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Too cute for comfort

'Simon Birch' flaunts a terminal case of the cutes from the moment he is born the tiniest child in the Maine hospital's history./12C



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Rollin' Rangers

The Rangers had reason to be jubilant after dominating the Anaheim Angels, but there's one detail left — the AL West title./1C

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TODAY
Mostly sunny with high in mid-90s.
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Defying warning

Serb police advance toward Kosovo Liberation Army positions on Mt. Cicavica, some 28 miles northwest of Pristina, the Yugoslavia's Kosovo Province, Wednesday. Serb and Yugoslav forces struck deeper into the last pockets of separatist ethnic-Albanian resistance Thursday, despite U.N. and NATO moves that edged open the door for a military strike against them.
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Inquiry vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee will vote early next month on beginning a formal impeachment inquiry, committee chairman Henry Hyde said Thursday. He said he had "no reason to doubt" the truthfulness of Monica Lewinsky's account of her relationship with President Clinton.
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Lewis and Clark

WARRENTON, Ore. — Ken Karsmizki is wallowing in what may have been one of Lewis and Clark's outhouse pits, looking for history. The archaeologist is hoping to find traces of mercury, which was used to treat venereal diseases during the explorers' 2 1/2-year trek across the uncharted West and back. "To some people the idea of working in a privy is a disgusting thought," he says. "But it's one of the best things an archaeologist can find."
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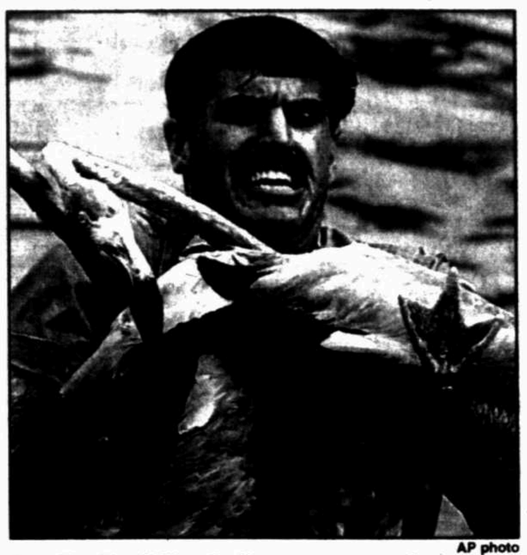
Rick López:

Jury duty can be pesky, but it's worth the hassle.
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AP photo

Ron Magill, of Miami's Metrozoo, struggles with an armful of Caribbean flamingos Thursday in Miami. The zoo is sheltering its animals as Hurricane Georges threatens South Florida. Leaving almost 200 people dead in its wake, the hurricane stormed toward the Florida Keys with gathering speed Thursday.

Georges nears Florida; 690,000 urged to leave

By Tracy Fields
Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — Leaving at least 250 people dead in its wake, Hurricane Georges stormed toward the Florida Keys with gathering speed Thursday, and more than 1 million people along the coast were warned to clear out.

Forecasters said Georges would probably slice through the Keys — the curving, whisker-like string of islands off the tip of Florida — with 105 mph winds early Friday and could be up to 125 mph by Sunday in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

"This storm looks like it's all set to explosively intensify once the eye gets over water," said a worried Jerry Jarrell, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami. He urged stragglers in the Keys to get out: "We're extremely concerned that the land areas will be inundated with water and we'll lose a lot of folks down there."

The first squall line from the hurricane moved into Marathon in the middle Keys shortly before sunset, spawning a waterspout. Thursday night conditions were relatively calm in the Keys.

■ Dominican Republic grieves/2A

More than 1 million people were urged to evacuate along Florida's Atlantic Coast as far north as Fort Lauderdale, and along the Gulf Coast up to the Tampa Bay area, for a total of about 300 miles of coastline. The roughly 80,000 people in the Florida Keys were ordered out on Wednesday.

"When I return I might not have a home. Anything could happen," Juana Ingles, a 67-year-old widow, said as she waited for a bus to take her from her Miami Beach apart-

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Full house



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Many people attended Thursday's public hearing of the Commissioners' Court. The commissioners voted on several budget items.

Commissioners amend budget over protests

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Midland County Commissioners' Court on Thursday re-amended the $21 million-plus fiscal year 1999 budget that had been adopted and amended in August. County Judge Jeff Norwood said the move was inappropriate; Commissioner Guy McCrary deemed it "totally out of order."

Norwood voted on the amendments but abstained from voting on the overall budget. McCrary abstained throughout.

County Attorney Russell Malm said that voting on the amendments and the budget, properly posted, was legal.

"We need to be legal," Commissioner Henry Goulet said.

"I respectfully disagree with the county attorney," McCrary said of his interpretation of Texas statutes.

There were other disagreements reflected by conflicting votes.

■ In a 2-3 vote, the Norwood-McCrary bloc failed to get the court's authorization for Norwood to hire private legal counsel regarding the Midland County Health Care Plan.

Management of that plan was criticized in a report by the Texas 385th District Court grand jury. The report, released Sept. 2, alleged that the plan apparently was "administered negligently ... under the leadership and guidance" of Norwood, in concert with McCrary, and that there were irregularities in administering the plan.

Norwood, who said Thursday that "no action can be taken by the Commissioners' Court without a majority vote," earlier claimed that the grand jury report was politically motivated.

Norwood said that there "was a clear political motivation behind the personally inflammatory language of the report," since only he and McCrary "regularly oppose tax increases and spending practices by District Attorney Al Schorre."

Among other recommendations, the grand jury suggested that the health care fund be audited by independent auditors and that trustees be appointed to govern the plan as

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Fewer living in poverty, finds Census Bureau

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans living in poverty dropped for the third year in a row, led by a decline in black poverty to the lowest level on record, the Census Bureau reported Thursday.

The annual report found income up and poverty down across ages, races and regions last year, as a strong economy pushed American paychecks to levels not seen since before the recession of the early 1990s.

"Economic growth continues to raise incomes, lift millions out of poverty and extend opportunity," President Clinton said from the Rose Garden.

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Median family income edged up 1.9 percent after inflation to $37,005, giving families an extra $700 in 1997.

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The most dramatic changes came for black families. Their median incomes jumped 4.3 percent last year after inflation to $25,050, meaning the typical black family had an extra $1,000 in 1997.

While their poverty rates fell to the lowest level in four decades, 26.5 percent of all blacks remained poor, which in 1997 meant an annual income of $16,400 for a family of four. Thirty-seven percent of black children were poor, another record low.

Clinton noted the record but said it remains "breathtakingly high."

Hispanics also saw large gains, with median income rising faster over the last two years than in any other period. The number of Hispanics in poverty fell 2.3 percent last year, to 27.1 percent.

Gains for blacks and Hispanics do not mean that minorities are benefiting most from the strong economy, economists said. Rather, they are just the last to benefit from 7 1/2 years of economic expansion.

"We're seeing that a stronger economy with stronger demand for labor is bringing in groups that have been, at times, on the outside of the economy," said White House economic adviser Gene Sperling.

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Electric company competition inevitable, says senator, but 'devil is in the details'

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

After the turn of the century, Texas consumers no longer will be restricted to service from one particular electrical company.

Changes are coming that will provide competition and choice in electrical service and state lawmakers are urging Texans to get involved in the process.

Texas Sen. Jerry Patterson came to Midland Thursday to discuss forced competition in the supply of electric power to individual consumers — a drastic change from the managed monopoly of the past several decades.

A lot of resistance to such changes remains in Texas, but Patterson warns that the choice to move to a competitive environment is not the state's to make.

"Congress can do it to us — or the (state) Legislature can do it for us," said Patterson, a Houston Republican.

"We need to set our own destiny," said Stephanie Koger, a Midland attorney representing the Texas Coalition for Competitive Electricity in Austin.

Texas is the largest consumer of electricity of any state and the transmission and regulatory system is unlike any other state, Patterson said. Texas also pays less per kilowatt hour of electricity than most states, although Texas uses more kilowatt hours, he said.

"Our bills are higher because we have a pretty hot climate," Patterson said.

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State Sen. Jerry Patterson talks about competition in electrical service. Patterson; Midland attorney Stephanie Koger, representing the Texas Coalition for Competitive Electricity; and Walt Baum, representing the Association of Electrical Companies of Texas, met with the Midland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on Thursday.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

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Dominican Republic grieves hurricane victims

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Rescue workers in the Dominican Republic recovered at least 80 more bodies Thursday, pushing the death toll from Hurricane Georges' deadly march across the Caribbean to nearly 200.

Workers recovered 76 bodies from a river in San Juan de la Maguana, a town 120 miles west of the capital, Santo Domingo, said Angel Almanzar, a Red Cross official.

In Manomatuey, where a shelter was washed away Wednesday, three more bodies were pulled from the muck to bring the toll there to at least eight. And along the capital's seaside boulevard, a woman's bloated, blanched body washed ashore. In the Dominican Republic alone, the hurricane has killed at least 150 people.

Meanwhile, the hurricane continued its onslaught in the Caribbean. It struck southern Cuba on Wednesday, crossed it Thursday afternoon and was threatening the Florida Keys.

Bad news kept coming from throughout the region: 27 dead in Haiti, $2 billion in damage and hundreds of homes lost in Puerto Rico, three dead and two missing in St. Kitts, two killed in Cuba.

Everywhere, storm victims struggled to find water, food, ice and other bare essentials to cope with loss and the tropical heat.

In the Dominican Republic, Thursday was the day of the country's patron saint, Virgen Mercedes. Residents crammed churches to pray for hurricane victims.

At the musty stone Mercedes Church in Santo Domingo, the Rev. Jose Arellano Guerrero read the names of the dead from tiny scraps of paper before 1,000 worshippers.

Among the faithful was Carmela Hernandez, 80, who lost three fingers when the storm blew a door shut onto her right hand.

"I came to see the Mass because I am devoted to the virgin," said Hernandez, wearing a bloodied bandage. "It gives me peace." Suddenly, she doubled over in pain and had to leave.

Arellano said this year's traditional street procession was canceled because downed power lines and broken tree limbs made it too dangerous.

"These are the things that the Lord does that we sometimes do not understand," he said. "This is not a punishment. We should think about it and try to understand what we can learn from it."

But the death toll continued to mount, and hundreds were still missing since Georges' 110 mph winds swept through this impoverished Caribbean nation on Tuesday.

Rescuers searched frantically throughout the Dominican Republic for more victims and army helicopters and a U.S. Coast Guard C-130 airplane and helicopter combed the countryside to assess the damage.

More than 100,000 people lost homes, said President Leonel Fernandez. Telephone lines were down throughout the country, and hundreds of people were isolated by flooding. Airports in La Romana and Puerto Plata were severely damaged.

Throughout Santo Domingo people wandered with empty plastic jugs searching for water to drink. Many had to settle for filthy brown river water.

"I'm going to drink it. I know it's bad, but there's nothing else," said Altagracia Duran.

The Red Cross prepared to deliver aid to the needy, and army soldiers patrolled the capital with rifles to deter looting that surged during the storm. More than 100 people were arrested late Wednesday and early Thursday for curfew violations, local television reports said.

Curfews also were in effect in St. Kitts and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In St. Kitts, 85 percent of homes were damaged or destroyed, schools and hospitals were damaged, and half the crucial sugar crop was lost. Some 2,500 were homeless.

In Cuba, the government reported two people were electrocuted when they touched live wires downed in the storm, the Mexican news agency Notimex said. Coffee, cacao and banana crops also were damaged, and nearly 20,000 homes were flooded in Holguin province.

In Puerto Rico, hundreds were still homeless on Thursday, a near-total blackout persisted and 28,000 were in shelters.

Hundreds of federal and local workers began repairing power lines, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided ice, water and tanker trucks.

The government offered $400 to $600 to families who lost property and homes.

In Haiti, the U.N. Development Program donated $100,000 for disaster relief, and the U.S. government donated water, food, blankets, sheets and clothing.

Libya replaces lawyers for Lockerbie suspects

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Libya's government has appointed a new legal team to represent two suspects in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Scotland, one of their former lawyers said Thursday.

Ibrahim Legwell suggested the change might not be in the best interest of the suspects, saying the new lawyers could be expected to toe the government line. He did not elaborate.

"It isn't appropriate for the administration to take over," Legwell told The Associated Press by telephone from his office in Tripoli, Libya.

Legwell, the Libyan who until now has headed the defense, is to be replaced by Kamal Mahgoub, formerly a foreign minister for Libya.

Legwell said he was told of the change by the government and had not received word from the suspects themselves that they no longer wanted his services. Libyan officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

The 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killed 270 people. For years the United States and Britain have sought the suspects' extradition, supported by U.N. sanctions imposed on Libya in 1992.

Recently Libya accepted a U.S. and British proposal for the two suspects, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, to be tried in the Netherlands by a panel of three Scottish judges under Scottish law.

Legwell's team has not announced whether it approved holding the trial in the Netherlands. He had said, however, that it would be up to the lawyers, not the government. That appears to be behind the decision to replace Legwell's team.

Legwell said he was unsure how the decision would affect prospects for the trial.

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Tens of thousands protest sentence of Istanbul mayor

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Tens of thousands of screaming supporters massed Thursday outside the offices of Istanbul's popular mayor, enraged by a prison sentence that could end his future as a leader of Turkey's Islamic movement.

Authorities deployed armored personnel carriers near city hall and blocked off the nearby highway with police to contain the 30,000-strong demonstration for Mayor Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

On Wednesday, an appeals court upheld a 10-month sentence against Erdogan for inciting religious hatred by reading a poem at a rally in the southeastern city of Siirt last year.

Because he was convicted of a crime against the republic, Erdogan is to be stripped of his position as the head of Turkey's largest city and banned from ever again holding public office.

"This sentence has shaken the belief of millions of people in justice," Erdogan told reporters while supporters gathered at the municipal building chanted slogans.

"Tell us to die, we will die. Tell us to shoot, we will shoot!" they shouted.

Erdogan has two weeks to ask the appeals court to review the case. However, appeals courts here very rarely overturn their own verdicts.

In accord with the sentence, Erdogan will be probably be unseated as Istanbul's mayor before general and local elections in April.

"My people will decide on my position in politics, not someone else," Erdogan said, declaring his innocence and describing the sentence as a political plot to prevent the rise of his Islamic Virtue Party.

Erdogan had hoped to take over the leadership of Virtue, the new Islamic party formed to replace the Welfare Party, which was closed down by the Constitutional Court in February for anti-secular activity.

Recai Kutan, Virtue's current leader, called on angry supporters to calm down.

"No doubt, these difficult days will end," Kutan said. "We will keep on going with patience and common sense."

Russian premier unveils part of economic plan

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's new prime minister finally mapped out a strategy Thursday for climbing out of Russia's deep economic chasm, including payments to the poor to compensate for inflation that could exceed 500 percent this year.

Two weeks after he was appointed, Yevgeny Primakov offered at least portions of his long-awaited economic plan to his still-incomplete Cabinet. There were no real surprises.

As he has hinted in the past, Primakov proposed greater government intervention in the economy and a more tightly knit social safety net. But he made it clear there would be no return to Soviet-style state socialism.

He said the government would impose tighter control over the liquor industry, always a potent source of revenue, but would not nationalize it. He promised better tax collection — a pledge no Russian government has yet been able to meet — and said Russia would appeal to international lenders to make good on promised loans.

At the same time, two of his top economic aides issued sharp warnings to Western investors and lenders.

Central Bank chief Viktor Gerashchenko said Russia wanted to work out a settlement with foreign banks that hold billions of dollars worth of Russian government bonds that are currently frozen.

But, he warned, "Those who are stubborn in their greediness may end up getting nothing."

In addition, Russia could default on its international debt if the International Monetary Fund does not continue to extend financial help in the coming months, First Vice Premier Alexander Shokhin warned.

"I don't want to scare people with the possibility of default on foreign debt," he said. "But we do need to count on the loyal attitude of our partners in the international financial organizations ... in not canceling earlier, agreed-upon aid packages."

The IMF organized a $22.6 billion loan package in July and has issued the first installment. But it is expected to delay additional money until it is satisfied Russia has sound financial policies.

"Such an approach would drive Russia into a corner," Shokhin said.

Russia badly needs the money if it is to carry out the economic plans outlined by Primakov. The government is broke and will almost certainly have to print more money, a move that's virtually certain to push inflation even higher.

In the plans Primakov announced to the Cabinet, he promised to begin paying long overdue wages and pensions in the next few weeks, offering hope to millions of Russians who have gone as long as six or eight months without a paycheck.

Acknowledging that soaring inflation is likely to shred the value of those paychecks, he added that the government would begin compensating poor people after Jan. 1 for the rising cost of living.

By then, people may desperately need such compensation, if Central Bank projections prove accurate.

Before the country's economic crisis turned critical in August, inflation had been running at about 1 percent a month. Since then, prices have jumped 67 percent, the Central Bank said. And they are likely to rise by 240 to 290 percent by year's end, it said.

That assumes a relatively stable ruble, though, with a value higher than 20 to the dollar. If the value of the ruble tumbles further, to 30 to the dollar, as some experts believe possible, inflation could rise as high as 550 percent, the Central Bank said.

President Boris Yeltsin remained on the sidelines Thursday, as he has in recent weeks, appearing with the newly appointed deputy prime minister for social affairs, Valentina Matviyenko. Two other Cabinet posts were filled Thursday — fuel and energy minister and transportation minister, both going to incumbents from the previous government.

The value of the ruble rose slightly Thursday to 15.61 to the dollar, and stocks rose slightly in very light volume. The ruble was worth about 6 to the dollar when the crisis began.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 96	High 94	High 89
Low 68	Low 65	Low 63

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid-90s and wind from the south to southwest at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low in the upper 60s.

Saturday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and breezy with a high 90-95.

After an overnight low of 70, Thursday's high reached 93, compared to the record high for that date of 101 set in 1977. The record low was 36 set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday	...trace
Rainfall Thursday	....0.00 in.
Total for month	....0.08 in.
Total for year	....3.13 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	93
Low	70
Normal high	83
Normal low	59

Pollen count

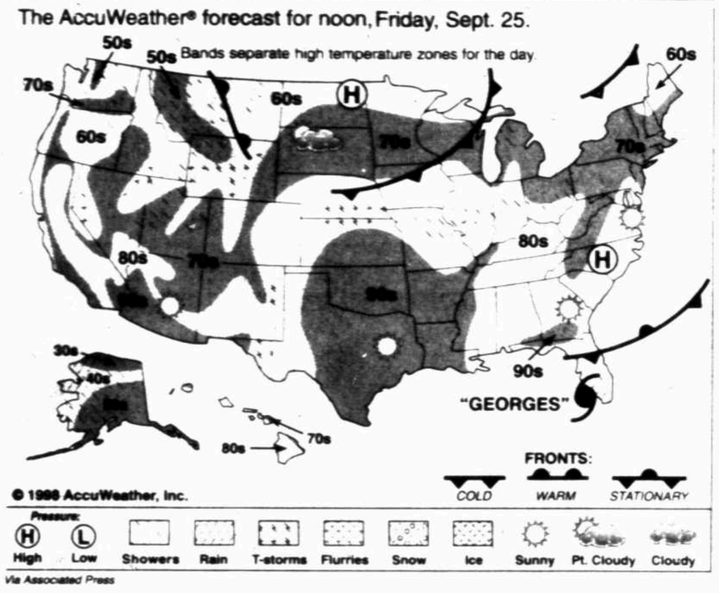
Trees: low **Weeds:** moderate **Dust:** moderate **Grass:** low **Molds:** moderate

Courtesy: Dr. John Bray

Sunrise ... 7:39 a.m. **Sunset** ... 7:41 p.m.

National forecast

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



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:35 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	63	36	cdy	
Albuquerque	89	62	clr	
Amarillo	96	67	clr	
Anchorage	53	46	06	rn
Asheville	72	59	clr	
Atlanta	81	64	cdy	
Atlantic City	69	40	cdy	
Baltimore	72	42	clr	
Billings	78	53	rn	
Birmingham	88	67	clr	
Bismarck	83	40	cdy	
Boise	78	52	cdy	
Boston	65	46	cdy	
Buffalo	64	43	cdy	
Burlington,Vt	63	36	cdy	
Casper	77	49	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	82	62	clr	
Charleston,W.Va.	78	43	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	74	57	clr	
N.H.	65	30	clr	
Dallas-Ft Worth	94	75	cdy	
Dayton	74	45	cdy	
Denver	82	47	clr	
Des Moines	74	59	cdy	
Detroit	65	47	cdy	
Duluth	67	49	cdy	
Evansville	84	47	cdy	
Fairbanks	47	40	.19	rn
Fargo	79	40	cdy	

GEORGES: Hotels filling up, people checking into shelters

(From 1A)

ment to a shelter at a school. "I'm a sick person, too, with high blood pressure."

At 11 p.m. EDT Thursday, the center of Georges was located about 165 miles southeast of Key West. Georges was heading northwest at near 14 mph, according to the hurricane center.

Hurricane warnings were posted for 5 million people in eight counties — Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota and Manatee — with hurricane-force winds of at least 74 mph expected Friday.

Along Ocean Drive on Miami Beach's chic South Beach, workers at cafes and bars put up plywood and took down awnings.

NASA initially ordered space shuttle Discovery rolled back to its giant hangar 3 1/2 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, but decided Thursday evening to keep it on its seaside launch pad. The shuttle had been moved to the pad Monday for next month's flight with John Glenn.

The threat of lightning and sporadic rain prevented the shuttle from being moved into its hangar throughout the day. NASA decided the risk of a lightning hit en route to the hangar was greater than the risk of damage in possible hurricane-spawned storms.

At Miami's Metrozoo, which lost most of its birds and many other animals during Hurricane Andrew in 1992, workers planned to round up the flamingos and put them in a bathroom. Other animals were to be shut up in their quarters for the night. At nearby Parrot Jungle, birds and monkeys were moved inside concrete buildings.

"They know something is up," said Robert Diaz, show director at Parrot Jungle. "They are uneasy, pacing back and forth, acting irregular."

Classes were canceled Thursday and Friday for most students in south Florida. On Wednesday a dozen F-16 fighter jets flew from Homestead Air Reserve Base to Georgia to get out of harm's way.

Traffic moved smoothly as hotels filled up and people started to check into shelters set up in schools, churches, city buildings and other locations. In Fort Myers, hotels were filled to capacity with retirement home evacuees and vacationers whose trips farther south were interrupted.

Georges cut short Jana Williams' vacation on Marco Island, along the Gulf Coast.

"We thought we were going on a relaxing beach vacation," she said as she and her husband lugged two heavy suitcases. "Instead, we got this adventure."

About 500 people huddled in a Red Cross shelter at the gym in North Miami Beach Senior High School. Blankets were spread on the floor. Marie Sinsmir, 62, had a book of hymns along with some food and a gallon of water.

"I will sing, not too loud, so God will help us get through it," she said.

Joe Cirilli, 76, and his wife Rosie, 67, left their mobile home and checked into a Fort Myers motel with three bottles of wine.

"I'm not really scared right now, but once that rain and wind get going I bet I will be," Mrs. Cirilli said.

More than 1,000 people checked into six Miami-Dade County shelters as winds gusted to 30 mph.

Mileydis Perez, 23, got the luxury of a cot at a Miami shelter because she is eight months pregnant.

"I just hope I don't go into labor. That's one thing I'm worried about," she said.

At least 250 people have died and hundreds are missing since the storm began its rampage across the Caribbean on Monday.

The hurricane hit some Caribbean islands with 20-foot waves, and the forecast called for a 4-foot to 7-foot storm surge. Some of the Keys have an elevation of only 7 feet, and the highest point on Key West is 14 feet above sea level.

Georges could be the first major hurricane felt in southern Florida since Andrew, which caused $25 billion damage in Florida alone in 1992 and killed 26 people in the United States.

The last major hurricane to score a direct hit on the Keys was Donna in 1960, which killed 50 people before it was done. One of the two most powerful hurricanes to hit the nation since record-keeping began struck the Keys dead-on in 1935. In 1846, a hurricane hit Key West, unearthing caskets, washing remains out to sea and tossing bodies into trees. Now the cemetery is built on higher ground.

Still, as many as half of the Keys' residents may have stuck around this time. The 110-mile strand of islands is connected to the mainland by a single, two-lane highway, and some of the Keys have an elevation of only 7 feet.

"We order them to leave and if they decide to stay they're on their own," said Becky Herrin, Keys emergency management spokeswoman. "There's nothing we can do for them if they stay."

COUNTY: Court opposed outside counsel on health care issue

(From 1A)

outlined in the Texas Local Government Code.

Norwood, however, maintained that the plan is audited each year, that members of the Commissioners' Court are the plan's trustees and that the grand jury was ill-advised in its investigation.

"There were very serious accusations," Norwood said.

Norwood proposed that the Midland law firm of Turner & Davis — which has represented the county in litigation — be the counsel to discern legitimacy of the grand-jury report and to "see if the district attorney ... did, in fact, correctly advise the grand jury in the law."

If the Commissioners' Court's management of the plan is "not in compliance we need to make sure we are in compliance," Norwood said.

Rather than hiring an outside law firm, Goulet asked Malm if he would be the court's counsel on the health plan issue.

"I would be happy to research the matter and advise" the commissioners on his findings, Malm said.

McCrary said that while he is sure that Malm possesses the expertise to do the job, an outside law firm would have both expertise and objectivity.

Although Malm said that he was agreeable with whatever the court wanted to do, "I think this is a matter of interpretation" and applying the law to the grand jury's recommendations and to the health care plan's management.

"I would be completely objective in the matter," Malm said.

Goulet backed Malm.

"The county attorney has the time, the ability, and the objectivity," Goulet said.

Commissioner James Brezina said that he has "full confidence" in Malm.

The votes of Goulet, Louisa Valencia and Brezina struck down Norwood's proposal to hire outside counsel.

■ In a measure affecting the budget, the commissioners voted 3-1-1 to put $27,000 into the health care plan for the county's retirees. Norwood cast the "no" vote. McCrary abstained.

■ In a 3-0-2 vote, the court set aside funds under "professional services" after Brezina suggested the independent auditing of the county's health care fund. Norwood and McCrary abstained. Brezina thought that $20,000 would cover the audit.

"We've had that fund audited every single year (since the mid-1990s) despite some people's allegations," Norwood said.

■ In a 3-0-2 vote, the court reaffirmed a 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment for the county's 500 employees and for employees' salary schedule to be readjusted to reflect the blanket pay raise, which does not apply to elected officials.

The Goulet-Mrs. Valencia-Brezina bloc passed the measure. Norwood and McCrary abstained.

■ In a 2-1-2 vote, the court voted to reinstate Sheriff Gary Painter's public safety captain's position that the court cut in wake of the pending retirement of Capt. Joe Carr. The position pays between $35,000 and $40,000 annually. Voting for the reinstatement were Goulet and Mrs. Valencia, Norwood voted no, McCrary and Brezina abstained.

"It did pass," Malm said of the 2-1-2 vote following his researching the vote. The majority vote wins in a quorum of three votes; to abstain is not to vote, he said.

■ In the meeting's last vote, 3-0-2, Goulet, Mrs. Valencia and Brezina opted for the re-amended budget, which perhaps is closing in on an estimated $21.5 million vs. anticipated revenue of about $20.5 million even if a proposed tax increase is passed next week. Norwood and McCrary abstained.

"Who knows?" Norwood said of the re-amended budget's total.

The county has funds in reserve to cover the shortfall — the result of a budget out of balance.

Norwood said that he abstained because the budget was adjusted and adopted in August.

When the court meets at 9 a.m. Monday, commissioners are to vote on adoption of the proposed 22.75 cent tax rate, which would be an increase over last year's rate.

Norwood and McCrary have opposed to adoption of the rate increase that Goulet, Mrs. Valencia and Brezina have promoted in seeking a balanced budget.

"Unfortunately, some members of the court wanted to spend more money," Norwood said later Thursday. "They have already increased it by well over $1 million.

"It does appear that Midland County will have a property-tax increase," Norwood said. "That's unfortunate ... (many people are) hurting right now" because of depressed oil prices and the drought that has damaged the agriculture industry.

"This is not the right time to raise property taxes," he said. "It's absolutely the wrong time ... in these uncertain economic times in the Permian Basin."

Brezina said funds are needed for law enforcement.

"How can you provide a service ... for public safety ... unless you have personnel and equipment and supplies?" he said.

In other business, the court agreed that the commissioners who will assume their posts in January should have input in design of the planned jail expansion.

Midland lawyer Bill Morrow, who is unopposed in November in the race for county judge, congratulated the court for "the wisdom to set aside" $4 million, $2 million each in 1997 and 1998, for the expansion.

Clarification

A story in Wednesday's edition stated that the president of Cooper Construction Co. left Tuesday's MISD board meeting "in protest" during an agenda item on choosing the company to do the Burnet Elementary School renovations.

"Those present at the meeting would know that I did not walk out of the meeting before the vote or in protest," Midlander Johnny Cooper said Thursday.

"After being told that I would not be allowed to address the board (because he had not made the request in advance of the meeting), I walked back toward my seat," Cooper said.

"Before I could reach my seat the board voted. I heard the vote, and having no further business, I left the meeting ..."

He said he had expected to be able to address the board because a Midland Independent School District administrator had invited him to the meeting.

Pick 3 Texas

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

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CENSUS: One in five children lived in poverty

(From 1A)

Because minorities often are the last to be hired, today's extraordinarily low unemployment levels help minorities the most, said Robert Greenstein, director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

"The difference between 4.5 to 5 percent unemployment and 5.5 or 6 percent unemployment is a profound difference for blacks and Hispanics," he said.

The tight labor market also helped increase income for other workers, too, though they worked for it, according to an analysis by the labor-backed Economic Policy Institute. These researchers found middle-income families increased work hours by 4 percent between 1989 and 1997, while income remained about the same.

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Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., chief author of the 1996 welfare reform law, noted that incomes were up for female-headed households and said many of them have left welfare for work.

Families headed by single black moms — a group particularly likely to live in poverty — saw a dramatic one-year drop in poverty, with their rates falling by nearly 4 percent — though four in 10 remained poor.

"Poverty is down, welfare rolls are down, and incomes are up, which is just great news," Shaw said.

The Census Bureau also reported:

■ No change in the income gap between the rich and poor.

■ An increase in median household income in the Midwest, South and West but no statistically significant change in the Northeast.

■ Children remained the most likely to be poor, with one in five living in poverty compared with about 11 percent of the elderly and 10.5 percent of working-age adults.

■ The income gap between men and women remained the same, with women earning 74 cents for every $1 a man makes — a record high.

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ELECTRIC: 18 of nation's largest states have competition plans, says Baum

(From 1A)

If Texas waits beyond the year 2000 before putting in place its own managed competition scheme, the federal government will in all likelihood force the state under its blanket legislation in about the year 2001, Patterson said at a meeting of the Midland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

For the past few years, there has been fighting between pro and con groups over competition for electrical service, but as more states institute such measures, many are now seeing the writing on the wall.

"The impetus for competition is now even stronger," Patterson said.

California was the first state to institute competition to halt the migration of manufacturing businesses to other states such as Texas where electricity is cheaper, said Walt Baum, representing the Association of Electrical Companies of Texas.

Now, 18 of the nation's largest states, constituting 50 percent of the U.S. population, have or are in the process of forming competition plans, Baum said.

By waiting, however, Texas is in a good position to learn from the mistakes made in earlier plans, Baum said.

"We think anything California does we can do better," Baum said.

All of the various groups involved are now getting close to a competition plan for Texas, Patterson said.

"We're pretty much on the same page, but the devil is in the details," he said.

In a competition plan, the cost of transmitting the electricity would continue to be paid to the company that owns the infrastructure.

"Those people who put up the wires and poles today will likely continue," Patterson said.

The Texas Public Utilities Commission would continue to govern those companies that provide electrical infrastructure, regulating the repair and upgrade of that infrastructure and setting the price for reimbursement from the customer, he said.

The poles, wires and meters, however, comprise only about 30 percent of the electric bill, Ms. Koger said.

The change would be on the electrical generation end of the system, and consumers could choose which producer they wish to purchase electricity from, which could have a significant impact on both residential and commercial power costs.

"The electrons themselves make up about 70 percent of the bill," Ms. Koger said.

Electric bills would probably change to reflect the transmission cost and the generation cost of providing electrical service, she said.

The ability to choose between competing generation sources met with favorable responses from Texas citizens, she said.

"Ninety-one percent of Texans in a statewide poll ... thought that they should have that right," she said.

There would be a lot of opportunity for "aggregation," where groups of consumers could join to order electricity at a reduced rate, Baum said.

Chamber directors voiced concerns that this would leave many rural electrical customers at a disadvantage and would have them paying higher rates.

Ms. Koger pointed out that the infrastructure to service rural areas is already in place and would not be a factor in the pricing competition for electricity.

She did, however, admit that large groups could probably strike more favorable deals with producers, but there would be other ways that rural customers might be able to combine their purchasing power, she said.

Patterson again pointed out that the change is coming one way or another, and that Texans need to stop fighting about the issue and get involved in the forming of legislation.

Points that need to be in the Texas legislation, according to Baum, are laws requiring all providers to be licensed through the state — thereby cutting down on the fraud problems associated with telephone long-distance deregulation.

In addition, there should be a mandate that no consumer's bill will increase as a result of this deregulation in the electrical generation industry.

"We need to make sure that there are customer safeguards in place," Baum said.

One point of contention is how the so-called "stranded costs" would be paid back to producers, Patterson said.

Many of these costs are associated with nuclear power plants, which cannot produce electricity cheaper than eight cents per kilowatt hour. Without special reimbursements in place, the billions of dollars worth of nuclear plants would not be able to sell their electricity — when natural gas plants can produce the same amount of power for about 3.5 cents, Patterson said.

In addition, some conflict remains regarding the potentially overwhelming market power of Texas' two largest production companies, which control about 70 percent of the electrical generation in the state.

Environmental groups are generally in favor of the competition measure, although some are not in favor of cheaper power throughout the nation.

Polls show many Americans would be willing to pay more for electricity produced from renewable sources such as wind and solar generation.

Currently, most Texans pay in the neighborhood of seven cents per kilowatt hour for residential electricity, while other states such as California pay upward of 11 cents for that same amount of power.

All three speakers said they wish to protect this benefit for Texans, because electricity is vital to the economy and quality of life.

Many are suggesting special rates to producers of marginal oil wells, because those marginal wells require more electricity to pump a barrel of oil and therefore the economy of producing from these wells is closely related to electrical costs, Ms. Koger said.

Iran divorces itself from death threat against author Salman Rushdie

N.Y. Times News Service

UNITED NATIONS — On Thursday, the Iranian foreign minister publicly divorced his government from the death threat imposed on British author Salman Rushdie in 1989 by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, and Britain responded by restoring full diplomatic relations.

"The government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has no intention, nor is it going to take any action whatsoever to threaten the life of the author of 'The Satanic Verses' or anybody associated with his work, nor will it encourage or assist anybody to do so," the Iranian foreign minister, Kamal Kharrazi, said in a statement that he read to reporters Thursday.

Kharrazi's remarks followed comments made in New York on Tuesday by Iran's president, Mohammad Khatami, who told reporters that the Rushdie affair was "completely finished."

Standing next to Kharrazi, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said he was "delighted" to hear Iran's position clarified and to know that the reward offered to anyone willing to kill Rushdie had been officially renounced.

Although an Iranian foundation continues to offer a $2.5 million bounty for the death of the year-old Indian-born British author, whose novel Kharrazi said still offended Iranians, the foreign minister said his government "dissociates itself from any reward that has been offered in this regard and does not support it."

A somewhat stunned Rushdie, interviewed by telephone in London, said Thursday night, "It's over."

"Until I went into the meeting with the British government, I wasn't sure," he said. "But they have told me emphatically that this is it. It's a breakthrough, and it's over. It's done. There is no longer any threat from the Iranian regime. The fatwa will be left to wither on the vine."

In addition to meeting with officials from the British Foreign Office, Rushdie spoke by telephone with Cook twice Thursday, and said he was convinced by the government's assurances. "I am given unequivocal and emphatic and definite information from the British government that it's true," he said.

Rushdie, who over the years often seemed on the verge of being released from his death sentence, only to have the Iranian government reiterate its commitment to the fatwa, or religious edict, said he wasn't sure how to handle the thought of freedom, and had not yet begun making arrangements, for instance, to travel in public without a team of Special Branch agents guarding him. It was not clear what his new security, if any, might entail.

"When you're so used to getting hard news — and by that I mean bad news — then news like this is almost unbelievable," he said. "It's like being told the cancer is gone. Well, the cancer's gone."

He added, "This has been an enduring and collective effort, and I want to thank all those people who helped, many of whom are in the United States, including the government of the United States."

Rushdie's book, which was first banned in India, in the fall of 1988, and prompted riots in Pakistan in early 1989 just before coming under Khomeini's edict, shocked Muslims in many countries, who deemed it blasphemous.

The book, written in Rushdie's most surreal style, includes a dream sequence with prostitutes impersonating the wives of Mohammed to improve their business. It also refers to Mohammed as Mahound, a demon in Christian morality plays. Rushdie, who was born a Muslim, was seen as a traitor to his faith.

After Khomeini called for Rushdie's death, the author was forced to seek haven in a series of safe houses in London and was guarded around the clock.

In recent years, Rushdie was able to travel abroad from time to time, but always under tight security. He has made several visits to New York, to promote books he has written since "The Satanic Verses" and to appear on television interviews and in small public gatherings.

Rushdie, the co-editor most recently of an anthology of South Asian writing titled "Mirrorworks," has never been able to return to his birthplace, Bombay, India, however, and has not ventured into Islamic countries, where emotions still run high.

At an impromptu news conference Thursday after meeting Kharrazi, Cook said, "Her Majesty's government recognized the fundamental role of Islam in Iranian life and understood and regretted the offense the book 'The Satanic Verses' has caused to Muslims in Iran and elsewhere in the world."

Belgium suspends deportations after woman's death

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The Belgian government suspended the deportation of asylum-seekers Thursday after a Nigerian woman died following a struggle with police trying to deport her.

Two policemen have been charged with assault and battery in the death of Semira Adamu, a 20-year-old who resisted police efforts to get her on a Togo-bound plane at the Brussels international airport Tuesday.

Police subdued her by putting a pillow on her face. She lapsed into a coma and died afterwards.

Police spokeswoman Els Cleemput said police used pillows to subdue deportees twice last year. But Cleemput said this year that resistance from deportees had increased and police resorted to the practice a dozen times. It was the first serious incident involving a pillow.

On Thursday, the police union called on its members to refuse to participate in deportations of asylum-seekers. Police at Brussels international airport protested the charges against the two police officers by delaying passport clearance.

Adamu resisted returning to Nigeria because she claimed her family was forcing her to marry a 65-year-old man who already has three wives. Belgium argued that was not sufficient to grant her refugee status.

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A year after tragic deaths, Egyptian young people return to cotton fields

SA EL-HAGAR, Egypt (AP) — A timid sun mounts the palm trees that shroud the village, and streets moist with dew stir with life. In the village's cemetery, mothers in black gather to mourn their dead.

A year ago, 23 of Sa el-Hagar's children — some as young as 12 — were killed when a government-owned truck carrying them from work in cotton fields skidded off a narrow, unpaved road and plunged into the muddy, meandering waters of a Nile River canal.

The tragedy devastated the village of squat houses, where donkeys outnumber cars in the winding streets. The memory remains of the night when hundreds of villagers sat on the road to the cemetery awaiting the return of young bodies caked in mud.

But their determination to keep their remaining children from the harvest has run into the weary reality of the Egyptian countryside.

"We're dirt poor, the village has no other work and we have to make money," said Jawahir Ibrahim al-Khalifa, standing next to the tomb of her 14-year-old son, who drowned in the canal.

"There's no other way to get food," she said, wiping away tears. "That's the way the village is."

Egypt's annual cotton harvest began this month, and tens of thousands of children — from Sa el-Hagar and other desolately poor villages like it in the Nile delta — are flocking again into the fields in feudal fashion to toil beneath a late summer sun.

They work under government supervision, despite a law that bans employment of children under 14 and makes school mandatory until 15. They return to the fields every year, despite tragic accidents like the one that shattered this village of several thousand people.

As in past years, the government looks the other way, relying on the cheap labor to harvest one of Egypt's biggest cash crops.

"Anywhere you go, especially in the countryside, you can see that people break the law," said Hosni Yusuf Suleiman, who oversees programs for rural children at the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Egyptian cotton once outstripped King Cotton of America's South, its long fibers giving it a strength and softness that make it prized throughout the world. Next to oil, cotton remains Egypt's biggest export and its harvest — with each boll picked by hand — employs an estimated one-fifth of Egypt's rural workers.

Children are picked up in villages in the morning and driven to the fields, where they often work until dusk. Crouched over, they use three fingers to pluck the boll, stuffing fluffy white balls into their shirts, pockets or pouches tied around their waist.

They earn the equivalent of 3 cents to 9 cents for about 2 pounds of cotton. Most children make perhaps a dollar a day, usually far less.

"It's not a lot. It wouldn't even pay for three or four notebooks for school," said Mona Abdullah al-Faqih, a 15-year-old girl in a red headscarf who began picking cotton when she was 10. "If I could earn enough, I'd work all the time."

Mona was one of the dozens of children riding in the truck that overturned in September 1997. She was thrown from the car onto the dirt road, but walked away unscathed.

The government since has paid compensation — $880 for those who died, $150 for those who were hurt. It banned the transport of children in the big trucks that once plied the delta.

But it has taken no steps to keep children off the fields and in the schools, where Mona says she would rather be.

"The school is the future, and this is just work. The work will eventually end, but the school will make for a life afterward," she said, her pouch filled with twigs, leaves and cotton.

Behind her, a man shouts, "Gather it up, children!"

When Mona and the other children of Sa el-Hagar go to the fields these days, it is not without their parents' regrets.

Fayza al-Sayyid lost her 13-year-old daughter, Ahlam, who had earned the equivalent of 60 cents that day in the field.

On her cement tombstone painted in blue, a bittersweet message speaks to resignation and solace — "Only God is eternal."

"If I knew she would die, I never would have sent her to the fields," said al-Sayyid, crouched next to the grave and cloaked in black, listening to a boy read from a tattered Koran.

She paused, then added sadly, "But if we had another way to make money, none of them would have to go."

Booker Prize nominees include first novel by London bus driver

LONDON (AP) — A book written by a London bus driver in his spare time was one of the six nominees announced Wednesday for Britain's most prestigious literary prize.

Magnus Mills and his debut novel, "The Restraint Of Beasts," were named finalists for the $30,000 Booker Prize, which will be awarded Oct. 27 at a dinner in London's Guildhall.

Bookmakers have made Ian McEwan's novel "Amsterdam" the favorite to win, just ahead of "Master Georgie," by Beryl Bainbridge, who has been nominated five times.

Also named finalists were Julian Barnes' "England, England," Martin Booth's "The Industry Of Souls," and Patrick McCabe's "Breakfast On Pluto."

Past winners of the coveted award include Salman Rushdie for "Midnight's Children," last year's winner, Arundhati Roy for "The God of Small Things," and Michael Ondaatje for "The English Patient."

Publishers entered 125 titles for consideration for this year's Booker. The prize, established in 1968, is awarded each year for the best novel written in English in Britain or Commonwealth nations and published for the first time in Britain by a British publisher.

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NATO asks its members to ready for joint air strikes against Yugoslavia

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VILAMOURA, Portugal — NATO asked its military commanders on Thursday to take the next step to prepare for air strikes against Yugoslavia if Yugoslavia does not stop attacks on ethnic Albanian civilians in Kosovo, the province in southern Serbia.

The alliance authorized commanders to ask member states for the forces needed to carry out the threat. U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen called the move "an important step to avert a humanitarian disaster," but that step fell short of a political decision to go ahead with military action, and Cohen said it was not an ultimatum. In fact, it is the first of many steps necessary to carry out any threat against Yugoslavia.

"The credibility of NATO is on the line," Cohen said after defense ministers met at this bougainvillea-draped seaside resort in the Algarve to seek a way to convince Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic that he is ignoring their demands at his peril. Serbia and Montenegro are the last republics remaining in Yugoslavia.

"Today NATO sent a clear message to President Milosevic that it is time to stop the killing and destruction in Kosovo," Cohen said.

Other NATO ministers said that unless Milosevic stops his attacks, as they demanded, tens of thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees driven into the Balkan wilderness by Milosevic's forces could die as winter sets in.

Military and civilian officials here did not give details of their plans for air strikes, which include both a "limited air option" of strikes by U.S. ship-based cruise missiles against Serbian military targets in Kosovo and beyond, and a "phased air campaign" involving hundreds of planes that could attack command headquarters deep inside Serbia.

"Something has to happen soon; we can't just sit back now," said Germany's defense minister, Volker Ruhe, who also said he was worried about damage to the alliance's credibility if Milosevic were allowed to continue defying the warnings the allies have been issuing since May.

Ruhe said Germany was prepared to contribute 14 Tornado fighter-bombers to an air campaign, and called on the alliance to issue an ultimatum within the next 10 days if Milosevic does not keep repeated promises to end the attacks and let refugees return to safety.

The United States, the Netherlands, Britain and other countries have also pledged forces. Washington would provide forces for any of the military options outlined Thursday, said Gen. Wesley Clark, the supreme allied commander in Europe, but he and other officials declined to give details.

Kosovo, with roughly 2 million people, 90 percent of them ethnic Albanians, is not an internationally recognized independent nation like Bosnia-Herzegovina, where NATO warplanes eventually stopped Bosnian Serb attacks in 1995 and where more than 20,000 NATO peacekeepers remain.

Cohen said 15,000 Yugoslav national army troops and 11,000 security police officers had been used in attacks on villages in the campaign against armed Albanian rebels who demand independence for Kosovo. More than 200,000 people have fled their homes since the spring, some to other parts of Serbia and some to neighboring countries.

The allies do not support the demands for independence but they have called on Milosevic to negotiate with ethnic Albanian political leaders to restore to the province the autonomy he rescinded in 1989.

Thursday's decision — by NATO's political decision-making body for the supreme allied commander in Europe — authorized requests to member countries about what forces they would provide. This step is only the first toward possible military action in Kosovo, an "activation warning," in alliance jargon.

The next step would be for officers at NATO headquarters to match specific military units with the contingency plans drew up over the summer.

The third step could only come days or weeks later, in some cases after approval by national legislatures to participate in military actions. At that point the alliance could formally activate the plans, then take operational authority over national forces and finally authorize commanders in the Balkans to use the forces.

"We are measuring our time in hours and days, and it can be compressed significantly," Clark said Thursday. He said air strikes would be aimed at producing "some significant level of damage to key force elements and associated infrastructure" — in other words, both human targets and military ones — of the units that are attacking the ethnic Albanians.

Ruhe, whose country fears an influx of thousands of Albanian refugees on top of the several hundred thousand Balkan refugees who are already there, said the German Cabinet could approve military action early next week.

But the current Cabinet could be thrown out of office if Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats lose the German elections on Sunday. Ruhe said he was trying to keep the Social Democratic opposition closely informed about NATO discussions.

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Nigerian president meets with press to discuss nation's future

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UNITED NATIONS — Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, who became president of Nigeria in June by an accident of fate, came to the United States this week determined to convince skeptics that his government will be short-lived, open and incorruptible, and that the country had finally turned the corner to democracy after years of military rule.

"Come next May, we will hand over to the elected government," said Abubakar, a low-key reformer who succeeded one of Africa's most destructive dictators, Gen. Sani Abacha, who died of a heart attack on June 8. The date with democracy, Abubakar said Thursday, is "sacrosanct."

Abubakar, meeting with reporters at a breakfast that ranked only slightly below lavish in a glittering dining room at the Palace Hotel on Madison Avenue —a reminder of the immense wealth that official Nigeria has at its disposal — laid out the political steps ahead.

In December local elections will take place, followed by voting for state governors and legislators in January. In February an election for president and a national assembly will be held, with the formal handover of power three months later.

"Back home the political parties are busy forming," he said. "They are forging alliances, and the campaigning is going on for elections." He invited Nigerians abroad to "come back home and work together with us." Abubakar, 56, said that after his interim presidency ends, he plans to retire from any military and political roles.

The general, a measured speaker who seldom smiles, has won the confidence of American and European officials during his three months in power.

On Thursday, the European Union's development commissioner, Joao de Deus Pinheiro, called for an easing of sanctions on Nigeria as a reward for Abubakar's promise to restore democracy. Sanctions were imposed in 1995 after the Abacha government executed Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other advocates of the Ogoni people.

'Come next May, we will hand over to the elected government.'
— Nigerian President Abdulsalami Abubakar

The United Nations is sending a team of political specialists to Nigeria this week to advise the government on organizing elections. Secretary-General Kofi Annan visited the country in the summer and aides say he came away convinced that the new government was making an earnest effort to listen to the Nigerian people.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who attended a Security Council meeting here Thursday on Africa, praised Abubakar for "systematically taking steps to bring Nigeria back into the world community."

Abubakar, who addressed the General Assembly Thursday, met President Clinton in Washington on Wednesday. The Nigerian president, who described Clinton as one of the few world leaders really interested in his country, said he was told that if he stayed on his democratic course, the United States was prepared to help win some debt relief from international lending institutions and might also allow the resumption of direct flights to and from Nigeria.

"There are quite a number of Nigerians here and they have a problem getting home," Abubakar said Thursday.

Turning to the issue of corruption, for which Nigeria, under a series of military rulers, has made itself notorious worldwide, Abubakar said that "government transactions will now be transparent and open and whatever contracts are going to be given will be done by open bidding."

"On the issue of freedom of speech and association," he said, "we have done all we can to make these things as easy as it is all over the world. There is freedom of association, there is freedom of press. In Nigeria, licenses are being given now to private organizations to set up radio and television stations. We have well over 200, 300 newspapers and magazine circulating without any hindrance."

Abubakar said that new rules governing political parties and the electoral process have been introduced to meet the challenge of ethnicity and tribal warfare, which has torn Nigeria apart in the past.

"In Nigeria we have well over 250 tribes and ethnic groupings," he said. "Certainly it would not augur well for the country if parties are formed on that basis. We have 37 states in the country. One of the guidelines is that each of the parties to be registered must have representation in at least four of the states."

Abubakar, who says that he has freed a number of political detainees and ordered a study of decrees defining political crimes, spent a lot of time after taking office listening to Nigerians, he recalled Thursday.

The message he got was twofold, he said. "We need an indivisible country and we need each other. Two, we want democracy in Nigeria. Based on that, we leveled the political field and called everybody to come aboard in order to move the country forward."

Mexican stocks, peso close lower on profit-taking

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican stocks closed sharply lower Thursday as declining share prices in the U.S. and Brazil encouraged investors to take profits, and the peso lost ground against the U.S. dollar.

The key IPC index closed down 211.43 points or 5.4 percent to 3690.48, preliminary figures show, At the end of 1997, the IPC stood at 5229.35.

Activity was brisk, the second busiest of the year in terms of share volume. Turnover totaled 1.7 billion Mexican pesos ($167 million) on 155.7 million shares traded, compared to Wednesday's volume of 202.0 million shares.

The IPC registered its second-largest gain of the year Wednesday in point and percentage terms, soaring 9.0 percent in what was by far the year's heaviest day of trading.

"After a rise like yesterday's, a fall like today's is nothing extraordinary," said Francisco Blanco, director of equity research at Arka brokerage. "It was a session of profit-taking against a backdrop of several weeks of a technical rebound. We're still in a bear market."

Falling share prices in the U.S. and Brazil encouraged investors to sell, traders said. Brazil's Bovespa index ended 6.1 percent lower, preliminary figures show. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 1.9 percent.

Thursday ranked as the IPC's fourth-largest decline this year in percentage terms and third-largest in terms of points.

Mexico's peso closed slightly weaker against the dollar Thursday in an unusually steady session led by falling U.S. and Mexican share prices.

In Mexico City on 48-hour spot markets, banking leader Banamex quoted the peso closing at a mid rate of 10.1200 against the U.S. dollar, weaker from its open of 10.0750 and from its Wednesday close of 10.1100.

The Mexican currency may be pressured Friday and early next week by a jump in domestic inflation and speculation ahead of Tuesday's meeting of U.S. Federal Reserve policy makers.

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German candidate's wives mirror his ambitions

BONN, Germany (AP) — Some people say Gerhard Schroeder has a wife for every turn of his political ambitions. Now, running for chancellor, he's married to his fourth.

In the United States, political rivals could be expected to pounce on such a marital history. But here the Social Democratic challenger's private life has not been an issue in the campaign for Sunday's national election — at least not publicly.

Still, the 54-year-old Schroeder's succession of spouses reflects a political inconstancy that could backfire if voters start wondering: Is this the kind of chancellor Germans want leading them into the new millennium?

When Chancellor Helmut Kohl promotes himself as a trusted statesman, he means to emphasize his stability in times of global uncertainty brought on by the Russian financial crisis and continuing conflict in the Balkans. But the image also contrasts neatly with Schroeder's stormy personal history and changeable politics.

Schroeder married his high-school sweetheart, Eva Schubach, as a student rebellion swept through Europe in 1968. While others his age were protesting in the streets, Schroeder was working his way through night school, a world apart from young radicals trying to change the system.

Three years later, they divorced. Schroeder, at the time plunging into leftist politics in the Social Democratic Party, married fellow political activist Anne Taschenmacher.

By 1981, Schroeder had moved on politically. By then a lawyer and representative in parliament, he met Hiltrud Hampel, a policeman's wife with two children. After a long affair, they wed in 1984.

In a country where politicians' wives are seen but rarely heard, Hiltrud and Gerhard Schroeder became a nationally known power-couple, both with political ambitions. She courted support from the liberal Greens, helping him win the 1990 Lower Saxony state governor's race.

Germans saw them as partners. He cozied up to business — automaker Volkswagen is based in Lower Saxony — and she worked for environmental causes.

But as his ambitions grew, the marriage fell apart. After an acrimonious divorce — including a tell-all book by his spurned spouse that was not well-received in Germany — Schroeder married Doris Koepf, a political reporter 20 years his junior. They wed last year, three weeks after his divorce. At the time, Schroeder was seeking the nomination to challenge Kohl.

Schroeder-Koepf so far fits the traditional German mold of the self-effacing politician's wife. She is intent on shielding herself and her 7-year-old daughter from the limelight and claims no political ambition.

"I don't want to have the feeling that Gerd's success depends on me," she once said, using her husband's nickname.

Schroeder's popularity ratings have fallen in recent weeks, and he has continued to fiddle with his political message to improve it.

But because the "character issue" often central to American elections is a self-imposed taboo for German pollsters, it's hard to gauge whether Schroeder's personal life will affect him on election day.

Most pollsters think it won't. "The divorce, that all happened last year," said Dieter Roth of the Electoral Research Group organization. "It's dead and gone, and even at the time it had a limited impact on his popularity."

However, Schroeder's character, political and personal, isn't absent from voters' thoughts.

"After four wives, one has to wonder whether there's something wrong in his head," said Gerd Lynen, an engineer in Frankfurt. "What is important to me is what he brings to the government. And I have doubts about that."

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Official: Liberia won't object if warlord flown from embassy

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — The Liberian government will not object if a former warlord taking refuge in the U.S. Embassy is flown out of the country, the president's spokesman said Thursday.

The change in official tone could signal an end may be in sight to the six-day standoff.

Presidential spokesman Reginald Goodridge said it was the United States' right to do as they wished with Roosevelt Johnson — at least for now.

Johnson, President Charles Taylor's main rival, has been holed up in the embassy since Saturday morning, when Liberian soldiers apparently fired on his group as they were trying to arrange for refuge at the sprawling seaside compound. At least three of Johnson's supporters were killed in the shooting and two Americans were injured.

"If they were to fly him out somewhere we cannot control that," Goodridge said in an interview. "It would be their prerogative."

He added, however, the government hopes the United States will cooperate with Liberia in bringing Johnson to trial on charges of treason.

"But if they were to agree that they'd make Mr. Johnson available on demand when the trial begins, I think that could be acceptable to the Liberian government," Goodridge said.

Taylor's government has been demanding that Johnson — along with two of his supporters and two sons holed up with him — be handed over to Liberian authorities.

Officials in Washington have been holding high-level discussions with Taylor's government since the shooting, trying to find an end to the standoff. Fearing another attack, security has been greatly increased at the embassy and most diplomats have been evacuated.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, President Clinton's special envoy to Africa, has led the negotiating, according to American diplomats and Liberian officials.

Johnson's group forced their way through an embassy gate during the shooting. The U.S. Embassy, which did not want Johnson in the compound in the first place, now finds itself reluctantly protecting him.

American officials, who say Johnson will not be handed over to the Liberian government, have said a resolution to the standoff may involve flying Johnson to a neutral country, though Taylor had earlier insisted that was unacceptable.

Diplomats say the attack on Johnson's group made it clear he could not receive a fair trial in Liberia.

But Goodridge insisted Thursday that Johnson would be treated justly, saying that representatives from the United States, international organizations and human rights groups would be invited to monitor the proceedings.

"We will guarantee that Roosevelt Johnson and his people will receive a fair trial," he said.

The crisis with Johnson began Friday when Liberian troops tried to arrest the former rebel leader. Gun, rocket and mortar battles erupted in the capital and spilled over toward the U.S. Embassy compound, eyewitnesses had said. At least 47 people were killed in the weekend fighting.

Justice Minister Eddington Varmah had earlier denied that Liberian forces opened fire at the U.S. Embassy, but Goodridge acknowledged there had been a shootout between Johnson's supporters and Liberian soldiers.

A Liberian government report on the incident, released Thursday, said the shooting began when an American security officer fired a warning shot to keep government forces at bay.

Embassy officials could not be reached for comment on that assertion, but they said earlier that the Liberian soldiers opened fire without provocation and that Johnson and his men were unarmed.

Taylor and Johnson have been longtime rivals, heading opposing factions during Liberia's seven-year civil war.

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Doctors in France attempt hand transplant

LYON, France (AP) — The first hand transplant attempted in years raises hope for people who have lost limbs through birth defects or disfiguring accidents, doctors said Thursday.

Although such operations have never met with success, the doctors who performed this one gave it a 50 percent chance.

Using a new procedure made possible by advances in microsurgery, the doctors attached the right hand and forearm of an anonymous donor to the arm of a 48-year-old Australian man whose own hand was amputated after a 1989 accident.

The 13-hour operation was performed Wednesday at the Edouard Herriot Hospital in the southeastern city of Lyon.

The doctors attached "all the arteries, veins, nerves, tendons, muscles and skin after setting the two bones of the forearm," the hospital said in a statement.

The physicians were competing with surgeons in Louisville, Ky., who said in July they expected to perform a similar operation by the end of the year.

