship flight of the 3-Day Match Play Tournament held by the Green Tree Country Club Ladies Golf Association. Here are the final results from each flight.

Championship Flight: Lettia Collins def. Shirley Newman, 3 and 2. **Consolation:** Dede Plank def. Mary Brown, 3 and 2.
First Flight: Nancy Fowler def. Kathy Cowan, 3 and 2. **Consolation:** Jean Elkin def. Marge Bassett, 1 up.
Second Flight: Doris Schultz def. Frankye Johnson, 2 and 1. **Consolation:** Kathy L. Thompson def. Bernice Varner, 1 up.
Third Flight: Katie Heck def. Kathy Thompson, 2 up. **Consolation:** Marilynn Philpy def. Sharon Brose, 2 and 1.
Fourth Flight: Anelle Mack def. Bobi Lloyd, 4 and 3. **Consolation:** Jan Brown def. Jean Gray, 4 and 2.
Winners of 9 hole Stroke Play: 1st Gross: Trina Albright 40; **1st Net:** Ann Irelan 34; **2nd Net:** Betty Williams 37.

Results from TAM junior

Here are results from the second annual Tennis Association of Midland Junior Circuit Tournament held this past weekend.

Boys

16 singles: Championship: Adam Carson def. Trent Broach 6-0, 6-2. Consolation: Miguel Bustilloz def. Andrew Crump 6-1, 6-1. **16 doubles:** 1, Gilmour-Gist. **14 singles:** 1, Joel Morgan; 2, Josh Powell. **14 doubles:** 1, Morgan-Powell. **12 singles:** Championship: Andy Cariens def. Ryan Leeton 6-3, 6-2. Consolation: Kirk Logan def. Tito West 7-6, 6-1. **12 doubles:** Championship: Davis-Leeton def. Cariens-Schlandt 2-6, 7-5, 6-2. Consolation: Foster-West def. Davis-Woodside 7-6, 6-4. **10 singles:** 1, Wright Womack; 2, Luke West.

Girls

18 singles: 1, Dana Giles; 2, Christy Mares. **18 doubles:** 1, Giles-Mares. **16 singles:** Championship: K.C. Beal def. Diana Prieto 6-3, 5-7, 6-7. Consolation: Elizabeth Webb def. Jennifer Kupper 6-2, 6-2. **16 doubles:** Championship: 1, Whitten-Wiggins; 2, Kerr-Vasicek. Consolation: 1, Monroe-Rendell. **14 singles:** Championship: Jenny Masten def. Katy Cariens 7-5, 6-2. Consolation: April Smith def. Christen Aldredge 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. **12 singles:** Championship: Bonnie O'Brien def. Stacy Moore 6-2, 6-2. Consolation: Alex Langford def. Ashley Vasicek 5-7, 7-6, 7-5. **12 doubles:** O'Brien-Vasicek def. Caprara-Prieto 6-3, 7-6. **10 singles:** 1, Claire Logan; 2, Larissa Morales.

Ranchland Hills Ladies Tourney

Emily Goodfellow took first place in the Ranchland Hills Country Club Ladies Handicap Tourney. Here are the results.

1. Emily Goodfellow; 2. Pebbie Corbell; 3. Maurine Phillips; 4. Betty Clarke; 5. Elaine Hicks; Low Gross — Jo Dickson.

Rangers honors own at banquet

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Spring Sports Banquet was held Monday and several Ranger basketball players were recognized. Most Valuable Player was given to sophomore David Upton; Most Improved — Brandon Curry; Best Offensive — Neil Boecking; Best Defensive — Brandon Hunnicutt; Mr. Hustle — Andrew Wootan.

Lee award addition

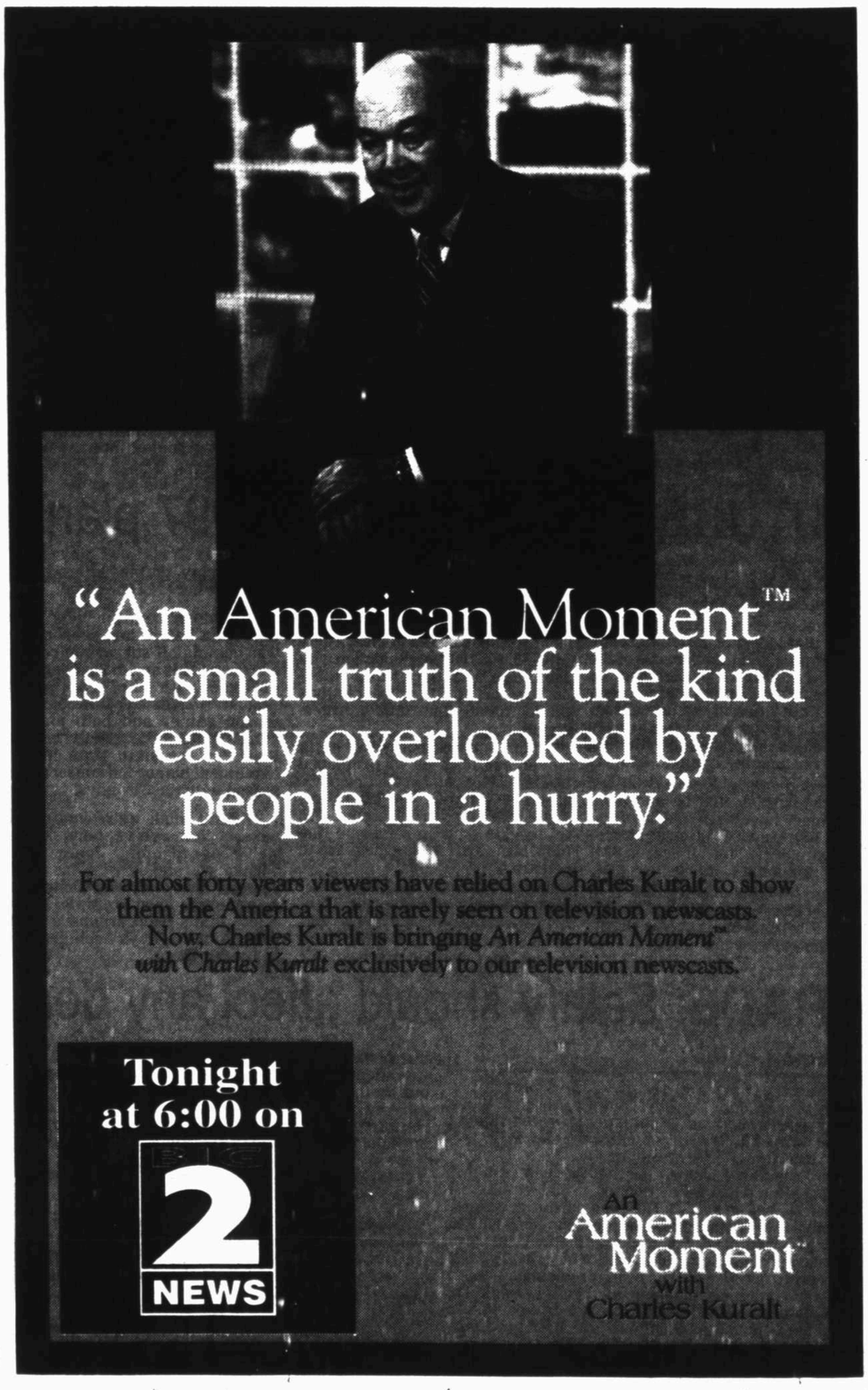
An addition has been made to the awards presented Wednesday night at the Midland Lee Sports Banquet. The U.S. Army award presented to the highest ranking student/athlete will be presented to Curt Kieffer, who was a three-sport letterman participating in varsity team tennis, varsity spring tennis and the varsity swim team. He placed second in district and qualified for the regional meet in the 100 back. Kieffer is also ranked third in the senior class at Lee and will continue his dual-sport career next year at Trinity University. The administration and coaching staff at Lee would like to express sincere apology for the oversight of this award.

Howard women sign 3 from L.A.

BIG SPRING — The Howard College women's basketball team signed a trio of players from Crenshaw High in Los Angeles for next season's team.

Howard signed Danielle Rainey, Jovanae St. Cyr and Kisha Shephard, al of whom were major contributors to Crenshaw, traditionally a basketball powerhouse. Rainey has the best credentials of the trio, having averaged 18 points a game while being named to the all-state team.

Last season, Crenshaw finished 26-4 while reaching the California state championship game.



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Prices dip

NEW YORK — Oil futures prices dipped slightly Thursday amid mixed signs on future supplies.

Crude oil for delivery in June settled at $21.30 per barrel, down 9 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Unleaded gasoline for delivery in June settled at 64.04 cents a gallon, down 34 cents.

Prices fell after Tosco said its out-of-service Trainer, Pa., refinery would begin producing again. But they then rose following reports of a power outage at a Phillips Petroleum's refinery in Texas.

Home heating oil for delivery in June settled at 56.48 cents a gallon, up 0.06 cent.

Natural gas prices were higher, with contracts for delivery in June at $2.195 per 1,000 cubic feet, up 8.1 cents.

Dollar retreats

NEW YORK — The dollar lost the remnants of its 1997 gain against the yen Thursday, dropping for the ninth straight day despite comments by senior Japanese officials suggesting the U.S. currency has fallen enough. The dollar ended mixed in other foreign-exchange dealings.

The dollar fell as low as 115.85 yen in intraday dealings before settling in New York at 116.10 yen, down from 117.20 Wednesday. It was the weakest since Jan. 10 and left the dollar barely above its 115.93-yen level at year-end 1996. Two weeks ago, by contrast, the dollar hit a 4 1/2-year intraday high of 127.47 yen.

The dollar cost 1.6988 marks in New York, up from 1.6944. The pound cost $1.6426, down from $1.6466.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Wednesday: 1.4310 Swiss francs, down from 1.4363; 5.7110 French francs, up from 5.7055; 1,672.00 Italian lire, up from 1,669.00; 1.3724 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3889.

Smart card push

NEW YORK — In a global push to make "smart cards" practical as electronic money, MasterCard International Inc. and seven major high-tech companies agreed to a set of common technical standards for the cards.

The companies aim to create a worldwide standard for making the all-in-one plastic devices, which look like credit cards but are embedded with electronic chips that store information.

But the conspicuous absence Thursday of MasterCard's biggest rivals — Visa International and American Express Co. — from the alliance muddied the outlook that the cards would be widely embraced. Visa and Amex are working on their own projects.

British taxes

LONDON — Less than two weeks into the honeymoon, relations are beginning to sour between corporate Britain and the new Labor government.

British Telecommunications PLC announced record profits on Thursday, then quickly warned Treasury chief Gordon Brown that if he tries to get his hands on the cash through a proposed windfall tax, the company will sue.

Airport operator BAA PLC rapidly allied itself with BT, saying the government's handling of the windfall tax proposal "verges on irresponsibility."

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April consumer price index inches up

■ Consumer prices indicate inflation under control, but analysts worry about tight labor market.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices inched up just 0.1 percent in April while a recent surge in factory production moderated, the government said Thursday in two reports that cheered Wall Street.

While investors seemed confident that Federal Reserve policy-makers will not raise interest rates when they meet Tuesday, many private economists were less certain.

"Inflation's not dead," said David Wyss, chief economist with DRI/McGraw-Hill in Lexington, Mass.

Declining food and energy costs tempered higher retail prices for other products and services including clothing, tobacco, medical care and airline tickets, holding price increases so far this year to an annual rate of 1.5 percent.

But when volatile prices for food and energy are excluded — as analysts often do to gauge broader economic trends — prices were up 0.3 percent last month, the largest increase since September. That left the core rate of inflation rising at an annual rate of 2.7 percent during the first four months of the year.

Analysts said the Consumer Price Index report isn't worrisome unless it's the beginning of a trend, especially considering good news Wednesday that prices paid to producers of goods plunged 0.6 percent in April, their deepest decline in nearly four years.

But separate news Thursday that the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits dropped by an unexpectedly large 31,000 last week caused some to worry that labor shortages will begin to push up wages.

"So far, the CPI tells us we're home free, but the watch is on in this very tight labor market," said Allen Sinai, chief global economist for Primark Decision Economics, New York.

Investors chose to focus on another government report showing that American industrial production was unchanged in April after jumping 0.6 percent in March and 0.5 percent in February. While the slowdown was mainly attributed to strike-related decreases in auto production, some economists said it was pointing to an overall slowdown in manufacturing activity.

In April, energy prices fell 1.5 percent, after a 1.7 percent drop in March. Gasoline fell 2.6 percent last month, after a 2.1 percent decline in March, bringing the price 9.7 percent below its Gulf War peak in 1990.

Food prices fell 0.2 percent in April, with declines in fruit and vegetables, cereal and bakery products and dairy products offsetting increases in meat, poultry, fish and eggs. The 9.1 percent drop in fresh vegetable prices, including a 13.8 percent decline for tomatoes, was the largest since June 1993.

In April, clothing costs shot up 0.9 percent, the worst since February 1993. Tobacco costs rose 2.4 percent, the largest increase in nearly seven years.

Airline fares increased 1.2 percent, on top of a 4.5 percent jump in March, reflecting the continuing readjustment after the reimposition of the 10 percent federal airline ticket tax.

Medical costs rose 0.3 percent — 3 percent higher than a year ago — reflecting increases in doctors' fees and prescription drug prices.

Stocks bob to record high above 7,300

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors wrestled with conflicting signals on inflation, but chose a positive spin near Thursday's close, boosting the Dow Jones industrial average and other stock measures to more new highs.

The Dow rose 47.39 to 7,333.55, closing above 7,300 for the first time. The Standard & Poor's 500 list and the New York Stock Exchange composite index also set records in the late advance.

Stocks were pressured at the open by a weak bond market, where long-term interest rates briefly shot toward unsettling levels amid some reports suggesting that inflationary pressures remain a concern.

But subsequent reports pointing to slower, more sustainable economic growth helped cancel out the earlier worries, spurring a rebound in the bond market. Stocks quickly erased their early slide, but traded almost flat until the last half hour.

Investors were initially discouraged after the Labor Department reported that consumer prices, excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, rose 0.3 percent in April, slightly more than expected and the largest increase since September.

And in a separate reading that indicated continued upward pressure on employment costs — a key force behind inflation — the Labor Department also reported that first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell a bigger-than-anticipated 31,000 last week to 319,000, a three-week low.

The two reports countered some recent signs that economic activity may be slowing enough to keep a lid on inflationary pressures without another increase in interest rates by the Federal Reserve.

Bonds rebounded after two subsequent reports supported arguments that manufacturing activity is slowing.

In one report, the Federal Reserve reported that American industry was operating at 83.4 percent of its capacity in April, down from 83.7 percent in March. It was the lowest operating rate in three months and an indication that consumer demand isn't creating inflationary bottlenecks in the production pipeline.

"As the day wore on, the market decided that the manufacturing numbers are more important because Fed chairman Alan Greenspan's primary concern is that capacity is shrinking and the labor market is tight," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 10-to-9 margin on the NYSE, where volume was modest at 457.18 million shares.

The S&P 500 rose 5.84 to 841.88, the NYSE composite index rose 2.05 to 437.65, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.50 to 583.47.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 18.03 to 1,353.58.



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The Midland Wildcat Committee honored Titan Exploration with a reception Thursday. Seated, from left: George Staley, executive vice president, exploration; Susan Rowland, vice president, administration and corporate secretary; and Jack Hightower, chairman, president and chief executive officer. Back row, from left: Tom Moore, vice president, business development; Dan P. Colwell, vice president, land; Rodney Woodard, vice president, engineering; and John Benfatti, vice president, controller.

Titan sees Basin as land of opportunity

■ Company will leave no stone unturned to take advantage of opportunities, in or out of Basin.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Titan Exploration sees the Permian Basin as a land of opportunity and is leaving no stone unturned in the quest for opportunity both in and outside the basin, according to Chairman Jack Hightower.

With a large block of core properties in the Permian Basin, little debt, unused borrowing power, a backlog of drilling prospects and a well-thought plan of attack Titan Exploration is poised for rapid growth.

Hightower said the company plans to grow in three areas: internally generated drilling prospects and projects, new acquisitions and exploration drilling.

Titan officers were honored Thursday at a reception of the Midland Wildcatter's Committee because of the company's rapid growth and success.

"We plan to spend $18 million of our $52 million capital budget on exploration," Hightower said. "We hope to acquire $100 million to $300 million in new properties this year, and we have identified 25 new projects on properties we have already acquired that can result in another 108 million barrels net to Titan."

He said the projects, which are under 60 fields in which Titan has ownership, include everything from workovers, and infill drilling to secondary and tertiary projects.

The company is using 3-D seismic to both locate no-risk projects and exploration opportunities, and has 150-200 miles of seismic planned for 1997. About 50 miles of the seismic will be shot on 125,000 acres the company has leased.

"We are very focused on expanding our core areas in the Permian Basin, but we are also looking to expand outside the Basin," he said.

He noted that one large acquisition, planned possibly for this year, would give the company a presence outside the basin. "This doesn't mean we are down on the basin, because this is one of the great opportunity regions for oil and gas."

He said the multi-pay nature of the basin and compartmentalized formations make it an excellent oil and gas producing area.

"If 65 percent of the oil in the Permian Basin is still in place, after primary production, it stands to reason that new technology will come along that will allow us to recover more."

He said that the 60 fields in which Titan has ownership had already produced 8 billion barrels of oil.

Hightower also sees new opportunity in the deep formations of the Delaware Basin, which has seen a revival in recent months. "The use of 3-D in looking for new drilling locations in the Delaware Basin is still in its infancy."

The company is now engaged in the drilling of two deep wells in Pecos County, one with a total depth of 22,000 feet and the other to 18,000 feet. At least one well will be horizontal. One horizontal well drilled by Titan in the Puckett Field is producing 11 million cubic feet daily from a 2,700 foot lateral.

The company plans to continue to look for opportunity throughout the Permian Basin, he said.

Southwestern Bell to hire 1,000 new workers

DALLAS (AP) — Southwestern Bell is opening an office with 700 workers just to take calls from the telephone giant's would-be rivals in selling local service.

The call center will serve the burgeoning number of companies that buy and resell to customers the use of Southwestern Bell's phone lines in a five-state area, regional vice president Greg Upp said Thursday.

About 100 companies have been approved to buy and resell local phone service in Texas, said Leslie Kjellstrand, a spokeswoman for the Public Utility Commission.

Southwestern Bell serves about 77 percent of Texas telephone customers, with GTE serving 13 percent and other carriers sharing the balance, she said.

Southwestern Bell's plans also call for more than 300 new jobs at its downtown Fort Worth offices to provide maintenance for the local service providers.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

All retirement accounts let earners cut taxable income

By Eric Tyson

Q: Can you please explain the differences between IRAs, Keoghs, 401(k)s, etc.? When I discuss these with my sons, I find that I am not really informed on the important differences among them.



Tyson

A: Unfortunately, the IRS makes retirement accounts more complicated than need be by offering so many different options. But don't let all the jargony names — such as 401(k), 403(b), SEP-IRA or Keogh — intimidate you.

The defining feature of all these accounts is something they all have in comn on: They are the single best way for wage earners to reduce their taxable income. Not only are your contributions to any of these plans generally free of federal and state tax in the year in which they're made, but once the money is in the account, your investment returns are also shielded from Uncle Sam.

You will owe taxes when you withdraw the money from the account, probably in retirement. But if you're like most people, you'll benefit from being in a lower income bracket in retirement. Even if your tax bracket doesn't decrease in your golden years, retirement accounts should still save you on taxes.

The main thing that differentiates each plan is the type of business that can offer it. 401(k) plans are offered by for-profit employers, 403(b) plans are offered by nonprofit employers, and SEP-IRAs and Keoghs are plans for self-employed people.

The plans also differ in terms of the contribution limits. With 401(k) plans, for example, employees may not contribute more than $9,500 per year or 20 percent of their salary, whichever is less.

With SEP-IRAs, self-employed business owners may put away up to the lesser of $22,500 per year or approximately 13 percent of their net business income. Keoghs allow putting away up to the lesser of $30,000 per year or 20 percent of net business income.

An additional option available to all income earners is a regular IRA account. It should be your retirement plan of last resort because it doesn't allow you to contribute very much, only up to $2,000 per year. Moreover, if you are already participating in one of the plans mentioned above or covered by some other retirement plan such as a pension through your employer and your income is above $35,000 per year ($50,000 per year for married couples filing jointly), you can't take a tax deduction for your contribution.

Still, whether or not your contribution is deductible, an IRA, like other retirement accounts, shields your money's growth from taxation. Also note that beginning this tax year — 1997 — the IRA limit for nonworking spouses has been increased from $250 to $2,000 (so long as the working spouse has at least $4,000 in earned income).

Two simple but important prerequisites prevent many people from taking advantage of the terrific tax break offered by retirement accounts. First, you need to spend less than you earn so that you can "afford" to fund your account(s). You certainly don't want to contribute to retirement accounts if you are accumulating debt on a credit card, for example. Many people need to reduce their spending before being able to take advantage of a retirement savings plan.

The second obstacle to funding a retirement account is lack of access to one. Some employers don't offer retirement savings plans. If yours doesn't, lobby the benefits department, or consider other employers who do offer this valuable benefit. Remember that if you're self-employed, you may establish your own plan — a SEP-IRA or Keogh.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BritPt	118415	142	+3⅜
PNC	85789	41½	–⅜
PhilMor s	84804	42⅝	+⅛
Chrysler s	82541	31⅛	–⅝
BayNtwk	59103	21⅝	+1¾

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Dmptvsn	5¼	+1⅛	+31.3
SunCoast	3⅛	+⅝	+23.8
WackCor	18⅞	+1⅞	+11.0
BentonOG	16⅛	+1½	+10.3
BayNtwk	21⅝	+1¾	+8.8

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ICF Int	2⅛	–¼	–10.5
CapOne	36⅜	–3½	–8.8
GGDina	2¾	–¼	–8.3
Chyton s	4⅜	–⅜	–7.9
MaiWell	29¼	–2	–6.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,302
Declined	1,188
Unchanged	866
Total issues	3,356
New Highs	108
New Lows	6
Volume	545,574,880

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Hasbro	16077	4⅜	+⅛
SPDR	8841	84⅜	+⅝
RoyalO g	8207	2⅝	–⅛
Hasbro s	6073	26⅞	...
DI Ind	5298	2¾	+3⅛

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Intrmagn	11⅜	+1⅛	+12.6
GinEmp	12⅞	+1⅜	+12.0
TopSrce	2⅝	+⅜	+8.8
LehSTc wt	11½	+⅞	+8.2
GayIC wt	6¾	+½	+8.0

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ArrowA	3⅜	–½	–12.9
RoyalO g	2⅝	–⅛	–10.9
MSNik 97wt	5	–⅛	–10.1
WhitmE	4	–⅞	–9.9
MAI Sys	4⅞	–½	–9.3

DIARY

Advanced	268
Declined	255
Unchanged	204
Total issues	727
New Highs	26
New Lows	11
Volume	35,706,895

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Informix	177718	11⅜	+2⅜
Intel	115131	158⅛	+5¼
Ascend	100572	47⅞	+2⅝
Cisco	94345	62¾	+¾
Oracle	71426	45⅝	+1⅝

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CamCntr n	4¾	+2⅜	+100.0
BevT pf	2	+¾	+60.0
Bigmar n	4⅞	+1⅛	+34.5
EdisCtr	4	+1	+33.3
AdESP wt	2	+½	+33.3

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EmplySt s	4¾	–1⅛	–25.5
Candla wt	2⅛	–⅝	–22.7
Swisher	8⅛	–2⅜	–22.6
DiamHS n	8¾	–2½	–22.2
RSI Sys	2¼	–⅛	–21.7

DIARY

Advanced	2,072
Declined	1,904
Unchanged	1,761
Total issues	5,737
New Highs	110
New Lows	71
Volume	595,402,600

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.
How to use: The year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. The number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

Benchmarks are important in investing and the year-to-date percent change can be a useful field of information when used as a benchmark. If you were considering investing in the automotive industry, for example, you could watch to see which auto stock was enjoying the best performance so far this year by looking at this field.

These numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to use in determining how to invest. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

Tuesday

Div	Name	Last	Chg
.44	ACE Ltd	34⅞	–⅛
1.10	ACMin	9⅝	+⅛
.80	ACM Op	7¾	...
1.10	ACM Sc	7¾	...
...	ACMSp	7¾	...

