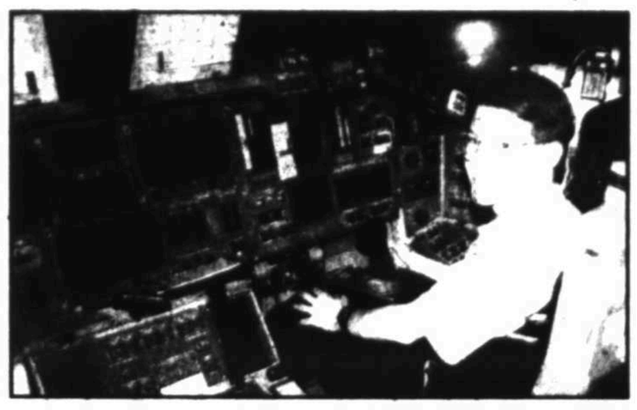
SPORTS

Golden diver

Olympian Laura Wilkinson wins a gold medal in the 10-meter platform, the first American diver to do so since 1964./**1C**



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NASA adventure

William Miller of LHS, left, and Devin Shrode of MHS were among 25 students who attended a summer program at Johnson Space Center./**4B**

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Dallas Cowboy quarterback Troy Aikman hands off to running back Chris Warren Sunday during the Cowboys' 41-24 loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

Brian Adamcik
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Aikman, Cowboys not getting much respect

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

■ **Analysis**

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IRVING — The frustration level would have gone through the roof, if there were one at Texas Stadium.

The Cowboys were bombarded from all directions — on the field, from the stands and in the locker room — on a most disappointing and embarrassing Sunday afternoon.

A loss to San Francisco was not on the agenda Sunday, especially a 41-24 drubbing to the 0-3 49ers.

"I can't begin to tell you my frustrations," said running back Emmitt Smith. He had 31yards on 11 carries. "The world doesn't need to hear about my frustrations right now. It might not come out too pleasant. It is tough when you put in the amount of time we put in, go out there, put on the performance you saw today and not have a chance of winning."

The frustration goes beyond that. It continues with the guy who hands the ball off to Smith — Troy Aikman. He reclaimed his starting spot from Randall Cunningham and turned in a so-so performance, completing 15 of 26 passes for 197 yards and one touchdown. Aikman also threw one interception and fumbled the ball once. One thing he never came close to doing Sunday was winning, which Randall Cunningham did on Monday night against the Washington Redskins. For that reason alone, the boo-birds at Texas Stadium came out in force a number of times for the three-time Super Bowl winner.

"It is unfair and very disrespectful (to boo Aikman)," Smith said. "It shows a person what loyalty is all about. It shows it

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Tapping into oil reserves is political move, Cheney says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's decision to tap the nation's emergency oil reserves drew fire Sunday from the GOP vice presidential nominee as a political move to aid Democrat Al Gore.

The action amounted to nothing more than "tweaking prices six weeks before the election," Dick Cheney said, noting that the vice president proposed the drawdown just before the Clinton administration's announcement Friday.

But Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said the president was motivated by the potential heating oil shortages this winter — not high prices and the political problem they might cause Gore's White House bid.

On "Fox News Sunday," Cheney said he doubts whether the nation's hard-pressed refineries could quickly convert into heating oil the 30 million barrels Clinton ordered released in the next month.

"If your refineries are already operating at 96 to 97 percent of capacity, even if you give them more crude, they're not likely to be able to produce a significant increase in heating oil," he said.

Yet, "because it's six weeks before the election and they're worried about prices, all of a sudden Al Gore is for releasing oil ... to manipulate prices," Cheney said. "It's hard not to view it in a political context."

Richardson, on NBC's "Meet the Press," denied again, as Clinton did Saturday, that the release was a political favor for Gore.

"We are preparing for potential disruptions, potential shortages," Richardson said. "The president acted because stocks were so low."

Shown videotapes in which Gore and Clinton suggested the release would bring prices in line, Richardson said: "All of this is consistent. We're concerned about tightness in the market."

He said the booming U.S. economy has increased demand for oil products by 14 percent. "But home heating oil stocks, extremely low," Richardson said. "We're worried about a winter ... where a lot of moderate-income people, poor people, couldn't pay for home heating oil."

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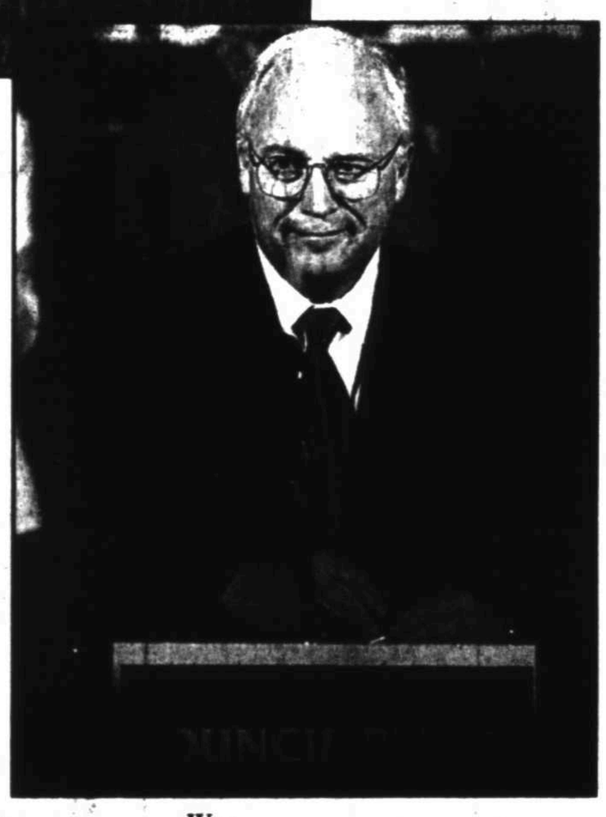
Energy secretary



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— Dick Cheney, GOP vice presidential nominee

The 590-million-barrel Strategic Petroleum Reserve was set up as insurance against interruption of oil supplies after the 1973 Arab oil embargo caused near-unprecedented shortages at the gasoline pump. Except for two practice drawdowns, its only previous use was during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Cheney, a former defense secretary who joined the oil technology company Halliburton after his Pentagon duty, appeared on three Sunday news shows to criticize Clinton's decision.

He said the nation lacks an energy policy, adding that strict environmental and other rules make explo-

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Mayor writes letters urging bond support

■ Burns writes parents of students at Midland Christian School, where his son is an eighth-grader.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Mayor Bobby Burns, whose 14-year-old son is a Midland Christian School student, has mailed letters to parents of the school's 1,100 students asking them to support the $72.2 million public school referendum.

The Midland Independent School District high school renovation proposal drew a record number of early voters to the polls this past week. The bond election is Oct. 7.

The typed letter, addressed to "Dear Fellow Midland Christian Parent," is on Burn's "Mayor of Midland" letterhead and lists his insurance business address rather than the City Hall address. Burns said on Sunday that "no tax money" was used in producing or mailing the letter, which was commercially printed.

Burns

■ **Copy of the letter/2A**

"I am a big supporter of the bond issue," Burns said in response to queries on his mailing out the letter, which he said was produced in early September. "It is very, very important for the (public) schools and extremely important for the future of our city."

By the letter, Burns said that he was "just encouraging people to vote for the school bond (issue)."

The $72.2 million bond issue proposes the building of a new Midland High School on a 78-acre campus apart from the current downtown location and the renovation and expansion of Lee High School. The public high schools' combined enrollment is about 4,300 students out of MISD's 20,000 school age (kindergarten through 12th-grade) students.

In his letter to MCS parents, Burns said that "You and I are fortunate to be able to provide a wonderful environment of faith and academics for our 303 children at Midland Christian High School.

"As grateful and proud Midland Christian parents, may Denise (Burns' wife) and I add that the thoughtful and caring nature of our school's faculty and parents has been more than we had any right to hope for when we first enrolled our son, Austin."

Their son is an eighth-grader at Midland Christian.

Burns wrote that "Most of Midland's more than 4,000 children of high-school age will never have the opportunity to experience the nurturing climate that Midland Christian's families enjoy" since "many parents simply cannot financially afford to join us" at the private school.

"Of course, their educational needs are just as great as those of our own children," Burns wrote. "I think we all believe we are called to care for ALL our children.

"Because we love Midland as you do, education and our children should never take second place," Burns' letter reads. "A first-rate school system is imperative for so many different reasons. We all want our school system to be the very best it can be." And "as Midlanders, we must not shrink from this challenge."

In noting that his family is "supporting and voting for the bonds to build a new Midland High School and rebuild Lee High School," Burns wrote that "the need is real" and that "the time to solve this problem is now."

Burns asked the MCS parents to "Please offer your support and vote our kids — our future — our schools."

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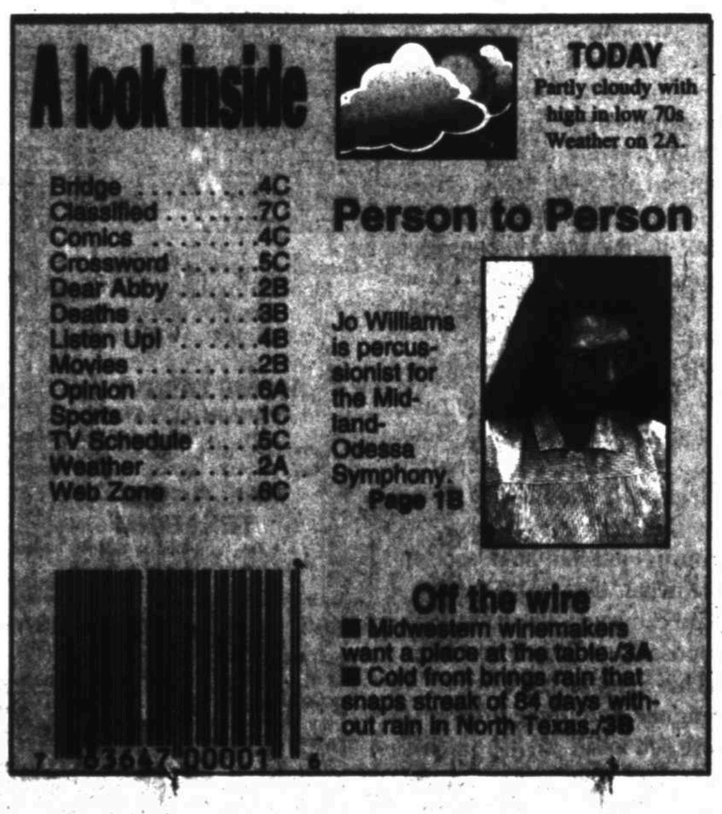

Child support collections are up across Texas

■ For fiscal year 2000, Texas Attorney General's Office collects more than $1 billion.

By Brian Rogers
Staff Writer

Child support collections in Texas have topped $1 billion for the first time.

For the state fiscal year 2000, from Sept. 1, 1999 through Aug. 31, 2000, the Attorney General's Office collected $1.029 billion in child support payments, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn announced this past week.

This represents a 19 percent increase from $868 million from 1999 and a 36 percent increase since 1998, the year before Cornyn became attorney general.

While child support collections have risen steadily, the number of cases handled by the Attorney General's Office has plateaued at 1.1 million statewide.

Here in Midland, while the number of cases remains stable, payments have increased 19 percent.

District Clerk Vivian Wood attributed this to the efficiency of the system in Midland.

'We have made considerable progress by collecting more than $1 billion for Texas children and improving our phone call answer rate from 14 percent to 94 percent.'
— John Cornyn, state attorney general

"We've been working very hard for several years with the Attorney General's Office in Midland to enforce child support payments," Ms. Wood said.

When a case is more than 30 days late, the computer system alerts the local office of the Attorney General's Office, so noncustodial parents don't get too far behind in their payments. If necessary, the attorney general will issue a wage-withholding order.

The number of cases in Midland handled by the attorney general is stable, going from 8,393 in 1999 to 7,943 in 2000.

"The number of cases is what matters, not necessarily the dollar amount." Ms. Wood said, "It's how many people we help."

Matt Winslow, press officer for the Child Services Division in the Texas Attorney General's Office, said that while the number of cases of child support has leveled off, the increase in the dollar amount shows that progress is being made.

Winslow said the cause of child support payments was simply in the numbers. "One-third of children in Texas, and nationwide, are born out of wedlock. When combined with the fact that 50 percent of all marriages fail, you have the unfortunate situation of child support. Three quarters of the child support cases the attorney general handles involve current or former state aid cases," Winslow said.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High lower 70s	High near 80	High near 80
Low mid-40s	Low mid-40s	Low lower 50s

Today's partly cloudy skies are to give way to a sunny afternoon and high temperatures the low 70s, according to the forecaster at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Winds today are to be northeasterly at 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies and low in the mid-40s.

Tuesday's foerecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 80.

Tuesday night is to be partly cloudy with a low in the mid-40s.

After an overnight low of 60, Sunday's high reached 77, compared to the record high for that date of 101 set in 1977. The record low was 36 set in 1989.

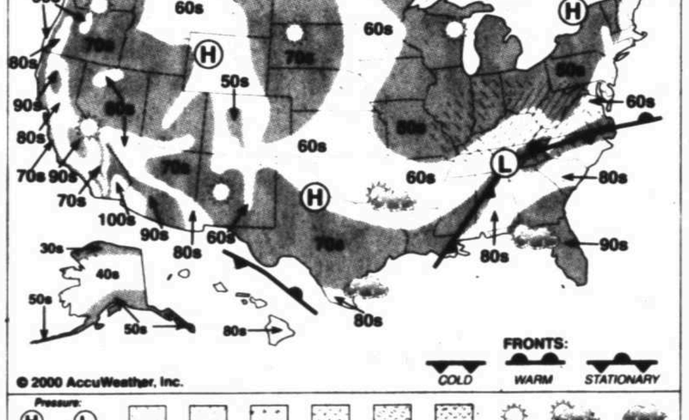
Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.	High	77
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.	Low	60
Total for month	0.00 in.	Normal high	83
Total for year	6.05 in.	Normal low	59
Normal total (year to date)	11.45 in.		

Sunrise ... 7:39 a.m.
Sunset ... 7:40 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Sept. 25.



Via Associated Press

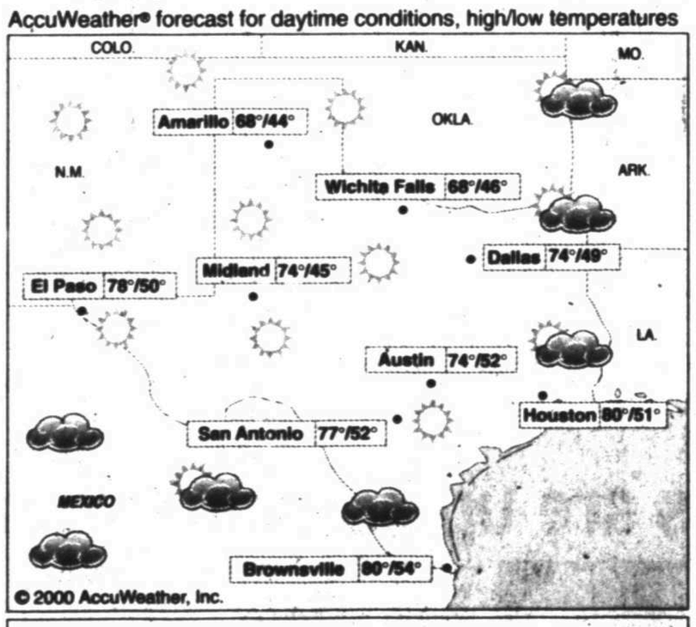
United States temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	67	52	clr	
Allentown,Pa.	71	61	.11	cdy
Amarillo	56	45	.02	clr
Anchorage	50	47	.62	rn
Asheville	82	60	.84	rn
Atlanta	85	70	m	
Atlantic City	77	69	rn	
Bismarck	63	27	clr	
Boise	70	41	clr	
Boston	75	64	clr	
Bridgeport	75	65	.15	cdy
Brownsville	95	82	clr	
Buffalo	59	52	.19	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	58	55	.38	cdy
Caribou,Maine	56	49	.80	cdy
Casper	37	24	.03	clr
Charleston,S.C.	91	72	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	72	69	.26	rn
Charlotte,N.C.	87	67	rn	
Chattanooga	86	71	.49	rn
Colorado Springs	43	31	.43	clr
Columbia,S.C.	91	71	rn	
Columbus,Ga.	87	69	.03	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	62	62	.67	rn
Denver	42	30	.37	clr
Des Moines	51	48	.01	clr
Detroit	59	52	.03	cdy
Evansville	66	64	.31	rn
Fairbanks	53	44	rn	
Fargo	60	29	clr	
Goodland	41	32	.34	clr
Grand Junction	55	35	.03	clr
Grand Rapids	57	47	cdy	
Great Falls	63	34	clr	
Green Bay	52	37	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	86	64	rn	
Harrisburg	76	65	.02	rn
Hartford Spgfld	74	61	clr	
Helena	59	23	clr	
Honolulu	87	74	clr	
Indianapolis	58	58	.23	rn
Jackson,Miss.	91	74	.22	cdy
Jacksonville	91	72	rn	
Juneau	57	50	cdy	
Kansas City	51	51	.54	cdy
Knoxville	80	69	.13	rn
Lake Charles	91	75	cdy	
Lansing	56	47	cdy	
Las Vegas	77	62	clr	
Lexington	73	67	.86	rn
Lincoln	49	44	.10	clr
Little Rock	74	73	1.47	cdy
Los Angeles	81	60	clr	
Medford	82	41	clr	
Memphis	79	78	.36	rn
Miami Beach	89	79	cdy	
Montgomery	88	74	rn	
Nashville	74	67	.59	cdy
New Orleans	91	77	.37	cdy
New York City	76	67	cdy	
Newark	77	67	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	82	69	.01	rn
North Platte	40	32	.47	clr
Oklahoma City	56	53	1.70	cdy
Omaha	51	46	.05	clr
Orlando	91	75	.29	cdy
Phoenix	91	69	clr	
Pittsburgh	62	58	.32	rn
Pocatello	61	26	clr	
Portland,Maine	69	60	.26	clr
Portland,Ore.	77	43	clr	
Providence	76	65	.23	clr
Pueblo	49	34	.25	clr
Raleigh-Durham	87	65	rn	
Rapid City	57	28	clr	
Reno	73	40	clr	
Richmond	83	65	rn	
Roanoke	82	63	rn	
Rochester	59	54	.24	cdy
Rockford	58	49	.04	cdy
Sacramento	84	52	clr	
St Louis	61	58	.16	cdy
Salem,Ore.	78	36	clr	
Salt Lake City	55	38	clr	
San Diego	75	62	clr	
San Francisco	74	55	clr	
San Jose	83	56	clr	

State forecast

Monday, Sept. 25

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Texas temperatures

Station	Hi	Lo	Pcpn
Abilene	87	56	0.71
Alice	100	69	
Amarillo	56	44	0.02
Arlington	87	61	0.01
Austin bergstrom	95	65	0.13
Beaumont	93	79	
Brownsville	95	82	
Burnet	83	59	1.92
Childress	85	51	t
College Station	90	74	
Conroe	95	77	
Corpus Christi	97	80	t
Corsicana	87	61	0.21
Dalhart	54	42	t
Del Rio	91	69	0.22
Denton	87	58	1.18
DFW Airport	75	60	0.15
Dryden	M	M	
El Paso	85	66	
Fort Stockton	92	68	t
Fort Worth Alliance	70	59	0.81
Galveston	89	82	
Georgetown	86	61	0.89
Guadalupe Pass	65	60	
Harlingen	96	79	
Hondo	98	71	0.13
Houston Intrctnl	95	76	
Huntsville	95	77	t
Junction	92	59	1.94
Kingsville	97	M	
Laredo	100	81	
Longview	91	67	0.43
Lubbock	87	50	
Lufkin	95	77	0.19
Marfa	84	53	
McAllen	97	80	
Mckinney	78	61	0.16
Mineral Wells	86	61	0.04
New Braunfels	99	69	t
Palacios	91	83	
Paris	84	61	1.76
Rockport	92	83	
San Angelo	73	60	0.56
San Antonio	97	72	t
San Marcos	97	68	
Terrell	84	61	0.19
Tyler	89	62	t
Victoria	97	78	
Waco	96	60	0.76

AIKMAN: Cowboys' frustration shows through

(From 1A)

is about winning. If you win, they love you. If you lose, they want to get rid of you. For all those so-called fans, that is all you are — just fans. If you want to be loyal fans, cheer your team through good times and bad times."

"That is the home crowd," Dallas Cowboys head coach Dave Campo said. "We don't care about them. We care about the home team."

As an added bonus, Aikman's mistakes and the loss at the end of the game allowed the quarterback controversy to regain hurricane-force strength.

There were a number of opinions on this subject after the game, although Campo cut his press conference off before having to express his opinion.

Cunningham, a proven winner in this league, expressed his, and it sounds like he isn't about to add fuel to this fire. He was signed to be a backup and didn't offer any sound bites to change that.

"It is not about me," Cunningham said. "It is a team thing and unity thing."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said it doesn't matter how good Aikman is if the rest of the team can't pull their weight.

"As a team, we didn't play enough to support Troy in his first game back," Jones said. "He could look sharp all year, and if the rest of the team plays the way it did (today) for the rest of the year, it won't matter."

Jones isn't just trying to soothe the ego of his million-dollar quarterback. The offensive line allowed three sacks and a number of pressures. The wide receiver corps had more than its fair share of drops. And defensively, the Cowboys just weren't very good.

They allowed 201 rushing yards to Charlie Garner. It was the second time the Cowboys had allowed 200 yards to a back this year (Philadelphia's Duce Staley was the other). Many things are disconcerting here. First, a good team doesn't allow 200 yards to running backs like Staley and Garner, and they sure don't allow it at home.

But right now, the Cowboys aren't a good team. They were destroyed in terms of time of possession, losing that battle by almost 15 minutes (37:13 to 22:47). Defensively, they couldn't stop the 49ers when they needed to as San Francisco converted on 11-of-15 third-down attempts. They also allowed 41 points, which is a total the defending Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams, an offensive juggernaut, is going have trouble scoring night in and night out. A team like Dallas can't even contemplate that right now.

"We are not going to give ourselves a chance to win if we are giving up 42 points," linebacker Dexter Coakley said.

In their two home games, the Cowboys have allowed 83 points.

"The defense is not as good as we hoped it would be at the beginning of the year," Jones said.

So, things definitely aren't good for Dallas, which plays Carolina next week before a much-needed open date. Frustration surrounds the Cowboys. Sunday, it even came out on the field.

Darren Woodson, an all-pro safety, was tossed from the game for slamming his helmet to the Texas Stadium turf.

Then, in the fourth quarter, George Teague interrupted Terrell Owens' post-touchdown celebration, drilling the 49ers wide receiver. Owens had raced to the big blue star in the middle of the Texas Stadium field to celebrate a touchdown. It was the second time during the game he had taunted the cowboys in this fashion, but Teague raced after him and knocked him to the ground. Fortunately, a bench-clearing brawl did not follow. It was maybe the most spirit by a Cowboy the whole day.

"That is about as blunt as you get, taking it to the star like that," Smith said. "Trust me, I had so many thoughts going through my head. In my mind, I was thinking 'what if I go out there and cold-cock him and get thrown out of the game?' What the heck?

"It was a slap in our face," Smith added. "You don't come into someone's home and disrespect them right in front of their home crowd, and I thought they disrespected us in a mighty way. That is their style, I guess."

A lot of other teams are going to disrespect the Cowboys, at least on the scoreboard, if things don't get better. That is why Campo — who was steaming after the game — says what happened Sunday can't go on.

"They whipped us up and down the field," Campo said. "Now, we have to go back to square one. Until we do that every game will be the same way."

OIL: Gore is standing up for families, campaign official says

(From 1A)

ration more difficult and costly.

"There is no policy there in place," he said on ABC's "This Week."

Cheney said domestic production is lower than any time since 1954, and that because imports have risen 34 percent in the past few years, the United States now relies on foreign countries for more than half its oil.

"Our demand continues to grow as our economy grows, and it's all being satisfied as the result of imports," Cheney said.

The answer, he said, is to open to production such areas as the Alaskan National Wildlife Reserve near the Prudhoe Bay oil fields. "It could be easily developed," Cheney said, "and Bill Clinton and Al Gore have blocked it every single time."

The administration opposes development of an oil field on the reserve for environmental reasons, which Cheney said can be addressed with new technology.

Mark Fabiani, the Gore campaign's deputy manager, said both Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush and Cheney are exercised about the release because of their ties to the oil industry.

"Al Gore is standing up for families. It's the wintertime coming up, people need to heat homes, and Al Gore's going to make sure that they're able to do that," Fabiani said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Sen. Tom Harkin contended that Bush and Cheney want to "drill more wells and drill it in our pristine national wildlife refuges."

"That is no energy policy; that's a pollution policy," Harkin, D-Iowa, said on Fox.

The latest report on the reserve by Energy Department experts indicates that even opening it would not prove a quick fix to the nation's energy problems. The experts estimate the start-up time for production would be seven to 12 years.

Record early storm dumps 10.5 inches of snow on Cheyenne

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A snow storm that blanketed much of Wyoming, shutting down highways and stranding travelers through the weekend, plowed through Colorado and into western Nebraska early Sunday and set a record for early snowfall in Cheyenne.

The capital city had recorded 10.5 inches of snow by Sunday morning, but warming temperatures through the afternoon were quickly melting the accumulation.

By evening, only a couple of inches of snow remained on the ground in Cheyenne, and green grass poked through the snow in yards across Denver.

The brunt of the storm had pulled down tree branches and caused power outages in Colorado on Saturday night, less than a week after Denver set a temperature record with its 61st day at 90 degrees or above.

In Cheyenne, the last comparable early snowfall hit Sept. 28, 1985, when a storm left 4.9 inches of snow across the city, according to the National Weather Service.

More than 1,200 travelers who had been stranded overnight in Rawlins and Rock Springs — some for two days — began moving out on Sunday as Interstate 80 was reopened across Wyoming one section at a time. Stranded trucks parked along both sides of the highway, and the mass exodus caused traffic bottlenecks outside each city, the Wyoming Highway Patrol said.

"We had 15 miles in Rawlins that was nothing but a parking lot for trucks," said Don Brinkman, chairman of the Red Cross branch in Carbon County.

More than 500 travelers spent Saturday night at a Red Cross shelter set up at the Rawlins Family Recreation Center, and about 400 others stayed at the Wyoming National Guard armory in town.

"Most of these are from California trying to go to Illinois, New York, down to Colorado Springs, just all over the place," Brinkman said.

Other travelers ended up in churches and a former train depot after the hotels filled up. Four hundred holed up in Rock Springs at an events complex and a recreation center.

"This town, the whole area, is just bumper to pumper trucks, cars moving vans you name it," said Judy Valentine, Sweetwater County emergency management coordinator, who was in Rock Springs.

Saturday evening, a 12-car pileup on Interstate 80 just east of Laramie delayed a University of Nevada bus and postponed for an hour a football game at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. There were no major injuries.

On Sunday, the storm dumped up to 15 inches of snow in Colorado's northern mountains and about 6 inches along the lower elevations of the Front Range. Power outages were reported across Larimer County, about 62 miles north of Denver, as the snow collected on leafy trees and snapped branches, said Carl Burroughs of the National Weather Service.

CHILD: Number of jailed 'deadbeats' has increased

(From 1A)

"In these situations, the custodial parent is asking the taxpayers to pay child support. Clearly, the non-custodial parent should be paying. The Attorney General's Office is acting in the best interest of the taxpayers when trying to get non-custodial parents to pay for their own child or children."

He went on to say, "We are trying to get people to pay for their own children, and we do revoke driver's licenses, professional licenses, and throw people in jail. Our license suspension filings have increased 31 percent from 1,984 in 1999 to 2,608 in 2000. The number of deadbeats we've thrown in jail has increased 25 percent from 1,196 in 1999 to 1,473 in 2000."

Winslow credited the automation of the system with the increase in dollars while the number of cases has stayed the same.

"With our automated system, we send out over 1,000 wage withholding orders every day after combing the state job bank and the national job bank. This combats people who jump between jobs to keep from paying their child support," Winslow said.

Ms. Wood also said that the system is in transition. A federal mandate is forcing each state to have a central point of payment, which will help employers pay their employee's wage withholdings.

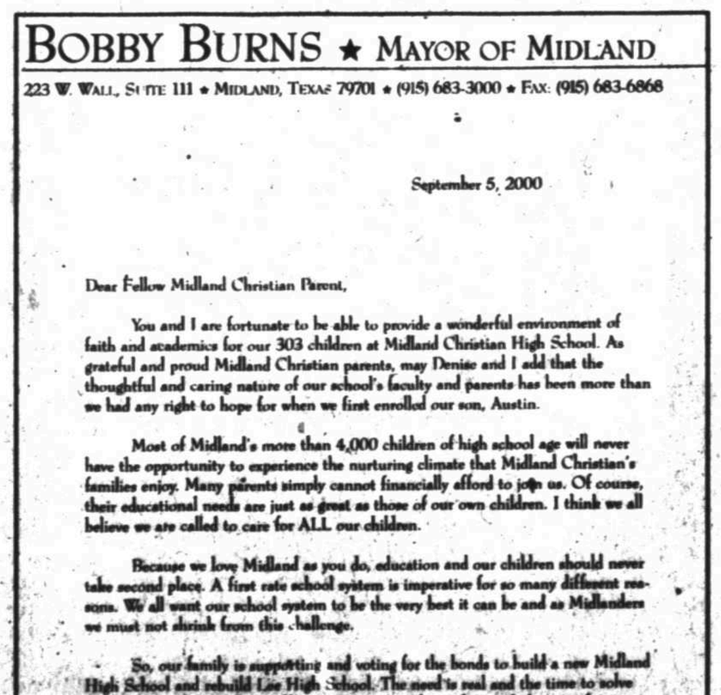
The State Disbursement Unit (SDU) is being built and staffed by Lockheed Martin.

"We're beginning to see an increase of transactions go through the SDU. All of the transactions should be going through the SDU by the end of fiscal year 2001.

Cornyn said, "I inherited a Child Support Division suffering from years of neglect. We have made considerable progress by collecting more than $1 billion for Texas children and improving our phone call answer rate from 14 percent to 94 percent."

Cornyn began requiring field offices to answer phone calls and decentralized the call center and staffed four regional call centers to answer the 600,000 monthly calls.

LETTERS: Burns says he wants to help any way he can



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September 5, 2000

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Sincerely,

Bobby Burns

(From 1A)

Our Kids, Our Schools, Our Future is the name of a Midland political action committee (PAC) that advocates support of the bond election.

In commenting on the spirit of the letter, Burn said that "I am certainly aware that people are going to make decisions that are different from what I think. I think it (the bond proposal) is important for the future of our city and to provide for our children.