"It gives hope to all those who are victims of domestic or work accidents, antipersonnel mines, or have congenital deformations," Dr. Jean-Michel Dubernard, the head of transplant surgery at the Lyon hospital, told French television. Dubernard led the team with Earl Owen, director of the Center for Microsurgery in Sydney, Australia.

The patient was identified as an Australian businessman, France 2 television reported, adding it would take 12 to 18 months of therapy for him to regain full use of the hand.

While the hospital billed the surgery as a first, hand transplants have been attempted before. Doctors in Ecuador tried in the 1960s, but the patient's body rejected the hand after two weeks.

The surgery involves serious risks. Patients must take anti-rejection medication that suppresses the immune system to keep the body from destroying the foreign tissue. But the suppression of the immune system leaves the patient more vulnerable to other diseases.

Even if the patient doesn't reject the donor hand, he could face other problems, including the failure of nerves to regenerate sufficiently to allow sensation, such as hot and cold.

Other doctors on the team included Marco Lanzetta of the University of Milan, Italy; Hari Kapila of Sydney; and Nadey Hakim of Saint Mary's Hospital in London.

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Accomplishments of sports figures worthy of praise

The sports world was stunned in recent days by two losses — one, the untimely death Monday of former Olympian Florence Griffith Joyner and the other, the decision by Baltimore Orioles third baseman Cal Ripken to sit out Sunday's game against the New York Yankees after 2,632 consecutive appearances.

Certainly the losses were not comparable in terms of their significance. Griffith Joyner's death removed one of the best examples of an admirable sports figure for young Americans to emulate to come along in several years. That loss will be felt acutely by the young athletes striving to become Olympians.

Although she is gone, Ms. Griffith Joyner's success at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul where she won gold medals in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter relay, as well as a silver medal in the 1,600-meter relay, can continue to inspire young athletes. Her world's records in the 100 meters and 200 meters still stand — giving women a pinnacle to shoot for.

FloJo was a superb athlete who captivated the world a decade ago and will be long remembered as an outstanding sprinter. But she was much more than that. She was a genuine role model for young women and brought glamour to women's track and field.

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Then came the durable Cal Ripken.

In a year that has seen the baseball records set in years past by Babe Ruth, Roger Maris and Lou Gehrig fall, Ripken — a player long known for his unbelievable durability — casually choose to not take the field with the Orioles Sunday, ending a streak of appearances that began in 1982. Sports fans had been waiting for years, wondering when his streak would end. But it did not come amidst controversy or injury, but quietly at a time of his own choosing.

Adding to his remarkable string of games, Ripken has another attraction for us — and other sports fans who believe that sports stars have an obligation to behave themselves while on the playing field and hold themselves to a high standard of conduct. That is his reputation for good sportsmanship. It goes along with his outstanding play; it is part of his life and makes him someone young and old alike can cite as a good example of an outstanding athlete.

In bowing out of Sunday's game, Ripken was not admitting failure. The fact is that after his decision, he told a sportswriter, "Now that I know what it feels like I don't want to sit and watch a game anymore." Nope, Ripken will be back out on the baseball diamond.

Ripken and Griffith Joyner are two fine athletes who will be long remembered for what they brought to the world of sports.

Today in History

Today is Friday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 1998. There are 97 days left in the year.

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JACK ANDERSON

Morality in short supply in Washington, D.C.

It's getting hard to tell the preachers from the politicians in Washington.

The second session of the 105th Congress is winding down, having accomplished virtually nothing of consequence. Thus, most of the talk on Capitol Hill these days is about morality. The president's morality, of course.


Anderson

But Bill Clinton's sordid affair and subsequent cover-up isn't the only morality play taking place in Washington. Three others come to mind.

■ In just over a year it'll be time once again to account for each and every American via the decennial census. It's an enormous — and enormously important — task. Population figures play a major role in determining how federal dollars are divided among states and localities.

They also determine how the 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be reapportioned at the start of the next century — which is why there's now open political warfare over a plan to improve the census.

It's been widely reported that the 1990 census suffered from the greatest "undercount" in history. About one in 10 Americans wasn't accurately counted. A disproportionate number of the missing millions were minorities, especially inner-city residents.

The Census Bureau has proposed using statistical sampling methods to count those who failed to respond to the regular questionnaires. Nearly every prominent statistician in the country thinks this will help improve the accuracy of the census.

But Republicans are worried that an accurate population count could cost them seats in the House. Inner-city residents, especially blacks, tend to vote for Democrats. If, say, the actual population of Houston turns out to be greater than the old census figures suggest, it might cost the GOP a reliably conservative seat in the suburbs.

Opponents of sampling give a bogus argument that the Constitution calls for an actual "enumeration" of the population. But sampling would not replace the survey method; only enhance it and make it more accurate.

What's so moral about opposing a plan to count every American — including the poorest — for the sake of political gain?

■ The Department of Health and Human Services recently proposed a change in the rules governing organ donations. Under the old rules, local communities got first dibs when an organ became available. The new rule would grant preference to the most critically ill patients, regardless of where they live.

The old rule made sense in the early days of organ transplants, when a heart or liver could only survive for a few minutes after extraction. But modern technology has improved that timeframe, so that a living organ can now survive transport to practically any area of the country.

Yet some members of Congress, notably Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., are trying to kill the plan. They're getting help from a group called the United Network for Organ Sharing, which has lobbied extensively against the plan.

UNOS says it is trying to protect patients by keeping organ donations under local control. But some say that the group is really trying to protect its clients — small transplant centers that might be forced to close their doors under the new rules. Since the sickest patients tend to congregate in the biggest and best-known transplant centers, smaller hospitals might lose out.

Which leads to the obvious question: Is it moral for members of Congress to deny life-saving organ transplants to the patients who need them most for the sake of business?

■ And finally, the banking industry is lobbying hard for a financial modernization bill, which is a dream come true for the big national banks. The bill will tear down regulatory barriers by allowing banks, securities firms and insurance companies to combine their operations and get even bigger.

Included in this sweetheart proposal was a measure called "basic banking." It would require all banks to make available minimum-fee, basic checking accounts to their customers — thus reducing some of the onerous fees that banks charge to customers who don't keep a large minimum balance on deposit. Right now, 48 million American households keep less than $1,000 in their checking accounts, and pay a combined total of $9 billion in fees for that privilege, according to a study by public interest group U.S. PIRG.

The basic banking provision was included in a House version of the bill. But the Senate Banking Committee quietly eliminated the clause when approving its own version earlier this month. While the big banks get their wish-list, their customers get screwed again.

What's so moral about that?

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Letters

What's next in the 'war on drugs'? Nuclear weapons?

Oh boy! Now our sheriff has APC's, armored vehicles, to help him win the 'war on drugs.' Don't get in the way folks. We citizens are beginning to notice that all this 'war' has produced is more police powers and a series of laws that restrict our freedom. The 'war' goes on and we lose rights.

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What's next? Nuclear weapons? We could kill all the pushers and users in the county with one of these. Am I the only taxpayer who thinks this all looks like a comic opera? Well, it does, and the tickets aren't cheap. None but the actors are amused.

James Humphrey

Education on Africanized Honey Bees can save lives

I am a fourteen-year Midland hobby beekeeper, having five honey bee colonies until recently, when three of my strong European bee colonies were overtaken by the Africanized Honey Bee (AHB) that arrived in our country two years ago. As the AHB becomes more common, we need to be careful about washing stings, since the scent the bee leaves when they sting will draw other bees like a magnet. Domestic bees only sting when you threaten them, step on them or disturb their hive. They do 95 percent of the pollination.

They are not AH bees. Internet bee information like Armed Forces Pest Management Board Information Memorandum No. 34 says pet owners in AH bee area have a 4-5 higher chance of death from bee stings. Dogs that bark at bees are targeted. Mowers, loud vehicles engines or music in cars can stir up AH bees that may be in a wild hive near by and unknown until they come at you. Their response is defensive. People with small children should have their doctor test them for sensitivity to any kind of stings. Knowing this could save their lives. Everyone needs to know if they are hypersensitive to stings of any kind and carry neccesary medication.

Everyone can caulk their homes to reduce wall hives. For children 1) stay away from bees. 2) don't disturb them. 3) leave the area and go to a safe place without screaming or running. 4) tell an adult what has happened. For elderly and handicapped on picinics and outings: 1) check the area out in advance. Elderly and handicapped cannot move as fast as others to escape. 2) keep cover nearby (car, house). 3) always bring a companion along. 4) if bees encountered, do not disturb them. 5) carry some kind of protection such as a blanket in a boat or tarp in a vehicle. 6) Avoid perfumes, shaving lotions, hair sprays; For outdoor workers or sports enthusiasts. a) contact an authorized and experienced person to eliminate the AH bees before work continues; b) if risks are great, wear protective equipment. c) Do not attempt to 'burn out' bee colonies. If we take care of this change in our environment, we can all 'bee' happy. Right now it's adjustment time. Education can help.

Alan Williams

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Ann McMann

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Americans being dragged into brawl over sex, lies, video

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. — So, here I sit in the Excelsior Hotel, where Bill Clinton met Paula Jones. A church-related meeting commences shortly in Salon A of the President Clinton Ballroom. But hold on — they're getting ready on TV to show us the tapes.

How is this for surrealism — which word, had the art critics not employed it, we would have invented for moments like this one.


Murchison

It is all happening in the Clinton Era. The American people — supposedly the happiest, certainly the richest, people in the world — are political prisoners, captives, that is to say, of processes designed to guarantee freedom and justice. These drag us instead into a national brawl over sex, lies and videotape.

"Who is the real Bill Clinton?" Sam Donaldson asks archly. Sam has been meditating on the many faces of George Washington's most recent successor, as exhibited in his taped grand jury testimony.

The very question adds to the oddness. We do not know our own president, whom we have put in charge of our lives and liberties. Many — polls tell us — seem indifferent to the necessity of knowing him any better than they do.

And yet here, in the capital of the state that in a sense gave him to us, on whose streets he was a familiar figure, all seems normal and everyday. The Arkansans one meets are warm and attractive. Little Rock seems an unlikely breeding ground for diseases such as weaken the republic. Yet in this very hotel the whole sordid business began to unfold. Oh, Miss? The governor would like to meet you upstairs.

America is hostage once again to the follies and foibles of politicians and public questions. The Clinton thing we cannot put down. There is no way to accomplish it. The media would not let us if we tried. Surf the channels after the testimony — the talking heads have their mouths wide open. The Meaning of It All is ...

The meaning of it all — whether one believes the president to be a continental liar or a great man more sinned against than sinning — is that the politicians are running roughshod over their countrymen. Politics is the science of power and domination. There are ways of living that do not center on the scramble to dominate others — to preen in front of television cameras while shaping, allegedly, the course of human events.

New churches start all the time. This one differs with others in that its founders, alive with gospel zeal, overrode the objections of the local Episcopal bishop, a liberal gay-rights proponent. They organized the church he had not wanted organized. Then they placed themselves under the care and jurisdiction of a bishop from darkest Africa, a Rwandan Tutsi who in due course will come to Little Rock — once so famous for resisting school integration — to share his faith and authority.

Nor did Bill Clinton's race commission, which recently delivered an insipid final report after a year of staged events and one-sided discourse, tell the respective parties in Little Rock (white) and Rwanda (black) to get with it. They just did it. Didn't even need the politicians!

On Little Rock television, the talk is of sex and presidents, not faith and conversion, not of ordinary life, that's for sure. The surrealism of the moment sweeps us up as the president of the United States tries to explain, or not to explain, what he did or didn't do, with or to ... an intern.

The breath of the world is hushed. CNN shows the stock market plunging or rising as apprehensions about the ultimate outcome wax or wane.

No stranger times come to mind than this in which we live. Life centered on politics is life deformed, the vital juices sucked out of it. Such is life in these United States: politics — and politicians — as the common obsession. As, indeed, something worse these days is popular entertainment; the subject binding us together more tightly than McGwire and Sosa can do. Didja see it? Whatcha think? What now?

Yes, what now?

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William Murchison's column is distributed by Creators Syndicate.

House to vote on impeachment early next month

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee will vote early next month on beginning a formal impeachment inquiry, committee chairman Henry Hyde said Thursday. He said he had "no reason to doubt" the truthfulness of Monica Lewinsky's account of her relationship with President Clinton.

Hyde, the Illinois Republican presiding over the House review, also said the committee will release 60,000 more pages of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's evidence next week.

Asked about the president's version of events, which conflicts on some points with that of the young former White House aide, Hyde replied, "We have his testimony and we have hers. And we'll read it, read both of them, and make our mind up as to who's the most believable and credible."

The comments at a news conference marked the first time he had expressed a public opinion about any of the evidence amassed by Starr.

Hyde offered his observations at the same time he announced a timetable that calls for the panel to vote Oct. 5 or 6 on a formal inquiry of impeachment, and, assuming committee approval, the full House to vote by about Oct. 9

In addition, the committee will release much more of Starr's evidence, including grand jury testimony by presidential secretary Betty Currie, Clinton friend Vernon Jordan and Linda Tripp, who taped conversations with Ms. Lewinsky and alerted Starr to her relationship with Clinton.

Hyde made it clear the committee will not necessarily limit itself to the Lewinsky matter as it decides Clinton's fate.

"None of us are interested in casting a very wide net," he said. At the same time, he said that in addition to the material that Starr has submitted, or may submit in the future, "there may be other matters that we feel bear on the main question of the fitness of the president for this office. I would never say we won't hear those things."

Gingrich and others have suggested that any inquiry could expand into questionable fundraising practices by Clinton and his campaign in the 1996 campaign.

Hyde made his comments as the White House and congressional Democrats continued to criticize Republican handling of the case.

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry suggested Republicans might suffer a public backlash for dragging out proceedings that the public seems to want wrapped up quickly.

"There's not a great deal we can do with that (the timing). But I think the American people would then wonder why are we going to be forced to go through this issue, this discussion for what would obviously then be a matter of months with no attempt to resolve it, to put it behind us, to move on to deal with it," McCurry said.

For his part, Clinton told reporters he preferred to concentrate on other issues such as the economy. "It is utterly foolish for people to be diverted or distracted from the urgent challenges still before us," he said.

Democrats on the Judiciary Committee criticized Republicans for saying they did not want to release audio tapes made by Mrs. Tripp after insisting last week on releasing Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony.

"I suspect that what the Republicans on the committee want to do is withhold evidence that is exculpatory" for Clinton, said Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., "The president has been railroaded enough."

The skirmishing of Republicans and Democrats was evident for all to see.

There also were internal differences among the Democrats. Rep. Barney Frank, the second-ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said "it was a mistake" for party floor leader Dick Gephardt to propose an impeachment timetable as short as 30 days.

Less obvious was the internal Republican discontent. Several lawmakers and aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, expressed the fear that House Speaker Newt Gingrich, himself the possessor of a controversial political profile, had become too visible a presence on the issue. More broadly, they said they feared that since the run-up to the release of Clinton's grand jury tape on Monday, the White House and Democratic allies have been outmaneuvering the GOP in the daily public relations battle.

These sources said that the issue was the topic of discussion at two closed-door GOP leadership meetings on Wednesday. At one, other leaders suggested to Gingrich that he lower his profile and that other lawmakers be recruited to carry the Republican message.

The appearance of Hyde, a 74-year-old lawmakers who commands bipartisan respect, in the Judiciary Committee room grew in part out of that concern, several people said. And, as aides anticipated, he was asked whether he was in fact in charge of the impeachment review.

"All I know is every time I give advice to Newt, he nods his head affirmatively," Hyde answered.

At one point, Hyde was asked whether he anticipated having Ms. Lewinsky testify at hearings expected to begin after the Nov. 3 election.

He said he'd rather not, since he didn't think much was to be gained. He noted that she was granted immunity from prosecution by Starr's office in exchange for testifying truthfully.

"I have no reason to doubt that that's what she did, because if she didn't, her immunity would be forfeit. So I'm prepared to take what she said." Hyde added that if the White House had other evidence to offer, he'd be happy to receive it.

While the White House has not attacked Ms. Lewinsky's testimony, there are differences between her account and the president's. Clinton has testified, for example, that he never touched her in a sexual way, while she has testified that he did.

Wife of conductor Zubin Mehta testifies in embezzlement trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The wife of conductor Zubin Mehta testified Thursday she never authorized checks which a prosecutor contends Whitewater figure Susan McDougal used to pay medical bills and travel expenses for her family.

Nancy Mehta, who employed Mrs. McDougal as the family bookkeeper from 1989 to 1992, spent several hours on the stand identifying individual checks.

Some had her named forged on them, she said.

Mrs. McDougal, who sat quietly taking notes and staring at Mrs. Mehta in court, is charged with embezzling some $150,000 from the Mehtas to pay expenses for herself and her family, including dental and chiropractic bills.

Mrs. McDougal's lawyer, Mark Geragos, has said he will show that Mrs. Mehta told her assistant to spend money as part of a plot to keep it away from her husband's children.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Mehta denied there was any conflict with her husband about how to spend their money.

And Mrs. Mehta testified she never authorized Mrs. McDougal's personal expenditures.

Under cross-examination, defense attorneys confronted Mrs. Mehta with thousands of dollars in credit card charges she acknowledged were hers, even though she previously had said she had canceled the card months earlier.

Mrs. Mehta acknowledged a series of payments for amounts as high as $9,000 on one credit card.

Her testimony is scheduled to continue Friday.

Earlier Thursday, prosecutors complained Mrs. McDougal had called one of Zubin Mehta's daughters after court Wednesday to try to pressure her to testify against Mrs. Mehta.

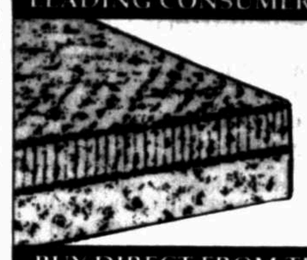
The prosecutor said the daughter refused and Mrs. McDougal called her again, prompting a request from the daughter to have the defendant admonished by the judge.

Geragos argued that it was proper for his client to contact a potential witness.

Superior Court Judge Leslie Light said he wanted no part of the dispute.

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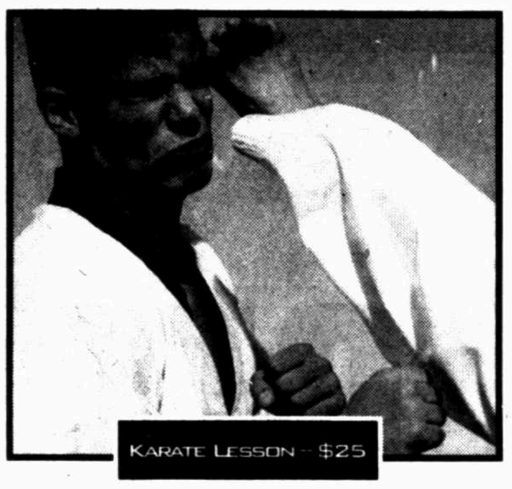
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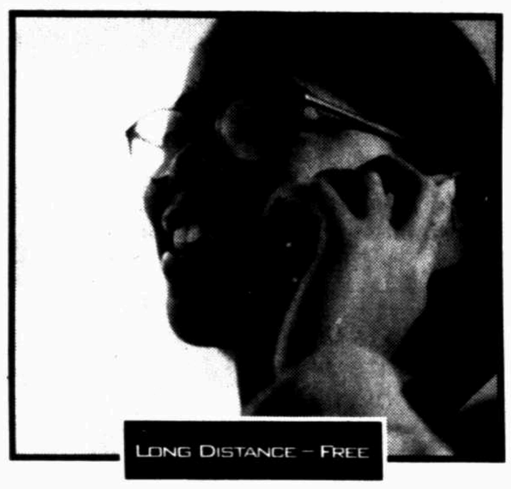
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States under gun as EPA tries to reduce pollution flow to Northeast

Thousands of cases of respiratory illness can be prevented by proposed reductions, EPA Administrator Carol Browner said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-two states from Missouri to Massachusetts were ordered Thursday to reduce smog-causing emissions as the Environmental Protection Agency moved to stem the flow of air pollution from the Midwest to the Northeast.

The primary target of the tougher federal controls, which were estimated to cost $17 billion over the next decade, will be scores of coal burning power plants in the Midwest and Ohio Valley.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner said the additional cuts in nitrogen oxide releases will mean cleaner air for 138 million Americans and help local officials meet new, tougher air quality standards announced last year.

"Thousands of cases of smog-related illnesses, like bronchitis and exacerbated cases of childhood asthma, will help be prevented each year," Browner said. She estimated the annual health benefits at $3.4 billion.

Nitrogen oxide is a component of ozone, an essential part of smog during the summer months.

Ohio Gov. George Voinovich accused the EPA of pursuing "a heavy-handed punitive approach" and said the requirements would cause economic hardship to utilities and businesses in his state.

But Northeastern officials and environmentalists called the EPA action "historic" in its aim to address the problems of interstate pollution.

"The EPA is now listening," said New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco.

The EPA has estimated the cost of the additional pollution controls at $1.7 billion annually in amortized capital costs and new operating expenses if most of the reductions are achieved from power plants.

It is the first effort by EPA to address concerns about the impact of long-range pollution from Midwest and Ohio Valley power plants on urban centers in the Northeast where officials are struggling to meet federal air quality requirements.

The 22 states under the EPA new regulation must cut annual nitrogen oxide emissions by a total of 1.1 million tons, or about 28 percent, by 2003.

Midwest and Ohio Valley states will find it toughest to meet the new requirements.

West Virginia will have to cut in half its nitrogen oxide releases, mainly from coal-burning power plants. Cuts of a third or more will be required by Ohio (36 percent), Indiana (36 percent), Missouri (35 percent), and Kentucky (33 percent).

By contrast, Northeast states, where utilities use less coal and have already tightened pollution efforts, will face less severe cuts. In fact, Rhode Island now is below the EPA's target for the state, while Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York face cuts of 6 percent or less.

Utilities that cannot meet the 2003 target will be allowed to buy pollution "credits" from companies that have exceeded the target, if that is more economical.

While the EPA's primary aim was to address the interstate flow of smog-causing chemicals, Browner said the emission cuts also will help many communities, including those in the Midwest, to comply with the tougher ozone air quality standards issued last year.

Midwest officials have argued that the impact on the Northeastern states has been exaggerated, and that the EPA requirement will force Midwest and Ohio Valley utilities to commit to expensive pollution controls with modest environmental gains.

In imposing the new requirements, the EPA cited a two-year study, conducted by the states themselves. The study called for cuts in nitrogen oxide emissions from power plants and concluded that pollution from the Midwest and Ohio Valley plants adversely affected air quality in the Northeast.

Browner said each state will have to determine how to achieve the pollution reductions. But she acknowledged that in many cases utilities offer the cheapest way.

The cost of cutting a ton of nitrogen oxide from a coal-burning power plant was estimated at $1,500, compared with $3,400 from automobile tailpipes, the EPA said.

The new requirements apply to the District of Columbia and 22 states: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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Red Cross announces local merger

■ Midland and Odessa chapters merge, but offices will remain open in both cities.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A new American Red Cross chapter has been created through the merger of the West Texas chapter in Midland and the Permian Basin chapter in Odessa.

The new American Red Cross of Southwest Texas chapter has the largest service area in the state and "if not the largest, is definitely one of the largest in the country geographically, and with a population of a half-million people," said Kay Ham, who is serving as interim executive director. A search is in progress for a new executive director.

Ms. Ham, who works for the Red Cross as director of programs and services in its Louisiana Capitol chapter in Baton Rouge, said the merger was made to provide better services to the 26 counties in the chapter's service area.

"Covering such a large area, which is sparsely populated in some areas, is a challenge," she said. For example, training emergency response teams in outlying areas was not possible for the separate chapters.

While both offices in Midland and Odessa remain open, the administrative offices are now located in Midland's office at 2306 Elizabeth.

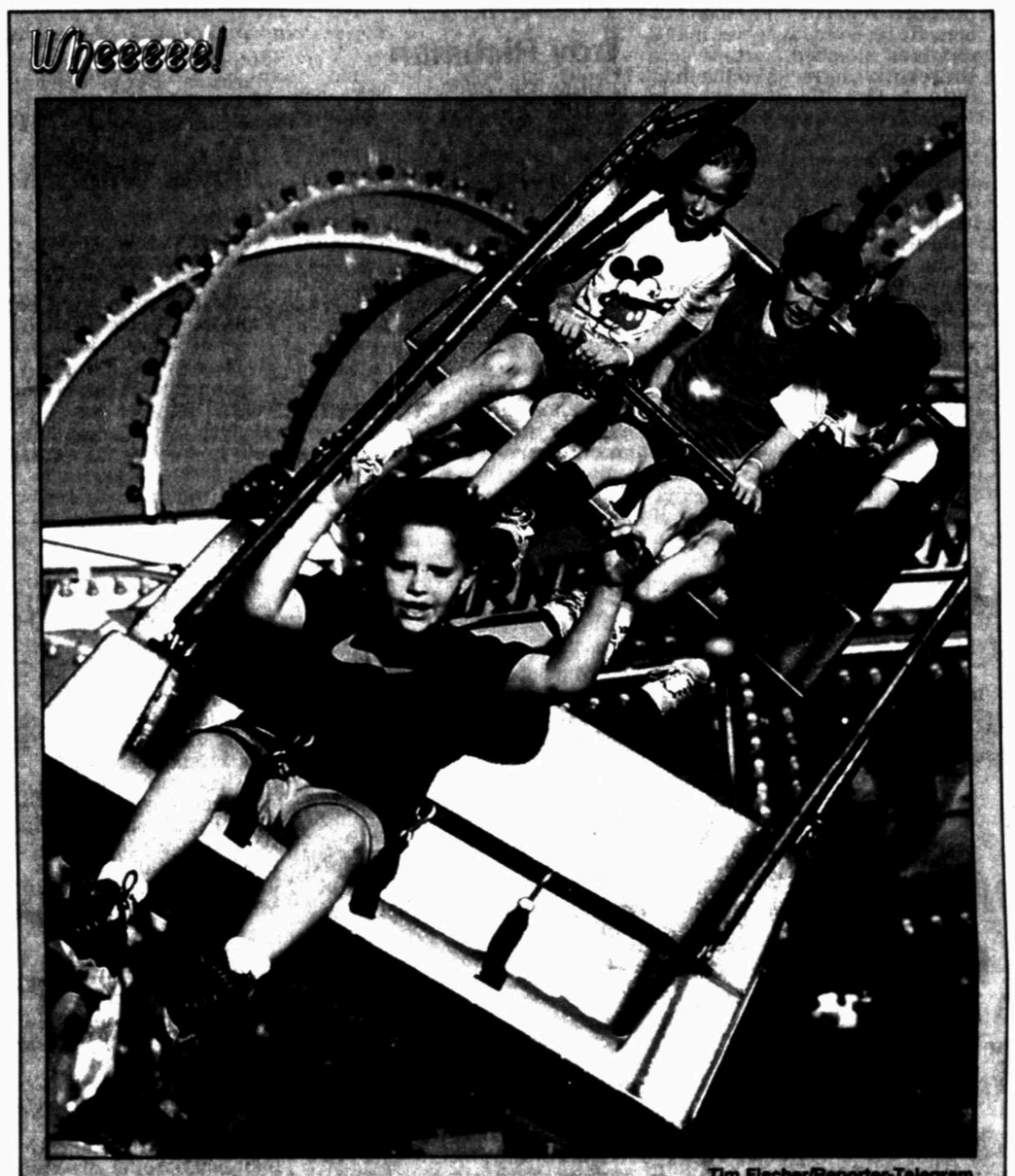
The chapter's board of directors — comprised of the boards of both Midland and Odessa chapters — is in the process of determining where the actual administrative headquarters will be and guiding the merger of the two chapters' resources. Ms. Ham said board members will also identify members of the community to be asked to join the Red Cross board.

The process began this summer with the formation of a merger committee that had equal representation from both chapters, she said. The committee has been guiding the merger decision and holding discussions on the fine details of the merger.

She emphasized that the offices in Midland and Odessa will remain open and will function as in the past.

With the citizens of Del Rio still cleaning up from floods caused by Tropical Storm Charley and Hurricane Georges bearing down on south Florida, she said donations are welcome to the Red Cross.

"If people want to contribute, they can designate it for the disaster relief fund and specify a disaster if they want," she said.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
The St. Ann's Family Fair carnvial opened Thursday at Illinois Avenue and N Street. Tyler Jezek, 9, rides the Whirlwind. The carnival continues 6-10 p.m. today and 1-6 p.m. Sunday. The 50th annual fair is set for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. In addition to the carnival, the fair will include 40 game and food booths. Proceeds will benefit St. Ann's Catholic School.

Westwood Medical Center to cutback employee positions

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

About 10 Westwood Medical Center employee positions will be cut in response to action by the hospital's parent company, Paracelsus Healthcare Corp.

Houston-based Paracelsus announced cutbacks at all of its 24 hospitals and four nursing homes in nine states. The corporation is cutting 450 full-time positions and has directed hospital managers to take cost-cutting measures that may include wage reduction.

Locally, the cutbacks will have minimal effects, said Mike Potter, Westwood president. The hospital, which has a staff of about 300, has been more profitable than some of Paracelsus' other facilities, he said.

"The July and August operating margin was the highest July and August in the five years that we've been in operation."

Potter expects no change in the quality of services provided at Westwood as a result of these cuts.

Paracelsus President Charles Miller said the cuts are to compensate for reduced reimbursements to that institution.

Much of this reduction is in the area of home health care, which

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Medical screenings to be offered at 15th Permian Basin Health Fair

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

ODESSA — The 15th edition of the Permian Basin Health Fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Ector County Coliseum, Building G.

Admission is free.

A variety of screenings will be offered and exhibitors will be passing out pamphlets, brochures and promotional items during the fair.

"Our goal, as in the past, is to provide education and screenings, either at no charge or for a nominal fee, for people who can't afford or don't take the time to have them done," said Valerie Cook, president of the health fair.

This year's theme of "Shoot for the Stars" signifies "the need to have health care as one of your main goals," she said.

The fair is geared for all ages, with Slap Jack, Juice the Moose, Wally Wise Guy, Pluggy the Fireplug and Ready Teddy visiting during the day to entertain the children. The DPS Rollover Simulator will operate throughout the event.

A blood drive will be held during the fair and massages and eyeglass cleaning and adjustments will be offered throughout the day.

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Woman plays note of encouragement for victims of disease

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Nancy Mims Geers plays many roles and acts on them: pianist, music writer, therapist, wife, daughter, sister, friend, optimist, believer, challenger and victim of fibromyalgia and chronic-fatigue syndrome.

She is spirited and has been from the outset even though, in retrospect, she figured that she has been battling the illnesses for about 40 of her 46 years. Those trials began about the time she started taking piano lessons as a child.

"I'm pretty much a perfectionist," said Mrs. Geers, who gladly took on the challenge of mastering the piano as much as any talented and dedicated soul can command any musical instrument.

"My parents (James and Mary Mims) were demanding and I practiced. They saw a talent there. They demanded of me what I was capable of doing," Mrs. Geers said.

She said that her piano teachers also challenged her and she reciprocated.

Aside from that, she put her school-days energies into sports, choir and academics.

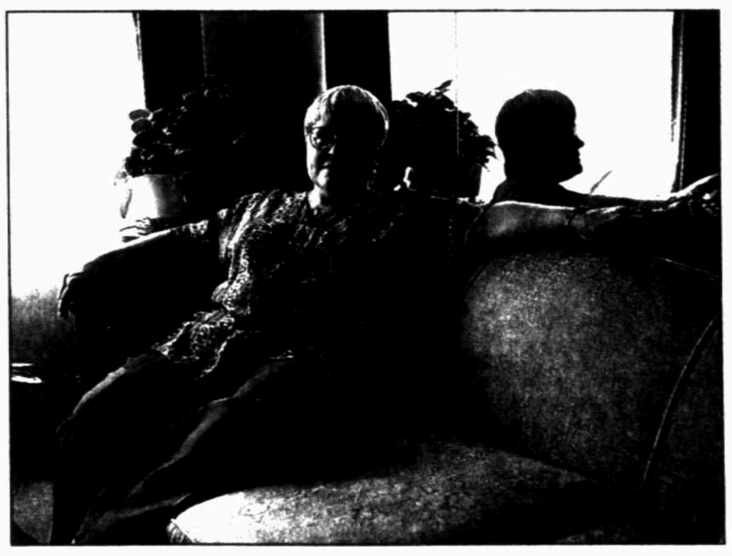
And she writes Christian music.

"I write what I've learned about faith as I go through trials," Mrs. Geers explained. "The Lord is there. He has walked it before. He holds your hand as you go through it."

Her spirits apparently fueled her quest to excel. And in excelling, her spirits soared.

Yet, all the while, there was the battle to fight discomfort, stress and illness. She thinks the fibromyalgia — an arthritis-like condition of

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Nancy Geers, who suffers from fibromyalgia and chronic-fatigue syndrome, is to teach a course on how to cope with the diseases.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

BASIN BRIEFING

Sierra Blanca

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's environmental agency will meet Oct. 22 to consider a license for a proposed nuclear waste dump near Sierra Blanca in West Texas.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission announced the meeting on Thursday.

"It appears no further preparations are required, and the commission will be ready to proceed with a public meeting to decide this case," said Geoff Connor, the agency's general counsel.

The TNRCC said no public comment would be taken in the 9 a.m. session at agency headquarters in Austin. The parties involved will present their cases to the commissioners.

The permit is being sought by the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority. The proposed dump would be built near Sierra Blanca, about 90 miles from El Paso.

Connor said he expects the commissioners to reach a decision Oct. 22, although they're not required to do so at that time. A final decision by the commissioners eventually could be appealed through the courts, he said.

The facility, which is opposed by some West Texas residents and environmental groups, would hold radioactive waste generated by nuclear power plants, industry, medical labs and universities, officials have said.

After years of skirmishing in Congress, an agreement allowing Maine and Vermont to ship their radioactive waste to Texas was signed into law by President Clinton earlier this week. Under terms of that deal, Maine and Vermont will pay Texas $55 million for the long-term storage of their refuse.

Critics of the Sierra Blanca site contend it is seismically, geologically, environmentally and diplomatically unsound, potentially jeopardizing the region's key water sources. Proponents have defended the location as safe.

Clinton friend

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Campus drinking

AUSTIN — Chad Connally remembers what partying at Southwestern University used to be like. "My freshman year you could walk into a place and there would be beer and alcohol everywhere," said Connally, a senior who is the student body president. By its own admission, the administration looked the other way when it came to much of the drinking on campus. Without fear of getting caught, students partied to relieve stress, get drunk, and have the kind of mindless fun that sharing a bunch of beers with 100 of your closest friends can provide. Now, at one of the state's oldest universities, that's all changing.

Mosquito swarms

HARLINGEN — Swarms of mosquitoes — the legacy of recent rains — could pose a health threat to people in Southeast Texas, health officials warn. Two cases of St. Louis encephalitis have been confirmed in Houston, said city health department spokeswoman Kathy Barton. She said a 45-year-old man and a 31-year-old man were stricken. Thirteen pools of mosquitoes carrying St. Louis encephalitis have been found in Harris County this year, and a chicken in the Dallas area was found to have been bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

Myrtle-Tree ministries, Womens' Bible Studies, noon, 312 W. Illinois, 683-1370, 683-5670.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. Info, 694-4166,580-7545, 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Recreation lessons for those with mental retardation, 682-9771.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Texas Am. Bank. 684-5310.

RICK LÓPEZ

Deciding fate of a peer portrayed a lot differently in commercials

It was the first time this year that I wasn't late to a prescheduled event.

Even though an alarm clock sounds just as annoying as a game show buzzer at 7 a.m., I managed to fight my impulse to hit the snooze button and lay in bed another 15 minutes.



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Instead, I rushed through my usual morning routine (shaving, showering and carfing a breakfast burrito) so I could get to the courthouse in time. I wasn't expecting to cover some juicy trial, but instead, I was looking forward to participating in a duty that preserves our judicial system.

Since the day I got my jury summons, people told me that I needed the luck of a Lotto winner to be chosen as a juror in a criminal case. If that is the case, I prefer to hit the jackpot, but being impaneled wouldn't be so bad either.

I always wondered what kind of conversation goes on during deliberation and how serious jurors take their duty. Unfortunately, I would probably never know because reporters aren't always good candidates — or at least that's what others said.

As I walked into the courtroom Monday morning, I was surprised to see dozens, if not almost 100 people, packed into a room. Some, including me, had to lean against a wall because every seat was taken.

Anyone listening to the voices floating across the room would have known immediately that there was a difference of opinion among the people asked to appear in court that day.

Two women, in what seemed to be an exciting conversation, were hoping that they would sit in on a divorce hearing between two seething spouses.

On the other hand, a well-groomed businessman seemed perturbed that he should participate in jury duty when he had business pending. At one point, while complaining to someone on the other end of his cell phone, he sighed and asked, "Oh God, why do I need to be here?"

Personally, I was just trying to absorb as much of the atmosphere as I could. I felt I would never get that involved in a court proceeding unless I was a defendant, which is possible, but not quite the experience I was seeking.

With a strange twist of fate, I was chosen to serve on a trial involving a bail jumper. OK, it was not exactly a scandalous affair, but a case that indeed needed to be taken to trial.

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When I went home that night, I recalled all the harsh comments I used to make about juries that took "forever" to return a verdict. Obviously, there was a conflict in opinion, but I was puzzled why it took them so long to sort out their differences when they all heard the same testimony and examined the same evidence.

In my case, helping persuade two jurors to change their minds was enough work to convince me that it's not easy to reach a consensus. It takes a lot of nerve to tell someone that they need to reverse their well-formed conclusion to conform to the majority's opinion.

But they budged and reconsidered their stance. And believe it or not, no arm-twisting or cutthroat manipulation techniques were used.

As easy as it seems to others, deciding whether or not someone gets jail time was one of the hardest things I could do, but it showed me a lesson I would not have learned if I weren't in that situation. Any case that's brought to trial deserves a lot of attention and thought.

So much for that Holiday Inn commercial where the jurors purposely hold up a trial so the court sequesters them overnight. If you're one of those people who believes this goes on, then answer your jury summons.

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DEATH NOTICES

Johnnie Turner

BIG SPRING — Johnnie L. Turner, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 23, at his home.

Graveside services are to be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Revs. Monroe Teeters and Dwayne Wheat officiating. Military honors will be provided by Goodfellow Air Force Base. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born Oct. 17, 1919, in Georges Creek.

He moved to Big Spring in 1927. He was a founding member of Berea Baptist Church. He worked at Big Spring State Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Lee (White) Turner of Big Spring; a son, Johnnie L. Turner Jr. of Sugerland; three daughters, Andrea Moore of Brownwood, Vicki Parks of Albuquerque, N.M., and Juile Bartlett of Big Spring; a brother, W.C. Turner of Merkel; two sisters, Myrtle Cline of Norman, Okla., and Audi Baker of Big Spring; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Glen Petree

BIG SPRING — Glen Petree, 90, of Stanton died on Thursday, Sept. 24 in Midland.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1907, in Potosi.

He was a Martin County farmer and rancher until his retirement in 1972. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Stanton.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mae Petree on June 13, 1989.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Petree of Midland and David Petree of Big Spring; two daughters, Caryl Henderson of Big Spring and Betty Wagley of Crosby; three brothers, Eugene Petree of Big Spring, Malcom Petree and Wendell Petree, all of New Mexico; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials go to Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton, Texas 79782.

Michael Jones

LAMESA — Michael Jay Jones, 41, of Lamesa, brother of Midlander Sharon McGowen, died Thursday, Sept. 24, in Lamesa.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Northridge United Methodist Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Billy Everett officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

He was born Dec. 7, 1956, in Hereford.

He moved to Lamesa from Portales, N.M., in 1992. He was a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Preston Smith Unit. He was a member of Northridge United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include his wife, Ester (Yarter) Jones of Lamesa; two sons, T.J. Jones and Lyric Jones, both of Lamesa; two daughters, Lacy Jones and Rosie Jones, both of Lamesa; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Jones of Roswell, N.M.; two other sisters, Gale Brown of San Angelo and Karen Laverty of Farwell; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones of Plainview.

Jasqueline Ryan

Jasqueline Harvey Ryan died Thursday, Sept. 24, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

POLICE REPORTS

Hit-and-run

LAMESA — A bike accident has left one man dead and another facing criminal charges.

According to Lamesa police, Michael Jones, 41, was riding his bike east on South Eighth Street when he hit a white pickup. The truck was turning south onto South Elgin Avenue and Jones fell onto the eastbound lane of South Eighth Street.

The driver of the pickup saw Jones getting back on his feet and then he was struck by a vehicle traveling east on Eighth Street, according to the report. The vehicle did not stop, police said.

Police found Jones' body lying on the southeast side of South Eight Street. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle involved in the hit-and-run has been arrested and charged with failure to stop and render aid.

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Midland Police Department
Wednesday

Burglary: Xtreme Sports at 1108 S. Midland Drive reported a burglary. It was reported at 9:50 p.m.

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Criminal mischief: Gang graffiti was painted on a house at 2714 Franklin Ave. It was reported at 2:30 a.m.

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Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 701 W. Ohio Ave. It was reported at 9 p.m.

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Thursday

Burglary: Kayendall Bottom Hole reported a burglary at 1209 W. Washington Ave. It was reported at 6:30 p.m.

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Theft: A theft was reported at 5501 E. Highway. 80. It was reported at 10:34 a.m.

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Burglary: A vehicle was broken into at 3221 Preston Drive. It was reported at 7 a.m.

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Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 4405 Parkhurst Drive. It was reported at 9:50 p.m.

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Burglary: A residence was broken into on 2612 Roosevelt. It was reported at 7:30 a.m.

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Criminal mischief: A fence was torn up at 2604 Kessler Ave. It was reported at 12:16 p.m.

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Criminal mischief A window was smashed on a vehicle at 3316 Baumann. It was reported at 9:28 a.m.

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Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 5010 W. Loop 250 North. It was reported at 1:30 a.m.

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Midland County Sheriff's Office
Thursday

Vandalism: A residence was broken into at 13311 W. County Road 122. It was reported at 7:44 p.m.

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Burglary: A cash box and some jewelry were taken from West I-20 and Warehouse Road. It was reported at 2:29 p.m.

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

Divers retrieve boxes from Galveston parking meter theft in Lousiana lake

HOUSTON (AP) — The trail of $100,000 stolen from Galveston parking meters has led to Louisiana, where police divers found empty, smashed coin boxes in Lake Charles near a casino.

The dive took place earlier this month after officials discovered that meter revenue from as far back as late 1996 was missing.

As word of the sunken coin containers surfaced this week, Galveston officials also confirmed that the investigation is foundering because they can't find meter information in the city's computers.

The city finance department has asked its employees to take polygraph tests to help investigators determine what happened to the computerized records from the electronic meters, unidentifed sources told the Houston Chronicle.

Galveston Police Chief Kim Schoolcraft confirmed this week that department divers traveled to Louisiana on an "evidentiary search," but she refused to say whether the divers found anything.

Police also wouldn't say what led them to search Lake Charles for the coin containers.

But unidentified city sources toSince the investigation began, city parking control supervisor Vernon Mills and meter reader Carlton Holt have been fired from the finance department, which oversees the meter operation.

No charges have been filed, police said.

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OBITUARIES



Wallace Jackson

Wallace R. Jackson was born December 11, 1922, in Gober, Texas, to Paul and Ruby (Goin) Jackson. He graduated from Midland High School in 1940 and then attended Ablilene Christian College. He recieved his degree in 1944 and then attended Northwestern University and recieved his master's in 1949. He also attended Texas Tech, Texas A&M, and the University of Texas. During World War II he served with the Armed Forces Radio Service as program director for Station WVTM, Manila, the Philippines.

He was then employed as program director, announcer, and writer for radio stations in Big Spring, Lubbock and Midland. He was employed wityh KCRS radio in Midland as station manager from 1953 to 1958. He operated The Wally Jackson Advertising Service from 1958 to 1960. At that time Mr. Jackson became staff announcer for KMID-TV until 1963. He was chairman of the Department of Speech for Odessa College for five years and was faculty director of Odessa College radio station KOVC-FM from 1963 to 1983. At that time he became semi-retired.

Mr. Jackson was a member of Memorial Christian church. Mr. Jackson was a member of Texas Junior College Teachers Association and West Texas Speech Association. He was active in the Midland Community Theater, Midland Red Cross, Midland Civic Concerts Association, Midland Symphony and the Downtown Rotary Club.

Mr. Jackson died at a local hospital Wednesday.

He is survived by his wife, Imogene Jackson of Midland; his daughter, Nancy LaCaze of Pasadena, Texas; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Memorial Christian Church with Dr. Jim Rudd officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

The family requests memorials be made to Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701; or to a charity of your choice.

Troy Richman

DENVER CITY — Troy Joel Richman Jr., 36 of Lubbock, died Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church at 2 p.m. with Bob Webb officiating, assisted by the Rev. Bob Webb, minister of the First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Denver City Memorial Park under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

Troy was born on Oct. 26, 1961, in Denver City. He married Barbra Ann Johnson on June 16, 1982, in Austin. He served in the U. S. Air Force for 12 years, reaching the rank of staff seargent in radar maintenence. Recently he was employed by the city of Lubbock as a jailer at the Law Enforcement Center.

He was a former member of the Denver City Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Lubbock Cooper Band Booster Club.

Survivors include his wife, Barbra Ann; two daughters, Kristina and Shelly Ann, both of Lubbock; parents, Troy and Faye Richman of Denver City; four sisters, Linda Jones, Sue Burleson and Barbara Burleson, all of Denver City, and Martha Gene Brown of Carlsbad, N.M.

Pallbearers are Sam Bopp, Stephen Burleson, James Burleson, Byron Prewitt, Keith Mench, Terry Smith, Russell Smith and Chad W. Jones.

James Wilborn

James "Jim" Wilborn was born October 15,1940, in San Antonio, Texas, to James Wilborn Sr. and Pearl Gray Wilborn. Mr. Wilborn graduated from high school in Canadian, Texas. He had lived in Houston before moving to Odessa. He had worked for the Texas Depatment of Transportation for 30 years, living in Sanderson, Balmorhea and Pecos. Before his retirement, he had worked in the engineering department in Midland. He had been a Greenwood resident for the last 17 years.

Mr. Wilborn was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Earl Wilborn; and his sister, Betty Jo Hebb.

He is survived by his wife, Reba Wilborn of Greenwood; his daughters, Jamie Moore of Kermit and Cissy Porter of Greenwood; his brothers, Jerry Wilborn of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and Howard Wilborn of Big Spring, Texas; his sisters, Jimmiedean Peasley of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mearl Boyd of Houston, Texas; his grandchildren, Christina Porter, Jessica McClure, Jared Moore and Justin Moore.

Viewing will be at Ellis Funeral Home. Services have been scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the Greenwood Church of Christ, with Eli Borden, of Hobbs, New Mexico, and John Snider of the Greenwood Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow in the Stanton Cemetery in Stanton, Texas. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Mac McDonald, Shelby Edwards, A.L. Otto, Gary Dunkerson, Paul Wilhite, Pil Maxwell.

The family request memorials be to the Mdland Christian School, 2001 Culver, Midland, Texas 79705; Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; or the Greenwood Church of Christ, 9501 FM 307, Midland, Texas 79706.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

WESTWOOD: Paracelsus has 2,716 beds in its hospital system

(From 1B)

has been the focus of Medicare and Medicaid cutbacks in reimbursements to providers, Potter said.

So significant were these cuts that Westwood officials chose to close their home health care program some time ago, Potter said.

Much of this is linked to an arbitrary decision in Washington, D.C., to fund home health services at a lower rate to any company that did not operate for a full year in 1993.

Because the Westwood program was not in operation for the entire year of 1993, they would have been reimbursed at the "federal rate," which was deemed too low to pay for the program, Potter said.

"It was between $1,000 and $2,000 dollars less per patient per year," Potter said.

Potter could not say why the year 1993 was chosen for this benchmark.

Miller maintains that the quality of care will not be affected at Paracelsus hospitals.

"The company's balance sheet remains strong and we have no intention of compromising quality of care or service, nor scaling back planned levels of capital investment in our markets," Miller said.

"The purpose of these actions is to begin the essential process of lowering the structural cost of delivering care in response to the erosion of reimbursement and payment levels occurring throughout the hospital sector," Miller said.

Paracelsus was formed in 1981 and has 2,716 beds in its hospital system.

FAIR: Free screenings include scoliosis, glaucoma, blood typing

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Mammograms will be performed for $65.

Free screenings will be offered for height and weight, scoliosis, body fat composition, blood pressure, vision, glaucoma, depression, pulmonary function, pulse and oxygen, blood typing, foot exams, anemia, blood sugar and glucose, and oxygen saturation. Grip and step tests and allergy skin tests will also be available.

A Trifit HRA test will be available for $10 and a cardiac risk profile for $15. Those wishing to have these tests or an I Stat+6 test performed are advised to fast after midnight Friday for accuracy.

Ms. Cook said response to the health fair has always been good, both from the public and from exhibitors. This year's fair is at capacity in terms of exhibitors, she said.

Sponsors are Midland Memorial Hospital, Westwood Wound Care Center, Desert Springs Medical Center, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Medical Center Hospital, Olsten Health Services, Odessa Regional Hospital, Nurses Unlimited, Permian General Hospital, Odessa Asthma and Allergy Clinic, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Saddleridge Lodge, Media Concepts, HealthCare Superstore, The Printing Centers, Medi-Plus, Legacy of Life Tissue Foundation, Parks Methodist Retirement Village, IHS HomeCare and Paradigm Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine.

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Midland College to host Workforce Training Breakfast

From Staff Reports

As the local workplace changes, Midland College may be the best place to provide training — either through credit courses or customized training through continuing education, according to Forrest Allen, MC's workforce training director.

Allen will present a Workforce Training Breakfast 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Monday at the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center.

"The purpose of the breakfast is to let businesses know about our program and how easy it is to set up employee and business training," Allen said. "Because we're local, we have a better sense of the needs of the community we serve."

Midland College already has an established record of providing customized training to the business community, Allen said. The college's Industry Training Center provides on-going training to General Motors employees, and training for plumbers is held on a regular basis. Welding, fiber optics and environmental technology are only a few of the areas where Midland College has provided customized training.

As workforce training director, Allen said his job is to "work with a company to customize a format to meet training needs."

The general process is to:

n Identify the training need and the curriculum for the training. The training can be anything from computer software to customer service to welding certification;

■ Determine the number of trainees;

■ Determine whether the training will be offered through credit or continuing education;

■ Determine whether the trainer will be someone from inside the company or someone supplied by MC;

■ Decide on the time frame for the training. Does the employer need the training done in a week, a month or a semester?

n Decide on the cost of the training and whether to seek funding through a Skills Development Grant or the Smart Jobs programs.

Other speakers at the breakfast are to include David Daniel, MC president; Barry Horseman, workforce training coordinator; Rebecca Bell, WECM director, Beverly Prichard, health science/continuing education director and E. Donald Poage, alcohol and drug abuse counseling director.

For more information, call Allen at 685-4568.

Clinton's childhood friend calls for resignation

By Chris Newton
Associated Press

To the Rev. Philip McLarty, it doesn't seem so long since Bill Clinton was just a boyhood chum who played bull's-eye with jackknives and impressed his kindergarten teacher with fingerpaintings.

The two, neighbors in Hope, Ark., were the best of tree-climbing, fence-jumping, bayou-running friends. Their lives were simple then. It's hard for McLarty to believe how complicated things have become.

Last Sunday, the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Odessa made one of the toughest decisions of his life: He asked his old friend, now president of the United States, to resign.

He made the request in a letter to Clinton and in an emotional sermon to his congregation.

"The clock struck 13 for me when the President addressed the American people and openly admitted that he had not told us the whole truth and had indeed misled us back in January," McLarty, 52, told The Associated Press from his office Wednesday. "And then this was substantiated in my view by the Starr report."

While Clinton's sex scandal is a matter of detached water-cooler talk for most Americans, McLarty is among those for whom the matter is more personal. Many of those who hail from Arkansas and knew Clinton in his younger years feel his political fate will become part of the history and heritage of their hometown and state. They are also coming to grips with how they should feel about the admitted affair.

The pastor, a cousin of former White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty, said his past relationship with Clinton hasn't changed his analysis of the Monica Lewinsky matter.

"Forgiveness is one thing, but it doesn't carry with it an immunity from the responsibility to those that you've hurt," McLarty said. "You still have to show accountability for your actions and even liability for damages that you've caused."

McLarty hasn't known Clinton since they played together in a high school honor band, but he was invited to the 1992 inauguration.

As children, however, they were nearly inseparable, McLarty said. Both were born at the same hospital about four months apart. They attended Miss Mary's Kindergarten in Hope and lived just a few blocks apart.

McLarty said his history with Clinton made calling for resignation difficult.

"I became emotional during the sermon and I was surprised how hard it was for me," McLarty said. "When you know someone and want the best for them it becomes more personal. This whole situation is not about politics anymore. It's about one man and what kind of mark he wants to leave on the world."

Joe Purvis, another of Clinton's backyard buddies and fellow Miss Mary's alumnus, says Clinton has made poor decisions but deserves the public's support.

"I am very disappointed in the president's actions — both with the affair and his lack of truthfulness with the American people," said Purvis, 52, a lawyer in Little Rock, Ark.

"I think he is one of us — he is America. He comes from the heartland, not from blue-blood stock. He represents the best and worst traits that we all epitomize. Sometimes we succumb to sins of the flesh."

Purvis said Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report to Congress detailing Clinton's affair with Miss Lewinsky went too far. He compared Starr to the obsessed Inspector Javert of Victor Hugo's book Les Miserables, who hunted a man for decades for stealing a loaf of bread.

"He's obviously trying to destroy Bill Clinton," Purvis said. "It's become a personal vendetta that needs to be put to a stop."

Skip Rutherford, who has been a close friend of the president since they were in their mid-20s, has a special perspective on how the scandal will affect Clinton's legacy.

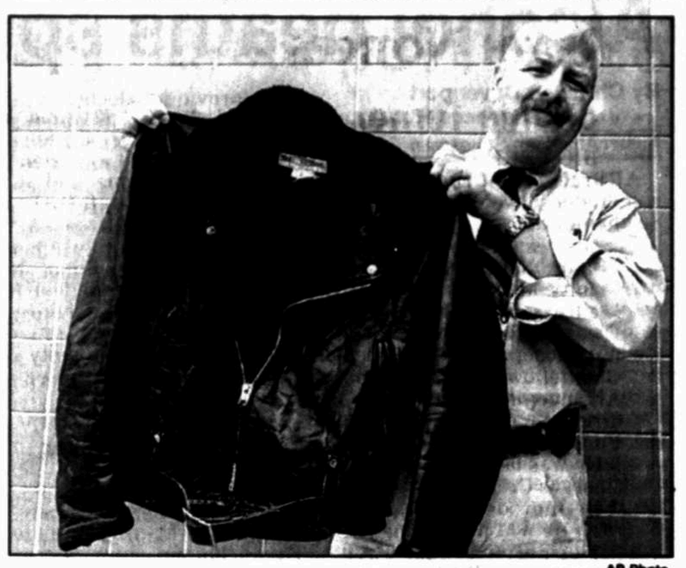
Rutherford, who is in his late 40s, is heading the effort to create the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock.

He holds out hope that Clinton will be remembered for more than his affair.

"Legacies are quirky things," Rutherford said from his home in Little Rock. "First of all, when Bill Clinton completes his term on Jan. 20, 2001, he will be the youngest former president since Teddy Roosevelt. He should have many productive years ahead of him in his post-presidency which will add to the story."

But even though he personally wishes the fervor over the scandal would blow over, Rutherford said the library will be true to history.

"Our job is not to rewrite history, but to preserve it," Rutherford said. "Both the good and the bad, both the wins and the losses, the success and the failure. Those who come to the Clinton library expecting it to be all positive will be disappointed; those expecting all negative will be disappointed. My friendship with Bill won't affect any of that."



AP Photo

Dallas Police Sgt. Rector McCollum holds Elvis Presley's size 44 Harley Davidson motorcycle jacket in Dallas on Wednesday after it was recovered. The jacket was stolen from Graceland seven months ago and is believed to be worth $40,000.

Police recover Elvis' leather jacket stolen from Graceland museum

DALLAS (AP) — An alleged thief didn't get away with Elvis' blue suede shoes, but he took the King's black leather jacket. Now he's dancing to the jailhouse rock.

Robert Louis Rodgers, 40, was booked into the Dallas County jail Wednesday on a felony charge that he stole Elvis' jacket from a Graceland museum and tried to sell it for $100,000.

Rodgers, who gave authorities an Austin address, is accused of taking the piece from a display case in the Elvis Auto Museum across from Graceland seven months ago. The case apparently had a faulty lock.

The black jacket, once part of the King's personal wardrobe, is valued at $40,000.

"It's a great-looking, really cool jacket," said Todd Morgan, a spokesman for the Memphis, Tenn., museum. "We're glad it's coming home."

A private investigator hired by Elvis Presley Enterprises tracked the jacket to Dallas after two men called Graceland to say Rodgers offered to sell it to them while in a Shreveport, La., jail.

The investigator reached Dallas on Tuesday and sought help. Authorities contacted Rodgers, who offered the jacket for $100,000, police said.

Rodgers, who police said has a record of robbing soft-drink machines, then met with undercover officers in a hotel lobby on Wednesday morning.

"He just walked out with it draped over his arm," police Sgt. Rector McCollum told The Dallas Morning News.

FATIGUE: Love of music led Mrs. Geers to medical profession

(From 1B)

aches and pains — and chronic fatigue started in her childhood after her tonsils and adenoids were surgically removed.

"From the time I was 5, I was sick all of the time. (Doctors) couldn't figure out what the infections were."

Most of her life, she has challenged the threat of disabling illnesses and the trauma of a 1983 car accident. She overcame those threats and injuries as best she could even as she underwent 20 surgeries and 40 surgical procedures for various ailments.

She earned a degree in occupational therapy from Texas Woman's University in the mid-1970s and practiced in Longview in East Texas and out West in Midland.

She returned to Midland following her accident. Still recovering, she set up her therapy practice, in which she specialized in hand injuries.

One of her clients, Jerry Geers, an industrial mechanic who suffered a finger injury, courted her and married her after she released him from her care.

"Well, quite frankly, she's the best," Geers said of his therapist wife. "We have a running joke that we held hands for a year and a half before he had our first date."

Ironically, it was her love of music that persuaded her not to major in music but to study an aspect of medicine.

"Honestly, I didn't want to go through (music school) to become a music teacher. That's not what I wanted to do. I was afraid that would diminish my love for music."

She is unable to continue her occupational-therapy practice, but beginning Monday she will be teaching a course, "Taking Charge of Fibromyalgia," at the Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center in Odessa.