Wednesday

PE	PPE	Name	Last	Chg
6	9	ACE Ltd	34⅞	–⅛
17	19	ACMin	9⅝	+⅛
5	...	ACM Op	7¾	...
10	10	ACM Sc	7¾	...
1	1	ACMSp	7¾	...

Thursday

Thr	Name	Last	Chg
Air	ACE Ltd	34⅞	–⅛
ACL	ACMin	9⅝	+⅛
ACG	ACM Op	7¾	...
ADP	ACM Sc	7¾	...
...	ACMSp	7¾	...

Friday

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
+8.3	ACE Ltd	34⅞	–⅛
+0.3	ACMin	9⅝	+⅛
–3.0	ACM Op	7¾	...
–0.2	ACM Sc	7¾	...
...	ACMSp	7¾	...

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Daily market roundup

May 15, 1997

Dow Jones **7333.55** +47.39

High	7,363.63	Highest close May 15, 1997	7,333.55
Low	7,225.99		



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
7,351.66	5,182.31	Dow Jones Industrials	7,333.55	+47.39	+.65	+13.73	+30.14
2,639.12	1,922.92	Dow Jones Transportation	2,624.63	+8.02	+.31	+16.36	+16.68
243.29	203.32	Dow Jones Utilities	222.72	+.11	+.05	–4.22	+4.82
438.06	326.55	NYSE Composite	437.65	+2.05	+.47	+11.56	+22.79
618.96	508.94	Amex Index	583.47	+1.50	+.26	+1.94	–3.13
1,400.53	1,008.44	Nasdaq Composite	1,353.58	+18.03	+1.35	+4.84	+9.22
841.29	605.88	S&P 500	841.88	+5.84	+.70	+13.65	+26.63
373.17	258.82	Russell 2000	365.91	+1.43	+.39	+.91	+1.99
7,885.88	6,099.34	Wilshire 5000	7,924.24	+49.68	+.63	+10.09	+19.31

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
+1.7	AAR	30¾	–½
+2.5	ACE Ltd	61⅝	–¼
...	ACMIn	10¼	...
+5.6	ACM Sc	9⅜	...
+3.9	ACMSp	6⅝	...
+8.2	ACMMD	13¼	–⅛
+10.7	ACNiels n	16⅞	–⅛
+7.5	ACX Tech	21⅜	+⅛
+29.5	ADT	29⅝	–¼
+42.7	AES Cp	66⅜	+¼
+9.9	AFLAC	u47+1½	
+7.4	AGCO	30¾	–¼
–8.3	AGL Res	19⅜	+⅛
+12.2	AJL	18⅜	+½
–4.1	AK Steel	36	–¼
–4.8	AMLI Rs	22¼	+¼
+8.8	AMR	95⅞	–½
+24.3	APL Ltd	29⅜	...
–15.2	APT Sat n	11⅞	...
–4.8	ARCOCh 46⅝		–½
–6.1	ASA Ltd	32⅝	...
19.7	AT&T s	33½	+¼
–45.5	Asmes s	13	–½
+92.3	AbtLab	u67⅛	+2¼
+10.8	AberFit n	18¼	+1
+10.7	AccuStff	23⅜	+1¼
+12.1	Acordia	32½	+¼
+8.2	Acuson	26⅜	+¼
+9.5	AdaEx	21⅝	+⅛
–6.0	AFPProvd	17⅝	–⅛
+70.9	AMD	44	+⅞
–1.8	Advolnc	19¾	...
+17.8	Aegon	u74½	+1⅜
+14.4	AeroVick	41⅝	–¼
+21.1	Aetna Inc	96⅞	–¾
–7.6	AffCmpS s	27½	...
–21.4	Agnico g	11	+¼
+25.8	Ahmans	40⅞	–¼
+8.5	AirProd	75	+1
+49.7	AirFrt	35	–⅜
–27.8	Airgas	15⅞	+¼
+2.0	AirTouch	25¾	+½
+2.2	AirTch pfC	46	+⅝
+14.3	AlskAir	24	...
–7.6	Albnyln	21⅜	+⅛
+18.8	Alberto s	28½	–⅛
–7.4	Albertsn	33	...
+6.3	Alcan	35¾	+⅛
+49.2	Alcatel	23⅞	–¼
+34.6	AlexBrn s	65¼	–½
–11.9	AligPow	26¾	–⅜
+15.2	AllegTeldy	26½	...
–3.6	Allegnc n	26⅝	+½
–18.9	Allergn	28⅞	+⅝
–8.6	AlnCap	24⅞	+⅜
–50.0	AlnEnt	⅝	...
+4.3	AlnWrld	15⅛	+¼
+2.8	AlnWrld2	13⅝	+¼
–19.1	AltTch	44½	+⅛
+14.0	AldIrish	44¾	...
+14.6	AldSgnl	u76¾	+⅝
+7.5	AltmrFn	36	–¼
+3.7	AltmrPr	31½	–⅛
+20.7	Alstate	u68⅞	+1
+1.0	Alst pfA	25¼	...
+1.8	Altel	31⅞	–⅛
+51.2	Altwaste	7¾	...
+40.0	AlpineGr	9⅝	+¼
+13.8	Alumax	38⅛	+1⅜
+15.1	Alcoa	73⅜	+1
+15.0	Alza	29¾	+⅛
+2.0	AmaxG	6½	...
+7.0	Ambac	71	+⅛
–9.1	AmHes	52⅝	+¼
+2.5	Amerc pf	25¼	+¼
+50.8	AmOnline	50⅛	+1¾
–8.3	AmWest	14⅞	+¼
+7.1	ABrand	53⅛	...
–5.0	ABusnP	23⅞	–⅝
+.9	AEP	41½	+½
+21.5	AmExp	68⅝	+¼
–.7	AFnclGp	37½	+¼
+9.8	AGenCp	44⅞	+¼
–.5	AGC pfM	25¾	...
+2.1	AGIP	6⅛	+1/16
+3.1	AHltPr	24⅝	+½
+26.9	AHome u	74⅞	+¾
+22.4	AmIntG	132½	–1
...	AMedia	57⅜	+⅛
+27.1	AmRadio	34⅝	+⅜
+14.7	AmStd	43⅞	+⅜
+14.1	AmStores	46⅝	–¼
+2.4	AmSIP3	10⅞	–⅛
+1.8	AmWtr s	21	–¼
–13.4	Amercrd	17¾	+⅛
–9.8	AmerisrcA	13½	–½
+7.6	Ameritchu	65⅛	+1¼
+3.4	Ametek	23	...
+5.7	Amoco	85⅛	–¾
+2.0	AMP	39⅛	+¼
+19.8	AmSouth s	38⅝	–⅜
–2.7	AmwyAs	41¼	–⅜
+11.3	AmwayJ	18½	+⅜
–1.9	Anadrk	63½	+1⅜
+6.9	Analog s	27⅛	+⅛
+10.6	Anheus s	44¼	+⅞
+34.3	AnnTayl	23½	–⅛
+15.4	Aon Cp s	47¾	+⅛
–2.1	Apache	34⅜	–⅜
–1.8	Aptinv	27¾	+¼
+2.7	Apex	9⅜	...
+14.3	ApldIndIT	31⅞	...
–9.6	ApplMg	27⅛	+⅜
–14.7	Apria	16	–¾
–27.2	ArcadiaFn	10⅜	–⅜
–10.8	ArchDan	19⅝	+¼
–9.5	ArdenRlt n	25	–¼
–8.1	Armco	3⅞	+⅛
–4.0	ArmWI	66¾	+¼
+4.0	ArowE	55⅝	...
+9.6	Arvin	27⅛	...
+26.6	Asarco	31½	+⅝
+8.1	Ashanti	13⅜	+¼
+6.0	Ashland	46½	+1
+15.4	AsiaPlp	13⅛	–⅜
–3.4	AsstInv	31½	+¼
+9.1	AscFCap	48⅛	–½
–12.8	AstraA n	42¾	+1⅛
–5.1	AtlEnrg	16¼	–⅛
+7.9	AtlRich	143	–⅜
+5.8	AtlRich97	223¾	–13/32
–5.2	ATMOS	22⅝	–¼
–.5	AusNZ pf	27	–⅛
+20.8	AuthFlt	14½	+¼
+12.7	Autoliv nu	39⅞	+⅞
+14.3	AutoDt	49	...
–15.0	AutoZone	23⅜	+½
+10.2	AveryD s	39	...
+54.1	Avnet	u14¼	+1⅛
+6.7	Avnet	62⅛	+⅛
+7.7	Avon s	61½	+⅛
–3.4	Aztar	7	+⅛
–16.8	BAMrch n	14⅞	+⅛
+26.9	BBN Cp	29	–⅛
+8.5	BCE g	50⅞	+¾
+25.9	BCP Bk pru	65	...
+8.3	BEA Inco	8⅛	...
+2.5	BJS	52¼	–¾
–2.0	BMC	30⅞	–1⅛
+.5	BRE s	24⅞	+⅛
+12.1	BWIP	18½	+4⅝
+6.2	BakrHu	36⅝	–1¼
+2.9	Ball	27	–¼
+4.7	Ballard	19½	–⅛
–3.7	BaltGE	25¾	–¼
–1.7	BancOne	42¼	–¼
+10.0	BncoFrn	30¼	...
–4.2	BcLatn	48⅝	+¼
–4.6	BkTokyo	18	+⅛
+25.6	BkNY s	42⅜	–⅛
+20.2	BankAm	119⅞	–1
+18.3	BkBost	76	–¼
–4.8	BankTr	82⅛	–⅝
+1.5	BarB pf	25¼	...
+14.3	Bard	32	+⅜
+50.5	BarnNbl u	40⅝	+1⅝
+35.0	BarnesG su	27+1	¼
+23.4	Barnett s	50⅜	+½
–25.8	BarrettRs	31⅝	–⅜
–13.9	BarrickG	24⅜	+½
–9.1	BattMf	6¼	+⅜
+16.1	BauschL	40⅝	...
+22.6	Baxter u	50¼	+⅝
+3.0	BayNtwk	21⅝	+1⅜
–13.0	BeaconPr	31⅞	...
+23.6	BearSt	32⅜	+⅛
+1.5	BearS pfZ	24⅞	+¼
+16.0	BckIns	14½	–1¼
+13.8	BectDk s	49⅜	+⅞
–1.4	Belden	36½	–¼
+6.8	Bell&Hwl	25⅜	–⅞
+6.4	BellAtl	68⅞	+1
+11.1	BellSo	45	+⅜
+11.1	BeloAH	38¾	...
+10.8	Bemis	40⅞	+1¼
+3.7	BenefCp	65¾	+1½
–28.7	BentonOG	16⅛	+1½
+25.2	BergBr	36	+⅛
+16.4	BerkHa A	39700	–
+10.1	BerkRty	10⅞	+¼
+8.7	BerryP	15⅝	–¼
+32.9	BestBuy	14⅛	+½
+9.9	BethStl	9¾	+⅛
+13.7	Bevrly	14½	...
+7.7	Bindly	20⅞	+⅛
+8.3	Biovail	27¾	–½
–22.4	BirStl	14¾	–⅛
+14.9	BlackD	34⅝	...
–2.7	BlkHlCp	27⅜	+⅛
	Blk1998	9⅜	...
+1.6	Blk2001	8	...
+2.0	BlkIT	6½	+⅛
+1.6	BlkIQT	7¾	...
+3.7	BlkMTar	10⅝	...
–1/6	BlkStr	7⅞	...
	BlkTT	8⅞	...
+12.9	BlckHR	32¾	...
–20.0	Blythind	36½	+¼
–6.2	Boeing	99⅞	+¼
+12.2	BoiseC	35⅝	+⅜
...	BoiseC pfF	25¾	...
–5.4	Bombay	4⅜	+⅛
+21.2	BordCh	10	...
+16.0	Borders s	20⅞	–½
+24.7	BorgWAu	48	–½
–2.3	BostEd	26¼	...
–16.7	BostSc	50	–⅜
–13.9	BostTech	24¾	–1¼
–1.9	Bouygs n	12⅝	+⅛
+27.2	Bowatr	47⅞	+⅛
–30.3	BoydGm	5¾	–¼
	BradRE	18	–⅛
+16.9	Brazil	26	+¼
+13.4	BrigStrat	49⅞	...
–16.4	Brinker	13⅜	...
+15.7	BristHtl	36¾	+⅜
+32.1	BrMySq s	72	+⅜
+.4	BrtPt	142	+¾
–11.8	BrtStl	24¼	+⅛
+9.1	BrtTel	74⅞	+1
–12.5	Brooke	43⅜	+⅛
–7.1	BklyUG	28	+⅜
+13.8	BrwnFA	51⅝	+¼
+14.2	BrwnFB	52¼	+⅝
+20.0	BrwnFr	31½	–⅛
+28.1	Brnwk	30¾	–½
+20.2	BuckCel	32	...
+65.9	BudgetGp	26¾	–¼
–17.6	Bufete	17½	–¼
–2.3	BurlInds	10¾	–¼
–6.2	BurlNSF	81	+⅛
–11.7	BurnPP	13¼	–⅛
+29.3	CANTV n	36¾	–⅜
+25.1	CIGNA	170⅞	–⅜
+3.0	CIGHi	8⅝	+⅛
–3.8	CIPSCO	34⅝	+⅛
+4.4	CKE Rst s	23⅞	...
+6.5	CMAC s	39⅛	–⅜
–33.3	CML Gp	2¼	–⅛
	CMS Eng	33⅝	–⅜
+36.0	CNF Tran	30¼	+1
+12.3	CPC	87	+1¼
+18.9	CSX	50¼	+½
–1.5	CUC Intl s	23⅞	+¼
+12.4	CVS Corp	46½	–½
–7.0	CWM Mt	20	...
–1.5	CabiWire	24¼	–⅜
–30.1	CablDsgn	21¾	–⅜
+15.0	Cabltrn s	38¼	+2½
–2.0	Cabot	24⅝	...
–9.2	Cadence	35⅞	+⅛
+9.1	vjCaldor	1½	–⅛
+20.4	Calenergy	40½	–¼
+7.1	Calgon	13⅛	...
–2.1	CalRlty	29¾	–½
+61.0	Caliber	31	–⅜
+8.3	CallGolf	31⅛	–⅜
–6.9	Calpine n	19⅝	–⅞
+5.7	Camco	48¾	+½
+.4	Camdnp	26¾	...
–20.0	CmpR g	¾	–1/16
+20.6	CampSp s	48⅜	–
	1⅛		
+6.6	CdnRy gn	40½	+¼
–2.4	CdnPc g	25⅞	...
+47.6	Canwst gs	15⅛	+¼
+1.0	CapOne	36⅜	–3½
+1.6	CapRe pf	24½	+⅛
–10.2	CapMAC	29¾	+¼
–1.6	Capstd s	23⅝	–⅛
–1.9	CardnlH s	57⅛	–½
–.4	Carlisle s	30⅛	+¼
+1.0	CarltCm	24½	...
+14.8	CarnVCp	37⅞	–1
–6.5	CaroPw	34⅛	–⅛
+14.7	CarpTech	42	+⅜
–3.0	CarrAmR	26⅜	+¼
–9.6	CartWal	14¼	–⅛
+12.4	CaseCp	61¼	+⅜
–34.7	CatMkt s	36	+½
+47.3	Catelus	16¾	–⅛
+30.7	Caterp	98⅛	+2½
–1.2	CentEn	10⅝	+⅜
+5.3	Centex	39⅝	+½
–13.7	CenSoWst	22⅛	...
–5.0	CenLAEl	26¼	+⅛
–5.4	CeMPw	11	–¼
+30.1	CtrNws	57¼	–½
–33.3	CnTrnRtl	¼	...
–8.9	CntyTl	28¾	–¼
–13.6	Ceridian	35	+⅜
–10.9	ChmpE	17⅜	+⅛
+15.6	Chmpln	u50	+⅝
+25.0	ChtHou	6¼	+⅛
+9.4	ChaseM	97½	–1¼
–40.9	Checkpnt	14⅝	–¼
+7.0	ChemFst nu	24¾	+⅛
–41.9	ChesEng s	16⅛	–⅜
+9.0	Chevron	70⅞	–1¼
+3.5	ChicB&I nu	18⅝	+1½
+13.2	Chile	23⅝	–⅜
+32.9	Chilgener	27¾	+¼
+21.6	Chiquta	15½	...
+12.5	ChkFull	5⅝	–⅛
–19.1	ChoiceH	14¼	...
+4.1	ChrisCr	41⅝	–½
–5.7	Chrysler s	31⅛	–⅝
+11.2	Chubb	59¾	+¾
–10.5	CinnBel	55⅛	+⅛
+.6	CinMil	22	+⅜
+29.2	CineOd	15½	+3½
+4.9	CINergy	35	+⅜
+29.5	CircCtyCC	39	+⅝
–18.2	Circus	28⅛	–⅜
+17.8	Citicorp	121⅜	+¾
–14.0	CitzUtA	9¼	–¼
–17.0	CitzUtB	9⅛	–5/16
+5.2	CityNC	22¾	–⅛
+40.0	ClairStr s	18⅜	+⅛
+6.5	ClaytH s	14⅜	+⅛
+38.8	ClearC s	50⅛	+½
–7.7	ClfCif	41⅞	...
+2.0	ClfDr	64½	+½
+22.8	Clorox	123¼	+1⅞
–38.3	Coachm s	17½	–⅝
	Coastal	48⅞	–¼
–71.4	CstlPhys	1	...
–8.6	Coastcst	13¼	+½
+29.0	CocaCl u	67⅞	+⅞
+19.4	CocaCE s	19⅛	–⅛
+35.1	CCFemsa	39	+½
–8.3	Coeur	13⅞	+⅜
–3.6	Coeur pf	16⅞	+⅜
+5.3	Cogniznt n	34¾	+⅜
+21.8	Colemn s	16¾	–¾
+25.5	ColgPalu	115¾	+¾
+25.5	ColgPal wi	u57⅞	+⅛
+7.2	CollAsk	10¾	+⅝
+2.0	Colltec	19¼	...
+1.6	ColumGas	64⅝	+¼
–8.0	ColHCA s	37½	+1
+14.2	Comdisco	36¼	–⅛
+16.7	Comeric	61⅞	–½
+.4	CmcBNJ	33⅛	+¾
+3.5	CmcFdl s	33⅛	–⅛
+6.0	CmpUSA s	22	+⅜
+6.6	CoGnGeo nu	18⅛	+⅝
+35.8	ChileTel s	32¼	+⅞
+28.1	Compaq	95¼	+1¾
+9.8	CmpAsc s	54⅝	+1⅜
–11.4	CompSci	72¾	–⅜
–43.2	Cmptvsn	5¼	+1¼
–12.7	Comsat	21½	–⅛
–26.0	ComstkRs	9⅝	–⅛
+.5	CnCap pfC	26¾	...
+22.9	ConAgr	u61⅞	+¾
–1.6	ConeMl	7¾	...
+4.1	ConnEn	22⅛	...
+15.1	Conrail	114⅝	+⅝
+23.9	Consco s	39½	–⅝
+7.1	CnGigar n	26½	...
	ConEd	29⅛	+⅛
–6.1	ConsNG	51⅞	–⅛
+11.5	ConPap	54¾	–⅛
+28.7	ConStor s	41½	+1½
+22.2	CGDina	23¾	–¼
+30.8	CGDina L	21⅜	–⅛
–8.7	Contfincl	33	...
+22.1	CtlAir B s	34½	+¼
+4.4	Converse	17¾	...
–1.0	CoopCa	75¾	–1½
+18.1	CoopCo	20⅜	–⅛
+19.6	Cooper	50⅜	+⅝
+13.9	CooprTr	22½	+¼
–48.7	CoramH	2½	–⅛
+2.7	CoreStF	53¼	+⅛
+1.7	CorPrpt n	14¾	+⅛
+2.4	CornRit n	10⅜	...
+29.6	CorningIn	50⅜	+⅜
+20.1	CorctCp s	36⅝	+1⅜
–2.2	CntwCrd	26	–¼
–22.6	Covance n	16¼	–⅜
–5.9	CoxCm	21⅜	–⅛
+32.8	Crane s	38½	...
+.5	CresRE s	26½	...
+7.8	Crestar s	38⅛	–¼
+27.7	CriimiMa	16⅛	+⅛
+22.7	CrmpKnl	23⅜	...
...	CrosTbr s	16¾	...
–3.3	CrosTlm	14¾	–⅛
+6.7	CwnCork	58	+⅞
+5.7	CwnPac	23¼	+⅜
+.3	CullgnWtr	40⅝	–⅛
+31.3	CumEng	60⅜	...
+4.4	CypSem	14⅜	...
...	Cyprus	23½	–⅛
–3.7	Cytec s	39⅛	+⅛
D-E-F			
+12.5	DDL Elc	1⅛	...
–2.6	DPL	23⅝	–⅛
–13.8	DR Horton	9⅜	–⅛
–2.0	DST Sys	30⅜	–⅛
–17.0	DTE	26⅞	–⅛
...	DBenz02	n82½	...
–26.4	Dal-Tile	n 15	+½
+63.0	DalSem	37½	+⅜
+5.7	DanaCp	34½	+⅜
–11.9	Daniel	13	...
–10.0	Darden	7⅞	...
+43.1	DataGn	20¾	–⅛
...	Datapt	1⅛	+⅛
+21.3	DaytHud	s47⅝	...
+8.0	DeVry s	25⅜	+¾
+23.3	DeanFd	39¾	+¼
+16.5	DWDisc	s39⅝	...
+30.2	Deere	u52¾	+2⅜
–16.0	DelmPL	17⅛	...
+4.2	DeltPne s	25	+¾
+30.3	DeltaAir	92⅜	–⅛
–.8	Deluxe	32½	+½
–16.8	Dept56	20½	+⅜
+13.6	Depuy n	23	+⅛
–51.2	DesignH	7⅞	–⅛
+.5	DetDiesl	23⅛	–⅞
+11.7	DeutTel n	22¾	–⅜
+.7	DevlDv	37⅜	...
–5.5	Dexter	30⅛	...
+11.1	Dial n	16¼	–⅛
+18.9	DiaOff	67¾	–1½
–19.7	Diebold s	33⅝	–⅜
–9.7	Digital	32¾	–17⅛
...	Digital pf	25¼	–⅛
+4.5	Dillard	32¼	+½
+16.1	DimeBcp	17⅛	...
–2.2	Dimon	22⅝	+¾
+18.8	Disney	82⅞	–¾
+22.9	Dole	41⅝	+⅛
+20.0	DollarG s	30¾	–⅛
+11.5	Dominick nu	24¼	...
–9.1	DomRes	35	–⅝
+7.8	Donaldsn	36⅛	...
+25.3	DonLJ	45⅛	–¼
+3.1	Doncstrs n	20⅝	–⅝
–26.3	DKaran n	10⅛	+¼
+13.9	Donlley	35¾	+⅛
+9.4	Dover	55¼	+⅜
+11.8	DowCh u	87⅝	–1½
+16.6	DowJns	39½	–¼
+7.3	Downey s	20⅛	–¼
+6.5	Dressr	33	+⅛
+1.3	DryStrt	10	...
+5.3	DrySM	10	+⅛
+17.1	DuPont	110¼	...
+2.9	DufPUtil	8⅞	+⅛
	DufPUC	12⅞	–¼
–2.4	DukeP	45⅛	+⅛
–	Duke pfS	26⅜	+⅛
+7.6	DukeRlty	35⅝	–⅛
+6.8	DunBrd s	25¾	–⅛
+35.1	Dycom	12½	+½
–27.4	Dynatech	32⅛	–½
+92.3	EAInds s	3⅛	...
–2.5	EGG	19⅝	–⅛

