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UTPB to host meetings on economic diversification

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

It is a phenomenon not limited to Midland.

Less-than-stable oil prices have caused grave concerns in a number of small West Texas communities, and currently, many of those towns lack the economic resources to survive a prolonged oil slump.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will present a meeting next week that officials hope will shed light on diversification ideas that could help those small towns keep their collective heads above water.

For the first time ever, leaders from every city with a population under 50,000 in West Texas have been invited to come together to discuss economic development programs to help diversify their economies.

With the exception of Midland, Odessa and El Paso, every West Texas town has been asked to attend the meeting, which is scheduled for July 22 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED) building.

Troy Williamson, director of the EDA (Economical Diversification Administration) University Center at UTPB, will facilitate the meeting. The idea, according to Williamson, came about because of erratic oil prices, government projects that have been discontinued and the drought, all of which have combined to have a serious impact on smaller communities.

"We want to educate cities on state and federal programs they may not be aware of that could help their ideas become realities," Williamson said. "Being the first time, I am not sure what to expect as far as a turnout, but I suspect it will be a success and we plan on having this kind of meeting

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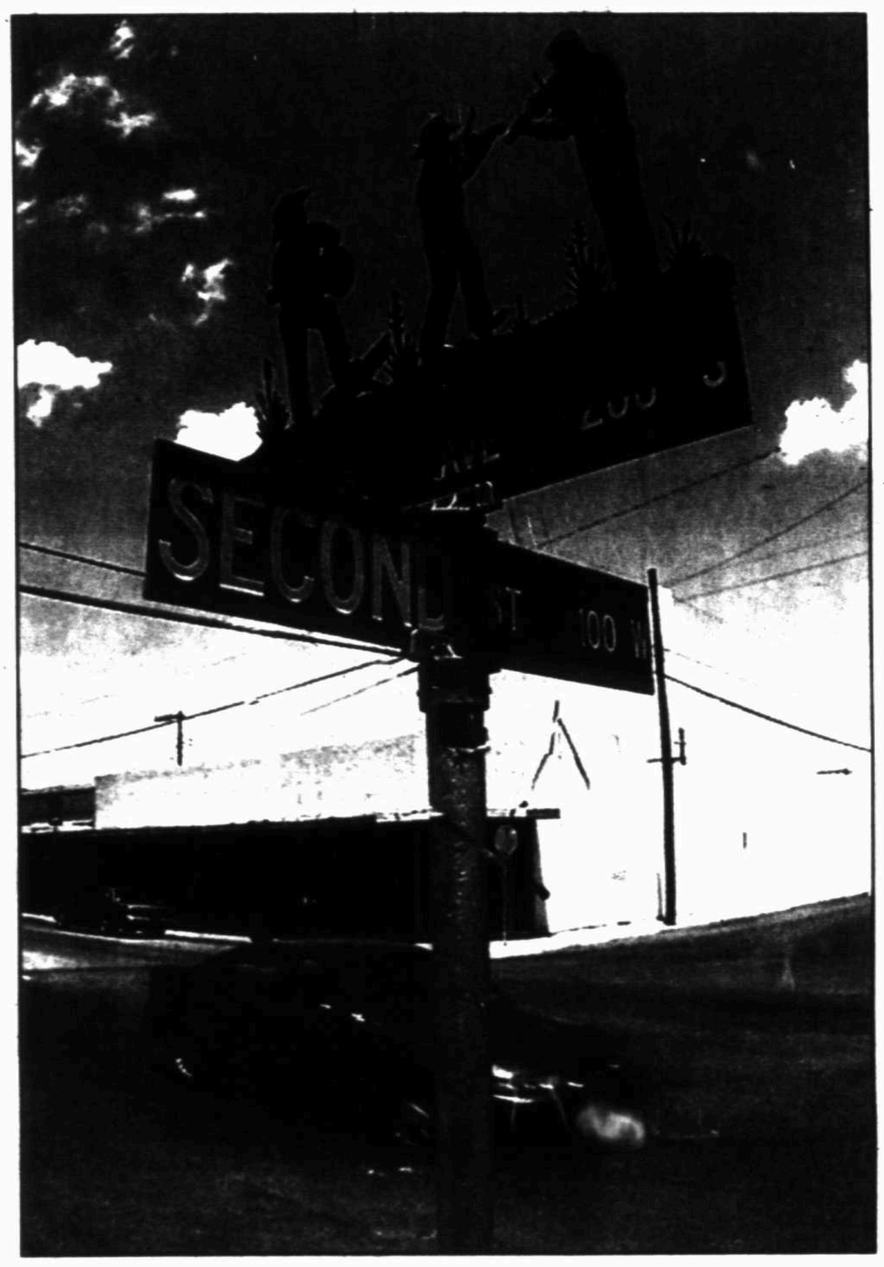

ABOVE Monahans has been aggressive in its efforts to diversify its economy, but so far nothing has worked.

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AT LEFT Stanton City Manager Danny Fryar said his community is content to be a "bedroom city" for Midland and Big Spring.

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Shooting incident brings suspension for 6 MPD officers

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Three longtime Midland police sergeants and two patrol officers each received two to four days of suspension in connection with a shooting incident they failed to report to administration, Chief John Urby confirmed Wednesday.

Urby said the shooting occurred 11 a.m. March 21 outside Officer Paula Bynum's residence on Country Club Drive.

Ms. Bynum, 39, is a K-9 handler with the Police Department.

He said that Ms. Bynum, who was off duty that day, fired a bullet into the ceiling of her garage with a handgun she usually carries as a service weapon.

Urby said the shooting was witnessed by another off-duty officer, Laura Gilmore, 25. Two other witnesses near the scene heard the shots, but are not police officers, Urby said.

Off-duty officer Tabitha Stanley, 25, also heard the shots from her house across the street and went to check up on Ms. Bynum.

Though no one was injured in the shooting and the house damage was minimal, all of the officers were obligated to report the shooting to their supervisors immediately, Urby said. That's the procedure that officers must follow each time he or she discharges a weapon anywhere other than a shooting range, a ballistics lab or a hunting activity, Urby said.

Instead, one of the officers contacted off-duty bomb expert Sgt. Andy Glasscock, 47, who Urby said was a personal friend of Ms. Bynum.

Ms. Stanley contacted her supervisor, off-duty Sgt. Bernie Kraft, 33. Ms. Gilmore contacted her off-duty supervisor, Sgt. Ken Rogers, 11 hours after the shooting.

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"No one was in danger and the damage was minimal, so they thought 'Let's just not say anything,'" Urby said. "At this time, it's hard to say it was a cover-up. When you have that many people in the same room, there's going to be some finger-pointing and misunderstanding."

As a result, none of the officers had ever reported the shooting to the chief's office.

"One officer thought that the other had told their supervisor and so on," Urby said.

The shooting was not reported to administration until six weeks later. It was finally brought to the chief's attention by a sergeant who heard the rumors circulating among the officers, Urby said.

On May 4, the Internal Affairs Division initiated an investigation and concluded that the six officers had violated the department's General Orders by: 1) not reporting the shooting to police administrators and 2) not making a written report immediately after it happened.

"They should have contacted a supervisor, lieutenant or a dispatcher," Urby said.

Usually, a dispatcher who receives a call for a shooting summons a police shooting team to the scene, Urby said. The shooting team collects statements and evidence to determine if any rules under the General Orders were violated.

Some of the officers received more citations that others, Urby said.

Urby on Monday issued the following punishments:

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Despite oil price boost, industry members express concern at meeting

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

AUSTIN — Low oil prices, severance taxes, technology, natural gas, regulations and a devastated oil and gas infrastructure were the main topics of concern as more than 100 members of the Texas oil and gas industry, legislators and association executives met at the 50th annual State of the Oil & Gas Industry meeting in Austin Wednesday.

State Sen. Tom Haywood from Wichita Falls took the lead in calling for the total repeal of severance taxes on oil and gas production.

"After 100 years this tax has outlived its usefulness, and the strain it puts on producers is simply not worth it," Haywood said.

He said Texas was now in a position to find the revenue elsewhere.

State Rep. Judy Hawley, a member of the House Energy Committee who helped lead the battle for severance tax relief, said the industry must continue to educate the Texas Legislature and fellow Texans about the severance tax and other issues. Ms. Hawley said that even though oil prices went up two weeks after House Bill 290 was approved, providing temporary severance tax relief, the bill nevertheless was needed because it gave hope to the industry, and may have spared some jobs and some wells.

Many of those presenting statements at the meeting — which was first held more than 50 years ago to determine proration for Texas — noted that Texas was entering into a new era in which natural gas would be the equal, if not dominant, commodity.

State. Rep. Tommy Merit said oil prices and the emerging gas market dictated that Texas have its own energy policy. He said natural gas should be given the same "green and clean fuel designation" as solar and wind power. He said if Texas did not set its own energy policy the federal government would.

Former Texas Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance said the outlook for stable oil prices was good. "OPEC is now 90 percent in compliance with its promised production cuts of 2 million barrels per day," Hance said, adding that there were new projections to show that the demand for petroleum would increase dramatically in the future.

He said if Asia were to grow to its full market potential there would not be enough petroleum in the world to supply the demand.

Midlander Jim Henry, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said there was even hope that the price of oil would spike in the future as demand grew. He said oil prices could spike above $30 per barrel.

But more than a few at the meeting expressed concern about the devastation of the oil and gas infrastructure that resulted with the elimination of 100,000 jobs from the upstream and downstream sectors of the oil and gas industry during the 18-month price crash.

"The infrastructure is gone," said Larry Hulsey, an oil and gas operator from Graham.

The meeting also saw Bill Murray and Louis A. Beecherl honored as petroleum pioneers.

Beecherl is the former chairman of Texas Oil and Gas, which became one of the first major intrastate pipeline companies in Texas.

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The 7 percent solution: Midland County judge asks department heads to make budget cuts

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Judge Bill Morrow is counting on teamwork among the "7-percenters" to help bail county government out of a deficit and to balance 2000's woeful budget.

As the county's chief fiscal officer, Morrow is asking the county's department heads, rather than the Commissioners' Court, to trim their proposed 2000 budgets by 7 percent based on their 1999's budgets.

"It looks like we will have to get it done," said Sheriff Gary Painter, who had requested an increase in his budget.

Morrow said that there will be no salary increases among the county's 425 employees. There also will be a decrease in the use of cellular telephones, for example, to aid in cutting expenditures, he said.

How the cuts are made would be up to the individual department heads, Morrow said. The county has about 30 elected and appointed officials. But the final budgetary decisions are those made by the Commissioners' Court.

"We need a 7 percent cut from each department," Morrow said on Wednesday following budget study, which is to resume Monday. "That should be the target."

Morrow's request came days after department heads had proposed their 2000 budgets, which generally exceeded their current-year budgets.

Painter, for example, had requested a 5 percent pay raise for his 168 deputies and other staffers and additional requests in his $7.5 million budget.

The county's 1999 general-fund budget of $21.9 million — which was set in 1998 — included an $800,000-plus built-in deficit from the previous administration. Morrow took over the new court in January.

A 7 percent cut, for instance, in a $21 million budget would be $1.47 million.

The budget has been further stymied by an estimated $1 million drop in the county's 1999 sales-tax revenue to about $6.8 million from the projected $7.8 million. And county property-tax revenue in 2000 is expected to drop slightly unless there is a tax increase.

"Whatever they (the department heads) recommend, the court will certainly consider," Morrow said. "If we can get that (7 percent cut)

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Iran hard-liners show strength over reformers with rally

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iranian hard-liners answered a week of pro-democracy rallies with one of their own Wednesday, sending 100,000 people into the streets of Tehran to make it clear they will not cave in to student-led demands for reforms.

The hard-line backlash jeopardizes the standing of President Mohammad Khatami, a moderate clergyman and hero to the many Iranians who yearn for greater freedom after 20 years of strict Islamic rule by the clergy.

Tens of thousands of hard-line supporters packed into Tehran University's sprawling campus near the center of the Iranian capital. More spilled out into the surrounding streets — the same areas where the pro-reform students have marched in past days.

Demonstrators, including women in black Islamic garb, waved red-white-and-green Iranian flags and pictures of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, as they marched and listened to speeches.

"Death to America!" some shouted. Demonstrators also underlined their support for Khamenei by chanting "Our blood is our gift to our leader!"

Witnesses estimated the crowd at 100,000, but Tehran television, which is run by hard-liners, put the number of protesters at one million.

In addition, thousands of hard-line vigilantes roared around Tehran on motorcycles.

One speaker, senior clergyman Hassan Rowhani, declared that those who damaged public property during six previous days of reform protests would be tried as enemies of the state — a crime that carries the death penalty.

Wednesday's counter-demonstration was a clear attempt by hard-liners to show they could muster a crowd more impressive than those who turned out during six days of student demonstrations. Up to 25,000 Khatami supporters turned out in the first such mass street protests since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

There were few pictures of Khatami in the crowd Wednesday. Pro-democracy protesters stayed off the streets, heeding warnings that police would allow no demonstrations other than the authorized hard-line rally.

Khamenei, an unelected religious leader, has the final word in Iran and controls the armed forces, the police, the judiciary, the Intelligence Ministry and the broadcast network.