The course is for people who are coping with fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, the Gulf War syndrome or multiple-chemical sensitivities.

Her approach to coping with the disabilities is to include exercise therapy, nutrition, diet and education.

"It will not be a gripe session, (but) 'Let's see what we can do to make our lives better.'"

Individually, people understand their "bodies better than anybody else does. There is a lot of things you can do for yourself."

Mrs. Geers said that she delights in "the mental challenge of figuring out what do with more complex problems," which may have attracted her to her speciality.

But she had to suspend her role as therapist "because of my fibromyalgia. It's a progressive thing or, at least, it can be if you don't take care of it," Mrs. Geers said.

And then there are the problems of life's stresses — emotional, mental, and physical — that aggravate the disorder.

Still, she can play her baby grand piano "when my arms aren't hurting real badly.

"I've always been able to go to the piano when I can't explain verbally. I could always go to the piano and express myself."

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For more information on the course, call Mrs. Geers at 684-4283.

Mosquitoes newest health threat to Texans

HARLINGEN (AP) — Swarms of mosquitoes — the legacy of recent rains — could pose a health threat to people in Southeast Texas, health officials warn.

Two cases of St. Louis encephalitis have been confirmed in Houston, said city health department spokeswoman Kathy Barton. She said a 45-year-old man and a 31-year-old man were stricken.

Thirteen pools of mosquitoes carrying St. Louis encephalitis have been found in Harris County this year, and a chicken in the Dallas area was found to have been bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus, but no new cases have been confirmed, officials said.

No other diseases have been found in Houston-area mosquitoes, and no other Texans have been diagnosed with mosquito-related illnesses, said Glenna Teltow, section chief of the state health department's medical entomology laboratory.

In 1995, seven people contracted dengue in Texas. Dengue is another mosquito-borne disease, accompanied by severe joint pain, hemorrhaging and other symptoms, which can be deadly.

St. Louis encephalitis, a potentially fatal viral infection of the brain and spinal cord, is the most common form of encephalitis found in Texas, Teltow said.

The Culex mosquito, also called the Southern house mosquito, carries St. Louis encephalitis. It is a night-feeder that prefers birds to humans and makes its home in drainage ditches, discarded tires and even kiddie pools.

"They like warm temperatures," Ms. Teltow said. "They like cesspools. They like a lot of organic material."

In Harris County, Ray Parsons, the county's assistant director for mosquito control, said 19 trucks are spraying pesticides seven nights a week but can't keep up with the mosquito population.

"We won't catch up before the mosquitoes die off naturally" from cooler weather this fall, Parsons said.

Harlingen and other cities in the Rio Grande Valley have been sending crews out to spray insecticides intended to kill both adult mosquitoes and their larvae for about two weeks.

The Valley got its first real drenching in months just after Labor Day as Tropical Storm Frances formed in the Gulf of Mexico, and the region has had regular bouts of rain ever since.

Not only does rain create water pools for mosquitos to breed, it also prevents spraying, frustrating the exterminators.

"Every time we get additional rain, of course, the problem gets that much worse," said Dan Serna, environmental health director for Harlingen's health department. "We need the rain to let up long enough to reduce the mosquito population. Hopefully we'll get good weather long enough for us to have a positive effect."

Health experts advise people to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes by wearing long sleeves and pants, using mosquito repellent, getting rid of old tires, buckets or planters that can serve as breeding grounds, and mowing the grass.

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Alcohol deaths spur anti-drinking efforts on Texas campuses

By Christian Davenport and Rebecca Rodriguez
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Chad Connally remembers what partying at Southwestern University used to be like.

"My freshman year you could walk into a place and there would be beer and alcohol everywhere," said Connally, a senior who is the student body president. "We got hammered."

By its own admission, the administration looked the other way when it came to much of the drinking on campus. Without fear of getting caught, students partied to relieve stress, get drunk, and have the kind of mindless fun that sharing a bunch of beers with 100 of your closest friends can provide after a week of pounding the books.

Now, at one of the state's oldest universities, that's all changing.

Like colleges and universities across the country that fear the horrific tales of fraternity hazing and stories of students literally drinking themselves to death, the administration at Southwestern University in Georgetown is cracking down on drinking this year as no time before.

"All of us want to believe there is this magic glass bubble over us," Mike Leese, Southwestern's vice president for Residential Services, told a student meeting Tuesday. "We did look the other way for too long, and we can't do that any more."

A grand illustration of the administration's new dedication to enforcing the law and its own policy came last week, when the Kappa Sigma fraternity held its weekly "Study Break" party, a university tradition that fraternity members said goes back 20 years.

But this time there were several uninvited guests: eight law enforcement officers.

In an unprecedented raid, police arrested one student, charging him with providing alcohol to minors, cited 49 minors with possession of alcohol, and set off a wave of student fury that climaxed in a student-organized meeting Tuesday in the student commons.

About half of the campus' 1,200 students showed up to air their concerns with what they thought was an illegal and unnecessary crackdown at a small, cozy private college known more for its staunch church spires and vaunted academic reputation than for its parties.

"How much does the university care about its student body when you're organizing sting operations?" asked one student to resounding applause.

But university officials say that's precisely why they're enforcing the drinking rules more than before.

"I'm not going to let one of you go into an alcoholic coma and die," said Deborah Brown, Southwestern's chief of police, at the student meeting.

Last year, a student at Louisiana State University died after a night of drinking when he pledged Sigma Alpha Epsilon. His blood-alcohol level was 0.588, nearly six times the legal limit for intoxication. And last September a Massachusetts Institute of Technology freshman died after a night of heavy drinking at Phi Gamma Delta, an MIT fraternity which has since been shut down.

"That was a wake-up call for people in student affairs," said Sherri Babcock, Southwestern's dean of students. She said that last year for the first time she can remember, two of her students were hospitalized for alcohol poisoning.

Death from drinking, while so harrowing and tragic that it grabs the media's attention, is also relatively rare. What also worry Babcock and other academics are the more common and less talked-about problems: Drunken trysts that lead to rape or the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, driving while intoxicated, and lapses in judgment that spur normally responsible students to jump off cliffs or ride on the top of speeding cars.

Last spring a Southwestern student who had been drinking jumped off a cliff into a swimming hole and drowned. In 1995, a University of Texas student drowned in the Colorado River after a night of drinking games.

The mounting student death toll has prompted Southwestern and other universities across the country to re-evaluate their alcohol policies.

"It is a trend nationwide," said Nancy Schulte, the coordinator of drug education services at George Mason University in Virginia. Referring to the John Belushi movie, she said, "We're trying to bury 'Animal House,' and that is going to take some time."

That state's attorney general, Mark Earley, sent out brochures to all freshmen at public schools detailing the dangers of alcohol abuse, including the deaths last year of five Virginia students.

For years, Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, a campus with more than 21,000 students, was known as a party school.

"When I came here (24 years ago), that was the kind of tradition and reputation the school had," said John Garrison, assistant vice-president and dean of students. "But that's not the reputation we want."

Last week, SWT president Jerome Supple sent a letter to all faculty and staff outlining plans for a sweeping alcohol education program to change that image. Beginning this fall, all student leaders must attend workshops on alcohol education and pass that information on to members. Officials also are distributing an interactive CD-ROM called Alcohol 101 that teaches students how to recognize their drinking limits and deal with peer pressure.

In the classroom, faculty are being asked to help change the school's Thursday-night drinking tradition by giving tests on Fridays. And at the football stadium, the university is drawing up a policy to regulate tailgate parties at football games, where underage and excessive drinking frequently occurs.

A more comprehensive campaign may not eradicate heavy drinking, but it could help to avoid tragedies like the LSU and MIT drinking deaths of last year, Garrison said.

Smaller schools, like Lutheran-based Concordia University of Austin, say bigger campuses tend to have more problems with heavy drinking. Of Concordia's 750 enrolled students, only about 230 live on campus. When students do go drinking, they look after each other, said William Driskill, vice-president of student services.

The fact that Concordia has no fraternities or sororities cuts down on heavy drinking, Driskill said, but it still exists.

"Students at this age are in the experimental stage, no matter what their background," he said. "Somebody would be naive to think a religious school will cure alcohol abuse."

At St. Edward's University, drinking is allowed only in private rooms, not in the common areas of dorms, said Dennis Poust, a spokesman for the university.

The nature of the St. Edward's community plays a role in the lowered incidence of excessive drinking. Of the 3,400-strong student population, fewer than 1,000 live on campus. And for those that do, there are no fraternities or sororities to throw wild bashes at the Catholic institution.

There have been no alcohol-related deaths or sexual assaults in recent memory, Poust said. "Our alcohol policies seem to be working fairly well."

At Southwestern, officials in 1993 banned kegs, beer-filled party balls, and "trash can punch." Hard liquor is also not allowed to be served on campus.

Students are required to keep a guest list of all party attendees, and parties where alcohol is to be served must get prior approval from the dean of students. If approval is granted, the hosts must ensure only those 21 or older are drinking alcohol, and the hosts must provide nonalcoholic beverages for minors.

All 378 first-year students were taken on an orientation retreat where they were briefed on the university's strict policy, said Dean Babcock. Chief Brown was there to hold a session on the drinking laws. The chief also addressed the student government, three of the four campus fraternities, and a council of fraternity representatives.

"We warned and warned them," Babcock said.

And last week's raid sent the message that the university is serious about underage drinking.

"Fraternities are more concerned with not getting trouble," said Charles Boehm, a 20-year-old junior and a member of Phi Delta Theta.

While the enforcement of the rules may be stricter, he said, the rate of students drinking remains the same. Only now, drinking has moved off campus and is more clandestine, he said. "The strict rules are just making it more illicit."

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AT&T to pay fine for phone 'slamming'

AUSTIN (AP) — AT&T has agreed to pay a $300,000 fine for switching customers' telephone service without permission, the Public Utility Commission announced Thursday.

The PUC received more than 400 "slamming" complaints about AT&T from September 1997 to February 1998, said spokeswoman Leslie Kjellstrand.

AT&T is doing everything it can to stop the slamming problem, said company spokesman Kerry Hibbs. Hibbs said AT&T traced most of the problems back to outside vendors, which it stopped using in March.

Ms. Kjellstrand said since February the number of complaints about AT&T have decreased dramatically. There was only one complaint in August compared to 66 in February, she said.

This is only the second time the PUC has been able to reach a settlement with a company for violating the slamming law, Ms. Kjellstrand said. Axces agreed to a $155,000 fine in June.

"We won't hesitate to penalize slammers," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood. "But our ultimate goal is to work with the companies to stop slamming outright."

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Judge in Lewinsky case ruled with an iron fist

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the thick of the Monica Lewinsky grand jury investigation this summer, President Clinton's private lawyers and several of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors were summoned to a closed-door meeting with the judge overseeing the case.

It was July 28 — the day Clinton had been secretly subpoenaed to testify to Starr's grand jury. Lawyer David Kendall wanted a couple more weeks to work out the details. Prosecutor Robert Bittman argued there had been quite enough delays already, and noted that Clinton seemed to find time for such things as a fund-raising trip and an upcoming vacation.

"If he can vacation for a couple of weeks, he can appear before a grand jury, too, you know," Judge Norma Holloway Johnson told Kendall. "And God knows, he needs a vacation."

Johnson has kept her courtroom closed, her rulings sealed, and a close grip on lawyers on both sides since the allegations landed in her courthouse in January.

Stern, acerbic and meticulous, the chief judge of the U.S. District Court in Washington is known as a by-the-book judge who does not suffer fools. She is an intensely private woman about whom even old friends and colleagues speak cautiously.

Johnson, 66, has long had a policy of refusing comment to the press.

The July 28 proceeding, a transcript of which was released by Congress Monday, reveals something of the way Johnson operated during the investigation that culminated with Starr's report to Congress this month.

She hauled both sides into her courtroom on short notice at 4:30 in the afternoon and put them on notice that she would not stand for some lengthy pitched battle.

"No, we are not going to be in it forever, OK?" she said at one point.

Stern, acerbic and meticulous, Judge Norma Holloway Johnson is known as a by-the-book judge who does not suffer fools.

The hearing was over in less than an hour, and Kendall eventually arranged to have Clinton testify by closed-circuit television on Aug. 17.

"She is handling this case exactly as I would expect her to handle it. It is entirely consistent," said Patricia Gurne, a Washington lawyer who has known Johnson since her first appointment as a judge 27 years ago.

Johnson is a stickler for courtroom rules who once hauled a lawyer into her chambers and told him to comb his hair.

She can be imperious and given to tart remarks on the bench, lawyers and courthouse workers said. Gray curls and reading glasses add to the schoolmarm image.

"She demands civility in her courtroom and she does not like ungentlemanly or unladylike behavior," said former federal prosecutor Joseph diGenova.

Women in pants or casual clothing are likely to get a reproving look or brusque remark as the judge passes in the courthouse hallways.

But she warms in the presence of children, or when discussing the importance of education.

She helped found a national program to provide legal advocates for abused children and frequently welcomes school groups to the courthouse.

Johnson, who has no children, paid college tuition for four of her brother's children. She has reportedly helped others go to college — including buying books for a courthouse secretary and single mother trying to finish her degree.

She was born the daughter of a cook in Lake Charles, La., and came to Washington at 14 to care for a relative. She went to a local teachers' college, then taught English to pay the night school bills at Georgetown University law school, where she graduated magna cum laude in 1962.

The registered Democrat was appointed to the Superior Court bench by President Nixon in 1970, after she worked as a federal prosecutor and District of Columbia government lawyer.

A decade later President Carter made her the first black woman appointed to the busy U.S. District Court in Washington. She became the district's chief judge last year. The term typically lasts five years.

Only months after she started the job, the grand jury investigation into Clinton's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, made Johnson one of the nation's best-known federal judges.

She hauled Starr and White House lawyers into her chambers for secret hearings or lectures on matters major and minor — from whether a president will be assassinated if bodyguards must tell what they see and overhear in the Oval Office to what books Ms. Lewinsky charged on her credit card.

Johnson generally sided with Starr in a series of rulings churned out in workmanlike fashion, forcing Secret Service agents, Clinton aides and some White House lawyers to go before the grand jury.

But she called Starr on the carpet as well, notably for alleged leaks to the press.

"She has always been a disciplined judge. ... You have to understand she believes in the decorum of the court and the rule of law, and she strongly enforces that," said E. Lawrence Barcella Jr., a former federal prosecutor and now a Washington defense lawyer.

Big banks put rescue plan together for fund

NEW YORK (AP) — Worried that a large, aggressive private investment fund might collapse from losses on more than $90 billion invested in financial markets around the world and jeopardize the health of the nation's banks, federal banking authorities helped arrange a $3.5 billion bailout.

The bailout of Long-Term Capital Management LP raised questions about the government's unprecedented role in rescuing a private investment fund for wealthy investors who can afford to lose millions without flinching.

But the decision by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to orchestrate the bailout by a consortium of banks and brokerage firms goes far beyond helping the fund's rich investors and focused on the broader repercussions if it had collapsed.

The New York Fed, which acted as a neutral observer and provided no taxpayer money for the rescue, was concerned that the failure of Long-Term Capital, a hedge fund run by some of the brightest minds on Wall Street, would jeopardize the nation's financial system.

The fund had more than $90 billion invested in complex bets in financial markets around the world — especially in bonds. Some of the money was borrowed from commercial banks and investment houses, who would have faced huge losses had the fund failed.

A failure also would have forced Long-Term Capital to unwind many of its positions, causing panic selling in the market and possible losses for other hedge funds and investment companies who had made bets on similar securities.

"Given the response of the Fed it is clear that there was risk of large and far-reaching consequences," said Cynthia Latta, principal U.S. economist, Standard & Poors/DRI in Lexington, Mass. "They were trying to prevent the failure of this one big one from contaminating rest of the financial system."

A ripple of failures by the financial system would have severe consequences for the economy. "If you had a big enough succession of failures, this would be followed by total credit crunch, job layoffs and recession," Latta said.

Asked about the matter on Thursday, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said, "We always have to be watchful with respect to anything that could affect our system, but I don't know of anything in this area that rises to that level at this time."

Long-Term Capital, a hedge fund based in Greenwich, Conn., is run by John Meriwether, a former bond arbitrage specialist at Salomon Brothers. Partners include Nobel prize-winning economists Robert Merton and Myron Scholes.

Democratic activists across the country rally for Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic activists from across the country rallied behind President Clinton on Thursday, accusing Republicans of running a "patently unfair" impeachment process and questioning whether their own leaders have turned their backs on Clinton.

Opening a three-day meeting of the Democratic National Committee, party members conducted a spirited debate over a resolution supporting their beleaguered president. It won tentative approval after discussions that reflected a budding confidence in Clinton's ability to survive the Monica Lewinsky scandal and a determination to do well in November's elections despite his troubles.

The resolution, approved unanimously by a committee for consideration in Saturday's full membership meeting, commends Clinton for taking responsibility for his actions and accepts the "sincerity of his apology." It also blasts prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation for "lasting longer than the Civil War" and costing more than $40 million. And it says the president has done a good job "despite patently unfair proceedings" in the House.

Clinton, playing host to DNC members at a White House reception Thursday night, said Republicans "think they are going to whip us with M&Ms" — money and mid-term elections — while killing off proposals designed to help the American people.

"This is a better country today because we have worked on the people's needs," Clinton said. "If you want to vote for people, vote for us. If you want to vote for politics, vote for them. We'll prove M&M doesn't amount to anything compared to the principle, the power, the passion of the American people and the people's party."

Clinton made only an oblique reference to political motives behind the Starr inquiry — "Adversity is our friend," he said. But one of his aides was more direct.

"The Republicans' whole strategy can be summed up in one word: amnesia," said deputy White House chief of staff John Podesta. "They want voters to forget that all they want to do is investigate, not legislate."

Some committee members fought to drop any reference to Starr's inquiry, saying they feared it would prompt debate Saturday. "They're getting enough publicity as it is for their evil deeds," said June Fischer, a DNC member from New Jersey.

Others sought to remove any reference to Clinton's affair with Ms. Lewinsky, saying the controversy had already received enough attention. "I was trying to put a more positive tone to it," explained DNC Lottie Shackelford, of Little Rock, Ark.

Still others argued that the resolution could have been more strongly worded to denounce Starr and Republicans, a point that turned the conversation to Democratic leaders.

"I am disgusted with our leadership and I'd like to see us advance a strong position," said Terry McBrayer of Kentucky. "Let's not hide our tails."

While denouncing Republicans, he said, "The posturing is pathetic on our side as well."

Robert Janiszewski of New Jersey said he's tired of Democratic governors and congressmen "who are turning their backs on the president and in some way to the Democratic Party. I think there needs to be ... reckoning with that at some point."

Neither man singled out specific leaders.

In interviews afterward, Democrats said the airing of Clinton's videotaped deposition and a slight improvement in the president's job approval rating this week may be galvanizing the party against Republicans. Since the president admitted to the affair Aug. 17, his fellow Democrats have feared the scandal would lead to massive losses in the Nov. 3 midterm elections.

"People are realizing that after all this, we're not bleeding," said Carl Davis of Houston. "What I think is going to happen is this is going to energize the party."

Democrats argued that voters might start blaming Republicans for dragging out the controversy and reward the president's party at the polls in November. Some predicted a long fight, ending in impeachment by the House.

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Democratic matriarch stumps for GOP son in California Senate race

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The matriarch of Democratic Party politics in California is back on the campaign trail, but her name does not appear on any ballot.

This time, she's stumping for her son, Matt Fong — a Republican — in his tight race against Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer.

In many ways, March Fong Eu, 76, is philosophically closer to the feminist firebrand Boxer than to her conservative son. She's still remembered for smashing a toilet bowl on the state Capitol steps in her successful crusade as a lawmaker to ban pay toilets, which she believed were a hardship for women.

But family takes precedence over politics. And Mrs. Eu (pronounced yoo) also has some scores to settle.

As a youngster, Fong, now 44, licked envelopes, put up yard signs and passed out fliers for his mother when she ran for the Assembly in 1966 from her Oakland district. Although she now lives in Los Angeles, Mrs. Eu is campaigning for Fong mainly in the San Francisco area — Boxer's back yard and one of the nation's great liberal Democratic strongholds.

"And why not? She has been on ballots in Oakland since the 1960s. She is well-known in the Bay Area," Fong said.

Mrs. Eu, who served nearly 20 years as secretary of state, California's chief elections officer, before resigning in 1994 to accept an ambassadorship to Micronesia, wasn't exactly happy when her son told her he wanted to become a Republican.

A graduate of the Air Force Academy who served five years in the military, Fong said he started becoming disenchanted with the Democrats during the Carter administration.

He admired the Republicans for their strong support of the military and small business. Fong himself dabbled in business before earning a law degree and practicing international law in Los Angeles.

He recalls tense meetings across the kitchen table with his mother and her advisers, who said his party switch would embarrass his mother. He finally made the break in 1988.

"She was upset, but when she saw I was serious, she said she would support me," Fong said. "She gave me the voter registration form as secretary of state, and I became a Republican."

"I told him to think about it carefully," Mrs. Eu recalled. "I think it's nice that I'm his mother because I can tell him when I think he's wrong or whether I think he's right."

The Republicans, who were looking for ethnic diversity on the ticket, began courting Fong when they heard he had switched parties, and persuaded him to run for the state controller's office in 1990 even though no one expected the political newcomer to win.

He lost, but newly elected GOP Gov. Pete Wilson was so grateful he rewarded Fong with an appointment to a state tax board. From that platform, Fong ran for state treasurer in 1994 and won.

Recent polls show him in a dead heat with Boxer, who was narrowly elected in 1992, the "Year of the Woman."

Mrs. Eu's support for her son is more than a matter of motherly love. She believes the campaign-finance investigations that have turned up illegal donations from some Asian-American Democratic donors are a "witch hunt" that has cast suspicion on all politically active Asian-Americans.

"We need him in Washington to speak out against those who would intimidate us," she said.

Long California's highest-ranking Chinese-American politician and the first Chinese-American ever elected to the Assembly, Mrs. Eu is revered in the Asian-American community for her rise from modest circumstances.

The daughter of Chinese immigrants who ran a hand laundry in the Sierra Nevada community of Oakdale, she later went on to prestigious Mills College and earned a doctorate in education at Stanford University. Her life story reinforces the virtues of hard work and education that are important to the Chinese.

At one Chinese-American fund-raiser that mother and son attended, the diminutive and elegant Mrs. Eu was clearly the star, treated like royalty by a parade of well-wishers.

In public with his mother, Fong appears affectionate but respectful, kindly but distant. He clearly defers to her, as does his wife, Paula.

The image of the dutiful son strikes a chord among Asian Americans, many of whom have been brought up to revere age far more than political labels.

"Respect for elders is a deep part of the Asian Confucian cultural heritage," said David Chen, Fong's top Asian-American political strategist. "One of the pillars of Confucian thinking is filial piety. She is a good role model, not just for Matt Fong, but for any Asian interested in getting into politics."

Feminists urge Congress to stop hounding Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feminist leaders urged the nation's women Thursday to demand the Republican Congress drop efforts to impeach President Clinton or hound him from office.

"Some of those leading the charge against Mr. Clinton are among the worst foes of women's rights," according to a joint statement from several organizations. "The opponents of the president have a political agenda that will harm women long after the scandal has faded from the front pages."

"Women should write, call, telefax, E-mail, shout and tell Congress, 'Do not impeach this president and don't force him to resign,'" said Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich, head of the Black Leadership Forum Inc., at the news conference.

Among the other participants were feminist pioneer Betty Friedan; Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women; and Eleanor Smeal, president of Feminist Majority.

The women said they believe the accusations against the president do not rise to the level of impeachable offenses.

They also said they are seeing signs of a move among congressional Republicans not only to remove Clinton from office but to act against Vice President Al Gore, who is under investigation by the Justice Department for alleged violations of campaign finance laws.

"Women should be asking the question, 'Who's on third? Who's next in the line of succession?' the statement said. "Next in line is speaker of the House Newt Gingrich."

The statement said the record of the House under Gingrich and the Republicans has been "an unmitigated disaster for women."

"The specter of a Gingrich presidency has been even more horrifying," it said.

Ms. Ireland said that Republicans "are mired in a partisan game of chicken" and "seem determined not to stop until this government crashes."

Eleanor Smeal asserted that all women believe Clinton has much to answer for in his admitted sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

But she said that even if he lied about that relationship, he did not commit an impeachable offense.

Southern Baptists lose congregation in Raleigh, N.C.

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — After 153 years, Raleigh's oldest Baptist church has broken away from the Southern Baptist Convention, in part because of the denomination's call on women to "submit graciously" to their husbands.

Members of the First Baptist Church voted 264 to 23 Wednesday to leave the convention.

Churchgoers said they could no longer tolerate "authoritarian trends" within the 15.6-million-member denomination.

As a theologically "moderate" church, First Baptist had a long list of grievances with the conservative convention, including a 1984 resolution against the ordination of women, and a 1997 measure calling for a boycott of the Walt Disney Co.

The breaking point came last June when the convention told women to "submit graciously" to their husbands. At First Baptist, the first female deacons were elected in 1874, and half of the 48-member deacon board is female.

"I'm very sad we were in a position that we had to make a decision," said the Rev. Daniel Day, senior pastor.

Two western North Carolina churches left the denomination over the summer, and a church in Durham will decide on Oct. 4.

Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and a rising leader in the denomination, said: "I am greatly saddened by churches that move away from Holy Scripture and evangelistic convictions."

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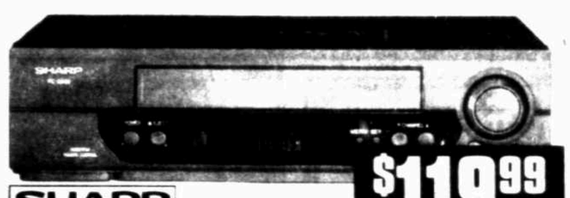
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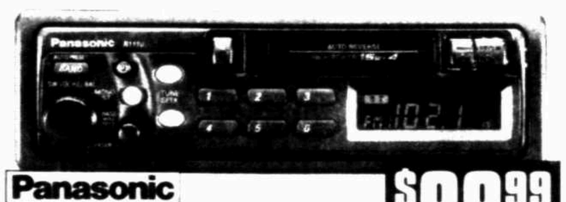
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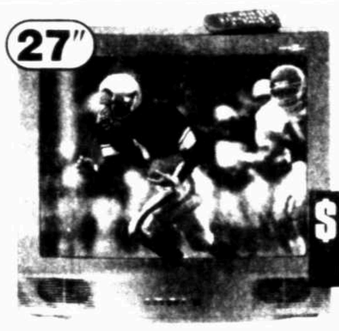
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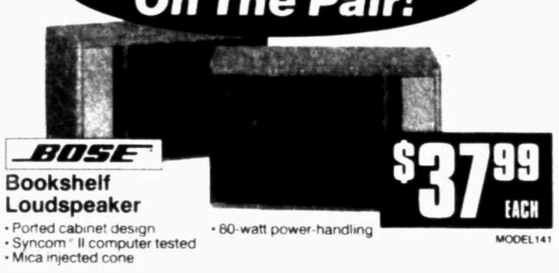
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Redesigned, harder-to-counterfeit $20 bills go into circulation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many Americans will discover redesigned, harder-to-counterfeit $20 bills spitting from automated teller machines in the weeks ahead.

The Federal Reserve's 12 regional banks on Thursday began shipping 2 billion new notes — $40 billion — to the nation's banks, savings institutions and credit unions.

Because old notes will not be destroyed until they wear out, on average in two years, it may take some time before Americans regularly encounter the new $20s.

But, within six months, one in every four of the 4.4 billion $20s in circulation will feature the new design, with the familiar — though larger — portrait of Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president, Treasury Department officials estimate.

The government issued new $100 notes, with Benjamin Franklin, in March 1996, and new $50s, with Ulysses S. Grant, in October 1997. It plans to release new $10 bills and $5 notes simultaneously in 2000 and a more modestly redesigned $1 bill after that.

The new $20s — the second-most common bill after the $1 note — will be the first of the new design many Americans will see. It is the largest denomination most people use in daily commerce, the most frequently dispensed by ATMs and the most often counterfeited.



AP Photo

Sun Sin Wong, of San Francisco, reaches out for one of the new $20 dollar bills during a money grab inside of a wind machine in San Francisco Thursday. Wong grabbed $420 of the new bills after they were debuted during a charity event hosted by a local bank.

The new design incorporates a range of features intended to frustrate modern-day counterfeiters aided by personal computers, scanners, ink-jet printers and color copiers.

When the new $100s were introduced, counterfeiters tried to take advantage of the public's lack of familiarity with the redesign by producing poor-quality knockoffs.

"Currency users have to look at the features for them to be effective," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said in a ceremony marking the bills' introduction. "Look at your cash and pay more attention to its feel and appearance."

The most obvious change is the larger and off-center portrait of Jackson on the bill's face. The reverse features a picture of the north side of the White House (instead of the south side seen on the old notes).

Like the new $100s and $50s, the $20s have a watermark in the shape of a portrait, visible when the bills are held to a light. They have an embedded plastic security thread that glows under ultraviolet light — red for the $100, yellow for the $50 and green for the $20.

Also, the numeral in the lower right corner of each denomination's face is printed in color-shifting ink. It looks green when viewed straight on and black when viewed from an angle.

To help people with poor vision, the bills' denomination appears in large dark numerals on a light background.

Treasury officials warned that vending machines may not recognize the new bills at first. They are working with the U.S. Postal Service, big-city transit authorities and others that have machines that take $20s.

Newer vending machines can be retrofitted by updating their computer software, while some older machines may require hardware changes.

Transit systems needing retrofits include those in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Miami, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

At least the metro system in Washington is ready. It posted signs Thursday morning identifying the machines that had been retrofitted.

Officials stressed that the old notes will never be recalled.

"All existing notes will continue to be legal tender," said Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

As attitudes about AIDS shift, new lawmakers passing legislation to protect public

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NEW YORK — Reflecting a growing frustration and fear about AIDS, legislators around the country are passing an increasing number of laws intended to protect the public. This latest wave of legislation shifts the focus from earlier laws that protected the civil liberties of HIV-infected people to laws that seek to identify, notify and in some cases punish people who intentionally place others at risk of contracting the virus.

At least 29 states now make it a crime to knowingly transmit or expose others to HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, with a third of those states enacting laws within the last two years. This year alone, 16 state legislatures, including New York, introduced such bills.

Increasingly, states are mandating HIV testing for specific segments of the population, mainly prisoners and pregnant women. In Arizona, Florida, Mississippi and West Virginia, laws were recently passed to give good Samaritans and nonmedical personnel the right to ask the HIV status of the person they assist in a car accident, fire or medical emergency.

More states are also strengthening programs to notify partners of infected people. In a blow to New York's powerful AIDS advocacy groups, the New York state Legislature in June passed a law that requires doctors to report the names of HIV-positive people so officials can notify their partners of potential exposure.

Experts say the new laws reflect a shift in attitudes toward people with the virus. The laws have also been fueled by widely publicized cases of HIV outbreaks, most prominently the case of Nushawn Williams, the teen-ager who is accused of knowingly infecting more than a dozen girls and young women in upstate New York and New York City.

"Clearly, there is a backlash," said Lawrence Gostin, a director of the Georgetown University-Johns Hopkins University Program on Law and Public Health and a member of the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advisory committee.

"Legislators believe we have been soft on the epidemic," he said, "that we haven't treated AIDS like other infectious diseases, and the way they interpret it is a need to get tough on people with AIDS. The legislative trend is that we've moved from a period where civil rights and civil liberties for a person with HIV prevailed to a compulsory and punitive approach."

Public perception has also changed because powerful new AIDS drugs have transformed what was seen as a fatal disease into a chronic condition for many people, making early testing and treatment more important, experts say.

"We have to get over the hurdle of treating AIDS as if it were a political disease rather than a public health disease," said Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., who is sponsoring a federal HIV-partner notification bill with Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., that mirrors the New York law. A congressional hearing on the bill is set for Tuesday.

"It's quite a different time and a different era," Ackerman said. "There's progress that has been made on this disease. People are living longer with AIDS. Things have calmed down."

Since the start of the AIDS epidemic in 1981, there have always been lawmakers willing to champion proposals ranging from quarantines to criminal prosecution for infecting others. In 1989, for example, eight states approved laws imposing criminal penalties for knowingly exposing people to HIV, even as 30 states passed confidentiality laws to protect infected people, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a nonpartisan research organization in Denver.

But many public health experts and advocates say legislatures are now far more likely to adopt laws making it a crime to intentionally expose someone to HIV.

In fact, the fear associated with HIV may be growing. A national telephone survey suggests that the public has become more suspicious of people who contract the virus, and less knowledgeable about the disease.

Fifty-five percent of Americans believed in 1997 that they could become infected by sharing a drinking glass with an infected person, compared with 48 percent in 1991, according to the survey by researchers at the University of California at Davis. Forty-one percent believed that AIDS might be contracted from a public toilet, compared with 34 percent in 1991.

Such erosion in knowledge about HIV may reflect the fact that recent public health campaigns have not emphasized that the disease is transmitted through sexual contact, tainted hypodermic needles or blood, said Dr. Gregory Herek, a social psychologist..

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Study to parents: Don't count on TV ratings to protect children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents can't depend on new TV ratings, announced with great fanfare a year ago, to shield their kids from many shows that contain violence, sex or crude language, a new study concludes.

ABC, CBS, Fox and most cable networks began Oct. 1, 1997, using "V," "S," "L" and "D" alongside older age-based ratings to warn of violence, sex, crude language and suggestive dialogue.

But the study released Thursday found that 79 percent of shows with violence did not carry a "V" notation.

In addition, 92 percent of shows with sexual content lacked the "S," 91 percent with adult language did not use an "L" and 83 percent of shows with suggestive dialogue did not have a "D."

TV industry representatives admitted a need to apply the labels more effectively and to educate the public better but didn't believe the ratings should be overhauled.

"There's room for improvement," said Richard Taylor, spokesman for the Motion Picture Association of America, whose president Jack Valenti, oversaw creation of the ratings system. And Dennis Wharton, National Association of Broadcasters spokesman, said the association will listen to improvement suggestions but said: "The system does not need to be changed."

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., was optimistic that a ratings review board comprising industry representatives and parents would resolve the problems pointed out in the study. The group is to meet in November.

Thursday's report was commissioned by the Kaiser Family Foundation, which focuses on entertainment's impact on society, and conducted by the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The report said 81 percent of children's shows containing violence lacked the "FV" notation, created to warn parents of fantasy violence such as that depicted in cartoons. It said 55 percent of all shows rated "TV-Y," appropriate for all children, contained some violence.

The study said, however, that the TV industry is accurately applying the age-based ratings, such as the most frequently used "TV-PG," suggesting parental guidance, to shows.

Researchers analyzed 1,147 randomly selected programs eligible for ratings, which aired in the winter and spring between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. on ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox stations, cable networks HBO, USA, TNT, Lifetime and Nickelodeon and independent TV station KTLA in Los Angeles. NBC uses only the age-based ratings, not the content labels, but the report said omitting that network's programs makes a difference of only 2 percentage points in the overall use of the labels.

"The vast majority of shows that contain sex and violence are not being flagged with the labels," said Vicky Rideout, director of the foundation's program on entertainment media and public health. "Yet parents find these labels the most useful part of the ratings system."

The ratings are designed to work with blocking technology, the v-chip, which will let viewers block shows based on ratings.

The Federal Communications Commission requires TV set manufacturers to incorporate the v-chip in new sets beginning next year. The earliest will be Panasonic, whose representative said Thursday the company will have one model with the filtering device in stores next month.

Given the findings, v-chip TV sets offer parents "only a modest degree of help in identifying potentially harmful violence they might wish to screen from their children's eyes," the study concludes.

Adds Rideout: "Parents using the v-chip should know that most sex and violence on TV will still be coming through."

Yet most parents who use the ratings — 55 percent — think any show with violence is supposed to get a "V" label, according to a poll commissioned by the foundation.

One reason some programs do not carry the "V," "S," "L" and "D" notations is because programs rated "TV-G," suitable for all ages, do not carry the extra content labels.

Also, other reasons include industry judgment calls, NBC's refusal to use the letter notations alongside the age-based ratings and the showing of films with movie ratings, such as "R" and "PG-13".

"We're not in any way resisting applying these content descriptors," said Steven Vest, vice president of government relations for the Fox TV parent News Corp.

Man builds submarine for Nessie hunt

HARDEEVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Dan Taylor gets a wee bit perturbed when people suggest he's obsessed with the Loch Ness monster.

To be sure, he spends most days in a sweltering warehouse building a four-man submarine to take to Scotland in search of the creature that supposedly lurks in the lake. He estimates he will sink $1 million into the project by the time he is done.

But obsession has nothing to do with it, Taylor says. At 58, he simply wants to finish a job he started almost 30 years ago.

"I was given the job to find Nessie and I failed," Taylor says. "I'm going back and fix it."

Nessie sightings go back centuries, but it was 1969 when Taylor operated a home-built, one-man yellow submarine during a monster-hunting expedition sponsored by World Book Encyclopedia. There were rumors the Beatles would stop by to get a look at, if not Nessie, at least the yellow submarine (which was yellow so that it would be visible to other vessels, not in tribute to the Beatles tune).

Neither musicians nor monster showed.

"Nessie is pretty elusive," Taylor says. "I thought I got her. Something was laying on the bottom and the wash from it threw my submarine way off course."

Now, Taylor hopes to return to the lake next year.

He is building a bigger, faster yellow submarine, dubbed Nessa after the Gaelic goddess who gave her name to both the lake and the monster. It will be mounted with a harpoon-like device to poke the creature and get a genetic sample.

After the 1969 expedition, Taylor, who learned about submarines as a crewman in the Navy and about building them at Georgia Tech, busied himself with a career that included working in the restaurant business, operating his own telephone company and buying a dam with the idea of generating electricity to sell.

A heart attack about five years ago "just woke me up," and now he spends his days laboring over the 30-ton fiberglass-and-steel submarine.

The sub, built with proceeds from the sale of a house and, Taylor hopes, donations, will be propelled by a 500-horsepower DC locomotive motor powered by dozens of automotive batteries.

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Some say Nessie is a dinosaur, others say it is only a myth. Taylor thinks it is some type of eel that by some quirk of nature kept right on growing.

Police say children took LSD in tainted breath freshener

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The little girl suddenly began laughing loudly to herself, disrupting her fourth-grade journal writing lesson. Her teacher asked her to begin writing, but all she could do was scribble.

It wasn't a case of the giggles, authorities say she brought LSD tainted breath freshener and passed it out to fellow students.

Soon the 9- and 10-year old students were showing symptoms ranging from dizziness to nausea and hallucinations.

"It was put into a commercial breath mint, Ice Drops, a small vial with about one milliliter of liquid in it at the time we got it," Lt. Rock Papke said.

Some were hospitalized but all had been released Thursday. Detectives found traces of LSD in three children but none of the illicit drug in the systems of the other 10 police said.

Papke said: "They were completely disoriented, acting irrationally."

Hundreds of parents met with administrators at the San Fernando Valley school Thursday morning to hear what officials knew of the incident.

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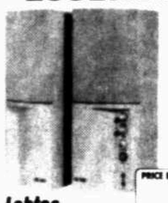


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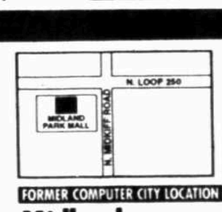
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Archaeologists wallow in what may be Lewis and Clark's outhouse

WARRENTON, Ore. (AP) — Ken Karsmizki is wallowing in what may have been one of Lewis and Clark's outhouse pits, looking for history.

The archaeologist is hoping to find traces of mercury, which was used to treat venereal diseases during the explorers' 2 1/2-year trek across the uncharted West and back.

Because the silvery heavy metal, when formulated into pills, passes through the body and never breaks down, it could enable archaeologists to pinpoint the long-lost site of Fort Clatsop, the encampment where Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's 33-man expedition spent the winter of 1805-06.

And so Karsmizki sits at the bottom of a hole he suspects was once a privy pit, and picks and scrapes at layer upon layer of the dark soil.

"To some people the idea of working in a privy is a disgusting thought," he says. "But it's one of the best things an archaeologist can find."

Archaeologists are focusing their search for the fort on a four-acre area in the northwestern corner of Oregon where the Columbia River empties into the Pacific Ocean. It is here that early homesteaders reported seeing rotting ruins of the wooden fort, and where the National Park Service maintains a 50-by-50-foot replica built in 1955 for tourists.

There have been sporadic searches for decades to find the fort's exact location, but never with this level of sophistication. Scientists using a magnetometer have identified about 100 places where the soil has been disturbed. Soil cores are being taken to be tested for phosphates, which indicate the presence of mammal excrement or bones.



AP Photo

Archaeologist Ken Karsmizki sits in the bottom of a hole at Fort Clatsop in Warrenton, Ore., Tuesday, as he sifts through layer after layer of dirt, searching in what may have been one of Lewis and Clark's outhouse pits. Archaeologists are focusing on the area of northwest Oregon, where the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean converge, hoping to pinpoint where the expedition team spent the winter of 1805-1806.

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Under military regulations at the time, privies were to be dug 90 paces from an encampment. So finding the privies could help pinpoint the fort.

There are few clues to help narrow the search. While pioneer privies often were recipients of bottles, broken utensils and other trash, the Lewis and Clark expedition was pretty well depleted of supplies by the time it reached the Pacific, and there was little left to leave.

And the land itself has been worked over by nearly two centuries of rain — 70 inches a year, on average — and by homesteaders who have logged it, farmed it and left it to revert back to forest.

Even with all that, scientists say the mercury should still be there.

"Mercury doesn't move from the soil," says Julie Stein, a soil specialist and curator of archaeology at the Burke Museum at the University of Washington. "It's a hazardous waste. You can't get rid of it."

Mercury was applied directly to venereal lesions and was also the main ingredient in Rush's Bilious Pills, a purgative administered by the expedition leaders for virtually all ailments. The mercury in Rush's Bilious Pills was in a form that enabled it to pass through the body. Normally, mercury is retained in the body, and can be fatal.

Lewis recorded purchasing 600 of the pills for $5 for the expedition. The practice of the day called for administering mercury until the patient began to salivate — a sure sign that he had had enough. That and the then-common practice of bloodletting probably did more harm than good.

"The pills were bad for the men but good for us. We expect to find significantly high levels of mercury in the pits," Stein says.

Venereal disease, especially syphilis, which was referred to as Louis Veneri, apparently was widespread among members of the expedition, although only three of the men are mentioned by name in the journals as having had it.

Lewis wrote in his journal on Jan. 27, 1806: "Goodrich has recovered from the Louis Veneri which he contracted from an amorous contact with a Chinnook damsel. I cured him as I did Gibson last winter by the uce of murcury."

In March 1805, Clark writes of the expedition: "Generally healthy except venerials complains which is verry Commion."

Also, the Indian guide Sacagawea is thought to have had gonorrhea.

Mercury would separate the Lewis and Clark pits from simple garbage pits, latrines dug by later settlers or soil disturbances caused by uprooted trees.

"If we find mercury, we're sure we have a Lewis and Clark occupation," says Karsmizki, who is from the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Mont.

Top general warns Congress that tight budget is hurting military's ability to wage war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military's readiness to wage war has slipped badly under tight budgets and "the train wreck is imminent," a top general told a Senate panel Thursday, soon after President Clinton sought a $1 billion defense boost from Congress.

"We've reached the point, in my opinion, where the Army requires additional resources in order to sustain the readiness that we have to sustain so we don't break faith with our soldiers," said Gen. Thomas Schwartz, the new head of the U.S. Army Forces Command.

The president wants the additional Pentagon funding next year to adequately train troops and maintain proper supplies of working equipment and materials. He made the request in a letter, made public Wednesday, to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., but did not indicate the source of any new money.

Clinton also suggested in a meeting last week with military services chiefs that they consider future budget increases to fix aging weapons and improve living conditions for troops.

Sen. James Inhofe, chairman of the Senate Armed Services subcommittee on readiness, said the military has deferred repairing roads and roofs while shifting money to maintain troop readiness as defense budgets declined in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Inhofe, R-Okla., estimated the military-wide maintenance backlog at $31 billion.

"I don't see any other solution than a massive rebuilding that we did during the 1980s" to fix shortcomings, Inhofe said during the hearing.

Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va., agreed that the military needs more money. But he said lawmakers partly are to blame because they have refused requests this year from Defense Secretary William Cohen to save billions of dollars by closing more bases.

"It appears we are now running out of maneuvering room and it is time to make the hard choices that we have been putting off," Robb said.

Military leaders have said defense budgets must rise by at least $10 billion annually to modernize weapons, repair crumbling bases and ensure proper training. Congressional leaders active on defense issues also have said they want more defense spending in the future.

The fiscal year 1999 Pentagon budget calls for $250 billion in spending, which is capped under the balanced budget deal with the president.

Gen. David Bramlett, retiring commander of the U.S. Army Forces Command, said in a memo to his Pentagon bosses in August that the Army was in danger next year of cutting vital training programs and reducing readiness below current minimum levels.

"The decline (in readiness levels) is too steep now. We need to turn that decline into an incline," Bramlett said at the Senate hearing Thursday.

Schwartz, his replacement who testified by his side, agreed.

"If you asked me are we trained and ready, I would say yes we are," Schwartz said. "Can they go and win and fight — yes they can."

But, he said, maintaining readiness has come at the "sacrifice of quality of life and infrastructure" as base housing falls apart and equipment breaks down.

"The train wreck is imminent," Schwartz said, noting he saw it coming in his past job as commander at Fort Hood, Texas. "We just maintained training readiness at the minimum levels. And I watched training decline in 1998."

"We've been all we can be up to this point," Schwartz said. "We've done lots of great things, but we're not meeting the expectations of our great Army and the expectations of our great soldiers and their families."

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Recording Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Inc. is sponsoring a fund-raising poetry contest. Entries must be themed "My Favorite Place" or "Seeking Your Dream." Deadline for entries is Oct. 10.

Entries must be submitted in triplicate to the Recording Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 2012 W. Cuthbert, Midland, Texas 79701. Each entry must be typewritten and include the poet's name, address and telephone number, and a brief statement giving the Recording Library permission to publish the poem in a booklet of winning and honorable mention entries.

Entry fees are $5 per poem for students in grades nine-12; $10 per poem for adult poets; and $15 per poem for published writers. First-, second- and third-place and honorable mention awards will be issued for all three levels of competition.

All winning entries will be published in a booklet which will be available for sale at Barnes and Noble bookstore in Midland. "Open Mic Night," scheduled for Nov. 6 at Barnes and Noble, will give honorable mention poets an opportunity to read their entries. First-, second- and third-place winners will be announced that evening, and awards presented.

All proceeds from the contest and sale of the booklets will benefit the Recording Library, a non-profit organization...

...ODESSA COUNCIL for the Arts and Humanities will host "Art in the Heart of the Permian Basin" 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 26 and 1-5 p.m. Sept. 27. More than 25 area artists will have their works on display at their homes, studios or galleries. Maps are available at these Odessa locations: Studio 7007, at 7007 West County Road; Frame-A-Rama, 707 N. Dixie, and the Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee.

Included will be works in raku, stoneware, porcelain, watercolor, sculpture, oils, pastels, photography, colored pencils, stained glass, jewelry, fabric art, collage, acrylics and mixed media...

...UNIVERSITY GRADUATE Women will meet 10 a.m Sept. 28 at Midland County Public Library. Ann Auburg will present a program on "Genealogy." Lunch will be 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club. All university graduates are invited to attend. Call 694-0325 or 694-2318...

...WEST TEXAS Writers will meet 2 p.m. Oct. 3 in the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. Panel discussion on "Getting Publicity for Your Non-Profit Organization or Company" will be conducted by Clyde Butter, station manager for KRIL Radio, and Gary Ott, city editor of the *Reporter-Telegram*. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information call 550-7401 or e-mail to melrose@iglobal.net...

...PERMIAN BASIN Pecan Seminar and Trade Show will be Sept. 26 at 5655 E. Marigold in Gardendale. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Admission will be $15 per person for pre-registration or $20 at the door. Fee will include a catered barbecue lunch. For more information call 687-1351 or 498-4071...

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, will meet 6:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Snacks will be served. Anyone aged 50 and older who would like more information may call 684-8419 or 697-1212...

...VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, will meet 10:30 a.m. Sept. 30 at the Van House, 2908 W. Ohio, for a crafts-making session led by Doris Kinser. Lunch will follow. For more information call 694-2648...

...LEE HIGH SCHOOL Choral will present the musical production "On Broadway" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Two shows are scheduled for Oct. 3. The first will be at 5 p.m. with appetizers being served and desserts will be served at the 8 p.m. show. Cost is $7.50. For more information call 689-1619...

FAMILY MATTERS

Long-over adulterous affair still triggers feelings of guilt

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I've tried to write this letter to you many times before. Every time you have had a letter from someone who is having an affair or had an affair, it makes me feel ashamed of myself. Now I can't even watch television without something about the President and his affairs. The reason that this bothers me so much is that I had an affair eight years ago. Both of us were married, but at the time were very unhappy (we thought) with our mates. I had my story and he had his, but we did it together.


May

Our relationship was different because we had been friends for several years and we were both very attracted to each other. We were couple-friends, so we had a large group of people who we did things with. We would talk at parties and social events and tell each other our problems, until one day he called me for lunch. That started our separate relationship, which eventually led to an affair. I thought I loved him and he said that he loved me.

We both wanted to divorce our partners and be together, but there were too many young children involved. The hurt would have been too great. Thank God we didn't divorce and try to get together because we did finally discover what a bad idea all of this was.

We stopped seeing each other privately years ago, but we do still see each other at the same parties and social events. He never told his wife and I never told my husband. His wife suspected something, but I don't think my husband ever did.

My question to you is, when will I ever get over the shame and guilt I feel over this? Everything has turned out for the good. I do love my husband, not with the passion that I loved him, but we have a good marriage.

Another thing that bothers me is, what if someone does find out and tell his wife or my husband? Would it be better for me to tell my husband now so that he would hear it from me? I don't want to hurt him for something that *I* did.

Every time I'm anywhere with anyone, the topic of conversation is affairs, and that is all so painful to me. I hear people make such harsh judgments and say such cruel things about the President and Monica. I couldn't stand for people to be talking about me like that, and I know that they would.

I do feel better writing you and I'm anxiously waiting for your reply. ASHAMED AND DEPRESSED

DEAR ASHAMED: Individuals often do get caught up in the moment and become part of the crowd.

Many good people make mistakes that they live to regret. Committing adultery is wrong and a sin. However, in dealing with that sin, Christ gave us The Model in His response to the woman caught in the act of adultery: "Neither do I condemn you, go away and don't sin any more." (John 8:11)

Feeling guilty for what you did is appropriate. Guilt is the feeling of having done something wrong. But then bring your wrong before God, pray for forgiveness and "sin no more."

God sent Christ into this world to save sinners. When you earnestly repent your sin, you are forgiven.

I do not believe — although I certainly am guilty of doing it — that it is our job to judge others. Christ said this scary thing about judging others: "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; because the judgments you give are the judgments you will get." (Matthew 7:1,2)

This is a spiritual matter, not a secular psychological issue. This profession is divided over whether it is better or not to tell one's spouse of an affair if he or she does not know. Both sides offer persuasive arguments. On one side believes that there should be no secrets between married partners; that secrets are destructive to the marriage. The other side argues that to tell your spouse about an affair that he or she knows nothing about burdens him or her unfairly — shifts the burden to him or her, so to speak.

I believe that you do not tell; instead, take it to a minister, priest or counselor and work on it spiritually like other sin. Christ came into this world to save sinners. He will forgive you; allow yourself to be forgiven.

THE FOLLOWING TIPS ON "A BILL OF ASSERTIVE RIGHTS" ARE PRESENTED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- I have the RIGHT to say "no" without feeling guilty.
- I have the RIGHT to say "I don't know."
- I have the RIGHT to make mistakes and to be responsible for them.
- I have the RIGHT to say "I don't understand."
- I have the RIGHT to change my mind.
- I have the RIGHT to judge my own behavior.
- I have the RIGHT to be responsible for the results of my behavior.
- I have the RIGHT to make no excuses for my behavior.

In communications with me, other people have these same rights.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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DEAR ABBY

Daughter's jealousy turns family revelry into rivalry

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Doreen," and daughter-in-law, "Melanie," don't get along. They used to be good friends and went everywhere together. But from the day Doreen learned that her brother was going to marry Melanie, she did a total reversal. My husband and I can't figure out what went wrong It is very difficult to have a family function now. Doreen comes in and completely ignores both her brother and his wife.


Van Buren

I finally confronted Doreen and asked her to explain. She told me it appears that we care more for Melanie than we do for her. I told her we try to treat everyone in the family the same, but I think Doreen is jealous of Melanie.

Abby, Melanie has always been nice to my husband and to me, and I'm happy our son married her.

The whole family was at my son's house this past weekend for an anniversary dinner he and Melanie gave for us. It just happened to be Melanie's birthday. Neither of my daughters mentioned it or wished her a happy birthday. They had to have known. Although Doreen talked to our son, both of my daughters ignored Melanie.

I'm at my wit's end. I'm at the point of giving up family gatherings. Any help or advice would be greatly appreciated. — DISTRAUGHT IN MISSOURI

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: Doreen told you what's bothering her: She views Melanie as a rival who stole her parents' affection.

I suggest you have a talk with Doreen, and this time, instead of telling her that you try to treat everyone equally, reassure her that as your child she is irreplaceable in your heart. Assure her that, as grateful as you are to Melanie for making your son happy, your feelings for her are not the same as a mother has for a daughter.

Remember: Even though Doreen is behaving childishly, you are all adults. In the final analysis, it's up to Doreen to sort out her feelings and patch up the rift she has created.

DEAR ABBY: "Broke in San Francisco" does not necessarily have to level with his girlfriend about his economic situation. I dated a man in the same boat. He solved the problem by using a little imagination.

He took me on romantic picnics and read poetry aloud to me. We went to the beach at sunset and strolled through the surf hand in hand. He took me to art shows, museums, the zoo. He brought me handpicked field flowers artfully arranged in wine bottles and left sweet notes on my windshield. I could go on, but you get the idea.

It eventually dawned on me that he didn't have a lot of money to spend, but I couldn't have cared less. I felt pampered, spoiled and loved. What was this man doing with all the money he saved? He was paying off the mortgage on his home so I would always have a place to live after we were married. — LUCKY IN INVERNESS

DEAR LUCKY: What a fine tribute to a special man. You were not only lucky, you were wise to hang on to him. Not everyone is as fortunate as you:

DEAR ABBY: I have a solution for "Broke in San Francisco," who cannot afford to wine-and-dine his girlfriend as before. Marry her; then you'll no longer have to take her out. That's what my ex-husband did. —DISAPPOINTED IN SAN DIEGO

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Peanut butter ban growing in schools

By Anemona Hartocollis
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — As any parent can testify, there is probably no surer staple of childhood than peanut butter; a pure product of America, consumed at an annual rate of 3 pounds per person, invented by George Washington Carver, the brown-bag-and-grape-jelly backup for millions of schoolchildren who gag at peas and pre-emptively detest anything cooked in a school cafeteria.

Now peanut butter is under attack at the schoolhouse door. Cheap, nutritious, popular and traditional, it has nonetheless taken its place on the list of substances — like asbestos and lead — that send shivers down the spines of school administrators.

Prodded by parents warning of lethal allergies, by the contentions of some researchers that peanut allergies are on the rise and, not least, by a fear of litigation, growing numbers of public and private schools across the United States have banned peanut butter from their cafeterias. Others have declared peanut-free zones or set up committees to figure out what to do.

School officials find themselves balancing the rare risk of death against the danger of being swept up in a faddish hysteria and of trying to anticipate potential legal repercussions of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. Even those who wonder if the bans have gone too far fear that if they do not act aggressively, they may face liability lawsuits and accusations of discrimination against children disabled by a peanut allergy.

CHILDREN ARE well aware of the debate. "Well, you can't take chances," said Alex Goldschmidt, a fifth-grader eating pizza at Trevor Day School, a private school in New York. "I mean, if you kept it here, then they might eat like some kind of food with nuts in it, then something bad would happen, then the next thing you know there would be somebody in the cafeteria that's dead, that's all."

The campaign to ban peanut butter is happening in scattered places where an assertive parent or two — supported by the Food Allergy Network, an 8-year-old advocacy group in Fairfax, Va. — has raised the alarm in schools, contending that peanut allergies are a disability that schools must accommodate under the disabilities law.

"A mother at Trevor became a real activist," said Alexandra Peters, president of the Trevor Board of Trustees. The debate, she said, boiled down to "my child's life or your kid's lunch."

The Centers for Disease Control report only 88 deaths among all Americans from allergies to food, including peanuts, between 1979 and the end of 1995. But allergists supported by the food allergies network contend that fatalities are underreported, and that 0.5 to 1 percent of all Americans suffer from peanut allergies. The network estimates that every year 125 people die from food allergies, the majority from peanuts. Dr. Wesley Burks, a pediatric allergist at the University of Arkansas who is supported by the network, said the centers' statistics reflect underreporting.

While network officials say they are not forcing schools to take any particular action, the schools say that anything less than a total ban seems inadequate to satisfy the critics.

This is the first full year of the peanut ban at Trevor lower school, where children who once ate peanut butter sandwiches now can choose from a sandwich bar including cheese, cold cuts or just plain jelly. The kitchen cooks with olive and canola oil. A memorandum sent to staff this month warns that some foods, like plain M&Ms, might be contaminated by machinery used to make peanut candies; a similar letter, administrators said, will be sent home with students before Halloween.

Like many other schools, Trevor, which has two peanut-allergic children among its 240 students, has stored Epipens, injectable epinephrine, an antidote to the asthmalike reaction that can be caused by peanut butter, in strategic spots throughout the building and has trained teachers and cafeteria workers in how to use it.

In rare cases, a peanut allergy can cause a sudden drop in blood pressure and the closing of the breathing passages. An injection of epinephrine or adrenaline can prevent death if administered quickly enough, Burks said.

In its milder form, a peanut allergy can cause itching, swelling, hives, wheezing, coughing, vomiting and diarrhea, doctors say.

SEVERAL PRIVATE schools in New York City, and Greenwich Academy and the Stanwich School in Connecticut, have declared peanut-free cafeterias and implore parents to check labels before sending in snacks or birthday treats.

At Horace Mann, in Bronx, peanut butter sandwiches are made ahead of time, snugly wrapped in plastic, clearly marked and placed in a designated area so that allergic children can steer clear of them.

The Fairfield Country Day School, in Fairfield, Conn., still serves peanut butter but has eliminated peanuts from its dessert menu, banning them from brownies, cookies and ice-cream sundaes. "Who would have thought an old-fashioned favorite like peanut butter and jelly could be considered so dangerous?" said Robert Vitalo, the Fairfield headmaster.