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YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A B C		
+30.4	ABR Inf s	25¼	+1⅞
-41.4	ACC Cp s	17½	...
-52.4	ACT Net	17⅝	+¼
+1⅝			
-23.9	AdamSft	2	+⅛
+5.6	ADC Tel s	32⅞	+2
-35.3	ADEsg	½	-1/16
-57.3	ADPACT	16⅜	+2⅝
+8.7	ASA Hold	24	-⅛
+97.5	ASM Lith s	49⅛	+2
+26.1	AST	5 9/32	-1/32
-69.3	ATC Com	4⅛	+⅛
-21.6	Abacan	6⅞	-⅛
+49.3	AbacDir n	26	-½
+1.7	AbleTel	7⅝	...
+30.4	Abraxas	12⅞	-⅛
+34.2	AccGrph n	12¾	-⅛
-18.2	Accesr n	16	+1⅛
-74.0	AccentS	1 21/32	+9/32
-51.1	AccessHt	21⅞	...
+52.5	AccuMed	3⅜	...
-24.7	Actel	17⅞	-⅛
+40.3	ActPerf s	25¼	+1⅛
-13.6	Activisn	11⅛	-1⅜
-33.3	Acxiom s	16	-⅛
+2.1	AdacLb	24⅜	+½
-8.8	Adaptec s	36½	+⅞
+18.6	AdobeSy	44 5/16	+1 9/16
-6.4	AdrianR	1⅞	-⅛
-22.9	Adtran	32	+1¼
-18.2	AdvFCm n	45½	+2½
-4.1	AdvLight	23¼	+⅞
+62.5	AdvMat	2 15/16	+31/64
+23.8	AdvTLb	38⅜	-½
+37.3	AdvTiss	13¼	...
-42.4	Advanta	24⅝	+⅜
-45.6	AdvantB	22¼	+⅛
-2.1	Advent	29⅜	+⅛
-25.4	AerialC	6⅛	+5/16
+35.0	Aflymet n	27¼	-⅛
+9.0	Agourn	73⅞	+47/8
+70.0	AgriBio	39 3/32	+1/16
+10.1	AirExp	35½	...
+2.0	Aiazo	68⅞	...
-50.0	Aianco	1	+1/32
+.6	Aidila	4⅞	+5/16
-17.6	Alfacell n	5¼	-⅛
-39.2	Alkerm	14⅛	-⅝
-35.5	Allegro	2½	+⅛
-43.1	AllanPh	7¾	-9/16
+8.8	AlnSem	7¾	+⅜
+42.6	Altera	51⅞	+2⅜
+5.0	AltResc	18¼	+⅛
-28.8	Altris s	4⅝	+⅛
-5.7	Amati	12¾	-⅛
	Amazon n	23½	...
+78.3	ABingo	2 9/16	+1/16
+16.3	AGreet	33	+¼
-32.1	AHomPat	18½	-1⅝
+36.0	AmIntPt	17/32	...
+8.5	AOncol s	11⅛	+5/16
-25.9	APwrCnv	20¾	-5/16
-30.5	AmResc	2½	+1/16
+9.8	ASoft	7	+¾
-46.1	AUtdGlb	4¾	+1/16
-18.7	Amerin	21 7/16	+9/16
+34.6	AmerUs n	25⅜	-⅛
+102.9	AmesDS	8¾	-17/32
+19.1	**Amgen**	**u64¾**	**+13/16**
+92.2	Amistar	8⅛	...
-31.6	Amnex	d2 3/32	-9/32
-34.1	Amresco	17⅝	-⅛
-26.2	AmtchCp	d4⅞	-⅜
-1.6	AnchGm	39⅝	+4⅛
-24.0	Andrew s	26⅞	+1
+26.4	Antec	11⅜	+¼
+50.0	ApexPC s	u13½	+1⅛
-13.2	ApogeeE s	17⅛	-⅛
-1.3	ApolloG s	33	...
+15.0	ApplaC	17⅜	+9/16
+4.6	AppliSou	14⅛	+⅛
-8.4	Appletree	25⅞	+⅝
+68.5	**ApldMat**	**u87⅝**	
+3 7/16			
+24.3	ApldSig	5⅜	+1/16
+35.7	AquaCre	9 3/32	+1/32
+7.5	Arakis	3⅛	-⅛
+11.3	ArborSft	27	+1⅜
-40.7	ArchCm	5⅝	+⅝
+22.0	ArchPet	3⅛	+⅛
+8.3	ArcticCat	10½	+½
-19.3	AriatCp	8⅜	+1¼
-52.0	AronaxPh	4½	-¼
+30.0	ArtVasc	16⅛	...
-22.9	Ascend	47⅞	...
+2 5/16			
-40.3	AscentEnt	9⅝	-⅜
-22.4	AspctTel s	24⅝	+1
+3.9	AsdBnc s	36⅜	-1
-20.4	Atmel	29⅜	+⅛
-3.1	Augmnt wt	5 1/32	-1/32
-8.8	AuraSy	2	...
-16.2	AurmSft n	19⅜	+⅜
-16.1	Auspex	9¾	...
+42.2	Autodesk	39 13/16	+1¼
-82.9	Autoimu	2⅝	+⅛
-33.1	Avanti	21¼	...
+110.8	AvidTch	21⅞	+⅜
+4.2	Avitar	3 9/16	...
-17.4	Avndle	17⅜	+¼
-7.8	BDMint s	25	+1¾
+50.0	BEA Sys n	9⅜	...
+.5	BISYS	37¼	+⅛
+20.2	BMC Soft s	49¾	+1⅜
-54.2	BTG Inc	12⅛	+½
+68.7	Baan s	56⅝	+3
+55.3	BakerJ	8¼	+¼
+1.4	BncGalic	24 7/32	-3/64
+18.2	BnkUntd n	31⅝	-⅛
+25.3	BnkAtlA s	13	...
+82.7	BarrngTch	13⅝	+⅜
+9.4	BayVw	46⅜	-1½
+12.4	BedBath	27¾	+½
+2.5	BeldBlk	26⅛	-1/32
-12.4	BioPhar s	22	-¼
-60.0	Biocrtl	d⅜	+1/32
-5.5	Biogen s	36⅝	+1⅜
+12.5	BioLase	4½	+7/16
+12.4	Biomet	17	...
+18.4	Biopsys	25¾	+⅞
+21.9	BioTcG	16	...
-20.0	BlackBx	33	+½
+26.4	Borlnd	6⅞	...
-38.3	BostChk	22⅛	+⅛
+21.7	BostnCm n	7	-⅛
-9.1	BostLfSci	9⅜	+1/32
-1.0	BrdyW	24⅜	+⅜
+50.0	BrassieG	3⅜	+1/32
+24.2	Brightpt s	u29½	+3¾
+13.1	BdwySey	11⅞	+¼
+30.3	BrockInt	5¾	-⅞
-53.6	Broktr s	13	+¼
-4.8	BrTom	19⅞	+⅛
-1.4	Buffets	9	+⅛
+74.5	BurrBr s	30 5/16	+1 5/16
-24.1	BusnObj	10⅛	+½
-31.0	C-CUBE	25½	+½
+23.0	Comvers	46½	+¾
-15.9	ConoCm	12 1/32	-1/32
+23.9	CnsFrtC n	11	-⅜
+44.4	Coors B	u27⅞	+⅜
-1.3	Copytel s	4⅞	-1/16
-13.9	CorTher	8½	...
-23.7	CorelCp g	5⅜	+⅜
-20.3	CreStaff s	18⅞	+1⅛
-34.4	CorpExp s	12⅞	+1 3/16
+52.0	CsmCntr n	4¾	+2⅜
+28.4	Cossco	31⅝	+5/16
-10.1	CostEmer n	12⅛	-⅛
+32.3	Coventry	12⅝	-⅛
+10.9	CrdtCard	28½	-⅛
-25.3	CrBioMol	7⅜	-⅜
+84.9	CreTcLtd	19⅜	+1⅛
+13.7	CredSys	22⅞	+2
-33.5	CrdAcp	15⅝	+1/16
-67.7	CrdDept	d1⅛	-⅛
+61.9	CrosCom	8½	...
+62.2	CrySys n	18⅛	+⅜
+21.4	CultInFr s	u40⅜	+⅜
+2.4	CMathes	1 7/32	+3/32
+2.6	Cymer n	49⅜	-¾
+23.9	Cyrix Cp	22	-¾
-6.8	Cytogn	5⅛	-1/16
-34.7	Cytothr	5⅞	...
-35.2	Cytyc	17½	-½
	D E F		
+72.2	DCX	1 5/16	+3/16
+43.0	DII Grp	33¼	+¼
+26.7	DSC	23	+1½
-5.9	DSI Ind	½	+1/16
-50.3	DSPCm	9⅝	+⅜
+14.3	Daka	11	+½
-7.7	Dalsco	⅜	...
+8.8	Danka	38½	+⅛
+147.4	DtaDimn s	29⅜	-2½
-5.7	DtaDoc	10¼	...
-27.2	DtaWks	18⅜	+1⅜
-28.4	DataRce	15⅜	+1
+46.7	Datum	24¾	-⅜
+7.8	Dawson	12⅛	-⅛
-30.6	DawsnP	10⅜	-⅛
+26.1	DBeer	35⅝	-¼
	DeCrane n	11⅞	-⅛
-9.0	Endevas	8⅞	...
-6.3	Ensclnt wt	⅜	...
-40.0	EntreMd n	9⅜	+⅛
-33.0	Envoy	25¼	+1⅜
-70.6	EqCompr	2 9/32	+1/32
+18.9	EricTel	38	+1/32
-7.8	ElecSys	35¼	+½
+50.5	EvgrMda s	37⅝	-⅜
+13.1	Exabyte	15⅛	+⅞
+29.8	Exar	20⅛	+⅛
-70.6	Excalb	4⅜	...
-19.7	Executone	1 29/32	+1/32
-18.8	ExideEl	12	+1
-23.6	ExtStA s	15⅜	-⅜
+43.3	FEI Co	13 7/16	+9/16
-17.3	FPA Mid	18½	+⅛
-18.8	FTP Sft	4⅞	...
+25.2	FifthThird	78⅝	-1⅛
-59.8	FileNet	12⅞	+1⅛
+75.8	FlBsmt	7⅛	+¼
+9.2	FinclBcp	18⅜	-⅜
-43.2	FinLine s	12	+¾
-37.0	FstAlert	2⅛	-1/16
+19.5	FtATm s	34½	-⅛
+8.4	FComceC	42⅛	-⅛
+8.7	FtFnCp s	26¾	-⅞
-71.3	FMerAcc	5 31/64	-31/64
	FtSierra n	8⅜	...
+24.3	Frstpius	26⅛	-¼
+.3	Fiserv	36⅞	-¼
+2.9	FlagstrB n	13½	-5/16
-55.2	Flagstar	9 3/32	-⅛
+53.6	FocusEn	2 11/16	+3/16
+73.7	Foilmark	4⅛	+7/16
-10.2	FoniaCp n	8	+⅛
-30.9	FdLioB	7	+3/16
-31.0	FdLioA	6⅜	+3/32
-4.1	Forcen	34¼	...
-51.3	ForeSys s	16	+¼
+66.1	FtHowrd	u46	
+1 3/16			
-56.9	ForteSft	14⅛	+1/16
+80.0	FrkCon	⅛	-1/32
+31.9	Freds	u11⅜	+1 9/16
-1.4	FrozenFd	8⅞	...
	G-H-I		
+7.0	GT Interac	7⅝	...
-2.5	Gandlf g	1¼	-9/16
+21.7	GardenFr	9⅞	-⅛
-30.7	GardnR s	10½	+⅜
	Gartner	27	-½
	Gasonics	10¼	-¼
+28.6	Gate2000	u68⅞	+7½
+28.7	Gehl	u14	+1
-2.1	Gemstr	17⅛	-⅜
-66.3	GeneLTc	2⅛	-3/16
+41.5	GenNutr	23⅞	+⅜
+65.0	Genicm	6⅜	...
+38.5	Genisys n	9	...
+103.1	Gnsys wtA	4⅛	+3/16
-17.6	Gensia	3⅜	+1/16
+10.8	Genzym s	24 7/16	+7/16
-31.8	GeoTk	4 5/64	-29/64
-71.3	Geoworks	7½	+1/32
+82.1	GidLew	20⅞	+¼
+27.4	GilatSat	31⅜	+¼
-3.5	Gilead	24⅛	-⅜
-34.2	Glasgal	3⅛	...
-38.3	Glenayre	13 5/16	+3/16
-32.8	GlbVtag	2 9/64	+1/64
-10.1	GoldBks	10	+⅜
-70.6	GldQual	d5	-1/32
-19.2	GolfTby	1 9/16	...
+2.8	GdyFam	16⅝	+⅛
+66.1	GoldSF	39½	...
	GptLtg wt	1 7/16	+1/64
-27.8	GulfSou	16½	-⅞
+9.3	Gymbree	25	+2⅛
-28.6	HA-LO s	19⅜	+1⅛
+2	HBO s	59½	+3⅜
-30.3	HCIA	24½	+⅛
+31.8	HFNCFn s	18½	+⅛
-8.4	HMTTch	13⅜	+5/16
-3.6	HNC Sft	30½	+½
+14.4	Hadco	56½	+7/16
+35.0	HarmLgt	20¾	+1⅛
	HawNtr un	6½	...
+66.7	HlthCrtn	1⅝	+1/16
-8.9	HlthCor n	8¾	-1/16
+4.7	HlthCmp	44⅜	+1/16
+900.0	HlthTch wt	⅛	-1/16
+1.1	Heartprt	23½	-1/16
+52.8	Hafnel	48½	+3⅛
+18.8	HelenTr s	26½	+⅜
+29.5	HelixTch	37 9/16	+1 1/16
-72.0	Hemasure	d1⅜	-1
-65.6	Herbllfe	17⅜	+⅛
	HollyHld	1 15/32	-1/32
+24.3	HlywdE	23	+½
-3.3	HlwdPk	14½	+5/16
-10.6	Hologic	22⅛	+⅛
+22.2	HutchT s	31	+1¼
+4.0	HvideM n	22½	+1⅛
-.7	i2 Tech	36	-1/16
-31.4	IAT Mit n	8	-1/32
-21.3	ICG Com	13⅞	-⅞
-15.3	ICO Inc	5⅜	+9/16
	ICOS	7⅝	...
-8.4	IDEC	21⅜	...
-60.4	IdexxLb	14¼	+¼
-38.3	IDM Env	1⅜	+9/16
+11.7	IDXSys n	31 63/64	
+3 31/64			
+25.0	IGEN	6¼	-½
-55.9	ISG Intl	12¼	+2
-21.5	IXC Com n	24½	+⅞
-57.1	IatrosHlt	d⅝	-⅛
+10.0	Ikos	22	+1⅜
-20.8	IlliniSup	d13	+⅜
-22.6	Imatrn	2⅜	-3/32
-32.1	Imcine	6⅝	+½
+6.1	ImunRsp	8¾	+⅛
+52.6	Imunex	29¾	+1⅝
+34.7	Impath	25¼	-⅛
-19.6	ImpCrd s	16⅞	-⅛
+4.6	InFocu	22⅝	+⅛
-26.9	InVision s	12 1/16	-17/32
+16.5	Inbrand s	26½	-⅛
+30.5	Incomnt	37⅞	+⅜
+15.4	IndigoNV	5⅝	+⅜
-16.7	Individul	5	...
	IndTech	d3⅜	-1/32
-22.4	Infinium	6½	...
+7.1	InfoRes	15	+⅛
-44.2	Informx	11⅜	+2 3/16
-21.8	Infoseek n	6¼	-⅜
+35.4	InnoMed n	4¼	-⅛
+44.9	Innovex s	39⅛	+1½
-11.9	InsilTc	6½	+⅛
+1.8	IntgDv	13⅞	+1½
+57.1	IntLinC n	u9½	+1 7/32
-51.9	ItgSys	12½	...
-52.0	Intek	2 7/16	-⅜
+20.8	Intel	158½	+5¼
+27.2	Intel wt	117⅜	+5¼
-11.1	Intelelf	2 13/16	+1/16
-64.8	IntelEl	2⅜	+1/16
-32.3	IntrFlt n	5½	-⅛
+33.3	InteracT	1½	+⅛
+19.9	Intrfcin	24¼	-⅝
+76.9	IntLotTot	1 7/16	+⅛
-37.5	Internwr	16¼	+⅛
+5.4	Intersltr	8⅝	-⅛
-8.2	Intrvoice	11⅝	+½
-13.9	Intuit	27 5/16	+3½
-16.8	Invacare	22⅜	+1½
-31.2	IonaTch n	14⅞	+1/16
-11.8	Iote	15⅝	+⅜
-42.9	Isolyser	4	+⅛
	J K L		
+3.9	JDASoft	29⅝	+1⅜
+62.9	JPMCo n	26½	-2
+32.6	Jabil	53¼	+3⅝
+18.4	JacorCm	31⅞	+⅝
-.4	JetSmrf	u16	...
+13.2	Jmar	2 1/16	+⅛
-16.2	JstFast s	22	+1⅜
+41.2	KLA Tenc	50 1/16	+1 9/16
+5.1	KeilOG	2 9/16	+3/16
+5.4	Kemet	24½	...
-12.0	KntckyEl	5½	-7/16
+28.6	Kinetic	15⅜	+⅜
-10.4	KlondIG	7	+⅛
-7.8	KnickLL	5⅞	+⅜
+27.0	Komag	34 7/16	+⅝
-47.5	KooKR	3 9/16	-1/16
+81.8	Kulcke	30⅜	+1⅛
-25.0	KushLk	2⅛	+3/16
-32.4	LCC Intl n	12½	+⅞
-3.2	LTX	5 1/16	-1/16
-36.5	LaTelko	1¼	-⅛
+26.2	LamRsch	35½	2½
-15.5	LamarA n	20½	...
-15.2	Landrys	18⅛	+¾
-1.1	Larscom n	11⅛	+¼
-22.3	LarDav	9⅛	+¾
+29.3	Lattice	59½	+4⅜
+25.4	LrnTree s	37	+¾
+49.6	LrnHaus n	25 1/16	+9/16
-22.7	Ligand B	11½	-½
-9.1	Lincare	37⅛	-1⅛
-2.2	Lindsay s	30 7/16	-9/16
+23.4	LinearT	54⅛	+⅜
+27.5	Liposm	24⅜	-⅛
+21.3	LoJack	12⅛	-⅛
-72.0	Loehmann	6 7/16	...
-21.5	LneSStk	21	-⅝
+15.1	LngBchF n	7⅝	+⅛
	M N O		
+18.9	MCi	38⅞	+½
+9.2	MRV Cm s	23¾	...
-49.0	Macrmd	9 9/16	+3/16
-40.5	MadgeNt	5⅞	-⅛
-28.6	MagPhr	6⅞	+⅛
-13.9	MailBx	19⅜	-⅛
+2.0	MgdCare	3 1/16	+1/16
-75.0	MgtTech	1/32	...
-34.5	ManBagel	4⅜	+⅛
+145.6	Mansur n	17½	-⅛
+32.1	Manugist	52½	-⅝
-6.6	MarDri	18	+⅞
+43.3	MarinerH	12	-5/16
-31.1	Mathsft	2⅝	-3/16
+11.8	Mattson	10⅝	+¼
+88.7	MavTube	24 1/16	+1¼
-43.6	MaximGp	9⅞	-⅜
+26.9	Maxim	54⅞	+1¼
+41.5	McAfee	62¼	+3 3/16
+9.8	McCor	u25⅞	+⅜
-11.4	Meckim	17½	+½
+64.3	MedDsp	8⅝	-⅛
+13.9	MedIFin n	17¾	+⅛
-40.8	Medaph	5⅜	-⅜
-55.5	MedCmp s	17 15/16	+13/16
+224.0	MedIndA	2 17/32	+⅛
+2.1	Medicis s	30	-⅛
+28.6	Mednet	9 3/32	+1/16
-25.8	Mentor	21⅞	+⅛
-21.2	MentGr	7 11/16	+1/32
-1.3	Mercint	12¾	...
-46.2	MeridDt	7	...
-11.8	MerlMd	21⅞	+⅝
-22.2	MesaAir	5⅛	-⅜
-2.1	MetaTools	11½	-1/32
-32.8	Metaslol	11⅝	+⅛
+9.8	MichF	14	+⅛
+53.1	MicroSy	19⅜	-⅛
+43.9	Micrel	45½	+2¾
+120.3	MicroLin	u19	+½
+46.8	MicroWre	17⅛	+¼
-19.4	MicroApp	18¼	+⅞
-.4	Microchp s	33⅜	+1⅛
-11.9	MicronEl	17⅜	+1/16
-7.9	MicSem	13½	+¼
+41.8	Microsft s	117⅛	+1⅛
-13.7	MidPhar	15	-⅜
+29.4	MidTel	11	+⅜
+14.3	vjMdlMda	½	-1/32
-7.4	Mohawk	20⅜	-⅛
-13.8	MoneySt	23⅞	-½
-21.7	Moovie	4⅛	-⅛
+130.2	MltmdG n	11 21/32	+1/32
-1.0	Myriad n	25	...
+37.8	NCO Grp n	23⅛	...
+50.8	NICESys	27⅜	+3/16
-13.4	NTL Inc	21⅞	-⅞
-29.4	NaProBio	7½	...
-5.5	NatEng	3¼	+⅛
-45.1	NatlReg	1 9/32	+1/32
+72.2	NTech	u37⅜	+3⅛
-.0	NatrSun	15⅛	+⅝
-16.8	Nautica	21	-¼
-8.3	Nellcor s	20½	+1⅛
+25.0	NeoMgic nu	18⅛	+⅜
-18.2	NeoRx	d3⅜	-1/16
+3.8	Netcom	13½	+½
-45.8	Netmng	3¼	-⅛
-39.2	Netscpe	34 9/16	+7/16
-35.5	NtwkG s	19½	+1½
-5.0	Neucrine n	9½	-⅛
+10.0	NeutelCm	14⅜	...
+170.0	Nisg wt	11½	+1/16
-23.1	NoiseCT	5⅛	+1/64
-18.4	Nordsn	52	...
+28.7	Nordst	45⅜	+⅞
-20.0	NorrisCn	5/16	-1/16
-10.1	NrthFce n	17⅝	...
+1 3/16			
+29.7	NorTrst s	u47	+⅞
+7.7	NwstAirl	42½	+1
-23.3	Norwood	14	-½
-12.5	Novell	8 3/32	+1/32
+56.9	Novlus	85	+5⅛
-41.6	NukoInfo n	6½	-⅞
+24.0	ODS Netw	14⅞	+1¼
+14.8	OReilyAu	36¾	-¼
+43.0	Oshap	7½	-⅛
-21.1	OakTech	8⅞	...
-38.3	ObjDes n	7¼	+⅛
-66.5	ObjSys	8	+¼
+5.4	Octel	18 7/16	+11/16
-1.4	OcwenAl n	18	-⅛
-43.5	Omnipont	10⅞	-⅛
+25.9	Omnicp n	18¾	+¼
+22.0	OnAssign	36	-¼
+27.7	Onsale n	u7½	+1⅜
+95.3	OnTrak	28⅝	...
+1 15/16			
-3.8	OptnCr	6¼	...
+10.0	Oracle	45 15/16	+1⅛
-5.1	OrbSci	16⅜	-⅛
-4.4	Orthlog s	5⅜	-⅜
+32.1	Osteotch	u9¼	+⅜
-21.5	OutbkStk	21	-⅛
+4.4	OdoorS s	29⅜	-⅜
+7.8	OxfordHlt	63¼	-⅜
-25.0	Oxis	6⅝	...
-44.1	Radius	9⅜	-1/16
+5.3	RainCle s	24⅜	+⅜
+4.1	Rambus n	u31½	+1⅛
+75.2	Rainbw n	23	-1/16
+17.2	Ramptop	15⅝	-1⅛
-54.3	RainSft s	17 11/16	+13/16
+4.8	RealFin	29⅜	+½
-54.4	RedBrick	8¼	+1/16
-83.3	Redcdnk	½	...
+30.9	Redwd	46⅜	+1⅛
-31.0	Regenrn	11⅛	-⅜
+17.6	Registry n	u54⅛	+4⅛
+138.0	Reliab	u14⅜	+1⅜
-75.0	RelsAcc	6⅜	-⅛
-26.5	RenSolu	32	+2⅛
+7.5	RentCre	34	+⅝
+25.0	Rentch	4⅝	-⅛
-17.0	Reprid s	25⅞	-⅛
-22.8	Resound	5½	+⅛
-18.2	Resp wtB	9 32	+1/32
-33.3	Retix	4⅛	-¼
-13.1	Reutrhld	66½	-⅜
-15.2	RextSun	23½	+1 5/16
-5.2	Rocksbr n	13¾	-½
+28.7	RolmSinr n	15⅛	-⅜
+13.0	RossStr s	28⅛	+¼
-66.2	RossSy	3¾	+⅛
-28.0	Rotech s	15⅛	-1⅛
+25.5	RyanF	8⅝	+⅛
	S T U		
-37.7	S3 Inc	10⅛	+1⅛
+42.9	SC&T Intl	9⅛	-1/32
-32.4	SDL Inc s	17⅜	+1⅜
-56.5	SI Diam	d⅝	-1/16
+4.9	Safeco	41⅜	-⅛
+22.6	Samante	47½	+⅜
-11.9	SandFm	14⅝	...
+20.5	SanDisk n	11⅜	+¼
-22.6	Sangstat	20½	+¼
+1.2	Sanmina	57⅜	+1/16
-35.7	SantCrz	4½	...
+7.4	Saplant	48¼	+2½
-30.4	SaratgBrd	d½	-3/16
+5.8	Saville	13	+1⅜
-16.3	Schulmn	20½	+1⅛
-13.2	Scitex	8¼	+⅛
+7.1	Scopus s	33 3/16	+11/16
-31.9	SeaChng n	17⅜	-⅜
+33.3	SectorC s	½	+⅛
+14.5	SecDyn s	36⅛	...
+2 15/16			
-31.7	SecFstNt n	7	+⅜
-63.0	Sel-Leb	2⅛	...
+76.6	Semtch	u30¼	+⅛
+145.0	Senetek	3⅛	-5/32
+47.4	Sepracr	24½	+⅜
-11.3	Sequnt	15¾	+½
-60.2	Sequus	6⅛	...
-10.1	ServExp n	23⅜	+⅛
-10.4	ShrMed	44⅛	-1/16
+24.0	Sheidl	23¼	-1
-63.8	Shiva	12⅝	+13/16
-5.8	Shorwd	18⅜	-1/16
+5.6	ShufMst	9⅜	+1
-9.3	SiebelS s	24½	+1⅛
+37.5	SierraSem	20⅝	+¾
-57.1	SigmDg	4½	-⅛
-2.0	SigmAl s	30⅝	+1
-30.1	SigRsrts n	24⅝	-⅛
-19.4	SiliGam n	13	+¼
+13.7	SilicnVl	22⅞	+⅛
-20.0	Silverado	3⅜	+1/32
	SkyWest	13⅞	-½
+45.8	SmtMod	36⅝	+2⅝
	SmithM wt	7⅛	+5/32
+37.5	SmthF	52¼	+⅜
-36.6	SolvEx	8⅞	-⅛
+16.3	SouthldCp	32⅝	+1¼
-13.6	US Diag	0	+⅛
-30.0	US OncP n	23⅞	+⅛
-72.1	USA Del	11⅛	-⅜
+40.7	USCS Int n	u20⅜	+1
-3.9	UST Cp	20	-⅛
-12.8	UltraSto	20⅛	-⅛
+3.2	UniCmp	9	+⅛
-21.9	Unirtek	6⅛	-⅛
-4.8	Unphase	u30 1/16	+1 1/16
+8.3	UtiWY	39⅝	...
+36.3	US BcOR	u61⅛	+1⅜
+59.4	US LongD	12⅝	+⅛
-8.2	US Robt	68⅛	+⅜
+8.2	UsBVste s	37½	+1⅛
-22.8	Univec n	2	-⅛
-22.7	Univec wt	4⅛	-⅛
-1.6	Urohlth	7⅞	+⅛
	V W X Y Z		
+3.1	VLSI	24⅝	+1
-39.2	VSI Ent	1¼	+⅛
-3.9	ValuNet	6	...
+5.8	ValuJet	6 15/16	-1/16
-29.7	VaVis A	3 15/32	-1/32
-32.5	VgrdCell	10⅛	-⅛
-2.5	Vans	12 5/16	-⅛
-20.4	Vantive s	24⅞	+2⅛
+81.3	Vasocntrl	39⅞	+⅞
-27.9	Ventritx	17⅜	-⅛
-79.3	Veritek n	6⅞	+⅛
-14.6	VeritasSf s	42½	+3⅛
-14.9	VertxPh	34¼	-¼
-8.3	Viasoft s	44¼	+2⅝
-8.8	Vical	15⅜	+1⅞
+13.1	Vicor	16⅞	-⅛
+44.0	Viewlg	16⅜	+½
-35.4	VisngOP	17¼	+⅛
-22.2	Vimrx	2⅝	+3/32
-61.1	Vitagen n	2½	-1/32
+14.4	Vitesse s	34⅜	+1⅞
-9.3	Vivus	32⅞	+2⅛
	Volvo rt	9/32	-1/32
-42.5	Vtel	5¾	+⅛
+6.0	Walkint	14⅜	+⅜
+67.8	WallData	25⅜	+1⅜
-8.8	WangLab	16⅞	-⅛
-2.2	Warntc	11¼	+⅜
+8.7	WashFed	25¾	+⅜
+26.4