"It is very important that we say 'yes' and improve our city and improve our schools," Burns told the Midland Reporter-Telegram. "I would help in any way that they asked me to."

Burns said that he does "support what the (MISD) school board came up with (on the bond proposal) and their decisions and have confidence that they are doing the right thing in terms of these schools."

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Health care emerges as top issue in battlegrounds states

WEST MIDDLESEX, Pa. (AP) — Norman Clark hunches over a beer, watching foam dribble down the bottle and into a pile of quarters — six will buy his next serving. "You know why I wear this bracelet?" he asks a stranger caught eyeing the copper band.

"I wear it because I can't afford my pills."

Clark thinks the bracelet will ease arthritis in his wrist. He bought it after using all the free drug samples his doctor would give him, after the pharmacist charged $175 to fill his first prescription, after his wrist painfully swelled. "Who ... can afford that much for drugs?" said the retired steelworker, rubbing his sore joint.

In bars and diners, supermarkets and country stores, at malls and on Main Streets across three Great Lakes states, voters shared similar stories. It is clear from more than four dozen interviews last week that the issue has outpaced others in the campaign battlegrounds of Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

This could be good news for Democrat Al Gore, whose party holds the upper hand in polls on health care. Republican rival George W. Bush hopes to erase that edge.

"This is the deciding issue for me," said Richard Kelly, 49, of Detroit.

Bush and Gore are in a close, volatile race that both campaigns believe will be determined in this region and by voters who are not tied to either major party. Republicans plan to sharply reduce expenditures in Illinois, a sign that Gore may have wrapped the state up, but the race is competitive elsewhere in the Midwest. Swing voters are just starting to pay attention.

"I'm waiting for the debates," said Toni Posatiere, who stopped outside a Parma, Ohio, doughnut shop to talk politics.

Many swing voters have changed their views and could swing back again. "I think I'm pushing more and more towards Gore. I know more about Bush now, and don't like everything I know," said Bessie Mae Swisher of Bloomsburg, Pa., who five months ago told The Associated Press she was leaning toward Bush.

'But because it's an issue people are concerned about, they want to make sure he's got a plan, and he does. Does it help them? It will. Does it give them choices? It will.'

— Michigan Gov. John Engler

Most said their financial lives are better after eight years of the Clinton-Gore administration, but many must work harder to stay ahead. They still worry about the future.

They want lower taxes, but not if tax cuts hurt the economy. They want better schools, but not if they lose local control. They want Social Security protected, but not if benefits are reduced. They want lower gas prices, but suspect the administration is playing politics by dipping into emergency oil reserves.

Mostly they want better health care.

In a new national poll by the Pew Research Center, nearly two-thirds of voters say they're very concerned about affording care when a family member gets sick, up from 58 percent a year ago. Those who expressed concerns are firmly in Gore's camp.

Nearly one-third of voters in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania cited "making quality health care accessible to everyone" as their top issue in a recent poll. Education was a distant second.

"There's almost never a political cycle when some health care issue doesn't become a really big deal," said GOP pollster Bill McInturff.

This year, it is prescription drugs. Gore and Bush are spending millions on TV ads that promote — and distort — the drug debate. Analysts suspect the blitz has helped make health care the No. 1 issue here.

Gore wants to spend $253 billion over 10 years to provide drug coverage under Medicare. Bush pledges to spend $158 billion to provide a quick fix through states while phasing in private-market competition for Medicare over a decade.

Bush doesn't have to win the issue, just gain on Gore by cutting into the traditionally Democratic lead on health care, like he did on education.

"He's not going to take that issue and beat Al Gore like a drum. It's probably too hard to pull that off," said Michigan Gov. John Engler, a Bush ally. "But because it's an issue people are concerned about, they want to make sure he's got a plan, and he does. Does it help them? It will. Does it give them choices? It will."

Bush has co-opted education by arguing that Democrats can't fix America's failing schools. One Democratic pollster said voters are open to that argument because Democrats have done little to improve schools.

Democrats worry that Bush can turn the same trick on health care.

Gore's party owned the issue in 1992, when Clinton pledged to fix the system, and in 1993, when first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton drafted a plan to nationalize health care that proved unpopular. Democrats are vulnerable on the issue.

Engler summed up Republican strategy in five words: "Gore care is Hillary care."

One GOP ad calls the Democratic plan "a prescription for disaster."

In middle America, the problem is personal.

Karen Hope of Economy, Pa., is raising a family on less than $25,000 a year, but must help her mother pay $230 a month for health insurance and prescription drugs. Her children are on Medicaid. She and her husband are uninsured.

"What would I do if he or I got sick?" she said. "I don't even want to talk about it."

Back at the bar, Clark, 75, is fingering change and counting his blessings. "There are old people where I live. Real old. And these poor people are cutting their pills in half to make them last longer," he says, rubbing the sore wrist again. "That makes this small potatoes."

Move over, Napa! Midwestern winemakers want a place at the table, too

By Susan Skiles Luke
Associated Press Writer

ALTO PASS, Ill. — This time of year, the tanks at Paul Renzaglia's winery are full of the fruit of his vineyard — grape juice that's destined to become some of southern Illinois' most award-winning wine.

And this year's harvest season is busier than ever for the second-generation winemaker. With more frequency than usual, Renzaglia's ringing phone sends him up the stairs from his basement winery to his office whenever a fledgling Illinois winemaker needs advice.

"I don't mind helping," Renzaglia said. "The one thing that hurts the industry is people making crappy wine."

People throughout the Midwest are making more wine than they have in years. Illinois boasts 21 wineries, up from 14 just two years ago, according to Stephen Menke, a wine specialist at the University of Illinois.

Ohio has 69 wineries, up from 43 last year, he said. And Indiana will see its 23rd winery open this fall, and five more are set to open in the next two years, said Sally Linton, a spokeswoman for the Indiana Wine Grape Council.

"It's happening all over," Menke said. "We're creating a quality wine that is just as good as the European or California wines, but different — uniquely Midwestern in character."

Kansas has gone from two to seven wineries in the last six years. As many as 10 growers are waiting for vines to mature in the next three years to either start wineries of their own or supply expanding ones, said John Brewer, past president of the Kansas Grape Growers and Winemakers Association.

Illinois and Missouri, which now has 40 wineries, were once among the nation's top wine producers, but Prohibition forced them out of business.

After World War II, agricultural weed killers were introduced that were good for the large-scale farming but deadly for grape vines, Menke said. "It became almost impossible to raise grapes anywhere corn grew," he said. "And that's most of the Midwest."

Today, with commodity prices down and U.S. wine consumption up — 13 percent over the past two years, according to the International Office of Wines and Vines in Paris — winemaking is increasingly popular, especially in the hilly, southern regions of the Midwest.

And then there's the money.

"Everybody's a little better off," said Simon Siegl, president of the American Vintners Association. "There's more disposable income for the rank-and-file consumer, so they're saying, 'How about a nice wine this weekend?'"

Still, it might be a while before the rank-and-file consumer reaches for a fruity Illinois Chambourcin or aromatic Chardonel instead of a label from California, France or Italy.

The kind of grape that grows well in those countries — vitus vinifera — doesn't grow as well in the cooler Midwest, said Menke, who was hired two years ago by the state to promote the Illinois wine industry.

What Renzaglia and his Midwestern colleagues use are grapes from European-American hybrids — "fruitier, a little more pungent but a little softer" than their vitus vinifera cousins, Menke said.

"It tastes smoother, it doesn't have as much bite as, say, a European-style Cabernet would," he said.

Menke points out that fruity wines tend to please consumers most. He also uses terms like "spicy," "pungent" and "foxy" to describe Midwestern wine.

"You either like it or you don't," he said. "There is a percentage of people who, when they taste it, don't care for it."

Like who?

"Snobs," he said, laughing.

He insists that the Midwest is not destined to become the nation's cheap-wine region.

"I have a strong feeling that we need to make a wine that is, by God, American, but really good," he said.

On the Net:
http://www.americanwineries.org
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Lewinsky to report American culture for British TV show

NEW YORK (AP) — Monica Lewinsky, whose affair with President Clinton made her a celebrity in the United States, will be reporting on American culture for a British television network, her publicist said Sunday.

The former White House intern has agreed to host six four-minute segments dubbed "Postcards from Monica" for Britain's Channel 5, according to Juli Nadler, Ms. Lewinsky's spokeswoman.

Nadler said the segments would be a "lighthearted look at American pop culture for British viewers." She declined to say how much Lewinsky would be paid.

Though the segments will air in November, Ms. Lewinsky won't be reporting on the United States' major event of that month — the presidential election.

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CAMPAIGN 2000 IN BRIEF

■ Two of four debates bumped

Two of the four biggest broadcast networks said Saturday that they would not carry the first presidential debate between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore. NBC will broadcast a first-round baseball playoff game instead of the Oct. 3 debate; Fox has decided to show entertainment programming that night, network executives said. Fox's corporate partner, the Fox News Channel, will carry the debate. Television contracts with Major League Baseball require networks to broadcast games despite debate conflicts, NBC News spokeswoman Barbara Levin said. This was brought up with the presidential commission organizing the debates, she said, adding: "We have no choice." The debates are expected to run on ABC, CBS, public broadcasting stations and the three cable news networks — CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC. Fox also is scheduled to run baseball during the Oct. 5 vice presidential debate and the second Bush-Gore challenge on Oct. 11.

■ Gore ahead of Bush in polls

Al Gore appears to have a clear lead over George W. Bush among voters in the key battleground states of Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania largely due to Gore's favor among women voters, a Chicago Tribune Poll out today shows. Gore is seen as more personable and thoughtful than Bush and respondents favor his policies, according to the survey, which also polled Michigan and Ohio voters. The poll found Gore is most popular among suburban women — a crucial block of voters. Married women who do not work outside the home seem to favor Bush.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup national tracking poll released Saturday found 48 percent of voters favor Gore, 45 percent are for Bush — within the poll's 4 percentage point margin of error. A Newsweek poll out Saturday also showed the race within the margins, at 47 percent for Gore to 45 percent for Bush. Gore had been up 10 points in the CNN-USA Today-Gallup tracking poll earlier in the week and was up by 8 points in the last Newsweek poll, both among likely voters.

■ Gays want to influence voting

Several activists for gay and lesbian groups said that their organizations plan to step up political efforts over the next seven weeks to influence voting in November. "Gay, lesbian and bisexual voters make up 5 percent of the national electorate," said Elizabeth Toledo of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We have the power to swing close elections, specifically closely contested congressional and state elections and even the race for the White House." Groups plan to use grass-roots campaigns in every state to register gay and lesbian voters and help get them to the polls.

■ Presidential library wanted

Baylor University says it is the place to host a presidential library for Bush — assuming he wins in November. Baylor President Robert Sloan Jr. told the Waco Tribune-Herald on Friday that consultants are helping to look into landing a library to house the mementos of a Bush presidency. "You have to take a few risks in life to be on the cutting edge," Sloan told the Tribune-Herald. Baylor regents have not yet approved a library project, but Sloan said they seem willing. If Bush loses, the university also would be interested in hosting a gubernatorial library for Bush.

Compiled by the New York Times News Service

Bush to cut short his stay after first debate

AUSTIN — George W. Bush may have finally agreed to next week's debate in Boston, but his campaign is scheduling as little time there as possible — confirming Sunday he will not even spend the night in the city.

Bush, who has made no secret of his disdain for the liberal establishment of his business school alma mater, Harvard, had tentatively planned to stay over Monday night. But those plans are now off, and campaign officials do not expect that to change between now and Oct. 3.

Vice President Al Gore, meanwhile, is planning an overnight stay in Boston on Oct. 3 after the debate, campaign officials said.

Massachusetts is considered such a long shot for Bush that he has not set foot in the state since June, focusing his New England resources instead on New Hampshire and Maine.

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Your child has a fever if:

1. The rectal temperature is over 100.4F (38.8C),
2. Oral temperature is over 99.0F (37.5C),
3. Axillary (armpit) temperature is over 99.0 (37.2C),
4. Tympanic (ear) temperature is over 100.4F (38C) if set for rectal mode or 99.5F (37.5C) if set for oral mode, or
5. Pacifier temperature is above 99.5F (37.5C). Use of the digital pacifier thermometer if the child is over three months old is okay, but it is not as accurate as the other methods listed above.

Dr. Nefous Nabulsi

Most fevers are caused by viral illnesses, although some are a result of bacterial illnesses. Teething does not cause fever.

Most fevers due to viral illnesses range from 101-104F (38.3-40C) and usually last for two to three days. In general, the height of the fever doesn't correlate with the seriousness of the illness. The most telling symptom is how sick your child acts. Fever causes no permanent damage until it reaches 107F.

While all children get fever at some time, only four percent develop a brief convulsion episode. This is usually harmless and is not worth worrying about excessively. If your child has had high fevers without convulsions in the past, he or she is probably safe.

You should always call your doctor when:

Fever reaches 101F or higher in babies younger than three or four months;
The fever is higher than 104F and doesn't respond to acetaminophen, ibuprofen or any home treatment within four hours;
Fever lasts longer than 24 hours in a child between three months and three years old;
The fever is accompanied by extreme or unusual symptoms like: breathing problems, rash, drooling, stiff neck, vomiting, delirium or hallucinations;
There are signs of dehydration but the child refuses to drink;
There is a lot of pain, especially in the abdomen;
The child has a seizure;
You are unsure about the symptoms and what to do about them—something doesn't seem right, or you need some reassurance. Don't be afraid to call and ask questions, even if you feel silly or embarrassed.

Here are some home care treatments:

1. Clothing should be kept to a minimum because most heat is lost through the skin. Bundling up a baby will cause a higher fever. During the time your child feels cold or is shivering with chills, give him a light blanket.
2. Encourage the child to drink fluids because high fevers can cause rapid fluid loss and can quickly lead to dehydration. If the fever is mild and no other problems are present, no medical treatment is required. Just have the child drink fluids and rest.
3. If the child's temperature is over 102F or if the child is uncomfortable, give him or her antipyretic (fever-lowering) medications. Antipyretics are divided into three groups: aspirin, acetaminophen and ibuprofen (NSAIDS or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs).
4. Another way to reduce temperature, if it is above 103F, is to place the child in a tub of lukewarm water for 15-20 minutes as tolerated by the child, then pat (don't rub) dry with a towel.

Here are some precautions:

1. Don't use ice water or rubbing alcohol to reduce the child's temperature;
2. Don't bundle a feverish child in a blanket;
3. Avoid the use of aspirin in children below the age of 15 years old if they may have a viral illness. This is due to aspirin's link to Reyes Syndrome, which is a rare fatal disorder.
4. Make sure to use appropriate dosage at the correct intervals for acetaminophen (Tylenol®), which can cause liver damage if used at a higher-than-recommended dose.

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Almost 100 volunteers representing 13 local companies participated in **Days of Caring** during the final week of August. Thirteen of the United Way's 16 agencies participated. Energas employees, at right, constructed and planted a steel pipe parking lot barrier for the Palmer Drug Abuse Program, just one of the many projects undertaken by volunteers.

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Velarde to speak at Campaign Finale

Midland Lee graduate Randy Velarde, now the elder statesman second baseman with the Oakland Athletics, will be the featured speaker at the United Way of Midland's Campaign Finale Luncheon, October 31, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Midland Center.

Velarde will also serve as chair of this year's youth campaign and will make appearances at local schools that also participate in the campaign.

(If the A's play deep into the Major League playoffs, Velarde will be unable to attend the finale luncheon.)

Native Midlander Randy Velarde, second baseman with the Oakland Athletics.

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United Way of Midland continues funding of Boy Scouts of America

Relationship between autonomous United Way of Midland, local council unchanged

By Jimmy Patterson
Communications & Marketing Director
United Way of Midland

The United Way of Midland has no plans to in any way alter its 53-year relationship with the Boy Scouts of America-Buffalo Trail Council or de-fund the agency. The Buffalo Trail Council has received funding from the United Way of Midland since 1947, when United Way was known as the Community Chest of Midland County.

"Our community is very supportive of the Boy Scouts and I cannot imagine that ever changing," said Cynthia Y. Benson, Executive Director of United Way of Midland. "We hold the Buffalo Trail Council in high esteem for its integrity, values, effective service delivery and positive impact on hundreds of boys and girls in our community."

According to a September 5 Associated Press story, some -- but not all -- local United Way agencies in seven states -- California, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, New Jersey, Minnesota and Rhode Island -- have pulled their support of the Boy Scouts because of its policy prohibiting gays from serving as troop leaders. The decisions made by those United Ways have no bearing whatsoever on the funding decisions made by volunteers at the United Way of Midland.

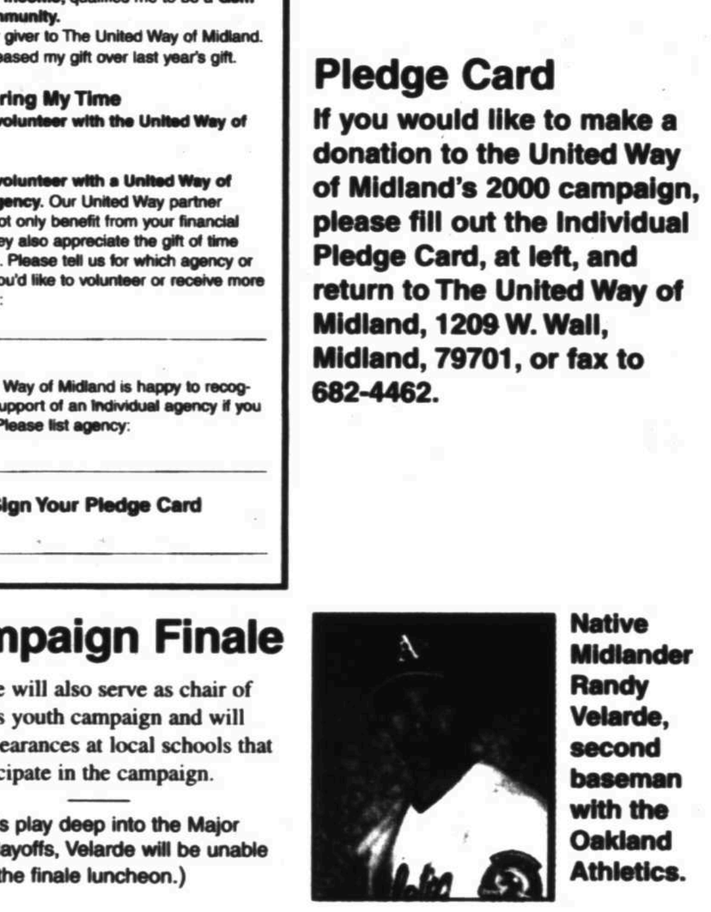
Thusfar, no local United Way in Texas has changed funding practices because of last month's 5-4 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that stated the Boy Scouts of America were within their rights as a private organization. In reading the high court's decision, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote, "The Boy Scouts asserts that homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the values it seeks to instill."

"We support and uphold the Supreme Court's ruling on the Constitution's First Amendment rights with regard to this issue," said Mrs. Benson, adding that the United Way of Midland has "no policies regarding sexual orientation internally or guidelines for our agencies.

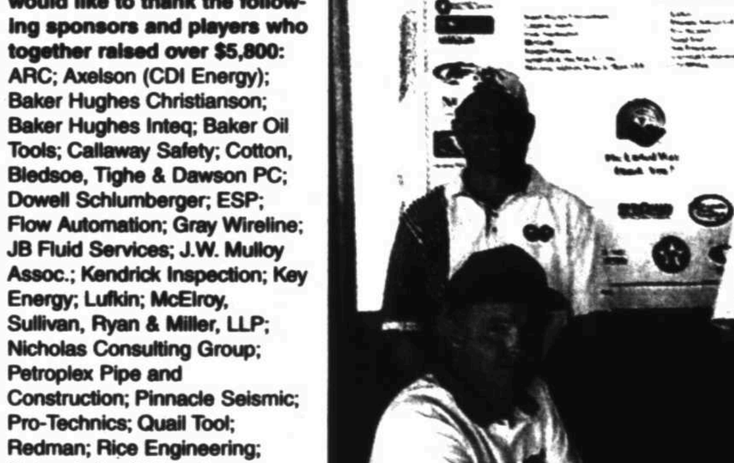
"Funding decisions are based on addressing local issues through services provided and results achieved," Mrs. Benson said. "The funding decisions and allocations process are made by a group of Midland volunteers."

Golf tournament raises $5,800 for United Way

The United Way of Midland would like to thank the following sponsors and players who together raised over $5,800: ARC; Axelson (CDI Energy); Baker Hughes Christianson; Baker Hughes Inteq; Baker Oil Tools; Callaway Safety; Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson PC; Dowell Schlumberger; ESP; Flow Automation; Gray Wireline; JB Fluid Services; J.W. Mulloy Assoc.; Kendrick Inspection; Key Energy; Lufkin; McElroy, Sullivan, Ryan & Miller, LLP; Nicholas Consulting Group; Petroplex Pipe and Construction; Pinnacle Seismic; Pro-Technics; Quail Tool; Redman; Rice Engineering; Rotary Labs; Schlumberger-REDA; Smith Services; Star Fiberglass; Sunset Enviornmental Services; Suttles; Texaco; Unichem; Universal Compression; Universal Valve; UTI Drilling; Veritas; Weatherford; Western Coating Co.; Wilson Supply.



The foursome of (clockwise, left-to-right) J.T. Boswell, Richard Davis, Gary Pearce and Paul Jay combined for a 64 to pace all teams in a golf tournament at Hogan Park last Thursday. Over 100 players from 39 sponsoring companies helped raise $5,800 for United Way of Midland through their participation.



Loaned Executive Class of 2000

United Way of Midland's Loaned Executive Class of 2000 and the LE's sponsoring companies are, seated left to right, Karen Nicholson, Henry Petroleum & Wagner and Brown; Dolores Vick, Texaco, and Mary Olive, Chevron USA, Inc. Standing, l-r, Greg Stephen, Conoco; Fillmore McPherson, Dawson Geophysical; Richard Wallace, volunteer; Billy Cooper, Key Energy, and Dennis Polson, TxU Electric. Not Pictured: Ruben Ramos, Energas, and Christian Brennan, EOG Resources.

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Oxy Permian has good news for Basin

An announcement this past week from Oxy Permian President and General Manager Pat Oenbring that the company will increase its presence in Midland is more good news for our city.

Oenbring is the new manager for the combined assets of Altura and Oxy USA.

In a meeting this past week before the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, Oenbring promised that the company intends to be a net buyer of properties and would be spending $200 million a year on capital projects. The company will maintain offices in Houston and in Midland.

It's more good news for the Permian Basin.

We had good news from Marathon Oil Co. two weeks ago when company officials announced that a multi-million dollar restructuring effort would likely bring more jobs to Midland. Marathon officials said it would be realigning its structure and it appears that Marathon employees from the Tyler office will be moving to Midland.

Right now, we're fortunate enough to see oil prices bobbing along well above the $30 mark. As a result, our economy is grooving along on an uptick.

But we remain a bit cautious in our optimism.

Vice President Al Gore, desperately campaigning across the nation to fulfill his lifelong ambition to occupy the White House, is railing against the oil industry. He has persuaded President Clinton to tap the nation's emergency oil reserves to be in an effort to bring down gasoline prices. Gov. George Bush, in response to his political rival, correctly pointed out that the reserves are in place for national emergencies rather than political gain.

For the time being, the people of Midland can welcome the goods news that September has brought from Marathon Oil Co. and Oxy Permian.

We need good, solid, well-paying jobs in Midland if we want to see our community continue to prosper.

Oxy Permian and Marathon Oil Co. have both demonstrated their genuine support for Midland. We are grateful for that commitment.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Sept. 25, the 269th day of 2000. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Sept. 25, 1789, the first Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

On this date:

In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, "Publick Occurrences," published its first — and last — edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal.

In 1890, President Benjamin Harrison signed a measure establishing Sequoia National Park.

In 1890, Wilford Woodruff, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, issued a manifesto formally renouncing the practice of polygamy.

In 1897, American author William Faulkner was born in New Albany, Miss.

In 1957, with 300 Army troops standing guard, nine black children, forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds, were escorted to class.

In 1973, the three-man crew of the U.S. space laboratory Skylab II splashed down safely in the Pacific after 59 days in orbit.

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1979, the musical "Evita" opened on Broadway.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: The UN Security Council voted 14-1 to impose an air embargo against Iraq. (Cuba cast the lone dissenting vote.) In a videotaped message to Americans, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein warned that if President Bush launched a war against his country, "it would not be up to him to end it."

Five years ago: Ross Perot announced he would form a new Independence Party that would field its own White House candidate and would try to be the swing vote in congressional races.

One year ago: Vice President Al Gore and former Senator Bill Bradley squared off in back-to-back speeches to the Democratic National Committee as each sought support for his 2000 presidential campaign.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Rizzuto is 82. ABC News correspondent Barbara Walters is 69. Country singer Ian Tyson is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jesse Russell is 61. Actor Robert Walden is 57. Actor-producer Michael Douglas is 56.

JACK ANDERSON

Bridging U.S. and Canada into future

President Lyndon Johnson, campaigning in 1964, said that a Great Society could be built in which "every man can seek knowledge and touch beauty and rejoice in the closeness of family and community." It was in the inclusion of the phrase "touch beauty" that he was addressing one of the most important and often overlooked aspects of life. He was not referring simply to art treasures contained in museums or even to breathtaking natural vistas. He was referring to beauty in all its forms, and except in nature, beauty is no more apparent than in architecture.

Anderson

The two most obvious forms of architecture that surround us are buildings and infrastructure; we see examples of buildings in everything from homes to skyscrapers, and infrastructure is particularly apparent in the form of bridges. This brings us to a controversy raging between people along the Niagara River that separates Buffalo, N.Y., and Fort Erie, Ontario.

The existing bridge, completed in 1927, was dedicated to the 100 years of peace that existed between the United States and Canada since the War of 1812. But that bridge has become inadequate. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has brought a boon to cross-border traffic, and now either an additional bridge or a new, larger bridge is needed.

The Canadians generally favor a second bridge that would be similar to the nondescript existing bridge, whereas Americans generally favor a new, "signature" bridge.

New York Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Charles Schumer have been joined by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer in support of the signature bridge concept. Moynihan said, "I am most pleased that Eliot has joined Senator Schumer and me in our efforts to see that Buffalo and Fort Erie will begin the next century with a world-class bridge."

What signature-bridge advocates have in mind is a cable-stayed bridge. Our favorite of the genre is Ben van Berkel's asymmetrical Ersamus Bridge in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Completed in 1996, it is the ultimate signature bridge, combining utility and stunning beauty in one architectural marvel. Only 27 years old when he designed the bridge, van Berkel created a modern masterpiece.

The Ersamus Bridge uses an inclined pylon to support a fan of cables that support the structure. To picture an inclined pylon, visualize a single tower near one end of the bridge that leans toward the shore, then bends at its midpoint and points straight upward. Beginning at the bend and continuing upward are the cables, which then fan out to the bridge deck.

Also beginning at the bend, but going earthward, the pylon splits into two legs that span the bridge deck and anchor to the bedrock beneath the river. The bridge is painted the color of the sky and is illuminated with magnificent, carefully placed lighting.

Such is a signature bridge, and its life-enhancing force gives new meaning to Johnson's words. All who see it truly do "touch beauty," and that is why the fight for a comparable structure at Buffalo is worth the effort. The power and benefit of beauty are difficult to measure, but time has always justified the effort, and we may hope that there is enough foresight among those battling between utility and beauty will realize this. They have an opportunity to create rather than just build. They should seize the opportunity.

Jack Anderson's and Douglas Cohn's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.

Letters

School bond not about kids, 'it's about football'

Perhaps the most plaintive and moving argument in the debate over the upcoming school bond issue is "It's for the children." What hard-hearted creature could possibly object? Were that true, I wouldn't. But let's face reality...its not. It's about football.

If the sports complex had been "for the kids," the planners would have included track and field facilities. They didn't. It's not about the kids...it's about football.

If the major school bond issue was overcrowding of the children in the Midland high schools, we would be building a third high school, which could reduce the student population of each of the present schools by 1/3. The new school could be half the size of, and much less expensive than the proposed new MHS. There would be no need for the high cost of replacing MHS and expanding LHS. Overcrowding would be solved at a fraction of the proposed bond cost. But that would mean a smaller student body from which to draw football players, and possibly a reduction from "mighty" 5-A to "ho-hum," 4-A. It's not about the kids...it's about football.

If we were truly considering the children and their future, we might wait until MISD hires a new superintendent. He or she may have good ideas for improving the mediocre academic record of MISD. Those ideas may require funding. That money will not be available, if taxes have already been committed to an extravagant sports arena, rebuilding MHS, and renovating LHS. We live in the Bible belt, where Christ's truth is supposed to matter. So be honest. It's not really about the kids...it's about football!

Douglas B. Swift

Bond issue deserves 'no' vote; Midland overtaxed

Texas state law provides for a maximum tax rate Texas public schools can set—we are at that maximum rate. What next??? Take away the homestead exemption??? Keep this in mind when you vote Oct. 7. Vote no.

Freddy Allison

Priorities should focus on providing school materials

I have not yet decided how I will vote in the upcoming school bond issue. I am strongly in favor of providing our children with the best education possible, even at some sacrifice. They are the future of our society and worth any cost. I do have a grave concern about a community (and especially its leaders) who appear to be more interested in erecting an edifice to the god of sport than in quality education of their children. The sports complex bond issue may or may not have been well thought out, but it was poorly presented to the public, and now distrust arising from that bond issue is surely coloring how the voting public views the school bond issue (which also may or may not be well thought out and presented.)

It quite frankly amazes me that $42-plus million will be spent on a sports complex at a time when there are not enough classrooms, books, computers and teachers to educate our children! Perhaps we can have it all, but I ask the voting public to get their priorities straight and I ask our leaders to develop a realistic plan to develop both our educational and sports facilities.

William L. McGavran III, M. D.

Mayor should reimburse city for expense account

Your editorial of Sept. 12, lauding Bobby Burns, certainly misrepresented the facts. You stated the mayor receives $75 per month.

Just earlier this week the MRT published an article telling taxpayers that we had also been paying Bobby Burns an unofficial expense amount of $400 per month extra to pay a secretary at an insurance company.

The city charter clearly states the $75 month is for the mayor. I do not recall any legal vote to increase this amount.

I strongly feel that Bobby Burns owes the City of Midland more than the $23,000 reported. To my way of thinking this was an unethical move on the part of the mayor and someone in the city government who chose to change the charter secretly.

He chose to put Midland's No. 1 priority as the sports complex, rather than the schools. He carefully "happened to overlook" a tad of money—$11,000,000. Twice, the Midland taxpayers have turned down an economic development tax which Bobby wants because Odessa has such a tax, so now he is going "around end" to get this same fund.

I strongly feel Bobby Burns should repay our city government those $400 monthly payments. He was aware of the fee when he campaigned for office. Now, cough it up, Bobby!