Among public schools, Mount Kisco Elementary School in Westchester County, and the Cos Cob, Conn., Elementary School have set aside a peanut-free table that is scrubbed down before and after meals. Similar preventive measures have been taken at schools in Buffalo; North Andover, Mass.; Orange County, Calif.; and Toronto.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the New York City public school system, the nation's largest with more than a million children, has remained immune to the peanut phenomenon — largely because no one has complained.

In city schools, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are still offered as a cold-lunch option in every school nearly every day, said a spokesman, J.D. Larock. When peanut butter is not the choice of the day, it is available on request, he said. "There's peanut butter aplenty in our system" Larock said. Peanuts are not served, but that's because they are a choking hazard, he added.

While peanut butter has been slow to become an issue at New York City public schools, the city's private schools have fallen in line like so many dominoes. Mark Brossman, a lawyer who represents many New York City private schools, said schools are concerned that peanut allergies might qualify as a disability that must be accommodated under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Neither Brossman nor the Food Allergy Network knew of any litigation on peanut allergy that has resulted in a court decision.

But a recent directive by the U.S. Department of Transportation construed peanut allergies as a disability and ordered airlines to set up peanut-free zones. That decision may set a precedent for schools, advocates say.

Dr. Max van Gilder, a Manhattan pediatrician, said he had had only one child with the most severe form of peanut allergy in a practice spanning 25 years and 2,500 patients. While describing the reaction as "a sudden, dramatic and horrible type of death," van Gilder suggested that banning peanut butter was missing the point.

"There's peanut butter in the world," van Gilder said. "I think the issue is that food should be properly labeled."

Baseball and quilts: Museum exhibit has all-American flair

By Janet Tyson
N.Y. Times News Service

ARLINGTON — Sliding pads are quilted. There's stitching on a quilt and stitching on a baseball — and on umpires' and catchers' chest protectors. But once you've seen "Grand Slam: 20th-Century Baseball Quilts" at the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum in Arlington, you won't need to think of reasons why baseball and quilting have things in common. You'll just know that a lot of people love both.

Shoehorned into the museum's gallery for temporary exhibits, "Grand Slam" features more than 30 quilts. Some are by amateurs, some by longtime traditional quilters and some by adventuresome art quilters. It opened this week and will continue through Jan. 17.

The show was curated by Heather Urquhart, a quilter and Oakland A's fan who lives and works in San Jose, Calif. Urquhart says she conceived "Grand Slam" during the baseball strike in 1994. It took her three years of contacting quilt guilds and scanning the Internet to put "Grand Slam" together.

Two of the exhibit's more evocative and impressive works are by Clara Rothmeier, a St. Louis Cardinals (and Mark McGwire) fan from Gerald, Mo.

Rothmeier's "My Favorite Baseball Stars" quilt took 10 years to complete — and it's easy to see why. She hand-appliqued the 44 portraits on it and, after each player autographed his picture, embroidered over the signatures. Then she collected about 450 other autographs on cutouts of baseballs, embroidered those and used them along the borders and at the corners of each portrait.

"I did the embroidery and the piecing, but my mother and sister did the actual quilting," Rothmeier says. "I never did learn how to quilt; isn't that terrible?"

It is tempting to say that such devotion must be innate. In any case, she says she was born into baseball: Rothmeier's dad was a minor-league player, and she and her siblings played baseball or softball.

Urquhart is a fan, although she came to her love of baseball more recently. "I've been a quilter for 20 years and a serious baseball fan for 10," she says.

Urquhart says she was looking for quilts "made more from the heart than the mind." She wanted quilts that would echo a nostalgia not only for their own traditions, but for "the good old days of baseball, when teams were family-owned, when players didn't go on strike and a family might spend the day at the ballpark."

"Grand Slam: 20th-Century Baseball Quilts" Through Jan. 17: At the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum, The Ballpark at Arlington. Museum hours: Through October, hours are 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. November through March, hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: $6 for adults, $5 for seniors, $4 for children ages 6-13. Information: 273-5600.

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CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

■ Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 pm. and 5 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1-1:45 pm. P.A.C.E. class, dry land class for people with arthritis (arthritis classes co-sponsored by Northwest Texas chapter of the Arthritis Foundation).

■ Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.

■ Saturday: 1-4:30 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30-10:30 a.m. aqua aerobics.

■ Friday: 9-10 a.m. aqua aerobics.

Water therapy by appointment.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for Sept. 28-Oct. 2 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch and cholesterol video program; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics class and Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. advisory board meeting and CAF Air Show; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5212 Sinclair. For more information call 699-5825. Weekday schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aides present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

■ Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Tuesday: 7-10 a.m. water walking; 10-10:45 a.m. arthritis plus; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus.

■ Wednesday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Thursday: 7-10 a.m. water walking; 10-10:45 a.m. arthritis plus; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus.

■ Friday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Saturday: 10:30 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. wellness clinic at Hillcrest Manor; 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. wellness clinic at Langtry Village; 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor; 3 p.m. crafts at Langtry Village.

■ Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ Confederate Air Force needs volunteers to help with the annual Air Show on Oct. 3-4. Duties may include selling tickets, T-shirts and beverages, and working parking control. Volunteers receive packets with passes and information.

■ ESL (English as a Second Language) needs a volunteer aide to assist the ESL instructor in teaching students to speak and write English. Strong literacy skills needed; bilingual preferred. Shifts are one day, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday, or 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Orientation provided.

■ Centers for Children and Families needs three to five volunteers work with the Kids First program 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays. Duties will include monitoring and observing weekly visits between children and parents. Training, instructions and staff support provided.

Long-time friendship inspires volunteer

By Lana Cunningham

"Keys, how are you and your kids doing?" asked the man, often dressed in dirty work clothes on his way back from the oilfield.

And Keys Curry always told George T. Abell about his family whenever the oilman dropped off or picked up a part for one of his wells at Ed Eubanks Auto Parts and Small Engine Repair shops. It was the fact that Abell always asked about the family and seemed to really care that impressed Curry.

That attitude of caring is the impression that Curry tried to leave with visitors to The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame — an institution that was founded by Abell. As a member of the Santa Rita Club, Curry works in the Gift Shop on Friday afternoons, and other times when asked. He always stresses the importance of making everyone feel welcome, even 4-year-old Head Start students.

After getting acquainted with Abell and his wife, Gladys, through his work at Eubanks Auto Parts, then on projects at First Presbyterian Church, Curry had great respect for the oilman. Several years ago when a friend suggested volunteering at the museum, Curry decided he would share the attitude that Abell gave to others.

Born 86 years ago and raised in Miles, Curry attended business college and then went to work in San Angelo when that was the center of the oil industry for the Permian Basin.

"I had a gas station in 1935 and got to know Carl Cromwell, the driller on the Santa Rita No. 1." Then Curry went into the trucking business and moved to Midland about the same time the oil companies decided to turn Midland into their hub of operations.

Eventually he went to work at Eubanks Auto Parts and was there 20 years until retirement.

During that time, Curry and his wife, Gretna, raised three children. After retirement, the couple enjoyed traveling and not just the typical treks to England and Scotland, but more far-reaching, to Thailand, Hong Kong and Manila.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Keys Curry, 86, volunteers in the Gift Shop at The Petroleum Museum, where he meets and greets visitors and makes everyone feel welcome. He started a program of giving each young student visitor a pencil with the museum's imprint on it. "They say, 'Thank you nice man for the pencil,' and you get to feeling pretty humble," Curry said.

After his wife's death in 1987, Curry was looking for something to do and started volunteering with Hospice and delivering groceries to persons through Community and Senior Services.

Then a friend mentioned The Petroleum Museum, and Curry saw it as a chance to pay back the friendship Abell had given him.

He started in 1993 and has volunteered more than 800 hours. "I enjoy the Gift Shop. The impression you give people when they walk in the door is what they leave with. I like greeting people and selling Midland."

He greets and sells to everyone, no matter the country or the age.

"I'm amazed at how many people from different lands come in here, and how few come from Midland," said Curry. "I guess it's because people leave Midland and go to museums elsewhere."

Recently a group of Italians stopped for a tour and only one person could interpret. "But they spent almost two hours in the museum," he said. "A cute couple from Barbados were in here, and they stayed two hours and then told me how much they enjoyed the museum. We've had several from Australia, South America and Russia. And we have six to eight people a month from Germany." Local oil companies send their overseas employees to the museum for a tour not long after their arrival in the States, he added.

As people stop in the Gift Shop to purchase their admission tickets, Curry chats and points out highlights for the visitors.

"If you didn't know the Abells, you wouldn't know the side saddle in the East Room belonged to George Abell's mother. She rode the plains of Kansas when she was a little girl. It meant a lot to George for that side saddle to be here."

Curry sees numerous students on their tours. The older ones stop and buy small items in the Gift Shop on their way out the door, but not the younger ones. "These Head Start kids don't have any money to spend and I hated for them to go home without anything."

He talked to the staff about the problem. Now Curry gives each young student a pencil with The Petroleum Museum imprint. "They say, 'Thank you nice man for the pencil,' and you get to feeling pretty humble."

Last year he started taking note of the students who would return with their parents later. "You'd be surprised at how many are coming back and bringing their parents."

Volunteering at The Petroleum Museum has been fun for Curry, who wishes he had started earlier.

"This Petroleum Museum is as well set-up museum as there is anywhere. It tells the story of the petroleum industry and there are so many interesting sidelights. I love working out here and I love the people," he said. "Every day I'm convinced George Abell would be pleased with how much people have gotten out of this museum.

Unlike some people who made their fortunes in the oil business, Curry counts his wealth in other ways: his family and friends and good health. And for many years, among those friends was a man named George Abell.

"It just meant a lot to me when he would come in and ask how my kids were."

DR. PAGE

Pain is not always unwanted feeling

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

The following, dear reader, is that "*rara avis*," a paen to pain:

The next time you hit your thumb with a hammer, please realize that the ensuing noxious sensation is actually a good thing called "pain" — that it is, if one takes a long, philosophical view of the situation.

It constitutes one of life's "yin and yang," creating a line of defense against attacks on the body structure by alerting one to the presence and location of a problem, but also creating mild to agonizing discomfort of sufficient degree to cause depression and despair.



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As regards the above-mentioned thumb, please remember the sense of pain was felt in the head.

Pain can roughly be categorized as acute, chronic or psychogenic, but actually vague, gray areas exist between types.

When you fall and break a bone or suffer a sprain, that's acute pain as in inflammation of an organ such as an appendix or gall bladder. Treatment consists of removing the underlying fault.

Chronic pain primarily concerns the elderly when it impairs the quality of life and all too frequently is accompanied by depression and behavioral disturbances.

The problems include arthritis, cancer and dysfunction of various internal organs, and those afflicted are prone to become hopeless, disabled and a burden on those around them.

In the chronic category are peripheral types involving disturbances in the nerve or nerve root, such as in "phantom limb," carpal tunnel syndrome and trigeminal neuralgia.

The psychogenic type consists of those cases where the cause can not be determined, exemplified by "failed low back syndrome" or atypical facial pain.

In these cases, the psychosocial factors assume paramount importance, although they do indeed play a role in all types of pain.

Treatment begins with identifying the underlying problem, followed by the pharmacologic approach. For mild to moderate pain, about 57 varieties of non-steroidal anti-inflammation drugs (NASAIDA) exist — all equal but different — so if one fails, try another.

The analgesic duration varies, as does a propensity for gastric irritability and bleeding, so consult your family doctor before using. Opium derivatives are indicated in moderate or severe pain and chronic pain due to cancer.

Hospice has revolutionized the administration of pain reduction with emphasis on regularity and anticipation of need. In this manner, lower doses can achieve higher results. This is nothing really new. I still remember the words of Dr. John B. Deaner — an international surgeon of great repute 60 years ago — who, when asked the proper dose of morphine, replied: "Enough!"

Antidepressants aid and abet the usual analgesics, particularly in neuropathy, neuralgia and psychogenic pain. Other helpful techniques of pain control include counter irritation (remember mustard plaster?), trigger point infection, exercise programs, and relaxation, behavioral and distraction.

So as you can see, there exist many avenues to hang the yang portion of pain.

Don't let the thought of pain fill you with dread
The fact is without it you surely would be dead!

Henry F. Page, M.D., F.A.C.P., is health and safety consultant to Manor Park Inc.

Never outgrow your need for life insurance

DENVER (AP) — Conventional wisdom says that once children leave home, the need for life insurance is over. Yet for the majority of people, the single biggest asset left to a spouse at death is life insurance. "The need for life insurance doesn't disappear as you get older, it changes," said Mandell Winter Jr., a senior insurance expert at the College for Financial Planning.

For a family raising children during the 1960s, a modest annual income might have been $10,000, Winter said. That was enough to buy a $25,000 home and a $3,000 car. Such a family may have also owned life insurance worth $50,000 — five times the amount of its annual income, Winter said. Today, that $10,000 income may have risen to a modest $50,000, but instead of the life insurance also rising, it may have remained at $50,000.

While the absolute amount has stayed the same, the relative amount has gone down to only one times the annual income. "A $50,000 death benefit doesn't sound like much today for someone in retirement," Winter said.

Granted, you probably don't need as much life insurance relative to income as when you had children. You don't need to replace family income, and your home is probably paid off. "You may not need the level of protection you needed before, but you need some," Winter said.

To begin with, there is the administrative cost of dying. This can include funeral expenses and out-of-pocket medical expenses. In some cases, an outstanding mortgage may even need to be paid off in full.

"Everyone is looking to be paid off after someone dies," Winter said. "Most people don't want to give up what they've accumulated. The survivor's ability to maintain his or her lifestyle can really be hampered if there isn't an adequate amount of life insurance."

Winter said living expenses for one person aren't necessarily a lot less than they are for two people. Certain bills, such as car insurance, utilities and estate taxes, probably won't decline. Even food costs may not be cut in half because single people usually eat out more often than couples, and eating out costs more than groceries do.

Another benefit of continuing to own life insurance is that it can supplement retirement income. If you handle it very carefully, Winter said, you can take tax-free money out of a cash-value policy, typically in the form of a loan.

Then, at the time of death, the loan is paid off with tax-free benefit dollars. However, you must be careful that the policy doesn't lapse. If it does, you could end up paying taxes on the money you borrowed.

For example, you invest $20,000 in premiums over 40 years and then borrow $150,000 for retirement. If the policy lapses, you'll owe taxes on the $130,000 gain ($150,000 minus $20,000), which is money you've already spent.

Winter said certain policies are better for borrowing than others. A whole life policy, for example, presents less risk of lapsing than a variable universal policy, which is vulnerable to investment market declines.

Another benefit of carrying life insurance as you age is that it can help pay for medical expenses.

More and more insurance companies will pay out a portion of the policy's face value (as high as 90 percent to 95 percent) if you're terminally or chronically ill and the policy has a long-term care benefit. Without the long-term care benefit, terminally or chronically ill individuals usually get only 50 percent while alive and, at the time of their death, their heirs receive the balance.

If a company doesn't offer such "accelerated benefits" you may be able to sell the policy to a third party for cash. This "viatical settlement" usually pays a smaller percentage of the face value than accelerated benefits do.

Estate taxes may be another good reason to carry life insurance.

"Even though Congress pushed up the amount of estate assets that can be transferred without estate taxes, a large number of people are still going to face estate taxes," Winter said. "It doesn't take long in today's world for even people of moderate means to acquire an estate valued at between $625,000 and $1 million, especially when you throw in the increase in value of retirement plans, your home, and insurance."

While careful estate planning, such as drafting a proper will and using trusts, can minimize or eliminate estate taxes, people often still need life insurance to pay estate settlement expenses, Winter said.

In the end, the exact amount of life insurance you need to keep will depend on your specific circumstances.

You can determine how much you need with the help of your insurance agent or financial planner. Just don't automatically assume you won't need any life insurance.

"When someone dies, one of the first questions people ask is, 'Do they have life insurance?' or 'Do they have enough life insurance?'," Winter said. "No heir, whether a surviving spouse, child or someone else, has ever said, 'Oh, I was left with too much life insurance.'"

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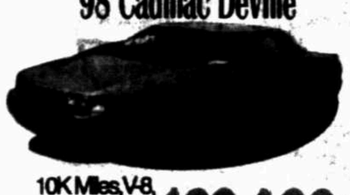
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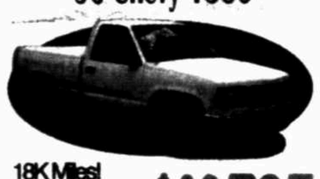
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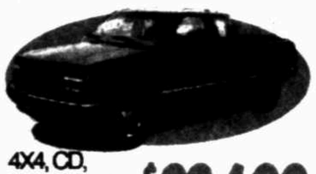
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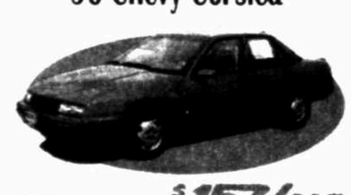
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Texas Scores

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Sports Today

PREP FOOTBALL — Midland High vs. Lubbock Coronado, 7:30 p.m., Lowrey Field, Lubbock. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

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Midland Trinity at Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Miles at Garden City, 8 p.m.

Ballinger at Greenwood, 8 p.m.

Littlefield at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Midland Christian at Seagraves, 8 p.m.

Forsan at Rankin, 8 p.m.

Stanton at Reagan County, 8 p.m.

NBA Lockout

NEW YORK — The good news on the NBA lockout front is that the sides are back speaking to one another. The bad news is that time is getting short.

Unfortunately for basketball fans, the bad news outweighed the good Thursday as the league canceled 24 exhibition games and postponed the start of training camps indefinitely.

The lockout went through its 86th day with only the faintest of hopes for a timely resolution, and the likelihood grew that the league will be forced to cancel regular season games because of a work stoppage for the first time in its history.

"Nobody wants to miss the whole season, but there are 29 owners that are willing to do so if they have to," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

The unprecedented cancellation of two dozen games came one day after commissioner David Stern, Granik, union director Billy Hunter and union president Patrick Ewing met for about an hour at the union's offices — the first sit-down between the sides since owners stormed out of a bargaining session Aug. 6.

The sides discussed whether to resume formal talks, at which the owners would be expected to present a new proposal. The regular season remains scheduled to tip off Nov. 3.

"I don't know if we got the ball rolling or not," Granik said. "We tried to offer some suggestions, but I don't know if the process will move forward. We're waiting to hear back from them on whether there's any point to having another meeting."

"We're ready to meet tonight if we can to resume bargaining."

But with owners looking for a definitive limit on salary costs, including a phaseout of the so-called Larry Bird exception (which allows teams to exceed the salary cap to sign their own free agents) and the union holding to its position that it won't agree to any kind of a "hard" salary cap, prospects for a speedy resolution appeared grim.

Cotton Bowl deal

DALLAS — Beginning in January, the Cotton Bowl will feature a matchup of teams from the Big 12 and the Southeastern Conference.

Game officials announced Thursday a four-year deal to match up representatives from both leagues in the New Year's Day game. The deal had been in the works since mid-July.

The Big 12 will send its runner-up after providing a team for the Bowl Championship Series. The SEC will provide a division champion, a division runner-up, a team with a comparable record or a mutually-agreed upon team.

MHS takes 200-yard act on road

■ Coronado faces task of stopping Bulldogs' Davis — the No. 1 rusher in Class 5A.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., the Shemond Davis "Tour for 200" makes a stop in Lubbock as the Midland High Bulldogs battle District 3-5A power Lubbock Coronado.

And while all eyes at Lowrey Field will be focused on the senior running back — the leading rusher in Class 5A — it will be those big guys riding shotgun in the tour bus who could be feeling the heat against the No. 1 defense in District 3-5A.

So in this young season, the offense line of Rusty Reed, Stuart Yeager, Luke Conder, Cotey-Joe Cswaykus, Landy Baxter and tight end Randy Gardner has paved the way for Davis to earn his state-leading status.

"We have the leading rusher in the state and that has a great influence on us to keep it up," Baxter said. "It (the success) makes us feel good. We work hard for Shemond."

The group played its best game last Saturday, leading the way for Davis' 39-carry, 296-yard attack (which ties for third-best in school history). Continually on the 96-degree day, the line pounded the Lubbock Monterey defense, starting with 40 plays on MHS' first three drives in the first half.

"They have continued to improve

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Rebels must stop Irvin's passing attack

■ Lee's opponent, El Paso Irvin, boasts No. 1 passer in Class 5A.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

EL PASO — For Midland Lee here this weekend, it's not so much will the Rebels win, but what they will find out about their pass defense.

Lee goes up against the flinging El Paso Irvin Rockets where missiles fly every day like a Fort Bliss training show.

"This is really a good team for us to play right now," says Lee head football coach John Parchman. "This is the first really good throwing team we have faced this year. It will be a challenge to look at a different style of play. The teams we have met so far are mostly running teams and our defense has shut down the run. Now we can find out how well we can defend against the pass."

And the 0-3 Rockets will throw. Irvin fell to Odessa Permian by a 52-13 count at Ratliff Stadium, but quarterback Tony Turrey completed 22 of 45 passes for 250 yards in that game, and he leads Class 5A with 747 yards.

Irvin will test you in the air.

"We've been able to throw the football this year. Turrey is averaging 300 yards a game passing," says Irvin coach Tony Shaw. "The problem is that we have a lot of injuries. Gary Harris, our all-district cornerback is out. We had our only experienced tackle break his leg against Permian and our fastest running back has a sprained knee. We're hurting."

Irvin will play three 4-5A schools this year since they meet Midland High at Memorial Stadium next week. The Rockets already own a 20-14 loss to El Paso Socorro and a 28-20 defeat at the hands of Las Cruces, N.M., Mayfield.

"We are playing the toughest schedule of any of the El Paso teams," Shaw said. "That would be good for us for district play if we can get well. The problem is that we are pretty battered and bruised and Lee isn't the type of team that will let you get well. We think Lee is the most physical of the teams we have played yet.

"Lee is just about as impressive as they come. They have running backs, lots of them who can not only block, but run over and around you. And their defense is always solid."

Since Shaw has already seen Permian first hand and

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Sweep of Anaheim takes Texas closer to AL West crown

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Hold up on the celebration, Texas manager Johnny Oates cautioned. There's still work to be done.

The Rangers had reason to be jubilant after dominating their series against the Anaheim Angels, but the Texas players had little time to enjoy their lopsided sweep.

There's a very important detail left hanging, the AL West title.

"I don't want us to get too giddy about what happened here," Oates said as the Rangers headed for Seattle and four games against the Mariners to close the regular season.

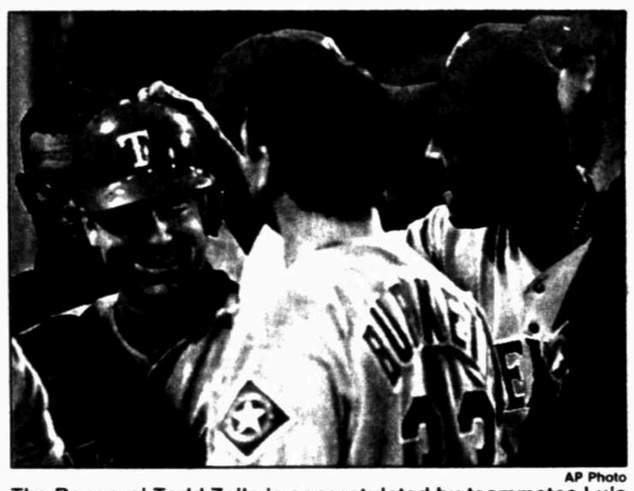
"We still need to keep our focus and go out and win a game. I don't think any of our players will have any trouble understanding that."

Third baseman Todd Zeile said the Rangers are on target.

"We started the week thinking that we had to get seven one-game winning streaks. So far, we've done exactly what we've set out to do and we're going to Seattle feeling great," Zeile said. "But we're not ready yet to pop open champagne and celebrate."

By beating Anaheim 7-1 Wednesday night, Texas opened a three-game lead over the Angels with four games remaining. Any combination of Texas wins or Angels losses that add up to two will clinch the Rangers' second division crown in three years.

Texas is 5-3 against Seattle this season. The Angels, 3-5 against the Athletics, are at Oakland for four games.



AP Photo

The Rangers' Todd Zeile is congratulated by teammates Luis Alicea, right, and pitcher John Burkett after scoring a run against the Anaheim Angels Wednesday in Anaheim. The Rangers finished off a three-game sweep in Anaheim and were close to clinching the AL West title when they started a game at Seattle late Thursday night.

The Rangers, who have had an up-and-down season mostly because of inconsistent pitching, seem to have hit high gear as they near the finish line.

They couldn't have asked for a much better performance in Anaheim, getting outstanding pitching and outscoring Anaheim 25-3, including 9-1 routs in the first two games.

John Burkett held the Angels to one run and two hits through eight innings in the final game, following strong starts by Todd

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Expos don't let McGwire hit home run

By R.B. Fallstrom
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire's cushion is going, going, gone.

McGwire had two games to answer Sammy Sosa's two-homer salvo, but came up empty. So the home run derby remained tied at 65 Thursday night after McGwire went 1-for-3 with a walk in the St. Louis Cardinals' 6-3 victory over the Montreal Expos.

McGwire, who last homered on Sunday, is 2-for-10 — both singles — in the first three games of the Cardinals' season-ending, six-game homestand. And now both he and Sosa, who had the day off, have three games to go to settle the race.

Ray Lankford had four hits and four RBIs, including a three-run homer, as the Cardinals won for the seventh time in eight games.

Before the game, Expos manager Felipe Alou promised that his pitchers would challenge McGwire, saying:

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Abilene teams throw curve with last week's games

Maybe we will learn, but probably we won't.

District 4-5A football has created legends that you can't count on two hands, but just when you think you have this league figured out, the more unraveled things seem to become.



Williamson

We were actually beginning to feel sorry for defending District 4-5 champion, Abilene Cooper. After all, the Cougars were pounded by Waco High. Then Cooper had to forfeit its season opening win to Killeen.

And there was old Cooper sitting at 0-2 with No. 7 North Mesquite and No. 1 Killeen Ellison left on the non-conference schedule. So, what did the Cougars do? Not much, but pelt Buster Leaf's North Mesquite, knocking them right out of the AP's Top 10.

And then there is the case of Abilene High. Just as we were heaping on praise the size of a mountain, the Eagles stumble hard to Euless Trinity. Now the Eagles' stock has taken a major tumble.

It's not just the loss to Euless Trinity that makes the Eagles look suspect. The schedule is also not kind to the War Birds. For instance, AHS opens 4-5A play against Odessa Permian and Midland Lee on consecutive weekends. The way Permian and Lee are currently playing, AHS could easily be off to an 0-2 start in district play and nearly out of the race before the smoke of the starting gun clears.

But then again, we're starting down that dangerous track again, thinking it is all set in stone. We must learn that this traveled road is filled with pot holes. Never, ever think you have this league figured out.

Well, as much as we looked forward to last weekend with both Midland High and Lee at home, it's time to pay the piper once again. The lights are out at Memorial Stadium this weekend as both teams hit the road. This is the worst weekend of the year with no game to see. It's time to put the car on the road.

The good news is that this is the only weekend where there will not be a game at Memorial Stadium. The bad news is that there is still another week of non-conference play before the "real" games take place. We wish San Angelo's Bobcats were back in the league because five non-conference games gets a little tiring. Just think, if Central was still in the league, this would be the opening weekend of District 4-5A play.

While carrying a 12-5 (.706) record in the District 4-5A picking game, here's how this week's games will go down.

Midland High 17, Lubbock Coronado 14: No pressure here, but Justin Smith this game may ride on your toe. MHS holds a 3-1 edge in the series but Coronado won the last meeting in 1989 between these two teams.

Midland Lee 45, El Paso Irvin 0: Lee is 5-0 against the Rockets and 41-4-1 against El Paso teams. Irvin has already lost to Odessa Permian by a 57-13 margin and has an 0-3 record. That says the Rebs will fly — but by bus.

Odessa Permian 28, Temple 14: This series is tied at 1-1 with both winning on the home field, but Temple may not be as good as folks thought at the beginning of the year and Permian is.

Odessa High 13, El Paso Franklin 7: OHS defeated Franklin, 13-6, last year in the playoffs at Ratliff. Expect another like result even with quarterback Rick Leach out of the game.

Abilene High 32, San Angelo Central 21: These two teams have played every year since 1931 and the Bobkitties hold a 24-11-2 lead since 1961. AHS' Arturo "Sneezy" Beltran could retake the state 5A rushing lead from MHS' Shemond Davis in this one.

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AP Photo

Scott Stewart, the head professional at the Racquet Club in Midland, will be honored as the 1998 United States Professional Tennis Association Men's National Open Player of the Year today in Palm Springs, Calif.

Racquet Club's Stewart receives national honor

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Having already twice established himself as the best tennis pro in Texas, Midland's Scott Stewart only had the rest of the country left to convince.

Today, Stewart will be honored in Palm Springs, Calif., as the 1998 United States Professional Tennis Association Men's National Open Player of the Year. The honor recognizes Stewart for his 1997 season when he finished the year 28-0 and won the championship of the Texas Sectionals.

Stewart, the head pro at the Racquet Club, was voted the 1997 player of the year in February for the Texas Division of the USPTA and had also won the award in 1995. This is the first national award which Stewart has won, though.

"I thought I had a chance at it but there are so many other teaching pros out there who are just as good as me," said Stewart.

The award is voted on by a national board of directors who decide on one men's and one women's teaching pro to recognize each year. Only one previous Texas men's player won the award, Jim Parker of Houston, in 1983.

Stewart, 29, has won many trophies throughout his tennis career, and regards two awards he won while playing at the University of Texas in 1991 — the Most Valuable Athlete and the Jack and Jane Mouton Sportsmanship Award — as his most treasured honors. But the national award will have its own special place on his mantle.

"This definitely has to rank among the highest honors of my career," Stewart said. "I'd say it's good for the state of Texas since I'm only the second one from here to win the award."

It's appropriate that Stewart should win such an award now when his career looks to be taking a slightly different path. After competing on the prestigious ATP circuit in 1994, he became a teaching pro the following year and played on the USPTA tour.

For three seasons Stewart was dominant on the USPTA circuit and was at the height of his competitive game. Approaching 30, though, Stewart senses that it's getting tougher and tougher to hit with the young turks. He played in only two tournaments this year and plans to enter only a few next year.

"I think those days are over where I go out there day-in and day-out and compete," Stewart said. "I've accomplished what I set out to do."

This year Stewart has devoted most of his energy to teaching, particularly with young players. In August he was asked by the United States Tennis Association to coach the top five 18-year-old boys from Texas at the National Intersectionals in Columbia, S.C.

For Stewart, such a task is preparation for what could be bigger things in the future.

"That's something that I really enjoyed," said Stewart of his time coaching the 18-year-olds. "I'd say my ultimate goal would be to one day go back and coach at the University of Texas."

Whether in college or teaching at the Racquet Club, Stewart appears more likely over the next several years to mold competitors than to be one. In addition to the boys he coached this summer, Stewart has also tutored some of the girls players at Midland High.

"I want to devote some of my time and energy to younger players and show them what it takes to compete at a high level," Stewart said. "That's not always easy to get across."

It was while he was still competing that Stewart's tennis road led him to Midland. Stewart competed at the first Pro Showdown at the Racquet Club in 1996, and liked the atmosphere enough to accept the head pro job at the beginning of 1997.

Indirectly, taking the job at the Racquet Club led him to the prestigious honor he'll receive today.

"When I took the job here in January '97 the board (at the Racquet Club) asked if I would still play the same number of tournaments I've been playing because it would give them some exposure," Stewart said. "I think this award is more for the members of the Racquet Club who have supported me the last two years."

Gordon nails down wild card for Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox had plenty to celebrate — Tom Gordon's major league record 42nd straight save, Dennis Eckersley's record-tying career appearance, Mo Vaughn's 200th hit.

And, of course, their first playoff berth in three years — the AL wild-card spot.

Yet their clubhouse was strangely quiet and dry Thursday night. The plastic draped in front of the lockers to shield their contents from champagne spray seemed unnecessary.

"It's a small step. We understand that," said Nomar Garciaparra, whose two homers and four runs led the Red Sox to a 9-6 win over the slumping Baltimore Orioles. "There's still a postseason to play."

That begins for Boston on Tuesday in Cleveland or Texas. The Rangers, who started the day two games behind Cleveland, would be the opponent if they overtake or tie the Indians.

"We respect everybody and fear no team," said Vaughn, who inched ahead of the New York Yankees' Bernie Williams — .3344 to .3340 — in the batting race by going 3-for-5. "I can't run a lick, so I've got to hit."

The Red Sox clinched the wild card and eliminated Toronto, which was idle. And they did it despite Pedro Martinez's continued struggles.

Martinez (19-7) won for the first time in five starts but allowed three homers.

"I did the best I could. Things just wouldn't fall to my side," said Martinez, who is set to pitch the playoff opener.

For a change, he got offensive support with 18 hits. In his previous four games, the Red Sox scored just seven runs. And the bullpen came through, capped by Gordon's perfect ninth in which he struck out the side for his 45th save in 46 opportunities this year.

"As long as I'm ready, healthy, strong and focused. I think I can get just about anybody out in the league," said Gordon, who broke a tie with Rod Beck and Trevor Hoffman for consecutive save conversions.

■ AL Roundup

And Eckersley, one of the game's greatest closers, tied Hoyt Wilhelm for most career appearances despite allowing B.J. Surhoff's second homer of the game and 20th of the year that made the score 9-6 in the eighth.

"They have a huge advantage in their bullpen," Baltimore manager Ray Miller said. "With their number one starter and the top closer, if they pitch at all they will surprise people because they can hit."

Yankees 5, Devil Rays 2

NEW YORK — One of the newest Yankees helped them tie one of baseball's biggest records.

New York matched the American League mark of 111 wins Thursday night as Shane Spencer hit a go-ahead grand slam in the sixth inning against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

New York (111-48) equaled the 1954 Cleveland Indians (111-43) and trails only the 1906 Chicago Cubs (116-36) in the win column. However, these Yankees had a 162-game schedule while the Indians set the AL record in a 154-game season.

Spencer, a 26-year-old rookie, is the hottest Yankee of late, with 11 hits — five of them homers — and 15 RBIs in his last 17 at-bats. He hit his first career grand slam last Friday at Baltimore.

New York, which has three games left, set a team record for wins, topping the 1927 Yankees (110-44), the famed Murderer's Row that generally is regarded as baseball's best team ever.

The Yankees moved 63 games over .500 for the first time since the end of the 1927 season and beat the expansion Devil Rays for the eighth time in nine games.

Mike Buddie (4-1) got the win with two shutout innings in relief of David Wells, the Yankees' probable starter in their postseason opener next week. Wilson Alvarez (6-14) took a no-hitter and wound up with the loss.

Twins 2, Indians 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Brad Radke pitched 7 1-3 shutout innings for his first home victory since June 9 and David Ortiz had a two-run double as Minnesota handed the AL Central Cleveland Indians their fourth straight loss.

Radke (12-14) gave up four hits, struck out seven and walked two for his first win at the Metrodome since pitching a four-hit shutout against the Chicago Cubs. Since then, he had been 0-5 with two no-decisions at home.

Rick Aguilera pitched the ninth for his 38th save.

The Twins broke up a scoreless game in the sixth against Jaret Wright (12-10).

Royals 6, White Sox 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dean Palmer tied George Brett for the second-best RBI total in Kansas City history and the Royals snapped Chicago's 11-game winning streak in Kauffman Stadium.

Palmer's two-run single capped a four-run fifth inning and gave him 118 RBIs for the season, matching Brett's total when he was the AL MVP in 1980. Hal McRae holds the team record of 133 in 1982.

Jose Rosado (8-11) stopped a five-start winless streak with his first victory since since Aug. 22. Jeff Montgomery got his 36th save.

Jaime Navarro (8-16) took the loss.

Bonds brings Giants closer in race

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds hit his 37th homer as San Francisco pulled within one game of idle New York and Chicago in the NL wild-card race.

The Giants, Mets and Cubs all finish with three games on the road. The Giants visit Colorado (76-83), the Mets play at East champion Atlanta (103-56) and the Cubs play at Central champion Houston (100-59).

Joe Carter, Rich Aurilia and pitcher Russ Ortiz hit solo homers as the Giants completed a four-game sweep of the Pirates.

■ NL Roundup

Phillies-Marlins, Ppd

MIAMI (AP) — The Philadelphia-Florida game was postponed because of Hurricane Georges and rescheduled as part of a Saturday doubleheader.

The Marlins and Phillies are scheduled to conclude the season with a four-game series. If the Phillies sweep, the Marlins would finish with 111 losses, the most in the majors since the 1965 New York Mets.

Dodgers 4, Brewers 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Milwaukee's Steve Woodard retired the first 18 batters, but the Los Angeles Dodgers took advantage of first baseman Mark Loretta's two errors in the eighth inning to beat the Brewers 4-1.

Woodard, 1-7 in his previous nine starts, pitched perfect ball until Roger Cedeno led off the seventh inning with a home run. It was Cedeno's first homer since Aug. 16, 1997.

Woodard allowed only one hit, struck out three and walked two before leaving for a pinch-hitter.

Chad Fox (1-4) relieved Woodard to start the eighth and Paul LoDuca hit a leadoff double. Juan Castro bunted in front of the plate and a charging Loretta bobbled the ball before throwing it far wide of first base, enabling LoDuca to score.

Eric Weaver (2-0) allowed one hit in two innings. Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 46th save.

LOCAL SPORTS

MHS JV earns win

LUBBOCK — The Midland High junior varsity football team used a late fourth quarter touchdown to defeat Lubbock Coronado, 35-33, Thursday night.

With 1:10 remaining, Midland High drove 80 yards for the game-winning score. On the drive Ray Johnson, who completed 6 of 18 passes on the night for 161 yards, connected on three passes. Lamar Hickey sealed the drive with a 12-yard TD burst.

Also in the game, Brett Nix had four catches for 101 yards, and Darrell Kemp scored on a 43-yard TD catch. On the ground, Hickey totaled 148 yards and two TDs, and Manny Murrufo had 78 yards and one TD. Matt Michaels scored on a 78-yard kickoff return for a TD.

Defensively, Santee Hathaway registered 14 tackles, and Matt Michaels recorded eight.

Lee JV routs OHS, 35-0

The Midland Lee junior varsity football recorded its fourth shutout in as many games this season as the Rebels defeated Odessa High 35-0 Thursday in action played at Memorial Stadium.

Lee (4-0) got a 53-yard interception return from Jesse Guzman while Adam Wilson, Fred Thrweatt and Josh Sperry each had sacks. Dustin Pitts, Jason Capell and Ricky Hyson added fumble recoveries.

Offensively, Jenard Lee had 164 yards rushing, including a 45-yard TD run. Randy Norris scored two TDs (of 1 and 2 yards), Brooks Stevens scored a 2-yard TD scored and Josh Perez was five-for-five on extra points.

Lee got on the board when Paul Gonzalez returned a kickoff 51 yards before fumbling the ball which teammate Justin Primera picked up and ran 15 yards for the score. Lee has outscored its opponents, 123-0.

MHS sophs pound Coronado

LUBBOCK — The Midland High sophomore football team improved to 4-0 for the season Thursday with a 23-7 pounding of Lubbock Coronado.

MHS had four players (Eric Rose, Blake Boyce, Victor Garcia and Colter Lane) record two sacks each. Also, Maredo Avila picked off two Coronado passes for MHS, which held the Mustangs to four first downs.

Offensively, Lane had a 47-yard TD run and 120 total yards. Albert Muncha added a 10-yard TD run and added a 2-point conversion. The sophs scored an unusual TD as Lane threw a pass to Andrew Hart, who fumbled the ball into the end zone. Chris Connell recovered the ball.

Lee sophs nip OHS

The Midland Lee sophomore football team defeated Odessa High 7-0 Thursday to improve to 3-1 on the season.

Kolby Ivanhoe score the Rebs' lone TD from seven yards out. Ivanhoe racked up 112-yards rushing on the day. Chris Dowd added the extra point.

Defensively, Marquette Roberson had four tackles for loss, Landon Little added three while Marcellus Roberts and George Duarter added one each. Ivanhoe had an interception.

Mustangs JV falls to Seagraves

The Midland Christian JV fell to Seagraves, 42-8 Thursday night. Paul Bezinque had 55-yard touchdown catch, and Andrew McGuire was also a standout on the ground. Defensively, Ryan McCormick had 11 tackles and one fumble recovery for the 1-2 Mustangs.

Smith earns soccer honors

KERRVILLE — Phillip Smith, a sophomore goalkeeper from Midland, has been named Men's Soccer Player of the Week in the West Division of the American Southwest Conference for the week of Sept. 14-20.

Smith, the Mountaineers' first Player of the Week since joining the ASC this year, recorded five saves in two ASC wins last weekend at home. Smith, starting his first season for Schreiner, had two saves in the Mountaineers' 2-1 victory over Hardin-Simmons Sept. 19, and added three more in a 4-0 shutout of the University of Dallas Sept. 20.

In six matches this year, Smith has allowed just 11 goals, five in three conference games. In all, he's recorded 16 saves (2.7 per game). Smith also has two shutouts this season.

Smith was picked as a preseason "Player to Watch" this fall by ASC coaches.

Magic '87 wins opener

The Midland Magic '87 boys soccer team opened the season with a 4-1 win over Lubbock Motor '87.

That win was followed by a 2-1 victory over Odessa Force.

Goals vs. Lubbock: Kelly Kinzer 3, Alan Haskin 1.
Vs. Odessa: Kevin Newton 2.

Steger qualifies for Ironman

Midland's Scott Steger has qualified for the 20th Ironman Triathlon World Championships, which will be held on Oct. 3 in Hawaii.

More than 25,000 triathletes for more than 50 countries attempt to qualify for triathon's most prestigious event.

The Ironman, which must be completed within 17 hours, consists of a 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike race and a 26.2-mile run. Training for the race typically requires 18 to 24 hours per week for six to eight months.

Steger's most recent race was the Buffalo Springs Half Ironman in Lubbock in June. His time in Lubbock qualified him for the world championships.

Valdez selected for USA camp

Midland's Marcos Valdez has been selected to attend the first-ever USA Sectional Training Camp which will be held this weekend in Houston. The camp's objective is to provide the best junior tennis players in Texas with more competition and better training.

Junior high football

Results from Thursday's junior high football games:

Eighth grade
Midland City Conference

San Jacinto def. Abell, 32-26. Records: SJ is 2-0, Abell is 1-1. SJ: Raymone Ford - 249 yards rushing, five TDs (including a 60-yard kickoff return); Julius Durham had 53 yards rushing, a 2-point conversion; Joe Torres - 12 tackles, Trevor Forbes - an interception. Abell: Freddie Prado - 279 yards and three TDs rushing; Sherman Jarhison 79-yard reception for a TD. Darvus Goodley - led defense with nine tackles.

Goddard def. Alamo, 16-6. Records: Goddard is 1-1, Alamo is 0-2. Goddard: Richard Madrid - 192 yards rushing (71 TD run), Chad Elliott - two 2-point conversions, Aubrey Chambers - fumble recovery for a TD; Lim Walton and Miguel Perez - interceptions.

Seventh grade football

Midland Christian def. Seagraves, 30-16. Record: MC 3-0. Cameron Phillips - TD passes to Jordan Hellums and to Hunter Caskey (a 30-yarder). Blake Morphew - two TDs and two 2-point conversions. Chris Ryburn - an interception. Josh Wilson - a fumble recovery.

Junior high volleyball

Results from Thursday's junior volleyball matches:

Eighth Grade

San Jacinto Green def. Alamo Red, 15-11, 15-12. Records: Alamo is 3-2. Renee Maxwell - nine service points, Barbara Butts - seven points, Deyna Griffin - six points, Melissa Hudman - three kills.

Abell White def. Goddard White, 15-6, 15-13. Record: Abell is 5-0. Kelli Stubbs - five serves, Brittany Worley - nine serves.

Seventh grade Volleyball

Abell Silver def. Alamo White, 15-1, 12-15, 15-12. Records: Abell is 2-3. Twimelya Howard - seven points in game 1 and five in Game 3. Taylor Fritschen, Anne Lowe - 4 each in game two.

Abell Blue def. Alamo Maroon, 15-9, 15-3. Record: Blue is 5-0. Emily Watkins - 10 straight points, seven aces; Lya Garcia - four points four aces; Christie Rasmussen - four points, three aces, two kills.

San Jacinto Gold def. Goddard White, 15-10, 15-8. Records: SJ 5-0. Teagen Farmer - five points in game one. Samantha Ramirez - nine points in game two.

MCGWIRE: Mac still tied

(From 1C)

"We're not going to walk him like cowards, but we're not going to put it on a tee for him."

Rookie Javier Vazquez (5-15) looked a bit skittish in the first when he walked McGwire on four pitches to extend his NL record to 160. For that, Vazquez was booed when he came to the plate in the second inning.

McGwire got at least a few pitches to swing at his last two at-bats against Vazquez, taking a called third strike on a 2-2 breaking ball in the third and singling through short in the fifth.

After Brian Jordan greeted Shayne Bennett with his 25th homer in the seventh, McGwire hit a comebacker to the mound on a checked swing.

Vazquez made his first career start against the Cardinals, and the remainder of the L pos' starters have little or no history against McGwire. He's 0-for-3 with three walks and an RBI against Miguel Batista, who starts Friday.

Donovan Osborne (5-4) survived a shaky start, allowing three runs in six innings. Juan Acedevo worked the ninth for his 13th save.

The Expos scored two runs in the first on an RBI double by Vladimir Guerrero and a sacrifice fly by Shane Andrews. Vazquez retired the first batter in the bottom half, then hit Jordan and walked McGwire before Lankford hit his 31st homer — matching his career high — for a 3-2 lead.

Fernando Seguignol doubled and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Vazquez to tie it in the fourth. The Cardinals broke the tie in the fifth on an infield hit by Jordan, a single by McGwire and a single by Lankford.

Pinch-hitter J.D. Drew made it 6-3 with an RBI single in the eighth.

TEXAS: Rangers get close

(From 1C)

Stottlemyre and Rick Helling.

"It's been a while since we've had a series like this," Oates said. "We had fine pitching, good defense and some timely hits. And it couldn't have come at a better time.

"I expected us to win, but I was surprised at the difference in the number of runs."

While the Rangers rose to the top of their game, the Angels sank to the depths of futility. Their seven errors led to six unearned runs, three more than their offense scored.

"An avalanche," Angels shortstop Gary DiSarcina said. "The final scores just blew my mind away."

Manager Terry Collins also was stunned.

"We never did anything right," he said. "Nobody stepped up for us and we just couldn't get it going. We looked forward to playing these three head-to-head, but they just beat us up."

Part of the Rangers' edge came with some late-season acquisitions. They picked up Stottlemyre, Zeile and Royce Clayton while the Angels essentially stood pat.

Stottlemyre pitched seven strong innings in the series opener. Zeile helped break open the third game with a two-run homer and an RBI single.

"The moves they made made the guys confident that the organization was behind them," Zeile said. "At a time like that, a little bit of extra confidence can push you over the top.

"Little things like that, they can give you a mental edge, and sometimes that's all it takes."

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RPlmr 1b	3	0	0	0	MVghn 1b	5	1	3
Pckrng dh	3	2	1	1	Grcpnr ss	5	4	3
CRpken 3b	4	0	1	0	Stanley dh	5	2	2
Minor 3b	0	0	0	0	O'Lry lf	3	1	2
Surhoff lf	4	2	2	2	Bragg rf	4	0	2
Hoiles c	4	2	2	2	Httberg c	4	0	4
CGrne c	0	0	0	0	Bnjmin 2b	3	0	0
Becker cf	4	0	0	0				
Bordick ss	3	0	1	1				
Totals	**34**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**Totals**	**39**	**9**	**18**

Baltimore	020	100	210	—	6
Boston	010	340	10x	—	9

DP—Baltimore 1, Boston 1. LOB—Baltimore 4, Boston 8. 2B—Hoiles (12), Stanley (25), O'Leary (35), Hatteberg (23). HR—Pickering (2), Surhoff 2 (20), Hoiles (15), Garciaparra 2 (35). SB—Pickering (1). CS—Bragg (3). SF—O'Leary.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Ponson L,8-9	4 1-3	9	5	5	0	1
DJohns	1-3	4	3	3	0	0
PSmith	1 2-3	2	1	1	0	2
Orosco	2-3	2	0	0	1	1
ABenitez	1	1	0	0	0	0
Boston						
PMrtnz W,19-7	6 1-3	6	5	5	3	6
Swindell	1	1	0	0	0	0
Eckersley	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Gordon S,45	1	0	0	0	0	3

PB—Hoiles. T—3:08. A—30,903 (33,871).

ROYALS 6, WHITE SOX 4

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi		KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Drham 2b	4	1	1	2	CBeltrn cf	5	1	2
CWilsn ss	4	1	2	1	Febles 2b	3	1	1
FThms dh	3	0	0	0	Damon rf	4	1	2
Belle lf	4	0	1	1	Palmer 3b	4	0	1
Crdero 1b	4	0	1	0	JeGmbi lf	4	0	1
Norton 3b	4	0	0	0	Conine lf	0	0	0
MOrdz rf	4	0	0	0	JKing dh	4	0	1
JAbbott cf	4	1	1	0	HMrrs 1b	4	0	2
Mchado c	3	1	1	0	Halter ss	3	2	1
					Spehr c	2	1	0
Totals	**34**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**	**33**	**6**	**11**

Chicago	100	000	030	—	4
Kansas City	000	042	00x	—	6

E—Durham (18), CBeltran (1). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Chicago 4, Kansas City 7. 2B—Durham (35), Belle (48), Cordero (17), Machado (6), CBeltran (4). SB—CBeltran (2), Febles (2). CS—Febles (1). S—Spehr.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Navarro L,8-16	5	8	4	3	1	3
CCastillo	3	3	2	2	1	1
Kansas City						
Rosado W,8-11	7 2-3	6	4	4	0	7
Service	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
JMtgm S,36	1	1	0	0	0	0
Service	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by CCastillo (Spehr), by Service (FThomas). PB—Machado. T—2:33. A—13,481 (40,625).

YANKEES 5, DEVIL RAYS 2

TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi		NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
Winn cf	5	0	0	0	Knbich 2b	3	1	0
McCkn lf	4	0	2	0	DJeter ss	4	1	1
BSmith 3b	4	0	0	0	BWllms cf	4	1	1
McGriff 1b	3	0	1	0	Ledee lf	0	0	0
Trmmll dh	2	1	0	0	CDavis dh	2	0	0
Ldsma ss	4	1	1	0	Bush dh	0	1	0
MKelly rf	3	0	1	0	Spncer rf	4	1	1
Cairo 2b	4	0	1	2	Posada c	3	0	1
Flherty c	3	0	0	0	Curtis lf	2	0	0
Boggs ph	1	0	0	0	Brosius 3b	3	0	1
					Sojo 1b	4	0	0
Totals	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**29**	**5**	**5**

Tampa Bay	020	000	000	—	2
New York	000	005	00x	—	5

E—Ledesma (12). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 8, New York 7. 2B—McCracken (38), Brosius (33). HR—Spencer (8). CS—Bush (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
WAlvarez L,6-14	5	4	5	5	2	6
Yan	2	1	0	0	1	1
ALopez	1	0	0	0	3	2
New York						
DWells	5	5	2	2	3	5
Buddie W,4-1	2	1	0	0	0	1
Lloyd	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Tessmer	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Nelson S,3	1	0	0	0	0	2

WAlvarez pitched to 5 batters in the 6th. HBP—by WAlvarez (Curtis). WP—ALopez, PJ—Posada. T—3:10. A—24,555 (57,545).

TWINS 2, INDIANS 0

CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi		MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf	4	0	2	0	Nixon cf	4	1	2
JCora 2b	4	0	0	0	Hcking ss	4	0	0
Justice dh	3	0	0	0	Lawton rf	3	1	1
MRmrz rf	4	0	0	0	Ortiz dh	4	0	2
Thome 1b	4	0	0	0	TWlker 2b	3	0	1
Giles lf	4	0	0	0	Gates 2b	0	0	0
SAlmr c	4	0	1	0	Stnbch c	3	0	0
EWilsn 3b	2	0	1	0	Mtkwcz 1b	3	0	0
Vizquel ss	2	0	0	0	Koskie 3b	3	0	0
Brnson 3b	0	0	0	0	Latham lf	3	0	0
Totals	**31**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**Totals**	**30**	**2**	**6**

Cleveland	000	000	000	—	0
Minnesota	000	002	00x	—	2

LOB—Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5. 2B—Ortiz (20). SB—EWilson (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
JrWright L,12-10	7	5	2	2	1	6
Assenmacher	1	1	0	0	0	2
Minnesota						
Radke W,12-14	7 1-3	4	0	0	2	7
Guardado	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Trombley	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Aguilera S,38	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Radke (Vizquel). WP—Guardado. T—2:40. A—7,800 (48,678).

NL Boxes

GIANTS 6, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi		SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi
Wmack cf	4	0	2	1	Benard cf	5	0	0
ABrwn rf	5	0	3	0	Mueller 3b	4	0	1
Kendall c	3	0	0	0	Bonds lf	3	2	1
KYng 1b	4	1	1	0	JKent 2b	4	1	2
TWard lf	4	0	2	0	Carter rf	3	1	1
Strange 2b	4	0	0	1	DPwell cf	0	0	0
ARmrz 3b	4	0	0	0	Snow 1b	4	0	1
Nunez ss	3	1	1	0	Aurilia ss	4	1	1
Tabaka p	0	0	0	0	Mesa p	0	0	0
JaMrtz p	0	0	0	0	Nen p	0	0	0
Laker ph	1	0	0	0	BJhnsn c	2	0	0
Dssens p	0	0	0	0	Ortiz p	2	1	1
Collier ss	2	0	0	0	Jhnstne p	0	0	0
					Javier ph	1	0	1
					Tvarez p	0	0	0
					RRdrgz p	0	0	0
					RSnchz ss	1	0	0
Totals	**34**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**Totals**	**33**	**6**	**10**

Pittsburgh	000	010	010	—	2
San Francisco	120	001	20x	—	6

LOB—Pittsburgh 10, San Francisco 7. 2B—ABrown (4), KYoung (40), Nunez (2), Bonds (42). HR—Bonds (37), Carter (6), Aurilia (9), Ortiz (1). SB—Womack (56), Bonds (27), JKent (9). S—Dessens. SF—Womack, Carter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Dessens L,2-6	5 2-3	7	4	4	2	2
Tabaka	2-3	2	2	2	0	0
JaMartinez	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
San Francisco						
Ortiz W,4-4	5	4	1	1	3	3
Johnstone	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tavarez	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	1
RRodriguez	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Mesa	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Nen	1	2	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Tabaka (Bonds). WP—JaMartinez. T—2:42. A—16,754 (62,000).

CARDINALS 6, EXPOS 3

MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi		ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi
WGrrero 2b	5	0	1	0	DShds 2b	4	0	0
TeJnes cf	5	1	2	0	BJrdan rf	3	3	2
DeMay lf	2	1	0	0	McGwr 1b	3	1	1
RPerez lf	1	0	0	0	RLnkfd cf	4	1	4
Bennett p	0	0	0	0	Gant lf	4	0	0
VGrrero rf	3	0	1	1	FTatis 3b	3	0	1
Andrws 3b	2	0	0	1	Ordaz ss	4	1	2
Barrett c	3	0	0	0	Osbrne p	2	0	0
Sggnl 1b	4	1	2	0	PKelly ph	1	0	0
OCbrra ss	4	0	0	0	Painter p	0	0	0
Vzquez p	1	0	0	1	Busby p	0	0	0
Vidro ph	1	0	0	0	JDrew ph	1	0	1
DeHart p	0	0	0	0	Acvedo p	0	0	0
Fllmer 1b	1	0	0	0	Lmpkin c	4	0	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**Totals**	**33**	**6**	**11**

Montreal	200	100	000	—	3
St. Louis	300	010	11x	—	6

E—Barrett (3), McGwire (12). DP—Montreal 2. LOB—Montreal 8, St. Louis 6. 2B—VGuerrero (37), Seguignol 2 (4), RLankford (37), FTatis (15). HR—BJordan (25), RLankford (31). SB—TeJones (15), RLankford 2 (25). Ordaz (2). SF—Andrews, Vazquez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montreal						
Vazquez L,5-15	5	7	4	4	2	2
DeHart	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Bennett	1 2-3	4	2	2	0	1
St. Louis						
Osborne W,5-4	6	5	3	3	3	4
Painter	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Busby	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Acevedo S,13	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Busby (Barrett), by Vazquez (BJordan). WP—Busby. T—2:41. A—41,911 (49,676).

DODGERS 4, BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	hbi		LOS ANGELS	ab	r	hbi
Vina 2b	3	0	1	0	Cedeno lf	3	2	1
Loretta 1b	4	0	0	0	THbbrd cf	3	0	1
Cirillo 3b	3	0	0	0	Grdzln ss	4	0	0
Burnitz rf	4	0	1	0	Karros 1b	4	0	0
Grssom cf	4	0	1	0	Luke rf	2	0	0
Jenkins lf	3	0	0	0	Beltre 3b	3	0	0
JsVntin ss	2	1	1	1	LoDuca c	3	1	1
Mtheny c	3	0	1	0	Castro 2b	2	1	0
Wodard p	2	0	0	0	Mlicki p	1	0	0
Hmelin ph	1	0	0	0	Pena ph	1	0	0
CFox p	0	0	0	0	Weaver p	0	0	0
MMyrs p	0	0	0	0	ACora ph	0	0	0
					Shaw p	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**26**	**4**	**3**

Milwaukee	010	000	000	—	1
Los Angeles	000	000	13x	—	4

E—Loretta 2 (6). DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Milwaukee 4, Los Angeles 3. 2B—LoDuca (1). HR—JsValentin (16), Cedeno (1). CS—Grissom (8). JsValentin (7). S—Castro, ACora.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Woodard	7	1	1	1	2	3
CFox L,1-4	1-3	2	3	2	1	0
MMyers	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles						
Mlicki	6	4	1	1	2	4
Weaver W,2-0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Shaw S,46	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—CFox. T—2:18. A—30,024 (56,000).