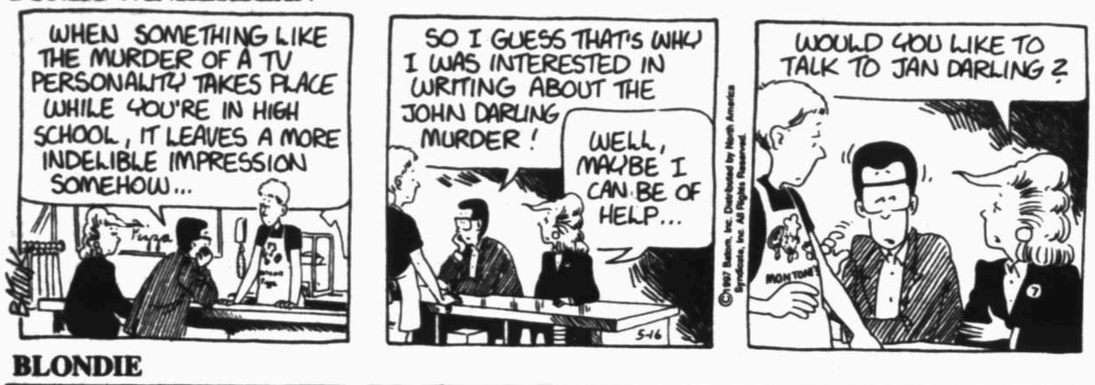
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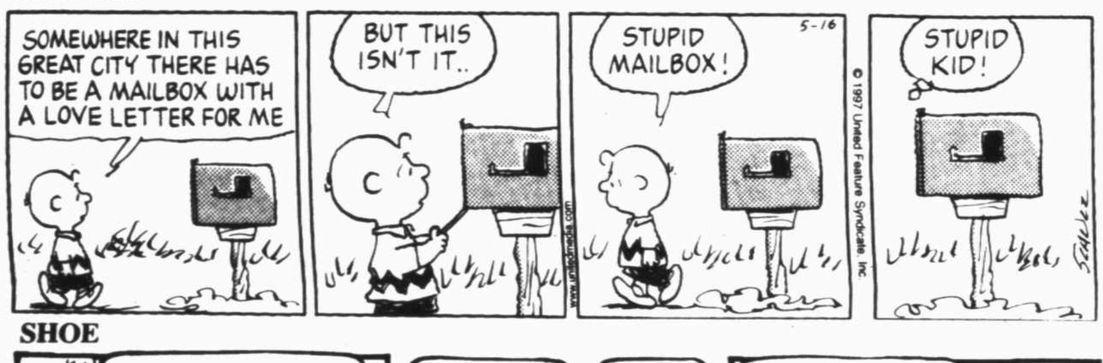
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 16, 1997:
Charisma, creativity and dynamic energy break barriers. As a result, many positive changes are likely. High imagination and the ability to energize those around you draw others. Do not take unneeded risks or gamble with feelings and money. If you are single, attractiveness is high, and you have many choices. Romance opens doors and allows an outlet for strong drives. If attached, your relationship heats up considerably. You might fight sometimes, but the arguments clears the air. Consequently, you reach a new level of intimacy. VIRGO inspires you.

BORN TODAY
Singer Janet Jackson (1966), tennis player Gabriela Sabatini (1970), actress Debra Winger (1955)

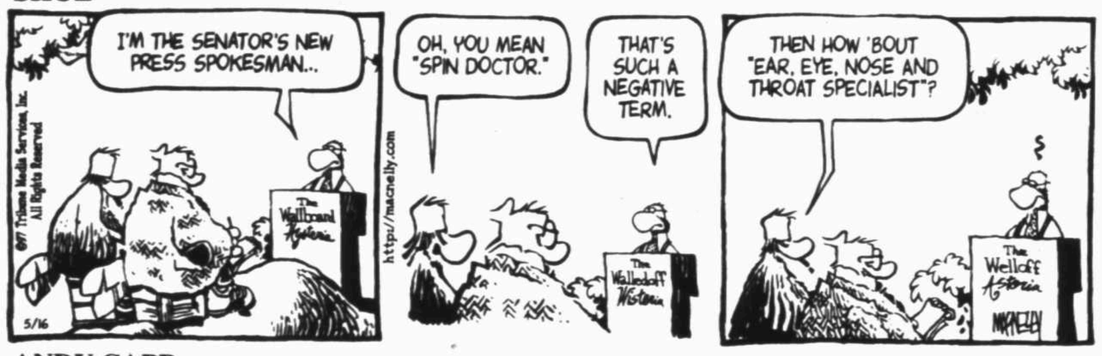
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You are full of high energy. You charge through work with a rapidity that surprises you. Do something just for yourself — take a brisk walk, make a doctor's appointment or decide about a vacation. Cut out of work early, if you can. Tonight: Buy flowers on the way home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You have a strong need to be creative. Solutions and ideas come out of the blue. Take time for a loved one who craves your attention and time. Someone you are introduced to today could have significance. Tonight: A little mischief does you good.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be more direct with family. Get key projects done at home. Pace yourself, and finish all errands. You can accomplish a lot if you put your mind to it. Decide what you want, and then proceed. Tonight: Be homeward bound.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Set up key discussions. How you see a change and what needs to be done is clear, once you have a talk. There are many different points of view. Return calls, clear your desk and get your work done. You will want to leave early today. Tonight: Hang out with friends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Build your self-image, make sound decisions about money matters and manage your budget. Be careful about what you commit to; you might be overly optimistic. Evaluate a trip with care. You do need a change, however. Tonight: Indulge in Friday fantasies.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You are personality-plus, full of dash and sparkle. You have the energy to clear your desk, complete projects and return all calls. Use your unusually direct communications to get what you need done. Animal magnetism is high; use your magic. Tonight: You pick!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take a deep breath, and think through a decision. You can make a difference if you don't act immediately. You experience a lot of frustration. Be straightforward, and examine your feelings. Tonight: Vanish with a mischievous look!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Push hard, and be clear. You are high energy, and full of personality. It is important to act, not just think. Be explicit about the choices you make. A friend wants you to join a key project. You are comfortable working with groups. Tonight: Be where the party is.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take action professionally. Be active with those who wield power. If you would like to make a point, the timing is now. Others respond to you in a big way. Someone could be hostile when interacting with you. Establish boundaries. You clear up a lot quickly. Tonight: Step into the limelight.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ One-to-one relating is key to your understanding. Reach out for another. See life from another point of view. Take off at the drop of a hat. You have a lot to accomplish, and will do so quickly. Return calls; there is interesting news. Tonight: Take off ASAP for the weekend.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Carefully think through what another says. You could be put off by his terms. Consider what is going on with him. Your perspective could be a lot different. Find out the rationale behind his thinking. Negotiations are successful. Tonight: Make time for closeness.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Defer to another; you might not have a choice. Understand what is going on with someone dear. It will take all your empathy to come to an agreement. Allow him first to blow off steam. Your charming ways smooths the path. Tonight: Socialize the night away.

PEANUTS



SHOE



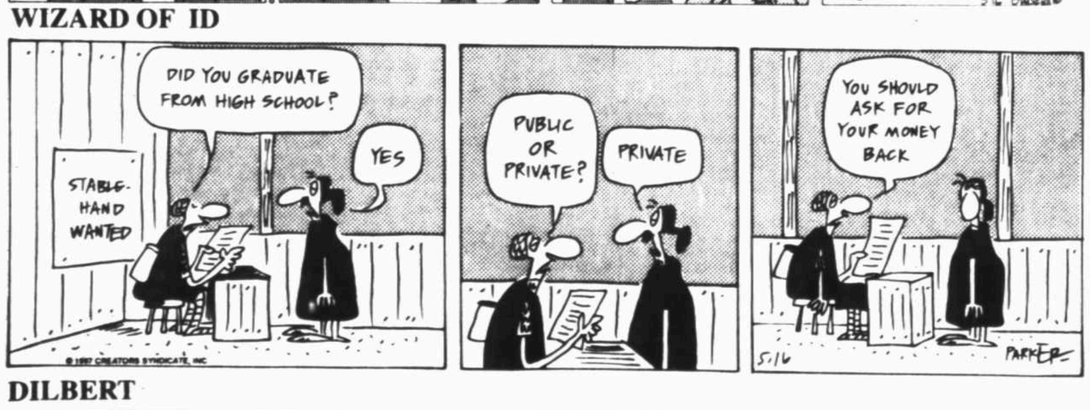
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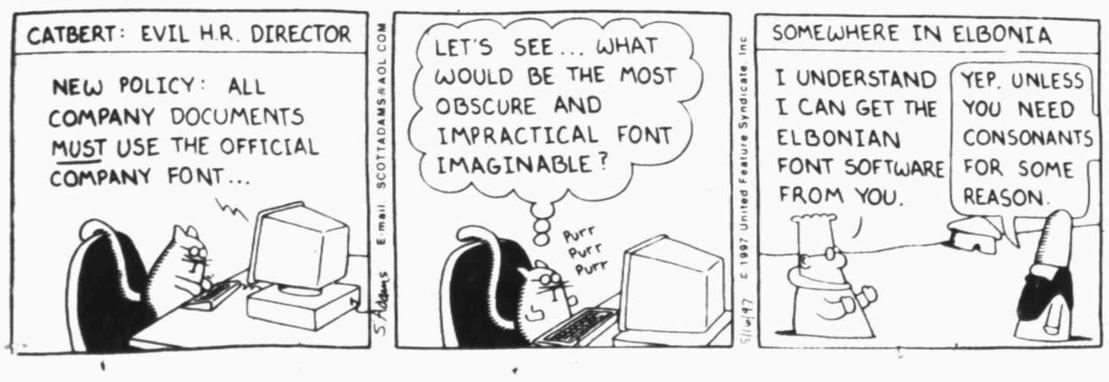
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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

10 — COUNT THEM!

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ K J 8 4
◇ K 10 7 5
♣ A 9 7 4 2

WEST
♠ 8 5 4
♡ 10 7 6 3 2
◇ 6
♣ J 10 6 3

EAST
♠ K Q J 7 6 2
♡ Void
◇ Q J 9 2
♣ K Q 8

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 3
♡ A Q 9 5
◇ A 8 4 3
♣ 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♣	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Two of ♡

Would you believe that making this contract is as simple as counting to 10? Declarer didn't seem to think so, judging from the way the hand was played.

If you play four-card majors, one heart is the recommended opening bid with the South hand. It assures that a 4-4 fit in any of the three suits will be located.

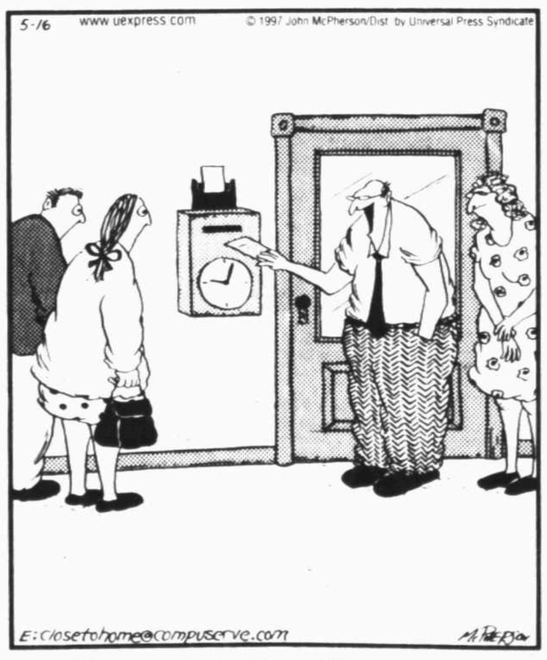
Four hearts was certainly a reasonable contract. West found the best defense by leading a low trump, and the 5-0 break was a little disconcerting. Declarer won cheaply in hand, cashed the ace of diamonds and continued with a diamond toward the king. West ruffed and reverted to hearts, and the contract could no longer be made. Try it.

Normally it is correct to try to cash all your side-suit winners before embarking on a crossruff, but it was unnecessary here. Suppose South had counted winners before playing to the third trick? There is one heart in the bank and three side-suit aces. Add six tricks on the crossruff and the total is 10. The king of diamonds is not needed!

After the ace of diamonds lives, declarer should continue with the ace of spades and a spade ruff on the table. After cashing the ace of clubs and ruffing a club, nothing can stop declarer from scoring four more tricks on a black-suit crossruff.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



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by Dick Rogers

THE PUZZLER

HERE'S A NUMBER PUZZLE FOR YOU TO PUZZLE OVER. SOME NUMBERS ARE EVEN, SOME ARE ODD. DO YOU KNOW WHEN 7 IS EVEN?

TO FIND OUT, FILL IN THE MISSING LETTERS IN THE NUMBER NAMES. THEN READ THE BOXES FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. THIS ONE SHOULD MAKE US EVEN.

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ANS: WHEN THE 'S' IS GONE.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING — May 16, 1997 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 413	Wheel of Fortune	All-Star T.G.I.F. Magic 5993		Sabrina, Witch	Step by Step 9055	20/20 1177		News 94332	Cheers 86992	Nightline 3852	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Sliders: This Slide of Paradise 13535		Millennium: The Paper Dove 26055		Star Trek: Voyager 19719		Mad About You	In the Heat of the Night: Gunshot 617968		Martin 55239
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 1719	Entertain. Tonight	Kids Say the Darndest Things 13993		The 1997 Miss Universe Pageant 56789				News 4175535	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 7177	Seinfeld 8429	Unsolved Mysteries 53581		Dateline NBC 42429		Homicide: Life on the Street 55993		News 6974581	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 107871		The Tripps		Frederick K. Price		Praise the Lord 33388				Charisma	Carman
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 535719		Washington Week	Wall St./ Rukeyser	McLaughlin Group	TechnoPolitics	Urban Renewal: Reclaiming Neighborhoods		To Be Announced 825239			
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(8) CNBC		8	Money Club	Steals and Deals	Equal Time	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live 3540577		Late Night With Conan O'Brien 3645121		Charles Grodin 9744910		Rivera Live 5349142	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	BZZZT! 430993	Pretty Woman (R, '90) ★★★ (Richard Gere, Julia Roberts) 769697				News 231719		Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Oakland A's 470993			
(11) WTBS		11	Fun Videos	Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves 531622							Mr. Destiny (PG-13, '90) ★★ (James Belushi, Linda Hamilton) 830245			
(18) BRAV		18	The Changeling (5)		Mona Lisa (R, '86) ★★★ (Bob Hoskins) 765871				Good Morning, Babylon (PG-13, '87) 954158				Inside Actor's Studio	
(20) BET		20	Hit List 641626		Planet Groove Top 20 485603				Comicview 415239		News	Benson	Rap City 987805	
(21) DISN		21	The Land Before Time (G, '88) 9289245		The Land Before Time II: The Great Valley Adventure (7:10)		The Land Before Time III: The Time of the Great Giving (G) 1891500				Planet of the Apes (9:45) (G, '68) ★★★ (Charlton Heston) 18019790		Movie (11:40)	
(23) FAM		23	The Waltons (Part 2 of 2) 344429		Highway to Heaven: The Hero 801784		Rescue 911 983332		The 700 Club 807968		The Three Stooges	The Three Stooges	Carson's Comedy	Carson's Comedy
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Burden	Larry King Live 827177		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (5:30)	Up Close Prime-Time 950887		Boxing: Philip Holiday vs. Pete Taliaferro. Light-weights 680516				Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 633790		Baseball Tonight	Superbouts
(37) USA		37	Highlander: The Gathering 620871		Witness (R, '85) ★★★ (Harrison Ford, Kelly McGillis) 996429				La Femme Nikita: Mother 729581		The Presidio (R, '88) ★★ (Sean Connery, Mark Harmon) 198177			
(38) FX		38	21 Jump Street		A-Team 3856806		Miami Vice 3769326		In Color	In Color	Picket Fences 3855177		Miami Vice 8133429	
(39) A&E		39	Law & Order: House Counsel 414069		Biography 190055		The Mean Season (R, '85) ★★ (Kurt Russell, Mariel Hemingway) 283719		Digital Edge 254535		Law & Order: Happily Ever After 199326		Biography 634121	
(40) TLC		40	Hometime 892719	Hometime 703871	Myth America	Legends of Isles	Earth's Fury: Superstorms 161871				Myth America	Legends of Isles	Earth's Fury: Superstorms 127697	
(41) NICK		41	Doug 207784	Rugrats 394264	KaBlam! 564581	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Bewitched 665264	Newhart 547429	Odd Couple	Taxi 351239	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart
(43) LIFE		43	The Wire	The Wire	The Dish	Dates	Ladykillers ('88) ★ (Marilu Henner) 990622				Homicide: Life/Street		Unsolved Mysteries	
(46) OUTDR		47	Profiles of Nature	Global Family	Hooked/Fly-Fishing	Scotland	Tournament Angler	On the Fly	Canadian Sportfish	Blue Fly-Fishing	Hooked/Fly-Fishing	Scotland	Tournament Angler	On the Fly
(49) UNI		49	Luz Clarita 24210		Te Sigo Amando 97535		Tu y Yo 50005		A Traves del Video 93719		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Filo de la Ley (Mario Almada) 487500	
(50) HSE		50	Fox Sports News 91974		Sports Tonight	Baseball: New York Yankees at Texas Rangers 616910						Fox Sports News	Fox Sports News 58245	
(51) COM		51	Monty Python and the Holy Grail (5) 6150697		Once Upon a Crime (PG, '92) ★ (John Candy, James Belushi) 8161871				National Lampoon's Vacation (R, '83) ★★★ (Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo) 1540177				Monty Python and the Holy Grail 1258177	
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(14) DISC		14	Wings 214041		Wild Discovery: Wild Australia 278867		Discovery News	World of Wonder	Fangs!: Great White Down Under 194871		Wild Discovery: Wild Australia 277158		Discovery News	World of Wonder
(15) AMC		15	Man Without a ... (5:30)		The Wrong Man ('56) ★★★ (Henry Fonda) 421177				Flower Drum Song ('61) ★★ 544852				Touch of Evil 828974	
(16) TNN		16	Dukes of Hazzard		Motor Madness 190245						Dallas: Jamie 166326		Motor Madness 833448	
(17) TNT		17	In the Heat of the Night		NBA Basketball 641413					Inside NBA	The Beast Within (R, '82) ★ 1508595			
(22) MAX		22	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (5:30)		Shopping (R, '94) ★ (Sadie Frost, Jude Law) 909968			Die Hard With a Vengeance (R, '95) ★★★ (Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons) 7671652					Midnight Confessions (11:15) (R) 56080790	
(29) VC1		29	Emma (5) 2519697		The Chamber (R, '96) ★★ 9642500				The Associate (PG-13, '96) ★★★ 2989326				Emma (PG) 6928264	
(30) CHTS2		30	First Wives Club (5)		The First Wives Club (PG, '96) ★★ 5348326				The First Wives Club (PG, '96) ★★ 7049582				The First Wives Club	
(31) CHTS1		31	William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet 2190036				William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet 7140531				William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet 4952784			
(32) TMC		32	In Cold Blood (5:45) (R, '67) ★★★★ (Robert Blake, Scott Wilson) 12493616				Devil in a Blue Dress (R, '95) ★★ (Denzel Washington, Tom Sizemore) 5812516				Showgirl Murders (9:45) (R, '96) 17759177		Illegal In Blue (11:05) (R, '95) 70197993	
(33) SHOW		33	Sahara (5:05) ('95) ★★ 63660326		Unforgettable (R, '96) ★ (Ray Liotta, Linda Fiorentino) 603719				The Outer Limits: Last Supper 2135719		Poltergeist: Legacy	Judge Dredd (R, '95) ★★ (Sylvester Stallone, Armand Assante) 7216993		
(34) HBO		34	Top Gun (PG, '86) ★★★ (Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis) 555968				The Getaway (R, '94) ★★ (Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger) 550413				Tales From Crypt	Dennis Miller Live	Todd McFarlane	Last Man Standing
(89) HC		89	Maximum Risk (R, '96) ★★ 2976652				American Stripper: L.A.		Savage Heat 2060245		Bullet (R, '96) ★★ (Mickey Rourke) 7142719			

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PEOPLE

Eddie Murphy files lawsuit against two tabloids for stories about 'girl'

LOS ANGELES — **Eddie Murphy** sued two tabloids for $5 million each, claiming false stories about his encounter with a transsexual prostitute made him ill.