Mrs. B. J. Filley

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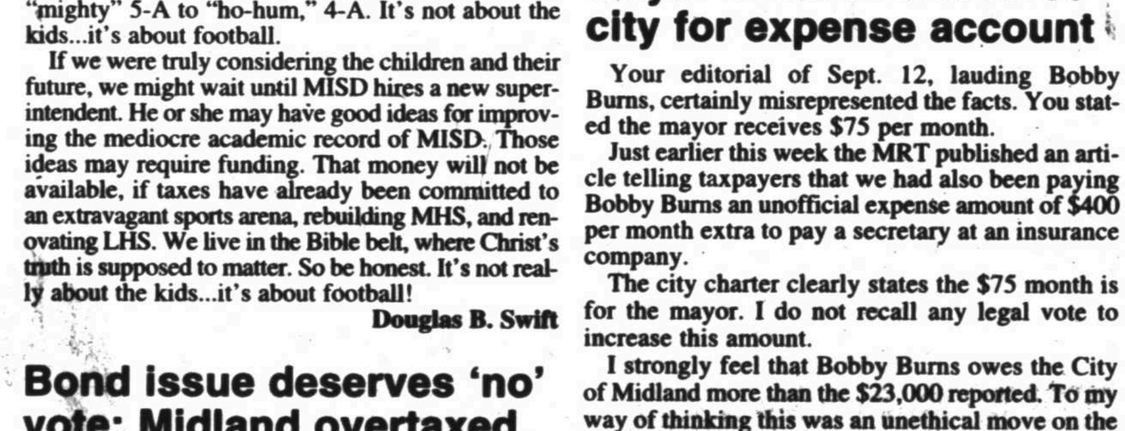
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



JACK ANDERSON

Whitewater: A cover-up for the ages

The key phrase in Independent Counsel Robert Ray's conclusion about the myriad accusations of wrongdoing by Bill and Hillary Clinton — from their years in Arkansas to their years in Washington — is that "the evidence was insufficient to prove to a jury that they had committed any crime."

This is far from exoneration. This is a tribute (depending on the meaning one wishes to give the word) to perhaps the most successful, widespread cover-up in our history. It worked because — unlike the Watergate cover-up, which fell apart once the conspirators got cold feet and started copping pleas — not a single Clinton co-conspirator ratted. Unbelievably, Susan McDougal and Webster Hubbell were willing to go to jail for the Clintons, though they received little in return for their misplaced loyalty.

Thomas

Richard Nixon's mistake was that he had some people on his staff who either had a conscience buried beneath their lawbreaking exteriors or were pragmatic enough to throw the president to the legal wolves in hopes of saving their own skin. Clinton made sure he hired people who shared his amorality or destroyed the few who threatened to expose him as a crook and a sexual harasser.

Ray noted a number of factors that might have prevented his office from winning a conviction against the Clintons, including the jury pool in Washington, D.C., which would have been composed largely of government workers and minorities, many of whom might be considered predisposed to think well of the Clintons, regardless of facts presented against the couple. It would have been the political version of the O.J. Simpson trial. Not many believe the "real killer" of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman has yet to be identified. Honest Democrats with whom I've spoken don't believe the Clintons are virginal when it comes to lawbreaking.

A New York Times editorial properly faulted the Clintons for dragging out the investigation and escalating its cost to the taxpayers: "From the day that questions were first raised about (the Clintons') relationship to Madison Guaranty, an Arkansas savings and loan that went bust at a cost of more than $70 million to the American taxpayers, they and their political confederates in the White House and the executive branch went to puzzling lengths to hobble legitimate investigations. Instead of candidly laying out the facts of the matter, the Clinton apparatus instead stonewalled the investigators and defamed the Clintons' critics. All this gave rise to suspicions that the Clintons had something to hide and prolonged the investigation."

The Times is an unindicted co-conspirator in this because it twice endorsed Clinton-Gore when it could have backed President George Bush and Bob Dole, two men with higher principles and integrity. And what's this about "puzzling lengths"? What's puzzling about someone whose moral compass points to his groin and whose oath of office should have been taken on Hustler magazine, not the Bible?

The Wall Street Journal, which has performed a public service by making seven years of stories, editorials and columns on this administration's wrongdoing available in several bound volumes, properly characterized the plot of this sordid immorality play: "shady statements, slick lawyering, witness intimidation and rhetorical assaults on public servants." The key players, said the editorial, "either kept quiet or were completely discredited by a brutal White House attack machine."

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Police arrest 25 for Jakarta bombings; U.S. Embassy attack thwarted

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian police announced Sunday they had arrested 25 people suspected of carrying out a spate of bombings in the capital and said the next target would have been the U.S. Embassy.

The suspects were implicated in attacks including a blast at the Jakarta Stock Exchange that killed 15 people, said Brig. Gen. Dadang Garnida.

One suspect, armed with a grenade, was detained on his way to attack the U.S. Embassy and a crowded department store nearby, the officer said.

U.S. Embassy officials declined to comment Sunday. The U.S. State Department warned last week that American companies and interests might be targeted by the bombers.

Police officials said most detainees were from the northwestern province of Aceh, wracked by decades of bloody fighting between separatist guerrillas and Indonesian troops. All were arrested in the capital, and police were seeking more suspects.

No military or police personnel were arrested, despite speculation that disaffected elements within the armed forces, loyal to former dictator Suharto, might have been responsible.

President Abdurrahman Wahid installed a new national police chief Saturday, ordering him to take quick action to stop the attacks, which he claimed were designed to undermine his reformist 11-month-old government.

The first suspect was arrested Saturday, police said. After his interrogation, 24 others were detained Sunday.

Among those arrested were four men believed to be the ringleaders of the bombing operation, said Senior Superintendent Saleh Saaf, deputy national police spokesman.

The troubled province's main rebel group, the Free Aceh Movement, denied any involvement in the Jakarta bombings.

"It's impossible those arrested are our members because we have no forces in Jakarta," said Ayah Muni, a separatist spokesman.

The Free Aceh Movement has been fighting for independence from Indonesia since 1975. Although Indonesia is mostly Muslim, the rebels want to introduce Islamic law and re-establish the feudal Sultanate of Aceh.

The arrests coincided with peace talks at which rebel representatives and Indonesian diplomats in Switzerland agreed Sunday to extend a three-month truce until January and enter "exploratory talks" aimed at achieving a lasting peace.

Fighting in Aceh has continued despite the June 2 truce. Supt. Abadan Bangko, a local police chief, said security forces killed a guerrilla fighter in a gunbattle Saturday in the north of the province. Rebel spokesmen Sayed Adnan confirmed the clash, but claimed the victim was an innocent bystander.

In the regional capital, Banda Aceh, a man was shot dead by unidentified gunmen on Saturday, Bangko said.

The series of explosions in Jakarta coincided with developments in a corruption case against former president Suharto, leading to speculation that they were the work of his supporters.

Suharto's family and lawyers deny the accusation. They also maintain that Suharto, 79, is too weak after three strokes to attend his trial. He went through a court-ordered medical evaluation Saturday.

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DAVE BARRY

Campaign boils down to the kiss, naughty words

It's time for us to take stock of the presidential election campaign, so that we, as voters, can make an informed decision about how much vodka we will need to get through it.

In case you haven't been paying attention, here are the two top issues in this race so far, based on media coverage:

1. Al Gore's decision to kiss his wife, Tipper, on the mouth.

2. George W. Bush's decision to refer to a New York Times reporter by the nickname of another bodily aperture.

That's right, voters. But let's review these two issues in detail:

■ **The kiss**

Going into the Democratic convention, the Gore campaign was in trouble, with surveys showing that 63 percent of the voters agreed with the statement that the vice president "breathes through gill slits." But then, just before he gave his acceptance speech, Al kissed Tipper for three full seconds right on the podium, which is a known erogenous zone. Suddenly, Al's poll shot up. Apparently, the voters interpreted the kiss to mean that Al is capable of human emotion, although an analysis of the video replay indicates that he may have been simply depositing an egg sac.

Barry

In any event, Al's popularity soared, and now every appearance he makes includes a scheduled necking segment. If the race is close in late October, the Gore campaign has a contingency plan that involves Al getting, according to one top advisor, "very close to third base."

Speaking of our national pastime, Bush, former Texas Rangers owner, got himself in hot water with the news media when he used:

■ **A naughty word**.

What happened was, during a campaign appearance, George leaned over to his running mate, Dick Cheney, and — with an open microphone nearby — kissed Dick right on the podium.

No, seriously, George told Dick that Adam Clymer — a reporter for The New York Times whose name can be rearranged to spell "Ram My Decal" and "Read My Clam" — was .:. a naughty word whose letters can be rearranged to spell "ash sole." Dick agreed with this.

As you can imagine, this shocking incident shocked those of us in the news media. We never use "salty" language. When we whack our thumb with a hammer, we exclaim: "Gosh all Nelly!" So when we overheard George W. spewing this shocking filth, we had no choice but to inform the American public by broadcasting the video on network TV more often than the Zapruder film. As a result, 3-year-olds all over America starting calling their parents "ash soles."

I hope you don't get the impression that the whole presidential campaign has been about trivial matters. In fact, Al and George have spent weeks arguing about a crucial issue that will determine the fate of the entire world for centuries to come: the format of the presidential debates.

The Gore camp struck first, boldly proposing a series of 140 seven-hour debates, each one including a segment where the candidates would have to identify tree species by looking at bark samples, and concluding with a contest to see who could kiss Tipper the longest. The Bush campaign countered with a proposal for one 20-minute debate, with each candidate being allowed to phone a friend and ask the audience, and the question categories being "Famous Movie Dogs" and "Name That Golf Club." As I write this, the two sides are hammering out a compromise debate format, which I'm sure will attract a nationwide TV audience consisting of whoever is operating the camera.

If you're getting depressed about the presidential race, remember: Al and George are *not* your only choices. I am still running! Here's my platform:

■ Taxes: I favor a tax cut for the middle class, defined as "anybody who owns at least five remote controls." This cut would be offset by a 100 percent tax on all money won by contestants on "reality-based" TV shows.

■ Social Security: I say we scrap the current system and replace it with a system wherein you add your name to the bottom of a list, and then you send some money to the person at the top of the list, and then you ... Oh, wait, that *is* our current system.

■ Loud cell phone conversations in restaurants: I favor on-the-spot confiscation of the phone, as well as the hand holding it.

■ Drugs for seniors: Go ahead, seniors! But don't be playing your stereo at all hours.

As your president, I would fight for these measures! I would not take any "guff" from the ash soles in Congress! If they tried to thwart me, I would say to them, with real meaning: "Read my clam."

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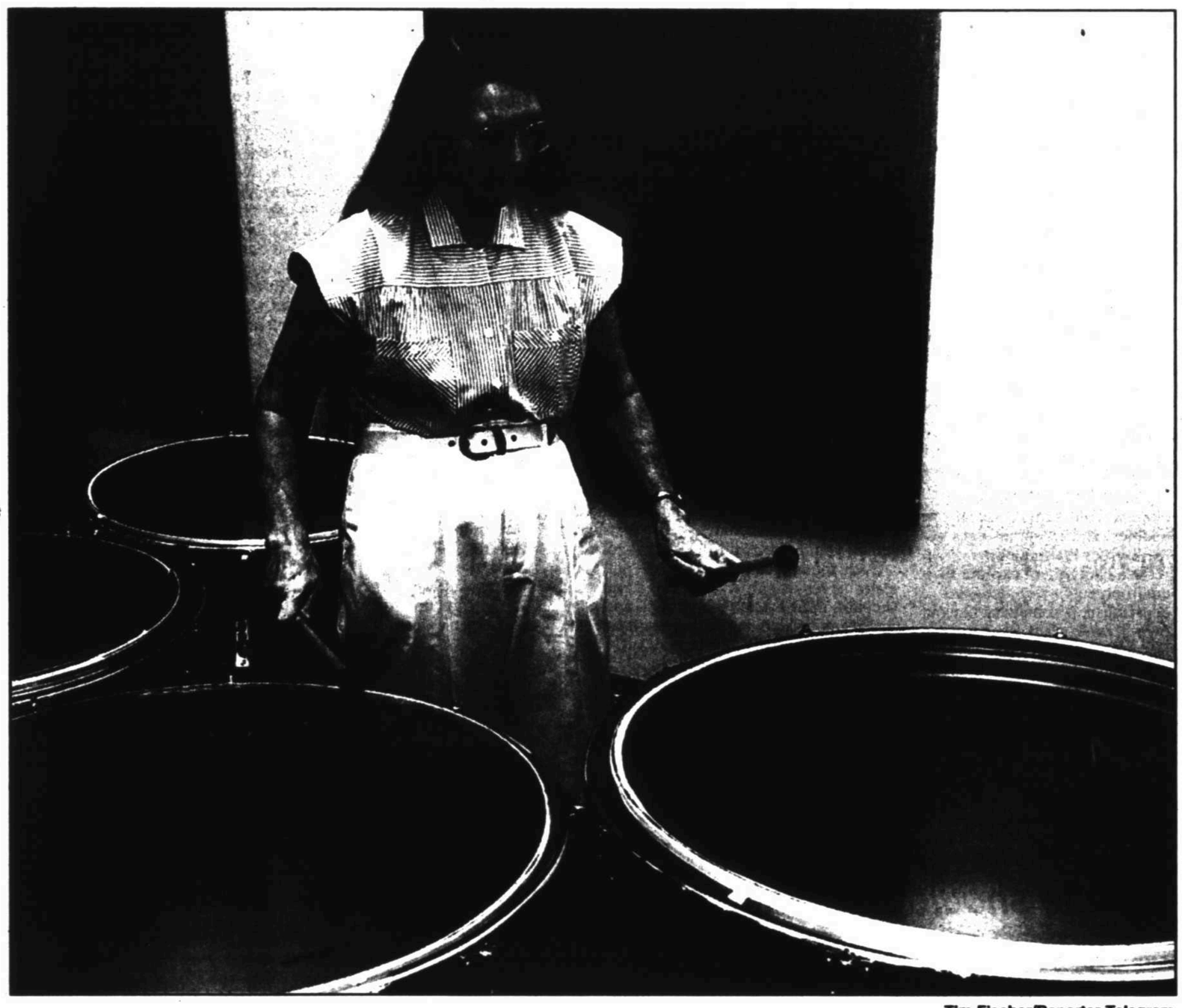
Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery


Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Jo Williams is percussionist for the Midland-Odessa Symphony and teaches students across the Permian Basin.

MOSC percussionist Jo Williams

She can make a sound that sounds like wind over the ocean, so real that you feel cooler just hearing it. She can create a sizzle with the cymbals, or a flash, or a tiny, far-away call to prayer, or the rhythmic clang of a cowbell as the cow grazes. There are times when the sounds she makes are so subtle that you don't hear them, but you feel them. Oh, how you feel them.

When she was in the sixth grade in Odessa, Jo Spencer Williams heard a retired band director talk to the class about the importance and the fun of being in a band, and she was captivated.

He told the students that even if they couldn't afford to buy an instrument, they could buy a pair of drumsticks for $1, and a little triangular wooden drum pad for about $1.50. Jo could afford that. She went out and bought a pair of sticks, and signed up for band at Bowie Junior High School, which was under the direction of William J. Dean.

"We lived on 33rd and Andrews Highway in Odessa, so I had quite a distance to walk to school and during that walk, I had plenty of time to practice," Jo said.

"That was when the old Garrett stadium was there, and I would practice my marching too, as I went along. I never really thought of it as practice, I guess, because I enjoyed it."

She said that during sixth grade she learned about six rudiments commonly used on the drums, and in eighth grade, she went to summer band camp, where a percussion instructor suggested that she buy the book, "Stick Control," by George Wright Stone.

But it was one of those things that you do on the spur of the moment, and then forget. Having bought the book, she brought it home and never took it off the shelf. She was doing all right in band. She made All State Band in 10th grade and she made good grades. It wasn't until she was in college at West Texas State in Canyon, majoring in percussion and piano, she said, that she realized she needed the book she had bought at band camp.

"I really learned how to practice and to really play. I began to take each of those rhythms described in 'Stick Control' and to practice them as rudiments," she said.

"Hands separate at first, and then hands together, from slow to fast and back to slow, so that I could play all the speed ranges, and it improved everything about my playing: my grips, my precision, everything that I had tried so desperately to do during high school.

"I had had that book all those years, but I had never used it."

Jo says since then, she has emphasized the importance of that book over and over to the students she has taught.

She finished her bachelor's in percussion in 1965, dropping the piano major her last semester because she would have had to perform recitals in both percussion and piano. She began to work on a master's in percussion at the University of Houston, but didn't finish.

She has played percussion instruments in music halls and auditoriums, churches, theaters and coliseums from Amarillo to Dallas to Houston and all around the Permian Basin. Many of her students have distinguished themselves around the world.

She says her favorite composer is Debussy, with Respighi running a close second.

"The first record I ever owned was Respighi's 'The Fountains of Rome' and 'The Pines of Rome.'"

She collects musical jokes, cartoons and puns, trivia and articles about music and musicians and admits that some are a little obscure.

"I have a picture of Tom Pauken, which is the German name for timpani," she explained. "Whenever I hear such things, it always makes me smile. I once cut out a newspaper clipping about a woman whose name was Mrs. F. M. Drummer. I love not only percussion jobs, but symphony jokes, and any kind of musical joke."

She's played percussion with the Midland/Odessa Symphony since 1970. Some of the high points of her career include playing with Benny Goodman (He signed her program.), substituting for Ron Fink on timpani in the Ice Capades, playing with Gene Krupa, and playing under the direction of Don Jaeger at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.

"There were musicians picketing the performance because we were playing for so little, but we were just delighted to be there. Yes, we are salaried, but we don't get much pay compared to the professional symphonies," she said. "But obviously we're not trying to get rich here."

Her students have come from Odessa, Midland, Kermit and points all around.

For a time, she, Charles Nail, former band director at Odessa High School, and Clyde Wilson, former band director for Midland High School, would travel around the Permian Basin to give lessons to kids who couldn't come to them.

Jo also has played with her husband, pianist Jon Williams, formerly a member of a contemporary Christian group called The Love Story.

Jo's musical career, important as it is to her, is not what she lives for.

"There was a time when I couldn't imagine not playing in the symphony," she said. "But things have happened that have forced me to realize that God is the one I depend on, and not the symphony. God is the reason I'm in the symphony today, and he's the one I look to for my future.

Jo knows whereof she speaks. Remember the forgotten book on stick control?

Part of the reason she forgot it was that she developed a brain tumor that year, and its removal damaged her left inner ear, and the facial nerves on one side. But Jo recovered and retained her musical ability.

Then in 1969, her sister, Patsy Stiles, noticed a difference in the way Jo walked and talked, and urged her to go to a doctor. But Jo said she was too busy and didn't have time. In 1970, while visiting Patsy, she fell into a seizure, and was taken to the hospital where they found another brain tumor, which had spread across her head. The removal of the tumor destroyed the muscle in one eyelid, so that it was necessary to sew it closed in order to save her eyeball.

Jo said that at some point after the surgery, she

Please see JO/2B

Ha Ha Ha Ha

Humor to start your week ...

The Sunday school teacher asked, "How many of you children would like to go to heaven?"

They all raised their hands except little Ricky. When the teacher asked him why not, Ricky replied:

"I'm sorry. Mommy told me to come right home after Sunday school."

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Ninety-year-old Sven took a bride of 55. His friend, Olav, asked Sven if his new bride was pretty.

"No, she' not that pretty."

"Is she rich?" Olav asked

"No, she's not rich,"

"Well, is she a good cook?"

"No, she's not a good cook," Sven said.

"Then why did you marry her?" Olav asked.

"Because she can drive after dark," Sven replied.

— Contributed by Midlander Pauline M. Grace

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Former Olympic sprinter is officer, PAL to kids

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

DETROIT — Sprinter Darnell Hall, the youngest member on the United States' gold medal-winning 1,600-meter relay team at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, once felt the world was his.

Four years later, his dreams of an individual Olympic medal were shattered when a hamstring cramp knocked him out of the 400-meter trials. He walked to the finish line.

While others ran in Atlanta, Hall spent that August drinking tequila. In 1998, his Asics endorsement contract expired. Burned out from years of training and injuries, he left the sport.

Now he's back — a Detroit police officer and track commissioner for the Detroit Police Athletic League. The 29-year-old Hall teaches four Ds to succeed — determination, desire, discipline, dedication.

"You may have a gold medalist coach but when that gun goes off, it's all about you," Hall tells his young sprinters. "It's just you against the world."

Using techniques he developed as a world-class athlete, Hall coached 50 runners this summer, preparing them for regional competition.

Dwoyne Danner, 15, says Hall never shouted at the kids. "When we don't pay attention, he'd make up run more laps."

"He taught us how to run relays and how to keep our form when we're running," adds Dwoyne's 10-year-old brother, Thomas Gates Jr.

Hall was an alternate on the U.S. 1,600-relay team in Barcelona. He didn't run in the finals but won a gold medal for helping get the team through the heats.

Four years later, he felt fast and confident heading into the Olympic trials. Then his hamstring seized up and his dreams evaporated.

"You're used to being on a pedestal and all of a sudden, you're a normal person," he says. "You get so wrapped in the hype that you forget who you truly are."

With a wife and young daughter to support, a drifting Hall felt empty and unfocused. PAL filled the void. For Hall, who played football in the police league 20 years ago, heading PAL's track program was a homecoming.

Halls remembers as a kid growing up in a tough Detroit housing project how a PAL volunteer coach would pull up in his green van and take Hall and other kids to their competitions.

He credits running with keeping him from falling through the cracks. He discovered his potential in his junior year of high school when he became a 400-meter state champion. He broke the state indoor 400 record his senior year.

When his running career ended, Hall found it fairly easy to make the switch from athlete to officer. He had already studied criminal justice at a Texas junior college.

"It wasn't really a change," he says. "It's something you said you would do 10 years ago and all of a sudden, you're doing it now. So it's almost like a smile on your face."

He was assigned to PAL after completing police academy training last October.

"Because Officer Hall knows the sport and he knows it well, he's able to see the kids' strengths and weaknesses and can work with them on it," says Sgt. Allison Walker, who oversees the PAL programs.

Hall has the Olympic rings tattooed on his left arm but often conceals his Olympian status to PAL youths. His goal, he says, is just to coax the best out of the kids he coaches. He hopes to see U.S. track athletes eventually gain the kind of adulation now reserved for stars of basketball, football and baseball.

Hall says he's managed to block his past in competitive track and field from his mind, focusing instead on training young hopefuls. But while watching the Olympic trials in July, he says, he was so overcome with memories of his failed effort in 1996 that he wept at work the next day.

"I wasn't just a person who had his foot in the door. I was in the door and that should have been me out there," he says.

But he says he's no longer bitter and insists he's content dreaming for others.

"To be realistic, I was meant to do what I'm doing," he says.

Hall knows the sport didn't stop in its tracks when he did. Now, for him, it begins afresh every day when he steps out onto the track to coach PAL kids.

"Keep the hunger," he tells them. "You're hungry when you don't have it and when you get it, you tend to relax. Don't relax."

Humans and bears share similarities and bonds, authors say

By Gary Harmon
N.Y. Times News Service

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Humans and bears look at one another, and in some ways see themselves looking back.

"Watching them explore their environments, we recognize a consciousness somewhat like our own," wrote Paul Shepard and Barry Sanders in "The Sacred Paw: The bear in nature, myth and literature."

"We have the uncanny feeling that beneath the fur is a man. Skinned, the corpse of a bear is very much like that of a human."

The apparent kinship between humans and ursines begins early, said Tom Beck, the top bear researcher with the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Bear cubs are all curiosity and rambunctiousness, much like human youngsters, said Beck.

Even though they age, bears seem never to grow up, say Shepard and Sanders, summing up the similarity among mammals with the description of the bear as "a taciturn, churlish, hirsute little kid weighing 200 pounds."

Physically, bears and humans are omnivores with digestive systems that are similar, Beck said. They have digital dexterity rivaling that of humans, yet with far greater strength, wrote Shepard and Sanders.

Bears are known for their preference of solitude, but they aren't without social skills, Beck said.

In fact, they transmit and process information at a high rate, particularly with their noses, Beck said. Humans, said Shepard and Sanders, might not understand the process but they envy it.

The bonds between bear and man are social and instinctive, said Dr. Bob Sammons, a Grand Junction psychiatrist.

"All of us grew up with the teddy bear," said Sammons.

The aura of innocence surrounding bears is reinforced by the fact that so many people today know so little about them, Sammons said.

"Our society has been protected from bears," he said. "We have not had to fear them."

Smokey Bear and cartoon characters such as Yogi go even farther to reinforce the early associations with bears as creatures of innocence, comfort, even camaraderie, he said.

Bears pose a morbid fascination for humans, as well, said Beck.

Not only can they kill humans, they also will eat them, a most disturbing notion for the top of the food chain.

TUMBLWEED SMITH

Longview man played football for Chicago Bears, was elected to state Legislature at age 21

R. E. Blount lives in Longview. His nickname is Peppy.

"To tell you the absolute truth, my mother called me Precious," says Peppy. "I tried to say Precious and it came out Peppy. So I've been Peppy ever since."

Peppy grew up in Big Spring and was active in sports. During his years at the University of Texas he played on championship teams in the Cotton, Orange and Sugar bowls. He played professional football with the Chicago Bears.

Smith

"Coach George Halas paid me $500 to sign a $7,500-a-year contract , which was more money than I had ever seen."

Peppy went into the Army right after graduation from high school in 1943 and became a pilot. He had an impressive war record before entering college. He was a war hero and super college football player and someone suggested he run for the state Legislature. At the age of 21 he became the youngest person ever elected to that office and represented Big Spring and San Angelo for six years.

In the 1940s he was in Chicago attending a National Council of Governments convention and managed to get on a popular nationwide morning radio show.

"It was 'Don McNeil's Breakfast Club,' a very entertaining program that everybody listened to. I got up at five o'clock and hiked myself down to the show, which was in the largest building in the world at the time. I filled out a card and told about myself being from Big Spring, the youngest state representative, and how I sat in the Legislature during the week and played football for Texas on weekends.

"They take all these cards audience members have filled out and look at them to select people to be interviewed by Don McNeil. So when the show started, they were looking for Peppy Blount.

"Don asked me where Big Spring was located. I told him 'thank you, Don, I thought you would never ask. Big Spring, the main spring of West Texas, is a thriving little metropolis centrally located halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso, Texas, with a population of 18,106 people, not counting the cattle. But to be more specific, Big Spring is located at the convergence of Mustang and Elbow draws, which, when it rains, flows in a mighty torrent some 40 miles to the east into the Colorado River, which in turn meanders and flows on down through the great state of Texas, eventually forming the Gulf of Mexico.'

"I'll tell you, from that moment on, he kept coming back to me during the program and everybody in West Texas heard it and it was as good as catching a pass for Texas because every time I caught a pass on the field my teammates would tell me that was worth 5,000 votes, Pep; you just did great there."

Peppy went to law school, got a job with an oil company and moved to Longview. In 1962 he was elected Gregg County judge on a write-in vote.

"I announced on Sunday, campaigned on Monday and was elected on Tuesday."

Peppy Blount is an impressive figure. Wherever he goes, he draws a crowd.

He has written a book about his war experiences titled "We Band of Brothers." It was recently reprinted by Eakin Press.

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Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

DEAR ABBY

No one should feel obligated to host nosy family members

Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws have invited themselves to stay at our house over a long weekend. They told us the time and day they are arriving — and that their airplane tickets are non-refundable.

My husband and I think they are coming on the pretense of spending our son's birthday with him. They have never come to any of our son's birthday parties before, nor have they called him (or us) on birthdays or any other holidays.

We suspect that we are being used as a hotel, and I am concerned their coldness and indifference will hurt our son's feelings.

Abby, there has been tension between my husband and his family and me ever since we got married. My mother-in-law does not respect anyone's privacy. She has been known to walk into rooms and go through cupboards and drawers she has no business going in.

Do we have to let them stay in our house? — TIRED OF BEING USED

DEAR TIRED: Bear in mind that your in-laws could be coming to try to mend fences. However, you are under no obligation to have anyone under your roof who isn't welcome.

If you're concerned that the tension could be upsetting for your son, suggest that your in-laws stay at a nearby motel. Offer to make the reservations for them. At that point, you'll find out if their plane tickets are truly non-refundable.

DEAR ABBY: I am six months pregnant and will soon create a registry for baby gifts. I am not planning a baby shower, but would like to have the registry available to those who wish to buy gifts.

How do I let friends and family know I have a gift registry without also inviting them to a shower?

Without seeming rude, how can I let people know they can buy me gifts? It seems the only acceptable way to ask for baby gifts is to throw a party and send your registry card along with the invitations. — MOM-TO-BE

DEAR MOM-TO-BE: To include a gift registry card with an invitation is considered a blatant request for a gift, and any blatant bid for gifts is a breach of etiquette.

Please remember that people don't "owe" you a gift simply because you are about to become a mother. Your friends and family are aware that they may buy you gifts without your having to mention it. Unless you want to appear greedy, say nothing about gifts unless someone asks you what you need for the baby.

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter lived here with her father and me, we always had a hard time getting her to stay home — even for dinner. Now that she has moved out, she's over here every day, even at mealtimes! Without making her mad or hurting her feelings, how can we tell her she doesn't have to visit every single day? — HER PARENTS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR PARENTS: Your predicament illustrates one of life's ironies: As children grow older, they can't wait to assert their independence and leave home. However, adult children who have left home for the first time often go into "economic shock" when they start paying for their own food, utilities, etc.

Speak up and begin putting some limits on your daughter's visits back to the nest. Set up one specific time during the week for dinner or a visit. If you don't begin to draw the line, it may be years before you can enjoy your privacy.

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JO: Percussionist says God has restored her life

(From 1B)

remembers awakening in ICU to hear moans and murmurs in the hospital room around her, and praying, "God, I want to live. I enjoy eating. I enjoy the beauty of the skies."

She said God restored her life, and once again saved her musical ability, in effect, giving her a career with the symphony.

"But I realize every day, that it's God above everything. I still enjoy performing, and I still get nervous before performances, but there may come a time when I don't perform.

"I'm taking computer classes right now — for one thing because I need another income — and second because I need to be prepared to go where God wants me to go."

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State employees leaving in droves, costs state $250 million

EL PASO (AP) — Weldon Jarratt has road building in his blood, and he is warning Texas drivers to expect a bumpy ride ahead.

Jarratt, a former Texas Department of Transportation employee, is one of a growing number of people who have left state employment for higher wages and the promise of upward mobility in the private sector.

"To be promoted any further, somebody had to die or retire," Jarratt said of his former job.

Raises weren't a sure thing, either.

"It was strictly up to whether the Legislature gave us any raises," he said, "and the Legislature has not been too favorable to the state in the past 15 years."