Standings

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-New York	111	48	.698	—	7-3	W-4	59-19	52-29	13-3
y-Boston	90	69	.566	21	z-6-4	W-3	49-29	41-40	9-7
Toronto	86	73	.541	25	5-5	W-4	49-29	37-44	9-7
Baltimore	78	81	.491	33	1-9	L-5	42-39	36-42	5-11
Tampa Bay	63	96	.396	48	z-4-6	L-3	33-48	30-48	5-11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-Cleveland	88	71	.553	—	z-5-5	L-4	46-35	42-36	10-6
Chicago	77	82	.484	11	6-4	L-2	44-37	33-45	7-9
Kansas City	72	86	.456	15 1/2	z-4-6	W-1	29-48	43-38	9-7
Minnesota	68	91	.428	20	3-7	W-2	33-45	35-46	7-9
Detroit	64	95	.403	24	7-3	W-3	32-49	32-46	7-9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	86	72	.544	—	7-3	W-3	49-33	37-39	8-8
Anaheim	83	75	.525	3	z-3-7	L-3	42-39	41-36	10-6
Seattle	74	83	.471	11 1/2	z-7-3	L-1	40-37	34-46	7-9
Oakland	72	86	.456	14	3-7	W-1	37-40	35-46	8-8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-Atlanta	103	56	.648	—	8-2	W-4	53-25	50-31	9-7
New York	88	71	.553	15	z-6-4	L-2	47-34	41-37	9-7
Philadelphia	74	84	.468	28 1/2	z-5-5	W-2	40-41	34-43	7-9
Montreal	64	95	.403	39	5-5	L-1	39-42	25-53	6-10
Florida	51	107	.323	51	3-7	L-4	28-49	23-58	8-8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-Houston	100	59	.629	—	4-6	W-1	53-25	47-34	10-4
Chicago	88	71	.553	12	z-5-5	L-1	50-31	38-40	5-8
St. Louis	81	78	.509	19	z-8-2	W-1	46-33	35-45	4-9
Cincinnati	74	85	.465	26	5-5	L-2	37-42	37-43	7-6
Milwaukee	73	86	.459	27	3-7	L-1	38-43	35-43	8-6
Pittsburgh	69	90	.434	31	z-2-8	L-5	40-40	29-50	6-7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-San Diego	97	62	.610	—	3-7	W-1	54-27	43-35	6-7
San Francisco	87	72	.547	10	7-3	W-4	49-32	38-40	8-5
Los Angeles	81	78	.509	16	z-6-4	W-1	46-32	35-46	8-5
Colorado	76	83	.478	21	z-5-5	W-1	41-37	35-46	4-8
Arizona	63	96	.396	34	z-5-5	L-1	32-46	31-50	5-8

z-first game was a win
x-clinched division title
y-clinched wild card

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Thursday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Boston 9, Baltimore 6
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 4
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 2, Cleveland 0
Texas at Seattle, (n)
Anaheim at Oakland, (n)
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Detroit (Moehler 13-13) at Toronto (Williams 10-8), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Fussell 0-0) at Boston (Wakefield 16-8), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Eiland 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 11-4), 6:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 13-15) at Kansas City (Suppan 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Gooden 8-6) at Minnesota (Sampson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Loaiza 3-5) at Seattle (Abbott 2-1), 9:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Oliveres 9-8) at Oakland (Rogers 15-8), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Thursday's Games

San Francisco 6, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia at Florida, ppd., hurricane
St. Louis 6, Montreal 3
Los Angeles 4, Milwaukee 1
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Philadelphia (Schilling 15-14) at Florida (Hernandez 10-12), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 13-13) at Cincinnati (Bere 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 16-10) at Atlanta (Chen 2-0), 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 19-8) at Houston (Lima 15-8), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Batista 3-5) at St. Louis (Jimenez 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 7-12) at Colorado (Thomson 8-11), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Brown 18-7) at Arizona (B.Anderson 12-13), 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodall 7-8) at Los Angeles (Valdes 10-10), 9:05 p.m.

Late Box

RANGERS 7, ANGELS 1

TEXAS	ab	r	hbi		ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
TGdwin cf	4	2	1	0	GAndsn rf	4	0	0
McLmr 2b	4	0	0	1	Velarde 2b	4	0	0
Greer lf	3	0	0	2	Edmnd cf	4	0	1
JuGnlz rf	3	1	0	0	Salmon dh	4	0	1
WClark 1b	5	1	1	0	Erstad 1b	2	0	0
IRdrgz c	4	1	1	1	Prtchtt 1b	1	0	0
Stevens dh	2	0	2	0	TGrne lf	3	0	0
Cuyler dh	0	0	0	0	RWlms lf	0	0	0
Alicea dh	1	0	0	0	Kreuter c	2	1	1
Zeile 3b	2	2	2	3	OPlmro ph	1	0	0
Clayton ss	4	0	0	0	Wlbeck c	0	0	0
					Shipley 3b	2	0	1
					Jfferies ph	1	0	0
					NMrtin 3b	0	0	0
					DSrcna ss	3	0	0
Totals	**32**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**4**

Texas	100	100	131	—	7
Anaheim	001	000	000	—	1

E—Velarde (4), Kreuter (9). LOB—Texas 7, Anaheim 4. 2B—TGoodwin (13), WClark (40), Stevens (17), Kreuter (10). HR—Zeile (6). SB—TGoodwin (36), JuGonzalez (2), IRodriguez (9). SF—McLemore, Greer 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Burkett W,9-13	8	2	1	1	1	7
Wetteland	1	2	0	0	0	2
Anaheim						
KHill L,9-6	6 1-3	4	3	2	4	2
PHarris	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Holtz	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Percival	1	2	3	3	1	1
DeLucia	2-3	1	1	1	1	0
Watson	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

T—3:09. A—42,776 (45,050)

NL Wild Card

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National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	88	71	.553	—
New York	88	71	.553	—
San Francisco	87	72	.547	1

Thursday's Game

San Francisco 6, Pittsburgh 2

Schedule

CHICAGO (3) — AWAY (3): 25, 26, 27, Houston.
NEW YORK (3) — AWAY (3): 25, 26, 27, Atlanta.
SAN FRANCISCO (3) — AWAY (3): Sept. 25, 26, 27, Colorado.

Most Games Won

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A list of major league baseball teams with the most wins in a single season:

	Year	W	L	Pct
Chicago NL	1906	116	36	.763
Cleveland	1954	111	43	.721
New York AL	**1998**	**111**	**48**	**.698**
Pittsburgh	1909	110	42	.724
New York AL	1927	110	44	.714
New York AL	1961	109	53	.673
Baltimore	1969	109	53	.673
Baltimore	1970	108	54	.667
Cincinnati	1975	108	54	.667
New York NL	1986	108	54	.667

Consecutive Saves

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Leading consecutive save opportunities converted since 1988 when blown saves were recorded on a major league-wide basis:

42 — Tom Gordon, Boston, 1998 (April 19-current)
41 — Rod Beck, San Francisco, 1993-95 (Aug. 19, 1993-April 29, 1995)
41 — Trevor Hoffman, San Diego, 1997-98 (Aug. 24, 1997-July 26, 1998)
40 — Dennis Eckersley, Oakland, 1991-92 (Sept. 15, 1991-Aug. 8, 1992)
38 — Jose Mesa, Cleveland, 1995 (May 5-Aug. 23)
37 — Randy Myers, Baltimore-Toronto, 1997-98 (May 6, 1997-April 11, 1998).
27 — John Wetteland, N.Y. Yankees, 1996 (May 12-July 14).
26 — Rob Dibble, Cincinnati, 1990-91 (Aug. 25, 1990-July 16, 1991).
25 — John Wetteland, Texas, 1997-98 (July 15, 1997-May 22, 1998).
25 — Doug Jones, Milwaukee, 1997 (May 31-Sept. 26).
25 — Tom Henke, Toronto, 1991 (April 9-Aug. 13).

SOURCE: Rolaids Relief Man program

Triple-A Series

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Best-of-5

Monday, Sept. 21

New Orleans 7, Buffalo 2

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Buffalo 9, New Orleans 2

Thursday, Sept. 24

New Orleans 3, Buffalo 2, New Orleans leads series 2-1

Friday, Sept. 25

Buffalo vs. New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Buffalo vs. New Orleans, 9 p.m., if necessary

Transactions

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BASEBALL

Texas League

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed a four-year working agreement with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

USA Baseball

USAB—Announced the resignation of George Diorg, director of media relations.

BASKETBALL

Continental Basketball Association

ROCKFORD LIGHTNING—Signed F Tyrone Hawkins.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined Pittsburgh Steelers T Will Wolford $5,000 for fighting with Miami Dolphins DL Jason Taylor in a Sept. 20 game.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed S Kelvin Moore to the practice squad. Released DE Harry Deligiannis.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed FB Brock Olivo and WR Andy McCullough. Placed DT Travis Kirschke on injured reserve.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed DB Tyrone Smith to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Assigned G Tom Askey and G Blaine Russell; RW David Bernier, RW Peter LeBoutillier and RW Craig Reichert; LW Luke Curtin and LW Bob Wren, and D Scott Ferguson and D Terran Sandwith to Cincinnati of the American Hockey League.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Signed G Jamie Storr to a three-year contract. Assigned D-RW Joe Corvo to Springfield of the AHL.

MINNESOTA WILD—Named Alana Blahoski, Neal Broten and Karyn Bye advisors.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned D Brent Thompson to Hartford of the AHL.

International Hockey League

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS—Released RW Kevin Stevens. Sent LW Chad Remackel to Fayetteville of the CHL.

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS—Released C E.J. Bradley, RW Ben Gustavson, RW Rob Mailloux, LW Chad Penney, G Erasmo Saltarelli and D Andrew Will.

East Coast Hockey League

COLUMBUS CHILL—Announced the team has been sold by Horn Chen to SMG and Aramark Corp.

WPHL

MONROE MOCCASINS—Signed D Ryan MacDonald.

SAN ANGELO OUTLAWS—Signed F Skeeter Moore.

OLYMPICS

United States Bobsled and Skeleton Federation

USBSF—Named Lenny Kasten senior team manager and marketing manager.

United States Figure Skating Association

USFSA—Named David Schaefer information services assistant.

COLLEGE

CORTLAND—Named Scott Kirsch assistant ice hockey coach.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—Named Michael Malach assistant athletics director for business.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN—Promoted senior women's administrator Brenda Carter to associate athletics director, strength and conditioning coach Mike Brass to assistant athletics director for athletic performance, and media relations director Tom McClellan to assistant athletics director for media relations.

JUNIATA—Named Amy Buxbaum women's basketball coach.

MISSISSIPPI STATE—Named Bill Ball men's assistant basketball coach.

MONMOUTH, N.J.—Named Robert Graczyk assistant softball coach.

NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE—Announced the resignation of Doug Ehmann, men's golf coach.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE—Named Charlie Cobb associate athletic director for marketing.

RIDER—Named Chet Dalgewicz associate director of athletics.

SAM HOUSTON STATE—Named Darby Rich, Neil Hardin and Abar Rose men's assistant basketball coaches.

TEMPLE—Named Adrienne Carver women's assistant gymnastics coach.

Top 25 Football

By The Associated Press

Thursday, Sept. 24

No. 16 Arizona at San Diego State, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

No. 2 Nebraska vs. No. 9 Washington, 2:30 p.m.
No. 3 UCLA at Miami, Noon
No. 4 Tennessee vs. Houston, 6 p.m.
No. 5 Kansas State vs. Northeast Louisiana, 1 p.m.
No. 6 LSU vs. Idaho, 7 p.m.
No. 8 Florida vs. Kentucky, 2:30 p.m.
No. 10 Florida State vs. No. 18 Southern California, 2:30 p.m.
No. 11 Virginia at Duke, 11 a.m.
No. 14 Wisconsin vs. Northwestern, 11 a.m.
No. 15 Colorado vs. Baylor, 9:15 p.m.
No. 16 Arizona (4-0) beat San Diego State 35-16.
No. 17 Texas A&M vs. North Texas, 7:30 p.m.
No. 19 West Virginia vs. Tulsa, 11 a.m.
No. 20 Oregon vs. Stanford, 3 p.m.
No. 21 Virginia Tech vs. Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
No. 22 Alabama at

Plano's Weibring starts Texas Open with one-shot advantage

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — D.A. Weibring wasn't sure earlier this week whether he'd be playing in the Texas Open or traveling to Illinois to tend to his sick mother.

■ Golf Roundup

With his family's support, he opted to play golf. He wasn't disappointed. Weibring shot a 7-under-par 65 to take a one-stroke lead Thursday in the first round of the Texas Open.

"I had some extra motivation," Weibring said, speaking fondly of his 73-year-old mother, Estella Mae Weibring of Quincy, Ill. "I'm an only child, and I want to do the right thing."

Weibring felt confident his mother, recuperating well after colon surgery, would cheer his first-round performance. He reeled off seven birdies and enjoyed a bogey-free day for his best start since shooting a 64 in the Quad City Classic in July.

Jim McGovern shot a 6-under 66, overcoming two bogeys with the help of six birdies plus a 10-foot putt for eagle on the par-5 14th hole.

"It was just one of those days. I hit the ball well off the tee," McGovern said. "I know you're not winning any golf tournaments on Thursday, but you sure can lose them."

The second round is Friday at LaCantera Golf Club. The winner of the $1.7 million, 72-hole event receives $306,000.

Weibring, playing in the afternoon amid a slight breeze, launched his birdie streak on the par-5 10th, where he sunk a 12-footer. He had three more birdies on the back nine and was 4-under at the turn.

Three birdies on his final nine holes, capped by a 3-foot putt on the par-4 ninth, put the 45-year-old Plano, Texas, resident on top for the day. His biggest challenge came on par-5 No. 5, where Weibring made a 7-foot putt to save par.

Weibring, 162nd on the money list, has had a few bright moments on the PGA Tour this year. But in addition to his golf career he has turned his attention to a golf course business and his children's school sports.

"I really liked the way I played here last year," said Weibring, who has studied the LaCantera course with the help of friends. "I felt like I had a better idea today on some key putts."

Weibring, who turned professional in 1975, said he's pushing the final few weeks of the season to make the top 125 on the money list and earn an exemption for next year.

"The ego is, I've been an exempt player for over 20 years in a row. Now I've got four or five weeks to do it."

Behind McGovern, tied at 67 after the first round, were Justin Leonard, Brandel Chamblee, Blaine McCallister, J.P. Hayes, Stewart Cink, Mike Small, Loren Roberts, Hal Sutton, Craig Barlow and John Maginnes.

Defending champion Tim Herron shot a 70.

U.S. Amateur champion Hank Kuehne, a senior at Southern Methodist appearing in his first PGA Tour event, was even heading into his second-to-last hole, the par-4 eighth. But he got into trouble and had a 9 on the hole to move to 5 over. He finished with a 77.

Richard, Daniel lead Betsy King Classic

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Deborah Richard and Beth Daniel shot 5-under-par 67s on Thursday to share the opening-round lead in the LPGA First Union Betsy King Classic at Berkleigh Country Club.

Richard and Daniel each had six birdies and one bogey, including 2-under 33s on the front nine.

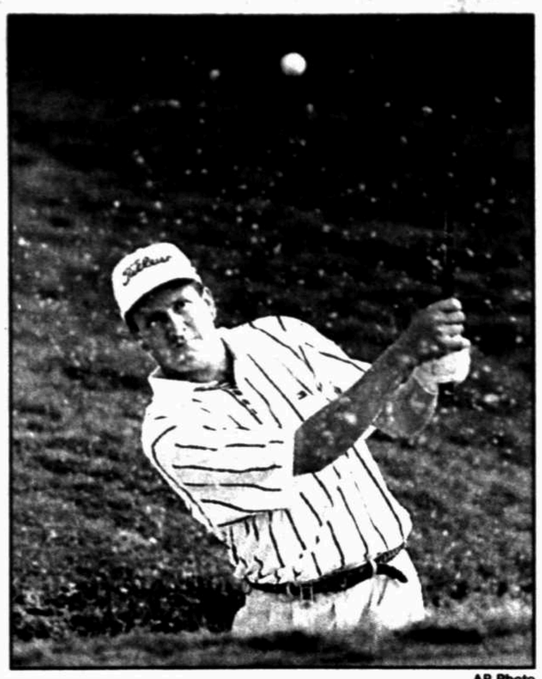
Thirty-nine players in the field of 140 golfers broke par.

Richard is seeking her first victory this season and sixth of her career. She has missed 15 of the 31 tournaments this year because of an injured left shoulder.

Daniel is seeking her first victory on the tour this season and 33rd of her career. She has missed six cuts, primarily due to an ailing left shoulder.

Richard tied for fifth in the Safeco Classic at Kent, Wash., Sept. 10-13 and was fourth in the DuMaurier Classic, the last of the season's four majors, in Canada in August.

Rookie sensation Se Ri Pak was a stroke back of the leaders, joined at 4-under by Laura Davies, Cathy Johnston-Forbes and Nancy Ramsbottom.



AP Photo

J.P. Hayes blasts his way out a bunker at the Texas Open Thursday in San Antonio. Hayes shot on opening round of 67.

Pak and two-time defending champion Annika Sorenstam share the tour lead with four victories apiece. Davies had the best front nine of the day, a 4-under 31.

Charlotta Sorenstam, Leslie Spalding, Kate Golden, Rachel Hetherington and Juli Inkster shot 69s.

Annika Sorenstam shot a 71. She entered the tournament as the tour's leading money winner with $896,188, followed by Pak at $805,700.

Mitzi Edge used a 9-iron for a hole-in-one on the 121-yard 12th hole. She finished with a 72.

Montgomerie , Singh among trio to lead German Masters

COLOGNE, Germany — Colin Montgomerie, seeking to become Europe's leading money winner for a sixth straight year, shot a 7-under-par 65 Thursday to share the first round lead at the German Masters.

The Scotsman had seven birdies and no bogies on a sunny windless day at the $1.69 million event to join PGA champion Vijay Singh and England's Van Phillips at the top of the leaderboard.

Montgomerie, shaking off a midseason slump, has made a late charge to climb to within $63,000 of leader Lee Westwood of England in the Order-of-Merit.

"I'm happy to have a first day like this in my pocket — that gives me confidence," Montgomerie said. "The key to my game today was the putting."

Westwood was among five players one stroke back at 6-under-66. There are three tournaments left in the yearly earnings race.

Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, second in the Order-of-Merit, was four back on the leaderboard after settling for a 69.

Both Singh and Westwood, playing partners, roared to torrid starts before ending their rounds with a string of pars.

Singh, making his first appearance in Europe since capturing his major at Seattle five weeks ago, sank three birdies on his first four holes. He was 5-under after his first nine.

Westwood fired birdies on his first four holes before cooling off with an eighth hole bogey.

Montgomerie, who missed several cuts during his slump, spent extra time at the driving range before his opening round.

"I'm working hard to get my rhythm, but I'm thinking too much during my round," he said. "I putted well enough for a 9-under round, but my game was only good enough for a 7-under."

Joining Westwood at 66 was Germany's Sven Struever, Englishmen Richard Boxall and Ian Garbutt and Sweden's Jarmo Sandelin.

Massachusetts doctors perform battery of tests on Tyson's mind

By Dave Howland
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — Behind the walls of Massachusetts General Hospital, Mike Tyson is undergoing a battery of tests to determine whether he is psychologically fit to return to the boxing ring.

His evaluation, which stretched into a second day Thursday, requires him to answer hundreds of questions from psychiatrists and neuropsychologists. He was to have electrodes strapped to his head, an MRI scan his brain for abnormalities and explain to doctors what he sees in odd-shaped ink blots.

All this in an attempt to return to the sport he was banned from after biting a chunk from Evander Holyfield's ear.

Tyson, who smiled and signed autographs as he stepped out of the hospital Thursday, said some might "think I'm a psycho because I bit that guy's ear off."

"I just want to let the Nevada commission know I'm extremely sorry and I'm really a good guy," he said.

The tests are a far cry from what happened when Tyson tried to return to boxing in New Jersey, said Dr. Edwin "Flip" Homansky, who is overseeing Tyson's evaluation for the Nevada Athletic Commission.

"In New Jersey he was with a psychiatrist for 45 minutes who commented he was like a teddy bear in his office," Homansky said.

Tyson withdrew his application to return to boxing in New Jersey, saying he didn't think the commission would allow him to box.

According to a document from the Nevada Athletic Commission outlining the scope of Tyson's evaluation, the boxer will undergo at least 10 examinations which, among other things, will measure his level of stress, social conformity, suspiciousness, impulsive behavior and excitability.

Commission wants assault explained

LAS VEGAS — The two top members of the Nevada Athletic Commission said Thursday they will vote to reject Mike Tyson's request to return to the ring unless he can explain his alleged assault of two men following a traffic accident in Maryland last month.

Claims by Tyson's lawyers that he is innocent of the charges simply aren't good enough if Tyson wants his license back, commission Chairman Dr. Elias Ghanem and Vice Chairman James Nave said.

"I would vote no if I have to vote today," Ghanem said.

Nave agreed, saying the position of Tyson's lawyers that he couldn't discuss the matter because of pending charges gave him little option in his vote.

"It's not going to work for me," Nave said. "How can we license him without knowing about it?"

The Maryland issue had seemed to fade into the background at Saturday's marathon hearing that ended when the commission ordered Tyson to take a batter of psychological tests before returning Oct. 3 for a vote on whether to give him the license stripped when he bit Evander Holyfield's ears.

Following the meeting, Ghanem said that if the psychological reports came back OK "then we have the responsibility to maybe, probably, license him to fight again."

At the end of testing, which a commission spokesman predicted could take three days, the team of doctors will have to answer several questions about Tyson's state of mind: How will Tyson handle unpredictable situations? What's his potential to commit "another major foul" in the boxing ring? Will he be able to avoid a repeat of the Holyfield ear-biting incident "wherein Mr. Tyson said he 'snapped?'"

Robert Schleser, a psychology professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology and director of the Center of Sports and Performance Psychology, said he doubts the medical team will be able to predict Tyson's behavior any better than a coin toss.

"This is a weird situation," he said. "There's no test that specifically is going to tell you whether a boxer is going to bite someone's ear. That is why this is a huge task for these guys."

In addition, the athletic commission wants the doctors who evaluate Tyson to look at videotape of his fight against Holyfield, as well as from post-fight interviews and license reinstatement hearings in New Jersey and Nevada. They have also been asked to develop a treatment program if needed.

If Tyson is cleared by the doctors, the Nevada commission may vote to give the former heavyweight champion a new boxing license on Oct. 3. But that could be complicated by charges brought against Tyson this month following a traffic accident in which he is accused of hitting two men.

Two commissioners said Thursday they wanted to know more about the incident before making a decision. Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said Tyson should be judged innocent until proven guilty.

Paul Anderson, assistant director of the National Sports Institute of at Marquette University in Milwaukee, said many high-profile athletes have been ordered to undergo psychological counseling and treatment programs.

But Tyson's situation is unique, he said, because it is geared to deciding whether he is mentally fit to continue in his sport.

Anderson said he's unsure how the process could help curb the boxer's violent behavior. Tyson's troubles include time served in an Indiana prison for a rape sentence.

"No one is making him responsible for his conduct," Anderson said of the latest evaluation. "It's just making him jump through hoops."

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Football Booster Club will meet every Tuesday during football season at 7 p.m. at the Lee High Youth Center...

Midland High Football Booster Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. The club will meet at the cafeteria through November...

The Midland Lee softball booster club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria...

The **Midland Lee basketball booster club** will holds its first meeting on Monday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Lee high School Cafeteria. All Runnin' Rebel and Lady Rebel basketball fans are urged to attend. The Lee basketball boosters meet each first and third Monday of each month in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m...

Luncheons for **Texas Tech football** will be held prior to each Tech game this season at the Outback Steakhouse. Luncheons before all home games take place Fridays at 11:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. prior to all Tech away games...

Softball...

A clinic for **girls basic fast pitch fundamentals** is scheduled for Sept. 25-27 at MUGS Field. Terri McClure, who has held clinics in Midland for the last six years, will be running the clinic. All interested girls will receive one hour of instruction free of charge. For more information, call Freddie Ezell at 694-5508...

The Midland Softball Association is hosting the **1998 Fall Classic** Oct. 3-4. Entry fee is $125 with a deadline of 7 p.m. on Sept. 30. The tournament, which has a three-game guarantee and a six home run limit, is open to men and women. For more information, call 683-8741...

The **Toros Softball Tournament** is Oct. 9-11 at Hogan Park Field 7. Entry fee is $115 per team, limited to 16 teams. All teams must be Class D. Oct. 6 is the entry deadline. Call Johnny Lozano at 682-9722 or 570-0528, or call Rick Gutierrez at 687-2281...

Tryouts for the **Odessa Thunder** U-12 girls softball team is Sept. 27 from 3-5 p.m. at the Central Park/Boys Club, 800 E. 13th St., in Odessa. Call coach Wade Allison at 381-4330 or coordinator Andrea Swaim at 550-7721...

Play Till You Drop Coed All Nighter Tournament is Oct. 17 in Odessa. Entry Fee is $110 per team. There will be two divisions of play. Call Roni Velasquez at 550-4407 or Anita Castillo at 366-6971...

XLR8, 12-U, girls softball is now forming. First tryout will be at 1 p.m. Oct. 4 at MUGS Complex, Field No. 9. The second tryout is Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. at Hogan Park, Field 7. For information call Don or Suzanne Manuz at 689-5453 or Steve Fragoso at 694-0843...

The **Third Annual Umpires Fundraising Tournament** is Sept. 26 & 27 at Ulmer Park, MUGS Complex. Saturday's action starts at 8 a.m., Sunday's play starts at 1 p.m. Public is invited...

Football...

A committee of former **Kilgore College** football players is trying to locate all former athletes who played for coach Clyde V. Lee from 1935-41. A reunion is being planned for this group of players on Oct. 17 during the school's homecoming. If you have any information about these players or played during these years, contact Hershell Curtis at (254) 741-0343 or Vic Jordan at (903) 873-3222...

Boxing...

The **Twin Cities Tigers Amateur Boxing Club** has reopened its gym at the Midland Downtown Lions Club facilities at 200 Plaza. The gym will be open from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. It is also hosting a bout Sept. 26 with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and bouts starting at 7:30 p.m. Ringside seats are $5 for adults and $3 for students. For more information call David Rodriguez at 683-8732 or at 334-6190.

Tennis...

Midland Tennis Club's 1998 Tournament Schedule is as follows: Sept. 26-27, Men's Doubles and Women's Singles (Championship); Oct. 3-4, Mixed Doubles (Championship)...

The **Midland Women's Tennis Association's** fall tennis league will run 10 weeks. All levels from beginners to advanced are welcome and play is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. Send dues ($30 for year and $15 for fall league only) to Sherri St. John, 3207 Lockheed, 79707. Call Melissa Thompson at 686-9420 or Paula Walton at 686-8109 for information...

The **Midland College Tennis Center** will offer Fall Tennis Programs through Sept. 28. Mondays and Wednesdays: 6-7 p.m., elementary intermediate to advanced. 7-8 p.m., junior high beginner to intermediate. Tuesday's and Thursdays: 4:30-5:30 p.m., elementary beginners; 5:30-6:30 p.m., elementary advanced and junior high intermediate; 6:30-7:30 p.m., junior high advanced and high school intermediate. Classes are $8 per hour. For information call Jon Lanier at 687-4046 or 570-4505...

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The **Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club** is holding free clinics on Oct. 3. Sessions will be for beginners 9-9:45 a.m. and 3:30-4:15 p.m. and intermediate-advanced 10-10:45 a.m. and 4:30-5:15 p.m. Spots in each session must be reserved by Oct. 2. There will also be junior clinics starting Oct. 5 for all ages and levels with an Oct. 3 deadline. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The **Club at Mission Dorado** is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707...

The USTA is starting a league in October in Midland for **mixed doubles** in the 50 and over age group. For more information, call Juanell Fort at 686-0277...

Outdoors

Midland Friends of the NRA is holding a fund-raising dinner on Oct. 1 at the Petroleum Club of Midland, starting at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be followed by an auction, silent auction, door prizes and drawings. Tickets cost $20 and are available by calling 684-4910...

A **hunter's safety education class** is being offered by Odessa College's Community Recreation department from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 5-8. The class is $15 per person and will meet in Annex B, Room 120. For more information, call 335-6348...

Basketball...

The **Big Spring boys varsity and junior varsity** need games for Dec. 14, 1998 and Jan. 5 and Jan. 12, 1999 in any classification. Those interested should contact coach Jimmy Avery at (915) 264-0403 or 264-3648...

The **Coahoma** girls freshman basketball team needs games Nov. 19 or Nov. 21 in a ny classification. The Coahoma girls varsity team also needs games for a tournament Dec. 3-5 in any class. Please call Matt Garrett at (W) (915) -394-4419 or (H) (915)-394-4444...

Volleyball...

The **Midland Volleyball Program is holding an informational meeting Sept. 27 at 2:30 p.m.** at the HealthSouth facility cafeteria at Loop 250 and Highway 191. Preregistration applications and a revised handbook will be handed out. Attendance by parents is essential. For more information, call 520-6802...

Miscellaneous...

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program** is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering **Martial Arts Classes**. Tae Kwon Do Classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Aikido Classes are Wednesdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Saturday from 11-12 p.m.. Call 694-2528 for more information...

The Midland Athletic Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation, is currently raising funds necessary to build and equip a 4,000 square foot indoor workout facility at Goddard Junior High, which is called the **"Goddard Project."** Construction costs are estimated to be $65,000 with an additional $20,000 required to purchase the necessary training equipment for the new building. Tax deductible contributions for the Goddard Project can be mailed to the Midland Athletic Association, Inc., 214 West Texas No. 100, Midland, Texas, 79701. For more information call 682-9067 or 683-8510...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program** is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering **water aerobics**. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528...

COM Aquatics - **Learn to Swim** year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

Courier's injury hurts Davis team

Associated Press

■ Tennis Roundup

MILWAUKEE — Jim Courier's flimsy biceps muscle has further weakened the U.S. Davis Cup tennis team.

An already lean American group became younger and even less experienced Thursday when coach Tom Gullikson withheld his ailing star from the draw for this weekend's semifinal with the Italians.

"Obviously, Jim is a great Davis Cup player and a great supporter of the Davis Cup and I am just pleased that he is on the team," Gullikson said. "Clearly, he hasn't had much match competition in quite a while. So, it was just basically that issue of match toughness."

Courier has been a part of 13 winning Davis Cup teams and no losing ones. He could still substitute in either singles or doubles.

"I'm ready if they need me, but hopefully they'll make it through," he said.

Courier will be replaced by Jan-Michael Gambill, who will make his Davis Cup debut Friday against Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi.

Gambill, who has risen from No. 227 to 50th in the world rankings, reached the third round of the U.S. Open this month, losing to French Open champion Carlos Moya in a fifth-set tiebreaker.

Although Gambill will be making his debut against Italy's top singles player, Gullikson said going with him over Courier was a no-brainer.

"Certainly, Jan-Michael has had a great year, moving up into the top 50 with some very big wins over Andre Agassi and other top players," Gullikson said. "And he played very well at the U.S. Open, and current form is always a consideration. And certainly hard courts is Jan-Michael's best surface. So, we certainly all feel good about Jan-Michael playing."

Todd Martin, who becomes the veteran leader, plays Davide Sanguinetti in the other singles match Friday. They swap opponents Sunday after Martin and Davis Cup rookie Justin Gimelstob play against Gaudenzi and Diego Nargiso in Saturday's doubles match at the Milwaukee Center Arena.

Courier had hoped to be in the draw but admitted he was rusty.

He last played in Cincinnati in August, losing to Tommy Haas in straight sets in the first round. He skipped the next tournament in New Haven and withdrew from the U.S. Open, with an injury officially listed as a "dead arm."

Sanchez-Vicario advances to quarterfinals

TOKYO — Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario ousted Elena Likhovtseva of Russia 6-0, 6-4 and advanced to the Toyota Princess Cup quarterfinals.

Sanchez-Vicario's next opponent will be another Russian, fifth-seeded Kournikova, who beat Taiwan's Wang Shi-tung 6-0, 6-4.

Thursday's play included an upset when Olga Barabanschikova of Belarus beat fourth seed Dominique Van Roost of Belgium 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Barabanschikova next will face seventh-seeded Anke Huber of Germany, who eliminated Li Fang of Taiwan 7-5, 6-3.

Reporter-Telegram Football Forecast

Week 4
Sept. 25-27



Oscar LeRoy
Last Week: 18-7
Season: 61-14
Pct.: .813



Stewart Doreen
Last Week: 15-10
Season: 60-15
Pct.: .800



Jay Peden
Last Week: 15-10
Season: 55-20
Pct.: .733



Terry Williamson
Last Week: 13-12
Season: 53-22
Pct.: .706



Lee Passmore
Last Week: 12-13
Season: 51-24
Pct.: .680



Crystal Ball (Consensus)
Last Week: 15-10
Season: 58-17
Pct.: .773

HIGH SCHOOL						
Midland Lee at El Paso Irvin	Midland Lee	Midland Lee	Midland Lee	Midland Lee	Midland Lee	Midland Lee (5-0)
Midland High at Lubbock Coronado	Lubbock Coronado	Midland High	Midland High	Midland High	Lubbock Coronado	Midland High (3-2)
San Angelo Central at Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High (5-0)
El Paso Franklin at Odessa High	Odessa High	Odessa High	Odessa High	Odessa High	El Paso Franklin	Odessa High (4-1)
Odessa Permian at Temple	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian (5-0)
Levelland at Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews (5-0)
Big Spring at Abilene Wylie	Big Spring	Big Spring	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie (3-2)
Ballinger at Greenwood	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City (5-0)
Littlefield at Lamesa	Greenwood	Ballinger	Greenwood	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger (3-2)
Midland Christian at Seagraves	Littlefield	Littlefield	Littlefield	Lamesa	Lamesa	Littlefield (3-2)
Forsan at Rankin	Seagraves	Seagraves	Segraves	Seagraves	Seagraves	Seagraves (5-0)
Stanton at Reagan County	Rankin	Forsan	Rankin	Forsan	Rankin	Rankin (3-2)
Midland Trinity at Abilene Christian	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton (5-0)
	Abilene Christian	Abilene Christian	Abilene Christian	Abilene Christian	Abilene Christian	Abilene Christian (5-0)
COLLEGE						
Texas Tech at Iowa State	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech (5-0)
North Texas at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M (5-0)
Rice at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas (5-0)
Baylor at Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado (5-0)
Ole Miss at Southern Methodist	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss (5-0)
Air Force at Texas Christian	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force	Air Force (5-0)
UTEP at New Mexico St.	UTEP	UTEP	UTEP	UTEP	New Mexico St.	UTEP (4-1)
Purdue at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame (5-0)
Michigan State at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan (5-0)
PROFESSIONAL						
Oakland at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Oakland	Dallas (4-1)
Denver at Washington	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver (5-0)

Stanton seeks 20th straight victory

Associated Press

Stanton will travel 80 miles to Big Lake on Friday in search of its 20th straight victory. The matchup between the defending Class 2A state champions and Reagan County is one of the highlights of this weekend's high school football schedule in Texas.

For the second straight week, sixth-ranked Spearman of Class 2A will take on the No. 6 team of Class A. Different teams, however. Last week, Spearman routed Sudan 56-6, dropping the loser three places in the Associated Press poll. The new Class A No. 6 team, and Spearman's opponent, is Wheeler.

■ State Prep Roundup

Killeen Ellison (3-0), ranked third nationally in one poll, plays Saturday afternoon at Marshall. Four other Class 5A teams are undefeated.

Second-ranked Longview is idle, but No. 3 Katy plays Fort Bend Austin, No. 4 Lewisville is at South Grand Prairie and No. 5 Converse Judson is at Austin Westlake.

Judson may have its hands full. Westlake took Killeen Ellison to the brink last week before falling 23-21.

In Class 4A, top-ranked La Marque is finally getting some action after being idle the past two weeks, partly because of inclement weather. La Marque will take on Houston Forest Brook Friday night.

Second-ranked Corsicana, coming off an exciting 14-7 victory over Waxahachie, is at Terrell. No. 3 West Orange-Stark is at Bridge City, No. 4 Andrews hosts Levelland, and No. 5 Stephenville is at Everman.

Class 3A's top-ranked team, Breckenridge, is at Cisco on Friday night. Other games involving top 5 Class 3A teams are No. 2 Sweeny vs. Houston Wheatley, No. 3 Alvarado vs. Marlin, No. 4 Sealy vs. Bellville, and No. 5 Tatum vs. Sabine.

In Class 2A, second-ranked Mart plays Blooming Grove, No. 3 Winters is at Goldthwaite, No. 4 Pilot Point at Lake Dallas and Fairfield is at No. 5 Italy.

The top four teams in the Class A poll are unbeaten. Top-ranked Tenaha plays host to San Augustine, and second-ranked Iola takes on Giddings State School. No. 3 Aspermont will travel to Haskell, and No. 4 Era hosts Gunter.

MHS: Line leads Davis to top of 5A list

(From 1C)

each week," Midland High head coach David Browning said. "They have done a good job the first three weeks of controlling the line of scrimmage."

They might need an even bigger effort Friday night. Monterey was giving up 145 yards rushing before facing the Bulldogs. Coronado is allowing just 137 yards rushing and 204.6 yards in total offense. Next to Midland Lee, there isn't a defense around this part of the state putting up better numbers.

Add the motivation of going against Davis, the state's leading rusher, and an already talented Coronado defense should be a handful.

"There is a lot of pressure on us (the offensive line)," Baxter said. "Everyone will try to stop Shemond. They know how big of a threat he is. They are going to bring everything they can to get us. Our offensive line needs to step up, work hard and then blow them off the line."

"Anytime you face a good runner, a passer or anyone who has great stats, you always gear up and put extra pressure on your defense to measure up," Browning said. "Those defensive teams that are good defensive teams rise to the occasion."

The Mustangs have to "rise to the occasion" against a line and running back on the verge of making city and District 4-5A history.

Davis, who has rushed for 732 yards in three games, is looking for his fourth straight game of 200 yards or more. Never before in District 4-5A has that happened.

"They will rise to the occasion and be able to play," Coronado coach Butch Henderson said. "You can't relax on the football field, knowing that at any time he can break an 80 or 98-yard run."

Saturday in a 27-17 win over Monterey, Davis joined Lee's Farris Strambler (1989) and Permian's Ja'Quay Wilburn (1996) as the only 4-5A backs to hit the 200 mark in three straight games.

"You don't have to say a whole lot to get the defense fired up," Henderson said about facing a running back with the numbers Davis has.

"This defense plays hard. They are a group that gives it all they have and that makes up for a lot of things."

In the midst of the battle to get Davis his yardage is a football game between two good football teams. Midland High is 2-1. Coronado, a perennial playoff team in 3-5A, is 3-0.

"That is what non-district is for is to improve each week and prepare you for district, and since they are a good tough defense and play very aggressive, it is important to have a good outing against them," Browning said. "The No. 1 thing is to win the game. I will sacrifice stats for a win any time."

Defensively, MHS faces a fourth different offense in four weeks. The Bulldogs have already faced El Paso Austin's "Rufus Brown offense," Andress' multiple wide receiver formations and Lubbock Monterey's wishbone. Coronado gives another look. The Mustangs' Wing-T averages 229 yards on the ground and 296.3 in total offense.

Fullback Quentin Shields leads the Mustangs in rushing with 255 yards and five TDs. Marlon Walker has 196 yards and one score. Coronado averages 67 yards passing a game. Quarterback Ryan Aycock is 13 of 26 for 196 yards.

ABOUT CORONADO: The Mustangs have started the season with wins over Roswell (38-13), Odessa High (3-0) and Wichita Falls Rider (30-7)...Place-kicker/punter Andy McDannels is considered a Division I prospect. McDannels punts for a 43.3-yard average and is 7-for-7 on PAT attempts this season. He has also knocked through his last 49 in a row. Also, his 25-yard field goal beat Odessa High... Landon Johnson is a top performer defensively with 38 tackles to go with two blocked punts and a blocked kick. Middle linebacker Mike Smith has 40 tackles... This is one of the largest senior classes Henderson has in his 10 years as head coach. Coronado has 46 compared to the norm which is around 32....

HOMECOMING NOTES: One former Mustang making the trip to Lowrey Field is Browning, a former Coronado coach in the mid-70s. A win today will give Midland High more wins than in 1997 when the Bulldogs were 2-7. It will also tie the 1996 team for wins with three. In that season, each MHS win came in non-district play... This will be the first meeting between the two teams since 1989... Davis has an 88-yard lead over Corpus Christi Carroll's Frankie Morales in the Class 5A rushing race. Abilene High's Arturo "Sneezy" Beltran is third, 92 yards back... Midland High will be without the services of DB Joey Kindred (knee). Coronado is injury-free... Midland High returns to Memorial next week to close out its non-district schedule with El Paso Irvin, which Lee plays tonight. The Bulldogs open district with Abilene Cooper in two weeks...

LEE: Irvin's QB leads state in passing yards

(From 1C)

has viewed Lee through film, who does he think is the best team at this point in the season — Lee or Permian?

"Let me put it this way," Shaw said, "I would pay to see that game. They are different in what they do. Permian has that receiver Roy Williams, who can beat you by himself. And Lee has a bunch of people they use to beat you. Williams caught four touchdown passes against us."

Against Permian, Irvin's Turrey completed six passes for 127 yards to Jesus Gonzalez while Bingo Favela caught six passes for 63 yards. The Rockets also have receiver Mark Torres, who caught five passes for 50 yards against Mojo. They have a lot of weapons for an air attack.

Lee, 3-0, is coming off its most impressive victory of the season, a 35-6 manhandling of Arlington Martin where the Rebels had three scoring drives of 80 yards or more.

Fullback Clint McNutt and tailback Autry Pryor (both juniors) had over 100 yards rushing on the same night for the first time this year. Both have two 100-yard games under their belts. Rebel quarterback Jon Rogers, also a junior, has thrown five touchdown passes in his last two games. Lee's "Baby Back" offense is really coming on strong and coming at teams from all directions.

This is the second and last trip Lee will have to make to El Paso in regular season play and Parchman is glad about that.

"No one in the Permian Basin looks forward to playing in El Paso," Parchman said. "It's five hours out there on a bus, you play the game and it's five hours back. It leaves you a little dopey the whole weekend. And playing a game out there is always a new experience. Odessa High played Coronado out there last week and the sprinklers came on during the game and they couldn't figure out how to turn them off. The field was left muddy."

Lee is in relatively good shape after its first three games. Defensive end Trey Atwater, who has been stellar in the early season, has a bruised shoulder and will miss this game. He is expected back next week. Parchman says that sophomore Joe Norman will play there this week, and yes, he is the younger brother of John (Texas Tech) and Josh (Oklahoma).

Parchman also said that offensive lineman Colby Marcum is "doubtful." Marcum is suffering from a sprained ankle. Justin Painter will move into the starting lineup. Special team player J.P. Ratliff will also miss his third game, but he is expected back next week. Linebacker Bobby Subia also sprained an ankle this week in practice and will not play tonight. Paul Anderson will step in to fill that void.

REBEL EXPRESS: Lee can complete a 3-0 sweep of Border City teams with a win... Irvin coach Shaw and Lee assistant coach J.C. Gotcher were once both assistants at El Paso Parkland together. "I love that man," Shaw says of Gotcher. "He should be in the Texas Hall of Fame. At Parkland, we were a school with a 1,000 enrollment playing a 5A schedule and we won district."... The Rebels are in 12th place in the AP Top 10 voting... Lee also hits the road next week for a game with San Angelo Central. It will seem strange watching those two teams play a non-conference game... Lee opens District 4-5A play the following week at home against Odessa High...

DISTRICT 4-5A BESTS

Rushing

Player, School	G	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Shemond Davis, MHS	3	74	732	9.9	5
Arturo Beltran, AHS	4	104	640	6.2	3
Juan Gonzalez, OHS	4	100	432	4.3	4
Koefie Powell, PHS	3	58	408	7.0	7
Clint McNutt, Lee	3	25	294	11.8	3

Passing

Player, School	G	A-C-I	Yds.	TD
Leland Morris, PHS	3	45-24-1	578	7
Dowell Loggains, CHS	3	62-28-0	483	4
Frankie Munoz, AHS	4	41-33-2	321	4
Rick Leach, OHS	3	56-25-5	307	3
Jon Rogers, Lee	3	35-18-2	253	5

Receiving

Player, School	G	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Roy Williams, PHS	3	13	414	31.8	6
Adam Riddle, CHS	3	8	199	24.9	2
Mark Rau, CHS	3	11	179	16.3	2
Lance King, MHS	3	9	170	18.9	2
Luke Harrison, CHS	3	8	153	19.1	2

Scoring

Player, School	G	TD	PAT	FG	2-Pt.	TP
Koefie Powell, PHS	3	7	0	0	0	42
Clint McNutt, LHS	3	6	0	0	0	36
Roy Williams, PHS	3	6	0	0	0	36
Shemond Davis, MHS	3	5	0	0	0	30
Cheno Rodriguez, AHS	4	0	8	6	0	26

Best marks by District 4-5A teams and individuals during the 1998 season going into this weekend's action.

TEAM

Offense

Most Points: 56 - Midland High vs. El Paso Austin, Sept. 4

Most Rushing Yards: 384 - Midland High vs. El Paso Austin, Sept. 4

Most Passing Yards: 261 - Permian vs. El Paso Irvin, Sept. 4

Most Total Yards: 604 - Permian vs. El Paso Irvin Sept. 4

Defense

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: 29 - Midland Lee vs. El Paso Franklin, Sept. 11

Fewest Passing Yards Allowed: 8 - Odessa High vs. El Paso Coronado, Sept. 18

Fewest Total Yards Allowed: 61 - Midland Lee vs. El Paso Franklin, Sept. 11

Most Turnovers Forced: 6 - Odessa Permian vs. Amarillo High, Sept. 18

INDIVIDUAL

Rushing

Most Attempts: 42 - Odessa High's Juan Gonzalez vs. El Paso Coronado, Sept. 18

Most Yards Rushing: 296 yards - Midland High's Shemond Davis vs. Lubbock Monterey, Sept. 19

Most TDs Rushing (tie) 3 - MHS' Shemond Davis vs. EP Austin, Sept. 4; Permian's Koefie Powell vs. El Paso Irvin, Sept. 4; Powell vs. Allen, Sept. 11

Longest Scoring Run: 98 yards - MHS' Shemond Davis vs. El Paso Andress, Sept. 11

Passing

Most Completions: 13 - Cooper's Dowell Loggains vs. Killeen, Sept. 4

Most Yards Passing: 261 - Permian's Leland Morris vs. El Paso Irvin, Sept. 4

Most TDs Passing: 4 - Permian's Leland Morris vs. El Paso Irvin, Sept. 4

Longest TD Pass: 87 yards - Abilene Cooper's Dowell Loggains vs. North Mesquite, Sept. 18

Receiving

Most Catches: 7 - Permian's Roy Williams vs. Amarillo High, Sept. 18

Most Yards Receiving: 194 - Permian's Roy Williams vs. Amarillo High, Sept. 18

Most TDs Receiving: 4 - Permian's Roy Williams vs. El Paso Irvin, Sept. 4

Longest TD Reception: 87 yards - Abilene Cooper's Luke Harrison vs. Abilene Cooper, Sept. 18

Special Teams

Most Field Goals: 3 - Abilene High's Cheno Rodriguez vs. Lubbock Monterey, Sept. 4

Longest Field Goal: 44 yards - Cooper's Ryan Shahan vs. Waco High, Sept. 10

Most Conversion Points: 8 - Midland High's Justin Smith vs. El Paso Austin, Sept. 4

Longest Kick Return for a TD: 98 yards - Abilene High's Sneezy Beltran vs. Temple, Sept. 4

Longest Punt Return for a TD: 54 yards - Lee's Clint McNutt vs. El Paso Coronado, Sept. 4

Forfeit could keep Aggies out of bowl

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press Writer

COLLEGE STATION — It's not clear exactly how many more games No. 17 Texas A&M must win to make a bowl, after the Aggies forfeited one of their two wins.

All they know is this: They control their own destiny regardless.

"Hopefully, as the season plays out (the forfeiture) will be moot," athletic director Wally Groff said Thursday.

The NCAA normally requires teams to have six Division I-A victories and a winning record to be eligible for a bowl. Because the Aggies are playing 12 games, they'll have to be at least 7-5 to qualify.

The last time A&M scheduled 12 regular-season games was 1996, when the Aggies finished 6-6 and missed the bowls.

A&M had been looking fine at 2-1 heading into their last non-conference game Saturday against winless North Texas. That changed Wednesday when the Aggies announced D'Andre Hardeman was academically ineligible when he played in a 28-7 victory over Louisiana Tech on Sept. 12.

Hardeman scored three touchdowns in that game and has four of A&M's six rushing TDs this year. He was held out of the Aggies' 24-6 victory over Southern Mississippi last Saturday after a clerical error made by the registrar's office was discovered Sept. 16.

Though the mixup occurred outside his department, Groff said his academic officials should have caught it before Hardeman stepped on the field.

"This error should have been found in August," Groff said.

He is out for the rest of the season. The fullback with 30 career touchdowns has one year of eligibility left if he repairs his academic status.

Though A&M spokesman Alan Cannon said the Aggies' record stands at "2-1 with an asterisk," the Aggies are essentially 1-2. If A&M wins just five more games, Groff said they'll appeal to the NCAA to have the forfeit lifted.

Groff added that he believes a program of A&M's caliber shouldn't be worried about winning six more games. When coach R.C. Slocum asked his team after practice Wednesday if they thought they could win six more, they responded with a rousing, "Yes!"

"Not a whole lot has changed for our team other than we've lost a very good football player," Slocum said. "Hopefully that won't wreck our whole season. There's ample opportunity for us to qualify for a bowl game if we're good enough."

Mark Jones, an NCAA enforcement director, said no one around his office could remember another instance when a team caught an error midseason and immediately forfeited the game. For instance, Texas Tech earlier this year forfeited several wins in many sports because of rampant NCAA violations, but the move was largely ceremonial because the games were long since past.

"In general terms, as I read the rule — and I conferred with membership services staff as well — forfeiture means we'd count a victory as a loss," Jones said.

Ja'Mar Toombs, the only true freshman to have played so far, replaces Hardeman in the starting lineup. Senior Will Simpson, a former walk-on who has never carried the ball for A&M, is listed as the backup.

Some council members question Dallas' financial support of Big 12

By Christy Lemire
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Two years ago, City Manager John Ware helped lure the new Big 12 headquarters to Dallas by offering $1.25 million in city funds over five years without consulting the City Council.

This week, the council approved the first $250,000 installment — over the vocal objections of two council members.

Laura Miller and Donna Blumer asked the rest of the council to vote separately on the Big 12 athletic conference allocation, but their proposal was rejected. The council then passed the entire $1.58 billion budget for fiscal year 1998-99.

The way Ms. Blumer and Ms. Miller see it, the Big 12 doesn't need a check from Dallas taxpayers.

"We don't give cash often — incentives, tax abatements, infrastructure, but we don't just give away cash," Ms. Miller said. "$1.25 million is an enormous amount of money, and I'd rather see it spent on city services rather than give it to an organization that employs 20 people and moved here two years ago without our help."

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	Grand Total	Weekly Total
41. Tim Wilkerson	153	38
42. Gene Mcguire	152	28
42. Johannes Zacherry	152	13
42. Mark Hinshaw	152	28
45. Cristall Scoggins	151	13
45. Danny Daehling	151	15
47. Mike Carrasco	150	17
47. Henry Sanchez	150	28
47. Bill Gilliland	150	19
47. Preston Black	150	22
47. Jim Hodges	150	17
52. Shawn Dewitt	149	09
52. Brenda Scoggins	149	34
54. Mark Gallagher	148	19
54. Jeff Walls	148	23
56. Ricky Brown	147	22
56. David Scoggins	147	16
58. Rayfus Mclaughlin	145	23
59. Mike Eaton	144	10
60. Bryce Pace	141	30

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Warren eager to play again

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — In eight seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, Chris Warren never missed more than two games. A groin injury forced him to miss his first three games with the Dallas Cowboys and the wait has really gotten to him.

"It feels like I've missed half the season," Warren said.

The end is finally in sight. Warren practiced Thursday for the second straight day and will make his Dallas debut Sunday against Oakland. He could even start if Emmitt Smith hasn't recovered from a groin injury of his own.

Smith's problem isn't as severe as Warren's, but it kept him out of the second half of Monday night's 31-7 victory over the New York Giants. He practiced Thursday for the first time this week, but coach Chan Gailey still isn't sure whether Smith or Warren will be the starter Sunday.

"We'll make that decision Friday or Saturday," Gailey said.

Gailey said Warren will definitely be Dallas' third-down back against the Raiders.

"I know I can add something to the offense," said Warren, who has rushed for 6,706 yards and 44 touchdowns and caught 194 passes for 1,342 yards and three more scores in his career. "The way I feel now, I don't see why not. I'm pretty much ready to go."

The Seahawks released Warren, their all-time leading rusher, in March. Several teams were interested in him and he could have made more than the $2 million over three years Dallas is giving him.

But Warren signed with the Cowboys because "it just felt right for me to be playing here." He liked the team's winning tradition and he was especially happy to reunite with Clarence Shelmon, his position coach the last six years in Seattle who happened to have just been hired by Dallas.

Warren, 30, understood the Cowboys wanted him as a backup to Smith, especially on third downs, where his receiving skills would give Troy Aikman another option. He made it known he was not coming here to try taking away Smith's job.

Things were going great until Aug. 11, when Warren strained his groin during a scrimmage against the New Orleans Saints. He rested for a few weeks, then tried coming back in the final exhibition game against Jacksonville. He ended up reaggravating the injury.

"It affected me. I was ready to go. I felt I had a good camp, I felt good about the team and about what Chan was doing," Warren said. "That was tough, but it's something you have to deal with."

It wasn't easy. Warren went to the season opener, at home against Arizona, but found it hard to watch. He didn't join the team on the road for games against Denver and New York.

Trainers told him to rest on game days off, but instead of slouching on the sofa he continued pushing himself.

"I was working out, but they didn't know it," he said. "I was just doing little stuff, extra stretching and light jogging. It wasn't anything they told me I couldn't do ...

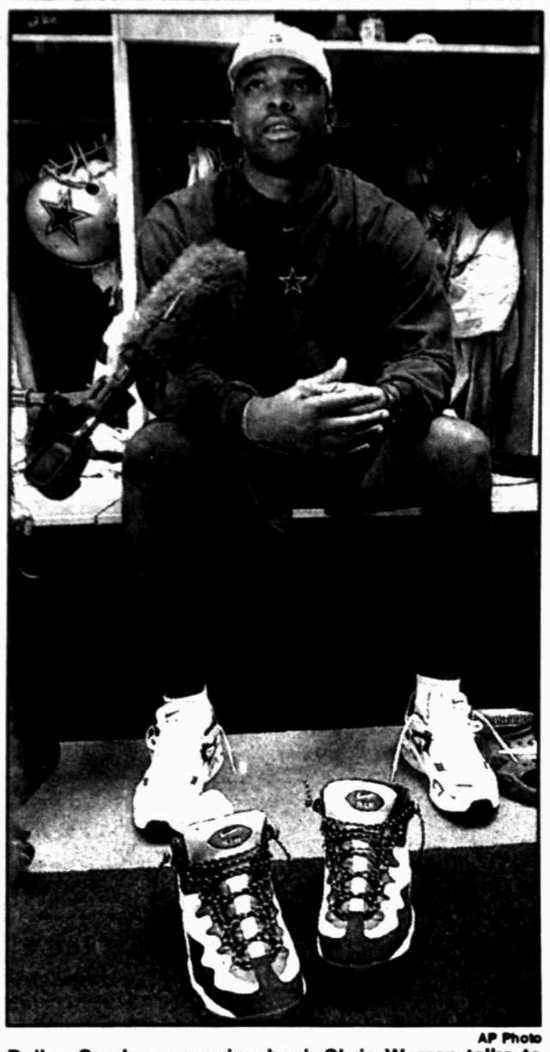
"The way I feel is that you're going to get better just from treatment here. There are some things you have to do that trainers and coaches don't tell you. It's just like studying the playbook. They don't tell you to go home and study this play and that play, but there are things you do on you're own that's part of being a professional."

Warren was supposed be out up to six weeks, but his extra work has made a difference. Thursday marked four weeks since he went down.

"I know my body better than anybody else," Warren said. "Four to six weeks was just a timetable. This is the fourth week, so I'm right on time."

Warren said that once he gets on the field he won't fear another setback.

"You're a step slower even if you're just thinking about it," he said. "I've done my rehab and everything to get back where I am now. If something else happens, I'll just have to live with it."



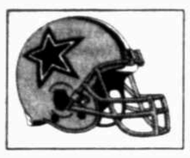
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Dallas Cowboys running back Chris Warren talks to reporters Wednesday in the locker room of the team's practice facilities in Irving. Warren has not played a game this season due to a groin injury, but he plans to play Sunday.

Production from Davis, Mills makes up for skipping Moss

By Kevin Lyons
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — At least for now, Billy Davis and Ernie Mills do not have to defend the Cowboys for not taking a wide receiver in April's draft. Their play as the club's second and third wide receivers is all the defense the Cowboys need.



Through three games, the Davis-Mills combination has produced 14 receptions for 262 yards and four touchdowns. And even though Davis and Mills play a different role from Minnesota's Randy Moss, whom the Cowboys did not draft because of his troubled background, this stat bears noting: Moss, whose production on third downs has made him the early leading candidate for offensive rookie of the year, has 41 fewer yards and one fewer touchdown than Davis and Mills.

"This thing has been beaten into the ground," Davis said. "Randy Moss is doing well in Minnesota and I'm happy for Randy Moss. But the Cowboys can't do it all over and draft him again."

So for the first time since 1994, when Alvin Harper made highlight reel-type plays, a wide receiver not named Michael Irvin is consistently making plays in the Cowboys' passing game. The sidebar is that Irvin has not been in the end zone. "There will be some issues if that doesn't change," Irvin said jokingly yesterday.

"Billy and Ernie have done a good job of taking advantage of their opportunities, which has helped take some of the pressure off of Michael Irvin," said Troy Aikman, who, before he was hurt, had thrown three of the scoring passes to Davis and Mills. "More than anything, it helps us when teams look at us on film and know we are not just throwing to Michael."

Although Davis is the starter, Mills has received a fair amount of repetitions with the first team. Both play on third-down situations, and have been complements to Irvin, who is third in the NFC with 20 receptions for 267 yards.

"Michael has gotten all the balls around here — I'm just trying for a 50- or 60-catch season," Davis said.

That hasn't been the case lately for the player opposite Irvin. Neither Kevin Williams in 1996 nor Anthony Miller in 1997 was able to provide much of a threat to opposing defenses. Additionally, players such as Jimmy Smith and Willie Jackson, who were drafted by the Cowboys earlier this decade, have gone on to become playmakers for other teams.

The Cowboys' hits and — mostly misses — at the position have created much public fanfare, especially after the club did not draft Moss. Davis and Mills are aware of the fuss, but have, understandably, grown tired of it.