The suits filed Wednesday claim the articles in the May 20 editions of the Globe and National Enquirer damaged Murphy's reputation and that he suffered "severe emotional and physical distress, requiring medical attention."

A third lawsuit seeks $1 million from an individual identified as Ioane Seiuli for comments attributed to him in the New York Post.

Murphy, the star of "The Nutty Professor" and "Beverly Hills Cop," has said he was just trying to be nice when he picked up Atisone Seiuli, 20, in West Hollywood on May 2.

Murphy, 36, was pulled over minutes after the prostitute got into his car, but police said he had broken no law.

The relationship between Ioane Seiuli and Atisone Seiuli was unclear.

The Enquirer article, "Eddie Murphy's Secret Sex Life — His Transvestite Hooker Tells All," included accounts of alleged encounters between Murphy and two transsexuals.

The Globe's May 20 story, beneath the headline "Eddie Murphy's sick obsession with drag queens!" carried a similar article with a side story about transvestite Karen Dior's alleged sexual encounter with the actor.

A message left at the Enquirer after business hours Wednesday night was not immediately returned. The phone at the Globe rang unanswered.

TORONTO — **Sarah Ferguson** says she'll live happily ever after, with or without her prince.

The Duchess of York, commonly known as Fergie, laughed when she was asked after a speech Wednesday night if she would ever remarry Prince Andrew.

The duchess said she and the prince — whom she referred to as her husband — were "getting on better and better and better."

"No, there will be no reconciliation, but you never know what may happen," she said.

Later, she added: "I might just live happily ever after."

The couple married in 1986, separated six years later and divorced in 1996. But in February, the 37-year-old duchess moved back into the house they had built near Windsor Castle. Sarah said the move was purely for financial reasons.

BANGKOK, Thailand — Only James Bond could devise a way to beat the most notorious traffic jams on the planet.

"Go by roof," said Pierce Brosnan, who was in Bangkok Thursday to begin filming a daring rooftop motorcycle chase for "Tomorrow Never Dies" the latest 007 movie.

The movie will be the most expensive Bond film ever, producer Michael Wilson said. He wouldn't divulge total costs, but said the two-week shoot in Thailand alone would cost $4 million.

PARIS — In Paris, Calvin Klein feels at home in black.

The fashion glitterati lined up in black outfits Wednesday to look at the black outfits in Klein's first Paris boutique, and one voice offered the ultimate compliment: "It's very Klein."



Calvin Klein's new Paris boutique opens this week.

"Quite frankly, I'm here because the market asked for me to be here," said Klein, also dressed completely in black.

The American designer joins international fashion names like Dior, Celine, Valentino and Karl Lagerfeld on the elegant and chic Avenue de Montaigne, just off the Champs Elysees.

"We're here and we're not taking anyone on, we just want to share," said Klein, as well-dressed, multilingual shop assistants offered champagne and profiteroles to the lucky invited.

Klein is the first American designer to launch himself on the city's most prestigious fashion strip. His two-story store opened for a preview Wednesday and opens to the public in a few weeks.

CANNES, France— Robin Williams did his best impression of the Spice Girls Thursday as he met reporters to promote his upcoming film, "What Dreams May Come."

No sooner had Britain's pop phenomenon left town after announcing their own film, than they were reborn through Williams' manic improvisation.

A question about his favorite Spice Girl led to a rap-heavy routine in which Williams became a high-pitched pop star — or two. "My name is Oregano," Williams squealed. "My friend is Basil."

Williams was in town to plug his new film, which begins shooting in June and is scheduled to be released in 1998. "What Dreams May Come" co-stars Oscar-winner Cuba Gooding, Jr.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

ACROSS

1 Hornswoggle
5 Woody fiber used for cordage
9 Upset
14 Setting for some diamonds
15 The popular, giggling doll
16 — Oro, Africa
17 Army group
18 Abba of Israel
19 "— in Danger": Robert Goulet film
20 M. Boussard's find, 1799
23 ZZZZ
24 Type of sandal
25 About to-be-grads
28 Child's direction
30 Musical players
32 A Gabor
35 Start of Christmas carol
38 Sanctified
39 With "The," song popularized by Nora Bayes
43 Alike, in Lyons
44 Modern French composer Erik
45 — Corner in old London
46 Accessory in the salon
49 Unexpected foray
51 Oriental holiday
52 Prospect
55 Silver coin
59 Favorite in the nursery
61 Elevator music, usually
64 Chlorophyll producer
65 Heavy farm vehicle
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68 Part of a wooden fence
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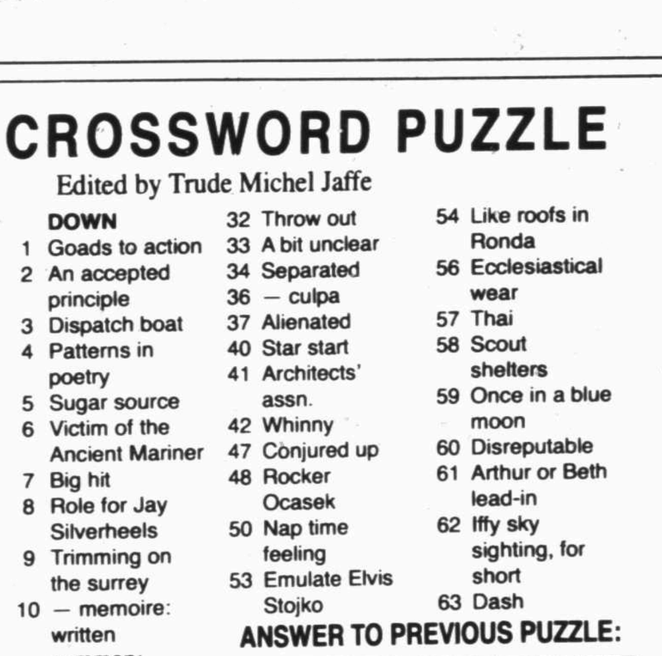
DOWN

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2 An accepted principle
3 Dispatch boat
4 Patterns in poetry
5 Sugar source
6 Victim of the Ancient Mariner
7 Big hit
8 Role for Jay Silverheels
9 Trimming on the surrey
10 — memoire: written summary
11 Actress Caldwell
12 Columnist LeShan
13 "Runaway" singer Shannon
21 Western range
22 Some light switches
25 Jazzy dance
26 Event at the Olympics
27 "Funny Girl" composer
29 Jewelry, to yeggs
31 Grad. degree
32 Throw out
33 A bit unclear
34 Separated
36 — culpa
37 Alienated
40 Star start
41 Architects' assn.
42 Whinny
47 Conjured up
48 Rocker Ocasek
50 Nap time feeling
53 Emulate Elvis Stojko
54 Like roofs in Ronda
56 Ecclesiastical wear
57 Thai
58 Scout shelters
59 Once in a blue moon
60 Disreputable
61 Arthur or Beth lead-in
62 Iffy sky sighting, for short
63 Dash

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AROUND TOWN

Friends of the Library will have a book drive to collect donations for its annual October book sale. Donations of books will be accepted 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 2-7 at the Book Drop at 2305 W. Michigan (across from Luskey's) in Midland.

Book donations are accepted 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays and Saturdays all year long at the book drop.

The Friends also need volunteers to help unload books from cars, then sort and box them. For more information call 684-7953 or 570-5159...

...MUSEUM OF the Southwest will present an exhibit of paintings and drawings by Waco artist Kermit Oliver May 17-June 29 in the Here and Now Gallery. The exhibit is the third in the "Texas Realists, Contemporary Artists" series.

Geri Hooks, of Hooks-Epstein Galleries Inc. in Houston, will present a slide show and lecture reception on Oliver's work 7 p.m. May 20 at the museum.

The museum, located at 1705 W. Missouri Ave. in Midland, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770...

...UNITED OSTOMY Association, Midland-Odessa chapter #590, will meet 2:30 p.m. May 18 at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's auditorium. Sheldon and Kelly Skinner with Specialized Fitness will present the program...

...AMERICAN LEGION Post #19 will have its annual Memorial Day service 6:30 p.m. May 26 at Rest Haven...

...HUMAN RESOURCE Professionals of the Permian Basin will meet noon-1 p.m. May 20 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 N. FM 1788. Ed Cosgrove, area director of OSHA, will speak on "Employers' Rights and Recording Keeping: Part 1." Cost of the luncheon is $10 per person. Reservations are due by noon May 19. Make check payable to HRPPB and mail to P.O. Box 3153, Midland, Texas 79702, or pay at the door...

...WEST TEXAS Singles Association will have its anniversary dance 7:30 p.m. May 17 at the Moose Lodge, 2711 N. Dixie in Odessa. This Sunday "dress up" occasion will include food, fellowship and dancing, as well as door prizes, cash drawing and other surprises. For more information call 550-6960...

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, will meet 6:30 p.m. May 19 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Pot luck supper will be served; program will be presented, followed by cards and dominoes. Persons aged 50 and older are invited to call 684-8419 or 697-1212 for more information...

...ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL Club will have its installation dinner for new officers 6:30 p.m. May 22 at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Members are urged to bring guests. For reservations or cancellations call 682-5918 or 682-1375...

...MEALS ON WHEELS needs volunteers to help deliver meals to homebound elderly and disabled persons Mondays through Fridays. Delivery takes about one hour. For more information call 689-6693...

...ALLISON CANCER Center has meetings planned for next week.

Man to Man prostate cancer education group will meet 7 p.m. May 20 at the center. Discussion on "Lifestyle Changes Caused by Cancer" will be led by licensed counselor and prostate cancer survivor Marshall Mason and his wife, Karen. Both men and women are encouraged to attend. The group is co-sponsored by the center and American Cancer Society.

Bosom Buddies breast cancer support group also will meet 7 p.m. May 20 at the center. Carol Calderazzo, aromatherapist, will discuss using herbs and essential oils to aid in attitude, relaxation and vitality. Women who have had a breast cancer diagnosis are invited to attend.

For more information about either group call 685-6606...

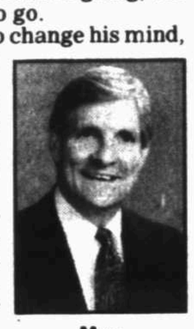
FAMILY MATTERS

Decision about camp should be made by family

By Jim May Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: Our 12-year-old son doesn't want to go to camp this summer. Several of his friends are going, but Sam (not his real name) doesn't want to go.

We've tried everything that we know to change his mind, and now he gets angry anytime we bring it up.



May

His sisters started going to camp when they were his age and loved it. They've both talked to him about how much fun it is, but nothing they've said could change Sam's mind either.

What could make him afraid to go to camp? All that he's said is that three weeks is too long to be away from his friends. That doesn't sound right to us, especially since two of his friends are going.

I don't think that anything has ever happened to him to make him afraid, but a friend mentioned that it might be a possibility. Should we ask Sam about this possibility? My husband didn't think that it was a good idea to bring up something like that because it might scare him even more.

What do you think we should do? We don't want Sam to miss out on a lot of fun this summer by just "normal" fear. I know that it's very normal for kids to be homesick when they're away at camp (our girls both were for a few days), but this is a new one on us.

My husband thinks that we should just make him go and learn to get past fear (he doesn't want Sam to be a sissy), but I don't want to scar Sam for life by making him do something that he really doesn't want to do.

Have you ever heard of a boy his age acting like this? Should we make him go or let him stay home? SUMMER CAMP FEARS

DEAR SUMMER: Having concerns about going away to a camp by himself for the summer is not unusual for a child to feel. Many children worry about such a long separation from their families; others want to spend their time off in a less structured environment.

I think of camp as an alternative learning experience for the child when he or she is ready. Since it is an option, I think it should be left to the child to decide. That does not mean the child should make the decision by himself, just that this is one area where his feelings and beliefs should be considered.

The difficulty for parents is weighing the potential value of camp against forcing the child to do something "fun" against his will.

There is no right answer. You may want to consider sending him to a shorter camp for his first away-from-home experience. Three weeks may be too long for him right now.

You may also want to investigate different types of camps, Would he be more interested in one that is activity-specific, such as baseball, football or basketball camp?

This may be a wonderful opportunity to teach your son how to make a decision when he has reservations. You can how him how to make these decisions; show him how to create alternatives for summer activities.

Perhaps readers could write about their experiences on making or not making a child to go summer camp. Readers?

I do think talking to your son about any inappropriate experiences that he might have had would be worthwhile. Use the "safe touch, dangerous touch" approach.

While this is unlikely, you may want to ask him about it, just in case something inappropriate has happened to him. Should you feel that something has happened, take him to his doctor and/or a counselor right away. While this would be an unexpected, if it is the problem it should be dealt with quickly and professionally in order to manage potential emotional damage.

THE FOLLOWING TIPS ON "SKILLS OF BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT" ARE OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

- Prepare in advance for certain behaviors.
- Learn to predict what your child may do.
- Plan events so that reasonable behavior can be expected.
- Think ahead, *not* from behind.
- Control the home environment by establishing a pattern of organization that governs daily life.
- Unpredictable physical circumstances contribute to distraction and hyperactive behavior in children.
- Flexible, comfortable and generally predictable schedules are most helpful.
- Rigid scheduling is just that, *rigid*.
- Plan a number of alternative activities so that one kind of behavior is not locked into place.
- Even children as young as 2 years old can make some behavior choices.

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Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

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Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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DEAR ABBY

Adopted son of gay father is fed up with comments that hurt

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am 11 years old. I'm in the sixth grade and I'm adopted. I don't have a mother, but I have two dads. My dad adopted me just after I turned 1 year old because my mother took drugs and didn't take care of me. My dad met his lover when I was 4, and we have lived together since I was 6.



Van Buren

The reason I am writing is for all the people who say bad things about my dad and me. It's usually not the kids at school, it's their parents and some of my teachers. They ask me if it bothers me that I was adopted by a gay man and don't have a mom. Well, it doesn't bother me — only their questions bother me. I love my dad and he loves me. I have a godmother I see every couple of months and she's kind of like a mom to me.

Some people say that living with my dad is going to make me gay, but his parents raised him to be straight and he isn't. My dad was born gay and he can't change who he is. He says you either are or you aren't. He has never told me to like boys (or girls). He says when I am older, I will feel love for somebody, just like he loves John, just like my godmother loves her husband and just like my uncle loves his wife.

Abby, I know a lot of people read your column. Please print my letter so maybe people will think twice before they say hurtful things to people like me. Just because my family is a little different doesn't mean I'm not happy. The Bible even says you should not judge other people. — HAPPILY ADOPTED IN ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR HAPPILY ADOPTED: Thank you for a wonderful letter. There is an incredible amount of wisdom in that 11-year-old head of yours. May God continue to bless you.

DEAR ABBY: Per your recent request for examples of acts of kindness:

A Washington, D.C., man recently cleaned up and repainted a rusting and neglected police call box in front of his house. He was arrested for defacing government property!

A woman in the Midwest put a quarter in the parking meter of a total stranger. She was arrested for violating her town's parking laws.

A store owner on eastern Long Island put a sign in his window advertising the sale of pumpkins grown in his garden. He was arrested for violating some obscure zoning ordinance, and since his case has generated publicity, police and local officials have engaged in a campaign of harassment against him.

A public-spirited Chicago man who purchased an electric car to fight pollution is now engaged in a legal battle against the state motor vehicle officials, who claim that electric cars can't pass the required emissions test because they don't produce any emissions.

Who was it who said, "No good deed goes unpunished"? —P.M. IN HICKSVILLE, N.Y.

DEAR P.M.: According to Brewer's Quotations, "No good deed goes unpunished" is attributed to Oscar Wilde.

I agree that on the face of it, the reactions of the authorities appear unjust. However, before I render a judgment, I would have to know more of the details.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Myra Salcedo

Myra Salcedo promoted to MRT lifestyle editor

Staff Reports

Myra Salcedo, former education reporter for the Midland Reporter-Telegram, has been promoted to lifestyle editor.

Ms. Salcedo has been employed with the Reporter-Telegram for more than 11 years.

She worked as education reporter for seven years and won various state and regional education reporting awards, including two School Bell Writing Excellence awards from the Texas State Teachers Association.

Before becoming education reporter she was a lifestyle writer for four years and won various feature writing and page design awards.

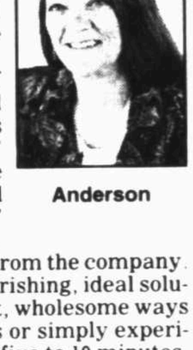
She was also creative services director for a Reporter-Telegram lifestyle magazine in 1982.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Interesting product comes in mail

By Linda Anderson

Mail call again: Near East, a company that seems to specialize in rice and pasta products with exotic names, sent us a package of its new Toasted Pine Nut Couscous Mix, along with a package of its new Broccoli Couscous mix.



Anderson

What, you may ask, is couscous? On the boxes' label, it is described as "Tiny grains of Moroccan style pasta."

The toasted pine nut kind of couscous is mixed with "toasted pine nuts, onions, garlic, leeks and spices, with a fluffy texture."

The broccoli kind is said to have "broccoli, onions, garlic and red bell peppers, with a fluffy texture." Clears things right up, doesn't it.

According to information sent from the company, both kinds of couscous "make nourishing, ideal solutions for those seeking convenient, wholesome ways to add variety to everyday meals or simply experiment with new flavors. Ready in five to 10 minutes, Toasted Pine Nut Couscous combines savory seasonings with tender, toasted pine nuts and Broccoli Couscous is simple and buttery with broccoli flowerets. Both have the Near East couscous light, fluffy texture that makes them the perfect partner to just about any poultry or meat dish. Or they can be prepared with vegetables, fruit, beans, nuts or cheese for imaginative, meatless main dish meals.

Well, OK. Somehow I have a hard time imagining combining pasta with fruit, but to each his or her own.

The company information goes on to state: "Near East couscous products are made from finely-ground semolina wheat, 100 percent natural ingredients and seasonings, and no artificial preservatives — to meet the USDA Food Guide Pyramid standards, which emphasize a variety of grains as central to a healthy diet."

And the information gives a suggested retail price of $1.79 for the three-serving boxes (the broccoli kind was in a 5.4-ounce box; the pine nut kind was in a 5.6-ounce box).

Nutrition labels show that both kinds of couscous are relatively low in fat. Both are prepared with two teaspoons of olive oil or butter, which is distributed over three servings.

A one-cup serving of toasted pine nut couscous (prepared as directed) contains 230 calories with 50 calories from fat; the broccoli couscous contains 210 calories per one-cup serving, with 25 of them from fat. That's what it says on the boxes.

Now for the taste test: I drafted my daughter and two of her friends to help out with it. I had tried couscous before so I knew to expect grains of pasta so tiny that it has almost the same texture of certain hot cereals, such as Malt-O-Meal or Cream of Wheat.

My daughter wouldn't touch the couscous — she refuses to eat hot cereal of any kind and decided couscous was just too close for comfort.

One of her friends tried some of both flavors and got this strange, "don't make me try this again" expression on his face.

The other had seconds. He liked the broccoli kind best, but even though he sampled the couscous twice, the highest praise he could come up with was a polite, "It's not bad; it's good."

I enjoy couscous now and then, in small doses and not too often. But I just don't think my daughter is ready for it yet. She loves a couple of the Near East skinny pastas though.

I'd better stick with them.

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Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram *staff writer.*

This year's Mother's Day is memorable

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) — Mother's Day has taken on a whole new meaning for Pam Nicolini, 35. She was relaxing at home Sunday, quite pregnant, when she started having contractions. She and husband, John, thought they had plenty of time to get to the hospital. After all, she was in labor for 19 hours with their first child.

But the baby didn't know any better. "By the time we got to the emergency room parking lot, my husband stopped the car and ran around just in time to catch the baby coming out," she said.

Medics ran outside and cut the umbilical cord. "It was a hair-raising ride," recalled John Nicolini. "It got dramatic as we got closer and we finally started honking through red lights. I don't know what it is with holidays. Our first son was born Christmas night."

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ACTIVE TIMES

ACTIVE TIMES CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

■ Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for May 19-23 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11 a.m. COM blood pressure screening; 11:30 a.m. lunch and nutrition talk; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch and birthday party for May; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. creative writing class.

■ Friday: 8:15 a.m. Kaffee Klatsch; 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

Kaffee Klatsch scheduled for 8:15-10 a.m. Friday is for pre-registered members. City of Midland's blood pressure screening day has been moved to 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aids present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

■ Monday: 7:30-10:30 a.m. water walking; 10:30-11:15 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:15-1 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Tuesday: 7:30-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10:30-11:15 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

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RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ American Heart Association needs volunteers to assist with fund raising event, "Walk Your Neighborhood." Help recruit walkers through life-saving messages over the telephone.

■ Midland County Public Library needs circulation aides to help check books in and out using bar code light. Shifts are three hours on Saturday mornings or afternoons. Orientation and training provided.

■ GED tutor is needed to assist residents of Midland County Court Residential Treatment Center with deficiencies in math, reading, writing, science and social studies. Orientation provided; schedule is flexible.

Centenarian athlete still competes

By Lana Cunningham

The large blue beach ball came bouncing off the woman's long slender fingers to open the volleyball match between Manor Park and another nursing home. The ball hit the net and Manor Park lost a point in one round of the Senior Olympic Games recently.

It was a hard-fought match featuring 104-year-old Ada Dunagan and her wheelchaired teammates. The ball sometimes went over the players' heads; other times it bounced back and forth over the low net stretched between two chairs during a long volley and eventually dropped just over the net and out of reach.

The volleyball game over, Mrs. Dunagan waited for her next event: horseshoes, Not much, not even the wheelchair, slows down her desire to stay active.

Attired in the purple Olympic Games T-shirt which complemented her coifed white hair, her blue eyes sparkled as they looked through the navy wire-rimmed glasses. "I was born in 1892" in Alabama, she told the visitor. The seventh of 12 children, she remembers coming to West Texas in a covered wagon (actually it was two wagons, considering the size of the family). "My parents were going to get some free land. The government was giving it away for people to settle it."

She grew up on a farm with her siblings in Gaines County. The children had a private teacher ("we were about 20 miles from school"). And they had fun. "It was pretty hectic. We had one game we called 'Over.' One of us would throw the ball over the roof of the house and someone else would catch it and try to touch the other children and claim them. I was pretty good at it. I could throw it over the roof most of the time."

At the age of 19, she was married to John Clayborn Dunagan, (Clayborn with a 'y'," she spells it out to the reporter), and they moved to Midland in 1925. Her husband brought Coca-Cola to the town of 8,000 people. While he was busy at work, Mrs. Dunagan was raising five children. The last one, Virginia, arrived 15 years after the fourth child. "She was the surprise," said Mrs. Dunagan with a soft chuckle.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Ada Dunagan, 104, doesn't let age stop her from being a competing athlete. In the recent Senior Olympic Games at Manor Park, Mrs. Dunagan was a member of the volleyball team.

Today she knows just how many offspring have come from her marriage. She has "19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren."

She recalled planting flowers and growing vegetables. "I had every kind of vegetable. I didn't let the kids work in the garden. I guess it was my exercise."

Reading to her children was the entertainment in those days. And Mrs. Dunagan apparently made her characters come to life. "I remember reading a story from 'David Copperfield' to them and I looked up and all of them were crying."

Cooking was learned through trial and error, but Mrs. Dunagan stirred up a recipe for biscuits that her family still talks about. In fact, a grandson made her write out the recipe and he bakes the traditional bread. "I was famous for the way they tasted — they were light and good," she said.

And Christmas was her favorite holiday. "Everyone would get together. We had a Christmas tree and hung all the stockings," she said, her eyes twinkling. "We *always* had turkey and dressing."

Mrs. Dunagan's only secret to a long life might be heredity. Her mother lived to the age of 90. Otherwise, the longtime Midlander claims she has no idea why she's still rolling around this earth. "Just blessed, I guess."

Low fat doesn't describe her diet. While she first says she likes plain food and lots of vegetables, she confesses to loving eggs and bacon, which she has for breakfast. "And I like roast beef and fried chicken and gravy. I guess the doctors don't know it all," she said with a laugh when told that physicians don't recommend that type of diet.

Her days are busy ones at Manor Park. Her assistant, Josie Blowe, said the centenarian get up, washes her face and reads the Bible every morning. After breakfast she reads the newspaper and does exercises to keep her muscles limber. After a bath, Mrs. Dunagan puts on her makeup, goes to lunch, reads her mail, watches some television or reads. After supper comes some more television or reading in bed.

But she emphasized she always washes off her makeup and puts on some face cream. "Might as well try to keep the wrinkles away," said the woman whose complexion looks 20 years younger and gives a glimpse to the beauty of her youth.