State employees repair roads, guard prison inmates, administer welfare and maintain computer systems. They oversee agricultural programs, fight wildfires and patrol the state's highways.

And in 1999, 17.6 percent of them — 25,421 people — left the system. That's slightly higher than the 1998 rate of 17.4 percent and above the national average of 14.9 percent.

The result is that lost productivity and constant training are costing the state between $127 million and $254 million each year, according to a March report from the state auditor's office.

Advocates for state employees attribute the accelerating turnover mainly to a gap in pay between state and private sector employees who do similar jobs and a lack of upward mobility.

In 1998, the average Texas worker in the private sector earned $32,090 a year, compared with $28,653 for the average state government worker, according to a May study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Nationwide, government workers made $32,931, according to the study.

Mike Jones, a spokesman for Gov. George W. Bush, said state employees received $100-a-month raises in both 1998 and 2000. Additional pay raises were given to child welfare workers, key computer staff and prison guards, he said.

"Gov. Bush values the work of state employees and his staff is concerned about our turnover rate," Jones said. "If the governor is in office next year, he will look forward to working with legislative leaders on ideas to retain our best public servants."

But John Hannah, a spokesman for the Texas Public Employees Association, said some of those raises were given after serious problems surfaced in the prison system.

"It is obvious there are high-profile problems in the prison system that led to this interim pay raise," Hannah said, referring to guards being held hostage, riots and other incidents. He called the interim raise "a positive first step" that should be followed with long-term solutions.

Billy Hamilton, state deputy comptroller, said turnover is causing a "hollowing-out of the work force." The gap between the newest employees and the senior workers means those with six to 15 years of experience are absent.

"I think there's going to be some hard times ahead," Hamilton said.

Jarratt, an engineer who built his first bridge over a wet spot in his yard when he was 4, left his position as a design group leader in 1993. In the seven years since, he has nearly doubled his annual salary. He still designs roads and bridges for the state, but now works for a private contractor.

Although the transportation department only saw a 9.8 percent turnover rate in 1999, Jarratt said 25 of 30 people who were in his group in 1993 are gone.

He said new employees are asking for changes that they believe save money but actually leave bumps that his company must pave. Then cars and trucks bounce over the road, hammering it to pieces.

"The product they are going to be putting out is not going to be the same quality Texas DOT has put out over the last 83 years," he said.

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, sees the problem firsthand, when he tries to follow up on projects and finds the people he had been working with are gone. "We not only lost history, we had people in there who (don't) know where the bathrooms are," he said.

His constituents are feeling the pinch, as well.

"They tell me, 'I had to go up there and stand in line,' or 'I couldn't get an appointment,'" Armbrister said.

Asked about a solution, Armbrister said: "If we had a magic, or a silver bullet, we would have used that a long time ago."

Despite the appearance of wealth — Texas had a budget surplus in 1999 — the state has many fiscal demands, said state Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, who is on the House Appropriations Committee.

"It was real easy to say no to people when you didn't have any money," Pitts said. "We have teachers who want a pay raise, we have prison guards. Statewide, we've got a lot of demands for that money."

Much of the surplus was returned to taxpayers in the form of a tax cut, rather than being plowed back into maintaining services, Armbrister said.

"Joe Sixpack wants the money back," he said.

Gary W. Anderson, executive director of the Texas Public Employees Association, said paying to retain veteran workers is a matter of priorities.

"What the people of Texas have come to expect will be gone," he said. "Once the infrastructure is gone, it may be very expensive to rebuild it."

Death Notices

Marjorie Alexander

BIG SPRING—Marjorie Elizabeth Alexander, 81, died Sunday, Sept. 24, at her residence.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Wanda Hill officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 5, 1919 in El Dorado.

She was a bookkeeper for the Vincent Gin in the 1950s, then worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base for 23 years, retiring when the base closed. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by a brother, W.C. Parks.

Survivors include her husband, R.J. Alexander, Sr. of Big Spring; two sons, Jeff Alexander of Big Spring and Dr. Gerald Alexander of Fresno, Calif.; four sisters, Maurine Rust and Fern Humphrey, both of San Antonio, Lois Van Vleet of Stanton, and Mozelle Williams of Houston; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St., Big Spring, TX; or the Coahoma Methodist Church, 401 N. Main St., Coahoma, TX 79511.

Elaine Jastrow

Elaine June Jastrow died Sunday, Sept. 24, at her residence.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Elie Odle

Elie Clifton Odle died Sunday, Sept. 24, at his residence.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Autism conference set in Lubbock

Staff Reports

LUBBOCK – Two internationally hailed experts in the field of autism and Asperger's Syndrome, a development disorder, are to lead Lubbock's First Annual Asperger Autism Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Lubbock Civic Center in Lubbock.

Registration is to begin at 7:30 a.m.

The speakers include Tony Attwood, a clinical psychologist who is to discuss characteristics of the syndrome, and Temple Grandin, a highly-functioning person with autism and author, who will speak on autism from childhood into adulthood.

Rana Anderson, a Snyder mother of a 12-year-old daughter who suffers from Asperger's Syndrome, said that it took her "four years of anguish, frustration, and professional 'misdiagnosis' to discover why this beautiful, obviously intelligent child was dealing everyone around her absolute misery over everyday events." Her daughter, she said, has "sensory and behavioral issues" and is sensitive to noise and light and goes into rages or tantrums.

The conference sponsors include the West Texas Asperger Syndrome Support Organization, The Foundation at UMC, the Children's Miracle Network and Region 17 Education Service Center.

Cool-acting bird helps launch 'Tobacco is Foul' youth message

AUSTIN (AP) — Hip-hop music plays and a smooth-talking animated duck disses a stressed out smoker.

"Tobacco is foul," says the rebellious duck, definitely a bird with an attitude.

It's the centerpiece of the state's new youth anti-smoking ad campaign — the first to be paid for with some of Texas' $17.3 billion tobacco settlement money — that gets going Monday.

Teen-agers from across the state who were recruited to help create the $2 million anti-smoking ad campaign selected the duck mascot.

The advertising and public relations effort is part of a pilot project targeting parts of East Texas and overseen by the Texas Department of Health. The initiative is aimed mostly at young people between ages 11 and 18, with a particular emphasis on sixth- through eighth-graders.

Hence, the hip-talking duck.

"It will be hard-hitting, realistic, timely and speak to kids in a language they can relate to," said Dr. Phil Huang, chief of the health department's bureau of disease, injury and tobacco prevention.

Statewide research has shown that sixth-graders are at the highest risk of starting to use tobacco, Huang said.

The anti-tobacco campaign is intended to have a special focus on Hispanic, African-American and Asian-American youths.

Speaking in English and Spanish, the duck will be featured in television, radio and billboard ads in four media markets: Houston-Galveston, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Tyler-Longview and Bryan-College Station.

The animated character also can be found on the campaign's interactive Web site, at www.ducktexas.com (scheduled to come online Monday), and in magazine and newspaper ads.

Comedian Tony Rock, the English-language voice of the duck and brother of comedian Chris Rock, said the character conveys a strong personality as he tries to convince young people not to smoke.

"The duck is secure in who he is," Rock said. "Nobody is going to push the duck around."

The bird uses teen-age slang words like "Yo!" and "Hell-OOO!"

Alex Cambert provides the Spanish-language duck voice.

The cartoon mascot emerged from a workshop in July attended by 100 teen-agers at Lake Conroe.

"They love animation. They told us what they wanted this duck character to be like. They wanted him to be cool. They wanted him to have a personality. They didn't want him to preach," said Kevin Tuerff, president of Tuerff-Davis EnviroMedia, the Austin firm hired by the health department to orchestrate the ad campaign.

Youths helping with the ad campaign are attempting to turn the tables on tobacco manufacturers, who have used cartoon characters in the past to promote their products, Tuerff said.

In addition to the paid ads, the duck will be featured at rallies, community programs and other grass-roots outreach events that will culminate the week of Nov. 12-18 with dozens of local activities.

The anti-tobacco youth campaign is part of a $10 million annual state fund designated for smoking prevention media efforts.

It comes from the $17.3 billion settlement Texas reached with big tobacco in 1998 after the state sued seeking to cover the costs of treating sick smokers. The settlement money, to be paid over 25 years, is earmarked for a variety of long-term and short-term health programs.

Successful aspects of the youth ad pilot program are expected to be replicated in a statewide initiative in 2001, Huang said.

"We think this is a great start," he said.

Amarillo billboard campaign seeks to enlighten teen-agers

AMARILLO (AP) — Parents in Amarillo are talking to their children about sex.

They have little choice, actually. A series of billboards, radio, newspaper and television advertisements blatantly broach the subject of teen-age sex and pregnancy across town.

The Amarillo Area Foundation launched the teen pregnancy prevention campaign after Potter County posted one of Texas' highest rates of teen pregnancy in 1996 — third out of the state's 254 counties.

Waiting at a traffic light, an Amarillo mom and daughter couldn't help but notice a towering billboard with the message, "Talk to your teens about sex. Now."

As the single mother fidgeted, her 12-year-old grinned. "Well?" she said, pointing to the sign. "Go ahead."

In Canyon, a 13-year-old watched a TV commercial showing a girl her age holding an infant and talking about all the fun things she can't do now that she's a mommy.

"Wow," she told her mother, "I never thought about sex like that."

Those reactions are just what the Amarillo Area Foundation hoped for when it launched its teen pregnancy prevention campaign on Aug. 1 with television, radio, newspaper and billboard advertisements.

The media spots advise kids to "wait to have sex" while counseling parents to "start talking to your children - now."

A boy with long hair and baggy shorts talks about the burning sores of herpes; a dad says he should have kept his daughter away from an older guy; a mother warns about the "deadly consequences" of sexual activity, and more.

"We really weren't sure what kind of response we'd receive from the public," said Ashley Allison, director of community services for Amarillo Area Foundation.

"The commercials are pretty hard-hitting, but, so far, almost all of the calls have been very positive. Our staff is logging all comments and media experts will analyze (the comments) over the next few months."

Cold front brings rain that snaps 84-day rainless streak in North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — What took 84 days to build, took five minutes to break.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms spawned by a cold front creeping through the state officially ended North Texas' longest dry streak at 11:59 p.m. CST Saturday when one-one-hundreths of an inch fell into the tipping bucket at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Rain began falling at the airport at 11:54 p.m. CST, said Jesse Moore, a weather service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

It was the first time since June 30 that measurable rain fell at the National Weather Service's official North Texas recording station.

"It's been that long? We need it," said Chris Jenkins, 21, a security guard working the graveyard shift Saturday night at a northwest Dallas office building. Jenkins got hit by the rain, which he said lasted about 20 minutes, as he walked out to his truck to get change for a vending machine.

North Texans awoke Sunday morning to a silver sky and soggy ground. Fifteen-hundredths of an inch had officially been recorded by mid-afternoon and precipitation was still falling in areas.

"I'm very glad for the rain. I think it will finally cool things down. And it smells good. I love the smell of rain.'

— Nancy Wright, who lives in Dallas.

Nancy Wright was happy to see the rain as she ventured onto the wet streets to do some morning shopping.

"I'm very glad for the rain," she said. "I think it will finally cool things down. And it smells good. I love the smell of rain."

Ms. Wright was right about the cooler weather. Saturday's high temperature at DFW Airport was 97 degrees, while Sunday's likely high of 74 degrees was recorded just after midnight, officials said. By mid-afternoon, the thermometer at DFW read 63 degrees.

The spotty rain, which followed a weak cold front as it pushed southward out of Oklahoma, left behind a quarter of an inch of rain in several locations, but Denton, about 35 miles north of Dallas, got 3 inches, NWS officials said.

"This obviously doesn't end the drought, but hopefully this is a sign of things to come," Moore said.

Rain had fallen in North Texas earlier this month, but missed the gauge at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport. Rain last moved through the region Sept. 13, but dropped a little over one-tenth of an inch at the wrong airport, Dallas Love Field.

One North Dallas carwash had to close its doors for the first time in three months.

"We're usually open on Sunday, but when it rains we have to close," said Anselno Sifuentes, employee of Aladdin Carwash. He said closing the doors for a day can be a blow to the bottom line.

North Texas' record dry streak can be traced back to a stubborn ridge of high pressure that had settled right above the state. More specifically, the ridge can be traced back to La Nina, a warming of the waters off the coast of Peru, Moore said.

"In general La Nina has resulted in pattern upper level ridge of high pressure over Texas and southern Oklahoma and has blocked a lot of cold fronts from coming down," Moore said.

But, as La Nina weakens, that ridge is breaking down. That's apparent in the cold fronts being allowed into the region this week, Moore said.

The rainless streak surpassed the previous record of 58 days, set in 1934 and 1950. And it's just one chapter in the state's lingering drought.

Drought conditions since 1996 have caused more than $5 billion in losses to farmers and ranchers statewide, officials with the Texas Department of Agriculture have said.

Although there was plenty of rainfall in 1997, agricultural losses totaled $2.1 billion in 1996 and 1998. Last year the drought led to losses of $223 million. Losses so far this year are $595 million.

Cold front, rain prompt some cities to repeal rationing; others stand pat

AUSTIN (AP) — A blast of fall weather and some timely doses of rain have prompted some Texas cities to lift mandatory water rationing that were in effect during Texas' cruel summer. Other cities meanwhile say they will wait for autumn to get a better hold.

Austin became the latest and largest city to scale back water restrictions after a series of cold fronts earlier this month have placed the city on pace to be the wettest its been since June.

Waves of cold fronts sweeping through the region have given Austin 1.34 inches this month and a cold front sweeping southward is expected to give the city more rainfall Sunday, said Rob Blaha, a weather service meteorologist in New Braunfels. That's expected to give the city a shot at passing the 5.27 inches that fell in the city during June.

"We feel safe," Austin spokeswoman Lisa Rhodes told the Austin American-Statesman. "I think there will be lots of people happy."

Austin implemented mandatory watering restrictions in July for the first time since 1986 and scaled them back Friday. In the past two months, authorities issued 72 citations for violations, a Class C misdemeanor that carries a maximum fine of $2,000.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority, which supplies water to San Antonio, also cited cooler weather and rain for its decision Thursday to allow customers to begin using sprinklers again. The 1.56 inches of rain that have fallen this month has given San Antonio its wettest month since 7.61 inches fell in June.

Austin is now about 2 1/2 inches behind normal at 20.69 inches this year, while San Antonio is almost four inches below normal with 18.99 inches.

In the first six months of the year, Central Texas was on pace to be wetter than normal. By June, Austin had 17.32 inches, one half inch above normal, and San Antonio had 16.93 inches, 1.36 inches above normal. But rainfall dwindled in July and August.

"Right at the time of year we get the highest evaporation we didn't get any rain," Blaha said.

Despite the most plentiful rainfall in months, other Central Texas cities are sticking with mandatory restrictions.

"It's going to take more rainfall and continued conservation on the regional level to see this aquifer come back up," said San Marcos spokeswoman Melissa Millecam. "A little rain in the recharge zone can do a world of good."

The cities of Blanco and Pflugerville also remain under mandatory water restrictions and have no plans to scale back.

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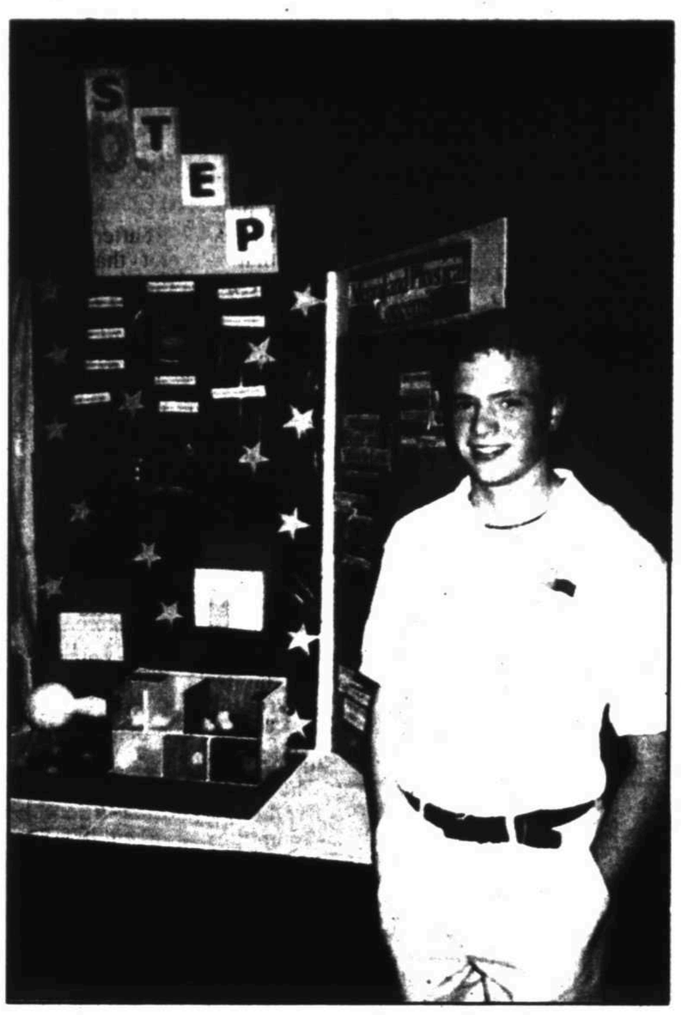

Photos courtesy William Miller and Devin Shrode

Top photo: William Miller, a student at Lee High School, sits in the shuttle simulator at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Upper left photo: Midland High School student Devin Shrode shows the team project on a Mars habitat at Johnson Space Center in Houston. Lower left photo: Miller and Chang Diaz visit the Neutral Boyancy Lab at the space center. Inset photo: Shrode visits Mission Control. Both Miller and Shrode took part in a week-long camp this summer at Johnson Space Center in Houston. The two students were among the 25 who attended.

The final frontier...

Two Midland students attend week-long space adventure in Houston

By Kellie Martindale

NASA Space Center in Houston provided an out-of-this-world summer this year for two Midland students.

William Miller, a student at Lee High School, and Devin Shrode, who attends Midland High School, were given the opportunity to go where few high school students have gone before.

The two were among 25 Texas students who spent a week at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, using science and math skills to design a mission to Mars.

In order to qualify, a student had to meet difficult criteria, which included a recommendation by a math and science teacher and a nomination from a state representative. Nominations were based on the student's application, written essay and letter of recommendation.

"I was really excited about it," said Miller of LHS. "I didn't think I'd get in."

After being chosen, Shrode, of MHS, said he felt "very, very tall."

Before the program began, each student spent six weeks doing exercises, which consisted of reading, answering review questions and conducting a project.

"One exercise took me four days to finish," said Shrode. The exercises were designed to teach and prepare students with information needed to complete the task ahead.

NASA's mission plan called for students to be separated into three groups. The first was to design a habitat (White team), the second, to design the type of travel (Red team), and the third, to design tools to enable humans to work there (Blue team).

Shrode was assigned to the White team.

"We had to think of problems and solve them," he said.

They had to figure out how to build and maintain human living quarters on Mars.

Miller was assigned to the Blue team. They needed to be able to search for life and water.

"We had to design robots, rovers, space suits, tools and experiments," he said.

While at the summer program, students had mentoring sessions with NASA engineers. Miller was enthused to meet John W. Young and the astronauts of ST101. His favorite was Chad Diaz, an engineer working on a new Plasma Engine that could make space travel quicker.

"I actually got to meet the people I read about," Miller said.

Tours didn't take place until after the students spoke with specialists and worked on projects. Of all he saw, Shrode's favorite was Mission Control.

"We got to do a mock mission in Mission Control."

The experience has left a lasting impression on these high school students, who said they never thought they could learn so much.

"I was very impressed," said Shrode, "The program was much more interesting than I expected it to be. I would do anything to get there (NASA)."

Miller echoed Shrode's thought saying, "You get to see so many interesting things you never knew about, and when you see what people actually do, it rekindles a new sense of wonder."

In order to be eligible for the program a student must:

- have completed applications;
- have letters of recommendation from teachers and has written essays;
- be a U.S. citizen;
- be 16 years old;
- be a Texas resident;
- be a junior in high school;
- have an interest in and aptitude for science, math, engineering or computers;
- be able to commit to a one-year relationship with JSC, including the designated one-week residential experience during the summer; and
- have access to the Internet.

For more information on becoming involved in the Texas Aerospace Scholars Program, visit the web site at: http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/

Health tips given for college students

By Leigh-Ann Jackson
Cox News Service

It's the middle of the night and you have a laundry list of uncomfy symptoms that leave you with just enough energy to moan and curse your fate. A few weeks ago, you could have trudged down the hallway to your parents' room, groaned out a pitiful "Mommy!" and gotten the Florence Nightingale treatment with items pulled from a well-stocked medicine cabinet. But now, you're staring bleary-eyed at your wilted reflection in the dorm's community bathroom mirror. Although packing for your freshman year of college took approximately two weeks, the nonessentials managed to crowd out the true necessities.

It stands to reason that semesters filled with sleepless nights, course-related stress and abysmal eating habits will call for some first aid. Instead of dragging that lifeless body to the pharmacy in the throes of yuckiness and grabbing the first over-the-counter drug in sight, be prepared ahead of time.

Tina Dooley, assistant chief pharmacist at UT's Health Services Pharmacy, runs down a few items you won't regret stockpiling. Robitussin DM is a cough suppressant that loosens and relieves chest congestion without causing drowsiness. Seven-layer burritos, nachos and cinnamon twists do not a balanced meal make. Supplement your junk-filled diet with a daily dose of multivitamins.

- Contrary to popular collegiate belief, the back of your roomie's hand is not an accurate gauge for fevers. Instead, opt for a quick and easy portable oral thermometer.
- Tex-Mex dining has the potential to go very wrong, very quickly. For immediate relief of heartburn and acid indigestion there's Maalox. If you just couldn't say no to those extra dollops of guacamole and queso, try a longer-lasting formula like Zantac 75 (it can be taken up to 60 minutes before the onslaught of onions and ancho).
- Trips to away games, spring break haunts and roommates' hometowns — too much time in the car may leave you somewhat queasy, so try Dramamine, or any other tablets with dimenhydrinate, to prevent or treat motion sickness.
- Blaring stereos to the left of you, shouting matches to the right and mind-boggling equations staring up at you. Faced with such adversity, there's no way to avoid a pulsing headache, but you can cure it with Aleve, which Dooley recommends for its overall versatility — it relieves headaches, muscle pains, menstrual pains and reduces fever and swelling, as well.
- For bothersome seasonal allergies, go with a sinus and nasal decongestant like Tavist D. Because it's an antihistamine, it may cause drowsiness and shouldn't be mixed with alcohol.
- In case you had to learn the hard way that you need to wear flip-flops in the dorm showers, Lamisil AT (with terbinafine hydrochloride cream 1 percent) offers a prescription-strength cure for athlete's foot and other minor foot foibles.
- Never underestimate the awesome power of your own clumsiness. Keep a first aid kit handy, complete with antiseptic wipes for cleansing minor wounds, burn cream, sterile nonstick pads, adhesive bandages, pain relievers, gauze and antibiotic ointment.
- Hydrocortisone cream 1 percent (that's the maximum strength) will treat not only insect bites and poison ivy/oak/sumac, but rashes caused by soaps, cosmetics, detergents, etc.
- Now it's clear that you shouldn't have ventured south-of-the-border thinking that water warning was an old wives' tale. Immodium A-D (containing Loperamide HCl) is a relatively on-the-spot anti-diarrheal caplet.

NOTE: Of course, if symptoms persist or if you think your health woes indicate a more serious problem, you should consult your physician.

Pit bull helps teens at psychiatric hospital

By Pamela H. Sacks
Worcester Telegram & Gazette

WESTBORO, Mass. — It's hard to imagine a less salubrious scenario than a pit bull on a locked psychiatric ward for teen-agers.

Yet that's exactly the picture once a week at the University of Massachusetts Adolescent Psychiatric Unit on the grounds of Westboro State Hospital, where Keno, a 5-year-old pit bull, and his owner, Sharon May Etre, spend an hour with some of the patients.

Mrs. Etre and her tan-and-white muscle-bound hound invariably get an enthusiastic welcome.

""Wow, a pit. I got a pit at home," is often the response, says Etre, who lives in Northbridge with her husband and two sons.

Keno hardly lives up to the reputation his breed has gained as a vicious attack dog. Rather, he is a trained and licensed therapy dog with a soothing effect.

As they enter the unit, Etre and Keno first encounter an isolation room in which patients in restraints are lying on the floor. A staff member sits in the middle of the room.

"If the kids know him, they call him," Etre, 45, says. ""He runs up and kisses them."

The duo then heads to a special therapy room with two couches.

Etre brings Keno's food, a brush for grooming and toys. She heads to one couch, and Keno hops up on the other. An occupational therapist is nearby.

At least 60 teen-agers are on the ward at any one time. Only those who have been well behaved are allowed to commune with Keno. The patients take their turn and often are allowed just five minutes.

"They seem like sad kids," Etre reflects. "Some have the stare. Some shake. Some are very slow and stiff. Others are screaming, and hyper, and bouncing off the wall."

Keno often sits on a patient's lap. He can have a nearly magical effect, eliciting a verbal reaction from a teen-ager who has not uttered a word in a week. Many of the teens hug and kiss him.

One girl wanted to teach Keno to give her his paw.

"She was a persistent little girl," Etre says. "She was cute."

Sometimes, dog, mistress, patient and therapist go for a walk.

Many of the patients are victims of abuse, Etre says, and have committed serious crimes.

"They're not allowed to touch me, and we can't talk about where we live," she says.

As with the teens he helps, Keno's early life was fraught with trouble.

Etre works as veterinary technician at the Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine in neighboring Grafton. She first encountered Keno after he had been abandoned at the school's small animal clinic. Veterinarians had just repaired his shattered hip socket.

The homeless 4-month-old puppy sat in a cage wagging his tail, the cost of his surgery covered by a special fund for indigent animals.

Etre, who also teaches in the veterinary technology program at her alma mater, Becker College in Leicester, had just lost her golden retriever, Taffy.

She decided to take the gentle pit bull home with her. "He was very sweet," she says.

The term "pit bull" is slang for an American Staffordshire Terrier, or a canine with some of that breed in its blood lines.

Keno soon tested his mistress. But with the guidance of an animal behaviorist, Etre taught him to be less territorial, to meet strangers, and to allow her to take food out of his mouth.

In early 1999, she saw a notice at Tufts about an opportunity for dogs to qualify as licensed therapy canines. She knew the work would be perfect for her pup.

Etre prepared him by exposing him to strangers and taking him to all sorts of public places.

Harue Midtmoen, who, as a volunteer, runs the animal-assisted therapy program in conjunction with the Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy, recalls that she was skeptical about whether a pit bull could make it as a therapy dog.

The test was tough.

The evaluator challenged Keno by walking directly up to him and making eye contact, an encounter a dog tends to interpret as a threat.

She put her fingers in his ears, picked up his feet, and pulled his tail. She threw a bedpan and a walker at him. She walked him around other dogs.

"There was no aggression. He retrieved the bedpan," says Etre, amused at the recollection.

"The way he behaved, the way she trained him, he did a beautiful job, and he passed with no problem at all, " Midtmoen recalls.

Midtmoen then inquired about Keno's home circumstances and learned he had been raised with two teen-agers.

"Well, we have a very special place for you — a locked psychiatric ward," Etre recalls being told.

Midtmoen says the match was pretty close to perfect.

"Among the teen-agers, the pit bull is the greatest thing," she says. "They think he's so cool."

Etre was a little frightened when she and Keno walked into Westboro State Hospital for the first time back in March 1999.

Now, she feels sorry if they miss a session because she knows the patients are eagerly awaiting their visit.

"They need more therapy dogs there," she says. "It's sad."

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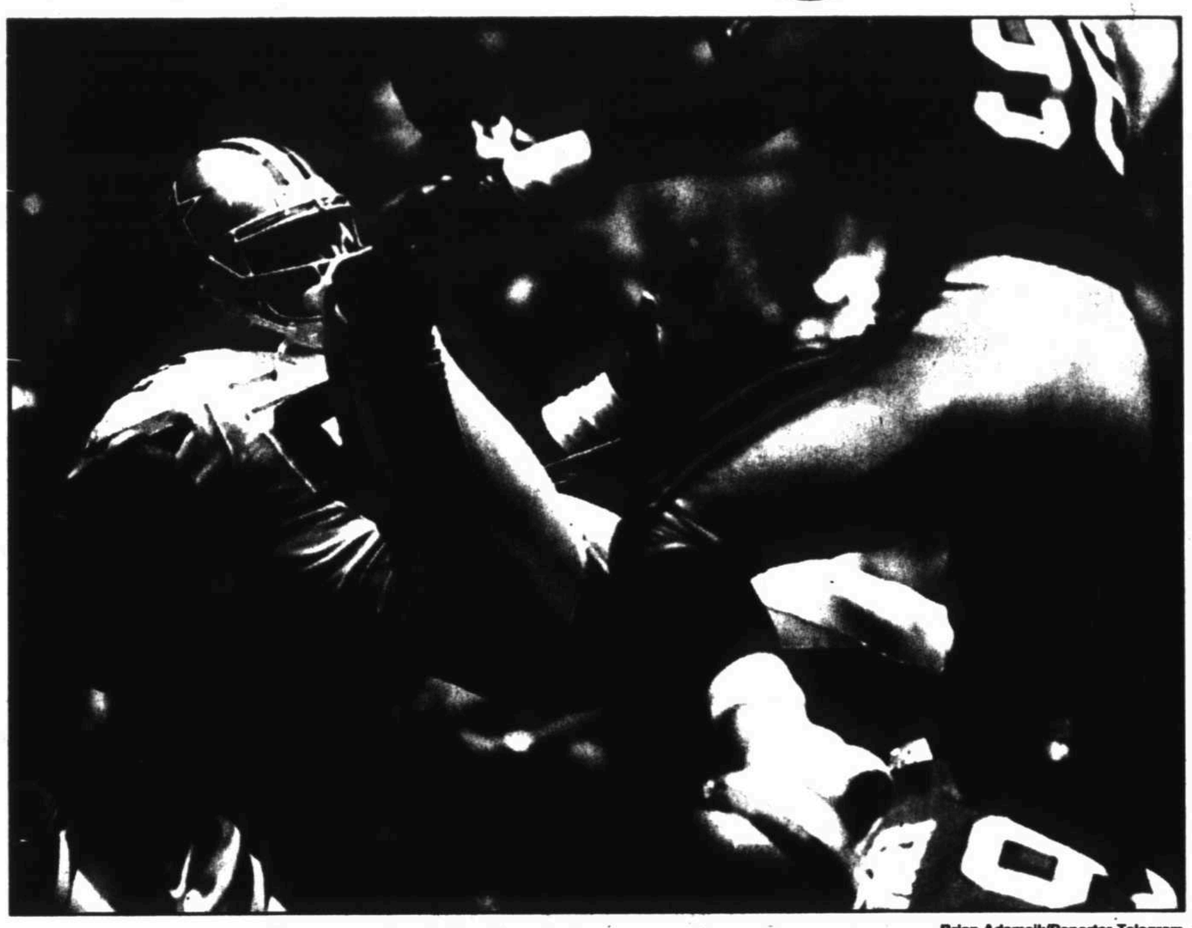

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Dallas Cowboys receiver James McKnight gets flipped after a reception in the fourth quarter against San Francsico Sunday at Texas Stadium. The 49ers won the game 41-24 to send Dallas to 1-3 on the season.