"It's been amazing to me all the attention paid to what the No. 2 wide receiver does around here," Mills said. "I've really never given it that much thought. But all the questions, since training camp, have really been kind of amusing to me."

Vice president Stephen Jones said the club was still looking for a wide receiver in the draft. In fact, the Cowboys scouted or watched film of more than 50 wide receivers before April. But they passed on Moss because of his past transgressions, and they would have considered Kevin Dyson in the second round, but he was selected in the first round by Tennessee.

So for the first time since 1983, the Cowboys did not choose a wide receiver in the draft. And for the first time in a couple of seasons, there is little complaint about the receiver opposite Irvin.

"It is a credit," team owner Jerry Jones said, "to Billy Davis and to Ernie Mills that they have been able to step up like they have. They have both made some super plays for us."

NOTES: With his fractured left collarbone tightly wrapped, Aikman threw 15-yard bullets to assistant strength and conditioning coach Blake Cundiff for 10 minutes yesterday. "I felt OK," said Aikman, who had thrown softly on Wednesday. "I was protecting my shoulder."

The sight of Aikman throwing made Jerry Jones nervous. "It's going to be torture watching him throw the ball like that and not having him in the ballgame," he said. Aikman is out until at the least the Oct. 11 game against Carolina.

Though he wasn't at full speed because of a groin injury, running back Emmitt Smith practiced, and coach Chan Gailey said he was encouraged that Smith might be ready Sunday. Running back Chris Warren also felt no setbacks after working out, and he'll at least be the club's third-down back Sunday, Gailey said.

"We will wait until Friday or Saturday before we name a starter," Gailey said.

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Elway practices, still may not start

DENVER (AP) — One day after saying he was giving serious consideration to skipping Sunday's game in Washington because of a strained right hamstring, Denver quarterback John Elway participated in about half of his team's practice on Thursday.

"He looked good," coach Mike Shanahan said. "It was really his call (to practice Thursday). We kept him out of any type of play action where he has to be on the move. But he did a great job dropping back and handing the ball off. Things you're hoping he'd be able to do, he's been able to do. For him to go out there was really a positive sign."

Elway, 38, was injured in the fourth quarter of a 42-23 victory over Dallas two weeks ago. After missing most of last week's practice, he worked out on Friday and played in Sunday's 34-17 victory at Oakland, only to aggravate the injury and depart in the second quarter.

During Thursday's practice, outside linebacker John Mobley was pulled early with a similar injury.

Mobley apparently strained his hamstring, which was "a bit of a concern," Shanahan said.

If Mobley does not play Sunday, Seth Joiner, a three-time Pro Bowler the Broncos acquired in an Aug. 30 trade with Green Bay, will fill in, Shanahan said.

Veteran Bubby Brister relieved Elway and led the Broncos to victory Sunday, completing 10 of 17 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns with one interception. He and Elway shared snaps during practice on Thursday.

Shady Character wins Jug

By Rusty Miller
AP Sports Writer

DELAWARE, Ohio — Hall of Famer Mike Lachance can drive pacers, but he sure can't pick them.

For the second time in three years, Lachance had his choice of two of the top horses in the final of the Little Brown Jug — and once again came up short.

Shady Character, jilted by Lachance, led wire to wire Thursday with Ron Pierce in the cart to collect his second of pacing's Triple Crown events.

The Delaware County-born 3-year-old needs a victory Oct. 16 in the Messenger Stakes at The Meadows to become pacing's ninth Triple Crown winner and collect a $250,000 bonus.

Lachance chose to drive Artiscape — second in his elimination — in the final instead of going with a possible Triple Crown winner.

"It's not the end of the world," Lachance said. "You've got to be able to turn the page in anything you do in life."

Shady Character, starting from the No. 2 post position, opened fast with a time of 25 4-5 seconds in the first quarter-mile. He held off Cam Knows Best and Day In A Life to win by a head in 1:52 3-5.

"I didn't think he could go a tough quarter like that and cut the mile and still win the race," Lachance said.

Lachance and Artiscape finished fourth by a length.

The victory gave trainer Brett Pelling a sweep of all four Jug races before 52,802 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

The victory was the second in three years in the Jug for a Pelling-trained horse. He handled Armbro Operative in 1996.

The victory — Shady Character's ninth in 16 starts this season — paid $224,933 to owners Sanford and Corinne Goldfarb of Old Westbury, N.Y., and put the horse over $1 million in earnings this season.

"That's the greatest day in racing in my life," Sanford Goldfarb said.

Two years ago, Lachance won eliminations behind Firm Belief and Armbro Operative, then was contractually obligated by Brittany Farms to stay with Firm Belief in the final.

That proved to be a mistake, with Firm Belief fading to ninth while Jack Moiseyev jumped in the sulky late to drive Armbro Operative to the victory.

This time, Lachance was not tied to either horse.

"It was just my decision and it's not a bad one," he said. "I just thought that neither one of the horses was going to win the second heat anyway. I thought Browning Blue Chip was going to be the best horse. And I was wrong."

In the heat format utilized by the Jug, the winner is the horse that wins the final — if it also has won an elimination. If not, winners of the three eliminations and the final come back in a raceoff, with the winner taking the Jug.

Lachance could have won the Jug by finishing first in the final with Shady Character. But by selecting Artiscape, he needed to win the final and a raceoff. He also would have to defeat Cam Knows Best — who already had beaten Artiscape in the third elimination — twice in the span of an hour.

It was akin to the Chicago Bulls forfeiting three games in the NBA Finals because they thought they had a better chance of winning the title in Game 7.

"It's like I'm dreaming," Pierce said.

He was set to drive Inaugural Ball in the final. But then Pelling came up to offer Shady Character.

"Right then, I knew I had a pretty good chance to win my first Jug," he said.

Lachance remains one behind Billy Haughton's record of five Jug victories.

The Jug completed a two-day sweep for Pelling. On Wednesday, his horses won both eliminations and the final of the Jugette for 3-year-old filly pacers.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," Pelling said. "And Ronnie — I'm so happy for the guy."

In the wake of Lachance's decision, Pelling said he was uncertain who would be behind Shady Character in the Messenger.

Shady Character won the first elimination in 1:53 1-5, coming off the rail to take the lead near the quarter pole and winning by four lengths.

Hamilton doesn't like Martinsville track despite his success there

By Hank Kurz Jr.
AP Sports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — With a track record at Martinsville Speedway that shines compared to his overall career accomplishments, Bobby Hamilton would seem a likely candidate to be one of the track's biggest fans.

Instead, Hamilton seems to dread spending another weekend on NASCAR's oldest and shortest track, the site of Sunday's NAPA AutoCare 500.

"It's one of those race tracks that's habit forming," Hamilton said of the .526-mile oval, where he won in April in a dominating performance. "You go there and it's basically the same setup. The race track never changes. You actually get a better handle on it because it's so consistent."

Hamilton started on the pole and led 378 of the 500 laps in the Goody's 500 on April 20, posting his third career victory and only one of this season, his first in the Chevrolet owned by Morgan-McClure Motorsports.

Oddly enough, he said it was his desire to shake his reputation as a short-track racer and contend on superspeedways that prompted his switch to Morgan-McClure after three seasons in a Richard Petty-owned Pontiac.

"I'm labeled a short track, flat track driver and I hate it," Hamilton said. "I don't care anything about those race tracks. I want to win Daytona and Talladega. I know that this is the race team that can do it for me."

Before Hamilton, Sterling Marlin built a reputation as a superspeedway ace, winning the Daytona 500 twice in a Morgan-McClure-owned car.

With only seven races left in the season, Sunday's race figures to help sort out the points position battles still being waged. Jeff Gordon brings a commanding 194-point lead over No. 2 Mark Martin into the race, but there's still a lot of jockeying for position further on down the standings.

Bobby Labonte and Jeremy Mayfield are tied for fifth with 3,419 points, with Jeff Burton just 72 behind. And the spread between No. 9 John Andretti and Marlin at No. 14 is just 179 points.

Labonte, though, has never posted a top-five finish in 43 career short track races. His best showing at Martinsville was eighth last year.

"It's pretty much a rhythm thing," he said of negotiating the narrow turns. "Your rhythm can be changed with the turn of a wheel, but you've got to be smooth, cool, calm and collected more than anything."

Mayfield earned his first career top-five finish here two years ago.

"If you are hooked up, Martinsville's a great place," he said. "If you're struggling, it can make for a long, long day."

AMERICA'S WALK FOR DIABETES

The average person walks 63.4 miles a week. A few more miles could save a life.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Thursday $15.98
Previous Close $15.81
Year Ago $19.94

POSTED
Today $13.50
Previous Close $13.25
Year Ago $17.75

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Thursday $2.179

Prices rise

NEW YORK — Crude oil rose to its highest price in almost five months on concern that Hurricane Georges could move into the Gulf of Mexico and threaten oil imports, offshore production and coastal refineries.

Crude has gained 17 percent over the past month, partly on disruptions to production and imports in the Gulf because of severe weather. U.S. crude inventories have fallen for five weeks in a row, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

Crude oil for November delivery rose 17 cents, or 1.1 percent, to $15.98 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the highest closing price since May 1. Prices still are 20 percent lower than a year ago.

October gasoline was little changed at 45.83 cents a gallon, up 0.1 cent, on the Nymex; while October heating oil rose 0.48 cent, or 1.1 percent, to 42.39 cents a gallon.

Next week's talks between oil ministers from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico could influence oil prices if more output cuts are discussed, traders said. The three countries initiated output cuts, eventually including 17 producers, that helped stop the slide in oil prices. The ministers will meet Oct. 2 in Mexico.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against major currencies Thursday on expectations of an interest rate cut and concerns about fallout from the rescue of a major hedge fund. Falling U.S. and European stocks also pressured the dollar lower.

In late New York trading, the dollar slipped to 1.6760 German marks from 1.6783 marks late Wednesday. It was also fetching 135.10 yen, down from 135.75 yen late Wednesday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Wednesday: 1.3880 Swiss francs, down from 1.3897; 5.6205 French francs, down from 5.6375; 1,656.70 Italian lire, down from 1,659.00; and 1.5130 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5180.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6958, up from $1.6858.

Fund rescue

NEW YORK — Worried that a large, aggressive private investment fund might collapse from losses of more than $90 billion and jeopardize the health of the nation's banks, federal banking authorities helped arrange a $3.5 billion bailout.

Sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity said no public money was used to rescue the Long-Term Capital Management LP fund. Sixteen of the world's largest banks and brokerage firms agreed to kick in as much as $250 million each after hours of negotiation on Wednesday.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York acted as a neutral observer, according to one of the sources.

Penny-stock fraud

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators, in a sweep targeting penny-stock fraud, announced separate enforcement actions against 41 people and companies that allegedly bilked investors of more than $25 million.

The stock manipulation schemes involved bogus medical breakthroughs, phony hotel renovations and online shopping, among other areas, the Securities and Exchange Commission said.

Many of the cases were said to be classic "pump and dump" schemes, in which promoters push up a stock's price by making false claims about the company and later sell their own shares to cash in on the artificially high price.

Dow retreats from Wednesday's gains

■ Dow retreats 152 points as money managers protect some of Wednesday's gains.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell sharply Thursday as money managers, just days away from the close of a brutal quarter, made sure to protect some of Wednesday's big gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished 152.42 lower at 8,001.99 after nearly surrendering all of Wednesday's 257-point surge with an afternoon slide of 218. Broader stock indicators also suffered heavy losses.

"A little game of give-back, that's what I'm calling it. The market got way ahead of itself (on Wednesday)," said Brian Belski, a market analyst at Dougherty Summit Securities in Minneapolis. "Today reaffirms that there's still a heck of a lot of doubt out there."

The Dow has lost nearly 1,000 points in the quarter that ends next Wednesday despite setting new highs as the three-month period began in July. A rapid retreat from the July 17 peak of 9,337.97 has suddenly reduced this year's gain from 18.1 percent to just 1.2 percent, or less than 100 points.

On Wednesday, the Dow rose to its highest level in a month as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a rare burst of conversational clarity, signaled that the central bank will lower interest rates to combat a widening economic crisis overseas.

Greenspan said no decision would be made until Tuesday's Fed policy meeting, but assured a Senate panel that, "I think we know where we have to go" in trying to contain the financial turmoil, which has spread from Asia to Russia, and is now threatening Latin America.

While the debate has largely shifted from when the Fed might cut rates to how much, "the lack of a defining date is causing some people to rethink what happened yesterday and take some (money) off the table," said Belski.

Predictably, Thursday's big decliners included some of Wednesday's big gainers.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 23.37 to 1,042.72, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 39.93 to 1,720.34.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by nearly a 2-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where composite volume totaled 952.04 million shares, down from Wednesday's hefty tally of 1.063 billion.

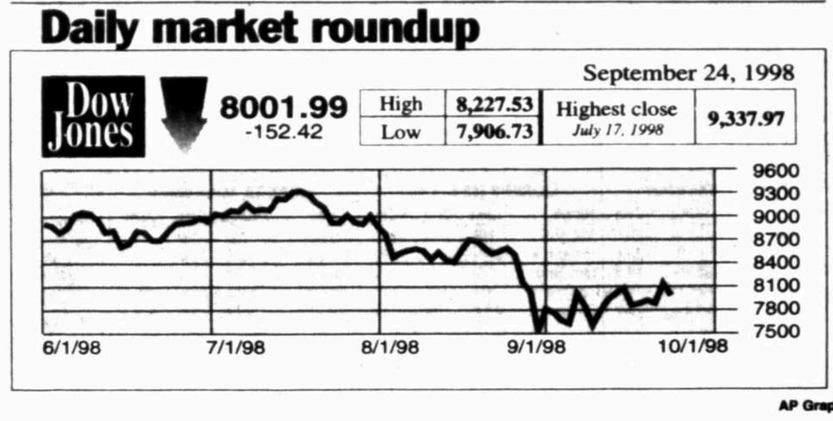
The NYSE composite index fell 10.36 to 516.59, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 3.78 to 642.30.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 5.75 to 370.25.

The prospect of an economic booster shot from the Fed energized stocks Thursday in Japan, where the battered Nikkei stock average jumped 3.0 percent. In addition to fueling domestic borrowing and spending, lower U.S. rates would help ensure that the United States continues to serve as an economic engine for the rest of the world.

In Europe, Frankfurt's DAX index fell 1.1 percent and London's FT-SE 100 fell 0.9 percent.

Daily market roundup



AP Graphic

Arco CEO warns job cuts needed

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Atlantic Richfield Co.'s chairman warned employees last week that Arco will eliminate an unspecified number of jobs and reduce other costs as depressed oil prices cut profits and threaten its existence as an independent company.

Mike Bowlin, chairman of the seventh-largest U.S. oil company, sent an E-mail message to workers saying the Asian economic recession will linger and is spreading to other regions, keeping energy demand sluggish and oil prices down.

Arco, which has about 20,000 employees, must cut expenses to lift sagging returns from oil sales and avoid being swallowed up by a rival, Bowlin said. Speculation that Arco is a takeover target has grown since August, when British Petroleum agreed to buy Amoco Corp. in an acquisition now valued at $61 billion in stock and debt, analysts and investment bankers say.

"We must take action to ensure that Arco remains a strong and successful independent company," Bowlin wrote. "Regrettably, it will be necessary to carry out reductions in our workforce."

In the message, released to Bloomberg News by Los Angeles-based Arco's media relations office, Bowlin didn't say how many jobs would be cut or how much expenses would be reduced.

"As details are known, they will be communicated to you in a direct and open manner," Bowlin said in the message.

When the Royal Dutch/Shell Group last week announced it would write down assets and close four head offices in European countries, Shell Chairman Mark Moody-Stuart didn't mention job cuts, though British newspapers reported that up to 4,000 jobs in Europe may be affected.

BP's buyout of Amoco is expected to eliminate 6,000 jobs, about 6 percent of the combined workforce. The companies said low oil prices weren't a factor in their decision to merge.

Occidental Petroleum Corp., which had a workforce of 12,000 at the end of 1997, said Wednesday it had fired 80 workers and expects to cut an additional 180 jobs because of low oil prices.

On Sept. 11, Texaco Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive P[illegible]r Bijur said the company will cut 100 employees at the company's White Plains, New York, headquarters in October as part of a global strategy to create a decentralized corporation with fewer workers. Texaco, the third-largest U.S. oil company, won't see significant cost savings from cutting the 100 jobs, Bijur said.



AP Photo

NationsBank and BankAmerica merge

NationsBank CEO Hugh McColl answers questions for the media after the annual shareholders meeting in Charlotte, N.C. Thursday. Shareholders overwhelmingly approved the $46.9 billion merger of NationsBank with BankAmerica and clearing the way for them to become the largest U.S. bank. The merger, which will be completed after the close of business next Wednesday, creates a bank with $570 billion of assets, 29 million customers in 22 U.S. states, and offices in 38 other countries. The combined company will take the BankAmerica Corp. name and be based in Charlotte, N.C. NationsBank Chief Executive Hugh McCall will be chief executive of the company, while David Coulter, chairman and chief executive of San Francisco-based BankAmerica, will be president.

Economic growth lackluster in quarter

■ Job market remains healthy, but analysts say that may not last.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The American job market is holding up fairly well despite weakness sloshing across the borders from overseas, but economists warn that may not remain true much longer.

In a fresh estimate, the Commerce Department said Thursday the economy grew at a lackluster 1.8 percent annual rate during the April-June quarter.

Global economic turmoil and other factors reduced it to less than half the vibrant 5.5 percent rate of the year's first three months, and analysts don't expect much better growth before next year.

Despite that, three separate reports showed the U.S. expansion — at 7 1/2 years the second longest in history — has life left yet.

First-time claims for unemployment benefits fell by 8,000 to a seasonally adjusted 292,000 last week, the lowest level in five months, the Labor Department said.

The Conference Board, a private business research group in New York, said major newspapers enjoyed strong sales of help-wanted advertisements in August. Its monthly advertising index rose to 92, up one point from July.

And orders for big-ticket factory goods jumped 1.6 percent in August, the third consecutive gain to follow a 3.3 percent plunge in May, the Commerce Department said.

All three reports support the view the U.S. economy will weather the economic storms that so far have triggered slumps in Asia and Russia and threatened Latin America.

"Growth will continue, only at a slower pace," said economist Jerry Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

But he and other analysts noted that both the unemployment claims and factory orders reports were weaker than they first appeared. Without a surge in aircraft orders and a rebound in auto manufacturing reflecting the end of the General Motors strikes, orders for durable goods, items expected to last three or more years, would have fallen 2.1 percent in August.

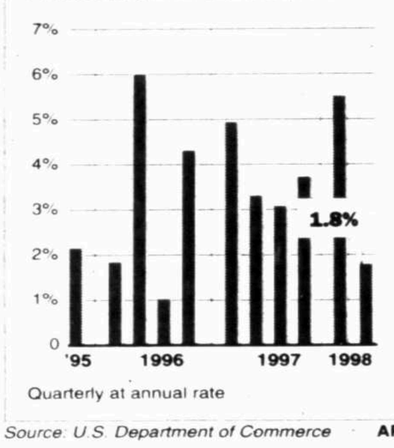
And continuing — as opposed to new — unemployment claims rose by 2,000 but remained basically unchanged at 2.2 million. That's a sign it's taking a long time for the unemployed to find work, and many economists believe overseas turmoil will further erode labor market strength.

Economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa., said businesses are filling positions that have been open for some months rather than creating new positions.

He said by early next year the impact of the world slump will be felt more broadly in the U.S. economy than just in agriculture, energy and manufacturing. Chances of a recession next year have risen to about one in three, he said.

Gross domestic product

The GDP measures all the goods and services produced by workers and capital located in the United States, regardless of ownership.



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce AP

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan signaled in a Senate committee appearance Wednesday that he and his colleagues were ready to support economic growth by cutting short-term interest rates as early as next week.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Don't cut corners when trying to find real estate agent

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am trying to find a real estate agent and am having some difficulty. We found a couple of agents whom we like through open houses and business referrals. When, as you and Ray Brown advise in your book, "Home Buying for Dummies," I asked them to provide us with an activity list, they don't seem to have it or know what it is.



Tyson

The first time this happened I thought, "Dump them." But it keeps happening. Several have volunteered references for us to check, but is that sufficient? I don't know if I'm being overly cautious about this or if I should just keep looking for someone with an activity list. What should I do?

A: It's the rare consumer of residential real estate services who really puts an agent through the paces before deciding to hire. Given the importance of a home purchase and the role that a real estate agent plays in the process, don't cut corners.

An activity list should detail, over at least the past year, every real estate transaction that the agent has been involved in. At a minimum, the list should include the sales price and location of the property as well as whether the agent represented the buyer or seller. Be clear as you interview prospective agents what types of information you expect in their activity list.

Don't consider hiring an agent who is unwilling to provide this information. It usually indicates an agent ashamed of his track record or someone too busy or lazy to provide it.

As you review activity lists, you should be looking for agents who have experience with buyers similar to you (i.e. buyers who have bought in the same price range and neighborhoods in which you're looking).

For agents with activity lists to your liking, you can then ask them for references from the transactions on the list. Almost any agent — good, mediocre or bad — can scrape together some good references.

Q: My wife and I are both 67 years old and are trying to ascertain whether we'd be better off financially if we converted our IRAs to Roth IRAs. We believe we will not need the money, and plan to leave the IRA investments (whether in regular or Roth accounts) to our children as part of our estates. I've crunched numbers using software from a mutual fund house which, if I worked the program correctly, claims that we'd be better off with Roth IRAs even if the funds were in the latter for as little as three years. I find this incredible considering the sizable tax payments we'd have to make over the next four years — funds that would not be working for us in the future. What do you say?

A: Given that you would prefer to leave the money accumulating in your IRAs, one advantage of the Roth is that you don't have to begin taking required minimum distributions after age 70+ as you must with a regular IRA.

If you're uncomfortable with the validity of the feedback you're getting from the software program, I would strongly encourage you to get the advice of a tax adviser.

Q: I am a high-income earner who is self-employed and funding my Keogh plan to the maximum. My spouse could join me in my business and was wondering if we could put more into the plan. Taxwise, is it worth having my spouse in business?

A: According to CCH, tax law changes in recent years have repealed the so-called family aggregation rules so that now your spouse could earn contributions into the Keogh just as you do even though you have hit the maximum.

From a tax standpoint, while you will likely save handsomely on federal and state income tax by having Keogh contributions for your spouse, remember that your wife will also have to pay social security taxes (15.3 percent of the first $68,400 and 2.9 percent on amounts above that) of her earnings.

Remember also that your wife must be doing bona fide work for your business and be paid fair market wages. In other words, you can't simply pay her $50,000 for a figurehead position just so that she can qualify for a Keogh contribution.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq s	157253	32 11/16	...
Travelrs s	145424	39⅝	–3 5/16
AmOnline s	97374	112⅛	–3⅛
NatnsBk	92888	54⅜	–4⅜
Citicorp	84030	99⅞	–5⅝

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Capstd	4 7/16	+1 1/16	+31.5
OreStl	12½	+2⅛	+20.5
Weider	5	+¾	+17.6
Agnico g	4 3/16	+⅝	+17.5
SPacFdg	3	+⅜	+14.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AResidSvc	3⅛	–1¼	–28.6
ACX Tech	13	–4	–23.5
FriedBR n	5⅛	–1 3/16	–18.8
AaronRnt	13¼	–2 13/16	–17.5
FAI Ins	8¼	–1 9/16	–15.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,093
Declined	2,042
Unchanged	409
Total issues	3,544
New Highs	43
New Lows	127
Volume	948,714,654

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	111295	104⅜	–2⅝
ViacB	28963	64⅝	–1⅜
GayltCn	17732	2¼	–1/16
EchoBay	12009	2½	+5/16
Hemispx	9092	5 15/16	– 7/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BootsCts n	2 13/16	+1 5/16	+40.6
IGI	3	+ 7/16	+17.1
MeasSpcl	3	+ 7/16	+17.1
AtlPrem	3 1/16	+ 7/16	+16.7
GetchGld	16⅝	+2 1/16	+14.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TabPrd	8⅜	–2⅜	–24.7
Hmisph wt	2 5/16	– 11/16	–22.9
Metromda	3¾	–⅞	–18.9
DanlHld	3⅝	–⅜	–17.1
Emultek n	2 9/16	– 7/16	–14.6

DIARY

Advanced	258
Declined	306
Unchanged	149
Total issues	715
New Highs	3
New Lows	29
Volume	42,662,730

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DellCptr s	390022	63 5/16	–1 1/16
Excite s	219821	39⅛	+1⅜
MCI Wrld	162137	48¾	–2
Microsft s	158804	110⅛	–3½
Intel	156808	85 5/16	–1¾

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LeapWr n	8	+3½	+77.8
Tllegroup	6 7/16	+1⅞	+41.1
GloboCabo	2 7/16	+11/16	+39.3
ForwrdA s	16	+4 7/32	+35.8
Ault	5	+1¼	+33.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EqtyMkt	7⅞	–6⅜	–44.7
AdvLight	12⅛	–7 3/16	–37.2
intrplay n	3⅜	–1⅝	–32.5
ABR Inf	14 3/16	–6 5/16	–30.8
StrCB n	15¼	–5⅜	–26.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,557
Declined	2,443
Unchanged	1,498
Total issues	5,498
New Highs	35
New Lows	143
Volume	814,075,600

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in **bold** are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.
How to use: The year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. The number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

Benchmarks are important in investing and the year-to-date percent change can be a useful field of information when used as a benchmark. If you were considering investing in the automotive industry, for example, you could watch to see which auto stock was enjoying the best performance so far this year by looking at this field.

These numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to use in determining how to invest. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Lose in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Tuesday

Div	Name	Last	Chg
.44	ACE Ltd	24⅞	–⅛
1.10	ACMin	9⅝	+⅛
.80	ACM Op	7⅝	...
1.10	ACM Sc	⅞	...
...	ACMSp	7⅝	...

Wednesday

PE	PPE	Name	Last	Chg
8	9	ACE Ltd	24⅞	–⅛
17	19	ACMin	9⅝	+⅛
9	...	ACM Op	7⅝	...
12	10	ACM Sc	⅞	...
9	8	ACMSp	7⅝	...

Thursday

Thr	Name	Last	Chg
AAR	ACE Ltd	24⅞	–⅛
ACL	ACMin	9⅝	+⅛
ACG	ACM Op	7⅝	...
ADF	ACM Sc	⅞	...
...	ACMSp	7⅝	...

Friday

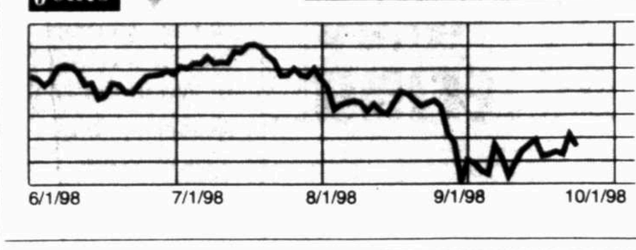
YTD	Name	Last	Chg
+2.3	ACE Ltd	24⅞	–⅛
–0.2	ACMin	9⅝	+⅛
–3.0	ACM Op	7⅝	...
–0.2	ACM Sc	⅞	...
...	ACMSp	7⅝	...

Daily market roundup

September 24, 1998

Dow Jones 8001.99 -152.42

High	8,227.53	Highest close	9,337.97
Low	7,906.73	July 17, 1998	



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,367.84	6,983.11	Dow Jones Industrials	8,001.99	–152.42	–1.87	+1.19	+1.96
3,701.42	2,592.69	Dow Jones Transportation	2,831.24	–72.86	–2.51	–13.06	–9.82
302.98	232.48	Dow Jones Utilities	298.72	–4.26	–1.41	+9.39	+24.95
601.76	450.91	NYSE Composite	516.59	–10.36	–1.97	+1.06	+5.10
753.75	565.06	Amex Index	842.30	–3.78	–.59	–6.18	–6.27
2,028.18	1,465.61	Nasdaq Composite	1,720.34	–39.93	–2.27	+9.55	+2.47
1,190.58	855.27	S&P 500	1,042.72	–23.37	–2.19	+7.45	+11.17
492.28	335.87	Russell 2000	370.25	–5.75	–1.53	–15.28	–17.34
11,106.10	8,537.05	Wilshire 5000	9,566.24	–200.99	–2.08	+2.88	+5.15

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
-24.4	AAR s	19 9/16	–3/8
– 7	ABN Amro pfd	25 3/8	...
–6.1	ABN Amro	18 5/16	–
1 13/16			
+ 2	ACE Ltd s	32 3/16	+5/8
–16.5	ACM Inc	9 3/16	+1/16
–18.5	ACM Sc	8 1/4	...
–4.7	ACM Sp	6 5/16	...
–29.6	ACM MD	9 1/2	–9/16
–4.1	ACM Nicls	23 3/8	–15/16
–46.8	ACX Tech	d13	–4
–27.5	AES Cp	33 15/16	+9/16
+17.8	AFLAC s	30 3/16	–1 3/16
–78.0	AGCO	d6 7/16	–3/8
–5.8	AGL Res	19 1/16	–1/4
–8.5	AK Steel s	16 3/16	–9/16
– 6	AMR s	63 7/8	–
2 7/16			
+1.5	ASA Ltd	20 7/8	+2 3/16
–3.4	AT&T	59 1/4	–1/4
–15.9	AVX Cp	15 1/2	–1/4
+29.0	AXA UAP	50 5/16	–2 3/16
–40.1	Aames	7 3/4	+5/8
–31.6	AaronRnt	d13 1/4	–
2 13/16			
+35.5	AbtLab s	44 3/8	–1 3/16
+53.6	AberFitch	48	–1 1/2
–28.3	AccuStff	16 1/2	–3/8
– 8	Acuson	16 7/16	+5/16
–1.8	**AdaEx**	**23¾**	**–1/4**
+28.5	Adminstf	33 1/4	+1 1/16
–16.5	AFPProv	14 1/4	+1/4
+12.3	AMD	19 15/16	–1
+22.4	Advolnc	23 7/8	+3/16
+80.5	Aegon s	81	–1 5/8
–37.3	AeroVick	30 3/4	–11/16
+6.0	Aetna Inc	74 13/16	–1/16
+27.3	**AffCmpSv**	**33 1/2**	**–15/16**
–21.2	Agnico g	4 3/16	+5/8
–22.1	Agnium g	9 1/2	–7/16
–15.2	Ahmans	56 3/4	–
2 15/16			
+7.2	Ahold	28	–13/16
–24.9	AirProd s	d30 7/8	–
–38.4	AirbFrt s	19 3/16	–3/4
–14.7	Airgas	11 15/16	+1/4
+34.7	AirTouch	56	–1 7/16
+29.8	AirTch pfB	46 1/4	–3/4
+1.3	**AlaP pfBcld24**	15/16	...
–1.0	**AlaP pfCcld24**	15/16	...
+.3	**AlaP adj pf24**	9/16	...
+.5	**AlaPC pfQ25**	5/16	–1/8
+5.5	AlskAir	40 7/8	–
1 9/16			
–21.7	Albemar	18 11/16	–5/16
–25.7	Alberto	23 13/16	–3/8
+18.4	**Albertsn**	55 15/16	–9/16
–11.5	Alcan	24 7/16	–7/16
–27.9	Alcatel	18 1/4	–1 3/4
–8.5	AllgEngy	29 3/4	–7/16
–27.1	AllegTeldy	18 7/8	+1/2
+84.5	**Allegnce s**	32 3/4	–1/4
–60.0	AlienTel	7 3/8	+1/16
+80.1	Alergn	u60 7/16	+1 3/8
+13.5	AllCap s	22 9/16	–13/16
–34.7	AllWrld2	8 13/16	–3/16
+67.7	AlldGrp s	48	–
–8.4	AlldSgnl	35 5/16	–15/16
+24.2	AlmrFn	62	–
2 7/16			
–6.8	Allstate s	42 3/16	–
2 11/16			
+10.4	Alltel	45 5/16	–7/16
+14.9	Apharma	25	–
–10.0	AlpineGr	16 7/8	–5/16
	Alcoa	70 3/8	–1 3/16
+32.4	Alza	42 1/16	–3/8
+13.6	AmbacF	52 1/4	–7/8
–27.7	Amdocs n	10 1/8	–1/16
+7.5	AmHes	59	–1/2
–4.8	Ameren n	40 1/4	–3/4
+147.8	**AmOnline s**	112 1/8	–3 1/8
–26.8	AmWest	13 5/8	–1/2
–36.7	AWest wt	4 3/4	–1/4
–19.1	ABkNHoln	6 7/8	–
–1.6	ABankrs	45 3/16	–4 7/8
–9.2	AEP	46 7/8	–13/16
–11.2	AmExp	79 1/4	–4 3/16
	AExp pfA	24 3/4	–
+24.4	AGenCp	67 1/4	–2
+ 5	AGreet	39 5/16	–1/16
+45.8	**AHomeP s**	55 3/4	**–1 1/4**
+12.1	AmIntG s	81 1/4	–2 1/8
–80.0	AResidSvc	d3 1/8	–1 1/4
–31.6	AmStd	26 3/16	–3/4
+55.9	AmStor	32 1/16	+1/16
+ 5	ATower n	23	+5/16
+9.8	AmWtr	29 15/16	–5/8
–4.7	Amercrd	26 3/8	–1 3/8
+5.4	AmerSrc	61 3/8	–
+24.2	Ameritch s	50	–
–29.5	AmerUs	26	–1 1/16
–32.4	Ametek	18 1/4	–1/8
+31.1	**Amoco s**	u55 7/8	–1 3/16
–7.3	AMP	38 15/16	–1/16
	AmSouth s	36 1/4	–9/16
–25.8	Amvescp s	32	–1/2
–51.0	**AmwyAs**	**9**	**+1/8**
+30.0	**Anadrk s**	**39 1/2**	**–**
1 1/16			
–41.1	Analog	16 5/16	–1/16
+10.8	Angiogld n	23 1/16	–
+2 7/16			
+23.9	Anheus	54 1/2	–
2 7/16			
–2.7	Anixter	16 1/16	–
+87.4	AnnTayl	25 1/16	–1 3/16
+17.8	Aon Cp	69 1/16	–9/16
–20.5	**Apache**	**27⅞**	**–¾**
+2.0	AptInv	37 1/2	–1/16
–60.2	AppIMg	4 3/8	–1/16
–18.8	ApldPw s	28 11/16	–1/16
–13.5	Aptargp s	d24	–2 3/8
–49.6	Aracruz	7 1/4	–1/16
–23.8	ArcadiaFn	5 13/16	–1/16
–17.9	ArchDan	16 15/16	+1/4
–12.1	ArchstnC	21 7/16	–7/8
–21.7	ArdenRlt	24 1/16	+1/8
+31.7	Argentar	40 1/4	–3 1/4
–37.5	ArgentFd	8 1/16	–11/16
–10.1	Armco	4 7/16	–1/16
–28.8	ArmWl	5 3/16	+3/4
–59.5	ArrowEl s	13 1/16	–11/16
–18.4	Asarco	18 5/16	–7/16
+3.1	Ashanti	8 1/4	+1/16
–9.9	Ashland	48 3/8	–11/16
–31.1	AsiaPc	5 1/8	+1/16
–46.2	AsiaPlp	5 5/16	–1/16
–5.9	AscFCap	67	–
–1.8	AstraA	16 7/8	–15/16
–10.6	AtlRich	71 5/8	+1/4
–8.7	**ATMOS**	**27⅝**	**–¾**
–35.7	AuroraF n	13 1/2	+3/8
–28.9	AuthFlt	13 1/4	+1/2
+26.5	AutoDt	77 5/8	–3/16
–19.8	AutoZone	23 1/4	+5/16
–10.9	AvalonBay	34 3/4	–1/16
+15.6	AveryD	51 3/4	–7/8
–31.9	Avnet	21 3/4	+1 3/16
–45.5	Avnet	36	–7/8
–15.4	Avon s	26	–3/8
–37.3	A-tar	4	–1/16
+2.7	BB&T s	32 7/8	–5/16
–4.3	BCE g	31 7/8	–1
+4.1	BGE pfA	25 7/16	+3/16
–50.5	BJ's	17 3/16	–1
+15.7	BJs Wh	36 5/16	+1/16
–58.2	BMC	6 9/16	–1/16
–42.4	BP Pru	9 1/4	+7/16
–9.7	BRE	25 1/2	–1/16
–50.9	BakrHu	21 7/16	–
2 5/16			
–3.2	Baldor s	21	–5/16
– 5	Ball	35 3/16	+3/16
–13.4	BallyTotF	18 15/16	–1/2
–7.3	BallGE	31 5/16	–1/4
–7.5	BancOne s	45 11/16	–2 3/8
–1.7	BcoBilV	10 9/16	–
1 13/16			
–31.5	BncoFrn	18 3/4	–7/8
–42.0	BcoRioP n	8 1/16	–3/4
+1.6	BcoSant s	16 1/8	–1 3/8
–19.6	BcpSouth s	19	+1/2
–42.1	Bandag	30 15/16	+5/16
–47.6	BkTokyo	73 3/8	–5/16
–3.7	BkNY s	27 13/16	–
1 15/16			
–17.8	BankAm	60	–5 1/4
–37.0	BkAtlA s	8 3/16	–1/4
–23.8	BkBost s	35 13/16	–
3 9/16			
–42.7	BankTr	64 7/16	–3/16
+23.2	Bard	38 9/16	–3/8
–19.3	BarnNbl	26 15/16	+2 1/16
–25.8	BarrLab	25 5/16	+5/16
–28.9	BarrettRs	21 1/2	–5/16
+8.4	BarrickG	20 3/16	+1 3/16
+1.1	BatlMf	5 13/16	+1/2
+5.5	BauschL	41 13/16	–13/16
+19.5	Baxter	60 1/4	–13/16
–32.8	BearSt	31 15/16	–
2 5/16			
+35.5	BeckCoult	54 3/16	–3/16
+63.0	BectDck s	40 3/4	–7/8
–63.1	Belco	6 15/16	–
–33.2	Belco pf	17	+1/16
–60.3	Belden	14	–1/16
+3.3	BellAtl s	47	+5/16
+32.4	BellSo	u74 9/16	–5/8
–32.0	BeloAH s	19 1/8	–3/8
–19.0	Bemis	35 11/16	–3/16
–49.8	BentonOG	6 1/2	–3/8
+50.7	BergEl s	34 9/16	–
+19.9	BergBr	50 1/2	+1/4
+32.4	**BerkHa A**	**60900**	**+100**
–25.4	**BerryP**	**13**	...
+156.8	BestBuy s	47 1/2	–3
–1.9	BestIds s	49 5/16	–3/8
–5.0	BethStl	8 1/4	–1/16
+12.6	BetzDearb	68 3/4	+2 1/16
–34.6	Beverly n	8 1/2	–1/8
–53.6	BirStl	7 5/16	+5/16
+12.3	BlackD	43 7/8	–7/16
+3.5	**BlkHlCp s**	**24 9/16**	**–1**
+1.9	Blk1998	9 15/16	–
+3.3	Blk1999	9 11/16	+1/16
+4.4	Blk2001	8 15/16	–
–2.7	BlkIT	8 7/8	–1/16
+6.0	BlkIQT	8 7/8	+1/16
+1.1	BlkMTar	11 1/8	–
–7.7	BlkNA	9 3/4	–1/16
+7.4	BlkStr	9 1/8	+1/16
+2.7	BlkTT	9 9/16	–
–5.7	BlckHR	42 1/4	–1 5/16
–29.5	Boeing	34 1/2	+1 1/16
–13.0	BoiseC	26 5/16	+5/16
–50.6	BoisCOff	d7 3/8	–5/16
+8.1	Bombay	5	–3/16
–58.6	BordCh	3 7/16	–1/8
–15.4	Borders	26 1/2	–1/4
–23.2	BorgWAu	39 15/16	–
–4.0	BostBeer	7 1/2	–
–6.6	BostProp	30 7/8	–9/16
+21.0	BostSc	55 1/2	–4 1/4
–40.2	Bouygs	13	–
–10.8	Bowatr	39 5/8	+1 1/8
–39.6	BoydGm	4	–3/8
–40.2	BoyknL	15 13/16	–7/16
–41.0	Brahma	8 3/8	–1/4
–22.4	Brandyw	19 1/2	–
–41.1	Brazil	12 3/8	–5 1/16
–71.6	BredTch	5 3/16	+5/16
–13.4	BrigStrat	42 1/2	–
+23.0	Brinker	19 1/16	–3/8
+5.6	**BrMySq**	**99 15/16**	...
–28.0	BritAir	6 7/32	–13/16
+11.3	BritPet	88 11/16	–1/2
–20.1	BritSti	17 1/8	+3/8
–46.4	Brooke	4 3/8	–3/16
+6.2	**BrwnFA**	**56**	**–2**
+9.7	**BrwnFB**	**60¼**	**–2⅝**
–9.5	BrwnFr	33 1/2	–15/16
–57.7	Brunswick	12 13/16	–1/16
–38.8	BrshWl	15	–1 3/4
–57.4	Brylane	d21	+3/16
–21.9	Buckle s	17 7/8	–5/8
–30.9	BudgetGp	23 7/8	+5/16
+19.8	BurlCoat	19 11/16	–1 3/8
–33.5	BurlInds	9 3/16	–1/8
– 1.6	BurlNSF s	30 1/2	–7/16
–13.0	BrlRsc	39	–1/2
–15.9	BurnPP	12 7/8	–1/2
–46.2	Bushind	d14	–1/16
–64.6	CANTV	14 3/4	–7/16
–11.9	CBS	25 15/16	–1 1/16
–51.5	CCA Prns	21 5/16	–13/16
	CEC Ent	23	+15/16
–25.2	CHS El	12 13/16	+1/16
+17.7	CIGNA s	67 11/16	–13/16
–16.3	CIGHl	7 1/16	+1/16
–16.7	CIT Gp n	26 7/8	+7/16
–27.3	CKE Rst	27 13/16	–1/2
–27.4	CMAC Inv	43 13/16	–3/16
–77.4	CML Gp	3/4	–1/16
+19.7	CMP Grp	18 1/4	–1/4
–4.7	CMS Eng	42	–
–7.3	CNA Fn s	39 1/2	–7/16
–19.7	CNF Trsn	31 1/16	–1 1/2
–22.6	CSX	41 13/16	–1 1/16
–6.1	CTS s	30	–7/8
+37.7	CVS Cp s	44 1/16	–
1 15/16			
+3.0	CabiWire	28	–1/4
–52.9	CabiDsg s	12 3/16	–13/16
–33.8	Cabltrn	9 15/16	–1/16
–18.3	CbtOG	15 7/8	–7/16
+35.6	CadbyS	56 1/8	–3/4
–2.6	Cadence s	23 7/8	–1
–14.3	Calenergy	24 5/8	–1/8
–32.6	Calgon	7 1/4	+1/4
– 4	CalFd pfB	109 3/16	+4
25 7/16			
– 4	CalFd pfC	112 5/16	+4
1 15/16			
–62.4	CalGolf	10 3/4	+1/16
+2.2	Cambrex s	23 7/16	–1/16
–7.5	CamdnP	26 11/16	+1/4
–14.3	CmpR g	3	+1/16
–9.4	CampSp	50 3/4	–2 3/4
–8.9	CdnRy g	43 1/16	+1/2
–19.0	CdnPc g	22 1/16	–
1 7/16			
+108.1	CapOne	112 3/4	–
1 7/16			
–4.8	CapRe s	29 1/2	–13/16
–13.2	CapstrB n	16 1/2	–1/16
–77.7	Capstd	4 7/16	+1 1/16
–49.8	CapM pfB	7⅝	+1/2
–18.8	CapstCT	20 3/4	+1/4
+36.4	CardnlH u	102 1/2	+5/16
–80.3	Cardnr	8 3/4	–1/4
–36.6	Carmik	18 3/4	+3/8
+11.3	CarnvCp s	30 7/8	+1/2
+6.9	CaroPw u	45 5/16	–1 3/16
+124.1	CarrGott	11 1/16	–1/16
–22.7	CarrAmR	24 1/2	–3/8
–64.1	CaseCp	21 11/16	–13/16
–14.0	CashAm	11 1/8	–1/16
–32.8	Catelus	13 7/16	–1/16
– 4.9	Caterpillr	46 1/8	+13/16
–18.7	Celestic gn	15 1/4	–1/4
–60.7	Cendant	13 1/2	–7/8
–45.8	Cendnt pfI	27 5/16	–11/16
+13.1	Centex s	35 5/8	–3/8
+2.3	CenSoWst	27 11/16	–9/16
–19.5	CtrNws	59 1/2	+11/16
+10.3	CentPkg s	50	–
+41.2	CntyTel s	46 15/16	–
1 5/16			
+30.8	Ceridian	59 15/16	–7/16
+17.3	ChmpE	24 1/16	+1/16
–27.9	Chmpln	32 11/16	+3/16
+15.4	ChAutoR n	23	+3/8
–54.1	Chart s	7	–3/16
–14.9	ChaseM s	46 3/8	–3 3/4
–51.8	Checkpnt	d8 7/16	–3/16
–81.0	ChesEng	d1 7/16	–3/16
+6.7	**Chevron**	**82 3/16**	**–2 1/2**
–53.3	ChileFd	8 5/16	–1/8
–36.2	ChileTel	19 1/16	–1
–42.9	ChinaFd	7	–
–58.8	ChinSAir	5 7/16	–5/16
–8.8	ChinaTlc n	30 5/8	–7/16
–37.2	Chiquita	d10 1/4	–1/4
+43.7	Chrysler	50 9/16	–
1 7/16			
–11.4	Chubb	67	–3 3/4
+2.6	CIBER s	29 3/4	–3/4
–18.3	CinnBell	25 5/16	–5/16
–36.9	CinMil	16 3/8	–1/8
–6.0	CINergy	36	–1/2
–6.5	CircCtyCC	33 1/4	–
– 6	CirCCar	6	+1/16
–50.9	Circus	10 1/16	+1/16
–21.0	Citicorp	99 7/8	–5/16
–16.2	CitzUtil	7 3/4	–1/16
–13.9	CityNC	31 13/16	–1 3/16
– 7.1	ClairesStr	18 1/16	–3/16
– 4.9	ClaytH	17 1/8	–1/16
+20.1	ClearC s	47 3/4	–2 3/16
–57.1	CliffsDr	21 3/8	+1/16
+5.7	Clorox	83 7/8	–11/16
–36.0	CoachUS	21 7/16	–3/8
+4.2	Coastal s	32 5/16	+1/8
–57.7	CstlPhys	11/32	–
–15.0	**CocaCl**	**56 11/16**	**–**
1 5/16			
–25.1	CocaCE	26 5/8	–1
–29.0	CCFemsa s	13 3/4	–1 1/2
–26.6	Coeur	6 9/16	+1/16
–4.0	**ColgPal**	**70 9/16**	**–3/8**
–31.3	Coltec	15 15/16	+3/16
+14.3	ColumEn s	59 7/8	–1/16
–23.4	ColHlCA	22 11/16	–11/16
–11.9	Comdisc s	14 3/8	–11/16
– 3.6	Comeric s	57 15/16	–
1 11/16			
–32.5	CmcFdl s	24	–5/16
–16.8	CmclNL	14 7/8	–5/16
–16.5	ComScop	11 3/8	–1/4
–36.7	CmpUSA	19 5/8	–1/2
+15.7	Compaq s	32 11/16	–
–92.0	CmpMan	1	+1/16
–36.8	CompAs s	33 1/2	+1 1/16
–51.8	CompSci s	69	–2 3/4
+42.0	Comsat	34 7/16	+7/16
–14.5	ConAgra	28 5/16	+1/8
– 2.2	Conectiv	22 9/16	–1/8
–7.3	**ConnEn**	**27 7/16**	**–1/4**
–26.3	Conseco	33 1/2	–2 1/16
–19.4	Consc pfF	41 5/16	–1 3/16
+21.0	ConEd	49⅝	–3/8
– 4.0	ConsGph	44 3/4	–1/16
–14.0	ConsNG	52	–7/16
+ 2	ConsPap s	26 13/16	–
+11 16			
–44.8	ConStor	d24 1/4	–1 3/8
–61.5	Contnfinci	9 11/16	+9/16
–20.0	CtrAir B	38 1/2	–1 3/4
–50.8	CoopCam	30	–3 1/2
–52.9	CoopCo	19 1/4	+1 1/16
–16.2	Cooper	41 1/16	–7/8
–29.5	Cooper99	12 7/8	–
–25.1	CooprTr	18 1/4	–1/16
–49.8	Copel	8 7/8	–9/16
–55.6	CoramH	1 1/2	–
+2.1	CoreLab s	18 7/16	–1/4
–16.1	CornPdt n	25	+1/16
–18.9	CorPrpt	15 9/16	–3/16
– 5.7	CornerRit	11 3/8	–
–22.4	Corningin	28 13/16	–3/4
–19.3	CpHYIII n	12 5/16	–1/16
–25.0	CorrPrT n	17 1/4	+1/4
–57.5	CorrectCp	15 3/4	–
–30.8	CortBus	27 9/16	–7/16
– 8.5	Cotellignt	17 1/2	–3/4
– 2.2	CrtwCrd	41 5/16	–
2 11/16			
+32.1	Covance	26 1/4	–1 1/16
+35.3	CoxCm	u54 3/16	–2 1/16
–10.9	CoxRadio	35 7/8	–15/16
–10.6	Crane s	25 3/4	–1/4
–55.0	Credicp	d73	–3/8
–32.4	CresRE	26 5/8	–5/8
+ 2	Crestar	57 1/16	–1/4
–32.9	CrismMa	d10 1/16	–3/4
–21.6	CrstChlte	11	–1/8
–41.3	CrmpKnt	15 9/16	–1/16
–8.6	**CrosTbr s**	**15**	**–1/16**
–29.2	**CrosTim**	**11 1/2**	**–3/16**
–41.0	CwnCorkd	29 9/16	–
1 9/16			
–37.2	CwnCrk pf	29 3/8	–15/16
–48.8	CumEng	d30 1/4	–1 3/16
+4.5	CypSem	8 3/4	–1/16
–16.7	Cyprus	12 3/16	–3/8
–60.9	Cytec	18 3/4	–1/2
	D-E-F		
–6.8	DLJ HIY n	9 1/8	+3/16
– 7	DPL s	19	–1/2
+10.7