"She's a remarkable, loving woman," said Ms. Blowe. "She never has anything cross to say about anybody. She really loves her children. She's always talking about her children."

The games were coming to a halt for lunch and Mrs. Dunagan headed for the Activities Room. The horseshoe pitching event would come after the noon meal and she wanted to be ready.

DR. PAGE

Religion plays important role in many lives

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

Most young people believe that the closer one approaches "The Pearly Gates" and "Buying the Farm" to "Pushing up Daisies" thus "Yielding up the Ghost" and "Shuffling off this mortal coil," one develops a propensity to exhibit righteous religiosity. Recent research on that subject disclosed that a person's religious tenets while aging remained steady around 75 percent or much higher if the parents enjoyed a favorable religious experience.



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Considering the on-going explosion of the "old-old" segment of our population, it means that our land now teems with oldsters not "preparing for Heaven," but rather evaluating and understanding "self."

To aid and abet this search, religion enjoys a position to offer a kind of fellowship which fights societal classification of the "old" as nonpersons.

A past White House Conference on Aging pointed out that the basic insights and affirmations concerning human dignity and the meaning of old age are incorporated in religious teaching. This includes those whose belief does not consist of expectation of immortality, but does recognize a sense of belonging to the eternal universe.

In this day and age, where all theological activism appears focused on youth, that ever-enlarging group of silent elder citizens, the majority of whom need guidance and support, appear to be elbowed to the rear at the very theological institutions of diverse persuasions that me-thinks should be most concerned. It seems only natural that cathedrals, churches, temples, meeting houses, etc., should constitute centers for personal outreach.

In addition to supporting the individuals' personal spiritual beliefs, the opportunity should be allotted for encouraging quieter and slower-moving souls to express themselves.

Social assemblages such as clubs or guilds desperately need an extroverted church representative to furnish gentle direction.

One practical and literal Godsend consists of providing transportation for potential worshippers. Other helpful contrivance consists of easy approaches to the edifice; reachable seating; some pews with hearing devices; and parochial visits by church representatives.

Unfortunately many seniors, after the loss of family and friends, find themselves alone and out of touch with life. It has been suggested that this segment of society might benefit from an activity not unlike Big Brothers/Big Sisters, which could be termed by some such name as Lively Grandson or Daughter or Ersatz Grandchild, and thus hopefully fill a spiritual void.

Let me vehemently plead a profound caveat: Do not treat persons who have lived productive, meaningful lives as babies! Activities such as cutting paper dolls, pushing on swings, using term "dearie," presenting juvenile gifts, etc., are all (except for the pre-cemetery group) strictly verboten, insulting and out of order.

Pastoral visitors require more than just good intentions. They must be appropriately indoctrinated or otherwise they may be like a bull in an emotional china closet.

Recently I overheard a visiting friend inquire of a resident, "And what were you?" The reply: "I AM an architect."

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Program proves 90 not too old to work out

By Carolyn Poirot
N.Y. Times News Service

'Long term, this is what the geriatric population needs. Walking in the mall is great, but they can do more. We need to break stereotypes.'

— Jack Carney, rehabilitation director, Huguley Nursing Center

FORT WORTH — They're not exactly pumping iron — yet.

But frail and elderly residents of Huguley Nursing Center in Fort Worth have begun weight resistance workouts with sophisticated Nautilus equipment, and they say they feel stronger already.

"I'm all for this. It makes me stouter," says Margarette Davis, 77. "That's what I'm working for — strength."

As she finishes her leg presses and moves on to the compound rowing machine, Davis says she's weaker now than she used to be, after suffering a stroke and later breaking a pelvic bone.

Sally Ray Thornton, whose 94th birthday is this month, says she never had to work out in the past.

"I fell and broke my hip, and I've been at Fort Worth Rehab the last five weeks. That made me weak, but I'm coming back strong, now," Thornton says.

"Long term, this is what the geriatric population needs," says Jack Carney, rehabilitation director at Huguley Nursing Center. "Walking in the mall is great, but they can do more. We need to break stereotypes."

The 13 "Next Generation" Nautilus machines that Huguley's 11 registered therapists use with older people work every muscle group. The sophisticated equipment looks like that found at any first-class health club, except the seats are wider for better stability, and the weight resistance can be adjusted as little as four ounces at a time.

The strength-training program for the elderly was developed by NovaCare rehabilitation and health promotion company. It's called Vigor because it is designed to restore vigor in people who have been debilitated by aging and disease.

NovaCare provides physical therapists and rehabilitation services under a contract with Huguley Nursing Center and other nursing homes nationwide.

"The most common thing we see is a general decline in strength because of inactivity often associated with heart disease, arthritis or diabetes," Carney says. "The more immobile people are, the less muscle strength they have. A lot of people lose their ability to get out of bed."

However, older bodies respond just as well to exercise as their younger counterparts.

Studies show frail, elderly people can more than double their strength with as little as 10 weeks of appropriate exercise.

A recent study of 100 nursing home residents, 72 to 98 years old, published in The New England Journal of Medicine found an average 12 percent increase in walking speed, 28 percent increase in stair-climbing ability and overall 113 percent increase in average muscle strength. The study involved 45 minutes of strength training, three times a week for 10 weeks.

The program at Huguley began a few weeks ago, primarily for the 178 residents of the nursing home, many of whom are recovering from broken bones and strokes. It soon will be expanded to residents of Huguley's retirement center and to the community in general within months.

"I like it," says Irene Hollabaugh, 93. "I think it's definitely helping every one of us that's doing it." Hollabaugh has great leg muscles even though she broke her left leg about four years ago and has been unable to walk.

A public school teacher for 61 years, Hollabaugh says she grew up playing baseball, volleyball and tennis. Now, she plays the piano every day at noon in the nursing home.

She was a little under the weather and still in bed when visitors arrived recently. But she leaned back on her pillows, hiked up her gown a little and began bicycling in the air to demonstrate how she's been working out since the fitness center opened.

"They have me lean back so my feet are higher than my head, and I peddle away. Then they make me rest two minutes, and I do it again. Each time I go faster. It's not hard at all. You're just lying back on that padded equipment. It's fun," she says.

Doris Wilson, who won't tell her age because so many people think she's younger, says the Vigor program enables her to do many things she couldn't do the first few months after suffering a severe stroke — things like turn over in bed. "I was in a coma a month. I don't think they thought very much of my chances," says Wilson, a former courthouse reporter for The Burleson Star and The Fort Worth Press.

Has Vigor been helpful to her rehabilitation? "Oh, yes. There are so many motions I can do now that I couldn't do before. I've been coming since they opened this. These are wonderful machines. I believe in exercise — even for people up walking around — like you."

Exercise benefits elderly

By Dr. Michael L. Freedman

NEW YORK (AP) — Older people with arthritis, osteoporosis, back pain and similar conditions would do well to undertake an exercise program, says the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Studies show that two out of three older Americans don't exercise regularly.

Some older people with painful conditions such as osteoarthritis, the leading cause of disability for persons over 65, can avoid pain by doing walking or swimming exercises in a pool, since working out in water minimizes the strain placed on arthritic joints.

Older people who are concerned about osteoporosis can do such basic exercises as jogging, bicycling, playing tennis, walking and even dancing. Weight-lifting and working out on resistance equipment can also help.

An activity program should also be coordinated with dietary measures. The diet should include 1,500 milligrams a day of calcium and an ample supply of vitamin D. Alcohol intake should be limited, and smoking should be avoided.

Older people who have been inactive should start gradually, to minimize the stiffness and muscle soreness that an exercise program can cause.

The Academy's new brochure on exercise can be obtained by calling 800-824-2663, or by sending a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to: Keep Moving For Life, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, P.O. Box 1998, Des Plaines, Ill. 60017.

For more information call American Association for Retired Persons, 800-424-3410, and ask for the brochure, "Pep Up Your Life," which is available free to members. The Arthritis Foundation also offers exercise programs for older people. The location of the nearest chapter can be obtained by calling 800-283-7800. That call is also toll-free.

West Texas Sports

Camps...

The Lee Rebel Football Football Camp is June 2-6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is $55. For more information, call Coach Greg McClendon at 689-0537...

The Midland Bulldog Football Camp will run June 9-13 from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Cost of the camp is $55 for students in grades 5-9 in the fall of 1997. Registration forms are available at all MHS feeder schools. For more information, call MHS football coach David Browning at 689-1195...

The Midland Bulldog Fitness and Weight Training Camp is scheduled June 16-July 3. There will be two sessions, from 8-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the new MHS indoor workout facility. Cost is $55 with individual instruction in weight and fitness training. For more information, call David Browning at 689-1195...

The Lee Rebel Weight Training Camp is June 16-July 3. There are two sessions from 8 a.m. -9:30 a.m. and 9:30 -11 a.m. Cost is $55 and contact Coach Greg McClendon at 689-0537. The cost for both the football and weight camps is $95 total...

Midland College men's coach Pat Rafferty is conducting the Midland College Basketball Camp at the Chaparral Center in two separate sessions, June 9-12 for grades 3-8 and July 7-10 for grades 3-12. Times for the first session will be 9 a.m.-noon and for the second session 1-5 p.m. The cost of the campe is $50 in advance or $75 at the door. Early registration deadline for the June camp is June 3 while deadline for the July camp is July 2. Instruction will be provided by Rafferty, assistant coach Tommy Ramos and members of the MC team...

The Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp will be conducted during two sessions this summer. There will be two sessions are June 2-5 and 9-12. Each day will have a fundmental camp for from 9 a.m.-noon for $55 and a shooting camp from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for $50. The camps will be held at Abell Junior High and each camper will get a ball t-shirt. Call coach Jon House at 699-5528 or 689-1643 for more details...

Lady Rebel Basketball Camp is for incoming 4th-6th graders. June 2-5 from 8:30 a.m. to noon fundamentals ($55); June 2-4 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. shooting ($35). Incoming 7th-9th graders is July 21-23 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. fundamentals ($55) and 2-4 p.m. shooting ($35). Contact Elise Kail at 689-1645 for information...

Midland High is holding its MHS basketball camp at the MHS gym in two sessions, June 2-6 and June 9-13. Times for the sessions are 8:30-10 a.m. for boys in grades 6-9, 10-11:30 a.m. for girls grades 6-9 and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for boys and girls entering grades 1-5. Cost is $40 with each participant receiving a T-shirt and a basketball. To register, call 689-1131 or 689-1132...

The Midland Trinity Basketball Camp is taking place June 9-13. Morning sessions for ages 8-14 will be from 8-11:30 a.m. Afternoon sessions for ages 15-18 will be from 1-4:30 p.m. There will be a guest appearance from one of the best ball handlers in the world. The registration fee is $50. Please call Gary Brewster at 686-9901 for more information...

The Mabee Aquatic Center is hosting a half-day summer sports camp for children ages 5-12 who will receive instruction in swimming, diving and tumbling. For more information, call Tassy at 684-7755...

The Midland Angels are conducting their eighth annual baseball camp sponsored by Cotton Bledsoe Tighe and Dawson June 16-19. **Angels players and coaches will conduct the camp, which will run from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily. Each day will include a lunch. The cost is $135 per camper with full payment due by the opening of camp. A $75 deposit is necessary to reserve a place in the camp. For more information, call 683-4251...**

The 1997 Greenwood Rangers Basketball Camp for boys entering grades 4-9 is June 9-13. Grades 4-6 camp is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Grades 7-9 will have camp 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is $30. For more information call coach Justin Morett at 685-7815 (gym) or 687-4819 (home)...

Tennis...

The Midland College Tennis Center is hosting three tennis programs a week on the weeks of June 2-6, June 23-27 and July 14-18. For information, call Lance or Toby at 687-4046...

Green Tree Country Club is holding an End of School Blow-Out for junior players May 24-25. Divisions of play include boys and girls 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's and 18's in both singles and doubles. The entry fee is $10 per person per event with deadline at 3 p.m. May 21. For more information, call 697-7806...

Washington Park is holding free tennis clinics which will be sponsored by Casa de Amigos, Boys and Girls Club of Midland, Texas Tennis Association and the USTA starting June 3. The sessions will run Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, call Chris Granado or Luis Valdez at 682-9701...

Softball...

The Midland A's men's softball tournament will be held May 17-18 at Hidalgo Park. The entry fee is $110 and deadline is May 15. For more information call 697-7440...

Memorial Day Softball and Jamaica State Hispanic Qualifier is May 24-25 at Slaton Dusty Dimonds for D teams. Top 25 percent qualify for Hispanic State. Entry fee $115. Call 1-806-763-3841 to enter.

Lubbock USSA Hub City Youth National Invitational Tournament will be held June 6-8. The tourney is for girls and boys between 8 and under and 19 and under slo-pitch teams. The tournament is also for girls fast pitch teams betweem 10 and under and 18 and under. Entry fee is for $125 for slow pitch and $150 for fast pitch. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, June 4. Call 1-800-290-7111 for more information...

Lubbock USSSA TAAF Youth State National Invitational Tournament will be held June 20-22. It is for boys and girls slo-pitch teams and for girls fast pitch teams. Entry fee for slo pitch is $125 and $150 for fast pitch. Deadline is Wednesday, June 18. For more information call 1-800-290-7111...

Sign ups for the **Midland Softball Association's adult summer league** is underway through May 20. Entry fee is $250 per team. Player fees are $10 per person. Fourteen game season begins June 9. Call 683-8741, 694-5508 or 689-6978 for more information...

The USSSA Qualifier Class C & D to benefit abused and neglected children will be held May 31-June 1 at the UTPB Complex. Entry fee is $110 and deadline is May 29. For more information contact Hector Flores at 362-5886 or CASA of Ector County at 335-3174...

The Midland Softball Association is hosting a Memorial Day ASA Fast Pitch Tournament (18-under, 16-under, 14-under, 12-under and 10-under) May 30 through June 1 at the Bill Williams Softball Complex. Entry fee is $150 per team by May 20. For more information, contact Freddie Ezell at 694-5508 or 520-6502 or MSA at 683-8741...

MSA is hosting a Men's B National Qualifier and the Coors Men's C/D World Series Qualifier June 6-8 at the Bill Williams Softball Complex. Entry fee is $150 with a June 4 deadline. For more information, call 683-8741, 694-5508 or 689-6978...

The Coors June Classic for women is scheduled June 7-8. Entry fee is $110 for double elimination or $150 for round robin play. Deadline is June 4. For more information, call 683-8741, 694-5508 or 689-6978...

Golf...

McCamey Country Club will host the Charlie Shepard Memorial two-man low ball event May 17-18 for $130 per team. Parent-Child Select Shot is June 7 at 11 a.m. with 10-under 9 holes and 11-over 18 holes. $10 per person. Call 1-915-652-8904 for more information...

Masters Golf is holding Ladies Clinics until May 29. Cost is $99 per person and includes unlimited range for 60 days and four 90-minute clinics. There will also be junior golf camps Mondays through Thursdays during June and July. Times are 9:15-10:30 a.m. for those 8-11 and 10:45-noon for ages 12-15. The cost is $50 per week. Call 570-4499 for details and to sign up...

The Martin County Country Club of Stanton will host the following tournaments: May 17-18 3-Person Scramble, May 31-June 1 Parent-Child Tournament, June 28-29 2-Person Scramble. For more information call 915-756-2556 or 915-756-2314...

E.J. Holub, a former Texas Tech all-American and Kansas City Chief, and the West Texas Expo Center Board, is hosting the **Spikes and Spurs Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament** at Green Tree Country Club June 1-2 with tee time at 8 a.m.. The four-man scramble, which pairs three players with a celebrity, benefits the Expo Center and the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center. Some of the celebrities expected to attend are Lamar Hunt, Hank Stram, Bum Phillips, Kathy Whitworth, Spike Dykes, Walt Garrison and Mike Singletary. Entry fee, which includes a reception and breakfast and lunch, is $200 per player by May 23. For more information, call the West Texas Expo Center at 682-6405 or Nancy Swallow at the Chamber of Commerce at 683-3381...

Hogan Park Golf Course will host a two-person tournament May 18 at 10 a.m. The entry fee is $40 a person by 6 p.m. May 15 and is limited to the first 40 paid teams. All players must have an established USGA handicap. Entry forms are available at Hogan...

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Golf Tournament is June 19 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament is a four-person scramble. Each team will consist of four players and one cowboy. The tournament will benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. For more information, call Quail Dobbs at (915) 394-4221...

The National Association of Purchasing Managers of the Permian Basin is hosting its first tournament to benefit its scholarship program May 16 at Hogan Park Golf Course. The tournament will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m. with a $40 per person entry fee. The event is a four-man scramble format limited to the first 36 teams. For more information, call Mark Phillips at 685-7235...

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program is hosting the third annual RSVP Golf Classic, June 23, at Mission Dorado Country Club. Men and women of all ages are invited to play this ABCD Scramble with 1 p.m. shotgun start. The $85 registration fee, which includes green fees and carts, free range balls and light deli dinner, is due by June 16. Proceeds to benefit the Southeast After School Intergenerational Program and RSVP. For more information call Saul Herrera at 689-6693...

Big Spring Country Club will be having a two-man low ball tournament May 17-18. The entry fee is $120 per team plus carts and includes a barbeque after play on Saturday. Contact Larry Bryan at the golf shop to enter at 915-267-5354...

Ratliff Ranch is hosting a two-person tournament May 18. The format is a six-hole scramble, six-hole best ball and six-hole alternate shot and will be flighted by combined team handicap. The entry fee is $45 per person and includes prize fund, green fee, cart and meal....

Soccer...

Texas Christian University will be the site of a No. 1 Goalkeeper Camp and a No. 1 Striker Camp June 1-6 or June 7-12. Camp is available for beginner, intermediate and advanced players. Call 1-800-MACHNIK or (203) 483-9839, e-mail at no1camps@snet.net or check the Website at www.no1soccercamps.com for more information...

Midland will host **Bobby Moffat's Techniques Soccer Camp** June 9-13. The camp will be divided into three sections: day camp for recreational players 6-14-years-old from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; intermediate level for older recreational and club players 6-16 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. and for goalkeepers 4:30-8:30 p.m. Whole teams are invited to attend with 10 or more players from the same team receiving a discount. For more information, call 570-4949 during the day and 697-4204 in the evenings...

The **Houston Hotshots** professional indoor soccer team is giving a clinic at the Windlands Soccer Complex June 1. The clinic consists of a three-hour instructional session with two sessions that day. Clinics are for boys and girls ages 6-15. Registration is $45. The coaching clinic consists of a two-hour session with two sessions that day. Registration is $25, with Houston coach Trevor Dawkins conducting the clinic. For more information, call Barbara Baca at 687-3251 or Isobel Barden at 563-2425...

Indoor soccer sign-ups are being held through June 1 at Sticks and Kick, located at 3918 W. Wall. It will be open for sign-ups Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 4-9 p.m. or call 520-6633 for more information...

Alvin Alexander's School of Soccer is in two sessions, June 1-5 from 6-8:30 p.m. and July 6-10 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Bowie Elementary School. Cost is $85 per session and $75 per player for a team of eight or more. Team rates are only good if registering before May 30. For more information call 570-5154...

Running...

The annual ECISD Run/Walk 5K, co-sponsored by UTPB Kinesiology Club, benefiting ECISD Special Olympics, is June 7 at 8 a.m. at UTPB. The run and walk are over a 3.1 mile course with seven age divisions from 15-under to 60-over. Early entry fee is $12 per person and $15 on race day. Call 334-7172 or 334-0734 for more information...

The 14th annual Westwood Medical Center Run for the Arts is scheduled for three categories May 17 starting at Centennial Plaza and finishing in downtown Midland. The divisions are the 5K road race and 5K fitness walk starting at 8:30 a.m. and a 1-mile children's fun run at 9:15 a.m. The cost for both the 5K events is $15. The fun run is $13. There is a special family rate of $30 before the 13th and $35 afterward. The top three finishers in each event will receive a $50 gift certificate while the children's race is non-competitive. For more information, call Mike Liebert at 685-5642 (day) or 520-2055 (night) or Christie Lammers at 694-6314...

Rugby...

The Midland Mad Dogs Rugby Football Club will be holding its practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Daryl at 697-6418 or E-mail: indyshome @ juno. com.

Football...

The Midland Colts of the United States Independent Football League have one home game left, May 18 at 3 p.m. at Stanton High against the Stampede. For more information, call Curtis Conder at 686-0065...

Basketball...

The Midland YMCA is taking registration for **Youth Summer Basketball** for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Registration deadline is May 24. The fee for members is $25 and for non-members $38. For more questions, call 682-2551...

A Boys and Girls Club Men's Basketball Tournament is scheduled May 31-June 1. There is a $75 entry fee with first and second-place winners receiving a t-shirt. The tournament will be held at Carver Gym. For more information, call David Jones at 683-0050...

The Central YMCA is now taking registration for **Adult Basketball League**. Registration deadline is May 30 and begins June 9. Registration is $275 per team. For information call 682-2551...

Baseball...

Wayland Baptist University is holding tryouts for its baseball team for any interested student athlete. The camp will be held at Jaycee Park in Plainview May 30 at 7 p.m. and May 31 at 10 a.m. For more information about the camp, call head coach Brad Bass at (806) 296-4739...

Volleyball...

The **Midland High Volleyball Clinic** is scheduled May 27-30 at the Midland High gym. Instruction for grades 4-6 will be from 8-9:30 a.m. each day with a $30 fee. Grades 7-8 will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon while all incoming freshmen will go from 1-3:30 p.m. Costs for those sessions are $45. Registration forms can be picked up at Midland High. For more information, call camp director Terri McColloch at 689-1100 or 686-8471...

Lady Rebel Volleyball Camp is for 7th-9th graders May 27-30 from 9-11:30 a.m. fundamentals ($50), 1-2:30 p.m. Setters ($25) and 2:30-4 p.m. Hitters ($25). Call Connie Alexander at 689-1645 for information...

Tall City Volleyball Camp will be conducted by former Olympian Rose Magers for 7th-9th graders. July 24-26 from 9:30 to noon fundamentals (MHS feeders, $80); 1-4 p.m. fundamentals (Lee feeders, $80); 5-9 p.m. fundamentals (MHS and Lee, $90). Call Connie Alexander at 689-1645 or Terri McColloch at 689-1100 for information...

Fishing...

The second annual **Texas Fly Fishing and Outdoor Show** is scheduled for May 16-18 on the Guadalupe River in Louise Hays Park in Kerrville. Over 30 exhibitors will be displaying their goods and 40 classes, lectures and demonstrations will be given covering all levels of fly fishing along with paddling and camping activities. A three-day pass is $10 for adults and $6 for children ages 8-14. The daily cost is $5 for adults, $3 for children 8-14 and free for all children seven and under. For an advance registration package, call (210) 792-3535...

Miscellaneous...

The **Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club** is accepting registrations for the Super Summer All Sports Camps June 2-Aug. 7. Sports covered include soccer, basketball and track. Camps will be conduted Monday through Thursday each week. Junior tennis programs will also be available for all ages and levels June 9-13 (June 5 deadline), July 7-11 (July 3 deadline) and July 28-Aug. 1 (July 24 deadline). To register, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The inaugural **West Texas Washers Championship** is scheduled for Fort Davis May 24. The double-elimination tournament will give out a $500 first prise, with second and third prizes to be determined by the number of entries. A $500 raffle and shootout is scheduled at the completion of the tournament. Entry fee is $30 per team with registration scheduled for 11 a.m. For more information, call Joe Dominguez at (915) 426-3929...

Summer Diving Program is taking place at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Diving lessons for ages 11 and under and from ages 12 to 15 is available. Classes are conducted in five two week sessions. Participants must be able to swim in deep water. Cost is $38 for ages 11 and under and $50 per person for ages 12-15. A competitive diving team for all ages is also offered. This is a year-round competitive diving team which will travel to in and out of state competitions. Participants must have coaches approval and tryouts are available. Monthly coaching fees also vary depending on the group the athlete is in...

The **Mabee Aquatic Center** is hosting a half day summer sports camp for children ages 5-12. Children will receive instruction in swimming, diving and tumbling. For more information call Tassy at 684-7755...

A team roping event is set for Saturday, June 14 preceding the **Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.** The entry fee is $150 for all three ropings. Contact Diane Hofacket at (915) 267-6251 for additional information and registration...



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110 Lodge Notices

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448 Reg. stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am. Rusty Hill, W/M Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club 2019 Trade Dr. 520-9206 Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo. Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. mtng. 8 pm. Marvin Witcher, Pres. Earl Selman, Secty. 687-4344

Midland Masonic Lodge #623 Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm. Kip Beeson, W.M. Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

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FOUND small brown dog, male. Has orange flea collar and leather collar. Call 570-4381.