49ers thrash Cowboys in ugly affair

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

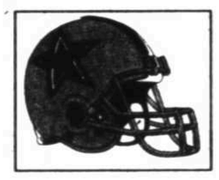
IRVING — While safety George Teague defended the homefield pride, he couldn't change the overall frustration being felt by the Dallas Cowboys.

San Francisco defeated the Cowboys 41-24 Sunday, and receiver Terrell Owens rubbed it in by going to midfield after both of his touchdown catches to celebrate on the Cowboys' star logo.

When Owens caught a 1-yard TD pass with 4:05 left to make it 41-17, he again took off toward midfield. This time, Teague followed Owens and leveled him as he went to kneel on the logo.

Teague was ejected, and the Cowboys (1-3) were left still dejected and with many questions.

"We're trying to find out what it is that needs to be done," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "The trick is trying to find out where to begin."



The artistry of previous meetings between the 49ers and Cowboys was missing. The bitterness wasn't. This meeting was ugly and emotional as they played more for pride, far removed from the NFC titles they played each other for six times in the past.

Emmitt Smith responded to Owens' first outburst with his own midfield celebration after a 1-yard TD just before halftime that closed the Cowboys to 17-10.

"You don't disrespect someone in front of their home crowd, but I guess that's his style," Smith said of Owens. "This game is played with a lot of emotion, and it shows both when you are winning and losing.

"Teague did not make a good decision by going after Owens, but he did what he had to do, and I liked it," Smith said. So did the crowd.

San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci and Cowboys coach Dave Campo apologized to each other when they met at midfield after the game. Both refused to elaborate on what was said then or to their players.

"I went to the star the first time because it was the right part of the game and I wanted to get a spark going in my team," Owens said. "It was a spur-of-the-moment thing. I guess I should have picked my time better (on the second one). I wanted to get back at Emmitt."

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Jets shock Bucs with late comeback

Associated Press

Wayne Chrebet upstaged Keyshawn Johnson, catching an 18-yard touchdown pass from running back Curtis Martin with 52 seconds left to give the New York Jets a 21-17 victory at Tampa Bay on Sunday.

Johnson, a frequent critic of Chrebet during Johnson's days with the Jets and in his book "Just Give Me the Damn Ball," disrespected Chrebet again leading to the game matching 3-0 teams.

But Johnson caught only one pass for 1 yard, and for the third time in four games, the Jets came back to win after trailing in the fourth quarter, scoring two TDs in the final two minutes.

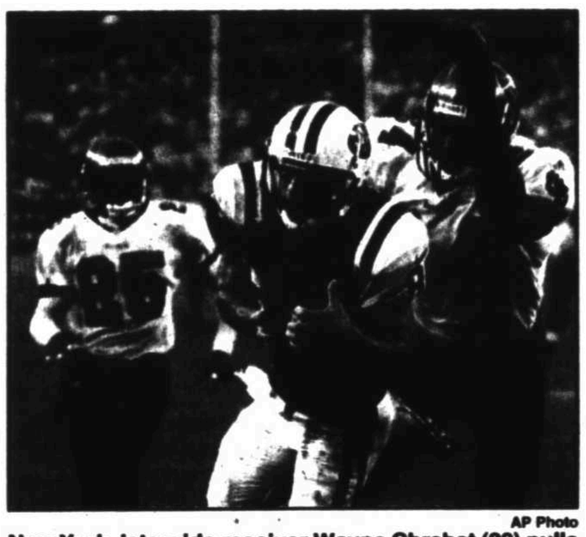
Victor Green recovered Mike Alstott's fumble at the Tampa Bay 24 to set up the winning score, two plays after Vinny Testaverde's 6-yard TD pass to Martin and a 2-point conversion pass made it 17-14.

Ronde Barber scored on a 37-yard interception return, and Shaun King threw a 3-yard TD pass to Dave Moore for Tampa Bay. The Bucs had won five straight in the regular-season, one shy of the franchise record.

Rams 41, Falcons 20

Kurt Warner threw four touchdown passes, including 80- and 85-yarders to Torry Holt.

Warner, who threw for 395 yards, also threw TD passes of 14 and 66 yards to Isaac Bruce as the Rams (4-0) increased their scoring average to 40 points. The defending Super Bowl champions have reached 30 points in an NFL-record 10 consecutive regular-season games.



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New York Jets wide receiver Wayne Chrebet (80) pulls in the game-winning 18-yard pass while being defended by Tampa Bay Buccaneers Brian Kelly (25) and Damien Robinson (24) during the fourth quarter of the Jets 21-17 win Sunday.

It was the 12th time in 19 games that Warner, last season's MVP, has thrown for more than 300 yards.

The Rams' defense, ranked next to last in the NFL com-

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American diver upsets Chinese for gold medal

By Larry McShane
Associated Press Writer

SYDNEY, Australia — The last time an American woman won a gold medal in platform diving, the Olympics offered no competition for women in soccer or basketball.

Welcome to the 21st century.

On Sunday, Laura Wilkinson ended America's 36-year skein of diving futility by shocking the defending champion Chinese on the 10-meter platform. As she dove for the gold, the women's soccer team advanced to its second gold medal game in four years, and the female "Dream Team" moved easily into the Olympic quarterfinals.

Wilkinson, 22, was an unlikely candidate to duplicate the 1964 success of a longshot New Jersey teen named Lesley Bush. She was in fifth place early on, while the Chinese teen tandem of Sang Xue and Li Na were one-two.

But on her third dive in the finals, Wilkinson grabbed the lead and never surrendered it. Making her victory even more unlikely, she wore a kayaking shoe to protect a foot broken in March, removing it only after scaling the 33-foot tower.

Wilkinson postponed her surgery until after the Olympics — a decision that's hard to dispute now.

"I've gotten so used to it after the last six months that it's not that bad," Wilkinson said after ending China's string of victories at four straight Olympics.

The medal count after nine days of competition: The United States leads with 52 (21 gold, 12 silver, 19 bronze), followed by China and Australia.

■ **WATER POLO:** The American men, led by four goals from Chris Humbert, kept their medal hopes alive with a 12-8 victory over the winless Netherlands Monday (Sunday night EDT). The first U.S. win after two losses in Sydney made it likely that the Americans will advance into the medal round.

■ **SOCCER:** The biggest American star scored the biggest goal in the team's biggest game thus far in Sydney. Mia Hamm, knocked around by defenders throughout the game, knocked Brazil out of the Olympic soccer final with her goal in the 60th minute.

The score, Hamm's 127th in international games, stood up as the defending gold medalists notched a 1-0 semifinal victory. Goalie Siri Mullinix made sure that goal would be enough with a super save 10 minutes later on a shot by Brazil's Roseli.

The Americans take on Norway, which defeated Germany 2-1, in the final Thursday (Wednesday night EDT). The United States already beat Norway 2-0

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AP Photo

U.S. diver Laura Wilkinson of The Woodlands displays her gold medal after winning the women's 10-meter platform diving, Sunday at the Sydney International Aquatic Center during the Summer Olympics in Sydney.

Leonard takes Texas Open

By Michelle Koidin
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Justin Leonard told himself it would be OK if he didn't win the Texas Open. It wouldn't be the end of the world.

"But boy, it'd sure be nice," thought Leonard, who hadn't won a PGA title since 1998.

He put an end to his drought Sunday by shooting a 6-under-par 64 to beat Mark Wiebe by five strokes.

"It's a big relief," said Leonard, who twice finished second at the Texas Open, in 1995 and 1998. He skipped the tournament last year for the Ryder Cup.

"I don't read a lot of golf magazines. I don't watch a lot of golf on television. But I know that I haven't won in two and a half years," he said. "It's nice. It's like a little burden lifted, not that I went out every week thinking about it."

At the 1998 Texas Open, Leonard bogeyed the final two holes to lose to Hal Sutton by one stroke.

"I just wasn't able to close the deal," he said. "This year and today, I was very determined not to let that happen. If I was going to get beaten, then somebody was going to have to beat me. But I wasn't going to beat myself."

Sunday's victory was Leonard's first since the 1998 Players Championship.

Entering the final round with a two-stroke lead over Wiebe, Leonard had seven birdies against one bogey to finish with a 19-under total of 261.

Leonard played college golf at the University of Texas about 70 miles north in Austin and enjoyed a crowd-favorite status during the tournament at La Cantera Golf Club on the edge of the Texas Hill Country. He earned $468,000 with the victory, his first in his home state.

Wiebe, a 20-year tour veteran who has not won since 1986, kept pace with Leonard for most the round with five birdies, but couldn't close the gap. Leonard birdied No. 18 while Wiebe faltered with his only bogey of the day.

Leonard started the round at 13-under and was 15-under after nine holes with birdies on Nos. 2, 5 and 8. Wiebe kept it close with birdies on Nos. 4, 8, 11 and 12, but Leonard maintained the lead by playing the back nine 4-under.

After he rolled in his final birdie, prompting a shout of "Go Longhorn" from the gallery, Leonard pumped his fist in the air as a mariachi band began to play on the 18th green.

Wiebe finished with 266. His previous best finish this season was a tie for 15th at the MCI Classic.

LEE PASSMORE

A lot at stake Friday night as Andrews hosts Big Spring

Games on the September high school football schedule usually don't mean a whole lot in the big picture, so stumbles don't appear so painful, which is good news for, say, the Midland Lee Rebels.

Passmore

Most of the time, with the weather starting to cool ever so slightly and the calendar about to turn to October, this coming Friday would represent the last chance for teams to tune up before starting their district schedules. But the UIL realignment does funny things.

More accurately, if you're Andrews or Big Spring, realignment has done some not so funny things. Of all the area teams, they are the ones who probably need at least one more game to work out the kinks before they get into district. And in the past, they would have gotten it.

But this year, before September ends, before the major league baseball regular season is over and even before the Olympic flame in Sydney has been extinguished, Andrews and Big Spring will have opened district — against each other.

It was bad enough for both schools that they were stuck in the powerful eight-team District 4-4A along with former No. 1 Frenship and Plainview, which necessitated opening district play earlier than in most other areas throughout the state. The district race will be the survival of the fittest, so whoever makes the playoffs will have earned it.

That's what puts such added importance on Friday's Andrews-Big Spring district opener. The team which loses will find itself in a hole from which it could be extremely difficult to climb out of.

Andrews-Big Spring has always been a meaningful game, whether it closed out the regular season or came in the thick of the district race in October. Both teams have made the playoffs in each of the last three seasons, and at least one of them has advanced to the postseason in each of the last 11 years.

But there aren't any sure prospects for the playoffs this season, not considering the rugged new district and how both teams have played in their first three games. Big Spring and Andrews are both 1-2, and are both coming off losses in which their offenses didn't do much.

Something will have to give Friday night when the two teams meet in Andrews. In 4-4A, 1-0 will look a lot better than 0-1. So while the calendar may still read September, Big Spring at Andrews will hardly be a September kind of game.

Take away Big Spring's 20-6 loss to Wylie (Andrews was open) and it was a perfect week for area teams. Garden City and Greenwood pitched shutouts, Midland Christian scored a big win on the road and Trinity won yet another rout at home.

The big game, of course, was Stanton's 31-26 win at Class A No. 1 Iraan. Logic (which can't always be counted upon) dictates that there will be shake-ups in the polls to be released later today, in which Iraan should drop from its top spot and Stanton (which was theoretically ranked 11th) should find its spot in Class 2A's top 10.

Look deeper, though, and you could experience some deja vu. Stanton got some revenge over Iraan for the way its season ended last year, when the Braves (still in 2A) beat the Buffaloes 20-11 in the area round of the playoffs at Ratliff Stadium.

Go back three years and remember that in 1997, Stanton defeated Iraan 27-12 when both teams were in District 6-2A to win the district crown. The year before (in which Stanton lost to Iraan), the Buffs lost to Shallowater 32-31 in a playoff game at Ratliff. In 1997, they went on to win the state title.

Just something to think about.

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SPECIAL 2002 OLYMPICS

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

San Francisco's Terrell Owens disappears into a swarm of Dallas Cowboys defenders after a reception in the first quarter at Texas Stadium. Owens had two touchdowns in the 49ers' 41-24 win Sunday. Owens also taunted the Cowboys twice in the game by running out to the star at midfield, prompting an angry response by Cowboys' safety George Teague in the fourth quarter.

Despite stomping on Mean Green, 'Cats get no respect

By Don Mitchell
Associated Press Writer

Thrashing an unranked opponent by 45 points didn't earn Kansas State any respect.

The Wildcats dropped a spot to No. 5 in the Top 25 after beating 0-4 North Texas 55-10 Saturday.

No. 1 Nebraska survived an early scare to beat 0-4 Iowa 42-13 as the Big 12 Conference's other two nationally-ranked teams climbed the chart a week before conference play begins.

Texas jumped two spots to No. 13 after beating Houston 48-0, and Oklahoma moved up three notches to No. 14 by beating Rice 42-14.

In Saturday's other games involving Big 12 teams, Baylor (2-1) beat South Florida 28-13 in Waco; Kansas (2-1) shutout Southern Illinois 42-0 in Lawrence; and Southern Mississippi defeated Oklahoma State (2-1) 28-6 in Stillwater.

Colorado, Iowa State, Missouri, Texas A&M and Texas Tech were idle.

In Manhattan, Kan., quarterback Jonathan Beasley scored a school-record five touchdowns and completed 12 of 15 passes for 202 yards as the Wildcats routed their third straight non-conference opponent.

Last week, Kansas State (4-0) set a school scoring record with a 76-0 blowout over Ball State.

"Out of the box I thought we played very well," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder. "We took up where we left off last week. But when we put some No. 2s in the ballgame, we weren't happy about some of that."

In an unchallenging non-conference schedule that included games against Iowa and Louisiana Tech, the Wildcats outscored their opposition 212-20.

"You'd always like to be a little better in some things," Snyder said. "But as I look back, there were times that we were a little bit better. Are you ever ready for a conference schedule as tough as our conference is? I don't know."

Kansas State will find out at Colorado (0-3) next week.

Nebraska appears poised for its conference opener against Missouri (1-2).

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and ranking in the previous poll.

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Nebraska (39)	3-0	1,743	1
2. Florida St. (30)	4-0	1,732	2
3. Florida (1)	4-0	1,603	3
4. Virginia Tech	3-0	1,491	5
5. Kansas St. (1)	4-0	1,484	4
6. Washington	3-0	1,426	8
7. Clemson	4-0	1,223	11
8. Southern Cal	3-0	1,181	9
9. Michigan	3-1	1,160	10
10. Miami	2-1	1,079	12
11. Tennessee	2-1	1,043	13
12. Ohio St.	4-0	895	14
13. Texas	3-1	747	18
14. Oklahoma	3-0	740	17
15. UCLA	3-1	727	6
16. TCU	3-0	649	19
17. Wisconsin	3-1	594	7
18. Michigan St.	3-0	583	23
19. Auburn	4-0	545	20
20. Oregon	3-1	457	—
21. Southern Miss.	2-1	418	22
22. Purdue	3-1	414	21
23. South Carolina	4-0	281	—
24. Illinois	3-1	268	19
25. Georgia	2-1	199	24

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 172, Air Force 22, N.C. State 17, Mississippi 15, Pittsburgh 15, Arizona St. 13, Arkansas 13, East Carolina 7, Texas A&M 6, Texas Tech 5, Mississippi St. 3, Alabama 1, Colorado St. 1, LSU 1, Stanford 1.

Despite three turnovers, including one fumble after driving to the Iowa 10-yard line, the Cornhuskers salvaged their No. 1 ranking and improved to 3-0.

"We had our backs against the wall a couple of times, but our defense did a great job of not allowing them to put points on the board," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "You can allow them to rack up yards, as long as they're not racking up points."

Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch completed 10-of-13 passes for five touchdowns and 159 yards.

Dan Alexander ran for 113 yards, Correll Buckhalter had 100 and Crouch finished with 93 yards rushing.

Crouch, who was 11-for-25 for just one touchdown going into the game, threw three TD passes to Tracey Wistrom and two to Matt Davison. The five touchdown passes matched the single-game school record set by Steve Taylor in 1987.

"It's great to know our passing game is there when we need it," Crouch said. "We've still only thrown what, 38 passes so far? That's not a lot. It's not like it was an air show or the West Coast offense or anything like that. We run the ball, that's what we do."

Texas struggled to do anything offensively against Houston in Austin, but the defense and special teams were spectacular.

The Longhorns (2-1) scored three touchdowns on turnovers and Texas held Houston (1-3) to 198 total yards, including just 13 yards rushing on 31 carries.

"I don't think I've seen a defense play like that in a long time," said Texas coach Mack Brown. "With the kind of passing attack that they have, I'm amazed that we shut them out."

Dakarai Pearson and O.J. McClintock returned interceptions for touchdowns and Michael Ungar recovered a fumbled punt in the end zone for the Longhorns.

In Norman, Okla., the Sooners' defense stymied Rice's option as linebackers Rocky Calmus and Torrance Marshall accounted for 14 and 11 tackles, respectively.

"We came into the game with everybody having a responsibility," Marshall said. "As long as everybody did their job, we were fine. I think the score showed that."

Rice (1-3), which rushed for 335 yards last week in a 23-16 loss to Tulsa, managed only 145 yards.

Quentin Griffin ran for 117 yards and three touchdowns for Oklahoma (3-0), which produced 532 yards of offense.

Josh Heupel completed 27 of 35 passes for 324 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for a score.

Texas opens conference play against Oklahoma State next week, while Iowa State (3-0) visits Baylor, Kansas is at Oklahoma and Texas Tech (4-0) travels to Texas A&M (2-1).

STAR: Aikman makes sluggish return

(From 1C)

Just minutes before Teague was thrown out of the game, Dallas cornerback Darren Woodson was ejected. Woodson, upset that referees didn't call a penalty when 49ers center Jeremy Newberry stepped on his chest after the whistle, kicked the ball and then threw his helmet.

"You see a couple of guys that are frustrated and want to win. When they see things happen that shouldn't be happening, it's just frustrating," Dallas linebacker Joe Bowden said. "It's just frustrating. We're human and we react and respond in different ways."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said after the loss that he believes in what the Cowboys are trying to accomplish by returning to the offense in which Aikman had so much success in during the mid-1990s.

"I am disappointed and surprised by 1-3, but I'm not looking to make any dramatic personnel or philosophical changes," Jones said. "A win is not going to come easy. It is a series-by-series, quarter-by-quarter thing for us."

The Cowboys appeared headed in the right direction after an emotionally charged 27-21 victory at Washington on Monday night. But all that was accomplished by winning that game was wiped out by another humiliating loss at home.

"It's a reflection on us," Bowden said. "We played well Monday, but we couldn't put things to work today. We have the talent on this team to win, but just because you have the star on your helmet doesn't mean you will automatically win football games."

Not in recent times anyway.

San Francisco, who has combined with Dallas to play in 13 Super Bowls, is also 1-3 this season.

"We are nowhere where we should be, but it gives us a boost," Mariucci said.

49ers 41, Cowboys 24

49ers-Cowboys, State

San Francisco	3	14	10	14	—41
Dallas	0	10	0	14	—24

First Quarter
SF—FG Richey 39, 1:16.
Second Quarter
Dal—FG Seder 40, 11:13.
SF—Garner 1 run (Richey kick), 7:02.
SF—Owens 3 pass from Garcia (Richey kick), 2:49.
Dal—E.Smith 1 run (Seder kick), 1:42.
Third Quarter
SF—Rice 68 pass from Garcia (Richey kick), 13:14.
SF—FG Richey 47, 10:43.
Fourth Quarter
SF—Rice 5 pass from Garcia (Richey kick), 14:16.
Dal—Harris 11 pass from Aikman (Seder kick), 11:08.
SF—Owens 1 pass from Garcia (Richey kick), 4:05.
Dal—Harris 16 pass from Stoerner (Seder kick), 3:23.
A—64,127.

	SF	Dal
First downs	27	18
Rushes-yards	47-251	14-76
Passing	178	222
Comp-Att-Int	16-27-0	19-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-25
Punts	1-52.0	3-45.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-94	5-62
Time of Possession	37:13	22:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—San Francisco, Garner 36-201, Garcia 6-43, Beasley 4-11, Lewis 1-6. Dallas, E.Smith 11-31, Coakley 1-28, Warren 1-16, Wiley 1-1.
PASSING—San Francisco, Garcia 16-26-0-178, Rice 0-1-0-0. Dallas, Aikman 15-26-1-197, Stoerner 4-6-0-53.
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Owens 5-51, Rice 4-73, Garner 3-34, Clark 2-13, Streets 1-6, Beasley 1-1. Dallas, McKnight 6-129, Harris 3-32, Thomas 3-28, Ismail 2-38, Warren 2-14, Tucker 2-1, Wiley 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Sunday, Jerry Rice's two touchdown receptions provided the only resemblance to the memorable games of the past.

Not even Aikman or Smith, who like Rice are veterans of the three straight NFC championship games between the teams in the mid-1990s that preceded Super Bowl titles, could turn around Dallas' fortunes.

Aikman returned as the Dallas starter after missing two games because of his ninth concussion. He was 14-of-25 passing for 197 yards with a touchdown, an interception and a fumble.

Smith had just 31 yards rushing on 11 attempts as the Cowboys were beaten badly at home for the second time. The Cowboys lost their home opener to Philadelphia 41-14.

Jeff Garcia was 16-for-26 passing for 178 yards and four touchdowns, his third straight multi-TD game, and Charlie Garner ran for a San Francisco record 201 yards, matching what Philadelphia's Duce Staley did against the Cowboys just three weeks earlier.

The 49ers scored on their first three possessions of the second half, putting the game out of reach with a 17-play, 98-yard drive that took more than 9 1/2 minutes. Rice's 5-yard TD catch in the opening minute of the fourth quarter made it 34-10.

Wade Richey's 38-yard field goal late in the first quarter gave San Francisco a 3-0 lead. The Cowboys responded on their next drive with Tim Seder's 40-yard field goal — four plays after linebacker Dexter Coakley ran 26 yards on a direct snap out of punt formation.

Tight end Jackie Harris caught two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter for Dallas, an 11-yarder from Aikman that made it 34-17, and then a 16-yarder from third-string quarterback Clint Stoerner with 3:28 left.

Garner and Smith had their TD runs after pass interference calls in the end zone.

Garner's TD broke the 3-3 tie and put the 49ers ahead to stay with 7:02 left in the first half. That came two plays after Ryan McNeil grabbed Owens in the end zone for a 32-yard penalty.

Smith's TD run came after a 34-yard pass interference penalty against San Francisco's Monty Montgomery.

Notes: Seder has made all six of his field-goal attempts for the Cowboys. Chris Boniol has the team record for a Dallas newcomer when he made his first nine field goals in 1994. ... Harris has four TDs, tying his career high for a season. ... Rice has receptions in 213 consecutive games, and his two TDs increased in NFL career high to 182.

NFL: Grbac rallies Chiefs to victory

(From 1C)

ing into the game, pitched in with eight sacks — three by Grant Wistrom — two interceptions and two fumble recoveries, including a 94-yard recovery for a TD by Keith Lyle. The fumble by Jamal Anderson gave him five this season, and he has lost a league-high three.

The Falcons are now 2-2.

Chiefs 23, Broncos 22

Elvis Grbac rallied Kansas City from a 12-point third-quarter deficit with a pair of TD throws, including a 22-yarder to Derrick Alexander with 2:21 left.

Grbac's 15-yard toss to Tony Gonzalez midway through the third quarter cut the deficit to 19-14.

The Chiefs (2-2) went 80 yards in eight plays for the winner, with Alexander making a leaping catch at the goal line.

Gus Frerotte, subbing for the injured Brian Griese was 18-for-31 for 208 yards for the Broncos (2-2).

Titans 23, Steelers 20

Steve McNair, who only took a few snaps all week and didn't start because of a bruised sternum, replaced injured backup Neil O'Donnell, and threw an 18-yard TD pass with 1:25 left.

McNair came in with 2:35 left after O'Donnell, making his first start at Three Rivers Stadium since leaving Pittsburgh, had his lower lip split open on a sack and wobbled to the sideline.

On third-and-11 at Tennessee's 36, McNair completed a 22-yard pass to Chris Sanders on his first attempt and then ran for 9 more yards, taking a shot as he hit the turf.

McNair then hit Derek Mason for 15 yards to the 18 before finding tight end Erron Kinney wide open for the go-ahead TD.

Kordell Stewart moved the Steelers to the Titans' 32, but Kris Brown's 50-yard field-goal attempt with 18 seconds left was short.

Dolphins 10, Patriots 3

Miami became the first NFL team ever to allow just one touchdown in its first four games as it shut down Drew Bledsoe and New England (0-4).

The game featured 12 punts and five turnovers and Miami (3-1) made one big play — a 53-yard TD pass from Jay Fiedler to Bert Emanuel. New England's best shot ended when Bledsoe overthrew Eric Bjornson in the end zone from the Miami 5 with just over a minute to play.

Ravens 37, Bengals 0

Rookie Jamal Lewis ran for 116 yards and a touchdown and Baltimore forced four turnovers and knocked out Cincinnati quarterback Akili Smith with a concussion.

Tony Banks threw two touchdown passes for the Ravens (3-1), who bounced back from a 19-6 loss in Miami last week. The Bengals (0-3), who had only 4 yards rushing, has been outscored 74-7 this year. It was the Ravens' second shutout this season and their most lopsided win since starting play in Baltimore in 1996.

Lions 21, Bears 14

Charlie Batch threw two touchdown passes and Kurt Schulz intercepted three passes from Cade McNown to lead Detroit (3-1) over Chicago (0-4).

Batch threw first-half scoring passes of 13 yards to Johnnie Morton and 36 yards to Germane Crowell, and James Stewart dove for the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter. The Lions came into the game with just a single offensive touchdown.

Eagles 21, Saints 7

Donovan McNabb shook off early jitters and threw for a career-high 222 yards and two touchdowns for the Eagles (2-2).

He did it against the NFL's top-rated pass defense and in front of running back Ricky Williams, whom many Philadelphia fans wanted instead of McNabb in the 1999 draft.

McNabb, the No. 2 overall pick in that Class of Quarterbacks, completed 20 of 32 passes and picked up 25 yards on the ground. The Saints are 1-3.

Packers 29, Cardinals 3

Brett Favre finally looked like a three-time NFL MVP., throwing for 277 yards and a touchdown d directing six other scoring drives for the Packers (2-2).

The Green Bay defense intercepted Jake Plummer four times, and Ryan Longwell had five field goals for Green Bay. The Packers also rushed for 176 yards, 93 on 12 carries by Ahman Green.

Seahawks 20, Chargers 12

Seattle turned a San Diego defensive lapse into one touchdown, and Ryan Leaf's seventh interception of the season into another.

Kitna connected with a wide-open Darrell Jackson for a 68-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, and Willie Williams returned an interception 69 yards for a score in the third quarter.

Kris Heppner provided, the other scoring for Seattle (2-2) with two field goals. San Diego (0-4) managed just John Carney's four field goals. The Chargers' offense has scored just three touchdowns this season.

Raiders 36, Browns 10

William Thomas intercepted Tim Couch twice, including one that he ran back 46 yards for a touchdown. The Raiders (3-1) got a pair of 2-yard scoring runs from Tyrone Wheatley and another from Zack Crockett.

After passing for a career-high 316 yards last weekend in Cleveland's 23-20 victory over the Steelers, Couch was 16-for-29 for 141 yards and one scoring strike to Darrin Chiaverini to open the game for the Browns (2-2).

Redskins 16, Giants 6

Brad Johnson, under fire with Washington off to a slow start, passed for 289 yards and two touchdowns as the Redskins (2-2) finally showed some Super Bowl form.

Johnson, who was 14-of-20, hit Irving Fryar with a 23-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter and threw a 21-yarder to Andre Reed early in the third. Johnson also had a 48-yard strike to Albert Connell, who had four catches for 122 yards, to set up a 25-yard field goal by Michael Husted.

Stewart captures MBNA.com 400

Associated Press

■ Auto Racing

DOVER, Del. — Tony Stewart doesn't think he should be considered the master of The Monster Mile.

He made that argument after winning the MBNA.com 400 Sunday, taking both races this season at one of NASCAR's toughest tracks.

"We win two races and all of a sudden we're dominating?" Stewart asked. "We really weren't dominant all day by any means."

But there certainly was a good reason for his victory.

"The car was the best at the end, a time of the race when we really needed it," Stewart said.

He became the first to double since Jeff Gordon won twice in 1996 at Dover Downs International Speedway. It was the seventh sweep since the track opened in 1969.

This victory was especially impressive because Stewart had problems getting up to speed early in the weekend and started 27th in a field of 43. In June, when he won the MBNA Platinum 400, the driver from Rushville, Ind., started 16th.

Stewart downplayed the importance of starting first.

"Poles are nice, but you get to take the picture with the big trophy on Sunday," he said. "We know we run good on Sunday, and we're putting an emphasis on winning races."

Crew chief Greg Zipadelli is confident that they will continue to do just that in the coming years.

"We battled back and got the car back to where it was last three times," he said of Stewart's previous runs at Dover. "When he gets on rhythm, I don't think anybody is better out there."

Still, he was talking to his driver on the radio, urging him forward but with a sense of caution. Later, Stewart laughed at that.

"I think he was trying to calm himself down," he said of his crew chief. "I said, "If I go any slower the car's going to fire me.'"

Stewart ended the run of three straight wins in this race by Mark Martin, who had a transmission problem and wound up sixth. He was one of several drivers to have problems.

Stewart led 163 of the 400 laps, including the last 54. In June, he led 242.

Schumacher wins first F1 race at Indy

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Schumacher overwhelmed the field in the inaugural Formula One race at Indianapolis, winning the U.S. Grand Prix on Sunday and taking the lead for the world championship.

Not even a spin five laps from the end could keep the German from running away with the first F1 race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The crowd of more than 200,000 was the biggest in the history of the Grand Prix circuit.

Schumacher beat Ferrari teammate Rubens Barrichello of Brazil by 12.118 seconds for his second straight victory and seventh of the season.

Schumacher's 42 career wins put him one in front of the late Ayrton Senna and just nine behind all-time leader Alain Prost. More important, it gave him 10 more points and put Schumacher in control of his own destiny as he tries to become the first Ferrari driver to win a world title since Jody Scheckter in 1979.