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YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
-40.6	AbraTch	d14 3/16	-6 5/16
-37.1	ADC Tel	26 1/4	-2 1/4
-80.6	ACTelex	3 1/16	-1/16
-61.3	AMBI	3/4	-3/32
-60.2	APACT	5 3/8	-5/32
+35.4	ASA Hold	38 1/2	-1/4
-51.5	ASM Lith s	16 3/8	-1 1/16
-37.5	AavidTh	15	-1
-86.0	Abacan	7/32	-1/32
-33.6	AbleTel	4 9/16	-3/32
-51.7	Abraxas	7 1/16	-1/16
-82.6	Accelr8	4 11/16	-13/16
+4.3	AccesHlt	30 5/16	-2
+86.2	Acclaim	6 3/4	+1/16
-25.4	ActPerf	28 1/4	-3/4
-48.9	Actrade	13 5/16	-1 7/16
+35.1	Acxiom	26	-1 3/8
+35.8	AdacLb	26 13/16	-3/16
-71.5	Adaptec	10 9/16	-1/2
-18.6	AdobeSy	33 9/16	-1/4
-64.3	AdrianR	5/16	...
-20.3	AdvPara	25 5/16	-13/16
+90.9	AA&S wtA	1 5/16	+3/32
-74.2	AdvFCm	7 1/2	-2 3/32
-36.2	AdvLight	d12 1/16	-7 3/16
-69.7	AdvTiss	3 3/4	-1/16
-45.0	Advanta	14 7/16	-1/4
-53.0	AdvantB	11 15/16	-7/16
+11.1	Agourn	32 5/8	-7/8
-22.3	AgriBio	13 1/4	+3/8
-46.5	AirExp	16 5/16	-3/16
+9.4	AirTran	4 3/8	+1/16
-12.6	Akzo s	38	-1/8
-26.3	Akorn	14 1/4	-1 3/4
-31.7	AldCap	15 3/16	
-71.0	AldHlPd	2 1/4	+1/8
+11.5	AldWste	26	+1 1/4
-24.8	AlphaInds	12 1/8	+5/8
+179.4	AlphaMic	23 1/32	+1/32
+62.8	AltaGld	2 3/16	+5/16
+10.0	Altera	36 7/16	
+11/16			
-68.6	AltResc	7 1/4	-1/4
-54.8	Alydaar n	7 1/16	-3/16
+239.0	Amazon s	102 1/8	-3
-73.8	AmBiogn	1/2	
+10.4	AmDisp	42 1/2	
+1 15/16			
+162.1	AEagleO s	40 5/8	-2 3/8
-79.2	AmerEco	2 1/4	-3/32
-63.0	AmIntPt	1 1/4	
+42.6	AMS	27 13/16	-3/16
-32.0	AOncol	10 7/8	+1/8
+46.0	APwrCnv	34 1/2	-1/4
-24.6	Amerin	21 1/4	+1/4
-23.5	Ameripath	13	-1/4
-32.5	AmesDS	11 13/16	+3/8
+39.5	Amgen	75 1/2	-2 1/2
-66.7	AmkorT n	4 7/16	-1
-76.0	Amresco	d7 1/4	-13/16
-62.9	Anadigc	11 3/16	+5/16
-13.4	Analysts s	29 7/8	-1/4
-65.9	AncorCm	1 15/32	+1/16
-45.1	Andrew	13 3/16	-5/16
-25.0	Angelon	2 1/16	
-61.8	Anicom	d6 1/16	-7/16
-24.5	AnntyLfe n	17 3/16	-9/16
+35.7	AnsThnk n	21 5/16	+7/16
+15.2	Antec	18	-1/4
-2.8	ApolloG s	30 5/16	-3/16
+193.3	AppleC	38 1/2	+1/16
+15.2	AppISou	11 1/16	-3/16
-75.8	AppGrph	12 7/8	-1/8
-44.3	ApldInov	3 1/16	-3/16
-15.4	ApldMat s	25 1/2	-3/16
+43.9	AMCC n	17 13/16	-1 3/16
-3.0	Arakis	2	-1/16
-39.1	ArkBest	5 5/16	
+10.3	Arman	1	+1/32
+19.2	ArtVasc s	38 3/8	-2 3/8
-19.9	Artesyn	18 1/4	-1/2
+92.1	Ascend	47 1/16	-1 5/16
-10.7	AshtnT	1 9/16	
-40.9	Ashwrth	6 1/2	-3/16
+54.8	AspctDv s	40 1/4	+1/16
+28.7	AspectTel	26 7/8	-1 1/16
-66.7	AsystTch	7 1/4	
+73.9	AtHome	43 11/16	+11/16
+46.5	AtCstAir s	23 1/4	-1 3/8
+18.6	AtData n	15 1/8	-3/8
-51.2	Atmel	9 1/16	-11/16
-14.9	Ault	5	+1 1/4
-60.0	AuraSy	1 5/16	-1/16
-29.6	Autodesk	26 1/16	-1 9/16
+56.9	Avecor	10	-3/64
-13.1	AvidTch	23 1/4	-1 1/4
-44.5	Aviron	15 1/16	-13/16
-23.2	Aware	7 7/8	+1/8
-7	AxentT	17 1/8	-1 7/16
-43.3	AxySPhm	4 3/4	-1/8
-14.0	BE Aero	23	-2 3/8
+41.5	BEA Sys	24 1/2	-1 1/16
+31.2	BISYS	43 5/8	-7/16
+70.5	BMC Sft s	56 1/16	-2 9/16
-14.4	Baan s	28 1/4	-2 1/2
+15.6	BakerJ	6 1/2	-1/4
-15.3	Ballardp s	21 1/2	
-29.7	BncGalic	15 3/8	-1
-67.2	BankPlus	d4 9/64	-43/64
-4.3	BanynSy	23 7/16	-3/32
+27.6	BedBath s	24 9/16	+2 3/16
-38.1	Bellweth	6 15/16	+1/16
+8.9	Beringer n	40 5/8	+1 1/8
-31.1	Berkley	30 1/4	-1/4
+124.3	BestSft n	u20 3/4	-2 3/4
-43.2	BillConc s	13 5/8	-7/16
-1.2	BindView n	16 1/16	+3/16
+1.5	BioPharm	21 3/16	-7/16
-50.0	Bioctrl	3/32	
+75.9	Biogen	64	-4
+33.9	Biomet	34 5/16	-11/16
-34.9	BioTcG	7	
-59.5	BocaRs	2 1/16	-1/16
-16.2	BondMot	2 1/16	-1/16
-52.7	BookMill	2 3/4	-1/4
-87.9	BostChk	d25/32	+1/32
-32.2	BostnCom	7 3/4	+1 1/16
-61.2	BrghtStr n	6 1/4	-1 1/16
-39.6	Brightpt s	8 1/16	
+115.4	BroadVis	14	-3/16
-19.5	brdc com n	50 1/2	-6
+52.3	Brdcom nu	81 11/16	-6
2 3/16			
+34.1	Brooktrt	15 1/2	+5/8
-32.1	BrownTom	13 1/4	-
3/16			
+44.7	Buffets	13 9/16	-3/16
-34.8	BldgOne n	d13 1/4	+1/8
+24.1	BusnObj	12 7/8	-2 1/16
+1.9	C-CUBE	16 5/8	-1
-21.0	CBT Gp	32 1/2	-17/16
+29.2	CDRadio	21 7/8	+2 1/4
+.2	CDW Cpt	52 1/4	+3 1/4
-57.4	CDnow n	9 3/8	-7/16
-13.7	CFS Bn n	9 7/8	-1 3/32
+1.8	CKS Gr n	14 3/8	-1 3/16
+260.7	CMG Inf s	54 5/8	-
3 15/16			
+40.3	CNET	41 3/8	-1 7/16
-43.9	CNS	3 3/4	-1/8
+19.7	CSGSys	47 7/8	-1 1/16
-39.9	CalFdCt	d14 1/2	-1 5/8
-30.3	CambTch	29	-2 7/16
-52.0	CardGen n	3	-1/16
-14.6	Carnegie	2 9/16	+1/32
+13.7	Caseys s	14 1/2	-1/4
+22.1	Catalyt	14 1/2	-1 3/8
-89.4	CayenneSf	7/32	
-22.7	Celadon	10 7/16	
+5.9	Celgene	8 5/16	+1/16
-59.6	CelGens	3 7/16	-1/4
-87.9	CellTh	2 1/16	+1/4
-13.7	CellNet	6 1/16	-7/16
-86.5	CellPro	9/16	-1/16
-90.9	CellexB	9/32	
-56.3	Cellstar s	d4 3/8	-1/8
+77.9	Cell Intl s	55 1/8	-1
+23.7	Centocor	41 1/8	-2 1/16
-25.5	CenGardn	19 9/16	+5/16
+31.2	CentBusn	22 3/8	-3/8
+185.4	CntyCm	25 7/8	-1/16
-37.9	Cephlin	7 1/16	-3/8
+41.1	Cerner	29 15/16	+3/16
-6.0	ChancMd s	35 1/8	-2 3/8
-17.4	ChtOneF s	24 7/8	-1/4
-44.2	ChkPnt n	22 3/4	+3/8
-65.5	ChkFree	9 5/16	-1 1/16
-23.6	Cheeseck sd	15 9/16	-
1 5/16			
-34.8	ChiRex	11 1/2	+1 3/8
+16.5	Chiron	19 9/16	-7/8
-77.3	CienaCp	13 7/8	-1
-19.1	CinnFin s	37 5/16	-1 3/16
+26.8	Cintas s	49 7/16	-3/16
-40.4	Ciprico	7	-3/16
-34.4	Circon	10	-7/16
-31.5	Cirrus	7 9/32	-19/32
+74.9	Cisco s	64 15/16	-1 5/16
+39.9	CitrixSy s	70 13/16	-3/16
-59.3	CityView	d11	-5/32
-35.0	ClayEng	9 3/4	-1/4
-68.3	ClarCd g	9/32	-1/32
-40.6	CobraEl	3 3/4	
-60.9	Cocensys	1 11/32	+3/32
-55.0	Cognex	12 1/4	-3/8
-24.5	Cognos g	17 3/8	-3 1/8
-46.1	Cohernt s	9 1/2	-5/16
-44.5	Coinstar	5 1/16	+5/16
+262.4	ColtTel s	38 1/2	-2
-30.5	ColSprt n	15 1/4	-5/8
+26.4	Comair s	30 1/2	-1
+47.1	Comc sp	46 7/16	-5/8
+74.8	CmcstUK	16 1/2	+1/4
-52.4	Comintell	5/8	+1/32
+26.4	Commscp	51 7/8	+2 13/16
+22.4	CmpcVial	51 7/8	+2 13/16
-33.3	Cryomed	1/4	...
-81.9	CbrnOtp n	7 13/16	-1/2
-40.4	Cymer	8 15/16	-7/8
-7.3	CytoPh	8 3/16	-1/16
-50.0	Cytogn	1 3/16	-1/32
	D-E-F		
-52.8	Dll Grp	12 7/8	-1/4
+10.8	Daisytk s	19 1/4	-1/4
-30.1	Damark	6 13/16	-3/16
-60.4	Danka	6 1/16	+1/16
-78.0	DaouSys	7 1/32	-13/16
+20.2	Dassault s	37 1/16	-1/2
-36.2	DtaDimn	11	+1/2
-73.9	DtaWrks	5 3/16	+5/16
+2.8	Datastr s	15 15/16	+13/16
-30.2	Datatec	3 1/32	+19/32
-50.0	DataRce	1 5/16	
-14.5	Dawson	14	+1/4
-5.6	DayRun s	19 1/4	
-29.4	DBeer	14 7/16	-1/8
+201.5	DellCptr s	d63 1/16	-1 1/16
+171.8	Dendrite s	u26 1/2	+7/8
-26.0	Dentsply s	22 9/16	-1/16
-9.0	Diametrc	5 1/16	-1/16
-44.7	DiamM	4 29/32	-5/32
+68.3	DigCourier	4 5/16	-3/8
-78.0	DigMic s	3 3/16	-9/32
-40.7	Discreet	13	-1/16
+95.5	Divrsnt g	11 15/32	-1/32
-4.7	Documnt	40 1/4	-7/8
+6.8	DltrTree s	29 1/2	-2 3/16
-16.8	DbleClick n	22 1/4	+1
-51.5	DresB	13 3/4	+1/16
-51.3	DreyerG s	11 3/4	+5/16
-76.8	DuraPh	d10 5/8	-1 5/16
+112.5	DurbanRo	3 3/16	+5/16
-83.6	DynaMot	2 1/64	-1/64
-66.3	DynHlth	1 1/32	-1/32
-20.7	ETrade	18 1/4	-7/8
-27.2	e-Net	3 11/16	-7/16
-10.2	e.spire	11 1/2	-1 1/4
...	eBaylnc n	47 3/8	...
+3.9	ECI Tel	26 1/2	+3/8
-80.0	EFTC Cp	3 1/4	+1/8
+15.5	EgilRnd	22 3/4	-1 5/16
+210.7	Erthlink s	40	-4 1/8
+38.1	EstnEn	30 3/8	-3/8
+38.1	EchoStar	23 1/8	-5/16
+6.7	Eclipsys n	18	+7/8
+26.9	Egghead	8 1/4	-5/16
-72.6	8X8 Inc	3	+5/16
-82.1	Elcom n	1 1/4	+1/16
+.8	ElderBr n	16 5/16	-1/16
-40.3	ElecLght n	8 7/8	-1/16
-80.2	ElcSci	15 1/8	-31/32
+16.4	ElcArt	43 5/8	-6 1/4
+21.4	EFII	20 3/16	+1/16
-56.6	Elctrnc	1 1/32	+1/32
-34.5	ElettBr	3 5/16	-1/16
-9.4	ElronEl	14 1/2	-1/16
-59.9	Emcore	7 13/16	+9/16
-18.9	EmmisCm	37	+9/16
-59.4	EmplySl	1 3/4	+7/32
-73.0	Encad	7 1/2	-3/16
-84.6	EngBiosy	1/2	
+111.0	EntreMd	23 7/8	-2 3/16
-24.4	Entrust n	15 1/16	-1 3/16
-15.2	Envoy	24 11/16	-1 3/16
-88.5	EqtyMkt	d7 7/8	-6 5/8
+2.7	EricTel s	18 5/16	-
1 7/16			
+142.8	EsatTel n	32 5/8	+1 1/16
-44.6	EtecSys	25 3/4	-1 1/4
+9.1	EuroCr	3	
+1.9	Exabyte	6 9/16	+15/16
+160.8	Excite s	39 1/2	+13/16
-9	ExdsCm n	27 3/8	-1/2
-9.3	FamGolf s	18 15/16	+3/16
-84.5	Faroudja n	d3 11/16	-3/16
-27.3	Fastenl	27 9/16	-1 1/2
+83.4	FaxSav	4 3/16	+3/16
+16.5	FfthThird	63 1/2	-3/4
+7.9	FileNet s	16 9/16	-7/16
-50.8	FilBsmt	1 31/32	-9/32
-84.7	FinetHldn	11/16	+1/32
-29.5	FirstLine	9 1/4	
-56.6	Finlay	9 7/8	-5/16
-64.6	FrstAlli s	6 1/2	+1/8
-7.3	FstHlth s	23 3/4	
-31.6	FSecCp s	19 1/16	-11/16
-13.9	FstTenn s	28 3/16	-11/16
-11.9	FstMerit s	25	-3/8
+41.6	Fiserv s	46 3/8	-1 3/4
-57.4	Flanders	3 15/16	-3/32
+8.0	Flextrn	37 1/4	+1/4
+33.3	Foamex	14 1/2	-1 9/16
-57.0	FonixCp	1 11/32	-3/32
+28.0	FdLioB	10 9/16	+1/16
+29.6	FdLioA	10 15/16	-1/16
+36.5	ForeSys	20 9/16	-3/8
-16.0	Forsoft	9 7/8	+1/8
-9.8	Fossil s	15	-1/2
+4.8	4FrntTch	8 1/4	+1/4
-34.1	Freds s	13 1/2	+3/8
-8.2	FrenchF	8 3/4	+1/4
-45.2	FGoldmn	16 3/4	-3/4
-32.6	FrozenFd	6 1/16	...
-3.7	FuiszT	8 3/16	+1/4
	G-H-I		
-33.7	GST Tele	7 7/8	-3/8
...	Glctcmm n	4 3/4	...
...	Glctcm wt	1/2	...
+51.4	Gardnbrg	13 5/8	+1
-65.2	Gasonics	d3 7/16	-7/32
-21.9	GelTex n	20 11/16	+11/16
+92.6	Gemstr	46 15/16	-11/16
+359.1	GMagic	6 5/16	-1/2
-66.4	GenNutr	11 7/16	-3/16
-82.5	GenSurg	2 1/4	
-44.7	GenesyTeld	17 5/8	-2 3/8
-65.3	Genome	2 3/16	-5/16
+2.8	Gentex s	13 7/8	-1 1/16
+25.2	GenzymGn	34 3/4	-5/16
-49.1	GenzTisRp	3 1/2	-3/8
+242.9	GeoTelC s	u27	+7/8
-26.6	GeoCities n	27 3/8	+1/4
-58.6	GilatSat	44 1/2	-1 1/16
-33.3	Gilead	25 1/2	-2 7/16
-27.9	Glenayre	7 1/16	-9/32
-27.9	Globlfind s	12 1/4	-1 5/16
+21.7	GlbITele n	33 1/4	-3/8
-45.7	Globalstr s	13 3/8	-1/16
-58.5	GloboCabo	2 7/16	+11/16
-97.1	GoldBks	d9 5/64	-5/64
+79.4	GoldEagl	3 13/16	+3/32
-39.7	GoldStBc wt	4 1/32	+1/32
-61.2	GrnstRs g	15 7/32	-4 9/64
-27.3	GuilfrdPh	14 5/8	-1/4
-10.3	GuitarC	20 5/8	-2 1/2
-71.7	Gymbree	7 3/4	-1/4
+19.0	HBO s	28 9/16	-1/8
1 5/16			
-41.8	HMTTch	7 9/16	-1/16
-3.3	HNC Sft	42 7/8	-1/4
+76.9	HainFood	16 1/4	
-60.3	Harbngr s	7 7/16	-1/16
+9.8	HarmLgt	11 15/16	-5/16
+102.8	HarmonyG	4 9/16	+1/16
-82.3	HwkrPc n	d3 1/16	...
+43.2	HlthMSys	8 1/2	+7/8
-55.1	HlthcrRc	10	+1/8
+86.0	HIE	3 5/16	
	HSchein	35	-1/4
-26.8	HeskaCp	9 1/16	
+17.6	Hibbett	25 7/8	-11/16
+101.0	HllsEden n	12 9/16	-3/16
+39.4	HlywdE	14 15/16	+1/4
-57.4	HrznMed n	6 1/4	+3/8
-84.1	HungBd	1 1/32	
-16.0	HuntJB	15 3/4	-1/4
-19.7	HuntBnk	26 5/16	-1 1/16
-21.1	HutchT	17 1/4	-1 1/4
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll have: 5-Dymanic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 25, 1998:

You are unusually clear and direct; others get your message. People are drawn to you because you exude charm and are adorable. New beginnings are possible. Intuition serves you financially and emotionally. Build security and establish your power. If you are single, 1999 could put stars in your eyes and flutters in your heart. Nurture this special relationship. If attached, the two of you decide to make an even deeper commitment to one another. You can express your caring feelings with even greater depth. SAGITTARIUS brings out your personality.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Deferring to others seems inappropriate. Say what you feel and think. Others respond positively to your creative suggestions. Someone lets you know that he is on your team. Treat greater visibility as a privilege rather than as a problem. Tonight: You are a star wherever you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Getting together with others occupies your time. You might even turn work into a social occasion in this mood. Network, return calls and clear up communications. It just might be time for a diet or a checkup at the doctor's. Tonight: Say "yes" to that special person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Allow greater joy into your work. Creativity is high. Your need to flirt comes out. Careful! You could start something you might not wish to finish. Let humor lead. One-to-one relating makes a big difference. Others respond to your intensity and interest. Tonight: Party animal!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Release a hard-core obsession that drives you. You might think that someone wants something from you, but when you talk about it, you find out otherwise. A partner seems too good to be true. Consider a reality check, or ask a friend for feedback. Tonight: Run errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Telling it as it is suits you fine. You and someone else become far more aware of the potential here. Emphasize domestic matters. Check out an investment with care. A home office might just be the right way to go. Discuss this possibility. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Evaluate choices carefully. A financial opportunity could pay off in multiples. Be aware of what others are really suggesting. Some of what you are picking up might be implied. You cannot ask enough questions. Expect a hectic day. Many want you! Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others get your message without a hitch. Be willing to take a leap of faith. You might be hazy about a financial investment. Remember to stay security-oriented. Taking risks could get you into trouble. Make phone calls later in the day, when you feel even more upbeat. Tonight: Try a new hot spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Sometimes it serves you to reveal your feelings; now is one of those golden opportunities. You find that worry was needless. Your personality melts barriers; others are only too happy to go along with you. Get as much done as possible during the daytime hours. Tonight: Indulge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take a back seat when dealing with others; let them take the lead. To be sure, you will hear everyone's opinions. Consider this a reconnaissance mission. Finances play a large role in your decision. As the day goes on, you'll feel better and better. Tonight: Your night to howl.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Much goes on. A boss finally lets you know what is on his mind. Discussions are animated and finally have a clear direction. Talk about what you want. Long-term goals are significant; don't put them on the back burner. Network, to find the right connections. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

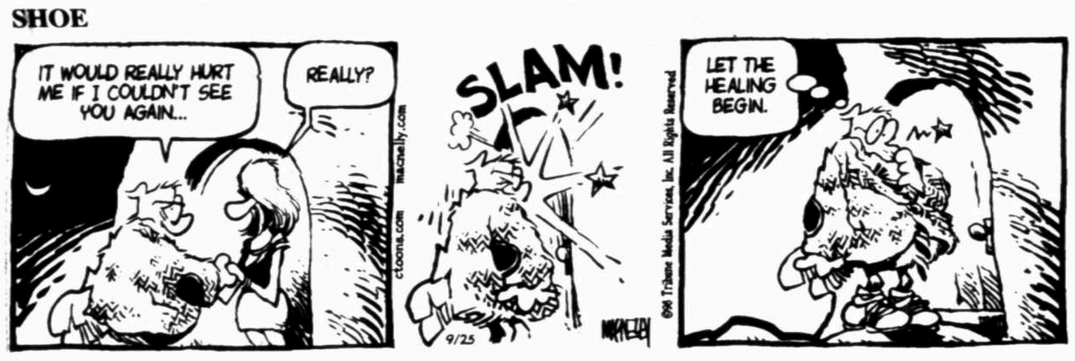
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take responsibility. You are in a leadership role. Understand what others expect from you before you decide whether or not you can deliver. You profit from a behind-the-scenes chat. Key information provides a completely new sense of direction. Tonight: Play with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ When you take an overview, you will be unusually successful. Close relating inspires greater confidence with co-workers. Talk money, and you'll get positive responses. Check out a seminar. Accept an offer; you might not get this one again. Tonight: In the limelight.

PEANUTS



SHOE



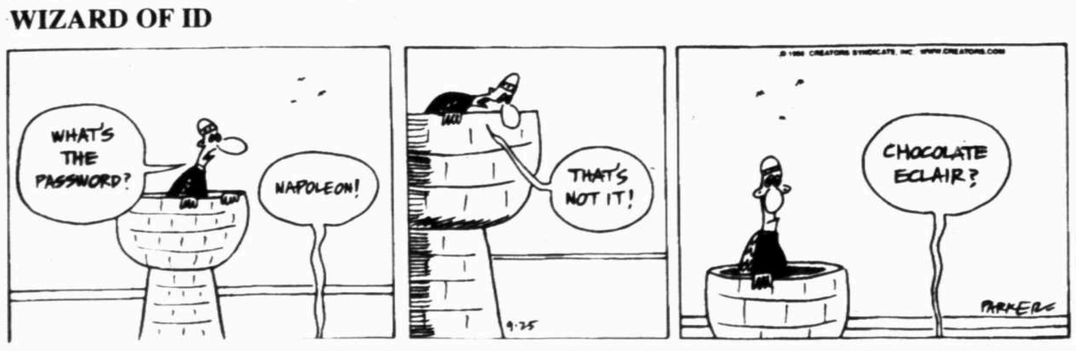
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PLAY OR DEFEND?

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 5 2
♡ J 10 9 8 4
◇ K 2
♣ 8 7 4

WEST
♠ 6
♡ 7 6 3
◇ Q J 10 6 3
♣ K J 9 3

EAST
♠ 9 7 4
♡ 5 2
◇ A 9 8 7 5 4
♣ Q 10

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 8 3
♡ A K Q
◇ Void
♣ A 6 5 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ◇

Study the diagram above. After the lead of the queen of diamonds, would you rather play or defend a contract of six spades?

Six hearts is a simple contract. There are 12 tricks on top and, if the defenders lead a diamond, declarer can ruff and collect all the tricks. However, with a nine-card fit in spades and only eight in hearts, getting to the heart slam would require divine inspiration.

It might seem that a spade slam should also be easy, but the hearts are blocked and the queen of trumps is the only entry to dummy. Suppose you elected to play. After ruffing the opening lead, your chances are to find spades 2-2 or, if they split 3-1, to find the player holding three trumps with long hearts as well. Cash the ace-king of trumps, then play off the top hearts. If a defender cannot ruff, you enter dummy with the queen of spades and take two club discards on the good hearts. Unfortunately East ruffs and, in the fullness of time, you must also concede a club — down one.

However, do not be in too much of a hurry to opt in favor of the defense. Suppose that, instead of ruffing the first trick, you discard the queen of hearts! Now you can ruff the diamond continuation and, after cashing the ace and king of spades, play off the two top hearts. When both defenders follow, cross to the queen of spades, drawing the last enemy fang in the process and, on the table's three good hearts, discard your losing clubs. Well done!

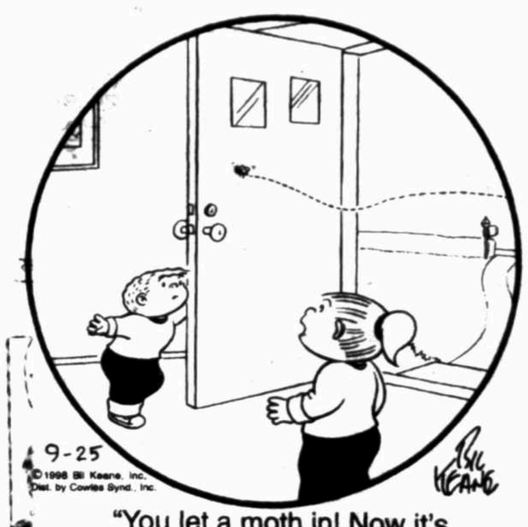
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PEOPLE TODAY

'60 Minutes II' may hire Wallace's son

NEW YORK — The son of "60 Minutes" may be about to hire the son of a "60 Minutes" legend.

Chris Wallace, **Mike Wallace**'s son, is being considered for a role on the spinoff newsmagazine "60 Minutes II," according to TV Guide.

CBS executives are also courting **Charlie Rose**, talking up a deal that would let him continue his shows on public television, TV Guide said.

Wallace, who works for ABC, had no comment. Neither did CBS. Rose was not immediately available for comment, a spokeswoman said.

Dan Rather is expected to contribute some reports to "60 Minutes II," possibly relinquishing his anchor role at "48 Hours," TV Guide said.

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LOS ANGELES — The heavy metal rock group **White Zombie** is throwing itself onto the junk heap.

"After 13 years, White Zombie has accomplished everything we set out to do and we all felt it was time to move on," band members **Rob Zombie**, **Sean Yseult**, **John Tempesta** and **J.** said in a statement announcing the group's breakup Thursday. The statement did not elaborate.



Heavy metal rock group White Zombie says it's "time to move on."

The band's dozen albums include "Supersexy Swingin' Sounds," "Astro Creep: 2000" and "Songs of Love."

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LOS ANGELES — A brush with an excited fan led to "Bathhouse Betty," the title of **Bette Midler**'s first album in three years.

"I was in my house down in Orange County. I was all by myself and I was nervous because I don't like to be alone. It's kind of scary," Ms. Midler said in this week's Billboard magazine. "Somebody knocked on my door and it was a fan. He started shrieking, 'Bathhouse Betty! Bathhouse Betty!' and I thought, 'Oh my God! How mortifying.'

"It was pretty scary, but I said, 'I'm going to call the cops!' and he ran away," she recalled. "But he left me with Bathhouse Betty, and how could I forget that? He was giving me an homage to my days playing the bathhouses."

The album was released last week.

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VENTURA, Calif. — **Lorenzo Lamas** took the city by storm.

Streets were reduced to muddy, trash-strewn paths with Hollywood supplying the hurricane, including lightning, rain and wind, in order to transform the coastal community into a fictitious Central American country for the new syndicated TV series "Air America."

"We want to give our audience 'A-Team' quality action with 'Moonlighting' quality humor on half the budget of 'ER,'" Lamas said Wednesday.

The actor stars with wife **Shauna Sand Lamas** and mother **Arlene Dahl**.

"Air America" is loosely based on the 1990 **Mel Gibson** movie of the same name, about two pilots during the Vietnam War.

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GARDENA, Calif. — **Larry Flynt** has the approval — and the best wishes — of the City Council to build a $23 million card casino.

"Good luck to you," Councilman Jim Cragin told Flynt representatives after the 4-0 vote Tuesday. "I hope you make this so the whole city's proud of you."

Councilman Steven Bradford said a casino would bring more jobs and tax revenue into Gardena, 15 miles south of Los Angeles.

The casino would be decked out in neon and offer 60 gambling tables. Construction is expected to begin within weeks.

The Hustler publisher has yet to reveal the club's name.



The Gardena, Calif. City Council backs Larry Flynt's plans to build a casino there.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A royalties dispute has silenced a musical statue of the late **Bert Parks**.

The statute unveiled last week paid tribute to Parks and his 25 years as host of the Miss America Pageant. It also played Parks' rendition of "There She Is," the song he serenaded Miss Americas with as they walked down the runway.

But Phyllis Wayne, the widow of "There She Is" composer **Bernie Wayne**, stopped the music when she asked for **$50,000**, said Thomas Scannapieco, developer of the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel, where the statue is located.

So the hotel quit playing the song. On Wednesday, hotel officials said their music licensing agreement with BMI General Licensing covers "There She Is," and that the recording can be played again, without new compensation to Mrs. Wayne.

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(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Hm. Improvement	Living in Captivity	Getting Personal	Millennium (Part 2 of 2) 41895		Baseball: Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners 608038					
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(36) LIFE		36	Party of Five: Best Laid Plans 640274		Chicago Hope: Leave of Absence 218699		The Karen Carpenter Story ('89) ** (Cynthia Gibb, Mitchell Anderson) 298835				New Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries
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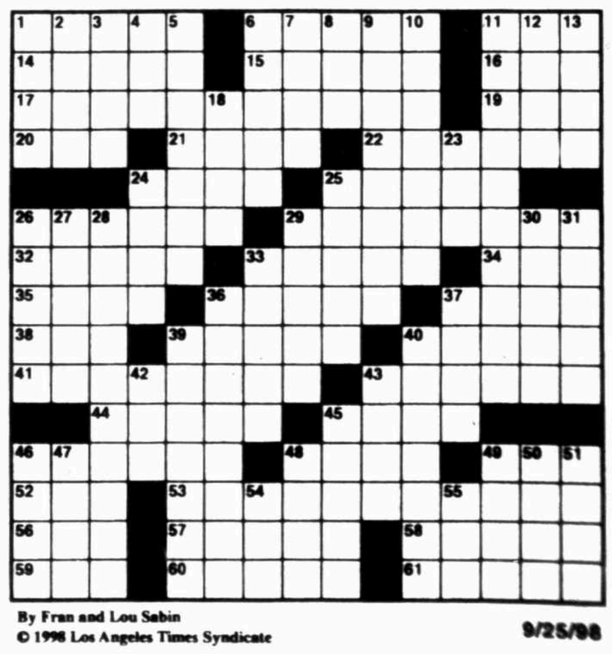
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SHORT TAKES

Openers

"Urban Legend" and **"Ronin"** open today at the Tall City 10.

Box office

Top weekend movies

Weekend of Sept. 18-20, 1998
All dollar figures in millions

	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	**Rush Hour** $33.0, one week, 2,638 screens	$33.0
2	**One True Thing** $6.6, one week, 1,590 screens	$6.6
3	**There's Something About Mary** $147.1, 10 weeks, 2,538 screens	$5.6
4	**Rounders** $16.1, two weeks, 2,191 screens	$4.7
5	**Simon Birch** $8.1, two weeks, 896 screens	$3.7
6	**Saving Private Ryan** $178.1, nine weeks, 2,511 screens	$3.4
7	**Blade** $61.3, five weeks, 2,375 screens	$3.3
8	**Ever After** $59.6, eight weeks, 1,844 screens	$1.8
9	**Armageddon** $195.8, 12 weeks, 1,259 screens	$1.3
10	**Snake Eyes** $53.9, seven weeks, 1,291 screens	$0.9

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1998, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Top Video Rentals

1. "Titanic," Paramount Home Video.
2. "The Wedding Singer," New Line Home Video.
3. "Jackie Brown," Miramax Home Entertainment.
4. "The Big Lebowski," PolyGram Video.
5. "Good Will Hunting," Miramax Home Entertainment.

Top 5 Singles

1. "The First Night," Monica. Arista. (Platinum)
2. "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing," Aerosmith. Columbia. (Gold)
3. "One Week," Barenaked Ladies. Reprise.
4. "Crush," Jennifer Paige. Edel America. (Gold)
5. "I'll Be," Edwin McCain. Lava.

Top 5 Albums

1. "Mechanical Animals," Marilyn Manson. Nothing.
2. "The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse.
3. "Hello Nasty," Beastie Boys. Grand Royal. (Platinum)
4. "Musical Chairs," Hootie & The Blowfish. Atlantic.
5. "'N Sync," 'N Sync. RCA. (Platinum)

Adult Contemporary

1. "To Love You More," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
2. "I'll Never Break Your Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
3. "You're Still The One," Shania Twain. Mercury.
4. "Ooh La La," Rod Stewart. Warner Bros.
5. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden. Columbia.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

1. "What's This Life For," Creed. Wind-up.
2. "Psycho Circus," Kiss. Mercury.
3. "The Down Town," Days Of The New. Outpost.
4. "Somehow, Somewhere, Someway," Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band. Revolution.
5. "What Kind Of Love Are You On," Aerosmith. Columbia.

Hot Country Singles

1. "Where The Green Grass Grows," Tim McGraw. Curb.
2. "How Long Gone," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
3. "26 Cents," The Wilkinsons. Giant.
4. "I'll Go On Loving You," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
5. "Don't Laugh At Me," Mark Wills. Mercury.

Top Country Albums

1. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "High Mileage," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
3. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
4. "For The Record: 41 Number One Hits," Alabama. RCA.
5. "The Key," Vince Gill. MCA Nashville. (Gold)

Hot Latin Tracks

1. "Decir Adios," Carlos Ponce. EMI Latin.
2. "Contra La Corriente," Marc Anthony. RMM.
3. "Perdido Sin Ti," Ricky Martin. Sony Discos.
4. "Esperanza," Enrique Iglesias. Fonovisa.
5. "Tu Sonrisa," Elvis Crespo. Sony Discos.

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How about some pop to go with that country?

Presentation glitzy, but winners indicate CMA still true to roots



After a 20-year career, Steve Wariner finally received recognition by the CMA for song, record.

By Miriam Longino
N.Y. Times News Service

■ **Analysis**

ATLANTA – The producers of the 32nd annual Country Music Awards must have thought they were going to really kickstart the evening by putting sexy Shania Twain, the biggest selling country female artist ever, first on the bill. Sure enough, as the house lights went down, here she came – skin-tight bell bottoms, beefy backup singers and enough pyrotechnics to rival World Championship Wrestling.

But like an overdone dessert, it didn't work. As Shania shook her thang, the star-studded audience gathered for Nashville's annual fete (and, no doubt, many fans in their dens at home) looked like tourists in a Chevy Blazer who had just been sideswiped by a Ferrari Testarossa. Quick! Get out the Triple-A road maps and get us back on course.

If 1998 has been the year of country music's identity crisis, fueled by sagging sales and cries of selling out to pop, Wednesday night's awards showed signs of what Nashville's going to do to fix things: get back to basics.

The list of winners in major categories

Please see **CMA**/1D



Texan George Strait was honored as Country Music Association's Male Vocalist of the Year at Wednesday night's extravaganza.

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Ian Michael Smith, far left, with Ashley Judd, and, at left, with Judd and Oliver Platt.

Buena Vista Pictures

'Simon Birch': Tiny boy with an enormously consuming quest

By Stephen Holden
N.Y.T. News Service

■ **Movie review**

"Simon Birch," Mark Steven Johnson's insufferably precious "reduction" of John Irving's popular 1989 novel "A Prayer for Owen Meany," might be described as the movie equivalent of a piece of stale angel food cake. Bite into it, and what you'll find is a nearly flavorless mixture of air and sugar and more sugar and a texture so parched that a mouthful is almost impossible to swallow without risk of choking.

From its opening scenes, it is sadly apparent why Mr. Irving, who wrote an early draft of the screenplay and later asked that the title character's name be changed and the movie be credited as being "suggested" by the novel, wanted to distance himself from the project. The moment that Simon Birch, the tiniest child in the history of the Maine hospital in which he's born, first enters the world and miraculously survives, the movie flaunts a terminal case of the cutes.

Early in the film, which is narrated in a hushed, saccharine tone by Simon's best friend, Joe Wenteworth, who has now grown up and is looking back on his childhood (Jim Carrey plays the grown-up Joe but isn't shown on camera except for a brief smirking appearance at the end of the film), a shot of Simon's gravestone lets us know that the angelic scamp is not long for this world.

The bulk of the movie, which jettisons the novel's Vietnam War plot, is set in 1964, the year Simon dies. And you may rest assured that if there is a heaven the title character, a partly disabled dwarf, whom Ian Michael Smith plays with the squeaky-voiced "sincerity" of an Edward Keane child brought to life, ascends there instantly.

Hollywood has never been known to be particularly honest about death, especially where children are concerned. But among the silly deathbed scenes Hollywood has concocted, Simon's final exit has to rank among the 10 most bogus. Lying peacefully in a hospital bed after having helped save his Sunday School classmates from drowning in an icy lake after a school bus accident, our diminutive hero appears to be the picture of radiant good health, if just a trifle drowsy. When Joe (Joseph Mazzello plays the 12-year-old Joe) tiptoes into the room, the saintly little tyke sleepily opens his eyes just long enough to recognize his pal and murmur contentedly, "Gotta go now." To which the brave, misty-eyed Joe replies with a lump in his throat, "See ya later, alligator."

Most of the rest of the film follows Simon and Joe around their idyllic New England hometown during Simon's final year on earth as each boy tries to answer a burning personal question. Simon believes his survival against all odds means he has a special heroic purpose on earth. He pesters the scowling local priest, the Reverend Russell (David Strathairn), and his starchy Sunday school teacher (Jan Hooks) to confirm his intuition.

Joe, the illegitimate son of the prettiest woman in town, Rebecca Wenteworth (Ashley Judd), desperately longs to know which of the

Please see **BIRCH**/1D



Donny & Marie Osmond

Donny & Marie bring their toothy smiles to daytime

By Beth Harris
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — He used to be a little bit rock 'n' roll. She used to be a little bit country. Together, Donny and Marie Osmond were either America's favorite brother-sister act or the most annoying.

Their toothy grins and wholesome banter invaded the nation's living rooms on Friday nights from 1974 to 1978, when the youngest-ever hosts of a weekly national television show pelted each other with pies and dressed up in outlandish costumes. He was 16. She was 14.

Twenty years later, Donny and Marie are reuniting for a syndicated daytime talk show that debuted this week (check local listings for channel and time).

After the '70s series ended, they split to pursue separate careers. Both released albums, appeared on Broadway and in regional theater. Yet, as

Please see **OSMONDS**/1D

Grammer gets shot at being king of Thursday world

By Phil Kloer
N.Y. Times News Service

Kelsey's home.

That's Kelsey as in Grammer, and home as the most important patch of real estate on TV, 8 p.m. CDT Thursdays on NBC.

"Frasier," which just won an unprecedented fifth straight Emmy Award as best comedy for its mix of broad farce and sharp drawing-room wit, has its sixth season premiere this week, moving into the slot vacated by "Seinfeld."

But long before Jerry and his jerky friends lived there, it was home to "Cheers," the long-running sitcom that introduced Dr. Frasier Winslow Crane on Sept. 27, 1984, as Diane Chambers' psychiatrist, then lover, then devoted fool.

He's been lovably foolish ever since.

One of the least likely cast members from "Cheers" to be spun off into his show, Frasier Crane has flourished as a comedic character. He keeps hitting rock bottom, then keeps

Please see **GRAMMER**/1D

'Lady' is classic Disney; 'City of Angels' won't fly

By Michael Blowen
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW RELEASES: **"Lady and the Tramp"** — The Hepburn-Tracy of the animated canine world return in one of Disney's finest films. The perfect fit of form and function (a cartoon romance) also features Peggy Lee as the voice of a sultry canine. Who can resist the most famous eating scene this side of "Tom Jones"? One of the few films that deserves to be called a masterpiece.

"City of Angels" — The remake of Wim Wenders's edgy fantasy, "Wings of Desire," doesn't fly. It's bigger and splashier than its source material, and stars Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan, but it remains earthbound. Cage's angelic observations fall flat.

Sept. 22: "Addams Family Reunion," "Happy Together," "Nightwatch," "Fallen Angels."

Sept. 29: "The Object of My Affection," "The Song of Songs," "The Trial," "The Jungle Book: Mowgli's Story," "Milo," "A Foreign Affair," "Two Girls and a Guy,"

Oct. 6: "Lost in Space," "Holiday Toons," "Fairy Tale: A True Story."

Oct. 13: "The Big One," "Black Dog," "It's a Gift," "Million Dollar Legs," "You Can't Cheat an Honest Man," "You're Telling Me," "The Lost World," "I Got the Hook Up."

Oct. 20: "Species 2," "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," "Red Corner," "Hope Floats."

Oct. 27: "The Lion King II: Simba's Pride," "Operation Delta Force 2."

Nov. 6: "Godzilla."

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OSMONDS: Donny sees show as great opportunity to reintroduce talents

(From 12C)

adults, they never matched their teen-age successes.

Then, in the cyclical nature of things, Donny and Marie found the clean living they espoused 20 years ago had become hip again.

"Maybe I never did drugs. I saw friends of mine throw their careers away over substance abuse and I didn't want any part of it," said Marie, who lost her friend, singer Andy Gibb, to drug and alcohol addiction. "In the '90s, I'm cool."

Donny calls their on-camera reunion "a great opportunity to get our talents back out there to the masses."

Just don't expect anything nasty or exploitive a la trash talk king Jerry Springer. (Shocking tidbit! Donny watches Springer and says, "Jerry does his thing very well.")

"There is enough out there that's discouraging and depressing," Donny said. "I want a little enlightenment."

But baby boomers yearning for some of the old hits ("It Takes Two," "I'm Leaving It (All) Up to You") may be rewarded.

"I think it would be wrong if we didn't address it. There's definite possibilities of doing some of the old things, in a tongue-in-cheek kind of way or an updated version of it," Donny said.

"Those songs, as silly as they were, meant a lot to people at that age," Marie said.

In a nod to his days as a Tiger Beat magazine poster boy when he was a member of the singing Osmond Brothers, Donny would love to have Hanson, today's top teenybopper trio, on the new show. They could compare notes about being mobbed by shrieking girls.

Marie is thinking a bit more grown-up. Her guest wish-list includes Oscar-winning actress Meryl Streep and comedian and television pioneer Milton Berle, whom the duo worked with years ago.

Regardless of who drops in, the Osmonds figure what's being said is the key to attracting an audience.

"If we have a great conversation with our guests and make them feel at ease and have a great time, talk about some great stories, the audience is going to have a great time," Donny said.

The duo has two-year commitment for the daytime show, distributed by Columbia TriStar.

"This is the year where we'll try everything," Marie said.

"We'll make mistakes," Donny said.

"But that's half the fun of it, to say, 'Well, we won't do that again,'" she said.

What they will do is have fun together. No matter that he's 40 with five sons and a wife back in Utah, and she's 38 with six kids and a record-producer husband settled in Los Angeles: Their relationship hasn't changed. They still trade the kind of barbs that made their earlier show so popular.

"I hit her dolls around the course with my golf clubs," Donny joked about Marie's line of porcelain collector items.

"And they're all his heads," she cracked.

Having been in show business for 30-plus years, the duo is prepared to be assailed all over again for their sins of the past: drinking milk, being too vanilla, doing cornball shtick.

But this time around, they'll be poking fun at themselves.

"We are what we are. We know why we did certain things. They were important to us," Marie said. "They were important to longevity."

BIRCH: It will be called 'heartwarming,' but it gives 'heartwarming' a bad name

(From 12C)

locals is his father, but Rebecca's lips are sealed. Simon ultimately helps Joe uncover the truth. Its discovery involves a baseball and a tragic freak accident on the playing field. Also hanging around the movie is a kindly suitor of Rebecca's named Ben Goodrich (Oliver Platt), who, after popping into the film with a stuffed armadillo under his arm, seems to have no other purpose than to be a roly-poly all-purpose cheerleader for the rest of the characters.

How dramatic is "Simon Birch"? Let's put it this way: the movie's comic climax is a children's Christmas pageant that devolves into chaos when an acrophobic angel, lowered from the rafters on a cable, becomes so frightened he loses his lunch. The unfunny sequence is so sloppily directed that you can't really follow what's happening from one moment to the next.

Whenever "Simon Birch" can't figure out what pose it wants to strike, it pours on the music (by Marc Shaiman) composed in a generic Hollywood style that ought to be labeled American teardrop. It's all folksy little themes with plaintive undertones. No doubt there are those who will deem "Simon Birch" "heartwarming." It is exactly the kind of movie that has given that hackneyed superlative a bad name.

"Simon Birch" is rated PG (Parental guidance suggested). Young children could be frightened by its depiction of a school bus accident.

SIMON BIRCH
Directed by Mark Steven Johnson; written by Mr. Johnson, suggested by the novel "A Prayer for Owen Meany," by John Irving; director of photography, Aaron E. Schneider; edited by David Finfer; music by Marc Shaiman; production designer, David Chapman; produced by Laurence Mark.

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GRAMMER: 'Frasier' gets chance at entrenching its place in pop culture history

(From 12C)

digging.

Love life? He occasionally shoots and scores, but the writers know he's much funnier when frustrated and humiliated.

Professional life? At the end of last season, he was fired from his dial-a-shrink job at rinky-dink Seattle radio station KACL-AM, along with the rest of the staff. He won't get back behind the mike for awhile, as his resulting crisis of confidence will play out over several episodes.

Family life? As maddening as ever. Brother Niles (David Hyde Pierce) will continue his protracted divorce from his never-seen, ultra-neurotic estranged wife, Maris. ("What do you expect from a woman who thinks a chocolate allergy entitles her to use a handicapped space?" Niles once fumed.) Maris' lawyers will start bleeding away Niles' money this season.

And of course there are housekeeper Daphne (Jane Leeves), who will finally get a romance of her own this season with a rough-edged lawyer, whom the brothers Crane will naturally loathe; Roz (Peri Gilpin), Frasier's producer, now a single mom who's cleaning up her tramp act; and dad Martin Crane (John Mahoney), the beer-and-a-bump ex-cop trapped in his sons' Pouilly-Fuisse world.

It's an unbeatable ensemble, but there's only one name in the title. Grammer has stayed out of the tabloids of late after a string of drug charges, rehab, relapses and rather flamboyant young women. On-screen, he's never been less than clearheaded, a devotee of the late Jack Benny who has brought Benny's slow burns and ticked-off mannerisms to a new audience.

"Frasier" has always been popular, but it's never quite been a pop-culture monolith like "Cheers" or "Seinfeld." Its chance starts this week.

CMA: Pendulum may be swinging back to country in Nashville

(From 12C)

was about as alternative as a roll call of deacons at church. Once again, traditionalist George Strait walked off with the trophy for male vocalist of the year, with Trisha Yearwood copping the award for female vocalist. Garth Brooks was named entertainer of the year. Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn proved their staying ower with the vocal duo award, and underscored the evening's strong return to roots with a live performance of Roger Miller's 1965 hit "Husbands and Wives."

Perhaps the most surprisingly satisfying moments went to longtime Nashville singer/songwriter Steve Wariner, who finally was recognized for his two-decade career by winning single of the year and song of the year for the touching ballad "Holes In the Floor of Heaven."

Sure, there were the MTV influences -- Faith Hill performing the Top-40 crossover hit "This Kiss," Alan Jackson doing his hot-hot-hot new single ("I'll Go On Loving You") with big-screen videos that looked like underwater shots of Tarzan finding his mate, and Martina McBride decked out like a champagne lady from the Lawrence Welk show. But even though newcomers Dixie Chicks (winners of the Horizon award for best new artist) were dressed like Madonna, their bluegrass-based sound was pure Bill Monroe.

Perhaps the sweetest win of all went to Patty Loveless for vocal event of the year. Ironically, many radio stations refused to play her duet with George Jones, "You Don't Seem to Miss Me," calling it "too country."

Maybe it's time to reconsider things. At least Nashville seems to think so.

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Hank's career in 225 track, 10 CD box set

By Shirley Jinkins
N.Y. Times News Service

Hank Williams Sr. would have been 75 last week (Sept. 17), so of course it's time for Mercury Nashville to make some serious cash in commemoration.

Which brings us to Tuesday's release of "The Complete Hank Williams," the all-time, smash-mouth, hands-down, end-all, be-all of Hank Sr. boxes.

Other sets have focused on single aspects of Hank's career, such as blues, singles, radio, etc., but the only thing lacking here would be, say, a two-minute outtake tape of a coughing fit during some recording session.

It's a big, big box, and it's comprehensive. Really. And at a suggested list price of $170, who would expect less?

The 225 tracks, on 10 CDs, include 53 previously unissued ones. All of the MGM and early Sterling Records sessions are here, plus 130 nonsession and radio/television performances.

There are cuts from the earliest Montgomery demos, the later Shreveport sessions, Armed Forces Radio shows, the Health and Happiness shows, and a live one from Hank's European concert tour, with many special gems included.

An August 1952 Nashville demo recording of "Kaw-Liga" has two false starts as Hank tries to get the future classic down the way he wants it.

Kitty Wells and Johnnie Wright join Hank on "Dear Brother," an unreleased 1948 demo recorded in Shreveport when all were on the Louisiana Hayride.

The earliest recording, a simulated radio performance from 1939 that was used to pitch the 17-year-old Hank to live radio programmers, stands in stark contrast to his later works: "Happy Rovin' Cowboy" would give rise to "Weary Blues From Waitin' " and "We're Getting Closer to the Grave Each Day."

Hank's spoken-word work was appealing without being ingratiating or overly emotional. He had a gift for intimate conversation within the confines of mass media. There are the "Luke the Drifter" recordings ("Be Careful of Stones That You Throw"), a radio commercial for Hank's book "How to Write Folk & Western Music to Sell," and a two-minute radio apology to Washington, D.C., fans for canceling a concert due to back surgery.

But the printed matter that accompanies the set becomes ponderous. Two 150-page booklets are included, with 120 supposedly rare photos, ads, posters, LP covers, charts and even handwritten lyrics.

How much is too much? Well, pictures of Hank's guy stuff (fishing tackle, phonograph, guns) don't add a lot and have a cheesy, holy-relic feel. And the telegram from Hank's mom to his sister has been reprinted ad nauseam: "Come at once Hank is dead."

While Williams biographer Colin Escott's "Notes on the Music" is sometimes fascinating, especially the preface describing Hank's era and the music industry as it was then, it is also long. The quotes from modern-day stars are superfluous; who is going to say, "actually, Hank Williams wasn't all that great"?

Much simpler, and clearer, is a foldout time line of Hank's life.

A 2,500-word essay by Daniel Cooper is way, way over the top. "His songs have proven vibrantly resistant to millennial obsolescence," Cooper writes. In other words, they're timeless. "... Williams, alone and in absentia, has had to absorb Americans' need to localize psychic demolition. ..." Huh?

Part of Hank's greatness was that he was a much better writer than either Escott, or Cooper, or this reviewer. Simple as it is, "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" never fails to demolish my psyche.

'Sports Night' breaks all the rules — and is better for it

By Ken Parish Perkins
N.Y. Times News Service

Perhaps because he has never stepped into the TV sitcom grinder, screenwriter Adam Sorkin ("An American President") doesn't seem to possess any preconceptions of how a comedy series should look, sound or behave. The result, "Sports Night," is a different kind of comedy for a different kind of audience that could — who knows? — ignite a different kind of TV era.

Set in the offices and studio of a nightly cable program (modeled after ESPN's Sports Center), "Sports Night" features a young, talented and relatively unknown ensemble (except for journeyman Robert Guilliame, wisely cast as the authoritative station head), as well as a script written completely unlike those that come from the cookie-cutter factory where most writers produce their stories and stereotypes.

Co-anchors are Casey (Peter Krause) and Dan (Josh Charles), likable, good-looking chaps, mid-30s, passionate and, of course, socially challenged. Dan is a wide-eyed single; an impending divorce is driving Casey mad.

Guilliame's Isaac Jaffee oversees the production of this crew, lurking about as the stern taskmaster with a firm, fair heart. Part mother hen, part teacher, Isaac looks out for their backs and climbs on them when they need it.

Although Isaac understands the ratings significance of his lively anchors, his favorite appears to be hotshot producer Dana (Felicity Huffman). Harried and even-tempered, she is the brain food of the operation, a producer who rarely stops moving or directing, even in her personal life.

The "Sports Night" pilot has the production values of an hour-long drama and the pacing of a more serious serial. Its texture is realistic, its tensions chaotic, its situations rarely forced, except for a manipulative gushy ending that supposedly restores Casey's love for the humanity of sports.

My fear is that no one will get what Sorkin and his producers are trying to do. We've become so conditioned to accept sitcoms in familiar packages that the first time people try to break out of the mold, they're crucified. All we can hope is that "Ally McBeal" has softened the way a bit when it comes to "dramadies," those series that are neither pure comedy nor pure drama.

If there's a comparison, HBO's "The Larry Sanders Show" would fit, although in pitting them side by side, one thing "Sports Night" lacks is the kind of comedic cynicism that made "Sanders" such a hoot. Upping its laugh quotient wouldn't hurt either. (Speaking of which ... what will undoubtedly hurt "Sports Night" is the annoying laugh track, which creator Sorkin wanted to leave on the cutting-room floor but ABC insisted on.)

Oh well. Everything's a trade-off. Guess this would be the sound of the newly minted TV producer beginning his journey through the grinder.

Hard times for strong-minded women in TV

By Nancy Hass
N.Y. Times News Service

If transmissions of the new fall television shows were intercepted by a galaxy far, far away, here is the chillingly clear picture that extraterrestrials would get of the human female at the dawn of the new millennium.

She is young, perennially confused, perpetually underemployed and adorably confounded by men. In her teens and early 20s, she is smart and spunky, but approaching 30 she is mysteriously stricken with an unnamed disease that renders her increasingly incompetent. Miraculously, her cuteness is left intact.

A few sophisticated aliens may wonder, as many earthlings do, how these images have come to define femininity in the 1990s. Although the heroines of this season's "Maggie Winters," "Costello" and "Jesse" are more working class than past seasons' Caroline, Susan, Veronica and Ally, it's not hard to imagine them all at a slumber party, scarfing down low-fat Doritos and competing for Most Charmingly Pathetic.

Despite what the data tell us about who we are these days — older, smarter, fatter, richer, more independent — on television we are younger, thinner, poorer and ditsier.

"If you watch television this season you see a very scary message transmitted over and over," says Bonnie Turner, creator of "That 70's Show" on Fox. "Women are simply adorable dopes."

Was it only a season or two ago that the pace seemed to be set by women of a certain age — "Murphy Brown," "Cybill," "Roseanne," "Grace Under Fire" — who raged with self-confidence and irony? Those shows weren't Shakespeare or Chekhov, but at least the characters knew who they were.

The joke was rarely on them. (Can you imagine Roseanne or Murphy sharing pillow talk and bean dip with Jesse and Caroline? Now there's comedy.)

By all accounts, the women on television (at least in sitcoms) are increasingly at odds with the women in the audience, but who's to blame? Advertisers chasing a demographic? Networks too frightened to take chances? Writers without talent? Pressure from syndicators who know that shows about women don't do as well in reruns?

It depends on whom you talk to. In the lightning-fast world of television development, everyone passes the buck. But one thing is clear: in a season viewed as one of the most moribund in memory, the rhetoric is heated almost to the boil.

The writers blame advertisers, market research and, by inference, network executives who, they say, kowtow too easily.

"Some great concepts don't even make it to a cocktail napkin," says Caryn Mandabach of Carsey Werner, the production company, "because the network makes it clear they aren't looking for shows that center around a wisecracking 45-year-old woman."

What are advertisers looking for? Just one thing: young adults. Older viewers are too stuck in their buying habits, or so goes the traditional wisdom. The success of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" has convinced advertisers that women 12 to 34 are an underexploited market. Networks apparently believe the best strategy to attract them is to create young female characters who are appealingly adrift.

An even more prized demographic is men 18 to 34, not only because they have lots of buying power but because they are particularly elusive. They channel-surf excessively and are less loyal than women to specific shows.

Which is why more networks than ever seem to be trawling for boys. CBS is trying aggressively to appeal to a younger, more male audience. Fox and the WB are in a dead heat for the same viewers. ABC's new comedy lineup includes six shows with male leads; its only new female-oriented series stars the 11-year-old Olsen twins.

That has a direct effect on the sorts of women we see on television, experts say. Women, it seems, may control more than 50 percent of the purchases but tend to let men control the remote. NFL viewership, for example, is 40 percent female, though women rarely watch football alone.

"Women will pretty much do anything to get to snuggle with their boyfriend or husband," says Paul Krumins, who writes an influential newsletter about syndication. "Advertisers want the networks to cater to men because they feel they get the women for free."

Among this season's new sitcom offerings alone, two-thirds center on a male character.

"The only people that advertisers want," says Dean Valentine, president of UPN, "are 28-year-old male millionaires, preferably living in Manhattan." Shows that don't focus on men have to feature the sort of women that guys might watch. (Ally McBeal isn't wearing those short skirts for us girls. Ditto Christina Applegate's St. Pauli Girl get-up in "Jesse.")

Some network executives concede that they are under tremendous pressure. When asked where all the strong women have gone, CBS Television's president, Leslie Moonves, a man known for his bravado, hesitantly offered up "The Nanny" as an example, conceding that Fran Drescher's blowsy, sexually ham-fisted character was hardly a role model for, well, anyone.

"Until Madison Avenue realizes what we've been saying all along, that 50-year-old women are as valuable as 19-year-old women, we are in a bind," Moonves says.

Robert Igiel, the Young & Rubicam advertising agency's powerful media buyer, disagrees strongly. "I wish we did have more influence over these shows," he says. "They'd be better."

Other networks blame writers for the fallow offerings.

"We would be incredibly happy if we could find a really dynamic, self-confident female voice that was consistently well written," says Warren Littlefield, president of NBC Entertainment. "But talent is pretty scarce."

Telling the story of the Cold War in 24 hours

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Anyone who thinks a 24-hour documentary on the Cold War is overkill should consider this: it's a scaled-down version of CNN founder Ted Turner's original vision.

In St. Petersburg, Russia four years ago for the Goodwill Games, Turner invited CNN executive Pat Mitchell to breakfast and said he wanted to make a 40-hour series on the geopolitical struggle that ended when the Soviet Union did.

After an argument with producer Sir Jeremy Isaacs, Turner eventually settled for 24 hours.

The final product, made for nearly $15 million, is still staggering in its scope. The first part premieres on CNN Sunday at 7 p.m. CDT, and a new hourlong installment runs each week at the same time into next March.

"Ted believes history matters and he believes television companies have a responsibility to tell important stories," Mitchell said. "He put his money where his belief is on this."

The series comes at an important time for CNN. The network's reputation needs a shot of prestige after being battered this summer by having to retract a report that American forces used nerve gas in the Vietnam War.

Vietnam has its place in "Cold War" (episode 11), but then so does virtually every other milestone in history between 1945 and 1990, so all-encompassing was the struggle for supremacy between the United States and the Soviet Union.

"The world held its breath for 45 years," Isaacs said.

CNN's story begins in the ashes of World War II. The wartime alliance of the United States and Soviet Union had quickly turned to rivalry. The Berlin airlift, Korean War, the space race, Cuban missile crisis, Prague spring, terrorism, detente and the eventual collapse of the eastern bloc are all recorded in succeeding episodes.

Last year, when Yale University historian John Gaddis offered a course on the Cold War, 145 students took it. This fall, 400 signed up, indicating curiosity among a generation whose only clear memory of the conflict is its conclusion, he said.

Historians like Gaddis consider it valuable that the documentary refuses to take sides or stick solely to a Western perspective.

"It wasn't to be from the winner's eyes or the loser's eyes," Turner said. "In fact, everybody lost. Humanity lost in the Cold War, but humanity also won because the Cold War ended peacefully. My generation is alive when we could just as well be dead, and I think this series is going to make us feel good about ourselves."

What's striking to Mitchell in retrospect is the fear within the communist bloc that the United States was bent on world domination. Ronald Reagan called the Soviet Union the "evil empire," but to the Soviets, the United States was that empire.

While the Cuban Missile Crisis is burned into memory, historians now recognize that the two sides may have been just as close to war in 1983, when military exercises ordered by President Reagan alarmed Soviet leaders.

Americans were also convinced at the end of the Eisenhower era that the Soviets were well ahead in the space race. "Cold War" reveals a little-known price paid for that perception: an explosion within the Soviet space program that killed 189 people.

Isaacs said he was left with a high regard for leaders on both sides who held back from belligerent gestures when the results would have been calamitous. The Cold War stayed cold, for the most part, because of all the nuclear firepower each side had pointed at the other. The acronym of choice was M.A.D. — Mutually Assured Destruction.

At a panel discussion sponsored by CNN recently, historian Arthur Schlesinger took the deterrence argument to a provocative extreme: "Does the atomic bomb deserve the Nobel Peace Prize?" he asked.

Fear of nuclear annihilation may have staved off a shooting war, Gaddis said, but there was a price: The conflict probably lasted longer than it should have because people were afraid to challenge the Soviet Union.

And there were many peripheral conflicts where the Cold War turned hot, like in Vietnam, Korea or Angola.

Turner felt the time was right to film the series because only a certain amount of time was available to film some of the major players. Former Kennedy aide McGeorge Bundy, for example, died three weeks after being interviewed.

CNN realizes viewers will need stamina to stay with the series. Each installment is repeated six times a week.

Then again, it's not going away anytime soon.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7774

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City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 7771

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 7324, which adopted a Site Plan for a "Planned District" for a Shopping Center so as to adopt an Amended Site Plan; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00); And ordering publication.

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 7777

An Ordinance establishing Prima Facie Speed Limits along certain portions of Driftwood Drive, Teakwood Trace and Sequoia Drive, within the City limits of Midland; authorizing installation of appropriate signs and markings; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two hundred dollars ($200.00); And ordering publication.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7775

An Ordinance establishing Yield Right Of Way Signs at various locations within the City of Midland, Texas; requiring and authorizing the posting of appropriate signs at intersections; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two hundred dollars ($200.00); And ordering publication.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7776

An Ordinance Amending Title X, "Traffic Regulations", Chapter Four, "Traffic Control Devices", Section 11, "School Zones and Crossings", of the Midland City Code, as to designate each School Zone and School Crossing within the City and regulate the speed and movement of traffic therein; authorizing and directing the Traffic Engineer to install appropriate signs and markings; repealing Ordinance No. 7724; containing a Cumulative Clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two hundred dollars ($200.00); And ordering publication.

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THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at **11:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 13, 1998**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Mike Jackson Construction for a **Zone Change** from TH, Townhouse Dwelling District to PD, Planned District for a Housing Development, on a 0.58-acre tract out of Lot 8, Block 32, Fairmont Park Addition, Section 2, City and County of Midland, Texas, being more particularly described below.

BEGINNING at a point in the northeast corner of the intersection of Wadley Avenue and Whittle Way and in the southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 32, Fairmont Park Addition, Section 2, as recorded in Cabinet "C", Page 51, Midland County Plat Records, for the southwest corner this tract.

THENCE N 15° 16' 25" W, along the eastern boundary of Whittle Way and the western boundary of said Lot 8, 108.16 feet to a point for the northwest corner this tract;

THENCE N 74° 43' 35" E, 233.64 feet to a point in the western boundary of a 20-foot alley and the eastern boundary said Lot 8 for the northeast corner this tract;

THENCE S 15° 16' 25" E, along the common boundary of a 20-foot alley and said Lot 8, 108.16 feet to a point in the northern boundary of Wadley Avenue and the southeast corner of said Lot 8 and this tract;

THENCE S 74° 43' 35" W, along the common boundaries of Wadley Avenue and said Lot 8, 233.64 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing 0.58 acres of land.

(Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of W. Wadley Avenue and Whittle Way.) The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7773

An Ordinance Amending Chapter One, Title XI, of the City Code of Midland, Texas, by permitting a tract of land out of Section 4, Block "X", H.P.Hilliard Survey, Midland, Midland County, Texas (Generally located on the north side of Loop 250, approximately 450 feet east of Billingsley Boulevard) which is presently zoned PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center to be used as PD, Planned District with 1F-2 standards and other conditions; the property described in Section Two hereof which is presently zoned

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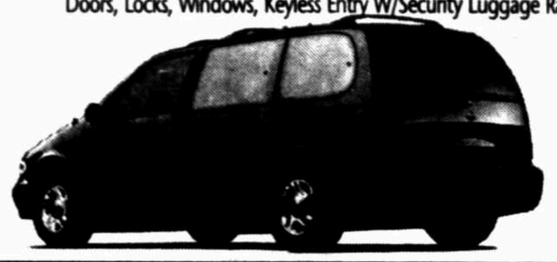
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City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 7772

An Ordinance changing the Zoning Classification of the property set out and described in Section One hereof, which is presently zoned "LR-2", Local Retail District and PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, by permitting said property to be used under a Specific Use Permit without Term for a Utility Storage; Making said permit subject to certain conditions and restrictions contained herein; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00); And ordering publication.

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at **11:06 A.M., Tuesday, October 13, 1998**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request, **ON APPEAL**, by **Poko Lambro PSC, Inc.**, for a **Specific Use Permit without Term**, on a 3.60-acre tract out of Tract 1, Northland Shopping Center Tracts 1 and 3, City and County of Midland Texas, being more particularly described below.