LOST Black Lab puppy, 5 months pink collar. Emerson area. Call 689-3777.

FOUND Austrialian Shepherd puppy (?), female. Vicinity of Michigan/ Uplift. Call 699-2375.

LOST: 9 Year old Golden Retriever. Trinity Meadows Area. 697-4306, 694-8422.

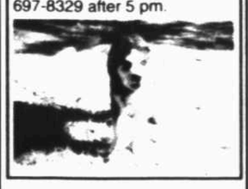
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LOST: Male cat. Black with dark grey stripes. West Cuthbert area May 11. "Baby Kitty." 520-7923, leave message.

LOST: SIAMESE Male cat. Dark coat. Blue eyes. Blue collar & tag. Missing from Rustic Trail in Greentree North. "Swayze." Please call 683-2971 (Days) or 697-1080 (Evenings/ Weekends).

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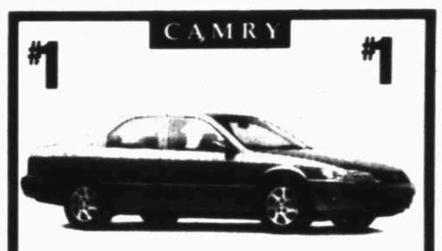
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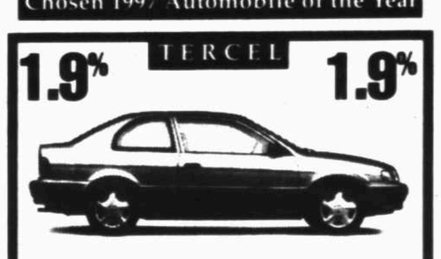
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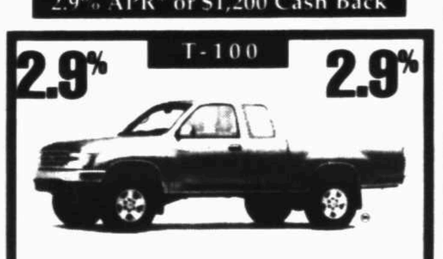

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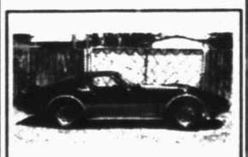
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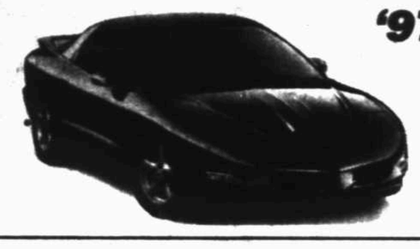


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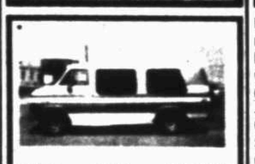
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312 Professional Help Wanted

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OPERATIONS ENGINEER- Progressive Independent Oil & Gas Operator looking for Operations Engineer. Position requires 8 to 10 years of varied operational experience, preferably West Texas, SE New Mexico. Position will be responsible for implementing and supervising drilling and completion operations, and monitoring existing production reporting directly to the operations Manager. Salary, benefits and company car. Relocation to SE New Mexico required. Please send resume, references and salary requirements in confidence to: Box E-01030, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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ADMINISTRATIVE Secretary. Must have excellent typing and writing skills, be organized and be able to supervise clerical staff. Medical background and Bilingual (Spanish/ English) helpful. Will train in specialized field. Salary DOE. Hours: 8 am- 5 pm, Monday- Friday. Please submit resume with salary requirements to: Box B-04019, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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MACHINIST. Midland based company seeks machinist with 1 year experience needed on C. N. C. set -up and programming a plus. Salary DOE. Contact Buddy Burleson or Kevin Miller at (915) 697-6666.

MECHANIC wanted. Qualified only need apply. Call 682-5259 ask for Gary. Mid-Tex Parts & Service, Monday thru Friday.

MECHANIC NEEDED, Knowledge in brakes suspension, air conditioning, tune ups & alignment. Call 682-4401.

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OPERATORS. American Energy Services is now hiring Equipment Operators. Class A CDL license is required. Experience is preferred. Excellent pay and benefits. Apply at 2401 E. I-20 Access Road, Midland, TX or call 570-4899.

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WELDER- MCMILLAN Welding needs Shop & Field Welder. 3 Years + experience, must have hand tools. Salary DOE. 687-4625 or 682-3233.

335 Adult Care Needed

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336 Adult Care Providers

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340 Child Care Needed

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341 Child Care Providers

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GREAT RESTAURANT opportunity on Loop 250. Lease space and equipment available. If interested in obtaining details, send inquires to: P. O. Box 3773, Midland, Texas 79702.

369 Business Opportunities

CONCESSION STAND 6X Foot. Refrigerated air, 3 sinks, .CALL 687-0707 OR 528-9309.

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Attention Readers
Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.
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MERLE NORMAN franchise for sale. Monahans. Inventory, fixtures, clientele. For more information, call 915-637-3567 or 528-5152, leave message.

SEIZED CARS from $175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also, Jeeps, 4WD's. Your Area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext A-1523 for current listings.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION Every Monday 7PM. 601 S. Terrell. All consignments welcomed. 553-9179. Toby Engle Lic.#11918.

PUBLIC AUCTION- Quitting Business, Thompson Carpet and Furniture, 401 E. 2nd, Big Spring, Saturday, May 17th, 10 am. New bedroom sets, living room sets, recliners, dining chairs, rolls and rolls of new carpet, shelving, carpet rack, sofa sleepers, carpet samples, Dearborn heater, apartment size dryer, lamps, lots and lots of other nice items. No minimums- No reserves- No Buys Premium. Spring City Auction, Robert Pruitt, Auctioneer, TXS 7759

410 Misc. Sales

ELEGANT, BEAUTIFUL New Victorian style wedding dress size 5/6 with hat & shoes Size 6. Please call 520-8821 evenings.

SWAN PROFESSIONAL Ice Shaver. Excellent condition. Has foot pedal. $1,200. Call 699-2559.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES Frequent Flyer, round trip ticket for sale. Expires June 14th - $250. 694-7148.

ABOVE Ground storage tanks/ frac tanks, UL listed, skid mounted with fuel dispenser pumps, etc., perfect condition; 20,000 gallon, $12,500, 10,000 gallon, $9,900, 6,000 gallon, $8,500, 5,000 gallon, $7,500, 4,000 gallon, $7,500 and 1,000 gallon $500.00. Call (210) 494-0366 or (210) 493-3139.

25" PORTABLE color TV, $175. Cannon BJ100, black and white printer, $75. 2 JBL bookshelve speakers, $50. Nokia mobile phone with charger, $50. 682-6887.

ALMOST NEW 82" Redwood spa Gazebo- $350. 697-0539.

2 USED 15 X 60 Solar Pool covers with wind-up reels. Call 687-7137 days or 694-3008 evenings.

COUPON CLIPPERS
Why settle for grocery coupons found in newspapers and magazines when you can choose them from our list. Call now for free recorded information:
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LOOK 10 YEARS Younger! Heal the effects of the West Texas Sun! Hydrate your skin with clinically tested purified premulating Emu Oil. 100% money back guarantee! Homestead Mercantile, 4400 N Big Spring, behind Re/Max.

BEAUTIFUL wooden file cabinet. $300. Unique bar stool, pigskin seat & moose horn legs. $200. Cash only.Call 687-0719.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

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IT'S ABOUT U.S. COINS. U.S. mint sets, 1960 thru 1996. 1 or all. Some proof, some uncirculated. 694-1287.

TRANQUILITY 6 person hot tub, $2,200. Gerlinger Fork Lift 12,000 pound lift $1,500. Farmall H Tractor $1,500. Call !570-6558

SEGA GENESIS. 2 Controls, 15 Games, $200. Call 697-0041.

WEDDING DRESS with hat. Size 3- 4. Custom design & make. $800 negotiable. Call 689-3108.

EXECUTIVE DESK, double pedestal, metal with chair. $50 firm. Call 697-1556.

BOTTLE COKE Machine. $200. Could also hold beer bottles. Please call 689-3154 for more information.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Swings, Merry go round, See-Saw. 694-9856

ATTENTION COLLECTORS: Vintage soda & beer containers, beverage signs, magazines, 45's and more! Home: 520-6610, Beeper: 567-7956.

UTILITY CEMENT Mixer. $275. Full size pickup toolbox, $40. Car ramps, $10. New ice cream freezer, $15. New BBQ smoker, $30. New portable zig-zag sewing machine. 697-4343.

2 SPACES in Resthaven Memorial Park. Fountain Garden. Discounted. Please call 694-1056.

LAST ONE! Round '96 Hot tub/ Spa. 13 Jets and 4 Speed blower. Delivery & Financing available. 563-3108.

ASSORTMENT OF Bikes & Beds. 6 Beds- mostly childrens beds & 3 bikes. Call 520-7249

FOUR SPACES together in Resthaven, Garden of Devotion. Priced to sell. Call 684-4430.

USED Central heat/ air unit. Works great! $1,000 installed. Call 699-5016.

BIBLE TALK: "Was "John the Baptist" A Preacher of the Baptist Church?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

BEAUTIFUL PROM dresser- sizes 4, 5, & 6. $50 -$150. Also new white wedding gown- $350. 689-0991.

TRUNDLE BED plus bedding, $150. Treadmill, $75. Microwave, $50. Weights, $50. Vertical blinds, $5- $25. New mower, $350. Call for details, 563-6273.

USED TIRES. 4 Michelin X P205/ 70R14. $15 Each. Call 689-3951.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

430 Household Goods

NEW 5- 6 person hot tub $2,495. Financing and delivery available. 563-3108.

2 220 V window air conditioners. $200 each. Washer/ dryer, $100 each. Well water softener, $100. 570-9367.

WHIRLPOOL WASHER 7cycle, 2 speed heavy duty & Kenmore dryer $250. Call 699-1009.

KING SIZE WATERBED $125. Call 686-7960.

60" SOLID Oak Roll-Top Computer Desk and Chair. Accommodates tower, mini tower or horizontal CPU. All cords completely concealed. Excellent condition. 3 Months old. Purchased at Oak Express for $1,599 (desk & chair), Will sell for $1,100. Call 520-8163 or 567-3351.

3 OAK TABLES For den or living room, one large square, 2 end tables. $285. 697-3305. After 5 pm.

WAREHOUSE CLEARANCE on '96 Above ground pools. Instock limit only. Financing & installation available. 563-3108.

QUEEN SIZE Waterbed with heater, headboard with mirror and shelves. $100. Call 699-2180, leave message.

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.

Storewide Sale!
18' x 11' carpet made in India- reduced to $2,000.
Windberg prints 40% off!! Entertainment centers, recliners, rockers, dining rooms, desks, and sofas!
BEST HOME BARGAINS
3326 N. Midkiff
699-5524

QUEEN SLEEPER SOFA and matching chair, very good condition. $325 for both. Call 694-0306.

RANCH STYLE Living Room Set. Excellent condition. Call 684-7570 after 3 pm.

DECORATORS CUSTOM Made drapes, valances, king quilted bed spread, dust ruffle, shams. Best offer. 686-0602.

FURNITURE, RUGS, stereo, humidifier, dehumidifier, TV, VCR and much more. Call 520-4057.

COMBINING HOUSEHOLDS! Need to sell extras! Microwave, $125. Entertainment center $175. 4 Piece bedroom suite, $150. Dinette table/ 4 chairs, $200. Drop leaf table with benches, $75. Call 520-5605, leave message.

COUCH, RECLINER, Loveseat, end table & coffee table, Call weekdays after 5:30 520-0595.

46" MAGNAVOX TV. $1,000. Please Call 684-5209 for more information.

WR DALLAS Pondorosa Pine Cannonball twin beds, matching dresser & mirror. Call 683-3080.

SOFA SLEEPER. Earth tone. Good condition. After 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Weekends after 9:00am. $50. 697-5051.

MUST SE! L washer/ dryer, TV/ VCR, stereo, leather sofa, dining table, appliances and more. 520-7572 home, 688-1747 work.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

GIRLS 3 piece bedroom suite, very nice. $425. Navy Laura Ashley comforter set, like new, $30. 686-8042, 550-0668.

KENMORE washer, white in color, excellent condition. $150. Call 694-7771.

BRAND NEW, still in plastic, and size mattress and box set. Free frame or delivery. 550-5123.

CASH FOR all working and non- working appliances. Will pick up. Call 683-3169.

KENMORE Electric Dryer. Gold in color. Good condition. $100. Call 694-7771.

QUALITY NEW Furniture at used furniture prices. Warehouse- showroom open to public. 12- 6, Wednesday-Sunday. 1503 W. Industrial Ave. 570-4408.

LARGE Chest Type freezer. Good shape. $175. Call 520-3473.

FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Appliance sales, service, & refinishing. 567-5221, 550-6540.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

455 Sporting Goods

RACING MOUNTAIN Bike (Park Pre Comp LTD) Front suspension, 21", Hardly used. $295. 684-0893.

PING ZING Irons 2- SW, white dot, asking $500. Call 694-2055.

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS. Custom clubs. King, Cobra II or Big Bertha irons (clone). $184 a set. Reshaft $14.50. Regrip $3.00. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

460 Antiques & Arts

14 OLDER Madame Alexander Dolls. 1974- 1991. Mint in box! Would consider selling as a collection at a discount! Pat, 520-6570.

MIDLAND ESTATE SALES AND AUCTION SERVICE. Call Judy Jackson 689-3536 or Dawna Keith 683-9234.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH.'S 24 Years Experience Buying and Selling. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

LONE STAR ANTIQUES. Unit #3, Advantage Storage , 5000 N. Lamesa and Soloman Lane, 570–9243.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6. (915) 687–2004.

SPRING SALE, May, 15th, 16th and 17th. CHEZ LA NAE, 5701 Austin, Odessa, TX. NEW Shipments from, Italy, France, and Spain. Wednesday thru Friday 1 -6; Saturday 10- 5. Or call for an appointment- (915) 550-3106.

470 Musical Instruments

NEW KAWAI Upright Piano. Satin Oak and bench. 10 year warranty. $3,350. Call 694-7771.

★ SALE ★
Caldwell Music
Saturday only 9 to 5.
15 - 50% Off !!!
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FORMER PLAYER Piano. Upright. Very old. $300. Please Call 689-3154.

490 Computers/ Access.

PACKARD BELL 75 Pentium, 40 MB RAM, CD, Fax, Internet ready! Lots of software. $1,000. 570-1148.

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WE HAVE MOVED! Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, etc. 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 686–8835, 520-5917.

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INTERNET ACCESS. Call 687-9014 for details.
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495 FOR FREE

BEAGLE MIX Male, neutered, wonderful with children. Must find new home. Call 682-8944.

FREE KITTENS to good home. Call 699-7883.

FOUND black dog, moving, can't take with us. Sweet dog needs lots of love. 694-6055.

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FREE TO Good home, little long haired Dachsund, female, 6 years old. Call 570-9819.

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FREE KITTENS 3 longhaired white, 1 calico.6 weeks. Call 520-9272.

PUPPIES TO Give away. See at 1409 Todd Road or Call 686-0837.

FREE KITTENS. Pretty gray & white long haired. 520-7586.

BLUE HEELER 1 1/2 years old, neutered male. Great with kids, family watch dog. 520-3003.

3 FREE Kittens- need good home. litter box trained. 520-5105.

FREE LUMBER. Call 520-4602.

FREE TO GOOD home. 2 Tabby and 2 Calico kittens. 687-6222.

NEEDS GOOD Home. 2 Male Poodles. 5 Years old. Call 687-5345.

AKC Female Boxer. 7 Years old. To good home only. Call 682-0135.

LAB/ CHOW Mix puppies. 2 Months. Smart, healthy to good homes. 694-1546.

FREE KITTENS, very cute, lots to choose from. 697-9978.

KITTENS. Mother Himalayan. 6 Weeks old. Call 689-4043 for more information.

FREE GOLDEN Lab- house trained, good with children, 11 years old. 684-9679.

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC BRITTANY Puppies. Natural hunter sired by Evil Roy- Winner of both US & Texas Open Championships. $350. 915-580-4786.

FOR SALE AKC registered German Shepherd male puppies. Good bloodline. Call 683-9408.

DALMATIAN FEMALE. 10 Months old. All shots. $75. Call 686-9821.

PIT BULL Puppies for sale. 3 Females, 2 males. $70 Each. Call 684-5453.

PURE BRED German Shepherd puppies. Only 2 females left. Beautiful markings. Reduced price. 683-5050.

AKC REGISTERED Dalmatian puppies. Champion bloodlines. Parents on premises. 5 Females, 3 males. $250. 520-2062.

AKC Golden Retriever Puppies. $225. Call 684-9077 for more information.

BABY SUGAR GLIDERS for sale. Please after 7 pm, 682-8274.

MINIATURE Dachshunds, $125. Both parents on premises. 689-7107.

FOR SALE Wire Fox Terrier puppies. 7 weeks. Call 550-3710 or 366-1497.

SHIH-TZU PUPPIES. AKC Males. Black & White. $250 each. Call 570-8965.

505 Livestock & Poultry

BEAUTIFUL ARABIAN Mare. Excellent bloodline. English/ Western. Gentle, perfect for woman/ child. $1,800. Call 694-5291.

FERTILIZED Fresh Cut Alfalfa Round Bales. Call After 5, 915-756-2734 or leave message.

HAYGRAZER round bales $45 or $40 each for 2 or more! Call 683-2630 or 684-7000.

BARBADOS GOATS for sale. Call 682-0635 after 6 pm.

TALL, beautiful former racing thoroughbred **(Unlimited Bronze)**, now a Grand Prix Jumper, **(Lee Roy)** 1996 OLYMPIC performer, $35,000. Experienced riders only, tape available. Presently stabled Hansler Farms, Corpus Christi, other OLYMPIC horses also available. Fred Hansler, 915-683-1648, Joe Hansler 512-939-8652.

EMUS 4 breeder pair- 6 chicks. GQF incubator and hatcher, trovan microchip reader-humidifier. Call after 7, 682-8274.

510 Office Supplies

SUPER SALE. 2703 W. Industrial #17. Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, 10- 6. New, factory seconds & used office, furniture, desk, chairs, file cabinets, computer tables, safes, etc. 3 Warehouses full. 682-5251. Also sale at 1201 S. Big Spring, Thursday & Friday only.

520 Store & Cafe Equip.

CHROME Clothing Racks. Great condition. 4 -Way racks, 2 -way racks, hanger stackers, hangers, bagging jack, and gift wrap dispenser. 686-0760.

550 Portable Buildings

DAMAGED- Save Big!! 14 x 32 Storage building. Double doors, heavy duty floor. Financing & delivery available. 563-3108.

560 Machinery/ Tools

ONE HORSEPOWER Ramco vertical, horizontal band saw & one 50 ton Ramco press. Call 686-0902.

1985 JOHN DEERE Diesel 185 Sullaire air compressor. Fiat 605c Dozier & 5th wheel trailer. 366-6905 or 366-2911.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

3,500 FT of 4 1/2" 10.50# Liner $4.50/ Ft. 5,500 1" Stainless Steel Rods with Spray Metal Coupling $10.00 per rod. Call Bob, 699-6960.

WANTED Dynamometer for analyzing pumping well performance. Echometer & EDI preferred. 684-4762 or after 5pm 684-6489.

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682–1546.

590 Legal Notices

CORRECTION TO MAY 15, 1997 NOTICE

"The Prairie Foundation, whose principal office is located at 303 West Wall, Suite 1901, Midland, Texas 79701 and whose principal manager is Louis A. Bartha, gives notice that its annual return for 1996, as required by Sec. 6104(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, is now available at said office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after this date."

The Prairie Foundation
(915) 683-1777
By: Louis Bartha
Secretary -Treasurer
May 15, 1997

ORDINANCE NO. 7608

An Ordinance establishing Prima Facie Speed Limits on Greentree Boulevard; authorizing installation of appropriate signs and markings; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine or two hundred dollars ($200.00); and ordering publication

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary



GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!

Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!



79701

SALE 1505 Garfield, Saturday only, 8 to 1. Firmflex, arm chair, tv, antique armoire,ladies jeans, lots more.

SATURDAY, May 17th, 8- 12, 1800 W. Kentucky. Girls clothes- size 10 and up, furniture, household supplies and student desk.

GIANT Yard Sale ! Tools, building materials, hardware and much miscellaneous! Saturday- Sunday, behind Allen's Automotive- Franklin & Midkiff.

CLOTHES RACKS RENTALS & Sales. Only $5 per week. 570-4408.

BIG GARAGE Sale! Lots of adult & childrens clothing, plants & household items. Friday- Saturday, 8- 6. 3207 W Illinois.

★ ★ FLEA MARKET ★ ★
2900 W. Front
Open 10:00 to 6:00
Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.
Air Conditioned
Snack Bar
Clean Restrooms
Lamps, furniture, arts, crafts, VCR's, TV's, Video portraits, tools, jewelry, southwestern items, dolls, Home Interior, glassware, pictures & much, much more!!!

4503 AMISTAD Saturday only 8 am, trampoline, bicycles, typewriter, baby stroller, vacuum cleaner, kids clothes & toys, lots of miscellaneous, Cheap prices, no early sales.

OUR 2ND SPRING CHURCH SALE will be May 16th-17th, Friday- Saturday, 8 am- 2 pm. We will have assortment of baby and adult clothes, shoes, and toys. Ceramic assortment and gift items for all parts of the home and other items. All funds will go toward building purchase. Call or come by Beacon Light Outreach, 412 N. Terrell St., 682-2281 or 685-0183.

2508 COUNTRY CLUB. Friday 9 -3, Saturday 8 -12. Heating unit, books, boys clothing, desk, misc.

511 S. LINCOLN (in rear). Clothing, dishes, etc. Friday- Saturday, 9- 5.

SATURDAY 9 am til ? 402 E Broadway, enter rear on G St. Boys & girls clothes, 0 to 2T, Womens nice small clothes, mens suits42 regular, portable bar, antique dresser, Childrens toys, vintage clother, scarves etc. Decorative items, sheets, linens & much more.

79703

4318 COUNTRY CLUB. Boys clothes 6 months to 7 years, little tykes toys, baby items. Designer ladies clothes, new jeans galore, toys shoes purses, too many items to list. Friday & Saturday 8:30.

3800 PLACID COURT. Saturday, 8- 5. 100% Wool Couristan rug (9 x 12), metal storage racks, microwave oven, carpet cleaning and maintenance equipment, carpet dryers, aluminum ladder, chemical sponges, mens and womens clothing, etc.

4301 TANNER. Saturday, 9- 5. Dishes, some furniture, BBQ pit, and miscellaneous!!

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4424 ROOSEVELT
Lawnmower, computer desk, desk, tires, Cannon T60 camera, mens and womens clothes, loads of household and kitchen items and lots of other stuff. Saturday, 8:30- 3.

HUGE GARAGE SALE- Clothes, furniture, miscellaneous items. 4301 Thomason Drive, in the Family Center. Open 8- 5, Friday- Saturday.

79703

RUMMAGE SALE
St. Ann's Choir Fund Raiser
3504 W. Wall Street
Next to Bagwell Furniture Store, on Wall, off of Midkiff, entrance and parking in alley.
8am-4pm
Friday, May 16th, Saturday 17th
Furniture, king size bed, baby furniture, TVs, microwave, small appliances, Yamaha keyboard-new, golf clubs and bag, dishes, kitchen items, books, lawn mower, blinds, drapes, bedding, rugs, pictures, lamps, door, cabinet, clothing all sizes, bicycles & lots of misc.

THREE FAMILY Garage sale, lots of miscellaneous, quilt scraps & furniture. Saturday from 8 am til 5 pm.

GARAGE SALE! Furniture, clothing, lots of toys and more!! Saturday only, 8- 4. 1500 Manor Court.

LOTS OF Stuff! Saturday only, 9- 4. 5104 Sunnyside Drive- Off of Thomason and Loop.

MOVING SALE- 4724 Country Club. Clothing, toys, housewares. Saturday Only, 8- 5.

HUGE GARAGE Sale, washer, dryer, color tv, bed, vcr movies, games, dishware, clothes & lots more. 3101 Douglas, Friday 8 am to 3 pm.

4407 MERCEDES. Friday, 9- 3. Saturday, 9- 1. Womens, mens & childrens clothing, light fixtures, toolboxes, tires, carseat, lots of knick knacks!