Traditionally, the hard-line Khamenei has stood above criticism, but many student protesters tore up pictures of him earlier this week and called on him to step aside and let Khatami speed up his reforms.

The speech by Rowhani, the deputy head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, put pro-democracy protesters on notice of a possible harsh response to their demonstrations.

"Those who destroyed public property and went on the rampage and committed aggression against the Islamic system will be tried in our courts as mohareb and mofsed," Rowhani told demonstrators.

"Mohareb" and "mofsed" are terms used for die-hard opponents of the republic. The punishment for those guilty of being "mofsed" — Farsi for "corrupt" — is execution by hanging.

Rowhani was referring to protesters who rampaged Tuesday after police dispersed them with tear gas. They burned empty buses and smashed shop windows before being stopped by police and baton-wielding gangs of hard-line vigilantes, witnesses said by telephone.

Iran's moderate interior minister, meanwhile, announced that the unrest had been contained.

The official Islamic News Agency quoted Abdolvahed Mousavi-Lari as saying the situation had been brought under control "with the help of devoted people standing in unity and solidarity (who) assisted the government in curbing the insurgency."

He blamed "undesirable elements and opportunists," foreign and domestic, of trying to spread disorder, but gave no indication what would happen to the scores of reformers arrested during the past week.

The student unrest began last Friday when police stormed a university dormitory after students rallied Thursday against the banning of a liberal newspaper. One person was killed and 20 were injured in the clash that hard-line clerics apparently backed.

Khamenei and other officials have expressed sympathy with the students and condemned the dormitory raid. Two police officials were dismissed because of it. Hard-liners also promised to rein in the vigilantes they have sent out in the past to beat up opponents, attack reformist newspapers and break up pro-democracy demonstrations.

But government officials showed no signs Wednesday of bending to student demands, particularly for the removal of the national police chief, Brig. Gen. Hedayat Lotfian.

The new response indicated that the hard-liners were regaining the upper hand against the president, Khatami.

In his struggle with hard-liners, Khatami has relied on his wide popularity, shown in his overwhelming victory in elections two years ago.

Commandos capture Peru Shining Path leader

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Hungry and limping from an old bullet wound, the top commander of Peru's bloody Shining Path guerrilla movement was snared Wednesday by army commandos after a two-week pursuit through rugged mountains and jungle.

Soldiers captured the elusive Oscar Ramirez Durand, 46, at dawn with three female rebels near the highland city of Huancayo, 125 miles east of Lima.

Ramirez Durand was the last national leader of the bloody Maoist Shining Path insurgency who was still at large.

He replaced Shining Path founder and ideological guru Abimael Guzman as top commander of the band after Guzman was captured in a Lima hideout in 1992.

"We have the man. He's limping, but it's not because of the capture," President Alberto Fujimori said. "His health is fine, but he's hungry because he has not eaten for three days. He has been surrounded for various days, and the pursuit has been intense."

Despite his reputation for ferocity, Ramirez Durand gave up without firing a shot, Fujimori said.

He said the rebel leader would be taken to Lima and held at a high security prison at a naval base in Callao, Lima's port. Guzman is serving a life sentence at the prison.

Fujimori, who oversaw the operation from a military base in the highlands, said the capture represented the "decapitation" of the Shining Path. But the president admitted die-hard remnants of the rebel band might continue to fight.

Experts on the Maoist rebellion agreed the capture was another hard blow to the guerrilla movement — known in Spanish as "Sendero Luminoso" — but they said it did not mean the death of the organization.

Ramirez Durand's capture will have a great impact on the Shining Path — but not like that of Guzman's capture, said Carlos Tapia, who has studied the rebel movement since its inception and published a book about it.

Before Guzman's capture, the rebel movement had nearly driven the Peruvian government to its knees, murdering hundreds of village authorities, ambushing army patrols and unleashing deadly car bomb attacks in Lima. The violence had a huge impact on tourism in Peru.

The Shining Path had as many as 10,000 armed fighters in the early 1990s but is now believed to have fewer than 1,000 combatants.

The rebels are concentrated in the jungles of Huallaga Valley and of the department of Ayacucho, the birthplace of the rebellion.

More than 30,000 people, including soldiers, rebels and noncombatants, have died in political violence in Peru since the Shining Path took up arms in 1980.

But in recent years, the death toll has dropped to a few hundred a year.

More than 1,500 army commandos had been in pursuit of Ramirez Durand in a region east of Lima, where the highland jungle meets the Andes Mountains.

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Taiwanese president insists he's not pushing for independence

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — After sparking an uproar by insisting Beijing deal with Taiwan "state-to-state" and not as part of China, President Lee Teng-hui told Washington on Wednesday he's not seeking formal independence that could prompt China to go to war.

As Beijing kept up its verbal attacks, the Taiwanese president said his new definition of the delicate Taiwan-China relationship merely clarifies the political reality that has emerged 50 years after the island separated from China when the communists gained control of the mainland.

While Lee has called Taiwan a sovereign nation many times before, now he is saying China should acknowledge the island as a state as the two seek a smoother relationship that could eventually lead to reunification. Taiwan insists it will reunify only if China first becomes democratic.

"Our mainland policy has not changed," Lee told Daryl Johnson, the de facto U.S. ambassador to Taiwan, according to a statement from the presidential office.

"Our attitude toward exchange and dialogue between the sides has not changed. In the long run, this has active and positive significance for relations between the two," Lee was quoted as telling Johnson on Wednesday. The remarks came during a meeting scheduled on the last day of Johnson's tenure in Taipei.

In Washington, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Johnson had "stressed the U.S. commitment to the one China policy" during his meeting with Lee.

Although Beijing is fuming, accusing Lee of "playing with fire," many Taiwanese are pleased their president has finally spoken out so bluntly. They believe Taiwan is no less than a sovereign state, despite the previous official explanation that Beijing and Taipei ran separate governments within one loosely defined nation.

"We don't have to retreat every time China gets angry," said Kuo Wen-cheng, an economics researcher. "If we ourselves deny our own existence, how can we expect the world to recognize us?"

"Lee stirs up trouble sometimes, but we support him because he speaks out what is in his mind and in the minds of most Taiwanese," Kuo said.

China's leaders view Taiwan as a renegade province that must be returned to the mainland at some point, by force if necessary. Beijing threatens a military attack if Taiwan ever declares independence and in 1995-96 drove its point home by test-firing missiles off the coast.

Most big and powerful nations, including the United States, recognize Beijing — and not Taipei — although America has strong representation in Taiwan, including a virtual diplomatic mission that functions as an embassy in everything but name.

In Beijing, the ruling Communist Party's flagship newspaper, People's Daily, on Wednesday likened any effort to deny that Taiwan is a part of China to "overrating one's strength like an ant trying to topple a tree."

"Any plot to challenge the one-China principle, create 'two China's', 'one China and one Taiwan,' or 'Taiwanese independence,' will fail," the newspaper said in a front-page commentary.

Most Taiwanese support the status quo of de facto independence, although they are fearful of formally declaring independence and provoking a military attack.

In a poll conducted by Taiwan's United Daily News this week, 71 percent of those surveyed said Taiwan is a sovereign country, 13 percent disagreed and the rest had no opinion. Forty-nine percent agreed with Lee that relations with China are "state-to-state" matters. The poll of 1,012 Taiwanese had a margin of error of 3 percent.

Despite public support of Lee's stance, there has been much nervousness here since he made his remarks last Friday to a German radio station. Expecting a new low in Chinese relations, investors have pushed Taiwan blue chip stocks down by 6.8 percent over the past two days.

Even as prices plunged, one trader offered his personal support.

"I hope this will give us belated justice in the international community," Chen Teh-bin said. "We may enrage China in the process, but it is a risk we must take."

Fang Jen-hui, head of a Taiwanese pharmaceutical firm, predicted that the impact from China's saber-rattling will be short-lived. Taiwan must endure "the birth pain" to win recognition as an equal to Beijing, he said.

For years, most Taiwanese have been antagonized by the diplomatic isolation China imposes on the island. Many still feel bitter about Taiwan suddenly taking on a dubious statehood after its U.N. seat was ceded to Beijing in 1971.

Since then, Taiwan has transformed into a full-blown democracy and one of the economic powerhouses in Asia, and many Taiwanese believe they are entitled to a better-defined place in world politics and commerce.

Political analyst Yeh Ming-teh said China might later accept Lee's new phrasing — which could simply be a step to boost its own position in preparation for the inevitable future talks on reunification.

"It might help stabilize relations if we could make China believe that this is not a step toward independence," he said.

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Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 90	High 90	High 92
Low 70	Low 69	Low 72

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and a slight chance of thunderstorms. The high is expected be around 90 with winds from the south at 15 to 25 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and a low near 70.

Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and high near 90.

After an overnight low of 69, Wednesday's high reached 96, compared to the record high for that date of 107, set in 1993. The record low of 50 was set in 1936.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday	trace
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.10 in.
Total for year	5.71 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	96
Low	69
Normal high	95
Normal low	68

Pollen count

Trees: Absent **Weeds:** Low
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Molds: Moderate
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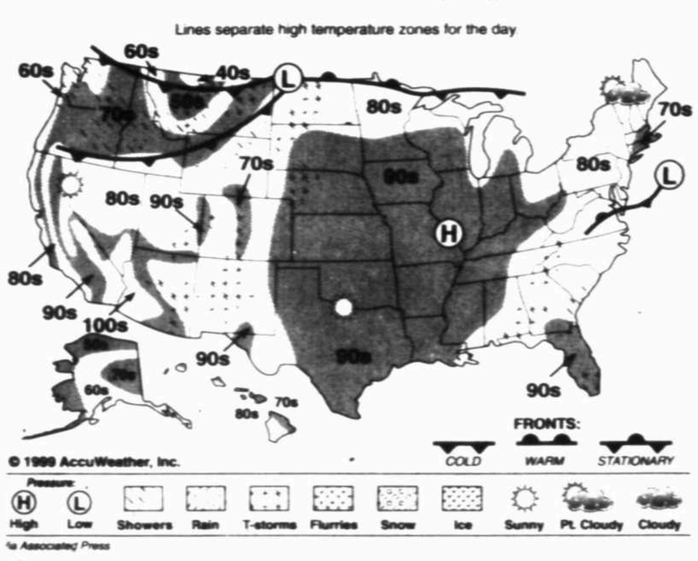

United States temperatures

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Anchorage	69	53	cdy	
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Atlantic City	74	57	cdy	
Baltimore	77	61	cdy	
Boise	89	66	clr	
Boston	79	55	clr	
Buffalo	86	61	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	88	60	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	75	64	.01	cdy
Chicago	85	62	clr	
Cincinnati	87	58	clr	
Cleveland	85	60	clr	
Denver	91	66	cdy	
Des Moines	90	66	clr	
Detroit	85	65	cdy	
Fargo	84	68	rn	
Flagstaff	65	55	.46	rn
Grand Rapids	83	59	cdy	
Helena	91	50	cdy	
Honolulu	85	73	cdy	
Indianapolis	87	61	clr	
Kansas City	89	62	clr	
Las Vegas	96	73	.14	cdy
Little Rock	88	67	clr	
Los Angeles	81	67	clr	
Louisville	88	68	cdy	
Memphis	85	66	cdy	
Miami Beach	89	78	.15	cdy
Milwaukee	87	66	.01	clr
Mpls-St Paul	92	74	cdy	
Nashville	85	70	clr	
New Orleans	89	72	cdy	
New York City	77	66	cdy	
Oklahoma City	94	69	clr	
Omaha	93	68	cdy	
Orlando	93	74	.19	cdy
Philadelphia	80	62	cdy	
Phoenix	96	85	1.24	rn
Pittsburgh	80	63	cdy	
Richmond	73	62	.60	cdy
Sacramento	88	67	clr	
St Louis	86	65	cdy	
Salt Lake City	78	74	.01	clr
San Diego	74	69	clr	
San Francisco	80	55	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	81	75	.33	cdy
Santa Fe	87	57	cdy	
Seattle	65	53	rn	
Washington,D.C.	78	66	cdy	

MPD: Officers suspended over incident

(From 1A)

- four days suspension without pay for Ms. Bynum, a 19-year-officer,
- four days suspension without pay for Glasscock, a 17-year officer,
- four days suspension without pay for Rogers, a 16-year officer,
- three days suspension without pay for Kraft, an eight-year officer,
- two days suspension without pay for Ms. Gilmore, a four-year officer, and
- a written reprimand for Ms. Stanley, a six-year officer.

All six officers are assigned to the patrol division, Urby said. Wednesday was the last day for officers to appeal Urby's decision.

Only Rogers, Kraft and Gilmore chose that option, Urby said. Their appeals hearing will be held with the city manager's office on Monday and Tuesday, he said. Those officers who did not appeal their punishment will serve their suspension at their supervisors' discretion.

Urby said it wasn't easy for him to punish the officers, who are all veteran members of the force. But based on the evidence internal affairs collected, he thought the officers should have known better than to keep the shooting among themselves.

"We don't shoot a gun every day, and when we do, there's policies that should be kicked into place," Urby said.

Rookie officer reprimanded for using excessive force

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Police Chief John Urby confirmed Wednesday that a rookie officer will return to work today after he was cited for using excessive force on at least three arrests.

Matthew Sowle, 26, was placed on one day "leave of consideration" Monday for using excessive force on three separate occasions. Urby said the incidents occurred between Jan. 16 and Jan. 21.