Mika Hakkinen's narrow lead in the championship went up in the flames from his expiring engine just 26 laps into the 73-lap event on the new 2.602-mile, 13-turn road circuit. The Finn failed to finish for only the third time in 15 races this season and now trails Schumacher by eight points with two events remaining.

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Crabtree	1-3	1	4	3	2	0
Venafro	2-3	1	1	1	1	0
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Oakland					**000 002 000 — 2**			
Seattle					**110 100 00x — 3**			

DP—Oakland 1, Seattle 1. LOB—Oakland 8, Seattle 6. 2B—Piatt (4). HR—JaGiambi (39), CGuillen (7). SB—Cameron (22). S—JOliver, McLemore.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Prieto L,1-2	5	6	3	3	4	1
TJMathews	2 1-3	0	0	0	0	3
Magnante	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
DJones	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle						
Halama W,13-9	5 1-3	8	2	2	2	4
Rhodes	2	0	0	0	0	4
Sasaki S,35	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	2

HBP—by Sasaki (RJHernandez). T—3:03. A—45,405 (47,145).

TWINS 6, WHITE SOX 5, 10 Inn.

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi
JAVltin ss	5	0	0	JJones lf	3	0	0 0
Grffnno 2b	5	0	1	THuntr lf	2	1	1 0
Thmas dh	5	0	2	Hcking ss	5	0	2 1
MOdnz rf	5	0	1	Lawton rf	5	2	3 1
Lee lf	4	1	1	Coomr 1b	3	0	0 0
Knerko 1b	4	1	1	Rivas ss	1	0	0 0
Perry 3b	2	0	2	DOrtiz dh	3	0	0 0
Norton 3b	1	2	1	Koskie 3b	4	1	1 1
CWilsn 3b	1	0	0	Cnizaro 2b	4	1	1 0
Snglton cf	2	1	1	Przyns c	4	1	2 3
JAbbott ph	1	0	0	Barnes cf	3	0	0 0
Chrstns cf	0	0	0	0				
CJhnsn c	4	0	2	3				
Totals	**39**	**5**	**12**	**4**	**Totals**	**37**	**6**	**10 6**
Chicago					**000 010 400 — 5**			
Minnesota					**000 000 410 — 6**			

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—Chicago 2, Minnesota 2. LOB—Chicago 5, Minnesota 4. 2B—CJohnson (24), Lawton (44), Canizaro (21). 3B—THunter (7). HR—Lawton (13), Pierzynski (2). S—Singleton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
SLowe	6	1	0	0	1	4
Buehrle	2-3	2	2	2	0	0
Barcelo	1-3	2	2	2	0	0
Wunsch	0	3	1	1	0	0
Howry	2	1	0	0	0	1
Beirne L,1-2	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Minnesota						
Mays	6	10	5	4	0	2
BWells	2	1	0	0	0	0
Guardado W,6-3	2	1	0	0	0	3

Wunsch pitched to 3 batters in the 8th, Mays pitched to 5 batters in the 7th.

HBP—by SLowe (Barnes). WP—SLowe, Mays. PB—Pierzynski. T—3:06. A—9,716 (48,678).

ROYALS 9, INDIANS 0

CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf	3	0	1	0	Damon dh	5	2	2 1
DRbrts cf	0	0	0	0	RSnchz ss	0	0	0 0
Vizquel ss	1	0	0	0	Ordaz ss	1	1	1 0
JJMcd ss	1	0	1	0	MJSwy 1b	3	0	0 2
RAlmr 2b	3	0	1	0	Dye rf	4	2	1 0
JolCbra 2b	1	0	0	0	Randa 3b	4	1	1 2
MRmrz rf	3	0	0	0	CBeltrn cf	5	1	3 1
Perry rf	1	0	0	0	Quinn lf	4	0	2 3
Segui 1b	4	0	0	0	Zaun c	2	1	1 0
Thome dh	4	0	1	0	Rboulet 2b	3	1	1 0
Frymn 3b	3	0	1	0				
BSelby 3b	1	0	0	0				
Brnyan lf	4	0	1	0				
SAlomr c	3	0	0	0				
Totals	**32**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**Totals**	**31**	**9**	**12 9**
Cleveland					**000 000 000 — 0**			
Kansas City					**105 000 21x — 9**			

E—Segui (1), Randa (19). DP—Cleveland 1, Kansas City 1. LOB—Cleveland 9, Kansas City 9. 2B—Thome (33), Quinn (32). SB—Damon (45). S—Vizquel, RSanchez 2. SF—MJSweeney, Randa.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Nagy L,2-7	2 2-3	4	6	6	2	1
Brewington	2 1-3	3	0	0	3	2
Nichting	1 1-3	3	2	2	1	0
Cairncross	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Haney	1	1	1	1	1	0
Kansas City						
Stein W,8-4	7	4	0	0	3	2
JSantiago	2	2	0	0	0	2

Brewington pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.

T—2:55. A—12,606 (40,625).

YANKEES 6, TIGERS 3

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
Macias 2b	4	0	1	1	Knblch dh	3	0	1 0
JEcrcn cf	4	0	1	0	Jeter ss	4	1	2 0
Hggnsn lf	3	0	0	0	O'Neill rf	4	0	0 0
Palmer dh	4	0	0	0	BeWms cf	4	1	1 1
DCruz ss	4	1	2	0	Justice lf	4	0	1 0
Asmus c	4	0	1	0	Blnger lf	0	0	0 0
Magee rf	3	0	0	0	Posada c	3	2	2 0
HMorrs ph	1	0	0	0	TMrtnz 1b	3	2	2 4
Allen 1b	2	1	1	0	Sojo 2b	4	0	0 0
Fick ph	1	0	0	0	Brosius 3b	3	0	1 0
Haller 3b	2	1	1	2				
Totals	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**32**	**6**	**10 5**
Detroit					**001 000 200 — 3**			
New York					**030 001 02x — 6**			

E—Macias (4). DP—Detroit 2, New York 1. LOB—Detroit 5, New York 5. 2B—Posada (34). 3B—Macias (5), Halter (2). HR—BeWilliams (30), TMartinez 2 (16). SB—Higginson (15), Knoblauch (14). CS—Brosius (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
JWeaver L,10-15	7	8	4	4	2	2
Nitkowski	1	2	2	2	0	0
New York						
Pettitte W,19-8	7 1-3	7	3	3	3	5
Nelson	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
MRivera S,36	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by JWeaver (Knoblauch). WP—JWeaver. T—3:00. A—41,415 (57,545).

ORIOLES 1, RED SOX 0

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	BOSTON	ab	r	hbi
Kngsle cf	3	0	0	1	TNixon rf	5	0	0 0
Hairstn 2b	4	0	0	0	Offmn 2b	4	0	2 0

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	87	67	.565	—	3-7	W-2	44-35	43-32	11-6
Toronto	82	73	.529	5 1/2	z-7-3	L-1	46-35	36-38	9-9
Boston	81	75	.519	7	3-7	L-1	42-39	39-36	9-9
Baltimore	69	87	.442	19	3-7	W-1	39-36	30-51	7-11
Tampa Bay	63	91	.409	24	2-8	W-1	31-43	32-48	9-9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-Chicago	93	62	.600	—	6-4	L-1	44-31	49-31	12-6
Cleveland	84	70	.545	8 1/2	z-6-4	L-1	42-31	42-39	13-5
Detroit	75	80	.484	18	4-6	L-2	40-38	35-42	10-8
Kansas City	73	83	.468	20 1/2	5-5	W-1	39-39	34-44	8-10
Minnesota	67	88	.432	26	4-6	W-1	36-44	31-44	7-11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Seattle	87	69	.558	—	z-7-3	W-1	45-33	42-36	11-7
Oakland	85	69	.552	1	z-8-2	L-1	41-33	44-36	11-7
Anaheim	80	75	.516	6 1/2	z-7-3	W-3	46-33	34-42	12-6
Texas	70	86	.449	17	z-4-6	L-3	42-38	28-48	7-11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
y-Atlanta	92	63	.594	—	z-7-3	W-2	50-28	42-35	11-7
New York	89	67	.571	3 1/2	5-5	W-3	50-25	39-42	9-9
Florida	73	82	.471	19	4-6	L-1	37-38	36-44	8-9
Montreal	67	88	.432	25	z-6-4	L-2	37-43	30-45	7-11
Philadelphia	63	92	.406	28	z-3-7	L-3	34-47	29-45	9-9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-St. Louis	91	65	.583	—	z-6-4	L-1	49-29	42-36	7-8
Cincinnati	82	74	.526	9	7-3	W-3	43-38	39-36	7-8
Milwaukee	70	86	.449	21	6-4	W-2	40-39	30-47	6-9
Houston	69	87	.442	22	z-6-4	L-3	37-41	32-46	6-9
Pittsburgh	65	91	.417	26	4-6	L-2	33-42	32-49	6-9
Chicago	62	93	.400	28 1/2	2-8	W-1	36-41	26-52	8-7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-San Francisco	93	63	.596	—	6-4	L-1	55-26	38-37	8-7
Los Angeles	83	73	.532	10	8-2	W-2	43-35	40-38	6-9
Arizona	82	73	.529	10 1/2	z-4-6	W-1	46-32	36-41	6-9
Colorado	78	77	.503	14 1/2	z-3-7	W-1	46-31	32-46	6-6
San Diego	75	81	.481	18	4-6	L-2	40-35	35-46	5-10

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth
z-first game was a win

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 0
Baltimore 1, Boston 0
N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 3
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 0
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 5, 10 innings
Anaheim 9, Texas 2
Seattle 3, Oakland 2

Monday's Games

Chicago (Garland 4-7) at Cleveland (Woodard 3-10), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Kinney 2-2) at Cleveland (Burba 15-6), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wilson 0-4) at Toronto (Loaiza 10-11), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 6-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 6-4), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Belcher 4-3) at Oakland (Zito 5-4), 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Houston 3
N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 14, Montreal 5
Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 5
Chicago Cubs 10, St. Louis 5
Colorado 9, Florida 3
Arizona 8, San Francisco 3
Los Angeles 1, San Diego 0

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 19-9) at Montreal (Vazquez 11-7), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 9-5) at Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 2-9), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 18-6) at Colorado (Rose 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

DEVIL RAYS 6, BLUE JAYS 0

TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi	TORONTO	ab	r	hbi
Tyner cf	3	1	2	0	Stewart lf	4	0	0 0
OGuillN ss	5	1	1	0	ASGzlz ss	4	0	0 0
SCox 1b	5	1	1	0	DMrtnz rf	4	0	0 0
McGrff dh	3	1	3	1	CDlgdo 1b	3	0	0 0
Tmmns lf	5	0	1	1	Fllmer dh	3	0	0 0
Huff 3b	4	0	2	1	TBtsta 3b	3	0	1 0
RJhnsn 3b	1	1	0	0	Fltcher c	3	0	1 0
Flherty c	4	1	1	3	JoCruz cf	3	0	0 0
BoSmth 2b	4	0	0	0	Mrndni 2b	3	0	0 0
JGuillN rf	4	0	2	0				
Totals	**38**	**6**	**13**	**6**	**Totals**	**30**	**0**	**2 0**
Tampa Bay					**000 002 031 — 6**			
Toronto					**000 000 000 — 0**			

E—BoSmith (8). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 4. 2B—JGuillen (16), TBatista (31). HR—Flaherty (10). SB—Tyner (5). S—Tyner.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Harper W,1-2	9	2	0	0	1	3
Toronto						
Trachsel L,8-14	7	8	2	2	2	4
Escobar	2	5	4	4	1	1

WP—Harper. T—2:44. A—28,172 (51,000).

NL Boxes

REDS 4, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi
Lugo 2b	3	1	0	0	Tucker cf	4	0	0 0
Spiers 3b	2	0	0	0	Sexton 2b	4	1	2 1
Bgwell 1b	3	0	0	0	DYong lf	4	0	1 0
Brkmn lf	3	2	2	1	Bartee pr	0	1	0 0
GBarkr cf	0	0	0	0	Casey 1b	3	0	0 1
Alou rf	4	0	2	2	Ochoa rf	4	0	0 0
Hidalgo cf	4	0	2	0	Stynes 3b	4	1	1 2
Miskey c	4	0	0	0	BSntigo c	3	0	1 0
Bogar ss	3	0	0	0	JCastro ss	3	0	1 0
WMillr p	3	0	0	0	OFrdz p	0	0	0 0
Frnklin p	0	0	0	0	Glaubr p	0	0	0 0
Dotel p	0	0	0	0	Clark ph	1	1	1 0
					Whlers p	0	0	0 0
					Cromer ph	1	0	0 0
					Sllivan p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**29**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**Totals**	**31**	**4**	**7 4**
Houston					**010 002 000 — 3**			
Cincinnati					**000 001 003 — 4**			

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—Cincinnati 3. LOB—Houston 5, Cincinnati 3. 2B—Berkman 2 (26), Sexton (4), DYoung (36). HR—Stynes (11). SB—Lugo (19). CS—Spiers (4). S—OFernandez. SF—Casey.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
WMiller	8	6	3	3	0	6
Franklin	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Dotel L,3-6	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Cincinnati						
OFernandez	5	2-3	6	3	3	4
Glauber	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Wohlers	2	0	0	0	2	1
Sullivan W,3-6	1	0	0	0	0	1

WMiller pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.

T—2:40. A—35,623 (52,953).

DODGERS 1, PADRES 0

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi	LOS ANGELES	ab	r	hbi
DJcksn 2b	2	0	0	0	Godwin cf	4	0	0 0
Darr rf	4	0	0	0	Grdzln 2b	2	0	0 0
Klesko 1b	2	0	0	0	Green rf	3	1	1 0
Sprgue 3b	3	0	0	0	Dnnis 1b	2	0	0 0
BDavis c	2	0	0	0	Aven lf	2	0	0 0
RMRva cf	3	0	1	0	Kreuter c	3	0	0 0
Lrocca ss	3	0	0	0	Cora ss	2	0	1 0
Clment p	2	0	0	0	Park p	2	0	0 0
Mgdan ph	1	0	0	0	Bcchca ph	1	0	0 0
KWlkr p	0	0	0	0	Shaw p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**26**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**Totals**	**24**	**1**	**3 0**
San Diego					**000 000 000 — 0**			
Los Angeles					**000 100 00x — 1**			

DP—San Diego 2, Los Angeles 2. LOB—San Diego 5, Los Angeles 3. 2B—Beltre (30). 3B—RMRivera (6). SB—Darr (9).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Clement L,13-16	7	3	1	1	3	7
DShlds lf	4	0	0	0	Lnsing 2b	0	0	0 0
Richard 1b	4	0	1	0	Bchette dh	4	0	1 0
Mora ss	4	0	0	0	Grcprr ss	3	0	1 0
GMyrs dh	3	0	0	0	O'Lry lf	4	0	0 0
MLewis 3b	3	0	0	0	Merloni 3b	3	0	2 0
Lunar c	2	0	1	0	Alxndr 3b	0	0	0 0
BKAsn ph	0	0	0	0	CEvrtt ph	0	0	0 0
JGarca pr	0	1	0	0	Gilkey pr	0	0	0 0
Frdyce c	0	0	0	0	Httberg c	4	0	1 0
Matos rf	3	0	2	0	DLewis cf	2	0	0 0
					Cmngs ph	1	0	0 0
					Sadler cf	1	0	1 0
					Brogna 1b	3	0	0 0
					Dubach ph	1	0	0 0
Totals	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**Totals**	**35**	**0**	**8 0**
Baltimore					**000 000 010 — 1**			
Boston					**000 000 000 — 0**			

E—Mora (12), Offerman (10). DP—Baltimore 1. LOB—Baltimore 4, Boston 10. 2B—Offerman (13). SB—Matos 2 (13). CS—Mora (8). SF—Kingsale.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Mussina W,10-15	7	5	0	0	0	15
Trombley	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Groom	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Kohlmeier S,12	1	2	0	0	1	0
Boston						
Ohka L,3-6	7 1-3	4	1	1	1	4
Garces	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Fassero	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:52. A—32,183 (33,871).

DEVIL RAYS 6, BLUE JAYS 0

TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi	TORONTO	ab	r	hbi
Tyner cf	3	1	2	0	Stewart lf	4	0	0 0
OGuillN ss	5	1	1	0	ASGzlz ss	4	0	0 0
SCox 1b	5	1	1	0	DMrtnz rf	4	0	0 0
McGrff dh	3	1	3	1	CDlgdo 1b	3	0	0 0
Tmmns lf	5	0	1	1	Fllmer dh	3	0	0 0
Huff 3b	4	0	2	1	TBtsta 3b	3	0	1 0
RJhnsn 3b	1	1	0	0	Fltcher c	3	0	1 0
Flherty c	4	1	1	3	JoCruz cf	3	0	0 0
BoSmth 2b	4	0	0	0	Mrndni 2b	3	0	0 0
JGuillN rf	4	0	2	0				
Totals	**38**	**6**	**13**	**6**	**Totals**	**30**	**0**	**2 0**
Tampa Bay					**000 002 031 — 6**			
Toronto					**000 000 000 — 0**			

E—BoSmith (8). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 4. 2B—JGuillen (16), TBatista (31). HR—Flaherty (10). SB—Tyner (5). S—Tyner.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Harper W,1-2	9	2	0	0	1	3
Toronto						
Trachsel L,8-14	7	8	2	2	2	4
Escobar	2	5	4	4	1	1

WP—Harper. T—2:44. A—28,172 (51,000).

NL Boxes

REDS 4, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi
Lugo 2b	3	1	0	0	Tucker cf	4	0	0 0
Spiers 3b	2	0	0	0	Sexton 2b	4	1	2 1
Bgwell 1b	3	0	0	0	DYong lf	4	0	1 0
Brkmn lf	3	2	2	1	Bartee pr	0	1	0 0
GBarkr cf	0	0	0	0	Casey 1b	3	0	0 1
Alou rf	4	0	2	2	Ochoa rf	4	0	0 0
Hidalgo cf	4	0	2	0	Stynes 3b	4	1	1 2
Miskey c	4	0	0	0	BSntigo c	3	0	1 0
Bogar ss	3	0	0	0	JCastro ss	3	0	1 0
WMillr p	3	0	0	0	OFrdz p	0	0	0 0
Frnklin p	0	0	0	0	Glaubr p	0	0	0 0
Dotel p	0	0	0	0	Clark ph	1	1	1 0
					Whlers p	0	0	0 0
					Cromer ph	1	0	0 0
					Sllivan p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**29**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**Totals**	**31**	**4**	**7 4**
Houston					**010 002 000 — 3**			
Cincinnati					**000 001 003 — 4**			

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—Cincinnati 3. LOB—Houston 5, Cincinnati 3. 2B—Berkman 2 (26), Sexton (4), DYoung (36). HR—Stynes (11). SB—Lugo (19). CS—Spiers (4). S—OFernandez. SF—Casey.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
WMiller	8	6	3	3	0	6
Franklin	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Dotel L,3-6	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Cincinnati						
OFernandez	5	2-3	6	3	3	4
Glauber	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Wohlers	2	0	0	0	2	1
Sullivan W,3-6	1	0	0	0	0	1

WMiller pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.

T—2:40. A—35,623 (52,953).

DODGERS 1, PADRES 0

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi	LOS ANGELES	ab	r	hbi
DJcksn 2b	2	0	0	0	Godwin cf	4	0	0 0
Darr rf	4	0	0	0	Grdzln 2b	2	0	0 0
Klesko 1b	2	0	0	0	Green rf	3	1	1 0
Sprgue 3b	3	0	0	0	Dnnis 1b	2	0	0 0
BDavis c	2	0	0	0	Aven lf	2	0	0 0
RMRva cf	3	0	1	0	Kreuter c	3	0	0 0
Lrocca ss	3	0	0	0	Cora ss	2	0	1 0
Clment p	2	0	0	0	Park p	2	0	0 0
Mgdan ph	1	0	0	0	Bcchca ph	1	0	0 0
KWlkr p	0	0	0	0	Shaw p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**26**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**Totals**	**24**	**1**	**3 0**
San Diego					**000 000 000 — 0**			
Los Angeles					**000 100 00x — 1**			

DP—San Diego 2, Los Angeles 2. LOB—San Diego 5, Los Angeles 3. 2B—Beltre (30). 3B—RMRivera (6). SB—Darr (9).

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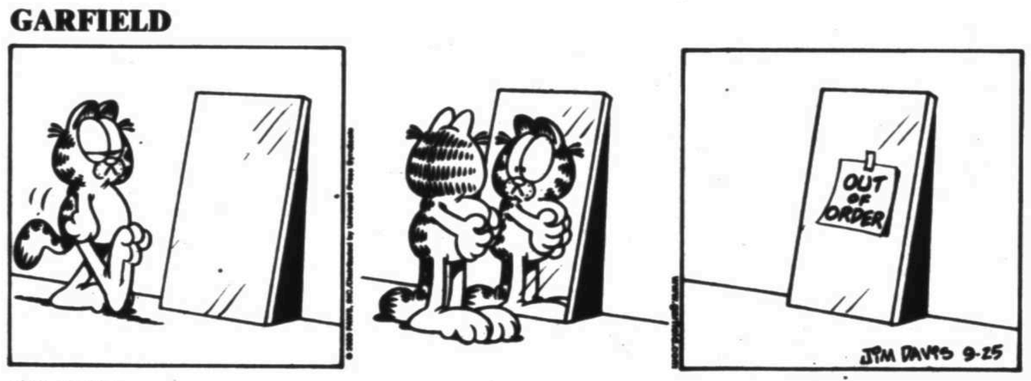

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Sept. 25, 2000:
You often assume a low profile, which helps you gain information and tune in to your higher self. You actually know which way to go in difficult situations, but you need to learn to listen to yourself. Curb a tendency to swallow anger, or you'll feel it physically. If you are single, carefully check out new people. Know that you offer a lot. If attached, your relationship gains from time together away from others. VIRGO reads you cold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your sign is known for directness. Mix in a little softness, and you'll win. Work with others one-on-one. Regroup, especially if you find an idea that doesn't work. Someone takes his time returning a call or giving you the answers you seek. Tonight: Work late.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Creativity soars and answers come forth. You have a distinct style of communication, which makes all the difference in how another responds. Expect touchiness about a money matter. Don't push another away, even if you're frustrated. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay secure when making decisions. Others will challenge your ideas. Take different views in stride and accept comments graciously. In the long run, others will join your camp. Handle a personal matter head-on, even though it might imply that changes are needed. Remain positive. Tonight: Quiet at home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep talking, even if another is blocking communication. Make a conscious effort not to return someone's attitude. Your sixth sense tells you what another is thinking. A child or loved one makes a special effort to gain your approval, so at least acknowledge his effort. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Curb spending before you get into trouble. Take a hard look at your budget at home and at work. A sense of the frivolous undermines your work and decisions. Avoid risks, no matter how much a friend entices you. Tonight: Pay bills.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Allow your sense of mirth to come out. Carefully think about a decision regarding family and work. Balance your schedule carefully, knowing the importance of both. Work on expressing your feelings more appropriately. Avoid boldness. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Getting work done proves to be challenging. Calls and news overwhelm you. Your intuition helps you with a money matter. Stay direct and clear with those around you. Misunderstandings happen with great frequency. Not everyone needs to agree with you. Tonight: Relax with a favorite piece of music.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Venus moves into your sign, making your wish another's command. Now that's more like it! Your high energy drives you to reach out for others. Network and realize a long-term goal. A partner reacts to your unusual charisma. Separate business and pleasure. Tonight: Where your friends are.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You're in the limelight. Others come to you for information and decisions. You might not always be right, but you have a strong sense of direction. Work through your sensitivity emotionally. Another cares, but he might have an odd way of expressing it. Tonight: Listen to an offer.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Make calls and seek out others. Do research and get different opinions. You succeed because of your interpersonal skills. Don't let anyone hold you back. Do not allow restrictions. Your high energy allows you to do twice as much as others. Don't forget to get some exercise. Tonight: On the computer.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating gets results. A boss pats you on the back for a job well-done. You could be on overload. Sharp words need to be mollified with explanations. Let your ingenuity surface in both your professional and personal lives. Review a decision carefully. Tonight: So what if it's Monday night?
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others. Let others lay their cards on the table, and know that you don't have to make a decision yet. Good news comes from a distance. Your word is heard in both literary and legal circles. Consider taking a course or signing up for a workshop. Broaden your horizons. Tonight: Out and about.

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BORN TODAY
Actors Michael Douglas (1944), Will Smith (1968), Steve Reeves (1952)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ J 7 3 ♡ Q 6 ◇ K J 7 ♣ A K 8 5 4
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — North's jump shift is based either on a self-sufficient suit or an excellent fit for clubs. In either case, the most important card in your hand is the queen in North's suit. Tell partner of this by raising to three hearts.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable. You hold:
♠ 10 7 6 2 ♡ A 10 ◇ 9 4 ♣ A 8 7 4 2
Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A — The choices are obvious — one spade or one no-trump. With two aces and a slightly unbalanced hand, you are too strong for the negative-sounding one no-trump. Therefore, we would show the four-card major regardless of its quality. Bid one spade.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K 10 9 6 5 ♡ A 10 ◇ J 2 ♣ A K 10 2
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — Your hand is not strong enough for the high reverse of three clubs, and you do not want to suggest a minimum opening by rebidding two no-trump with a hand this rich in prime cards. That leaves two spades as the only viable option, but take that action only if partner's two-over-one response promises a rebid, which is the modern style.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable. You hold:
♠ 8 7 6 2 ♡ 6 5 ◇ K Q 6 5 ♣ A K 6
Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A — Even in these days of five-card majors, partner's one-diamond opening bid rates to be at least four cards long. The only exception is when opener's hand is specifically 4-4-3-2. That makes it tempting to respond with a jump to three diamonds. However, it is wrong to suppress a four-card major because, if there is a 4-4 spade fit, a 10-trick game should be easier to fulfill than an 11-trick one.

Q 5 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ J 9 6 4 2 ♡ 6 5 3 ◇ J 4 ♣ K J 8
The bidding has proceeded:

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

What do you bid now?

A — In responding to a reverse, there is a pecking order. Foremost among the responses is to rebid a five-card major and, since you have five spades, you must bid two spades now. This facilitates finding an eight-card fit when partner's reverse is based on three-card support for your suit.

Q 6 — Neither vulnerable. You hold:
♠ A Q 6 5 ♡ K 4 ◇ K J 4 ♣ K Q 10 3
Partner opens the bidding with three spades. What do you respond?

A — The first rule of pre-emption is that you never take that action holding two aces. Hence, there is no reason to look for any contract beyond four spades, since you know two aces are missing. Even

CLOSE TO HOME

Learning the task of letting employees go, managers at Eckford Industries did their best to soften the blow.

ZITS

BABY BLUES

DENNIS THE MENACE

"NOW IS WHEN I WISH I HAD EARLIDS!"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Australia oughta have kangaroos on their hurdle teams."