BEGINNING at a 1/2" reinf bar found for the SE corner of this tract in the north right-of-way line of Scharbauer Drive, same being the SE corner of said Tract 1;

THENCE N 85° 31' 00" W, 115.37 feet along the north right-of-way line of Scharbauer Drive to a point found for the "PT" of a curve to the left;

THENCE 283.83 feet along said curved north right-of-way line of Scharbauer Drive to the left (curve data as follows: central angle= 09° 06' 09", Radius= 1723.48'; Tangent= 142.24') to a point for the SW corner of this tract, same being the SW corner of said Tract 1 and the SE corner of Tract 3, Northland Shopping Center Tracts 1 & 3;

THENCE N 15° 47' 58" W, 237.75 feet (record N 15° 10' 00" W, 243.90 feet) to a RR spike found in asphalt pavement for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N 13° 58' 27" W, 328.09 feet (record N 13° 20' 29" W, 243.90 feet) to a 1/2" reinf bar found for the NW for a corner of this tract same being the NW corner of said Tract 1 and the NE corner of said Tract 3;

THENCE N 75° 16' 00" E, 191.75 feet to a point for the most northerly NE for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 14° 12' 00" E, 254.89 feet to a point for an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE N 75° 48' 00" E, 186.44 feet to a point for the most easterly NE for a corner of this tract in the east line of said Tract 1;

THENCE S 15° 07' 30" E, 6.32 feet along the east line of said Tract 1 to a point for the SE corner of this tract;

THENCE S 75° 20' 10" W, 308.99 feet to a point for an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE S 14° 54' 50" E, 103.50 feet to a point for an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE N 75° 20' 10" E, 309.37 feet to a point for a SE corner of this tract in the east line of said Tract 1;

THENCE S 15° 07' 30" E, 324.56 feet along the east line of said tract 1 to the Place of Beginning.

(Generally located on the north side of Scharbauer Drive, approximately 550 feet east of North "A" Street.) The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Sealed Bids/Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, First Floor, Suite 101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 2100 W Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 until 4:00 PM Local Time, on the date indicated. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 4:30 PM Local Time, on the date indicated. The Bids will be opened and read aloud at 4:30 PM, on the date indicated.

The Commissioners Court will select a primary vendor, for purposes of negotiation, following a review of the proposals by all interested County officials, and award the Bids. The Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment, bid opening and the Commissioners Court meeting.

Bid 99MCO176- Pest Control Services, October 14, 1998
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Paul M. Thompson
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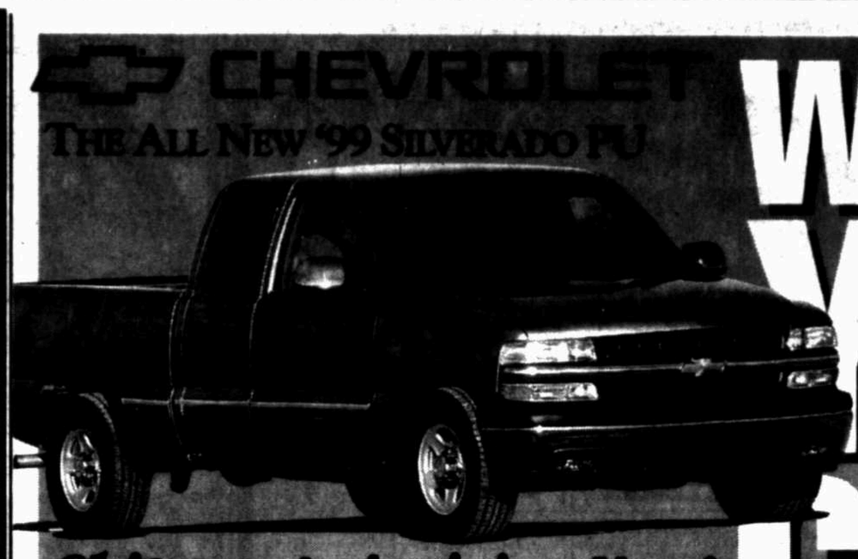
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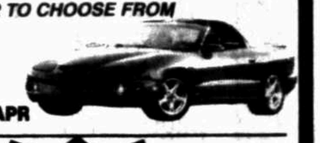
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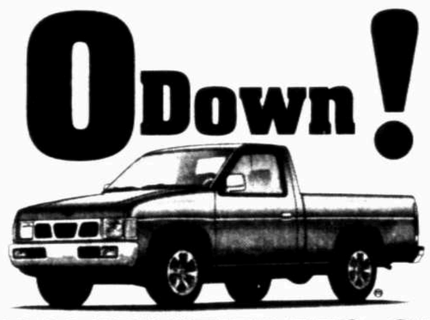
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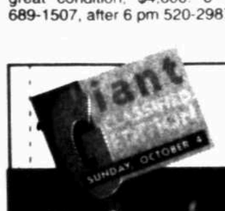
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An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job may call the Human Resources Office at (915)332-0501 or the Employment Office at (512)416-2999. You may also call the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at 512-416-2977.

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BLIND BOX REPLIES
When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: **(this is an example)**

BOX Z-01
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

Readers who are interested in a position offered, but do not want their resume to go to certain companies, can simply address the reply to the specific box number and place it in another envelope addressed to: Classified Supervisor and the address above. Include a list of the companies that you do not want your resume to reach. If the advertiser is anyone on your list, we will shred your resume without opening it. If you have any questions please call 682-6222.
We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

CHILI'S
Now accepting applications for experienced Food Severs. Apply Monday-Friday between 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. No phone class please.

MERCHANDISER
National Video Distributor is seeking a Video Merchandiser trainee. College degree or 1 year experience preferred. Overnight travel during paid training period required. Excellent opportunities for advancement. $18-$24,000 starting salary, all travel expenses paid, medical/ dental/ disability, 401K, profit sharing. Fax resume to: **505-892-1224.**

DISTRICT MANAGER ASSISTANT
Need someone who is dependable and reliable to deliver office routes and school papers in the early morning hours. You will be using your own vehicle and be reimbursed for your mileage. Apply in person: Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland. EOE

→NEW TODAY←
DRIVE 3 Weeks Home 1 Week
Assigned Trucks, Big Power.
Solo or Team,
OTR Refrigerated, Class A CDL with Hazmat
Baldwin Distribution
Amarillo Texas
1-800-692-1333
Dept. M

GENERAL
We're Looking... For Special People
to grow with our 1 year old company. Sales oriented preferred, but will train the right person. High school diploma. Apply in person only 8:30- 11 am or 1- 3 pm, Monday through Friday.
Outsource Resources
10601 W. County Rd. 127
(Near Warfield's)

CATTLEMAN'S
Now accepting applications:
Top Wages
Part Time Host/ Hostess
Experienced Cook
Apply in person:
3300 N. Big Spring

→NEW TODAY←
WANTED: Appointment Setter. Will train. Must be bilingual. Part time. Hourly wage plus commission. 10- 20 Hours per Week. Earn up to $300 Week. Call 570-4435 for interview.

311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
WEST TEXAS Centers for MHMR Case Worker position available. Requires Bachelor's degree in related human services + 1 year experience. Responsible for accessing and utilizing services for chronic mentally ill individuals in the community. Must reside in Howard County. $847.38 bi-weekly. On Call. EOE. Apply: 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas or call Jobline 800-687-2769.

→NEW TODAY←
WEST TEXAS Centers for MHMR has position for Manager/ QMRP available in Monahans area. Will provide coordination and monitoring of services for individuals living in an ICF/ MR residence. Responsible for training, scheduling and supervising staff. Must have Bachelor's degree from an accredited college with major in Human Services field, + 1 year experience working with persons with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. Prefer person with supervisory experience. Must meet requirements for driving agency vehicles. Salary $905.08 biweekly. Excellent benefits. EOE. Applications may be obtained at 1200 N Main in Monahans, TX; 409 Runnels in Big Spring, TX or call Jobline 800-687-2769.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR Comanche Trail Nursing- Big Spring has an opening for full time Certified Activities Director. Qualifications include: working with the elderly, good communications skills, self-motivated. Long term care experience a plus. We offer a full time benefit package and salary D.O.E. Please fax resume to: Administrator, 915-263-4067.

CNA. 2 Positions, 10- 6. 2 Positions, 2- 10. Best pay and staff in the area! Come join our team! Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

♥ **CNA'S NEEDED** ♥
All shifts.
Good Starting Pay!
Apply in person
Courtyard Care Center
3203 Sage St.

FRONT OFFICE Personnel- Busy Pediatric Dental Office seeks motivated, experienced, skilled professional clerical support for their front office. Duties include answering telephones, scheduling, filing, typing, Windows/ DOS, and light bookkeeping duties. Prior experience in the medical or dental field a must. Send resume to: James H. Miller DDS 2461 E. 11th St., Odessa, 79761. No drop- ins or phone calls, please.

→NEW TODAY←
HIGHLY EXPERIENCED X-Ray Tech needed for extremely busy 4 surgeon office. Mail resumes and salary requirements to: PO Box 7046, Midland, Texas 79708-7046.

RECEPTIONIST/ Billing Clerk wanted for busy physician's office. Medical Manager software. Please fax/ mail resume: 685-1700 or 2114 W Tennessee, Midland, 79701.

→NEW TODAY←
MEDICAL- Attention LVNs, RN's, Respiratory Therapists and Paramedics! Become an RN or BSN Graduate and increase your income without going back to school! To schedule your interview in Midland, call Dianne Baskin by October 19th. 1-800-737-2222.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Business Instructor Needed
Send resume or fax to:
International Business School
3305 Andrews Highway
Midland, TX 79703
or fax: 694-7592

ENTRY LEVEL Geologist for field or office work. Send resume to: Box P-06130, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

235 Cars, Trucks & Vans $3,000 & under

HELOISE HINT: Oil and grease spots on garage floor? Apply paint thinner to the spots, and then cover with cat- box filler or sand. Allow the absorbent material to stay on the spots overnight to soak up the oil or grease. Sweep up. If the spots are not completely gone, repeat the process. Fax Heloise @210- HELOISE (435-6473).

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HONDA 1988 CRX- $1,950. Please call 366-0006 for more information.

JEEP 1984 Grand Wagoneer, 163K, power windows, leather seats, new hubs/ brakes. Reduced $2,995 or best offer. Leave message 694-8827.

LINCOLN 1978 MARK V - Classic condition, one owner, fully loaded $2,000. Call Dick 682-2525 or 682-3324.

240 Motorcycles

(2) HARLEYS- 1996 Dyna Wide Glide, 1998 Electra Glide standard. Motorcycle trailer. Call for details, 520-7541.

1984 KAWASAKI GPZX750, turbo charge, fuel injected, very rare, under 20,000 actual miles, $2,500. Days 570-9526, after 6 pm 570-5383.

1996 HARLEY Electra Glide Classic, black/ gold trim, extra chrome, 3,200 miles, $16,500. After 7 pm, 915-573-6503.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 1990 FLTCU. Good condition. 37K miles. Radio- cassette, CB, cruise. $11,500. 520-7701.

HONDA CBR 600 F3- 1996, 3,137 miles, red, black and white. Showroom condition. Krytonite lock, $5,500, 699-4928.

KAWASAKI 1986 Voyager, 1200 Touring bike, low mileage, fully loaded, very good condition. $3,700. Call 685-1231.

→NEW TODAY←
1995 HARLEY DAVIDSON FLSTN Heritage Softtail Special. Over $3,000 in extras! 2,400 miles. Perfect condition, $16,500. 697-2382.

HARLEY 1986 Sportster 883. Red. 19,500K, hugger package, buddy seat, buckhorn bars, Baloney muffler, Live to Ride medallions. $4,650. (915)520-5171.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 1997-1200 Sportster, less than 3,000 miles, cover, perfect condition, $11,000. 684-0056, 684-7166.

Let Classified Work For You! Call 682-6222

240 Motorcycles

YAMAHA 1996 V-MAX, 1,200 CC, 145 HP, Shaftdrive, 9K. Excellent condition, very fast, many extras. Book $7,995 asking $7,250. 687-1530.

WARNING! Before you buy or sell any type of vehicle, read the following facts. You do not have to waste your time and gas! You do not have to hassle with a salesman. www.IWANTACAR.com "The easy way to find a car!"

245 Trailers Utility

20' GOOSENECK FLATBED utility trailer, good condition, $2,300. Call 683-3908, if no answer, leave message.

TERRY'S Trailers, 1403 Garden City Hwy. Hitches, light wiring, trailer repairs. New and used trailers for sale. We also rent trailers. Truck/ pickup rigging a specialty. 688-5198.

250 Recreational Vehicles

1995 MONACO SIGNATURE Series 40' Motorhome, 300 Cummings, all extras. Excellent condition. $185,000. Please call (915)550-4890 or (915)556-4857.

SOUTHWIND 1991- 33', 454 Chevrolet engine, like new, owned by nonsmokers. 38K, for details call 697-2831.

✓ WILDERNESS 1994 Fifth Wheel, 33.5 foot, slide out, loaded with extras. $14,000. Please call 570-1006.

MALLARD 1998 25' travel trailer-(5,000 lb. Regular tow) only used once! Sleeps 6, all the extras, $11,900. 694-3359.

NOMAD 1984- 35 foot fifth wheel travel trailer, good condition, asking $5,000. Please call 685-0720.

PROWLER 1996, 33.5 Fifth wheel with two slide outs. Loaded washer/ dryer and much more. Like new. $24,000. 522-7224.

WINNEBAGO 1984 Elandon, 31 foot, excellent shape, 25K miles, dual air conditioning, new tires. Must sell! $17,500. Leave message 570-5779.

TRAVEL TRAILERS- '95 Coachman Catalina Lite 24', '95 Prowler 19'. Both loaded with extras- prices lowered, ready to sell! Ken's Pickup Sales, 697-6447.

→NEW TODAY←
WANTED: a tow hitch and a small club cab 5 speed Nissan/ or other. 682-5157.

260 Boats & Motors

18 1/2 FT TRI-HULL with 288 HP MerCruiser In/Out Drive. All new interior. $3,900. Call 522-1166.

1970 Newman 17' Walkthru, super clean, lake ready, just completely serviced. New battery, new carburetor. Must See! $3,500 firm. 689-7010.

1992 CAJUN 21' fish & ski combo, 200 HP Johnson, Very nice! $11,000 or best offer. 697-4916.

→NEW TODAY←
KAWASAKI 1993 TS-650 jet ski with trailer, $2,500. Good condition. Call 685-7024.

1995 SPRINT Bass Boat 17', 88 HP Evinrude, trolling motor, fish finder, loaded like new! $6,950. 522-1199 or 522-2969.

12 FT GENERATION II Aluminum Boat. Oars and 4 HP Mercury Motor. $700. Call 699-4995.

1994 MALIBU SKIER Echelon 20' competition ski boat. On board computer with all, all extras! 350 Magnum engine, only 60 hours since new, sitting on like new tandem trailer. Everything super- nice! $16,900. 522-2969, 522-1199.

1988 MASTERCRAFT 19' Competition Ski Boat. 250 hp, 351 V-8, loaded, cover, stereo, tandem axle trailer, Immaculate! $12,500. Kent, 697-2978.

290 Parts & Accessories

THREE FIBERGLASS camper shells, 73" W X 98" L. Fits 1977- 87 Chevrolet, 1977- 97 Ford, 1977- 93 Dodge, Long wide bed, $250 each. 694-8426.

305 Job Services

BEWARE Of Anyone who tries to sell you information about Government & Postal Job Vacancies. This information is free... call 210-805-2402 (24 Hour recorded job info.) or 210-805-2406 (To request application forms). A public service message from the Midland Reporter- Telegram and the Federal Trade Commission.

310 General Help Wanted

Attention Readers:
See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

310 General Help Wanted

ALIGNMENT/ BRAKE Technician. $8.00- $9.50 Per Hour (Depending on ASE Certifications) plus commission on total shop production. Must have own tools and valid drivers license. We offer paid vacation, sick leave, employee discounts, health insurance and more! Apply in person at 2804 W Wall.

ASSISTANT MANAGER position available for persons who enjoy people. 35- 40 Hour work week, seniors welcome. Please apply at Famous Corndogs, Midland Park Mall.

AUTO MECHANICS (foreign & domestic). Must have own tools. Experienced only. Mid-Tex Parts & Service, 800 W. Missouri, or call Gary 682-5259.

BARTENDER NEEDED, experience and TABC certification required. Apply in person. Best Western, Midland, TX.

HVAC CERTIFIED maintenance person needed for Midland apartment property. Apply in person, 5010 W. Loop 250, Midland.

→NEW TODAY←
DISPATCHER needed for household goods moving industry. Experience preferred, but will train. Computer skills helpful. Duties include supervision of warehouse, 10-25 field employees, equipment maintenance. Must operate a forklift. May require heavy lifting. Requires flexible schedule and valid drivers license, CDL a plus. 401K Plan, medical insurance. Salary DOE. Please call 684-6201 or 563-0424.

310 General Help Wanted

CABLE CONVERTER/ Installer- Flexible hours, independent worker, phone and/ or cable converter installation preferred, but not necessary. Dependable transportation, proof of insurance, valid drivers license. All applicants must be 18 years or older. Please apply in person: 15 Byron Road, Monday- Friday 9 am - 4 pm, 694-8240 EOE.

CASHIER WANTED. No experience necessary. Will train. Apply in person at 1103 Andrews Hwy., Midland.

COOK NEEDED by child care center. High school diploma, non- smoking environment. Please call 689-6309. 1007 Austin.

COOK. Nursing Home seeking experienced Cook. Must be able to read recipes, cook for large numbers and maintain a clean kitchen. Prefer experience in hospitals, schools, or nursing homes. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N Main.

→NEW TODAY←
COUNTER AGENT- dependable and responsible, willing to work flexible hours and weekends. Apply at Budget Car, Midland International Airport. No phone calls.

DELIVERY DRIVERS- Part Time Little Caesars Pizza is now hiring. Must be 18 with car, insurance and decent driving record. Must be professional and courteous. Apply in person - either location.

GENERAL- Retired OR want a part time job in a retail childrens store? Call 694-1363.

310 General Help Wanted

DRY CLEANERS. Under New Ownership. All positions open. Experience not necessary. Apply at 905 Andrews Hwy.

→NEW TODAY←
DUE TO Expansion, finance company hiring Manager Trainees. Experience preferred, but not required. Call 683-7613.

FOR RESUMES that get results call 699-1919. Conventional or computer scannable. Professional, fast, affordable service.

→NEW TODAY←
FRONT DESK Clerk needed. Must be able to work nights. Apply in person, Super 8 Motel, 1000 W I-20.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

INSTALLERS/ TECHNICIANS & Warehouse Person, now hiring. Competitive Wage. Insurance Benefits. $401K Plan. Apply In Person At: Heartland Cable Television, 13710 West Hwy. 80E, Odessa, Texas 79765. Or Fax Resume To: 915-563-5044. Heartland is an equal Opportunity Employer.

HOTEL, FRONT desk clerks needed. Apply in person. Best Western, Midland, TX.

310 General Help Wanted

GENERAL- Be a team with us! Great job- weekends off. Warehouse position for self-motivated person. Room for advancement. Must have clean driving record- CDL preferred. Pre- employment drug testing done. Apply at 7812 W. I-20, Midland Monday through Friday 9 am- 4 pm.

GENERAL- Cactus Moon now hiring Door People, Beer Tub and Waitstaff. Apply in person, 1006 S. Midkiff, Midland between 12 noon- 4 pm and 5:30- 7 pm. Wednesday- Saturday.

GENERAL- Opening in Instrument Filter. Salary based on experience. Some travel. DOT, drug test required. Contact Traci at 1625 S. Viceroy in Odessa, Texas. 915-333-4321 or fax: 915-333-7095.

GRILL COOK, part time position. All weekends off. Apply in person: JIBS, 3316 W. Illinois, Midland.

→NEW TODAY←
★ TEACHERS- Midland Childcare Center now taking applications for Teachers experienced with two year olds. Apply in person, 3701 Andrews Highway, Midland.

KENT KWIK
24 Hour * Job Hotline
520-4053 ext. 371

LEASING CONSULTANT needed full time for large Midland apartment community. Excellent benefits. Apply at 5101 North A Street. No Phone calls please. Equal Opportunity Employer.

NAIL TECH needed at Georgia Anna's Nails. Call for more information, 10 am- 7 pm, 699-5844.

310 General Help Wanted

NAIL TECHNICIAN Station available for lease in busy salon. Must be skilled in artificial nails. The Body Shop Hair and Nail Salon. 697-5597, 697-7384 and 699-7629.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY! Person for Service Work. Duties to include: window repair, fireplace installation. Applicant needs good driving record. Apply in person at Triangle Lumber, 5601 W. Industrial.

OILFIELD Supply Company- Hands-on Shop Foreman needed. Valves, small engines, magnetos and wellhead repairs. Benefits. 682-7337.

COURT ADVOCATES. (CASA) Volunteers needed to advocate for abused children in Midland, Big Spring, Stanton, Garden City. No degree/ advanced education needed; training provided. Background check required! Contact Voices for Children (915) 570-1084.

ON THE BORDER MEXICAN CAFE- we are now accepting applications for experienced food servers. Apply in person Monday- Friday.

PART TIME Cook- Days 28- 30 hours per week. Experience required. Apply at 300 S. Baird St. 9:00 am- 4:00 pm.

PART TIME Driver- Days 28-30 hours per week. Experience required. Apply at 300 S. Baird St. 9:00 am- 4:00 pm.

→NEW TODAY←
PART TIME Kitchen help needed Monday- Friday, 9:30-1:30 to help prepare & serve meals. See Max at Trinity School, 3500 W. Wadley.

PART TIME Maid. Could lead to full time for Midland Apartment Complex. Call 694-1349 or apply in person at 5010 W Loop 250 North.

HVAC TECHNICIAN needed with at least 4 years commercial refrigeration/ A/ C experience. Call 915-689-7718.

❤ REPRESENTATIVES
Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT
*** THE BAR ***
Now accepting applications for several lunch and full time waitstaff positions. Apply between 8:00 to 10:00 or 2:00 to 4 pm only- Monday through Friday. 606 W. Missouri, 685-1757.

RESTAURANT- Gili's is now hiring dependable and friendly people for: Waitstaff, Drive-Thru and Bus Help. Apply at 4411 W. Illinois, Midland.

RESTAURANT Waitstaff and Full time Bartender and linecooks positions available. Apply in person between 9- 11 am and 2- 6 pm, Greentree Country Club. No phone calls.

SALON- Hair Stylist and Manicurist stations for lease in growing salon. Low lease. Inez & Company, 206 N. Midkiff, Suite 2A, 689-4411.

SHOGUN'S Restaurant now hiring all positions. Hard working people welcome. Will train. Experience helpful. 570-8888.

EXPERIENCED NANNY- full time. Responsible for one child, cooking, cleaning, etc. Send resume to: 3416 W. Wall, Suite 101, Midland, 79701.

THE WEIDNER Company is currently seeking dynamic, motivated applicants for future positions in maintenance, makeready, grounds, housekeeping, and leasing. The Weidner Company offers competitive wages and great benefits. Team oriented professionals who strive to excel in their careers should send their resume to 6 Desta Drive, Suite 1550, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax resume to 915-570-1686. EOE.

TIRE TECHNICIAN Needed. Experienced only need apply. Now hiring. Apply at Chaparral Tires, 1933 E. Front.

UNDER NEW Management- Need part time dynamic, self motivated leasing consultant. Call for appointment, 694-5950, ask for Janice. EOE.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

ACCOUNTING CLERKS

We have positions open for accounting clerks in our Odessa Office. These positions will be staffed on a temporary full- time basis with the potential of becoming regular full- time in three to six months after employment.

Primary responsibilities will be the scanning, indexing and coding of invoices for accounts payable using the Finance Module of the SAP system software. Will use analytical skills in examining vendor accounts and successfully responding to inquiries. Will perform other clerical tasks as required. Will work in an office environment.

Must have previous accounting experience and have a minimum of six (6) hours of college-level accounting. Must have experience using Microsoft Office 95 or 97. Must be able to key a least 35 WPM and must know the numerical key pad by touch (will be tested). Must have good interpersonal and communication skills, be willing to work in a fast- paced environment and be able to work overtime, if required. Substance testing required. Prefer an applicant who has accounting experience in the oil industry.

Salary: $1,950- $2,000 (Depending on Experience)

Applications will be accepted through October 2, 1998. Hours 8:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday- Friday at:

Phillips Petroleum Company
4001 Penbrook
Odessa, Texas

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→NEW TODAY←

SAP CLERKS
(Systems, Applications and Products)

We have several positions open for clerks in our Odessa and Goldsmith Offices. These positions will be staffed on a temporary full- time basis with the potential of becoming regular full- time in three to six months after employment.

Job responsibilities include data entry into the SAP system using one or more of the integrated modules which are applicable to a business area, such as purchase requisitioning, inventory management, production planning, asset management, project systems and plant/ field maintenance processing. Additionally, will perform other clerical tasks as required. Will work in an office environment.

Must have previous clerical/ computer experience using Microsoft Office 95 or 97. Must be able to key a least 45 WPM (will be tested). Must have good interpersonal skills, be willing to work in a fast- paced environment and be able to work overtime, if required. Substance testing required. Prefer an applicant who has accounting experience in the oil industry.

Salary: $1,850- $2,000 (Depending on Experience)

Applications will be accepted from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday- Friday through October 2, 1998 at:

Phillips Petroleum Company
4001 Penbrook
Odessa, Texas

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316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

Another Day, Another Dollar?

In a rut? How about a fast-paced career you'll never outgrow- selling insurance and financial products and services for one of the most successful financial institutions in the country? we give you the chance to:

Work with one of the most successful sales forces in the industry. Receive comprehensive training- throughout your career. Earn an income commensurate with the effort you invest. Make a positive impact on other people's lives.

If you're ready to take charge of your income, your time and your life, call us right now! New York Life, Stuart R. Jaramillo, Managing Partner, 915-688-3170 or FAX resume to 915-688-3151.

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Excellent benefits included. If you thing the above description fits you and you want to take advantage of a rare opportunity to join our team, send resume; to:

Store Manager
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Midland, Texas 79701

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@ 522-7400 • No coat & tie necessary •
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Kelly Grimsley AUTO GROUP
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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

Sonat Exploration Company, a large independent oil and gas exploration and production company, is seeking individuals for the following positions:

West Texas District

Senior Reservoir Engineer: Qualified candidates will have a B.S. Degree in Engineering, strong personal computer skills and a minimum of 8- 10 years experience in the Permian Basin. Primary responsibilities will include acquisitions/ property evaluation; exploratory prospect economics; reserve estimates and booking; production surveillance/ reservoir management; capital budget preparation; production forecasting; and petrophysics/ log analysis. This position is located in our Midland, Texas office.

Landman: Qualified candidates will have a B.B.A. Degree and a minimum of 5 years' experience relating to contracts (JOA's, farmouts, AMI's), property acquisitions and sales, leasing and title. Requires proficiency in Microsoft Office. Strong negotiating skills, strong interpersonal skills, and the ability to work in a team environment are a must. Federal and State land experience a plus. This position is located in our Midland, Texas office.

Mid Continent Division

Drilling & Production Engineer: Qualified candidates will have a B.S. Degree in Engineering and 7- 10 years industry experience. Primary responsibilities will include preparation of drilling, completion and workover procedures; preparation of well cost estimates for AFE's and economic evaluations; and detailed well surveillance on company operated properties. Requires strong PC skills. This position is located in our Oklahoma City office.

Senior Reservoir Engineer: Qualified candidates ill have a B.S. Degree in Engineering and 10 + years industry experience with a strong knowledge of reservoir engineering. Primary responsibilities include preparation of reserve and economic evaluation studies; divestment opportunities; and the ability to optimize return on investment through exploiting existing fields. Requires strong PC skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office, OGRE and Aries. Knowledge of pressure transient analysis and reservoir simulation a plus. This position is located in our Oklahoma City office.

We offer our employees a comprehensive benefits package, an excellent working environment, and competitive salaries. Qualified candidates should send or fax their resume along with salary history to:

SONAT
Sonat Exploration Company
Human Resources
P.O. Box 12878
Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2878

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*International Consulting company in Petroleum Industry seeks Petroleum and Petrochemical Industry personnel with the following qualifications:

1) **Marketing Manager** with an engineering degree, and minimum 10 years experience working with oil service companies, calling on clients on the following: MWD, Directional Drilling, General Consulting, Mudlogging and ability to respond to tender documents. Previous experience with service company will be of advantage;
2) **Loss Prevention Engineers** with 10 + years recent or present experience (offshore/ onshore) and LNG gas plants or refineries. Must have mechanical engineering degree;
3) **Sr. Quality Assurance Manager** for LNG Plant. Must be degreed (engineer or metallurgy), have management development system experience and have ISO 9000 experience;
4) **Process Engineers** with B.Sc. Chemical Engineering;
5) **Mechanical/ Rotating Equipment Engineers**. Must have mechanical engineering degree;
6) **Facilities Engineers** with B. Sc. or equivalent in mechanical, chemical, civil or electrical engineers.

Resume must verify the 10 + Years recent experience in the particular position. Those without international experience need not apply. Current passport and copy of diploma to be sent with the resume. All are long term contracts. Experience in Africa beneficial. Mail resume and salary history to The Manager, Dept. 0998MDR-IAH, P.O. Box 570728-253, Houston, Texas 77257, or email your resume with copy of diploma to 75102.1570@compuserve.com.

410 Misc. Sales

→NEW TODAY←

DOUBLE BED, 1 year old, like new $175. 2 video shelf units $10 each. Utility shelf $25. 5 drawer chest $25. Hardwood coffee table 4 x 4, $25. 687-5890.

EQUIPMENT AUCTION. Case 580 Super K Construction King Backhoe, Trailer, Pickups, Forklift, Dump Trucks, Lots of Shop Equipment. Call for information, 570-8592. Fred Munoz. TX Lic #6250.

BIG SCREEN TV for sale. Take on small payments. Good credit required. 1-800-398-3970.

★ BIBLE TALK: What Does the Bible Mean by Inspiration? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

TOOL CHEST, 11 drawers, 2 horsepower compressor, Sola-Flex workout station, 6' Christmas tree & trimmings, treadmill, 11 cubic foot refrigerator. 682-5139.

OPEN: CATFISH Pay Lake and Bait Shop. Trout line gold fish, minnows, worms, etc. 381-2355 or 530-2410.

FLEA MARKET. Something for everyone. Open weekends, 2840 Rankin Highway.

RESTHAVEN MEMORIAL Park, 2 plots, $1,000 each, please call (213)656-3371.

RESTHAVEN Garden of Hope, Lot 79, space 1 and 2. Asking $1,750. Please call 570-8301.

SIDE BY Side lawn crypts at Resthaven Memorial Park. 694-6409 for more information.

413 Jewelry & Furs

→NEW TODAY←

EXCELLENT MINK Jacket- Vintage 1960's. Will accept best offer. Please call 689-7658.

BUYING ROLEX Watches. Vintage to New. Cash paid. Call John, 685-1037 or Cellular 559-1785.

415 Misc. Wanted

TWO TICKETS to OU/ Texas football game- October 10, 1998. Please call Gene Abbott, at office 563-2422, or home 694-4091.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

PERMIAN BASIN Farmer's Market is open Saturdays at 5021 Princeton Street and Tuesdays at 1505 E Front. Front Street location will close September 30th. Shop early for best selection!

DELICIOUS APPLES, 60¢/ lb. Green beans, Squash, cucumbers, peppers, 50¢/ lb. Tomatoes 70¢/ lb- limit 10 lbs. You pick. Closed Wednesday & Sunday. 14678 Pecan, Gardendale. 362-5708.

432 Household Furniture

WATERBED FOR sale or trade, king size with headboard. $200. Please call 520-4387.

GLASSTOP BREAKFAST table and 4 chairs, great condition, $100. Please 694-1613, leave message.

KING WATERBED- "No Float", mattress, six drawers, mirrored headboard, pads. Like new, $200. Call 520-8925.

OAK AND glass coffee table, good condition, $75. Please call 694-1613, leave a message.

LIVING ROOM Furniture. 5 Piece set. Couch, Loveseat, Recliner, 2 End Tables. $450 Call 520-4478.

LOVESEAT - BY Massoud of Dallas. "Birds & Fauna" quilted unglazed chintz. Perfect condition. $525. 683-2281.

MAROON Lazy Boy, 1 month old recliner. $250. Please call 522-1356.

HAND PAINTED furniture for sale. Chest of Drawers, Assorted Tables, Etc. Please Call 684-4728.

KING SIZE waterbed, 6 drawer pedestal, mirrored headboard, side rails, mattress, heater great condition, $125 694-1613.

4 WICKER Bar Stools, $100 set. Whirlpool Dryer- $150 Both excellent condition 694-0164.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances 2811 W Wall 699–1224.

SINGLE WATERBED Complete $75. Call for more information. 570-9408.

MUST SELL! Drexel King size pecan bed with or without bedding 570-4568.

→NEW TODAY←

WHITE DAYBED with bedding and matching dresser $125 set. Call 697-4522 after 6:00 pm.

TORO 21" Lawnmower $250. Drexel Heritage queen size bed, triple dresser, large armoire $1,300. Solid wood table, six chairs- nice $375. White metal full/ twin bunk beds, $195. Beautiful velvet couch, $150. Lift chair recliner $225. 915-362-2746.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Revenue Accountant

Local crude oil marketing company is seeking an experienced revenue accountant. Will be responsible for multi- state production tax filings, Federal and State royalty reporting and other areas related to oil and gas distributions. Microsoft Excel and Word proficiency required. Send resume and salary requirements to:

Controller
Box T-05146
c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

STRUCTURAL/ CADD DETAILERS

Local metal building manufacturer is expanding again! Career opportunity for CADD Detailer with structural experience. Send resume in confidence to: Engineering Department, Standard Structures, Inc. P.O. Box 60335 Midland, TX 79711-0335 Fax (915)337-5301 No phone calls please.

→NEW TODAY←
ARCHITECT

Or Qualified Intern, 3- 5 years minimum experience, light travel, smoke- free office, fully networked, liberal benefits. Lubbock, TX. Voice 806-747-0991, Fax 806-747-3705 Landress@email.msn.com.

COUNSELOR POSITION available, 30 hours per week. Masters in social service related field, criminal background check required. Send resume to Counselor, P.O. Box 10081, Midland, Texas 79702. No phone inquiries.

PART- TIME Bookkeeper- primarily payables and payroll, must be able to work efficiently in computerized accounting environment. Knowledge of Excel helpful. Minimum 20 hours/ weekly. May work into full time. Fax current resume and compensation requirement to 915-685-0096 or mail to Douglas C. Bunnell, CPA, P.O. Box 10833, Midland, TX, 79702.

PETROLEUM ACQUISITION ENGINEER. Oil and Gas Company seeks Petroleum Engineer for Acquisition Evaluation and other Petroleum Engineering responsibilities. At least 5 years experience required with Aries background. Mail or fax resume to: 5 Inverness Dr. East, Englewood, Colorado 80112 (303)799-4259. Include salary requirements.

Qualified Mental Retardation Professional

Midland Association for Citizens with Retardation is seeking a Qualified Mental Retardation Professional. Bachelor's degree in human services field and minimum one year experience working with individuals with mental retardation required. Salary based on experience. Full benefits package. If interested, mail/ fax resume to:

MARC
2701 N. "A" Street
Midland, Texas 79705
Attention: Human Resources
FAX: 915-682-2606
EEOC

RESUMES DONE Right!- Professional recruiter will re-do/ create your resume! $25 up. Christine Kalmbach, CTS. 684-5726.

RIO GRANDE Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGEC) is accepting applications for a Lineman position to be stationed at the Cooperative's Marfa office. Excellent benefits package included. Applicants must be able and willing to work under adverse weather conditions, including holidays, overtime and weekend duty. Must have physical stamina to climb poles, trim trees, lift heavy objects, operate equipment and tools. Must possess a valid Texas Driver's License with two or less moving violations and no DWI/ DUI citations in the last three years. In addition, the applicant must be able to obtain a CDL license within 90 days from date of hire. Call Patricia Taylor at 1-800-749-1509 or send your request to RGEC, Administrative Department, PO Box 1509, Bracketville, Texas 78832. Applications may also be picked up from any area office and must be postmarked on or before October 2, 1998. RGEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Let "Sure Sell" Work For You! Call 682-6222

COLLECTOR- Local corporation is seeking an experienced collector. Must have proven collection experience and be willing to collect deficiencies. Must be willing to work 2 nights per week until 7 pm, 40 hour work week, Monday through Friday. Send resume to: P.O. Box 4999, Odessa, TX 79760-4999.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT Bookkeeper needed by Midland Independent. Experience should include extensive oil and gas accounting and computer knowledge. Salary commensurate with ability. Good benefits. Send resume with salary requirements to: Box P-06131, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE clerk needed. Must be bondable. Mail resume to: P.O. Box 8976, Midland, TX 79708.

→NEW TODAY←

ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER/ Secretary, part- time, 30 hours per week. Manual and computer bookkeeping, typing WordPerfect, 10 key calculator, good telephone skills. Fax resume to 694-9371 or mail to P.O. Box 4725, Midland, TX 79704.

→NEW TODAY←

ASSISTANT OFFICE Clerk. Duties include relief receptionist, assisting with mail distribution & errands, maintaining supplies inventory, administrative filing and various other duties as requested. Some lifting required. Dependable vehicle required. Position requires general office experience in a professional setting. Hours are 8:00 am- 6:00 pm Monday- Friday with some flexibility. Company offers full benefits package & progressive salary. Send resumes to Box P-06133, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
* Secretarial * Oil & Gas
* Word Processing
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

FULL CHARGE Bookkeeper needed. Must be bondable. Mail resume to: P.O. Box 8976, Midland, TX 79708.

SHERRY OWEN State Farm Insurance Agency has an opportunity for a Staff Assistant for an ARTICULATE, INTELLIGENT, FRIENDLY & CARING individual with two years of college. Present your transcript and resume at 2611-B N. Midland Drive. Monday-Friday, 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

GENERAL OFFICE help needed, must possess good organizational skills, Microsoft Professional Office, Excel spreadsheet, filing skills, telephone. Part time Monday-Friday 1:00- 5:30, with full- time position a possibility. Competitive salary. Fax resume to 915/682-1249.

JOBS AVAILABLE
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RECEPTIONIST. Front Office Professional. Job requires energetic individual with at least 3 years experience. Busy multi-line phone system. Hours Monday- Friday 8:00- 6:00. Salary DOE. Reply to Box P-06132, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES TRAINEE POSITION

Entry level route position in Midland. No experience necessary, will train. Grocery experience a plus, must have clean driving record. Salary $18K. Submit resume to:

ROUTE SALESPERSON
PO BOX 50357
AMARILLO, TX 79159

WE NEED a few good salespeople. Work for one of the largest manufactured home retailers with the very best built home on the market today. If you are committed to earning $100K plus, not afraid of long hours and have the desire to succeed, we would like to talk to you. We offer group insurance, 401K, and a good draw plan. See Byron Cook or Ron Burnett at Nationwide Homes, 6910 W. Hwy 80, Midland.

SALES: National Company expanding in your area. Managers needed, will train. 888-588-5247.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

COMPANY Needs experienced Sales Representative to sell safety equipment, supplies and service. Salary plus commissions for the right person. Good benefits. Send resume to: Box B-04083, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RAY'S BIG & Tall

is seeking sales help. Full time. Ability to hem a must. Apply in person
35 North Village Court. (Behind Walgreen).

SALES PROFESSIONALS: energetic, outgoing, results oriented people needed now for cable TV sales in Midland. Incredible compensation package, including bonus opportunities. Sales and management experience helpful. Call 1-888-542-7363.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

FIELD SUPERINTENDENT needed with experience in field operations, drilling and workover. Send resume to: PO Box 9388, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308.

→NEW TODAY←

PETROLEUM ENGINEER needed with experience in operations, drilling, workover and regulatory. Send resume to: PO Box 9388, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308.

WANTED: Roustabout Hand. Minimum 3 years experience. Apply in person at 3300 North Ave "A", Bldg 4, Suite 103.

320 Skilled Trades

CABLE CONVERTER Installer- Flexible hours, independent worker, phone and or cable converter installation preferred but not necessary. Dependable transportation, proof of insurance, valid drivers license. All applicants must be 18 years or older. Please apply in person: 15 Byron Road, Monday- Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. 694-8240. EOE.

EXPERIENCED DISTRIBUTOR truck operator. Must have shot for chip seal operations. $13 per hour starting wage plus benefits. 915/940-1690. EOE.

EXPERIENCED Tile Setter needed. Drug test required. Serious inquiries need only apply. Call 553-4257.

→NEW TODAY←

LICENSED Service Plumber needed, construction experience a plus. Clean driving record a must. Full benefits. Contact 685-0003.

320 Skilled Trades

MECHANICS- immediate opening for experienced truck mechanics. Salary DOE. Apply in person, 2214 Carter, 682-8077.

ROOFING help needed. Experienced in wood and comp. Call between 8:00- 6:00, 685-0607.

WELDER NEEDED- minimum 5 years field experience. See Terry at TCO Field Services, 2605 Garden City Highway.

336 Adult Care Providers

EXPERIENCED Certified CNA will sit, live in for $7 per hour. Has References. Caring is our pleasure. Call Linda 699-2406.

ONE PRIVATE room available. 24 hour care, reasonable rate. Loving staff. Please call 682-0231.

→NEW TODAY←

COMPANION SITTER. Light housework. Call 686-0183 for more information.

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

340 Child Care Needed

NANNY Needed part time in my home to care for 2 year old child. Must have references and good transportation. Contact 756-3616, leave message.

FULL TIME Child care needed in my home for 2 children. Monday- Friday, transportation required. 688-4342 weekdays or 520-2271 after 5 and weekends.

341 Child Care Providers

ACTIVE LEARNING program for toddlers- two openings! Love meals, CPR, First Aid. Excellent references. 694-9871.

(INFANTS ONLY) Bring you rattlers, pacies, and blankies. Don't forget your favorite milk, diapers and wipes just for you. Jan 697-6437.

350 Business Opportunities

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card number or bank information.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers. 520-1515.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION! Saturday, September 26, 1998, 10 am Sharp! 3410 Mankins, Odessa, Texas. Complete Liquidation of Permian Basin Technical Services. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. 10% Buyers premium. Auction to include but not limited to: Motorhome, lots of electrical fittings & connections, warehouse full of household appliances & furnishings, office equipment, 16' Ft. Mobile Scout travel trailer, dump trucks, trailers, ditch witch forklift, pickups, lots and lots of shop tools. Too Much To List! Preview: Friday, September 25, 1998, 10:00 am- 4:00 pm. Auction Conducted by: Auction Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004 or 915/570-8592. Fred F. Munoz, TX License #6250.

EQUIPMENT AUCTION. Case 580 Super K Construction King Backhoe, Trailer, Pickups, Forklift, Dump Trucks, Lots of Shop Equipment. Call for information: 570-8592. Fred Munoz. TX Lic #6250.

410 Misc. Sales

14' aluminum boat with trailer and motor. $400. 1 Ruger 7MM rifle with scope $500. 570-0470 after 5:00 pm.

BEAUTIFUL custom made king size comforter, dust ruffle, eight enormous pillows. $145. Please call 694-5102.

→NEW TODAY←

GUITARIST & VOCALIST looking to try out for a local country band. Please call 694-1579.

TWO CEMETERY lots, Resthaven Memorial, in Garden of Hope. Please call 682-1486.

410 Misc. Sales

DESIGNER PHONE in dark wooden box, phone is almond color. $50.00 or offer. 697-8376. Anytime.

BARGAINS on Vacuum Cleaners New or Rebuilt. Also, Shipping & Fax Service. Wrightway Vacuum Center, Midkiff & Wall. 520-6464.

COLEMAN POWER Mate 5000 generator, 10 horsepower, $350. Onan electric generator $275. 694-8426.

→NEW TODAY←

NORDIC TRACK Pro with work out computer and video. Excellent condition. $450. 697-6906.

→NEW TODAY←

CARDIO GLIDE & Spacemate treadmill. Baldwin organ. Bedspread/ shams. Blue bath rug set, lace shower curtain. 697-5208.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

LAZY BOY Lounger. Flexsteel rocker. Baby cribs- like new. Lovely homemade quilts. Reasonably priced. Call 915-756-3682. Stanton.

HOSPITAL BED- no rails, built-in massage, excellent condition. $550. Please call 915-520-8876.

SONY RECEIVER, tape deck, four speakers. Kenwood 100 disk CD changer with rack, $200. U shaped office desk with hutch $95. Brother Word Processing typewriter, new, still in box, $125. 3 in 1 plain paper fax machine, like new, $100. 686-7123.

→NEW TODAY←

RIDING MOWER. Sears Kohler, like new, paid $2,000, sell $1,300. Schwinn Airdyne $250. Moving! Have much more! 570-7161.

DOG HOUSES- new $35/ $45, Glider Swing $65. Bookcases $35. Porch Swings $35. Call 563-0452.

EXECUTIVE CHERRY Wood Desk, large drafting table and stool, large Pet Taxi. 682-5041 evenings.

COMMERCIAL CARPETING- 500 square yards, good shape. $4.50/ square yard. Call 699-5911.

CANDY MACHINE for sale. Call 563-0254 extension 17 before 4 pm, 699-4431 after 5.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, riding/ push mowers, antique bamboo/ hutch/ dining sets. 570-4851.

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79701

ESTATE SALE
2003 COMMUNITY LANE
Fri. & Sat. 9 am- 2 pm
Sun. 1 pm - 4 pm

Furniture: Camel back sofa, Drexel dining table/ 6 chairs, China cabinet, Server, Entry hall table, Occasional tables and chairs, King bedroom suite, Dresser with mirror, Bedside table, Kitchen table/ chairs, Patio table/ chairs, Desk & More!

Decorative Items: Antique Lusters, Lamps, China, Crystal, Porcelain, Cat collection, Linens & More!

Miscellaneous: Huge collection of 78 & 33 records, many old Midland photo prints, frames, pots & pans, sewing notions, washer & Dryer, TVs, Books, & More!

Judy Jackson's Estate Sales

BARGAINS on Vacuum Cleaners. New or Rebuilt. Also, Shipping & Fax Service. Wrightway Vacuum Center, Midkiff & Wall. 520-6464.

1205 S FORT WORTH. 4 Family Sale! Saturday only, 9:00- ?? Lots of good stuff!

1904 GARDEN CITY HWY (next to Tommy White Supply Co.). Tools, lawn equipment, 2- camper shells, chains, boomers, travel trailer, stock trailer, car, tires. Lots more! Friday & Saturday 8- ?

☆ 1009 W Cuthbert- Saturday 8- 12. W W II Ration stamps, 1910's 18" brass blade, G E fan, 1811 wheel spoke shaper, 1920's calenders, antique furniture, old toys, Masters of the Universe collectables, cigarette lighters, TV.

★ 1804 W. TENNESSEE- Saturday 8- 2. Multi- Family Sale!!! Everything Must Go!!! Kitchen table and chairs, entertainment center, coffee and end tables, rocker, baby items, stroller, wrought iron chase lounges, children and adult clothing, toys, lots of miscellaneous!

204 W. JAX- Friday 8- ? Saturday 8- 12. Futon, complete twin bed, comforters, miscellaneous!

316 W. HART. Thursday & Friday 8:30 till. Set of WW2 books, glassware, iron skillet with lid, very nice ladies large clothes.

1204 N. Pecos- Living Estate Sale! Saturday 8- 12. Electric lawn mower, microwave, passive exercise bike, sofa, chair, game table & chairs, bookcase, books, linens, pictures, men's clothing, complete double bed, Christmas decor, kitchen items/ appliances, hardware, etc.

79701

2008 PRINCETON- SATURDAY Only 8- 1. Children's items, baby accessories, miscellaneous.

ESTATE SALE
2005 HUGHES
Friday and Saturday
September 25th & 26th, 9- 4

Depression glass, Iris pattern, Red transferware, Opalescence, Cambridge.

Sterling Silver, old china, old linens, designer clothing, exquisite jewelry, maple table and chairs, maple twin bedroom suite, Mission desk, oak rocking chair, washer, dryer, refrigerator, freezer, recliners, sofa. Christmas collectibles, camping equipment. Too much to list!

3214 WEST MICHIGAN, Saturday 8 TO 3!! Sunday 8 to 12!! Three family sale!! Computer, fax machine, furniture, clothing, miscellaneous!!

2800 W. Washington, Warehouse sale! Clothes, appliances, miscellaneous! Friday - Saturday 9- 5.

3200 SAGE, APARTMENT #8- Saturday and Sunday 8 am- 4 pm. A/ C and heating parts, tools, guns, lights, miscellaneous items.

1302 W. TENNESSEE- Two Family Garage Sale! Household items, clothes, miscellaneous! Friday only 8 am.

79703

★ 3803 DOUGLAS- Moving Sale! Everything must go! Furniture, computer desk, Evenflow infant seat and stroller, lots of miscellaneous! Friday only 8 am.

3304 STOREY- Huge Garage Sale!!! Lots of furniture, childrens clothing, exercise equipment, Pico game, 1993 Buick Century Special, and lots of miscellaneous! Saturday 7 am- 3 pm.

3502 ROOSEVELT- Friday & Saturday 8 am. Coffee table, end tables, microwave & stand, magnet display, filing cabinet, glass shelves, ribbon, frames, mirrors, craft supplies overflowing, miscellaneous galore.

4713 RIC Drive, Saturday, 8- 6!!! Moving!! Everything goes!!! House, Furniture, clothes, TV, stove, miscellaneous!! 694-7222!!!

5021 & 5011 JOY DRIVE- Saturday, 8 am. Exercise equipment, home decor, clothes, lots more!

125 N. DEWBERRY DR. Air conditioner, horse stuff, antiques, children's clothing, furniture, arts and crafts, lawn mower. Saturday only.

113 N. GLENWOOD- Yard Sale! Friday only 8- 3. Childrens clothes all sizes, lots more!

79703

119 S GLENWOOD. Friday- Saturday, 8:00- 3:00. 2 Family Sale! Books, baby clothes, toys, lamps, furniture, dishes, lots of miscellaneous!

4003 W WALL. Come and browse through all kinds of wrought iron railings, doors, window guards, gates, scrap iron, ornamental patterns, framed windows and much more! Friday- Saturday, 10:00 am- 6:00 pm. All items- Cash & Carry!

5122 BELAIRE. Saturday 8- 1. Tricycle, girls bicycle, BBQ pit, gun cabinet, nice glassware, miscellaneous.

79705

4303 NICKLAUS, Everything must go, need car back in garage!! Friday 8 AM until 1!! and Saturday, 8 Until it's gone!! Lots of clothes, knick knacks, miscellaneous items!!

2509 SEABOARD. 3 Families. Antique oil signs, kids toys, baby items, gun, women's/ childrens clothing. Lots More! Saturday 8- 1.

725 DORMARD- Gigantic multi family sale. Saturday 8:30- 1:30. Dishwasher, trash compactor, sink, bikes, skis, luggage, toys, baby items, computers, chairs, lawn mower, TV, bed, shelves, exercise bike, vacuum, roller blades.

♥ 1706 MABERRY (north of Golf Course Road, in alley). Saturday only 8- 12. Cameras, chest, desk, piano keyboard. Lots of children's books, toys, games, name brand clothes, Nintendo 64 games, and much more.

ANTIQUES! ANTIQUES! ANTIQUES!
3106 NEELY
Too many items to list!
Very nice pieces!
Saturday, 7:30- 4:30

1206 STANOLIND. Friday, Saturday 8 until 12! Two family sale!! Baby furniture, Little Tyke toys, Powerwheels jeep, computer, automotive items!

ESTATE- MOVING SALE
706 W. SPRUCE
FRIDAY/ SATURDAY 8- 3
Everything must go! Furniture, small appliances, exercise equipment, dishes, glassware -- too much to list!!! Please come - you won't believe it!

1901 JACOTTE CIRCLE, Saturday 9 until 3!! Lots of nice young girls clothes, miscellaneous items!!

2819 W SHANDON. MOVING. Stove, telephone, lamps, lawn tools, clothes, lots of miscellaneous. Friday 7 am.

CORNER OF HAYNES and Garfield. Saturday 8- 2. Clothes, tools. No Early Birds!!

2812 STUTZ in alley. 3 Family Garage Sale! Friday- Saturday, 9:00- ?? Bed, furniture, books, childrens clothing.

79705

★ 5003 CHAPEL HILL (Alley). Wow! Like new! Crib with mattress, stroller- Getting rid of a whole room! Couch, recliner, wall hangings, etc!!! Carseat, clothes for everyone, toys, knick knacks, etc!!! Saturday, 8:00- 1:00.

☆ 4701 RICHMOND COURT. 4 Family garage sale!! Saturday 8:00- 2:00. Miscellaneous furniture, ping pong table, computer equipment, golf clubs, appliances, accessories, baby items, children through adult clothing, maternity wear, toys, bicycles, etc!! Great selections.... Don't miss out!!!

2804- B N. PECOS. Inside moving sale. Saturday only 8- 5. Everything must go: furniture, baby items, clothing lots of ladies plus sizes. Call 683-0022.

▲ 2403 STUTZ PLACE (in alley)- kitchen cabinets, oven, electric cook top, gas range, freezer chest, sink, cane chair, vent hood, twin head/ footboard, lamps, draperies, pictures, toys, clothes, videos, books, lots of home decor and Much More! Saturday, September 26th, 7 am.

❤ 4905 VISTA WEST PKWY (North Midkiff, right on Bluebird and right on Vista West.). Hide a bed sofa, love seat, large sofa, treadmill, 4 wrought iron lawn chairs, home stereo equalizer and tuner, wicker glass top coffee table, clothes and miscellaneous. Saturday 7:30 am. No Early Birds!!!!

4405 DALTON, Saturday 7:30 AM! Moving sale!! Electric train, triple dresser, swivel rockers, weight equipment, collectibles, much miscellaneous!!

2507 "B" HAYNES, Friday & Saturday, 7:30 AM!! Two refrigerated window units, gas stove, exercise equipment, large oval braided rug, miscellaneous!!

✿ 2600 SPARTAN (off Neely and Midkiff). 3 Family Moving Sale. Friday 8- ? Everything must go including house. Household furniture, small business phone system, copier, children's toys, clothes, small appliances, knick knacks, dishes, miscellaneous.

✿ 2821 GODDARD PLACE- Two Family Garage Sale, Saturday 7:30. Hospital bed, queen size beds, TV, computer, Little Tikes Playhouse, little girls toys and clothes (4T- 10), drapes, exercise bike, bedspreads, animal cage, childrens videos, childrens bikes, books, games, and lots of miscellaneous!

101 E. DORMARD- Two Family Sale! 7:30- 2 pm. Lots of baby clothes & mens, womens jeans.

✂ #10 LINDA COURT, Saturday, 8- 5. Dryer, beds, clothes, pots & pans, tools, etc. Come see, we've got lots of good stuff!

79706

4604 SOUTH COUNTY ROAD 1185. Glassware, garden tiller, lawnmower, clothes, bath vanity, clothes dryer, waterbed, microwave, lots more! Friday- Saturday, 8 till ??

79707

4601 ST. ANDREWS- Saturday 7 am Furniture, clothing, lots of good miscellaneous!

3809 CRESTGATE. 3 Families- Furniture, office and household items, clothes, toys. Saturday only 7:30- Noon.

2102 ROSITA. 4 Family Sale! TVs, typewriters, furniture, dryer, jukebox, much more! Saturday, 26th, 8:00- 1:00.

3913 EDGEBROOK- Saturday 8 am- 10 am. Baby items, furniture, clothes, and much good miscellaneous!

• • • • 4414 W. STANOLIND (off north Midland Drive). JUST MOVED sale. Thursday thru Saturday 8- 5:30. Living room and den furniture, breakfast table/ chairs, china, kitchen things, linens, records, jewelry, washer, dryer, refrigerator, lawn mower, tools, misc. items. Handled by Floy Maberry.

4501 AMISTAD- Moving Sale. Everything must go! Children's clothes, housewares, commercial dinette set and more! Saturday 8- 2.

5726 RIDGEMONT, Friday 4:30- 7:00 PM. Recliner, office chair, clothes, toys, lots more!!

3903 CRESTRIDGE DRIVE (North of Loop 250) Saturday, 7:30- 2:00. Christmas tree & decorations, bicycles, aquarium, black headboard & nightstands, toys, kitchenware, gas grill, lots of clothing & miscellaneous!!

3406 OAKMONT, Friday 9 to 2!! Six family sale!! Clothes- all sizes, hutch, lounge chairs, furniture, toys, household items, bedding, miscellaneous items!!

3503 WADLEY, Friday and Saturday, 8 AM until 1 PM!! Priced to sell!!

3610 CRESTMONT. Men's, women's & children clothes, toddler bed, toys, miscellaneous items. Saturday 8 am.

3302 DENTCREST, Friday and Saturday, 9 AM until 4 PM!! Collection of comic books, lots of toddler- baby- adult clothes, ceiling fan, lots of miscellaneous!!!

4510 ST. ANDREWS (in back, use gate on side). Saturday 9 am- 1 pm. No early sales. Lots of clothes. Exercise machine, small organ, knickknacks.

✔ 4454 DOGWOOD COURT (Greentree South), Saturday only 9 am. Something for everyone including lawn and reel mowers, gas grill, childrens, teens, miscellaneous.

3302 DENTCREST, Friday and Saturday, 9 AM until 4 PM. Collection of comic books, lots of toddler- baby- adult clothes, ceiling fan, lots of miscellaneous items.

79707

✔ 4125 SPRINGFIELD Court (in alley) Saturday 9- 3. - Redecorating Sale- Lots and lots of home interior, tons of greenery, artificial flowers, Coppercraft candle holders, brass pots, wicker baskets, pictures, mirrors, artificial trees, lamps, movie racks, yard bench, exercise bike, microwave cart, bar stools, figurines, sofa, love seat, swivel rocker, end tables, coffee tables, sofa tables, outdoor pots. No early sales!

☞ 4417 GULF, Friday/ Saturday 8 am. Indian decor, 5 CD stereo, Sinatra albums, roaster oven, stroller, car seat, baby boy- girl, maternity, large womens, cookbooks, toys.

4204 DAWN CIRCLE. Trundle bed, VCR, video movies, Playstation games, toys, lots more. Saturday 9- 3.

3601 MEADOWRIDGE (Trinity Meadows). "Shop us first!" 4 Families, Friday 8 AM- 4 PM!!

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Bdrm	Bedroom
Ba	Bath
Kit	Kitchen
Dbl	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm	Master Bdrm.
Gar	Garage
Bldg	Building
Cond	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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730 Suburban Property

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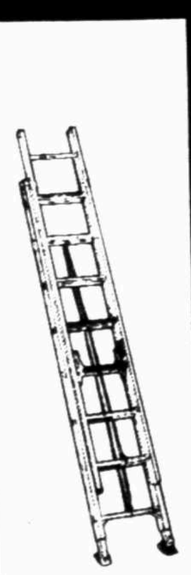
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