"He acted inappropriately when he was challenged," Urby said.

The officer, Urby said, has only been with the force for about a year and apparently didn't know how to control his temper with belligerent subjects.

In one situation, Sowle struck a man in the jaw during a struggle to handcuff him, Urby said. When backup officers struggled to put the man in the patrol car, Sowle kneed him in the groin, Urby said.

Another situation occurred at a local hospital. The officer grabbed a woman by the face and shouted, "I hate liars."

In another situation, Sowle is accused of putting a teen-ager in a headlock.

Urby said the situations occurred in the presence of backup officers. Sowle's actions were reported between January and June.

On June 23, the Internal Affairs division sustained the allegations. Between June 23 until Wednesday, Sowle had been placed on administrative leave with pay. The officer's patrol unit, weapon and badge were collected from him when the investigation began. They were returned Monday after Urby rendered his punishment, he said.

The officer was given a psychological evaluation, which didn't reveal any mental problems, the chief said.

Urby said he'll give Sowle the benefit of the doubt and blame his actions on inexperience. He said reprimanding the officer was a difficult situation, because the officer has his whole career ahead of him. On the other hand, Urby felt an obligation to protect the community from inappropriate police force.

"If he had intentions to really hurt these people, would he have done this around other officers?" Urby said.

Urby said that Sowle spent one day on "leave of consideration" — which means he took one day off work with pay to reflect on his actions. Urby said Sowle wrote a letter of apology to the chief on Friday, which carried a lot of weight in his decision.

"This is a young officer who deserves a second chance," Urby said. "He had let people aggravate him in these situations. He let people push his buttons. We feel like we've addressed the problem."

UTPB: Towns take different views of diversification

(From 1A)

every quarter."

Meanwhile, communities that meet the "below 50,000" qualification appear to have mixed feelings about the benefit of such a program. On one hand, there are small-town officials who have come to terms with the fact that oil alone will no longer be able to keep their cities going.

Joy Chew, an administrator with the city of Grandfalls, which is located 20 miles north of Monahans, said she knows that her town — with a population of a little more than 600 people — may be only "one bust away" from disaster.

"In November of 1997 citizens voted in a 11/2 cent economic development tax," Ms. Chew said. "We are currently getting a board together and trying to get something established so we can get started. Oil will no longer supply the needs of people like it did in the past. We're not sure how it will work out, but if we don't do something soon, our city may just disappear."

Monahans is one community that has been aggressive in attempting to diversify its economy.

Mike Fletcher, with the economic development committee, said the city has been actively pursuing new businesses for Monahans.

"We've tried to get shrimp farming here but that fell through," Fletcher said. "We tried to get the radioactive waste disposal site, but that didn't work out. Currently, we're trying to get some growers to come out here to grow tomatoes and peppers in green houses. That project has hit some snags, but we're still working on it."

While chasing some big programs, Monahans has been able to develop some smaller projects that, according to Fletcher, have helped bring money into the community.

"We have a great site to develop around the interstate," Fletcher said. "We have RV parks and catch a lot of the snow birds heading to the Big Bend area. We also have the golf course and some other items that bring in the tourism dollars we're looking for. We just have to keep trying and trying until we get something that will hit in this area."

Lori Kelles, a Monahans resident, said she can see that community leaders are trying to get ideas going, but doesn't know why they don't work out.

"I think they have made a valiant effort to get things up and running here," Ms. Kelles said. "I don't know what the problem is. Maybe not enough people are getting involved; things are getting started too slow or people are just waiting for someone else to do everything."

Jeanette Doran, also of Monahans, said she thinks the development people should try to focus on the job skills that already exist in the city.

"I know they tried to get the shrimp farm going, but I think they should find something that people here already know how to do so people don't have to retrain," Ms. Doran said. "The shrimp idea is fine, but who wants to be a shrimper? Not me."

Over the past 10 years, the population of Monahans has dropped from approximately 8,200 in 1989 to 8,010. School enrollment numbers have followed the same trend, dropping from 2,790 in 1989 to 2,342 last year.

Economic development officials from Andrews and Big Spring say their interests in economic development are similar to those in Monahans.

Lloyd Eisenrich, with the Andrews Industrial Foundation, said having oil as 100 percent of the economy will no longer work. He thinks the future of Andrews is in the radioactive waste business.

Pam Welch, with the Economic Development Board in Big Spring, said officials there are trying to attract hi-tech businesses by touting their work force as being suited for those types of companies. Ms. Welch said that Big Spring has several manufacturing plants to help carry the load when oil prices drop.

On the other end of the spectrum, however, there are small towns that have either given up or are happy with their current situation.

Bill Sanders, with the city of Crane, said that city is bidding to get a prison built in the area, but he does not think there will ever be a time when oil is not the town's main source of income.

"I don't know if we can ever get away from the oil ... it is almost like a dream to think we can," Sanders said. "We are a town built on oil and I don't think we can get away from oil being the main source of income. We have no cattle, no agriculture and no factories will come here when they can go up the road a bit into Odessa."

Stanton City Manager Danny Fryar, on the other hand, said his community is not looking to grow into a "big city" or to attract "big businesses." Fryar said he thinks Stanton residents are quite content living in the small town between Midland and Big Spring.

"Nearly everything is oil and agriculture here, just like everywhere else," Fryar said. "But we're working to be become a 'bedroom city' for Midland and Big Spring. We want to be the place were people can come and retire if they want to live in a small town. We're not interested in growing too rapidly. We'll just sit back and let things happen."

Fryar said the city concentrates its efforts on sales tax receipts and its "Old Sore Head Trade Days" — which attracts thousands of out-of-towners to Stanton three times a year — as major sources of income.

In addition, Fryar said the community has recently had a housing authority put together a proposal to build apartments and has landed a Town and County Truck Stop Store and the district's boll weevil office.

Stanton has not appeared to have suffered the effects of unstable oil prices as severely as other communities. The Martin County School District, for example, reported only a small drop in school enrollment from 876 in 1989 to 837 in 1999, and has kept the population very stable at about 2,575 over that same period of time.

For the most part, residents would rather not see things change in Stanton. Natha Mitchell, a retired school teacher, said she thinks the town is fine the way it is and said she was proud to live there.

"It is not as if we're trying to keep people out of our town," Ms. Mitchell said. "I feel like we've made some progress with our 'Old Sore Head Days' in bringing exposure to our little town. We have thousands of people here at 'Old Sore Head

OIL: Low prices, severence tax among concerns at meeting

(From 1A)

Murray is a former Texas Railroad Commissioner who issued the Texas "no flare" policy that outlawed the flaring of natural gas from oil wells.

In addition to Henry, other Permian Basin representatives speaking at the meeting included: Mark Tompkins, regional manager of Phillips Petroleum in Odessa; Ken Thoma, regional manager for Marathon in Midland; and Ruben Ramirez, an oilfield worker from Kermit.

COUNTY: Judge Morrow proposes '7 percent solution' for budget

(From 1A)

done, then ... if there is still a deficit, we will look at it. But I would certainly consider spending some of our reserve fund." That fund is at about $6 million, including $4 million set aside for state-mandated jail expansion.

"We are in a box because last year there were increases in the budget and a cut in the tax rate," he said.

'DO THE BEST WE CAN'

While doing his bit to help balance the budget, Painter said that his department is "already cut as deep as anybody can get cut and still survive.

"And to take cuts even deeper is going to be very difficult. It's still a deal of 'We take what they (the commissioners) give us.' And we have to make it work. And we will do the best that we can."

Painter said that "three years of tax cuts have done a lot of damage" to the county's revenue flow. "You're shortening the amount of money that you have in reserve (by drawing on those funds) in order to make ends meet. I think any businessman will tell you that's not what you are supposed to be doing."

Commissioner Louisa Valencia said that the department heads "can tell us where they want to cut the 7 percent, whether they want to cut it in staffing, whether they want to cut it in operations, but they are going to have to stick to it."

District Attorney Al Schorre, in noting the "more demand for services," said that it is a "struggle to provide the services without getting any additional resources.

"And then it is really tough when they tell you 'We need to cut 7 percent,'" Schorre said. "But we will do what we have to do to keep the wheels turning."

Schorre said that his chief investigator, J.D. Luckie, had proposed "some wish lists" to the Commissioners' Court at budget study but those have evaporated.

County Librarian Sandra Wegner, who manages a $1.215 million budget, said that for the "department heads to decide" the 7 percent cuts would be "a better solution than the county judge making the decisions, even though it will be very difficult for the department heads to make those decisions."

"It's a place to start," Commissioner Randy Prude said of Morrow's plan. "I had rather department heads make those decisions than somebody who doesn't understand their business as well as they do. ... The last thing I want to do is to increase the taxes," he said.

In the realm of optimism, Prude said that "if oil prices stay where they are right now (about $20 to the barrel), I think we will be pretty much back to normal" in a year's time.

MONKEY WRENCH

However, an undetermined factor in balancing the budget, Prude said, is "how big and much the jail is going to cost. That kind of throws a monkey wrench in the whole works as far as trying to figure out where we stand."

County Clerk Shauna Brown said that "to do a 7 percent cut across the board" would be "very damaging to offices and departments that have run a lean budget for the last few years."

Departments "that may have some fat built into them" won't be penalized as much as the leaner departments, which "are the ones that truly get punished," she said.

Even so, Ms. Brown said, "I understand that there needs to be cuts. I understand that we all need to watch the money. On the surface, it may look like a fair cut to do one across the board. It truly is not. I think it is possible that some (departments) are running more comfortably than others."

Of his perspective on the proposed cuts, Commissioner Mike Bradford said that "governments are a partnership between the entity and the people. The entity ought to do all it can first before it asks the people to do anything. And that's the first step.

"You (as an official) are put into a position, either elected or appointed, to manage. So, you ought to manage. And you know your people better at the day-to-day level than we (commissioners) do at the once-a-week level.

"The whole idea of a budget is about managing," Bradford said. "Let's go back to the concepts that this court put forth when it arrived (in the beginning of 1999): Service to the community, accountability, and problem-solving."

Before Morrow announced the 7 percent cut, Midlander Ed Weyman, who said that he has been "involved in budgets" before, suggested an "across-the-board" cut, which would "make everybody mad" at the commissioners but which would help balance the budget.

"We can't foresee the future," Weyman said. "We know times will be better, and we know times will be worse."

But Weyman recommended that the commissioners "solve the problem today so it doesn't compound next year."

And if promises are made contingent upon better economic times, Weyman told the commissioners, "be true to your commitment."

Midlander Midge Erskine, who has been observing both the Commissioners' Court and the Midland City Council, said that the court has been doing a "fantastic job in looking at the budget and trying to stay within the means, the income, of the county.

"But the city has made no effort whatsoever to cut budget," Ms. Erskine alleged, and has a "huge deficit . ... The county has been aboveboard in all their actions."

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns said that Ms. Erskine's comments about city management were "just not accurate. There is no deficit. In fact, we have a balanced budget."

Pick 3 Texas

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

7-7-1

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

3-11-14-28-33-44.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $37 million.

Correction

The uniform for South Elementary School includes navy pants, while Midland Freshman High School students can wear khaki or navy.

A story in Tuesday's edition indicated that South students will be wearing khaki pants.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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Pilots: Iraqi air defenses hidden in off-limits area

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey (AP) — U.S. warplanes struck 13 Iraqi air defense targets Wednesday in an intensifying campaign against Saddam Hussein's forces. But pilots flying out of this base in southeastern Turkey say key Iraqi batteries threatening Western planes lie below the 36th parallel — just out of bounds under the post-Gulf War rules of engagement.

"They're kind of playing out of bounds," Air Force Lt. Col. Chuck Patillo, operations and plans director at Incirlik, said in an interview. "I think they're smart in the tactics they're using."

Pilots and strike coordinators conducting Operation Northern Watch out of Incirlick, which Defense Secretary William Cohen visited Wednesday, described the threat to U.S. and British aircraft after one of the heaviest of what have become almost daily air-to-ground battles since last December.

A concern is that Iraq has placed key air-defense batteries below the east-west line marking the boundary of a Western no-fly zone, they said. Under the self-imposed rules being used by British and U.S. planes flying out of Incirlik, these targets are off-limits.

The air campaign being run out of Incirlik operates under much tighter constraints — the military calls them "rules of engagement" — than NATO used in the Kosovo campaign. NATO was operating a bombing campaign. The 50 to 60 planes flying out of Incirlik are enforcing a no-fly zone established after the Gulf War to prevent the Iraqi military from using aircraft to attack its minority Kurdish population in the north. A similar zone was set up to protect the Marsh Arabs from persecution in southern Iraq.

Only if the planes patrolling the zone are illuminated by Iraqi radar, fired upon or otherwise overtly threatened can the U.S. and British planes strike back. That has happened regularly since the United States last conducted major airstrikes on Iraq, in December.

"It's not as if we have free rein," said Air Force Capt. Kevin Yates, a squadron executive officer who handles administrative duties at the base. "It's very limited rules of engagement."

The rules, for example, forbid any strikes that might cause civilian injuries or property damage. Knowing that restriction, the Iraqis have concentrated antiaircraft artillery in the town of Mosul in northern Iraq. A mobile surface-to-air missile launcher that has just fired on allied planes can be attacked, but not so a mobile launcher that is simply in transit. Even when they are challenged, the allied planes can only respond within a limited amount of time and can go after only a limited set of targets approved by higher-ups based in Europe.