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	C	B	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	2	News 187	Wheel of Fortune 767	20/20 Downtown 4922		NFL Football Jacksonville Jaguars at Indianapolis Colts. From the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. (Live) 631125					News 9952090	Nightline (N) 45893090
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Cosby "Pilot" 38458	Judge Judy (N) 52038	Simpsons	Malcolm-Mid. 41922	That '70s Show 48256	That '70s Show 13651	Mad About You 41831	Nanny 38632	Jerry Springer '14' 41019	Blind Date 15106	Divorce Court 12293
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 9274	Ent. Tonight 3854	Big Brother (N) 6212	Raymond 9038	Survivor "Old and New Bonds" '14' 37212		Family Law 24748		News 8890309	(:35) Late Show (N) 92678632	Late Late 8816496
(9) KWES	9	9	9	Olympic Summer Games Scheduled: track and field finals, gymnastics, men's springboard diving, synchronized swimming. From Sydney, Australia. (Same-day Tape) 330729									News 1430496	Olympic 2711903
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 51458	John Hagee 75038	Light of the Southwest (Live) 35670			Something Good Tonight-Healing 15632			News 89816	Life in the Word 98564	Duane Sheriff 99106	Rebecca Baker 89093
(13) KOCV	36	13		Newshour With Jim Lehrer 329347		Antiques Roadshow (Part 2 of 2) 240038		Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict (N) 558729		Viewpoint 379342		Telecourse 249309		Telecourse 848854
(8) CNBC		8	27	(4:00) Olympic Summer Games (Same-day Tape) 4136458				Rivera Live 7019922		News With Brian Williams 7006458		Business Center 7009545		Rivera Live 3108632
(10) WGN		10		Fresh Pr. 429564	Full House 410816	All She Ever Wanted ('96) Marcia Cross, James Marshall, Leila Kenzle. 470458				News 222748		MacGyver 225835		In the Heat of the Night 492670
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Pr. 9673019	Fresh Pr. 9517477	The Devil's Advocate (:05) (R, '97) ★★½ Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino, Charlize Theron. An attorney goes to work at a law firm run by Satan. 30656922						The Devil's Advocate (R, '97) ★★½ Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino, Charlize Theron. 85207654			
(14) FAM		14	6	Early Edition 851293		Providence 492564		Courage 'PG' 401212		Early Edition 498748		700 Club 491835		Boss?	Boss?
(20) DISC		20	26	Wild Discovery "Crocodile Territory" 'G' 684583		On the Inside "San Francisco S.W.A.T." 886854		Cave of the Glowing Skulls (N) 'G' 862274		Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice 882038		Justice Files "Psycho Killers" 885125		On the Inside "San Francisco S.W.A.T." 468632	
(21) AMC		21	31	Three Stooges 253485		Backstory		Dial M for Murder (PG, '54) ★★★½ 499903			The Naked Prey ★★★ 1900922			Backstory	Dial M
(22) TNN		22	35	Martial Law 426039		Martial Law 230632		WWF Raw '14' 249380		WWF War Zone 236816		Martial Law 239903		Bill Dance	In-Fish
(23) TNT		23	28	Pretender 921449		WCW Monday Nitro '14' 858212				Bull 252854		Pretender 255941		WCW Nitro 800835	
(24) BRAV		24		Moonlighting 698767		Blood and Wine (R, '96) ★★★ 476632				Profiles: Bruce 228922		Blood and Wine (R, '96) ★★★ 581903			
(26) BET		26	33	106 & Park	Hits From St. 393361	Amen		Comicview 853632		BET Live 873496		BET News	BET Tonight	Midnight Love 727390	
(27) DISN		27	41	Mulan (G, '98) ★★★ Voices of Ming-Na Wen. 286564			The Next Karate Kid (PG, '94) ★★ Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Hilary Swank. 488903			Movie Surfers 695670		Boy-World 955564	Boy-World 964212	Zorro 504854	Mickey 746903
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire (N)	World Today 420212		Larry King Live 406632		Newsstand 426496		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 658390	
(29) ESPN		29	30	2-Minute Drill 434380	Monday Night Countdown (N) 571670			Great Outdoor Games Highlights 224090		Great Outdoor Games Highlights 244854		Baseball Tonight (N) 247941		Sportscenter 820458	
(30) USA		30	38	JAG "Deja Vu" 220309		Nash Bridges 415380		Breaking the Magician's Code: Magic's Biggest Secrets Finally Revealed Parts 1 and 2 'G' 402816				Farmclub.com (N) 414651		La Femme Nikita "Gray" '14' 859318	
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 1086496		X-Files 1062816		Married...	Married...	X Show (N) '14' 1085767		X-Files 4901477	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order "Rebels" 'PG' 679651		Biography: George Reeves: Perils 871922		City Confidential (N) 880670		Investigative Reports 877106		Law & Order "Volunteers" 'PG' 870293		Biography: George Reeves: Perils 380800	
(33) TLC		33	21	48 Hours The war against infectious disease. 121467		Code Blue: Sweet Charity (N) 152800		Police Force: Day Watch 'PG' 241748		Secret World of Crime Pursuits (N) 254212		Code Blue: Sweet Charity 264699		Police Force: Day Watch 'PG' 856854	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 'Y' 306516	Rugrats 'Y' 601908	Blue's Clues 341106	Facts of Life 706372	Gilligan's Island 350854	Brady 339361	I Love Lucy 152309	Bev. Hillbillies 687670	All in Family 947564	Jeffersons 956212	Wonder Yrs. 157854	Laverne & Shir. 738903
(36) LIFE		36	40	Woman on the Run: The Lawrencia Bembenek Story ('93) Telum O'Neal, Bruce Greenwood, Peggy McCay. The former policewoman claims she was framed for murder. 931729								Changing Face of Beauty 'PG' 404309		Golden Girls 778496	Golden Girls 927835
(39) OUTDR		39		Dog Show: AKC Nat'l Amateur Retriever 8195212		Water Skiing 7665854	Windsurfing 6724835	Gear Guide 7641274	Curves 7660309	Surfer 2107038	Surfer Mag. 8174729	Water Skiing 5425564	Windsurfing 5434212	Gear Guide 2102583	Curves 9389729
(42) UNI		42	13	Locura de Amor 20651		Mujeres Engañadas 22922		Laberintos de Pasión 31670		Cristina: Edición Especial 28106		Primer Impacto 85090	Noticiero Univ. 42598	Viviana a la Medianoche Enlk Buenfil. 31800	
(43) FSN		43	29	Baseball 86962	Last Word (N) 90274	SW Sports 63632	High School Extra 96458	Rodeo Mesquite Championship. (Taped) 15670		Inside Winston Cup (N) 73926		National Sports Report 23403		Sports Report 79380	Last Word 28729
(44) COM		44		Daily Show 1923816	Ben Stein 1947496	Whose? 8180651	Whose? 1936380	Whose? 8106699	Whose? 8185106	Strangers 3504699	League 9959203	Daily Show 7566106	Ben Stein 7577854	Saturday Night Live 6102477	
(46) ANIM		46		You Lie-Dog	Animals	Hartebeest 80922		Encounter	Ext. Contact	Wild-Set	Wild-Set	Hartebeest 89293		Encounter	Ext. Contact
(47) E!		47		Fashion	Homes	Talk Soup	Scandals	True H'wood 417854		Off-Ramp	Off-Ramp	Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On 478552	
(48) TVL		48	24	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Emergency! 1787748		Adam-12	Van Dyke	Andy Griffith	Leave	Honeymnr	Gomer Pyle	A-Team 1275831	
(49) ODY		49		Avonlea 721421		Snowy River 238274		Derby ('95) Joanne Vannicola. 258039				Young Riders 237545		Lonesm. Dove 756800	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	House	At-Auction	Collect	Home	Country	If Walls	House	At-Auction	Collect	Home	Country
(51) MSNBC		51		Headliners 6071038		Crime Files 1084038		Brian Williams 1060458		Headliners 1073922		Crime Files 1083309		Olympic Games 1781767	
(52) TELE		52		Muñeca Brava 683835		Betty la Fea 224106		Amor Sin Límite 233854		Xica 592019	La Muralla	Noticiero	A Oscuras-Enc. 500458	Laura	
(60) TOON		60		Scooby	Bravo	Powerpuff	Dexter	Bugs	Tom Jerry	Flintstones	Scooby Doo	Powerpuff	Dexter	Gundam	Dragon-Z
(61) TCM		61		The Nanny (5:00) 8868767		My Love Came Back ★★½ 4435905		Kid From Kokomo ('39) ★★½ 8756851					Kid Nightingale 9827274		He Couldn't
(62) HIST		62	32	This Week-Hist 9435835		Secret: D-Day 1789106		Battle Stations 1798854		Motorcycles 'G' 1778090		Escapes-WWII 1788477		Secret: D-Day 5970449	
(63) ESPN2		63		RPM 2Night	Dog Show	PWBA Bowling 3210496		Billiards: BCA 3296816		Bodybuilding 3209380		Strongest Man 3219767		RPM 2Night	Boxing
(64) SCIFI		64	39	Babylon 5 6th. 8336851		Outer Limits 8047699		Outer Limits 8023019		Outer Limits 8036583		Crossing	Twilight Z.	Poltergeist-Leg. 4995125	
(53) PLEX				Our Family 63873851	Hard Promises (:20) (PG, '91) ★★ William Petersen. 93823187			Forever Young (PG, '92) ★★★ Mel Gibson. 3256816		Mr. Wrte (:45) (PG-13, '94) ★★ Paul Reiser, Jessica Tuck, Doug Davidson. 76392941				Club Med 16290922	
(65) FLIX		65		The Return of the Soldier (5:05) ★★★ 93894495		Seconds (R, '66) ★★★½ Rock Hudson, Salome Jens, Will Geer. 1475039				The Savage Seven ('67) ★★ Robert Walker, Adam Roarke, Joanna Frank. 1771187		Illegal In Blue (R, '95) Stacey Dash. 5367318			
(66) SHOW		66	20	The Sandy Bottom Orchestra (5:15) 94970361		The Wood (R, '99) ★★ Omar Epps, Sean Nelson, Taye Diggs. 754944				Resurrection Blvd. Jaime haunts Victoria. 428854		A Simple Plan (R, '98) ★★½ Bill Paxton, Billy Bob Thornton, Brent Briscoe. 6970309			
(67) TMC		67	16	Miracle Mile 1739498	My Blue Heaven (:20) (PG-13, '90) ★★½ Steve Martin. 5159854			Bat 21 (R, '88) ★★★ Gene Hackman, Danny Glover. 6159309			All First Sight (:45) (PG-13, '99) ★★ Val Kilmer. A blind man undergoes an operation to regain his sight. 96331380				
(68) HBO		68	15	We're No Angels (5:00) ('89) ★★½ 316870		Saving Private Ryan (R, '98) ★★★★ Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. U.S. troops look for a missing comrade during World War II. 312361						Blue Streak (PG-13, '99) ★½ Martin Lawrence. 5161309		Almost 4290125	
(69) HBOP		69		Message in a Bottle (4:45) ('99) ★★ 93867584		A Midsummer Night's Dream (PG-13, '99) ★★ Kevin Kline, Michelle Pfeiffer. 6357903				Oz "Legs" 'MA' 8730583		Sex & City 9491106	Arliss 9400854	Legal Deceit (NR, '97) Lois Rochon. 6517877	
(70) HBOS		70		American Gigolo (R, '80) ★ Richard Gere, Lauren Hutton, Nina Van Pallandt. 8717632				"I'll Think Of You (PG-13, '97) ★½ Joanna Trippleshorn, Dylan McDermott. 8729477				Gia ('98) ★★★ Angelina Jolie. Based on the rise and fall of supermodel Gia Carangi. (TVM) 55759695			
(71) MAX		71		Princess Diana's Dresses (N) 'G' 866125		There's Something About Mary (R, '98) ★★½ Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon. 6513360				Lured Innocence (R, '99) ★★ Dennis Hopper. 5818670		Body of Love (:45) (NR, '00) Jay Stewart. 12512670			
(72) MAX2		72		Aurora 56226600	Southern Cross (:20) (NR, '99) Estel Morales. 87570274			The Last of the Priest (R, '90) ★★ Brian Dennehy. 5759106			Fright Night (:45) (R, '85) ★★★ Chris Sarandon, Roddy McDowall. 21529748			Shadow 99156594	

PEOPLE TODAY

Simpson buys five-bedroom Florida home

MIAMI — **O.J. Simpson** is putting down roots in South Florida.

The former football great, who had been renting a home in the area, on Friday purchased a renovated five-bedroom that stands on nearly two acres of land. The four-bath house has a 1,000-square-foot pool, multi-level deck and a brick fireplace.

The asking price for the 47-year-old home in Miami was $625,000, but neither the real estate agent nor the sellers would confirm the sale price.

Simpson's former home in Los Angeles was sold after a civil court jury found him responsible for the 1995 killings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Simpson, who had been acquitted of their murders during an earlier criminal trial, was ordered to pay their families $33.5 million. He believes Florida law, under which homes cannot be seized by most creditors, will protect his home from the Goldmans and Browns. Simpson lives on his monthly $20,000 National Football League pension.

"For years my kids have not had the stability of living in one place," Simpson said in Saturday's The Miami Herald. "Now they need a place of their own."

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SEATTLE — **Eddie Vedder** was a hit at his first appearance at a political rally.

The frontman for the grunge rock band Pearl Jam opened for Green Party presidential nominee **Ralph Nader** on Saturday night. Thousands of people turned out for the event.

Eddie Vedder of band Pearl Jam appeared at rally in support of Ralph Nader.

Some of Vedder's band mates showed up too, but perhaps just to see where their money went. A few months ago, Vedder gave the Nader campaign a few thousand dollars of the band's money — without the band's permission.

"Basically, I told them the next day, 'Hey, we donated a few grand to Nader.' I just assumed they'd agree with me," Vedder told The Associated Press. "They said, 'OK. But we have a few questions.' I think those questions are getting answered."

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ASPEN, Colo. — Priceline.com chairman **Richard Braddock** won't be home for Christmas.

The millionaire is renting a Colorado mansion for the holidays for $388,625. That's $18,505 a day.

Braddock and his wife, **Susan**, will rent the 23,000-square-foot Peak House and the three acres it sits on. The spread, worth an estimated $27 million, isn't just any mountain property.

"It's the best house in Aspen," said real estate agent Brian Speck.

Peak House has been tangled up in a federal lawsuit in which its owner, Czech financier Viktor Kozeny, is accused of fraud and racketeering. Kozeny allegedly used the property to woo Aspen's rich and famous into investing in a convoluted oil scheme.

U.S. Chief District Judge Lewis Babcock, who froze Kozeny's Colorado assets and last week granted the property's lawyers the right to rent it out, was philosophical about the price.

"I just live in a different world," he said.

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Tenor Jose Carreras dedicates concert to victims of sunken Russian sub.

MOSCOW — Tenor **Jose Carreras** dedicated his concert to the 118 Russian sailors killed when the Kursk nuclear submarine sank last month.

"I know what pain and suffering is," the 53-year-old Spanish singer said during a concert Saturday. "Music always gives strength and allows a person to fight on."

The Kursk suffered two explosions Aug. 12. and sank to the Barents Sea floor. Officials have not determined what caused the disaster.

Carreras, who performed in the grandiose Kremlin Palace of Congresses, said the music of Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff had helped him overcome a battle with leukemia

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited by Fran & Lou Sabin

ACROSS
1 Remove sheets from, as a bed
6 Talk too much
10 WW II turning point
14 Stockholm resident
15 Rajah's wife
16 Illinois neighbor
17 Arrested
18 Give off
19 Chew persistently
20 Temporary fix
23 Report card entry
24 Singer Garfunkel
25 Turner of broadcasting
26 Bell and Barker
29 Letterman rival
31 — Lanka
33 Enthusiastic about
35 Afternoon socials
37 Not at all handy
41 1958 Richard Burton film
44 Hunter's trap
45 African antelope
46 Mediocre
47 Ventilate
49 Little more than
51 Porker's place
52 Apr. 15th advisor
55 Cooking fuel
57 Norwegian capital
59 Consider sound advice
64 Prefix for disestablishmentarianism
65 Firewood unit
66 Outdoor sitting area
68 Took to court
69 Formerly
70 Special ability
71 Energetic
72 Caboose locale
73 Gave relief to

DOWN
1 Kazakhstan, once: Abbr.
2 "— brillig and the slithy toves..."
3 Tenant's payment
4 Figure of speech
5 Letter-writing friend
6 Reckless, as speed
7 Street lighter
8 Inner personality, to Jung
9 Muzzled dogs, e.g.
10 Excavates
11 Pastry with a hole
12 Mindful (of)
13 Went off course
21 Actress Garbo
22 Open courtyards
26 Wire thickness units
27 "Author unknown": Abbr.
28 Porch for Pericles
30 Rope fiber used in caulking
32 Travelers' stopovers
34 Gumbo ingredient
36 Fries or slaw
38 Hollywood has some big ones
39 Nuisance
40 "Iliad" setting
42 Neutral color
43 Hospital worker
48 Ill will
50 Pass, as time
52 Word before act or action
53 Poster girl
54 Fall bloomer
56 Boulder
58 Honshu port
60 Shipshape
61 Black and white whale
62 Elevator name
63 Cleopatra's river
67 From a prior era

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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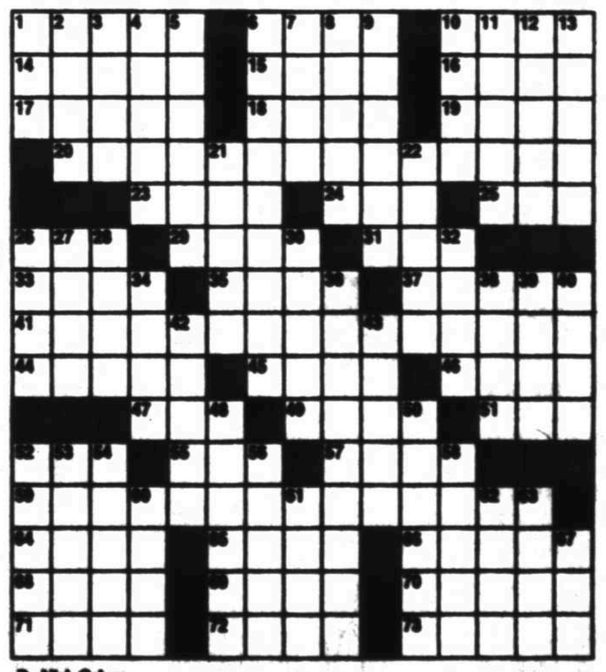

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WEBZONE

New one-stop government Web site debuts

By D. Ian Hopper
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Want to track your Social Security benefits? Need to apply for a federal student loan? Having trouble surfing the Internet to find the nearest veterans hospital? Want to reserve a campsite at a national park?

Now, Americans can do all these things by logging on to a single U.S. government Web site: http://firstgov.gov.

The one-stop Internet site consolidates 20,000 government Web sites — some 27 million Web pages — into one.

"Up to this point, the problem has been finding the information" in the maze of government Web sites, said Thomas Kalil, special assistant to the president for economic policy. "It's been like a library without a card catalog."

David J. Barram, administrator of the General Services Administration, which will manage FirstGov, said the site's "simple and elegant" design will help both citizens and federal workers find information quicker and easier.

"The Internet is the most powerful tool for working, communicating and transacting," he said. "What we are doing here is trying to make it easy for citizens to do those things with their government."

President Clinton gave the agency 90 days to have a Web site up and running, and Barram said FirstGov was done in "Internet Time," far quicker than many other government projects. Helping to speed matters along, the new site's search engine, Fedsearch, was donated by Inktomi chief scientist Eric Brewer.

The site will also be customized for partners, such as America Online or Yahoo!, so that users of those services will see different versions of FirstGov and the search engine. Barram said there has been "tremendous interest" in partnerships from the Internet community.

Barram, who was the chief financial officer at Apple Computer during its heyday in the late 1980s and early '90s, is a technology lover himself, carrying a Palm V handheld computer on his belt like a sidearm.

"In GSA, everyone has had access to the Internet since 1996," he said. "If we wanted to be great, we needed people to have great tools. You feel you're part of the world, you do things more quickly, more efficiently."

A recent Brown University report criticized government agencies for not using the Internet efficiently. It said that the sites had no common design or navigational structure, and many lacked useful features and information.

While Barram said he opposed having a single agency decide the content and design of each federal Web site, preferring to leave it up to individual Webmasters, he said FirstGov will encourage agencies to improve their sites.

"If I came to your neighborhood and said, 'The only house that isn't painted is yours,' I suspect you'd paint that sucker right away," he said.

FirstGov: http://www.firstgov.gov
General Services Administration: http://www.gsa.gov
Inktomi: http://www.inktomi.com

Compulsion to measure stuff spreads to Internet

By Katie Hafner
N.Y. Times News Service

Perhaps it would interest you to know that during the first quarter of this year, 50.4 percent of Internet users were women. You might be intrigued by the recent news that the number of people who visited George W. Bush's official Web site, www.georgewbush.com, soared 522 percent after a new version opened last month. Or maybe you will find it fascinating to learn that the money spent on business-to-business online advertising is expected to reach $3 billion by 2005.

Then again, you may not care in the least.

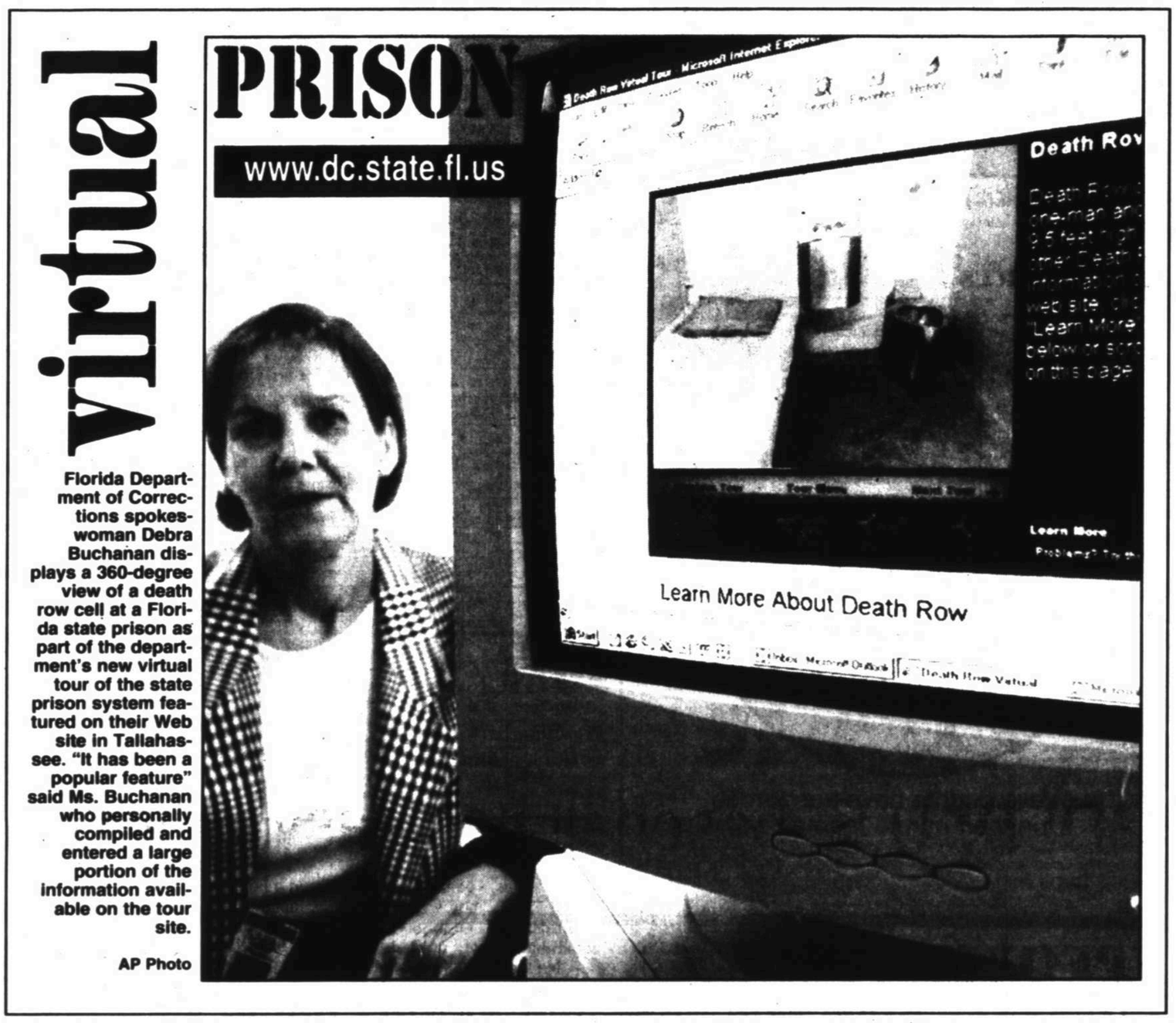
The many figures, projections and demographic revelations that those in the Internet business have decided are relevant to the public may demonstrate just one incontrovertible fact: the compulsion to measure has run amok.

Market research is nothing new, of course. But as recently as 10 years ago, research results were, for the most part, shared quietly with the companies that used them to chart business strategies. Today, they are the stuff of headlines. Internet research now commands the same kind of attention as political polls and baseball statistics. But sports fans, baseball addicts in particular, demand their numbers. It's all part of the pleasure of the pastime. And political polls are just another type of scorekeeping.

Keeping track of the Internet industry is different. The number of online advertisers may be useful to companies plotting their courses in the online world, but the statistic is so much white noise to the public at large. Few people are likely to grow cranky if not given a daily dose of Web site rankings or told how many Web-enabled cell phones will be on the market by year's end. In the rush to inform the public on all matters related to the Internet, no one has asked the most obvious question: Who really cares?

Market research reports are used as tools to sell products. Corporate clients pay as much as $45,000 a year to receive sales projections for e-commerce, commerce conducted over mobile devices, cell phones and personal digital assistants.

Not surprisingly, the companies usually get what they pay for. A study sponsored by a Spanish-language site reveals that Hispanics are rushing to get online. A study paid for by a Web site geared toward women concludes that women are more likely to buy things online than men are. Yet another — commissioned by, of all things, a cell phone retailer — finds that Americans are optimistic about the ways cell phones will be used in the future.



Florida Department of Corrections spokeswoman Debra Buchanan displays a 360-degree view of a death row cell at a Florida state prison as part of the department's new virtual tour of the state prison system featured on their Web site in Tallahassee. "It has been a popular feature" said Ms. Buchanan who personally compiled and entered a large portion of the information available on the tour site.

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WHAT'S NEW

GAME REVIEW

I See Sue ... the T. Rex

By Alice Keim

Long before Barney sank his purple talons into preschoolers, dinosaurs fascinated children. Fortunately for parents, the study of dinosaurs can develop important scientific inquiry skills in young students, and the academic appeal lasts long after children learn to distinguish Hollywood fiction from fact.

I had high expectations for "I See Sue", a CD-ROM game developed with The Field Museum of Chicago and based on Sue, the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever discovered. Sue was found in South Dakota 10 years ago and went on display in May.

But the Field Museum's Web site (www.fieldmuseum.com/) provided more extensive and educational information on Sue and her environment than the CD-ROM itself.

The disk starts with a catchy jingle and flashes some dinosaur images as a song explains the game. The program then shows a main menu screen with four levels of difficulty, sound options and whether to play against the computer or a friend. Square color-coded game tiles appear in the bottom third of the screen, each featuring the head, tail or body of a specific dinosaur. The object of the game is to match the parts to complete a dinosaur.

After you match three tiles, a completed dinosaur moves along a trail. There are shortcuts for some species. If they have wings they can fly over part of the trail, and if they are light and graceful they can take a log bridge. The first player to complete the trail is rewarded with a picture of Sue and a dinosaur drawing to print out and color. Facts on each dinosaur are presented in clever rhyming sentences that, if reenforced throughout the program, could have helped players retain information.

Sadly, the game is buried in its limitations. Names and facts are in audio only, and young users will have trouble remembering them. There is a help screen, but it only offers pictures of each dinosaur and details like "crosses log bridges."

For a game based on one of the most exciting modern dinosaur discoveries, "I See Sue" is anti-climatic. After finishing the trail, the player gets to see a bit of Sue accompanied by some uninspiring animation. The real Sue deserves better.

By comparison, DK's "Dinosaur Hunter Deluxe" is buried treasure. The program has two main sections: a virtual museum and 3D environments representing the environments in which the dinosaurs lived. The environments are interesting, but the museum, an interactive environment with exhibits and activities, brings more than 50 species of dinosaurs to life, is a gem.

The virtual visitor can wander the dark museum halls and follow a time line through the Jurassic, Triassic and Cretaceous periods. Along the way they can learn about specific dinosaurs and their characteristics through videos, displays and puzzles. The central exhibit hall, The Arena, provides extensive information about Dinosaur anatomy and behavior. The second main exhibit area focuses on the discovery, including information on where and how dinosaur fossils were found and details about great discoverers.

The program has brilliant explanations of the dinosaur's characteristics and behavioral habits. For example, many of the explanations combine animation with video of modern animals. A section on how ancient herbivores chewed uses clips of camels to demonstrate a circular grinding motion and reptiles using an up and down movement, and then uses animation to show a dinosaur jaw in motion, which looks like a combination of the above.

Visitors can also go to the Dinosaur Excavation Site, a room that features The Excavator, which is a virtual machine that allows the user to uncover bones of dinosaur species. First, the user chooses a species to complete and then reads about the dinosaur's history. Next the visitor excavates several layers and uses tools to find the bones.

Bones can be identified by relative age, body part and shape. The dig is not particularly difficult, but it requires patience to search through the layers. Once all the bones are recovered, the dinosaur comes to life and roams the museum corridors. The program features wonderful graphics and explanatory animation. Young dinosaur fans will delight in their prehistoric encounters here.

Before leaving the museum, visitors go to the Museum Store. While the very name may have parents clutching their wallets, the area offers free program accessories. Shoppers can download images and sounds to their hard drives, or print out masks, stationary and postcards. I enjoyed the jukebox where you could hear the sounds of 12 dinosaurs. The museum products are an excellent way to extend the activities beyond the program.

"Dinosaur Hunter Deluxe" is full of information and educational activities, but navigating the program was frustrating. For example, I found myself going in circles as I searched for the excavation area. There is a help section that explains each area of the museum, but this did not get me where I wanted to go. The halls feel like the corridors of a true natural history museum but, sadly, without the guards to guide you.

PRODUCT NOTES:

"I See Sue ... the T. Rex"

(Simon and Schuster Interactive; $19.95; Windows 95/98 or Macintosh Power PC.)

"Dinosaur Hunter Deluxe"

(Dorling Kindersley; $19.95; Windows 95/98/2000.)

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Q&A

How to help a Palm organizer get in sync with desktop computer

By J.D. Biersdorfer
N.Y. Times News Service

Q. I recently purchased a Palm V organizer and installed the appropriate software in my computer, but I was unable to synchronize the Palm functions with the PC. How do I remedy the situation?

A. There could be a number of things that are causing the communications problem between the Palm organizer and the desktop computer. Many problems with getting Palm's HotSync software to work smoothly can be traced to the computer's COM ports, especially if you have other programs using them.

After you have made sure that the Palm's cradle is firmly connected to the back of the computer, check to see whether the HotSync Manager program is running. Look for a little red-and-blue HotSync icon on your system tray, then open it and check the Setup options in the menu to make sure that you have directed the HotSync program to use an available COM port. That port cannot be the same one that your internal modem uses and it cannot have the same IRQ (Interrupt Request) value as your computer's mouse or any other hardware device.

There are probably too many unknown factors to diagnose the precise reason for the HotSync problem here. Palm says that simply quitting and restarting the HotSync Manager program will sometimes fix the problem. Palm's Web site, however, has a very detailed section on how to troubleshoot HotSync problems on both the Windows and Macintosh platforms (www.palm.com/support/hotsync.html). The page also contains links to documents about COM port management for the Palm, problems with the USB version of the HotSync software and Mac OS 9.0.4., and a host of other platform-related issues.

Q. When I play CD-ROM programs on my computer, they seem to stutter. Is that a mechanical problem with the CD drive?

A. It could be a mechanical problem, but you might try cleaning the lens on the CD-ROM drive first to see whether that helps with the skipping. The CD player reads the disks with an optical lens, and things like dust, dirt and pet hair can get sucked inside the computer and wind up on the lens. If the lens is blocked by dirt, it cannot read the disk accurately, and that causes skipping or stuttering.

One of the easiest ways to clean the drive is to purchase a special lens-cleaner CD from a computer or electronics store. These cleaning disks, which cost around $10 apiece and can be used repeatedly, usually have tiny brushes embedded on the underside that can sweep accumulated debris off the lens.

Q. Some World Wide Web addresses have "www" in them, but I've seen some that have "www2" instead, and I land there even if I type "www" in the address. Why?

A. The "www" is a common Internet standard indicating that the computer you're trying to reach is a Web server. But it is not mandatory, and it is not part of the site's domain name, which is the main part of a Web address, like rockthevote.com.

Depending on how the site was set up, "www" may be a required part of the URL, or you may not even have to type it. Some sites don't even have it in their addresses. Many just set set up electronic pointers that will direct you to the right page, no matter what variation of the domain name you type.

When you see "www2" or something similar in a Web address, odds are that the site had multiple servers with the same content, and you were just redirected to another server in the site's fleet.

Some Web browsers, like the current versions of Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer, will helpfully insert the "http://www." and the ".com" for you. If you use one of these browsers, you can type "nytimes," for example, in the address box and it will take you to www.nytimes.com.