4302 LEDDY 8 am til ? Washer & dryer, tools, baby items, headache rack, clothes, lots of miscellaneous.

✿708 HARMONY. Thursday- Saturday, 8 am- 6 pm. Baby items, books, clothing, bed spreads, Nintendo games, lamps, dishes, recliners, bikes, much more!

5TH ANNUAL LEE HIGH SCHOOL German Club Garage Sale- Saturday, 8- 2, 5116 Storey.

MOVING SALE. Lennox gas furnace, carpet cleaner, complete used bed set, childrens toys & clothes, lots of other treasures! Saturday, 8- ? 310 S. Glenwood.

912 CANYON. Friday only, 8- 4. Stove, windows, flower arrangements, lots of baby clothes, full size bed, lots of miscellaneous.

CLEANED OUT more craft supplies! Picture frames, hoops, magnetic display, pegboard, material, baskets, lace, and lots of miscellaneous!! 3502 Roosevelt. Friday- Saturday.

ROCKWOOD MANOR Giant Garage Sale 1 till 5 pm, Saturday May 17th. 2000 N Main, Midland.

TWO FAMILY Sale, 8 am to 2 pm, some furniture, miscellaneous household items. 104 S Eisenhower.

GARAGE SALE. Love seat, dining table, water coolant, baby furniture, toys, adult clothing, & much more. Saturday only, 8:00 am. 4410 Wilshire.

79705

✔SATURDAY ONLY, 8 am- 4 pm. 4 Family garage/ yard sale (one family moving). Arts & crafts, 1979 Firebird, go- cart, motorcycle parts & much more. 4200 Irvin (between Todd Road & Kniffin, off Loop 250). No early birds please. 687-4660.

79705

❤CLEANING OUT Sale- 4907 Hillsboro Ct. (Meadowpark-A St. , North of Loop) Friday & Saturday 8- 5. Furniture, TV, Lamps, Computer Table, Many Golf Items, Men & Women's Clothing, Shoes, Books, Pictures, Bedding, Exercise Equipment, Yard stuff & much more.

★PACKRAT'S SALE! Too much to list! Kids clothes, baby items, clothes, vacuum cleaner, toys, computer, sewing accessories & fabric, bicycle, furniture. Come one, come all! Saturday, 8- 2. 3201 Cimmaron.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE. Children's clothes, designer summer clothes, queen size bedding, furniture etc. New things daily. 4501 Irwin Ct, behind Re/Max building. Friday/Saturday 8 til 3.

GARAGE SALE!
Saturday, 9- 2
816 West Spruce
Like new Little Tikes and Step 2 Toys (Playhouse, Picnic Table, Sandbox, Kitchen, Slide, Etc.) Hobby Horse, V-Tech Alphabet Computer, Bundy Coronet, High gloss Millenium black lacquer mirror, Nightstand, Triple Dresser, Dinette set, Triple wooden dresser, Beautifully beaded Eve of M'Lady wedding gown (Size 8- 10), Many miscellaneous items.
NO EARLY SALES- CASH ONLY!

PIANO, STOVE, twin bed, lots of household miscellaneous. Friday 9- 5, Saturday 9- 3, 710 W. Scharbauer (beside Chevron station).

4405 PALMER. Saturday- Sunday, 8 am- ? Very nice ladies clothes, Dallas Cowboy collectibles, miscellaneous.

3 FAMILY GARAGE Sale- Clothing, decorator items, some furniture. Saturday Only, 8- 3, 2513 Camarie.

BIG MOVING SALE! Toys, childrens & womens clothing, mini blinds, curtains, Little Tikes, etc. Saturday, 8- ? 1005 Sinclair.

GARAGE SALE! 808 Boyd Ave. Saturday, 8- 11 am. Queen bedding, headboard, TV stand, Dot Matrix printer, dining table, Ab Roller, linens, books, CD's, pictures, household items, golf bag, lots of miscellaneous!

★GREAT SALE 2001 Seaboard. Don't miss,. Large selection girls infant to 3T. Changing table, nice shoes 7n, 7, 8. Name brand womens clothes, size 10 to large, some designer. Household items, Hi-Pro intake, Ford 460. Saturday 8 to ?

GARAGE SALE- 3507 W. Shandon, Saturday only, 8- 4. Lots of baby items, washer, dryer, desk, bunkbed, household items and lots more.

COSMETICS, linens, furniture, dog supplies, pictures, books, jewelry, dishes, candles & accessories. Mens and womens shoes, boots & clothes. Ralph Lauren polo shirts. Friday & Saturday- starts at 9 am. 2808 Dengar.

MUST MOVE- Garage Sale- Goodies! Saturday, 9 am. 2803 Dengar.

✔HUGE SALE! 5 Piece sectional, baby items, clothes galore- mens large, womens 3- 6, children all sizes. Everything must go! Saturday- Sunday, 7:30 am. 2408 Flare Court (park in front).

3214 FRONTIER. Thursday, 6- 9 pm. Friday, 8- 2. Bentwood rocker, rattan chair, wagon wheels, area rug 63 x 99, miscellaneous.

79705

3 FAMILY Garage Sale! Saturday only, 8 am- 2 pm. Lots of toys, miscellaneous household. #4 Cambridge Court.

DOWNSIZING Tiff Mower, bar stools, furniture & miscellaneous Saturday 7 am til 1 pm. 2602 Camarie.

7 FAMILY SALE 3 bedroom sets,(inculding antique 4 poster bed) dining, room, living room, washer, dryer, freezer, stove, refrigerator. Designer infant thru adult clothing. 9 am to 1 pm Friday only. 719 W. Sinclair.

POLO PARK- Moving! 1705 Coventry Lane. Friday only, 8- 12. Lots of stuff! Little Tikes. Come see!

SATURDAY, 7:00 am. Household items, clothes, toys, TV, cellular telephone, miscellaneous. 1621 E. Scharbauer Drive.

LOTS OF FURNITURE, 3 full size beds, 1 daybed and dresser, tables, chairs, other household items, freezer. Friday 8- 6, Saturday 8- 4. 706 Osage, off A Street, north of Scharbauer.

2302 APPERSON DRIVE. Saturday only, 8 am to 5 pm. Many wonderful items.

GARAGE SALE- Moving to Houston. Lots of clothes, toys, bikes, etc. Saturday, 8- 12. 2821 Frontier.

MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale For West Texas Heat Wave Girls Fast Pitch. Saturday, 8- 2, 2604 Fannin.

CARSEAT, baby swing, infant, boys & womens clothes, twin bedding. Friday- Saturday, 7:30- ?? 4307 Crenshaw- near Angels Stadium.

79706

PLANTS FOR SALE!
Herbs, flowers, natives!
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 9- 5
The Daisy Herb & Flower Farm
2901 S. County Road 1221
South service Rd. of I-20
between Loop 250/ Midkiff

★GARAGE SALE in greenwood Area: Saturday, May 17th, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. 1615 S County Road 1120, turn North off FM 307 (also known as Cloverdale Road), 2nd house on the right. Dark brown sofa with wood accents in GREAT condition! White baby bed, dresser drawers, bookshelf, portable dishwasher in working condition. Lots of childrens, womens and mens clothing. Semi- formal dress. Miscellaneous items.

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4308 GREENBRIAR. Saturday, 8- 5. Treadmill, Nintendo, Patio umbrella, Furniture, Clothing, Miscellaneous!!

❖MOVING -4516 Hilltop in Briarwood. Lots of childrens nice clothes & toys, adult clothes. Boys bike, small appliances, dishes, drill, dog house, household items, books, stereo equipment, golf bag, stuffed animals, Little Tikes, queen size air bed. Saturday 7 am to 2 pm.

SECOND STAGE Moving sale, furniture, clothes, dishes, tools, baby things, loads of junk. Friday & Saturday.3603 Sinclair.

2 FAMILY SALE Saturday 8 am to 2 pm. Big & tall mens clothes & coveralls, books, home decor, baby items, Tupperware & kitchenware, childrens clotlhing & toys.3605 Dentcrest.

MOVING SALE. 3904 Lehigh. One set of wheels & tires. Saturday, 7:30- 11:30.

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MOVING SALE, Saturday May 17, Wydewood Apts 4715 W. Wadley, #310. 8 am to noon.

3400 OAKMONT. Friday- Saturday, 10- 2. No early birds please! Lots of furniture, household goods, custom drapery & bedding, exercise equipment, toys, clothes, antiques.

MOVING SALE piano, refrigerator, wood furniture, treadmill, day bed baby items. 2511 Geraldine. Saturday only.

4707 ELMA DRIVE. Thursday- Friday, 8:45- 4:30. Items we don't need, that you may want. Assorted size clothing, even extra large, dishes, exercise equipment and other household items.

MOVING SALE, Thursday- Saturday, 9 am, Green Tree, 5425 Basswood (left on Greentree Blvd., left on Sequoia, left on Basswood.) Dining table/ 6 chairs, buffet, china cabinet, game table/ 4 chairs, table/ 6 chairs. Thomasville pier cabinet, light bridge king size bedroom unit, triple dresser, mans chest, $3,750. Sofa table, recliner, end table, lots of silk plants, bare back saddle training blanket pad, shuffle board, air hookey table, exercycle, patio table/ umbrella, electric lawn mower, vacuum cleaner, lamps, Wedgewood china, glass & knick knacks.

4123 SPRINGFIELD- ALLEY. Saturday, 8 am. 3 Families! Bedroom suite, baby bed, lots of good stuff!

SATURDAY ONLY, 8 am- ?? 3304 Dengar. Bikes, luggage, microwaves, dishes, golf clubs, tools, miscellaneous!!

❤INFANTS, CHILDRENS & large mens clothing, ladies clothing, maternity purses, golf stuff, home improvement supplies, household, lampshades, toys, telephone equipment, knick knacks, ping pong table, dog care, bike racks, rocking chair 3500 Jordan (in alley). Friday- Saturday. More on Saturday.

INSIDE SALE! 4423 Humble. Saturday only, 7 am- 12 noon. Early birds welcome! Se Habla Espanol.

SATURDAY, 7:30 am- 2 pm. Pearl snare with stand, bookshelf, microwave, chandelier, toys, designer clothes, shoes, garage door opener, formal ware. 2200 Abbey.

AURORA LANE Blockwide Sale! Saturday, 8- 2. Furniture, Little Tykes, fishing equipment, chainsaw, clothes, more!!

★SATURDAY ONLY Garage Sale! 3811 Crestgate. 8 am- 5 pm. Lots of baby clothes, toys, stroller, adult clothes, some miscellaneous furniture, household items, kitchen table, $5 CD's, lawn chairs.

LARGE SALE, 4801 Sunshine Parkway, Saturday only. from 8am. to 1 pm Great treasures to be found.

SATURDAY 8 to Noon. 'Tons' of miscellaneous including toys, lamp, roaster, playpen, golf balls, curtains, bedding, stereo, gently worn toddler and adult clothes, mowers, yard equipment, tools, fence posts, small generator, baby miscellaneous. #7 Tattenham Corner.

NEIGHBORHOOD Garage Sale- 11 Families. King Richard's Row and Sherwood, Saturday only, 8- 1. Antiques, exercise equipment, 25" TV console, 386 computer, Grandfather clock and more.

MOVING SALE! 4707 Fielder. Friday, 10 am- 5 pm. Saturday, 9 am- 12 pm. 697-7689.

CLOTHES, hospital bed, kitchenware, books, Christmas decorations, miscellaneous. Friday & Saturday 7- ? 3603 Gulf.

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GARAGE SALE- 5205 Lavaca. Saturday, 8- 12. Sewing machine, televisions, lots of high quality clothes.

GARAGE SALE- Friday, 10- 2. 2 matching beige sofas, furniture, Junior girls/ boys clothing and miscellaneous. 4005 Westminister. 520-8503.

SATURDAY ONLY 8:30 -? Travis Boat Center Storage- Loop 250 & Andrews Hwy, #'s 78 & 79. Furniture, large desk, clothes, jewelry, truck tool boxes. Too much to mention!

MOVING SALE. Friday 5 to 8 pm, Saturday 7:30 to 1 pm. 3812 Gulf.

AREA SALES

RETIREMENT SALE. Doyle & Delora Kirby. Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, 10:00 to 5:30. 2818 W Yukon. # One sale of several. 50 Years accumulation of personal & business STUFF. Over 2,000 cookbooks dating back to 1832. 500+ pieces costume jewelry. Genuine stonebeads. 8 Tables of linens. Lots of fabric, crochet thread, etc. Wide assortment of primitive, wood, brass & copper. Good stuff, garage sale items & antiques. Antique English iron fencing. Oak flat top office desk. Sterling flatware, $70- $90 per place setting, glassware, china, TVs, sheets, towels, blankets, quilts, post cards, lamps, clocks, painting & prints. Plated & stainless steel flatware. Antique U-shape jewelry case & pie case. 1985 John Deere diesel 185 Sullair air compressor. Fiat 605c Dozier and 5th wheel trailer. Chandelier & antique hanging light fixtures. 2 old $.10 & $.25 slot machines. 3 safes. 2 Three tier display gondolas. Much more. 4 houses, trailer, 2 shops & 10 acre property for sale. Come out and buy enough the first day and we can unpack more.

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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.

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$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

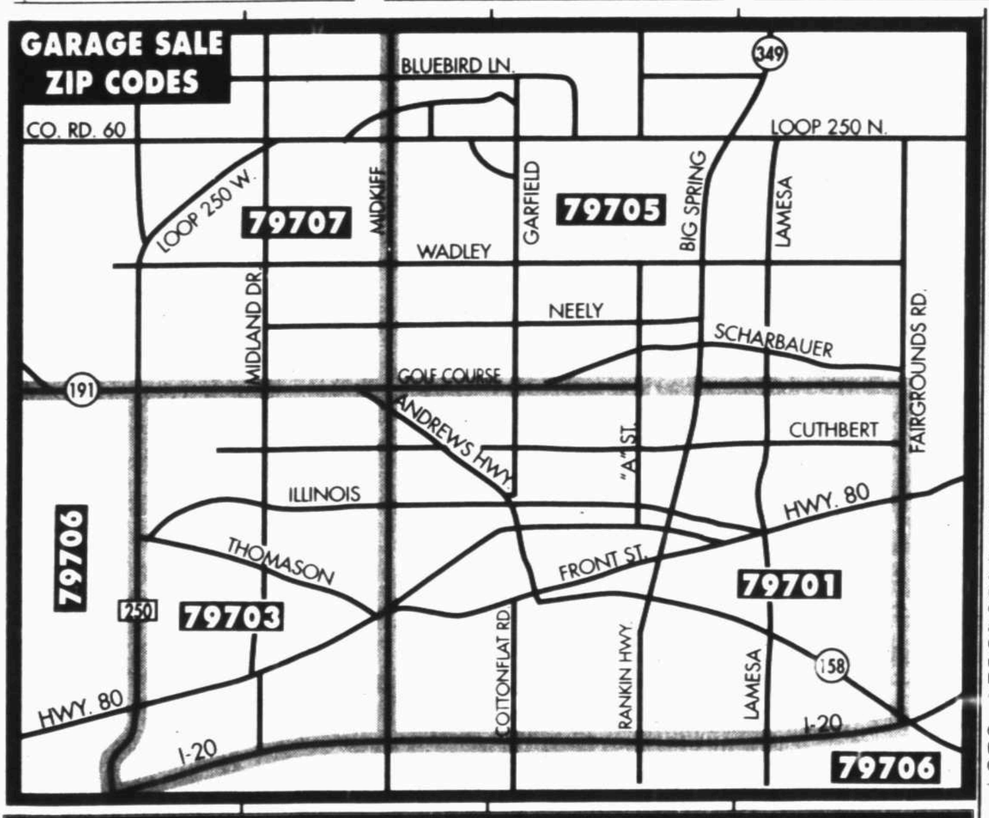
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590 Legal Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 7610

An Ordinance establishing Yield Right of Way Signs at various locations within the City of Midland, Texas; requiring and authorizing the posting of appropriate signs at said intersections; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine or two hundred dollars ($200.00); and ordering publication

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ORDINANCE NO. 7611

An Ordinance Intersection Stops at various locations within the City of Midland, Texas; requiring and authorizing the posting of appropriate signs at said intersections; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine or two hundred dollars ($200.00); and ordering publication

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ORDINANCE NO. 7609

An Ordinance temporarily closing the east/west alley adjacent to the south boundary line of Melody Acres, Section 2, an addition to the City of Midland, Texas; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine or two hundred dollars ($200.00); and ordering publication

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590 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF
COUNTY ELECTION
PRECINCT CHANGES
303- 101A

On May 12, 1997 the Commissioners Court of Midland County ordered that the western portion of County Election Precinct 303 be added to County Election Precinct 101A. The court also ordered that the above area be removed from Commissioner Precinct 3 and added to Commissioner Precinct 1.

The description of Precinct 101A will now be as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner of Midland County, N along the County Line to the center of the T & P RR tracks. Then E to the City Limits. Then following the City Limits S, then W, then S again and E to the center of the intersection of S county Road 1230. Then S to the County Line and W to the beginning with the exception of those portions designated as 101B.

The description of Precinct 303 will now be as follows:

Commencing at the center of the SW corner of the City Limits and W. Industrial Loop N to the center of the t & P RR tracks. Then NE to the City Limits and following the City Limits S and W to beginning. Also, commencing at the City Limits at Longview & Colorado, and following the City Limits N, E, S, & W to the beginning.

The Election Precinct changes will take effect on January 1, 1998 if they are approved by the Justice Department under the Federal Voting Rights Act.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF
EFFECTIVE DATE 401- 107

The effective date of the changes made by the Court to County Election Precinct 107 will be changed from June 1, 1997 to January 1, 1998.

AVISO DE CAMBIOS A LOS PRECINTOS DE ELLECCION DEL CONDADO

303- 101A

El dia 12 de mayo de 1997 la Corte del Comisionado del Condado de Midland ordeno que la porcion oeste del precinto 303 sea anadido al precinto 101A. La corte tambien ordeno que esta area sea sacada del precinto Comisionado 3 y sea anadida al precinto Comisionado 1.

La descripcion de Precinto 101A ahora sera como sigue:

Comensando en la esquina SW del Condado de Midland, N siguiendo la linea del condado al centro de la via del T & P RR. Entonces E a el limite de la cuidad. Entonces siguendo el limite de la cuidad S, entonces W, entonces S otra vez y E al centro de la interseccion de S County Rd 1230. Entonces S a la linea del condado y W al comienzo con la excepcion de esas partes designadas 101B.

La descripcion de Precinto 303 ahora sera como sique:

Comensando en el centro de la esquina SW de el limite de la cuidad y W Industrial Loop, norte al centro de la via del T &P RR. Despues NE a el limite de la cuidad y siguiendo el limite de la cuidad S y W al comienzo. Tambien comensando en el limite de la cuidad en las calles Longview y Colorado y siguiendo el limite de la cuidad N, E, S y W al comienzo.

Estos cambios a los precintos de eleccion seran efectivos el 1 de enero de 1998 si son aporbados por de Departamento de Justicia bajo el Acto de Derechos de Votar federal.

AVISO DE CAMBIO DE FECHA EFFECTIVA: 401- 107

La fecha efectiva de los cambios hechos por la Corte a el precinto de eleccion 107 sera cambiado de el 1 de junio de 1997 al 1 de enero de 1998.

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605 Apartments Furnished

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH. 3009 Whittle Way. $850 per monti, available now. Call 520-5364, pager 560-8284.

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711 DORMARD. 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage. $725 Monthly, $725 deposit. Owner/ Agent, 685-3380.

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2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, carport, central air. $375 monthly. Available June 1st. 694-9853.

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH duplex. Northwest. Private backyard, patio, appliances furnished. No pets. $550 per month. $300 deposit. 1 year lease. 699-4818.

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2 BEDROOM, large living room, washer/ dryer connections. Location 938 N. Weatherford. Call 684-6858.

FOR LEASE: 2506 Storey. Hardwood floors! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large backyard. $700/ month; $700 deposit. Lanier & Co., 682-1144.

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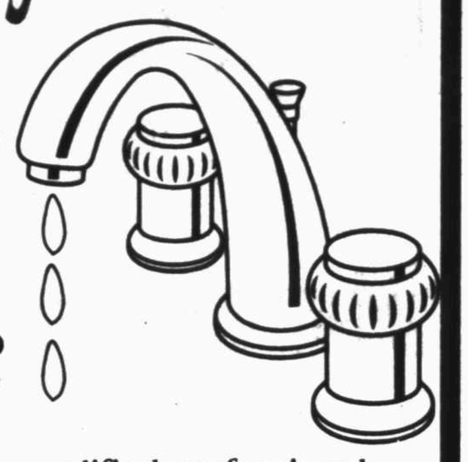
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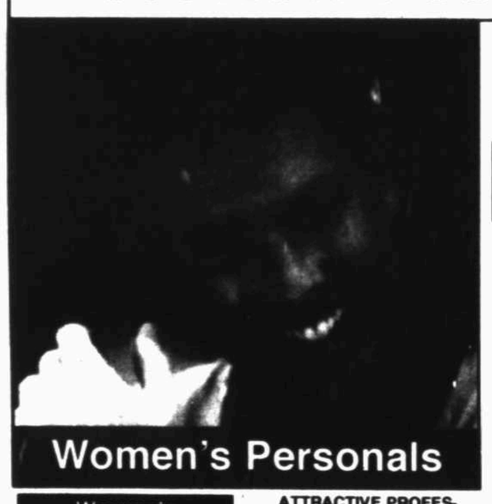
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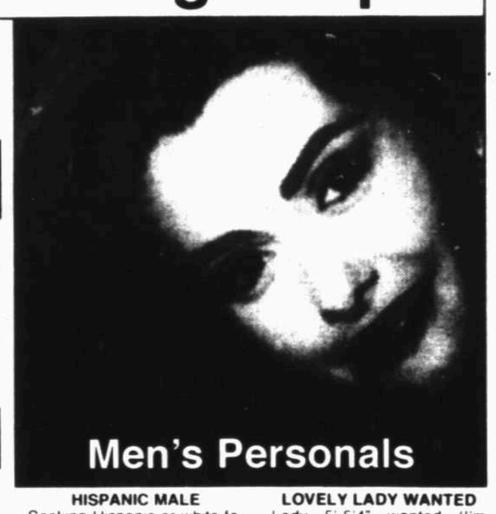


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Ba	Bath
Kit	Kitchen
Dbl	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm	Master Bdrm.
Gar	Garage
Bldg	Building
Cond	Condition
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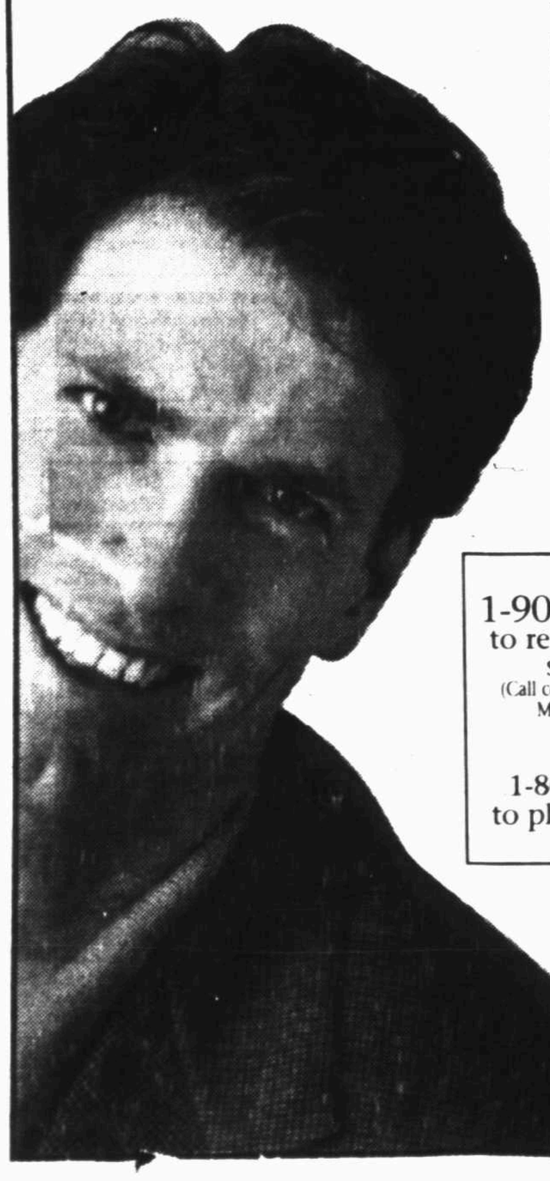
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