Even under these restrictions, the regular pattern of challenge and strike of the past few months has resulted in serious damage to Iraqi air defenses, according to a senior military official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Officials at Incirlik have declined to detail the results of their strikes. According to this official, strike tallies include more than 100 anti-aircraft artillery pieces destroyed along with 15 strategic surface-to-air missile systems.

"We've essentially shut down their integrated air defenses," the official said.

Still, the Iraqis continue to challenge the allied planes. Since December, there have been 57 incidents in the northern no-fly zone and 40 in the southern zone, according to the Pentagon. Most of Iraq's most capable radar and other surveillance sets have been moved below the 36th parallel, where the Iraqi military knows they will be immune from attack.

Lt. Col. Bruce Butters of the Oklahoma Air National Guard was one of several guardsman who dropped bombs in Wednesday's engagement.

"They're getting really smooth," Butters said of the Iraqi tactics. "They can pick up and move in an hour or so. They can fire a missile, break down and leave before we can get in and drop a bomb."

But so far, the Iraqis have not succeeded in downing an allied aircraft. For the most part, Iraqi surface-to-air missile batteries keep their radar sets shut off since to turn them on would prompt immediate attack by a radar-homing missile.

In some cases, the allied aircraft try to goad the Iraqis into firing, making themselves more visible to the enemy than they would in a strictly offensive strike. On Wednesday, the tactic worked, as it has many times in recent weeks. In response, several U.S. aircraft struck and seriously damaged or destroyed five targets. Then another set of U.S. planes swept back into the same square-mile target area and destroyed eight more targets, Butters said.

Iraq aims to replace Norway as world's 2nd biggest oil exporter

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq wants to pass Norway as the second largest exporter of crude oil in the world next year, despite worsening problems in the sector, Iraq's oil minister said Wednesday.

"We are determined to surprise the world despite difficulties," said Oil Minister Lt. Gen. Amer Mohammed Rashid.

With the start of the current phase of its oil-for-food deal with the United Nations, Iraq bumped Iran as the second biggest oil exporter in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, Rashid said.

Iraq has been producing at maximum levels to take advantage of U.N.-approved exports of $5.2 billion every six months.

A U.N. report released early this month said Iraq was using techniques that will ultimately lower total yields, damage reservoirs, and even force some wells to close.

A water injection program has increased output but the benefits are bound to fizzle, reducing ultimate yields, according to the report by the Dutch oil company Saybolt Netherlands BV, whose overseers monitor Iraqi exports on behalf of the United Nations.

Rashid said Iraq can currently export 2.2 million barrels daily. Saudi Arabia is the world's No. 1 exporter, at 5.7 million barrels a day. Norway currently exports 2.6 million barrels a day.

At least 30 wells were opened in southern Iraq this year, and more will be on line soon. The country hopes to raise exports to about 3 million barrels a day next year, with total productivity at about 3.5 million barrels per day.

Iraq's reserves of 112 billion barrels are the world's second largest after Saudi Arabia's.

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Cuevas proposal was fine example of leadership

Our hats are off to Midland City Councilman Jose Cuevas for his forthright action to save two of Midland's YMCA facilities that have been scheduled to be closed because of budgetary shortfalls.

We particularly liked Cuevas' suggestion for each of Midland's taxing entities to commit to make up a portion of the shortfall amount in the interest of keeping the YMCA facilities open. At the Tuesday meeting of Midland City Council, council members threw their support behind Cuevas's plan and committed $38,000 to YMCA programs. That was a good start toward what needs to be done.

Of course, the YMCA is not the only Midland organization coming up short of funds this year. The problem is mainly the result of lost memberships brought about by company relocations during the past couple of years. In fact, those budgetary shortfalls could feasibly continue over the next few years.

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Another way would be for the taxing entities to boost taxes to make up for the budgetary shortfalls. That would work only until the resources of the taxing entities — and the patience of taxpayers — gave out.

Yet another way — and in our view the most preferable — would be for community organizations to seek innovative solutions to their funding dilemmas. Along that route, some of the best suggestions might come from the elected representatives of the community, such as Cuevas.

He showed political courage by stepping forward to make what many would say was a politically risky suggestion in the hopes of saving two YMCA facilities. He should be commended for representing the people of this community in a fashion that is illustrative of the very best in public service. Midland City Council was right to go along with his request.

Another View

Good-faith effort needed on profiling

Finally, some officers have acknowledged that they do stop drivers because of their race.

Their admissions sparked a fiery national debate on stereotypes and the law. Lawmakers nationwide are scrambling to pass legislation requiring law-enforcement agencies to record information on all traffic stops. That's fine as far as it goes, but legislation can't change the racial attitudes at the heart of this practice.

Every day, many blacks and Hispanics are stopped, searched and questioned because they fit the stereotypical image of a drug trafficker, car thief or some other criminal. ...

In the wake of several incidents nationwide, President Clinton issued an executive order last month. He called for federal law-enforcement agencies to collect, and make public data on the race, ethnicity, age and gender of all people they stop or arrest, and encouraged state agencies do the same. ...

Neither law-enforcement agencies nor the public benefit from a system that victimizes law-abiding citizens and erodes public confidence. Law enforcement officials need to make a good-faith effort, then, at gathering the information. If, as they claim, racial profiling is not a widespread practice, the data will show that. And the public's confidence will be strengthened.

— Austin American-Statesman

Cal Thomas

Sen. Bob Smith revolts from ideological impurity

The decision by Sen. Bob Smith (R-N.H.) to bolt the Republican Party because it is not ideologically pure enough for him continues a trend that will not only hurt the party but ultimately frustrate Smith's objective of advancing the very causes for which he has courageously stood.

Thomas

Politics isn't religion, in which appeals to theological purity at least have some basis. As one of the dictionary definitions says, politics is about "political activities characterized by artful and often dishonest practices."

Smith and some of his fellow social conservatives are asking too much of politics. At a time when many are worshiping the golden calf of the Dow Jones Industrial Averages, Smith wants politicians to pay attention to the nonmaterial things of the spirit. It's difficult to stop an orgy of materialism and self-indulgence with a sermon from politicians urging sexual purity and help for the poor.

The arguments by those disaffected with the Republican Party go something like this: By "compromising" (which the Republican leadership says it hasn't done on key issues such as abortion and tax relief), the party's "base" will either stay home or vote for a third-party candidate. But the battle is for the mushy middle and always has been. If 40 percent always vote Democrat and 40 percent always vote Republican, then the struggle is for the middle 20 percent. The middle is not swayed, and can easily be switched to vote for either party, if the purists are painted as extremists (which they always are). Isn't that what Republicans did to liberal "purists" George McGovern in 1972, Walter Mondale in 1984 and Michael Dukakis in 1988?

The response to that argument then becomes, "yes, but the Republican base is bigger than the middle 20 percent, and if you turn off the base, it doesn't matter where the mushy middle goes because the party will lose anyway." This, then, is a problem for the base, which misunderstands the incremental and not-always-getting-your-way nature of politics.

The stakes in the 2000 election are too high for internal bickering. We saw what happened in 1992 and 1996 when Bill Clinton was handed the presidency thanks to Ross Perot. Some Republicans might not have liked Bob Dole's squishy position on many issues, but does anyone argue that social conservatism is advancing more under Bill and Hillary Clinton than it would have under a President Dole?

Let's not hear any more about the supposed "glory days" of Ronald Reagan. Two of his Supreme Court appointments -- Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy -- have frustrated social conservatives on abortion and certain religious-liberty issues. Yes, they got Antonin Scalia, but a Republican nomination to the Supreme Court is always a roll of the dice.

Since the Republican Party was created out of the ashes of the Whig Party, no third party has risen to national power or prominence. Teddy Roosevelt's "Bull Moose" party, the States Rights segregationist party, George Wallace's American Party and Ross Perot's Reform Party have had the effect of dividing the vote and, in most cases (much of the Wallace vote eventually went to Richard Nixon), handing elections to those who oppose their policies more vehemently than the party from which they separated themselves.

If Bob Smith leads another party, and especially if he is joined by other social conservatives, the effect could be the same as it was in 1992 and 1996: votes will be taken from the GOP, which will ensure the election of a liberal Democrat president, whose social, economic and environmental policies will be a disaster for the country and curtains for all of the issues they care about. And that president will name liberal justices to the Supreme Court who will doom any curtailment of abortion and the gay rights movement for decades to come. Is that a price worth paying for "ideological purity"? The "Great Pumpkin" strategy of having faith in an impossibility doesn't work for Linus in the pumpkin patch. It won't work in politics, either.

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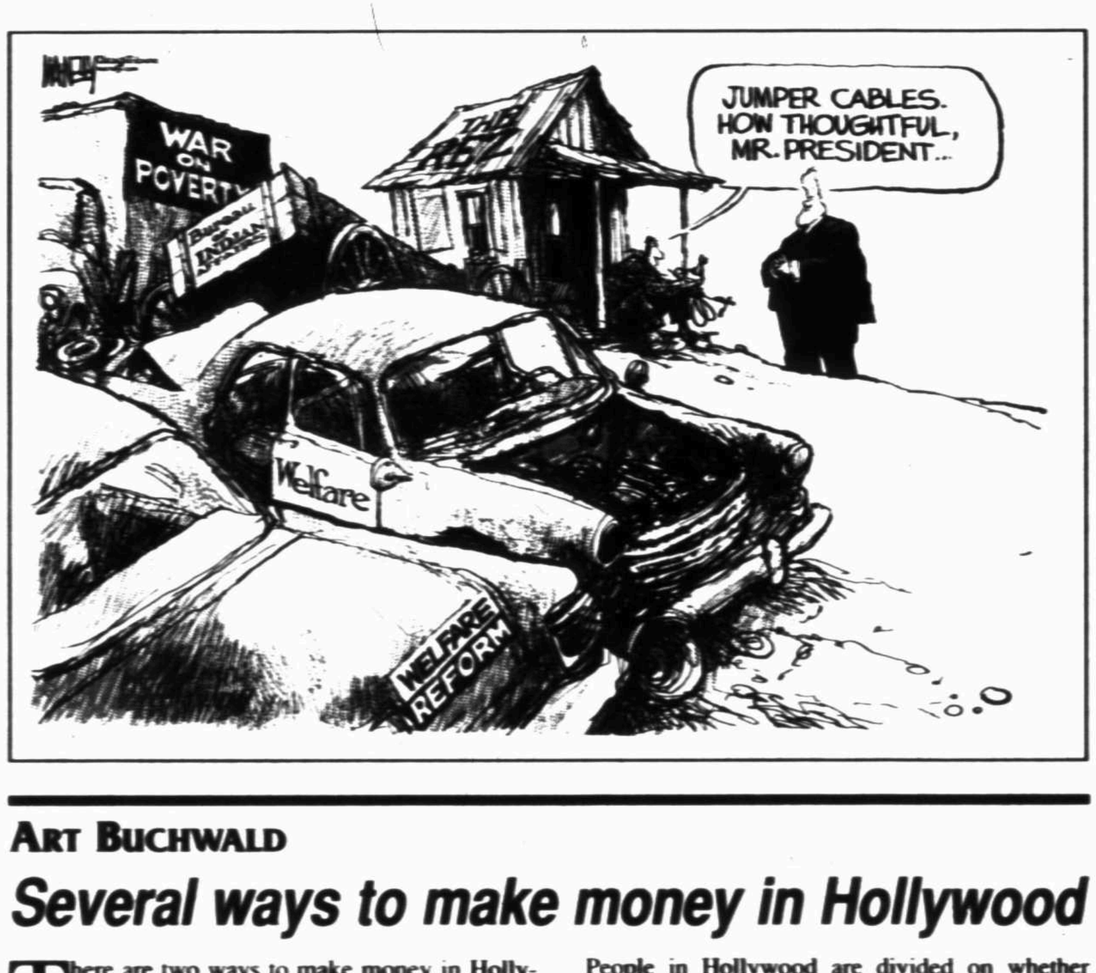

Art Buchwald

Several ways to make money in Hollywood

There are two ways to make money in Hollywood: One is by producing a successful movie, and the other is by suing someone who has made a successful movie.

Buchwald

Jeffrey Katzenberg, one of movieland's giants, just settled a suit against Michael Eisner, head of Walt Disney, for something like $250 million. That sounds like a lot of money, but in Beverly Hills it is chicken liver.

The dispute concerned an allegation by Katzenberg that he was cheated out of millions of dollars he said he had coming to him as a Disney executive.

This, of course, was denied by Eisner, who had called Katzenberg "a little midget" and "the end of my pompom."

Those who follow show business thrive on these words. Since no one was going to be mortally wounded by the trial except Eisner and Katzenberg, Hollywood considered it this year's Mickey Mouse lawsuit and part of the country's entertainment. It takes more than a breach-of-contract lawsuit to ruin the average American's summer.

People in Hollywood are divided on whether Katzenberg received enough compensation for his pain. When you get into the numbers Hollywood executives earn, it's hard to decide what enough is.

Neither side is permitted to reveal the exact amount of the settlement. This is because if others sue the company, they will never know how much Disney is willing to settle for.