Circuits invites questions about computer-based technology, by e-mail to Q&A(at)nytimes.com or mail to Questions, Circuits, The New York Times, 229 West 43rd St., New York, N.Y. 10036-3959. This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF SCORES

Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Final scores and prize money Sunday from the $2.6 million West Texas Open on the 6,905-yard, par-70 LaCantera Country Club course:

Justin Leonard, $468,000	64 — 261
Mark Wiebe, $280,800	67 — 266
Jim Gallagher, $150,800	68 — 269
Blaine McCallister, $150,800	69 — 269
Frank Lickliter, $104,000	67 — 270
Len Mattiace, $87,100	66 — 271
Duffy Waldorf, $87,100	66 — 271
Esteban Toledo, $87,100	67 — 271
Brian Watts, $65,000	67 — 272
Loren Roberts, $65,000	69 — 272
Corey Pavin, $65,000	68 — 272
Ben Bates, $65,000	68 — 272
Dan Forsman, $65,000	69 — 272
Bob May, $44,200	65 — 273
Charles Howell III, $44,200	65 — 273
Brian Claar, $44,200	68 — 273
Jerry Kelly, $44,200	70 — 273
Cameron Beckman, $44,200	70 — 273
Sean Murphy, $25,811	66 — 274
Rick Fehr, $25,811	66 — 274
David Toms, $25,811	66 — 274
J.L. Lewis, $25,811	65 — 274
Scott Dunlap, $25,811	65 — 274
Paul Goydos, $25,811	65 — 274
Stewart Cink, $25,811	68 — 274
Pete Jordan, $25,811	69 — 274
Harrison Frazar, $25,811	64 — 274
Joel Edwards, $25,811	69 — 274
Brett Quigley, $25,811	69 — 274
Jonathan Kaye, $16,900	68 — 275
Dudley Hart, $16,900	68 — 275
Tim Herron, $16,900	72 — 275
Craig Barlow, $13,446	68 — 276
Dicky Pride, $13,446	68 — 276
Jerry Smith, $13,446	68 — 276
Steve Hart, $13,446	66 — 276
Rich Beem, $13,446	70 — 276
Ted Tryba, $13,446	72 — 276
Mike Reid, $13,446	72 — 276
Dave Barr, $10,400	71 — 277
Jay Williamson, $10,400	72 — 277
Woody Austin, $10,400	66 — 277
Stan Utley, $10,400	65 — 277
Carlos Franco, $8,320	70 — 278
Shaun Micheel, $8,320	72 — 278
Robert Thompson, $8,320	73 — 278
Steve Lowery, $8,320	68 — 278
Mike Sposa, $6,614	72 — 279
Bill Glasson, $6,614	70 — 279
Doug Dunakey, $6,614	73 — 279
Bob Gilder, $6,614	69 — 279
Joe Durant, $6,614	67 — 279
Bart Bryant, $6,049	71 — 280
Dan Pohl, $6,049	74 — 280
Jim Carter, $6,049	68 — 280
Mike Standly, $5,824	73 — 281
D.A. Weibring, $5,824	71 — 281
Kelly Gibson, $5,824	71 — 281
John Rollins, $5,824	76 — 281
David Ogrin, $5,824	71 — 281
Clarence Rose, $5,512	72 — 282
Ed Fiori, $5,512	72 — 282
Scott Gump, $5,512	71 — 282
Scott McCarron, $5,512	70 — 282
Yoshinori Mizumaki, $5,512	70 — 282
Greg Kraft, $5,512	69 — 282
Andy Bean, $5,512	69 — 282
Brandel Chamblee, $5,226	73 — 283
Steve Elkington, $5,226	73 — 283
P.H. Horgan III, $5,226	72 — 283
Sandy Lyle, $5,226	68 — 283
Jason Buha, $5,018	74 — 284
Phil Blackmar, $5,018	71 — 284
Mike Heinen, $5,018	70 — 284
Keith Clearwater, $5,018	70 — 284
John Daly, $4,862	74 — 286
David Morland IV, $4,862	67 — 286

Bank One Seniors

DALLAS (AP) — Final scores and earnings Sunday of the $1.4 million Bank One Senior Championship, played on the 7,019-yard, par-72 Bent Tree Country Club course:

Larry Nelson, $210,000	68 — 203
Bill Brask, $112,000	70 — 204
Jim Thorpe, $112,000	70 — 204
Tom Watson, $75,600	67 — 205
Gil Morgan, $75,600	71 — 205
Dana Quigley, $56,000	70 — 207
John Mahaffey, $47,600	71 — 208
Bob Murphy, $47,600	76 — 208
Bob Charles, $37,800	70 — 209
Bruce Summerhays, $37,800	71 — 209
Bruce Fleisher, $32,200	71 — 210
Hale Irwin, $32,200	71 — 210
Kermit Zarley, $24,500	71 — 211
Graham Marsh, $24,500	70 — 211
Jim Albus, $24,500	72 — 211
Allen Doyle, $24,500	72 — 211
Doug Tewell, $24,500	74 — 211
Tom Kite, $24,500	74 — 211
Hubert Green, $18,527	72 — 212
Hugh Baiocchi, $18,527	74 — 212
John D. Morgan, $18,527	75 — 212
Vicente Fernandez, $15,085	70 — 213
Andy North, $15,085	72 — 213
Lee Trevino, $15,085	74 — 213
Tom Shaw, $15,085	75 — 213
Dave Eichelberger, $12,740	72 — 214
Tom Jenkins, $12,740	72 — 214
Walter Hall, $12,740	73 — 214
John Grace, $10,815	71 — 215
Fred Gibson, $10,815	72 — 215
Buzz Thomas, $10,815	73 — 215
Gary McCord, $10,815	75 — 215
George Archer, $8,460	70 — 216
Bob Eastwood, $8,460	72 — 216
Howard Twitty, $8,460	72 — 216
David Graham, $8,460	72 — 216
Tom Wargo, $8,460	72 — 216
Dale Douglass, $8,460	73 — 216
Mike McCullough, $8,460	72 — 216
Ron Parsons, $6,580	72 — 217
Roy Vucinich, $6,580	73 — 217
Joe Inman, $6,580	75 — 217
Jose Maria Canizares, $6,580	78 — 217
John Bland, $6,580	78 — 217
Jay Sigel, $5,180	74 — 218
Jim Holtgrieve, $5,180	75 — 218
Chuck Moran, $5,180	75 — 218
Isao Aoki, $5,180	75 — 218
Simon Hobday, $5,180	76 — 218
Jim Ahern, $4,200	75 — 219
Mike Hill, $4,200	79 — 219
Orville Moody, $3,640	76 — 220
J.C. Snead, $3,640	76 — 220
Calvin Peete, $3,080	74 — 221
DeWitt Weaver, $3,080	74 — 221
Don Bies, $3,080	75 — 221
Christy O'Connor, $3,080	75 — 221
Jesse Patino, $3,080	77 — 221
Gibby Gilbert, $2,380	74 — 222
Terry Mauney, $2,380	74 — 222
Chi Chi Rodriguez, $2,380	76 — 222
Jim Colbert, $2,380	77 — 222
Miller Barber, $2,380	77 — 222
Leonard Thompson, $1,960	78 — 223
Lanny Wadkins, $1,610	75 — 224
Terry Dill, $1,610	75 — 224
Tom McGinnis, $1,610	75 — 224
Bob Dickson, $1,610	77 — 224
Jim Barker, $1,232	74 — 226
David Lundstrom, $1,232	76 — 226
Al Geiberger, $1,232	79 — 226
Rocky Thompson, $1,064	76 — 227
Tommy Aaron, $924	79 — 228
Dean Overturf, $924	77 — 228
Steve Veriato, $924	79 — 228
Ed Dougherty, $812	83 — 230

LPGA-Safeway

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Final scores and earnings Sunday of the $800,000 Safeway LPGA Golf Championship, played on the 6,307-yard, par-72 Columbia Edgewater Country Club course (a-amateur; x-won on second hole of playoff):

x-Mi Hyun Kim, $120,000	72 — 215
Jeong Jang, $74,474	71 — 215
Marnie McGuire, $48,307	72 — 216
Annika Sorenstam, $48,307	73 — 216
Charlotta Sorenstam, $31,198	67 — 217
Se Ri Pak, $31,198	69 — 217
Maggie Will, $21,201	70 — 218
Kellee Booth, $21,201	71 — 218
Dottie Pepper, $21,201	75 — 218
Juli Inkster, $15,449	72 — 219
Cindy Figg-Currier, $15,449	73 — 219
Michelle McGann, $15,449	75 — 219
Laura Philo, $10,107	71 — 220
Ashli Bunch, $10,107	72 — 220
Cristie Kerr, $10,107	72 — 220
Shani Waugh, $10,107	72 — 220
Beth Daniel, $10,107	73 — 220
Pamela Kerrigan, $10,107	73 — 220
Kate Golden, $10,107	73 — 220
Laur. Rinker-Graham, $10,107	74 — 220
Dale Eggeling, $10,107	74 — 220
Betsy King, $10,107	74 — 220
Denise Killeen, $10,107	74 — 220
V. Goetze-Ackerman, $10,107	75 — 220
a-Aree Wongluekiet	77 — 220
Jenny Lidback, $6,990	71 — 221
Barb Whitehead, $6,990	72 — 221
Michele Redman, $6,990	75 — 221
Amy Fruhwirth, $6,990	75 — 221
Pearl Sinn, $6,990	76 — 221
Donna Andrews, $6,990	78 — 221
Carin Koch, $5,541	73 — 222
Sara Sanders, $5,541	73 — 222
Vickie Odegard, $5,541	73 — 222
Becky Iverson, $5,541	74 — 222
Luciana Bernvenuti, $5,541	75 — 222
Susie Redman, $5,541	76 — 222
Liselotte Neumann, $5,541	76 — 222
Catriona Matthew, $4,167	72 — 223
Lorie Kane, $4,167	72 — 223
Jen Hanna, $4,167	74 — 223
Patti Liscio, $4,167	74 — 223
Leigh Ann Mills, $4,167	75 — 223
Eva Dahllof, $4,167	75 — 223
Nancy Harvey , $4,167	76 — 223
Nancy Scranton, $2,870	73 — 224
Marilyn Lovander, $2,870	74 — 224
Dana Dormann, $2,870	74 — 224
Vicki Fergon, $2,870	75 — 224
Dan. Ammaccapane, $2,870	75 — 224
Tina Barrett, $2,870	76 — 224
Julie Piers, $2,870	76 — 224
Marta Figueras-Dotti, $2,870	77 — 224
Emilee Klein, $2,870	79 — 224
Heather Bowie, $1,897	74 — 225
Fiona Pike, $1,897	74 — 225
Kristi Albers, $1,897	74 — 225
Nanci Bowen, $1,897	74 — 225
Lisa Hackney, $1,897	74 — 225
Pat Bradley, $1,897	77 — 225
Karen Pearce, $1,283	75 — 226
Dawn Coe-Jones, $1,283	75 — 226
Wendy Ward, $1,283	76 — 226
Penny Hammel, $1,283	77 — 226
Yu Ping Lin, $1,283	78 — 226
Audra Burks, $1,283	78 — 226
Jean Zedlitz, $1,283	79 — 226
Marisa Baena, $1,283	80 — 226
Cindy McCurdy, $1,1052	77 — 227
Caroline Blaylock, $1,052	79 — 227
Kathryn Marshall, $951	79 — 229
Mhairi McKay, $951	80 — 229
Jan Stephenson, $951	81 — 229
Amy Read, $891	79 — 230

Oregon Classic

JUNCTION CITY, Ore. (AP) — Final scores and earnings Sunday of the $400,000 Buy.com Oregon Classic, played on the 7,007-yard, par-72 Shadow Hills Country Club course:

Keoke Cotner, $72,000	68 — 272
Tommy Biershenk, $35,200	66 — 274
Jody Bellflower, $35,200	69 — 274
Jason Gore, $19,200	67 — 275
Pat Perez, $15,200	69 — 277
Todd Barranger, $15,200	71 — 277
Rob Bradley, $12,050	67 — 278
Paul Gow, $12,050	68 — 278
David Berganio, $12,050	68 — 278
Ted Purdy, $12,050	72 — 278
Vaughn Taylor, $10,000	65 — 279
Ian Leggatt, $8,800	69 — 280
John Riegger, $8,800	70 — 280
Randy Leen, $7,200	68 — 281
Don Reese, $7,200	68 — 281
R.W. Eaks, $7,200	70 — 281
Mike Grob, $6,000	70 — 282
John Kernohan, $6,000	71 — 282
Andrew Tredway, $6,600	71 — 282
Patrick Burke, $4,480	67 — 283
Charley Hoffman, $4,480	66 — 283
Matt Peterson, $4,480	70 — 283
Greg Gregory, $4,480	70 — 283
Eric Meeks, $4,480	71 — 283
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IOC confirms Hunter tested positive for drugs

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SYDNEY, Australia — American shot put world champion C.J. Hunter, husband of Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones, tested positive for a banned substance, international track officials confirmed Monday.

Istvan Gyulai, general secretary of the IAAF, track's world governing body, said the case is being referred to USA Track & Field.

Hunter is not competing in Sydney, but is credentialed as a coach for his wife. He won the U.S. trials in June but withdrew from the team Sept. 11, eight days after arthroscopic knee surgery in North Carolina.

IOC drug chief Prince Alexandre de Merode said Monday that an athlete tested positive for the steroid nandrolone at the Bislett Games in Oslo, Norway, in late July. He said the IOC was not told the name of the athlete or the nationality involved.

A woman who answered the phone at Hunter's hotel room refused to comment, saying, "Call his agent."

A message seeking comment from agent Charles Wells at the same hotel was not returned.

Nandrolone helps athletes gain strength and muscle bulk by repairing the damage of high-level training and competition. It has been involved in hundreds of recent doping cases.

At the Bislett Games on July 28, Hunter finished second in the shot with a throw of 69 feet, 9 inches.

The 330-pound Hunter had been among the favorites for a shot put gold medal in Sydney before his injury. Ranked No. 1 in the world last year after winning the world championship with a throw of 71-6, Hunter also was the bronze medalist at the 1997 world championships. He is a three-time U.S. champion and the 1995 world indoor silver medalist. He finished seventh at the 1996 Olympics.

Jones won gold in the 100 meters on Saturday and is trying to win an unprecedented five gold medals in Sydney. There have been no reports linking Jones to use of banned performance enhancers.

Craig Masback, head of USA Track & Field, was unavailable for comment and messages to his cell phone were not immediately returned.

De Merode also accused U.S. track and field officials of covering up five positive drug tests before the 1988 Seoul Olympics. He said he didn't recall the names of the athletes, but that some may have won medals during the games.

Gyulai said he was sad that the reports on Hunter were coming now.

"I regret that this news is breaking when Marion Jones is running," he said. "It's terrible whether it's true or not. It has nothing to do with the Olympics. I personally regret if it's true or not. If it's not true, it would seem there are efforts to smear the wonderful days here."

GOLD: U.S. baseball has easy victory

(From 1C)

in an opening round game.

FYI: None of the U.S. team members were alive when Lesley Bush won her 1964 diving medal.

■ **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Intent on defending the 1996 gold too, the U.S. women blew out Poland, 76-57, for their fifth straight win and first place in their preliminary group. Sheryl Swoopes and Yolanda Griffith scored 16 points each to lead the Americans into the quarterfinals, while Lisa Leslie added 14.

FYI: Teresa Edwards, at 3 months old, was the only U.S. player born before Bush's gold medal.

■ **TRACK:** Three-time sprint gold medalist Gail Devers is after the one that got away. Devers, one of the world's top hurdlers for the last decade, has never won an Olympic gold in the hurdles. On Monday (Sunday night EDT), Devers won her first heat in the 100-meter hurdles — the first step toward filling that empty spot on her mantle.

Joining Devers in the second round were U.S. teammates Sharon Couch and Melissa Morrison.

Three Americans qualified Monday (Sunday night EDT) in the 1,500, but they will have their work cut out in the Olympic finals. Stanford teammates Michael Stember and Gabe Jennings, along with U.S. runner Jason Pyrah, made the cut in preliminaries.

They will face Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco, the world record holder, who has not lost at the distance since 1997.

Michael Johnson, defending gold medalist in the 400, survived a wet track to qualify for the finals late Monday. Teammate Alvin Harrison, who finished just ahead of Johnson in their heat, will join him.

Australia's Cathy Freeman, running nine days after she lighted the torch in the Olympic Stadium, won her heat in the women's 400.

■ **BASEBALL:** Next stop, the medal round. The U.S. baseball team pounded Australia 12-1 in seven innings, a game stopped by the Olympic "mercy rule." The Americans (6-1) dominated in a game marred by a cold, driving rain, led by winning pitcher Kurt Ainsworth and four RBI by Brent Abernathy.

The Australians (2-4) finished out of medal contention.

Cuba (6-1) clinched the top seed in the baseball medal round by virtue of its 6-1 victory over the United States.

FYI: U.S. manager Tommy Lasorda was 37 during the Tokyo Games.

■ **SOFTBALL:** A line-drive, 10th-inning home run Monday (Sunday night EDT) by Stacey Nuveman guaranteed the softball team a medal with a 3-0 victory over China. The worst the defending gold medalist Americans can do now is take a bronze.

Even that seemed unlikely a few days ago, when a three-game losing streak in the preliminary round pushed them to the brink of extinction. The Americans now play Australia, with the winner taking on Japan for the gold medal.

Japan beat Australia 1-0 earlier in the day.

■ **TENNIS:** Two U.S. teammates, just one winner — and no surprise, that winner was Venus Williams.

U.S. Open and Wimbledon champion Williams, undefeated in her last 31 matches, advanced Monday (Sunday night EDT) to the Olympic finals by knocking off Monica Seles, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. Williams clinched at least a silver with her victory.

Afterward, Williams said taking a gold medal was probably bigger than her Grand Slam victories. "It seems the ultimate thing is to have a gold," she said.

The survivor of the all-American semifinal now faces No. 10 Elena Dementieva of Russia, who defeated unseeded Australian Jelena Dokic 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Dokic faces the third-seeded Seles for the bronze.

Williams also remains in the running for a gold in doubles, where she is paired with her sister Serena.

White Sox clinch AL Central despite loss to Twins

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Chicago White Sox clinched their first division title since 1993, ending Cleveland's five-year reign as AL Central champions despite a 6-5, 10-inning loss to the Minnesota Twins on Sunday.

Just after the Indians were eliminated from the division race with a loss at Kansas City, Matt Lawton hit a two-out homer in the 10th off Kevin Beirne (1-2), capping Minnesota's comeback from a 5-0 deficit.

Eddie Guardado (6-3) got the victory with two innings of one-hit relief.

■ Baseball Roundup

Mariners 3, Athletics 2

SEATTLE — The Mariners (87-69) regained first place in the AL West, moving one game ahead of Oakland (85-69), which had won the first three games of the four-game series. The A's hold the wild-card lead, a game in front of Cleveland (84-70).

Yankees 6, Tigers 3

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte (19-8) became the first pitcher to win 100 games with the Yankees since Ron Guidry, and Tino Martinez homered twice as the Yankees won for just the third time in 11 games.

Orioles 1, Red Sox 0

BOSTON — Mike Mussina (10-15) tied his career high with 15 strikeouts, allowing five hits in seven innings and walking none.

Boston is five games back in the wild card race and seven games behind in the AL East, with almost no chance of winning either race.

Royals 9, Indians 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Blake Stein (8-4) allowed four hits in seven innings, and Jose Santiago finished with two-hit relief.

Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 0

TORONTO — Rookie Travis Harper (1-2), making his fourth major league start, pitched a two-hitter for his first big league win.

Angels 9, Rangers 2

ARLINGTON — Ramon Ortiz (7-6) pitched a five-hitter for his second complete game of the season.

Darin Erstad broke a 2-all tie in the seventh with a home run off Jonathan Johnson (1-1) and Troy Glaus followed with his league-leading 44th home. Mo Vaughn added an eighth-inning grand slam.

Mets 3, Phillies 2

PHILADELPHIA — Todd Zeile and Timo Perez homered to back Glendon Rusch (11-11), and the New York Mets clinched no worse than a tie for the NL wild card berth, beating the Philadelphia Phillies 3-2 Sunday.

Braves 14, Expos 5

MONTREAL — Javier Lopez hit a three-run homer and Atlanta had 21 hits to lower its their magic number for clinching the NL East to four.

Diamondbacks 8, Giants 3

SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Williams hit a grand slam in a seven-run second inning against Livan Hernandez (16-11), and Arizona staved off elimination in the NL wild card race.

Williams had five RBIs, matching his season high for the Diamondbacks, who dropped out of contention by losing seven of their previous nine games.

Reds 4, Astros 3

CINCINNATI — Chris Stynes hit a two-run homer off Ocatvio Dotel (3-6) as Cincinnati scored three runs in the ninth to beat Houston.

After Wade Miller held Cincinnati to one run through eight innings, the Reds rallied against the Astros bullpen.

Scott Sullivan (3-6) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

Dodgers 1, Padres 0

LOS ANGELES — Chan Ho Park allowed two hits and struck out 13 over eight innings and Shawn Green scored on a wild pitch for Los Angeles.

Park (17-10), who retired 12 of his last 13 batters, is still looking for his first shutout after 140 major league starts. Jeff Shaw got three outs for his 27th save in 34 chances.

Brewers 8, Pirates 5

MILWAUKEE — Jeromy Burnitz hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth as Milwaukee rallied from four runs down for the second straight game to beat Pittsburgh.

Cubs 10, Cardinals 5

CHICAGO — Rookie Corey Patterson hit an inside the park home run in the seventh inning and Chicago overcame Will Clark's grand slam and five RBIs.

Chicago trailed the NL Central champions 5-2 before a seven-run sixth inning. Pat Hentgen (15-11) took the loss.

Rockies 9, Marlins 3

DENVER — Todd Helton hit his 38th homer and also stole home as Colorado avoided a three-game sweep.

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NORTHWEST MIDLAND COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1

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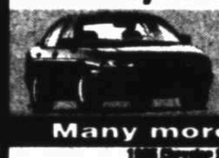

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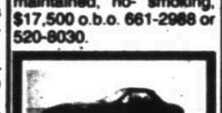

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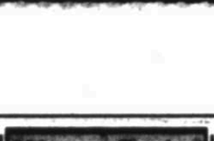

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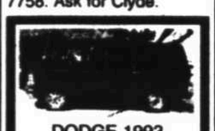

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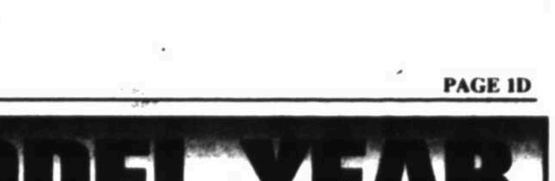

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LEAD MAINTENANCE- HVAC certified, minimum 2 years experience in apartment maintenance. Assistant Maintenance HVAC preferred, minimum 2 years experience. Benefits package. 694-1646.

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NEEDED IMMEDIATELY- Rehab Trainer for full time employment $5.75/ hour. Must be personable and organized. Chiropractic Center. 697-1643.

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THE FOLLOWING position is open at KMID-TV 2. Position: Teleprompter Operator. KMID-TV is seeking a Teleprompter Operator for our morning newscast. No experience required, will train. Must have good people skills and be able to think under pressure. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Position may include weekends and nights. Salary DOE. If interested please send resumes to Frank Gonzalez, Production Manager at PO Box 60230, Midland, TX 79711, or apply at KMID-TV Studios, 3200 LaForce Blvd., Midland, TX. Please no phone calls. An equal opportunity employer.

THE FOLLOWING position is open at KMID-TV 2. Position: Teleprompter Operator. KMID-TV is seeking a Teleprompter Operator for our weekend newscast. No experience required, will train. Must have good people skills and be able to think under pressure. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Position may include weekends and nights. Salary DOE. If interested please send resumes to Frank Gonzalez, Production Manager at PO Box 60230, Midland, TX 79711, or apply at KMID-TV Studios, 3200 LaForce Blvd., Midland, TX. Please no phone calls. An equal opportunity employer.

THE FUTURE- Loretta's Answering Service. Computers, Windows 95. Telephone secretaries needed. Typing required minimum of 35 words per minute. Must apply in person at 1300 South Midland Dr Monday through Thursday 10:00- 2:00. Friday 10:00- 11:30.

THE SAN ANGELO Standard Times is seeking a carrier for the Midland area. Part time opportunities. Approximately $400 per month. Starting immediately. Call 1-800-588-1884, ask for Jeremy.

TIRE INSTALLER- Must have high school diploma and good driving record. Must have at least 3- 6 months experience in mounting tires. Excellent benefits including paid vacation, retirement, health insurance and opportunity for advancement. Apply in person, Credit World, 2305 N. Big Spring.

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Industrial Workers needed. Long/ short term assignments.

WANTED: AQUATIC Assistant. Will train suitable applicant. Swimming ability required, 25- 40 hours available. Please apply at 800 North Big Spring.

WANTED: Experienced CDL Drivers with tanker and HAZMAT endorsement. Three years experience minimum; clean driving record a must. Physical and drug screening test required. Apply in person at Benchmark Research & Technology, 4113 W. Industrial, Midland, TX, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Monday- Friday. Phone calls will not be accepted.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

$100.00- $300.00 Sign on, Referral & Completion Bonuses!! *RNs: $25 to $45 * LVNs: $18 to $36. Medical/ Dental/ Life/ 401K. NURSEFINDERS, 915-550-9399. Fax resumes to: 915-550-8398.

INSURANCE/ Collection person for Doctor's office. Knowledge of Medical Manager preferred. P.O. Box 4935, Midland, TX 79704.

LVN Needed immediately for doctor's office. Computer knowledge helpful. Bring resume to 1300 W. Wall.

NURSE PRACTIONER. Outstanding salary and benefits. No weekends, evenings, or holidays. 915/337-5559.

Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic has an immediate opening for an Administrative Secretary. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma and five years health care experience or a relevant two-year degree and two years experience. Proficiency in Microsoft Work and Excel is a must. Salary is commensurate to experience and a full benefit package is available. Only qualified applicants need apply to the Personnel Office of Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic, 1501 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or fax resume to 915-267-1137.

NEEDED- PHYSICAL therapy aide and employment testing tech. Apply in person at 301 Dodson.

PHLEBOTOMIST Needed. Bilingual preferred. Apply in person at: 3107 North Big Spring, Midland.

R.N. NEEDED for therapeutic home. Part time. Call 520-5571 ask for Wesley.

SADDLERIDGE LODGE Assisted Living, a gracious retirement residence for active seniors in Midland, is seeking LVN's and CNA's for part time & PRN positions. If you are courteous, attentive and enjoy being part of a team, please stop by to fill out an employment application, or mail, or fax your resume to: JENNY BEENE, Saddleridge Lodge Assisted Living Community, 1808 West Loop 250 North, Midland, Texas 79705. FAX# (915)687-0355, EOE. Assisted Living License #323.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

CITY OF LAMESA: Accepting applications for a Police Officer. Applicants must TECLEOSE certified. Obtain applications from Police Department 601 S. 1st, Lamesa, TX 79331. (806-872-2121). EOE.

EVENING NETWORKING instructor needed. Send resumes to 3305 Andrews Hwy, 79703 or fax to 694-7592.

FAMILIES TOGETHER
Consultant- Bachelor's Degree in a related field working with children and families required. Reimbursed travel within a 17 county area serving families in their home. Salary $1,908/ mo. EOE. Call for application or pick up at High Sky Children's Ranch, Families Together, 8701 W. County Road 60, Midland 79707 (915) 520-8370.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT operators needed. Must have CDL. Call 682-7548.

MASSAGE THERAPIST. Flexible hours. Full or part time. Apply at ATAC Physical Therapy, 1012 Andrews Hwy, Midland. No phone calls.

OUTREACH VICTIM'S ADVOCATE
Safe Place has a full-time opening for an Outreach Victim's Advocate. Requires a Bachelor's degree in Criminology, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work or one of the Behavioral Sciences or equivalent experience in a related work field. Extensive same day travel, bilingual preferred. Must posses excellent interpersonal skills, ability to work independently and an understanding of and willingness to work with legal systems. Fax to 915-570-5315 or mail to 1031 Andrews Hwy., Suite 310, Midland, TX 79701- Attn. Gwenda Roberts.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

✔ REAL ESTATE

Assistant- Professional multi-tasked individual with pleasant demeanor and great computer skills. Graphics, internet or design skills a plus. Please call Bill 682-1053 to set up an interview or fax resume to 682-7255.

APPLICATION BEING Accepted for bilingual receptionist. Apply at 1307 North Big Spring. 8:30-4:30, Monday- Friday. No phone calls please.

EXPERIENCED OFFICE Help Needed. Organized, self- starter with general clerical work experience. Excel, Word, other computer skills a must. Accounting knowledge and some college helpful. Duties include purchase order maintenance, invoice coding, billing, job cost recording, inventory, shipping documents, filing, computer data entry and reporting. Nonsmoking environment for this full- time position. Salary commensurate with experience. Resumes to: FAB Clerical, P.O. Box 5505, Midland, TX 79704

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LAW FIRM
Seeking part/ full time Legal Assistant/ Secretary. Send resumes to Clay Gaston, P.O. 2890, Midland Texas 79705 or fax to 683-8855.

LEGAL SECRETARY needed- For Midland law firm. Bankruptcy experience preferred. Full or part time. Call 520-2222.

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST Needed Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00pm. Computer skills a plus. Light typing and filing. Send resumes to: Box J-5094 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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RESPONSIBLE for inventory, inventory tracking, purchasing and DOT records. Computer skills needed. Box P-6082, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SMALL INDEPENDENT Oil & gas company seeks full-time Joint Interest Billing Clerk. Duties include: Accounts payable, joint interest billing, bank reconciliation and various clerical task. Bookkeeping experience required. Questa Oil & Gas software experience preferred. Non-smoking office. Please send resume to Joint Interest Billing Clerk, P.O. Box 993 Midland, TX 79702.

THE FOLLOWING position is open at KMID-TV 2. Position: Morning Character Generator Operator. KMID-TV is seeking a Character Generator Operator for our morning newscast. Experience not required, but a plus. Must be able type 30 wpm and be able to handle pressure well. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Position may include weekends and nights. Salary DOE. If interested please send resumes to Frank Gonzalez, Production Manager at PO Box 60230, Midland, TX 79711, or apply at KMID-TV Studios, 3200 LaForce Blvd., Midland, TX. Please no phone calls. An equal opportunity employer.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

ALLSTATE INSURANCE Office is looking for a part time Sales/ Administrative Assistant. Must be outgoing, ambitious have sales and office experience. Must be licensed or obtain license. Hourly plus bonus. Bring resume to 2607 N. Midland Drive.

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320 Skilled Trades

HOMEOWNER taking bids on fireplace installation and heater duct work. 522-2329.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

OIL & GAS COMPANY
looking for individual to handle negotiation and settlement of surface damages in the Permian Basin, with emphasis on Southeast New Mexico. Will handle all facets of surface damages, including negotiations and payment of damages, surface owner relations, contract preparation and record checking to ascertain surface ownership. Some knowledge of field operations and good communication skills are required. Prior experience in land work helpful, but not necessary. Position to be based out of Hobbs, NM. Please send resume to Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 1150, Midland, TX 79702.

PETROLEUM ENGINEER 10- 20 years with strong experience Operation a plus. PetE with Permian Basin experience required. Please send resume with salary required, confidential to: Nearburg Producing Company, Attn: TRM, 3300 North "A" Street, Building 2, Suite 120, Midland, TX 79705.

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BIG SCREEN TV for sale. Take on small payments. Good credit required. 1-800-398-3970.

CENTRAL HEAT and air conditioner. 2 years old. best offer. Please call Sonja 520-4202/ 570-6865.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

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432 Household Furniture

QUEEN SIZE Sealy Posterpedic bedding- extra firm. $50. 682-7121.

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1 ST. Charles package printer 35mm format, lenses: 1 10x13, 1 8x10, 2 up 5x7, 2 up 3.5x5, 4 wallets, 4 mini wallets, 1 trading card attachment, automatic easel. 1 Roller transport processor, $9,950 for both. 697-1693.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

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