All of us in the movie business are now aware that suing a studio is a spectator sport. Therefore we are worried that the $250 million (my guess as to what the settlement was) will go to Katzenberg's head.

Katzenberg's friends feel he will invest it wisely. Some are urging him to build an amusement park in Florida called Katzenberg World. It would be a place where people could take their children while they sue a Hollywood studio.

In any case, all my friends in show business feel good about the settlement. It once again shows how civilized Hollywood really is. As Samuel Goldwyn once said, "Next to making movies, suing the studios is what we all do best."

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 15, the 196th day of 1999. There are 169 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 15, 1971, President Nixon announced he would visit the People's Republic of China to seek a normalization of relations.

On this date:

In 1606, the Dutch painter Rembrandt was born in Leiden, Netherlands.

In 1870, Georgia became the last of the Confederate states to be readmitted to the Union.

In 1916, the Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products, was founded in Seattle.

In 1918, the Second Battle of the Marne began during World War I.

In 1948, President Truman was nominated for another term of office at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1964, Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1979, President Carter delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America.

In 1985, a gaunt-looking Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day to promote her cable television program. It was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS.

In 1992, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton claimed the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York.

In 1997, fashion designer Gianni Versace was shot dead outside his Miami home; the suspected gunman, alleged serial killer Andrew Phillip Cunanan was found dead eight days later.

Ten years ago: Leaders of the seven major industrial democracies, meeting in Paris, voiced support for democracy behind the Iron Curtain and condemned repression in China.

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Letters

Don't neglect using a seat belt when driving

We read of so many fatal wrecks with no one wearing seat belts. They possibly would have lived had they fastened their seat belt.

I was one of the hardest of hardheads saying, "It is my life and if I wish to die in a wreck, that is my choice. The law has no right to tell me what to do. It is my car. What a stupid law."

Two years ago I changed my mind. I was to pick up my wife in Kerrville. No strain. My wife was very stern about seat belts. Thank God I had it on.

The light turned green, and when I was crossing the line of traffic, I looked to my left and there was a car, full speed, five feet from me. The first thing in my mind was, "This is all of me. When you get broadsided on the driver's side, it is surely death."

The other driver was traveling very fast and had no thought of the red light. When he hit me, I spun around twice, turned upside down and landed hanging upside down in my seat belt. Someone found my glasses in the road. The windshield and both side windows were broken. I am positive had I not been wearing the seat belt, I would have been thrown from the car and crushed to death. Thank God I had no cuts, only one small pinpoint on my left arm.

From that night on, you can be assured, I have my seat belt secure. I am no longer hardheaded.

Jim Abernathy
Big Spring

It's time for taxpayers to tax the government

Since the United States government has so many billions of dollars of monetary surplus, Texas citizens should impose an "Excess Profits Tax" on the government like they did on the oil business just for making a profit.

Remember?

Roxanne Thams

'Applause' to mothers who protected children

Congratulations to the mothers who successfully derailed, at least for the time being, a scheduled art exhibit at Midland College to protect our children from seeing nude or semi nude figures.

Come to think of it, where was Sheriff Gary Painter? Perhaps he should include the Midland College Fine Arts Building when next he stakes out the Barnes & Noble art book section.

Golly, moms, watch out for those big city art museums on summer vacations, too. Plenty of nudity there! Oh, and no PG-13 movies from the video stores. Movies like "Titanic" will give the kids an eyeful.

Sherry Engstrom

Art show was much more offensive than magazines

I had to see the "art" for myself. I seriously doubted it was any more offensive than the magazine covers at the checkout stand at my neighborhood supermarket. It was.

I wish to express my appreciation first to the mothers who voiced their concerns about the art on public display at Midland College during Kid's College, and also to the college authorities for respecting the parents' concerns and removing the art for one week. This type of art is not in keeping with the high standards expected of our community college. I am sorry the talented young artist was offended by the criticisms, but I would have to ask if her work was more about photography techniques or her beautiful body.

Parents have an almost impossible task in raising children in today's society. They need all the support from the community they can get.

Now if only the managers of our local supermarkets, considered family-oriented businesses, would listen and display more positive magazines at the checkout stands.

Joyce Lucas

Senate GOP defends HMO bill

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans, battling Democrats over patient rights, offered a series of modest alternatives on women's health, access to specialists, emergency room care and other popular proposals.

Holding firm for a second day, only a handful of Republicans have defected in a series of votes on the details of new patient protections. That's partly because Republicans answered — or promised to answer — popular Democratic proposals.

"That's why people are sticking together, because they know we are going to deliver on the substance," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a surgeon who is helping to lead the GOP effort. "That's the strategy."

Republicans defeated, 53-47, a Democratic plan to give patients access to needed specialists even if the specialists are outside a health plan's network. Republicans promised their own version, which would require "timely" specialist care, but would not give patients the right to go outside a network.

Also, a day after defeating a Democratic measure on women's health, the Senate approved a GOP measure requiring health insurance companies to pay for overnight hospital stays when women are treated for breast cancer, if a doctor recommends it.

While Democrats support that idea, all 45 of them voted no because the GOP version eliminated a Democratic amendment that would have allowed easier access to experimental treatments.

Democrats tried to get the Senate to include both provisions, but Republicans refused. Instead, Republicans promised to produce their own amendment on experimental treatments by Thursday.

"We'll deliver," Frist said, promising to fold some "very good" Democratic ideas into the final GOP bill.

Meanwhile, Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., was working with a handful of Democrats to fashion a compromise that incorporates much of what Democrats want. His spokesman, Nicholas Graham, said Chafee had four Republicans on board and would need just one more to reach 50 votes if all 45 Democrats went along.

On an issue that sharply divides the parties, the Senate refused to extend new HMO rules to all 161 million people with private health insurance on Wednesday. The 52-48 vote meant many of the provisions would only apply to the 48 million Americans whose health plans fall outside state regulation because their employers provide insurance plans that are federally regulated.

The only major issue yet to be considered is the right to sue. Democrats want to give patients who are denied care the power to take their health plans to court. That issue was set for debate Thursday, when the Senate will take a final vote on the HMO package.

In the end, the Senate is likely to approve the Republican plan, which President Clinton has signaled he will veto.

Both Democrats and Republicans have legislation offering new federal rights for Americans in health maintenance organizations and other managed care plans. But the GOP plan is more modest than the Democratic bill on virtually every issue.

Many of the Republican proposals were first introduced Wednesday, after the GOP voted down the Democrats' version.

For example:

■ On emergency room care: Republicans agreed that insurance companies should pay for care during an emergency — and after a patient is medically stable, a retreat from their opening position. But Democrats said the plan had too many loopholes.

■ On women's health: Democrats would allow women to designate gynecologists as their primary care doctors; Republicans would not. But the GOP came closer to Democrats by allowing pregnant women to see obstetricians without prior approval.

Who is covered is among the most fundamental questions being debated this week, clearly demonstrating each party's approach to the role of government.

"We don't think that the source of all wisdom when it comes to health care is in Washington, D.C.," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla.

Democrats say the new rights must apply nationwide.

"The role of the federal government is to step in when protections need to be everywhere in this country," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, who went to Capitol Hill to boost the Democrats' bill.

But Republicans did extend some of their provisions beyond the core 48 million people. The breast cancer amendment, for instance, covers about 140 million people.

No Democrat has voted with Republicans during this week's debate, and only a handful of Republicans have voted with Democrats.

Those siding with Democrats at least once were GOP Sens. Spencer Abraham of Michigan, John Chafee of Rhode Island, Peter Fitzgerald of Illinois, John McCain of Arizona, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and John Warner of Virginia.

Environmental groups say coal-burning power plants are increasing air pollution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reliance on cheaper, coal-burning power plants by electric utilities because of price competition has substantially increased air pollution, two environmental groups charged Wednesday.

A 16 percent increase in electricity production from coal-burning power plants from 1992 and 1997 produced an additional 755,000 tons of smog-causing pollution annually, the environmentalists said in a report.

The environmentalist attributed the increase to competition in the electric utility industry, which has made increased use of cheaper, more polluting coal plants more attractive to power companies.

"Deregulation breathed new life into old creaky power plants," maintained the report by U.S. Public Interest Research Group and the Environmental Working Group.

But utility spokesmen said that on a per-kilowatt-hour basis, smog-causing nitrogen oxide emissions have declined and that competition probably had little impact on the numbers cited by the environmental groups.

"You certainly can't say all that growth (in generation) is related to competition," said John Kinsman of the Edison Electric Institute, which represents investor-owned electric utilities. He said electricity generation from all plants has been going up 1.5 percent to 2.5 percent a year because of economic growth.

Environmentalists long have been concerned that the new emphasis on price competition will give a cost advantage to utilities that rely heavily on cheaper, more polluting, coal-burning power plants, especially those in the Ohio Valley and Midwest.

The environmentalists' report said annual nitrogen oxide emission from 446 coal-burning power plants increased by 755,000 tons between 1992 and 1998 because of increases in electricity generation from those plants.

That increase was equivalent to the nitrogen oxide pollution from 37 million cars, said Rebecca Stanfield of U.S.PIRG, one of the authors of the study.

John Coequyt of EWG said, "Switching from coal to cleaner fuels such as natural gas is the way to solve our smog and global warming problems. Instead the utilities are taking us in the opposite direction."

Kinsman, the utility industry spokesman, said the report "totally ignores all the emission reductions we're required to undertake starting in 2000" as part of federal acid rain regulations and beginning in 2003 as part of additional federal controls on nitrogen oxide emissions.

Buddy Eller, a spokesman for Southern Co., a utility that relies heavily on coal-burning power plants, said that while coal use has increased, emissions have declined.

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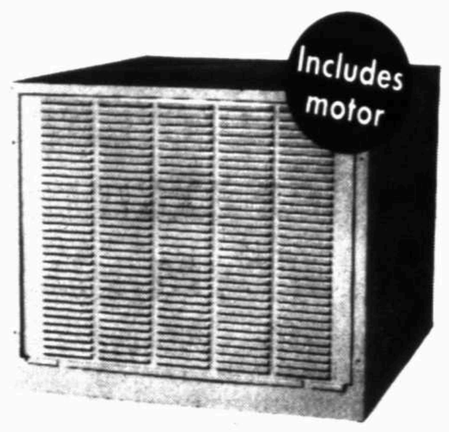

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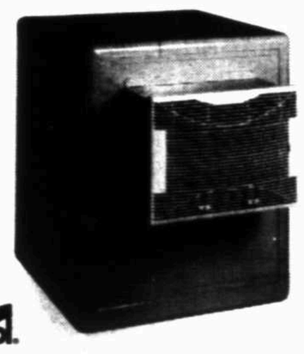

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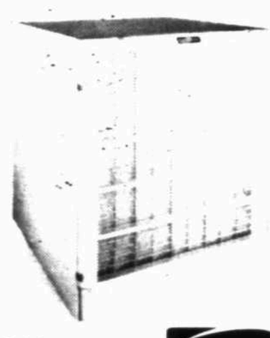

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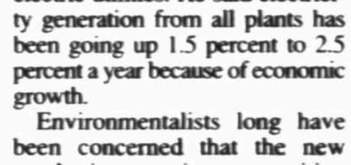

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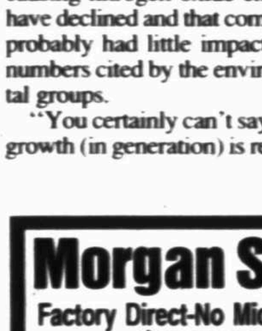

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Public TV station gave list of donors to the Democrats

By Alexis Chiu
Associated Press

BOSTON — Republicans on Capitol Hill are demanding a review of funding for public broadcasting after learning that WGBH-TV gave a list of its donors to the Democrats — a swap that came to light after a 4-year-old "Barney" fan started getting fund-raising letters.

The episode could threaten funding for public broadcasting nationwide.

WGBH have acknowledged giving a list of donors' names earlier this year to the Democratic National Committee, despite tax laws that prohibit public stations from playing political favorites. The station received in return a list of contributors to the DNC.

"It would be unfortunate if members of Congress take action against the whole system because one member made a mistake," said Angela Lifsey, a WGBH spokeswoman. "What happened was not a partisan situation. It was the result of administrative errors."

The House Commerce Committee had been scheduled to consider hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for public broadcasting on Wednesday, but the meeting was postponed because of the furor. Lawmakers said they want to hold a hearing first to air their concerns, probably in the next few weeks.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the Commerce Committee's telecommunications subcommittee, said he will reduce his funding proposal for public broadcasting.

"This isn't punitive," said Tauzin's spokesman, Ken Johnson. But Johnson said: "The worst part about this whole thing is that it feeds the old stereotypes. There are a number of people in our party who are absolutely convinced that public broadcasting is in the hip pocket of the Democratic Party and liberals in this country."

The name swap was discovered in May after Sam Black, a 4-year-old boy from Wellesley who watches public TV's "Barney," began receiving mail from the DNC, including an "agenda survey" and a fund-raising pitch.

His mother, Jody Black, had donated $40 to WGBH last fall in gratitude for its children's programs. She made the donation in her name and Sam's.

Officials said the station mistakenly gave a few thousand names to the DNC in exchange for an equal number of names. The deal was made by new employees who weren't aware of station policy, WGBH said.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., the commerce subcommittee's ranking Democrat, hopes Tauzin's plan still provides for an adequate increase for public broadcasting, said his spokesman, David Moulton.

"The problem is that there are very strong opponents of public broadcasting who will seize any opportunity to try to hurt that system," he said.

The Massachusetts Republican party poked fun at the controversy by issuing a news release about a "secret Democrat plan" to use well-known PBS shows to promote Massachusetts Democrats. Among the ideas: "Barney the Dinosaur" will now be called "Barney Frank the Dinosaur" — a reference to the Massachusetts congressman.

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Is it news or entertainment? The news channels follow Ventura

NEW YORK (AP) — MSNBC's Laura Ingraham was immersed in serious political talk with presidential contender John McCain when, suddenly, the screen filled with a picture of Jesse Ventura in a feather boa and jewel-studded sunglasses.

The Minnesota governor's return to the wrestling ring blends politics and entertainment in a novel fashion and, as a result, gave cable news networks an interesting test of how it defined news.

Fox News Channel aired live coverage of Ventura's announcement that he'll referee a World Wrestling Federation match next month. So did MSNBC. CNN ignored it.

"You can do news events and still have fun," John Moody, Fox News Channel's vice president for news, said Wednesday.

Fox commentator Dick Morris, called the event "a ritual political suicide ... In the last 15 minutes, this ma has destroyed his political career," he said.

Coverage of Ventura's news conference delayed Ingraham's MSNBC interview with McCain on issues facing presidential candidates, leaving the Arizona senator looking slightly perturbed. Ingraham asked McCain to talk about Ventura's conduct.

CNN thought Ventura's announcement wasn't particularly newsworthy, spokesman Earl Casey said. CNN was covering the arrest of a suspect in the railroad killer case and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's visit to the United States.

"It was our decision at the time to give more topical information to our viewers," Casey said.

CNN was also queasy about airing live video provided by the WWF to promote a pay-per-view event. CNN founder Ted Turner's TNT network also telecast World Championship Wrestling events, and the WCW is the WWF's mortal competitor.

Moody admitted Fox considered whether it was being used to promote an event but thought he couldn't pass up the event. Fox used the WWF's video.

"Jesse Ventura is a political phenomenon," he said. "There is no other way to describe him. To come from his background and be elected governor is a political rarity. Therefore, he's newsworthy."

NBC had its own news crew at Ventura's announcement, said Bob Epstein, MSNBC executive producer. He said covering the event was a perfect fit with Ingraham's show, which tries to mix politics and culture.

"It really did show how these lines have been crossed and merged into one," Epstein said.

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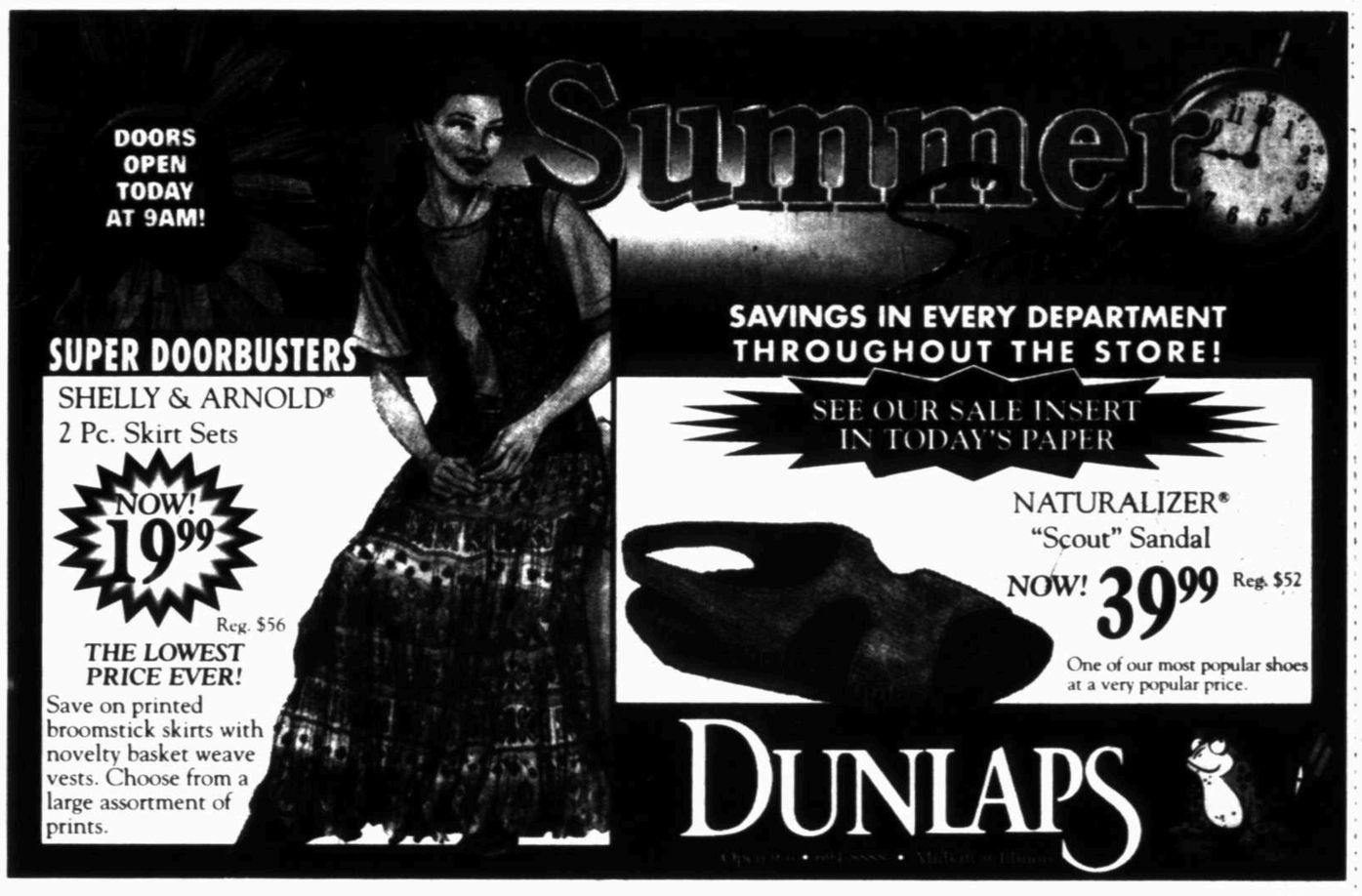

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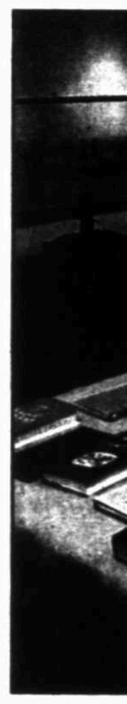

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Judicial oversight lessened for MISD

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

After nearly 30 years of intervention and direct supervision, the court may soon return the business of Midland education to Midland Independent School District.

U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado took the first step in that direction earlier this month by dismissing MISD's majority-to-minority program and Carver Cultural Center from continued court supervision.

The majority-to-minority program, according to Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr., is part of the original consent agreement enacting integration in Midland schools. Basically, it allows students in a school where they are the predominant race to transfer to a school where they would be in the minority.

Carver Cultural Center is a facility where students in kindergarten through third grades interact with same-grade students from other schools. Baressi said all students are taken to the building for day trips where they learn to get along with students of other cultures and participate in multi-cultural activities, "so students are familiar with the three major ethnic groups."

The July 1 action by Prado actually marked the second time the programs had been dismissed.

The items were dismissed along with supervision over MISD's bilingual and English as a second language programs in November. Prado stayed that decision in January, however, after an argument by the Justice Department and plaintiff-intervenors that a hearing should have preceded any dismissal.

MISD attorneys refiled a blanket-motion for dismissal of eight areas of judicial oversight, which prompted the recent ruling.

According to MISD attorney Charles Tighe of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson, Prado thought — and the Justice Department agreed — that no hearing was needed to dismiss the above-mentioned areas.

MISD's troubles surrounding desegregation arose in 1970 when the U.S. Justice Department filed a lawsuit against MISD for operating a dual system.

After much waggling and war-waging, MISD adopted a desegregation program in 1976 in which students in grades four through six are bused to schools outside their neighborhoods — the cluster system.

The district filed for unitary status on May 31,1994, but by August 1995 had settled out of court with an Agreed Judgment.

That judgment was set to end last year with the result being unitary status for MISD. The district filed a motion to end court supervision of eight programs:

- course enrollment at secondary schools,
- faculty and staff assignment and hiring,
- co- and extra-curricular activities,
- limited English Proficient education,
- elementary gifted and talented programs,
- facilities and school construction
- majority-to-minority transfer and
- implementation of multicultural events at the Carver Cultural Exchange Center.

Tighe anticipates a hearing regarding those matters to be held in the fall and Baressi is confident the outcome will be favorable to MISD.

"I think there is a very good chance," Baressi said of the district's prospects of victory.

But not everyone agrees that the district is quite ready to escape its bondage from the judicial system.

Alma Marshall, who was employed at MISD for eight years and is a plaintiff-intervenor in this case, thinks the district isn't quite ready for autonomy. Ms. Marshall wasn't concerned with the two areas dismissed but is concerned with three other programs — course enrollment, co- and extra-curricular activity and faculty and staff assignments.

She thinks that more can be done to

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Haley Library book sale

Pat McDaniel, director of development for the Haley Library, arranges books in preparation for the library's sale of duplicate books. The sale is scheduled for Saturday and Monday through July 21.

McDaniel and Nancy Jordan, right, sort through books.

U. Frank Williams Jr
Reporter-Telegram

Duplicate books offered up by historical library

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

The first major sale of duplicate books at the Haley Library has aroused interest all over the country.

"We've had phone calls from Atlanta, Ga., to Cody, Wy., to Austin to Forth Worth and Santa Fe," said Pat McDaniel, director of development. "We've had a lot of response. All requesting lists."

The books for sale offer "a very concentrated collection of Southwestern Americana and Texana in mostly out-of- print volumes that have dates from 1935 to 1990 something," he said.

All are duplicates of books now occupying the library's shelves.

"In making space for new books, we had to start the process of making identification of duplicates," McDaniel said. "And this is the result of that identification, this public offering which has never been done in this library's history."

Nearly 900 books will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis Saturday and again Monday through July 21.

"It's a collector's dream," McDaniel said.

Books are priced from $2 to $75. Most are out of print. Selections are directly from the library shelves with no outside estates or collection dispersals included.

"Each table is marked with a price," McDaniel said. "Each individual book is marked with the price inside the cover. They range from pamphlets to coffee-table style art books."

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on July 20 the sale will be open until 7 p.m. For more information call 682-5785. The Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and J. Evetts Haley History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., will be closed Sunday.

"We're ready for it to go on," Nancy Jordan, librarian at the Haley Library, said of the sale. "There will be leftovers. We'll put them on the office's sale shelf. There will always be books that people can buy at the Haley Library. It's just that this is going to be a great lot of them."

Before being offered for sale, the books were checked against those remaining on the shelves.

"We know what our specialities are," Ms. Jordan said. "We check editions, whether it's a dif-

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VISION 2000

Task force hears MISD wish list

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

One thing that every Vision 2000 Facilities Task Force meeting seems to have in common is that the prospect of spending some hefty dollars is always broached.

At a Wednesday luncheon meeting at the TXU building, the task force heard a presentation about needed school facilities that could cost anywhere from $75 million to $140 million.

"We feel like secondary school improvements are desperately needed," said Becky Ferguson, a member of the Vision 2000 education committee.

Wilson Heidelberg, executive director of auxiliary services and construction for MISD, however, identified at least 10 campuses in need of renovation or replacement — Lee High, Midland High, Lee Freshman High School, Midland Freshman High School, Alamo Junior High, Goddard Junior High, San Jacinto Junior High, Carver and West and Bunche early childhood centers.

He even went so far as to say the need for action was immediate — that is if Midlanders are concerned about cost issues.

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Rising Tejano star shoots through West Texas

Adrián y Destino stops by Midland on their way up the charts

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Typically a band can be together for years before a record company will take them seriously, much less sign them to a contract.

If that is the rule, Adrián y Destino is the exception.

The San Antonio-based band has been together for about two years and has already released its second CD with EMI Latin entitled "Déjame Amarte."

Promoter John Oritz said EMI Latin is pleased with the feedback on Adrián's latest effort.

"The new release has gained support from major radio stations from throughout Texas," Oritz said. "Adrián (Gómez) has taken the time to study the market for the second album and has made it more, 'radio-friendly.'"

Oritz said that becoming more "promotion-responsive" has helped Gómez and his band increase their venues and make a name for themselves in Tejano music.

Gómez, originally from Del Rio, said he and his cousin, keyboard player Aurelio Laing III, have been working together since they were kids and always knew they wanted to make music.

"I think when you do something like this, it really has to be in your blood," Gómez said. "We are all band, all the time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That is the only way you can make it in this business."

Adrián y Destino was the opening act for "Ruben Ramos and the Texas Revolution," which played Friday night at the Class Act Club in Midland.

Gómez said that being able to play at a venue with group like Ramos helps gives the band the exposure it needs to be successful.

"We are very popular in the San Antonio clubs," Gómez said. "However, when we come out to an area where our music is not as well known, it is nice to be playing with someone

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Defendant says he didn't stop after accident because he was scared

By Art Sinclair
Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — When the defendant in the intoxication manslaughter trial took the stand Wednesday, he said under cross-examination that he didn't stop because he was scared he might have to go back to jail.

Antony M. Rodriguez, 20, is being tried in the death of bicylist Jessie Lee Walters, 19, a student at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

The defendant was the 15th person to take the stand in the trial in 118th District Court.

Rodriguez, 20, was one of four witnesses called to testify by defense attorney Rick Hamby.

Numerous witnesses testified that Rodriguez had been drinking between about 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Feb. 27, the night of the accident.

When Big Spring Police Department officers administered a blood test at about 10 p.m., the defendant had an alcohol blood content of more than twice the legal limit of intoxication.

Hamby asked Rodriguez, "Do you feel like you were drunk?" He answered with a soft-spoken "no, sir."

"Did you see the victim or his friend on bicycles before you struck them?" asked Hamby. "No, sir," the youth replied. "The first thing I knew, the windshield caved in on me."

When Hamby asked Rodriguez why he didn't stop when he realized he hit something, Rodriguez, said, "I guess I just had too many things on my mind ...

"I knew I was in trouble and I didn't

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Ed Todd

Butterfly fanciers seek flittering things of beauty in flowery fields

They sleep by night and dance by day in the sky. And beauty alone is their calling, or so dreams purist Joann Merritt.

"Butterflies are just beautiful," proclaimed Mrs. Merritt, who fancies things of grace and marvel: from nature's butterflies and birds to the magic of language, which gives her insight flight. "Their beauty is their purpose."

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Joined by a bunch of individualists with a common focus, Mrs. Merritt sort of rallied the group of bird-watchers, turned butterfly fanciers, on a novel and esoteric expedition: a butterfly count.

The day was overcast and threatening to rain, which it did later on. But that didn't deter the 17 sojourners, affiliated with the nature-absorbed The Midland Naturalists and the North American Butterfly Association. Their job was to identify various butterfly species and their sighted numbers in and around Midland in the 25th annual NABA Fourth of July Butterfly Count, although it was well past Independence Day. But, correspondingly, it would be a rare thing for The Midland Naturalists' Christmas Bird Count for benefit of the National Audubon Society to be held on Christmas Day.

Butterflies, by whatever name, Melissa Blue, Question Mark, Cabbage White, Fatal Metalmark, Mourning Cloak, Common Buckeye, Monarch, Orange Sulphur or Painted Lady, are energized by sunlight. It is their nighttime counterpart, the nocturnal moths, that venture into the night to suckle the nectar of flowers.

The cloudy day threatened to dampen the butterflies' search for nectar or so feared the butterfly fanciers.

Count or no count, Mrs. Merritt was hoping for rain.

"It is ingrained in our souls," she said, "to pray for rain."

Don Hunter was eager to wander and count. "I'm an optimist," he said. In West Texas, he figured, the sun would really shine.

"You're realistic," Gene Grimes, a year-round birder, told him.

Butterfly fancier Linda Johnson, who is also steeped into herbs and flowers, noted that butterflies "tend to hide in the rain."

"They are not like human beings," observed her husband, B.G. Johnson, a retired Midland police detective, who would put his sleuth-hound skills to work in the field that day. "They have enough sense to get in out of the rain."

The search party's journey would take them from various wilderness sites, including the Merritt couple's Butterfly Garden in rural Midland County, the Johnson couple's Daisy's Herb & Flower Farm, Mulberry Lake, and paths to other sightings.

Their search would net 49 species and 4,896 individuals — the second highest species count by The Midland Naturalists. The highest count was 1990's 51 species and 5,417 individuals. Worldwide, of the billions of butterflies, there are as many as 20,000 species smaller than a dime — such as the North America's Western Pygmy Blue — to almost a foot in wingspread — such as the Queen Alexander's Birdwing oceans away in Papua New Guinea.

Their life is perilous. "If they survive the cater-

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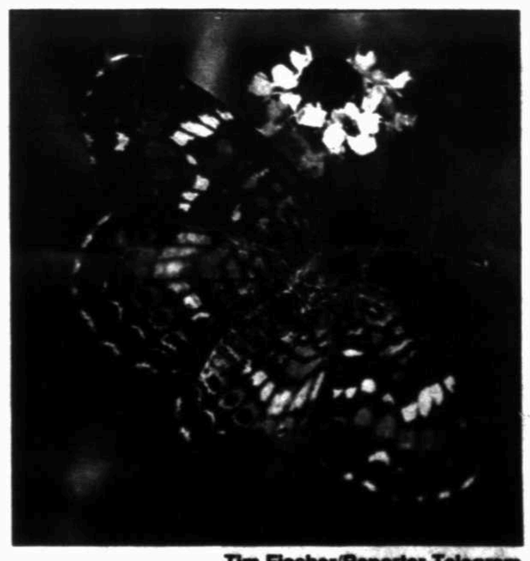

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A Phaon Crescent butterfly alights on a flower stem.

Area briefs

Hunting permit

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management areas will be accepted by mail only through Aug. 15.

The number of permits is limited and requests for information and applications are available by calling 1-915-267-6341 or by writing Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721, attention: public hunting.

A drawing for the permits is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept. 1 at the reservoir's field office. Applicants may attend the drawing, according to Dianah Collom with CRMWD.

Children's class

"Fun With Chemistry," the Petroleum Museum's last summer class for children, is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon July 19-22 at the museum.

The class is for children ages 6 through 10. They will mix silly putty, create slime and explore how oil becomes plastic.

Registration is $40 for members and $45 for non-members.

For more information call 683-4403.

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.

NAACP, 7 p.m., Hollowell United Methodist Church, 684-8974.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

Permian Toastmasters, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

East Side Lions, 8 p.m., Los Enriquez, 1401B N. Lamesa Road.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe

Bereavement Support group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 332-1431, 332-0991.

Westside Lions Club, noon, West-side Lions Den.

Rotary Club of Midland, 11:55 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, 109 N. Main.

Tall City Lions Club, 7 p.m., 305-S. Stonewall St.

Non-smoking game, 7 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 682-8596.

TRIAL: Rodriguez said he drank seven or eight beers that day

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want to go back to jail. I was worried about what would happen to me and Frances."

(Frances Alcontar was his girl friend at the time and has since married Rodriguez. He was already on probation for two county misdemeanor DWI convictions last year.)

Under cross-examination by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, Rodriguez said he could not remember drinking more than seven or eight beers all day.

Wilkerson, waving the statement Rodriguez gave the Big Spring Police Department on the night of his arrest, said "Mr. Rodriguez, you admitted in this statement that you drank a six-pack when you first arrived at the Rios birthday party around 3 p.m. on the afternoon of the accident.

"You left for awhile and came back to the party after you had taken your girlfriend to work. You also admit in this statement that you drank three or four more beers at the party. When you went to a local drinking establishment you also admit there were several rounds bought that you participated in, by drinking a beer each time.

"Since you were on probation for DWI, you were not supposed to drink any alcohol, and you weren't supposed to go into a place that served alcohol," Wilkerson continued. "Weren't you aware of the conditions of your probation?"

The defendant became quite defensive, but finally responded, "Yes, sir, I knew it was wrong to do these things."

He also testified that he was driving without a license.

Wilkerson summed it up by asking, "Tony, isn't the real reason you didn't stop is because you were scared that you might go back to jail?"

The defendant dropped his eyes and said, "Yes, sir, I guess that's right."

In other testimony, volunteer firefighter Melisa Kennemer told the court that she and her friend, Diane Lattingood, were stopped at a traffic light at 11th and Birdwell Lane, when a speeding car slid into the back of their vehicle. Ms. Kennemer said she got out of her car and tried to speak to the driver, but he refused to say anything to her, and sped away from the scene.

Ms. Kennemer and her friend went to a nearby fire station, called 911 and reported the fleeing car's license plate number.

Detective Jim Rider, who was working his off-duty security job at the Big Spring Mall, testified that he heard the description of the car and started driving around the old Kmart and the mall parking lots looking for the suspect vehicle.

He said he found the heavily damaged small foreign car parked in the employees' area of the mall. He went inside the mall and followed the sounds of someone crying. He said he found Rodriguez and put him in handcuffs.

Fifteen witnesses were called by the prosecution and four by the defense. Both sides rested their cases just before 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The jury is to start deliberations this afternoon.

VISION: Midland High can only handle 1,400 students, not 2,100

(From 1B)

According to Heidelberg, a citizens' committee that met in 1995 determined that it would cost about $5 million a year for every year those facilities aren't addressed. The reason lies in inflation and increased deterioration of facilities already in need of renovation, he said.

The current maintenance plan, according to Heidelberg, is to complete a project a year. He said, however, that's just not cost-effective.

"It's like trying to remodel your kitchen out of the grocery budget," he said.

Whether it's done all at once or one at a time, facilities for Midland Independent School District would have mitigating costs from other sources.

Take the needs at Midland High School, for instance. Parts of MHS are as old as 71 years and as new as 43. Despite the age, the facility is overcrowded.

"Midland High School, educationally, would be adequate for 1,400 students," Heidelberg said.

MHS is now home to some 2,100 students — down from 2,300.

Renovating the facility would cost $22 million, he said.

However, before renovation could begin, approximately $5 million in land would have to be purchased to un-landlock the campus.

Heidelberg said it would be wiser to build a campus to replace MHS at $30 million.

That's where the costs start coming in. Heidelberg said that the community has identified that any renovations at MHS would have to be comparably carried out at Lee.

So if a new high school is built, a $12 million renovation would have to be done at Lee. Lee is in need of the renovation and for convenience sake, it could be done at the same time, he said.

But if a new high school is built, that would leave the current MHS vacant and a perfect location for Midland Freshman or San Jacinto Junior High.

To renovate the current MHS for San Jacinto or Midland Freshman would cost only $5 million but it would have to be done soon because the longer a building sits vacant the more difficult it becomes to renovate, he said.

For the same reason, the program that moves into the MHS building would leave a vacant facility in need of renovation before another program could use it.

Heidelberg said that if educational adequacy is the determining factor, then MHS is the facility in most need of a solution. But to replace MHS, would set into motion the need to spend a minimum of $47 million — plenty enough for its own bond issue.

The facilities task force also unearthed another potential for MISD expenditures.

Heidelberg said there are no immediate plans by the district to propose any new major building projects.

He did say, however, "The sooner we do it, the better off we'll be as far as long-term costs."

DEATH NOTICES

Lois Lewis

Lois Louise Lewis, 100, died Tuesday, July 13, at a local hospital.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at Restland Cemetery in Dallas with the Rev. Jandy Watkins officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born May 7, 1899, in Taylor.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.E. Lewis; and two sons, Kenneth Lewis and Robert Lewis.

Survivors include two sons, Christopher G. Lewis of Mesquite and David Lewis of Seaview, Wash.; a brother, James Mask of Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters, Eula Smith of Houston, Nina B. Owens of Florida and Flo Woodmansee of Midland; 11 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jean Moore

Jean W. Moore died Tuesday, July 13, at her residence.

Graveside services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 17, 1914, in Vienna, Austria.

She moved to Texas when she was 16 and shortly thereafter became a U.S. citizen. She lived in Galveston, Houston and New Mexico before settling in Midland in 1956. She established The Moore Realtors, a family business.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Moore.

Survivors include three sons, Charles H. Moore II of Midland, Eric T. Moore of Houston and John H. Moore of Austin; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland or Meals-On-Wheels.

Hermon Caskey

ODESSA — Odessan Hermon Caskey, 66, died Tuesday, July 13, at his residence.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, at Branon Funeral Home Chapel in Lamesa with the Rev. Gerald Parsons officiating. Burial is to follow at 4 p.m. at Quanah Memorial Park in Quanah under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 10, 1932, in Wichita Falls.

He worked with Webb, Caskey & Stephens CPAs in Lamesa for 25 years. He moved to Odessa several years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Pam Harper of Midland; four sons, Steve Caskey and William Caskey of The Woodlands; Jim Caskey of St. Louis, Mo., and Lane Caskey of Austin; a sister, Janice Sills of Bryan; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Vera Nelson

ABILENE —Vera Zona Marshall Nelson, 98, mother of Midlander Clinton Nelson, died Sunday, July 11, at an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were Wednesday, July 14, at Clyde Cemetery in Clyde with the Rev. Don Roath officiating, under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene.

She was born Nov. 27, 1900, in Clyde.

She was a Southwestern Bell Telephone operator in Clyde for six years. She moved to Abilene in 1997. She was a member of Winters United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ewing Sanders Nelson in 1963.

Other survivors include another son, Ewing S. Nelson Jr. of Abilene; a daughter, Zona Phillips of Tehama, Calif.; two sisters, Artie E. Young of Lubbock and Gladys Demmis of Dallas; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Meals-On-Wheels Plus, Inc., P. O. Box 901, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Altagracia Heredia

KNOTT —Altagracia Heredia, 91, mother of Midlanders Albert Heredia and Lupe Rodriguez, died Tuesday, July 13, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are be 10 a.m. today, July 15, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Christopher Coleman officiating. Burial is to follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

She was born March 5, 1908, in Presidio.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton, the Guadalupanas, and the Altar Society. She moved to Big Spring in 1961. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Juan Heredia Nov. 19, 1932; a sister, Leonor Herrera; and three brothers, Santos Rodriguez, Victor Rodriguez and Facundo Rodriguez.

Other survivors include another daughter, Ernestina Renteria of Knott; two brothers, Gabino Rodriguez of Big Spring and Rafael Rodriguez Jr. of Stanton; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Gene Heald

LAMESA —Gene Heald, 66, died Tuesday, July 13, at a Lamesa hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. today, July 15, at First United Methodist Church in Lamesa with the Rev. David Black officiating. Burial is to follow at Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

He was born Jan. 30, 1933, in Martin County.

He was a salesman for Bob Brown Motors. He coached youth football and baseball. He was past-president of Lamesa High School Band Boosters, choir director for Northside Baptist Church and was a member of First United Methodist Church and Lamesa Noon Lion's Club.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Lou King Heald of Lamesa; a daughter, Patti Branon of Lamesa; a son, Layne Heald of Abilene; a brother, Jimmy Heald of Lamesa; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Youth Fund.

Apolonio Dominguez

FORT STOCKTON — Apolonio M. Dominguez, 62, of Fort Stockton, father of Midlander Greg Dominguez, died Wednesday, July 14, at an Odessa hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, at Fort Stockton Funeral Home Chapel with Elizabeth Fish officiating. Burial is to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of Fort Stockton Funeral Home. Prayer service is set for 7 p.m. today, July 15, at the funeral home. Visitation is to be 9 a.m.-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 9, 1937, in Fort Stockton.

He was an auto mechanic. He was a member of God Feeding Word Ministries.

Other survivors include his wife, Petra Ybarra Dominguez of Fort Stockton; three other sons, Mike Dominguez, Jessie Dominguez and Joe Dominguez, all of Fort Stockton; three daughters, Pasquala Manzano and Elizabeth Dominguez, both of Fort Stockton, and and Grace Gomez of Liberal, Kan.; a sister, Mary Lopez of Fort Stockton; 20 grandchidlren; and five great-grandchildren.

Manuel Yharte

Manuel Yharte, 47, died Tuesday, July 13, at his home.

Funeral services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

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 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

BOOKS: Most of the titles are things of interest to researchers

(From 1B)

ferent printing or binding or things like that before we can call it a duplicate."

The books being sold contain mostly "things of interest to researchers and students who are interested in certain areas of research," she said. "We do not have a lot of books in this sale that are what we would call collectors' items. They are more research and regional-type books on a lot of interesting topics. Since most of them are out of print, it's hard to find them anymore."

McDaniel called the offering "tremendous," and said, "When you come down here and look at the books, and see how they are spread out, and see the range of subjects and authors and what they represent, then you can see the importance of it."

TEJANO: San Antonio group won national Latino music competition

(From 1B)

who will draw a crowd. I think when people get a chance to hear us, that is when we make fans."

The group, by its own admission, has been fortunate during its short career. Their first break came when they took first place in a national talent contest.

"We entered the Latino version of 'Star Search,' which takes place in all major cities in the nation," Gómez said. "We won first place in San Antonio over all the local bands and went up to New York to compete in the finals. We were the only Tejano band up there and we won first place."

Gómez said that the win led to the band's first CD with EMI, "Cuando Manda El Corazon," which was produced by Abraham Quintanilla Jr. with Q-Productions.

The band, which also includes guitarist Art Villarreal, bass player Michael Martínez, accordion player Gilbert Zamora, drummer Mónico Pérez and percussionist Sonny Zomora, is touring "Déjame Amarte." The single from the CD, "Si Es Amor," has climbed to No. 4 on the Tejano charts.

Gómez attributes the group's success to the talent of the band's members.

"I think the second CD has a very progressive Tejano sound," Gómez said. "We have a good variety of cumbias and ballads that sound great because there is a lot talent here. Aurelio, our keyboardist, is a concert pianist; Art Villarreal, our guitarist has studied guitar and can play hard rock; we have a great accordion player. Everyone is very talented and I think it shows in the music."

BUTTERFLIES: Butterflies actually prefer certain flowers over others

(From 1B)

pillar stage, they turn into butterflies," said Don Merritt. Insect-feasting birds snack on and devour caterpillars and butterflies. And there are certain wasps that implant their eggs in caterpillars for food for their young'uns.

"That's the way of nature," observed Mrs. Merritt. "That's part of the food chain. That's just the way it is. Each has its own place."

"That's a Sleepy Orange," announced an excited Betty Rae Davis of a flittering and darting butterfly. "He doesn't act sleepy at all."

Then came skipping along a Common Sootywing, whose host plant, where it lays its eggs, is the lamb's-quarter weed.

Most butterflies, but not all, have a preferred host plant. The Monarch and Queen are attracted to the milkweed. The Orange Sulphur heads for the alfalfa patch. And Cabbage Whites start their new beginnings on mustard-family-plants, such as broccoli, cabbage, kale and cauliflower.

Butterflies and bees are not attracted to all flowers, except by happenstance.

Hunter rounded up a fiery red Devil's Bouquet. "They are handsome from a distance," he said of the flower. "But they smell bad up close. They have a stink to them," which butterflies do not fancy.

At Mulberry Lake, where the wooden gate was up in place but the adjoining fence was down, the butterfly fanciers found a sought-after prize: the Fatal Metalmark butterfly. At rest, it is like an autumn leaf but reflects light like tinfoil or, Grimes suggested, a silver bullet. Johnson, the ex-detective in the lot, spotted the butterfly at rest like a fallen leaf.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

A Question Mark butterfly.

Back home at her Butterfly Garden, Mrs. Merritt said that among her three sons, son John wondered about butterflies and her fancy for them and inquired: "'What is their purpose?'"

"They don't need a purpose," she reasoned. "Their beauty is reason enough for their existence."

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Midland Community Theatre takes 'Nunsense Jamboree' to Guyana

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Midland Community Theatre's "Nunsense" nuns fly to the Land of Waters this week to promote Sister Mary Amnesia's country-western album.

"This is going to be a fun one," Dr. Tulsi Singh said of the trip to his homeland, Guyana, which is located on the northeast coast of South America.

Two years ago, MCT took "Forever Plaid" to Guyana as part of Midland's sister-city relationship with New Amsterdam. This past year, Singh, Mayor Bobby Burns and Bobby Trimble, founder of Christmas in April, introduced Trimble's program to New Amsterdam. In June, Trimble led a 16-person delegation to New Guyana to repair an orphanage and a retirement home in New Amsterdam and build a new bus stop to help those traveling between Georgetown and Midland's sister city.

This time, MCT returns to Guyana to present "Nunsense Jamboree" in New Amsterdam to benefit the city's recently established Christmas in April program and in the country's capital, Georgetown, to benefit the Help and Shelter Organization, a center for battered women and children.

"When we were looking for a show that could travel, the wonderful thing about this one was it had a small cast and was more dependent on props and costumes than scenery," said Tim Jebsen, MCT's executive director. "We can literally perform this one on a bare stage."

Jebsen, who will be going on the trip, described the play as "more original than 'Nunsense II.' I think the best quote I've ever heard about this one is 'Hee, Haw with nuns.' It's very lighthearted and better written than 'Nunsense II.'"

"I think they'll love it," Singh said of the play, which tells the story of Sister Mary Amnesia's memory recovery. She realizes she is a country-western singer, records an album and goes on tour with several other nuns and a priest.

MCT cast members include Cori Bollman as Sister Leo, Lisa Jebsen as Sister Mary Amnesia, Christina Little as Sister Robert Anne, John Briggs as Father Virgil Manley Trott and Carolyn Sutton as Sister Wilhelm. Ms. Sutton also was a member of the cast that performed "Forever Plaid" in Guyana.

"I was lucky enough to get to go as the stage manager," Ms. Sutton said. "They were so hospitable.

Appearing in the the performances of "Nunsense Jamboree" set for Guyana as part of Midland's sister-city relationship with New Amsterdam, are, in front from left, Cori Bollman as Sister Leo, Lisa Jebsen as Sister Mary Amnesia and Carolyn Sutton as Sister Wilhelm; and on the back row, John Briggs as Father Virgil Manley Trott and Christina Little as Sister Robert Anne. The travelers will return July 25.

"We were treated like VIPs from the moment we arrived. We were escorted to the VIP lounge and didn't have to go through customs. We had police escorts everywhere we went ..."

After watching the audiences two years ago, Ms. Sutton said "Nunsense Jamboree" is a good choice.

"They'll love it," she said. "'Forever Plaid' and 'Nunsense Jamboree' don't have a heavy moral message, but they are uplifting and entertaining. They will go away feeling good."

The audiences in Guyana, Jebsen said he was told, "loved that '50s music" in "Forever Plaid" and are "very familiar with Texas and with country western music."

Joining the cast and Jebsen on the trip will be Jed Barker and Eddie Taylor, both of MCT, and Singh, who was instrumental in forging the sister-city relationship, and his family.

"We are lucky that we had great sponsors for the fund-raiser that we had back in April," Singh said of the benefit performance held at the Yucca Theatre this spring. The money was raised then to fund the trip and performances this month.

Guyana, an American Indian word meaning Land of Waters, was one of the first areas to be settled in the Western Hemisphere. Christopher Columbus sailed along its coast in 1498, and Sir Walter Raleigh searched there in 1585 for El Dorado, the legendary city of gold.

Great Britain created the colony of British Guyana. The colony became an independent nation in 1966 and is officially known as the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.

The current president, American-born Janet Jagan, will co-chair the Georgetown "Nunsense Jamboree" performances along with the American ambassador to Guyana. Ms. Sutton met Ms. Jagan two years ago in New Amsterdam.

"She's a really nice lady — very, very hospitable," Ms. Sutton said of Ms. Jagan, who was then prime minister. "I remember Tulsi said to her, 'Madame Prime Minister, I never thought I would be sitting here having a Coke with you in this beautiful building.'

"And she said, 'Well, Tulsi, when I was picketing outside these walls against British rule, I never dreamed that I would be sitting here as prime minister.'"

This trip marks Jebsen's first opportunity to go to Guyana. When the "Forever Plaid" group went, he had just come on board at MCT.

"I'm excited to meet people and find out what we can bring to them and explore other options for future things we can do," said Jebsen. "I'd love to bring a group from there here and take some things there to help their theater program develop."

The trip offers another opportunity to "cement bonds between New Amsterdam and Midland," Singh said. Since Guyana now receives American television off satellite, Singh said, "They get to see a lot of our trash TV. This gives people overseas a chance to see what really entertains us, and certainly what entertains us in Midland."

MISD: Executive director of communications said that MISD does not have a 'good ole boy' system

(From 1B)

recruit minorities into extra-curricular activities besides football and basketball and recruiting minority staff members.

"Although there is some minor increase, not enough time is spent recruiting for other kinds of things like golf and tennis."

She added, "I think we can do a better job of recruiting African American teachers and I also think there's a problem in the promotion of African Americans into authority positions. Not one of the executive directors is black and only one principal is. It's just a good ole boy system."

There are eight executive directors and 35 campuses at MISD. Of 22 directors three are African American.

Regarding principals, Ms. Marshall related a story of a young African American who applied for the job of principal at MISD a few years ago. According to Ms. Marshall, MISD wouldn't hire him but Odessa did.

MISD Executive Director of Communications Barney Welch replied, "It's not a good ole boy system and I don't think that's fair. The thing is, these are professionals with a great deal of experience. They were interviewed by a selection committee, recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board at the time of their hiring. It's not fair to say it's a good ole boys club."

Ms. Marshall, however, is most concerned with an issue that's not being addressed by the recent court activity — the cluster system.

The Agreed Judgment set out a five-year probationary period for the cluster system, which is set to expire in 2000.

The Agreed Judgment additionally laid out the ability to change the cluster system in consultation with other parties, yet it still remains.

Ms. Marshall's fear is that once court supervision is removed, the district would introduce an open enrollment system that would serve to end integration.

"I'd be willing to bet that it won't be three months (after court supervision is removed) before someone on that board will move to abolish the cluster system," said Ms. Marshall.

But that doesn't seem to be in contention. Baressi agreed that it's likely some change would occur involving the cluster system but that the first priority would be integration.

"In my opinion, any change would have to be constitutional and would have to include integration of all our students," Baressi said.

Baressi added that alteration of the cluster system could even help to improve education for minority students.

"We have produced test data that shows minority students' test scores tend to tail off after the third grade."

Ms. Marshall countered, however, that such a contention is only a smoke screen and that doing away with the cluster system would serve to do away with integration.

"That's the thing that has really irritated me, is them saying 'We are really worried about their scores. The poor things, we need to keep them in their own neighborhood so they will do better.'"

Ms. Marshall said. "It's kind of like spitting in my face and telling me it's raining. You can't show me a black or Hispanic parent that walked into a board meeting and talked about doing away with the cluster system so their kids could improve their test scores."

Baressi reinforced his position saying, "Our intent is to not have racially identifiable schools but a better system than what we currently have."

Gospel Night on stage at Summer in the City

From Staff Reports

Summer in the City continues tonight with the sixth annual Gospel Night. Because of an abundance of singing acts, the night will kick off at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m.

Water colorist Charlotte Seay will provide art work in the park. Refreshments will be available.

The list of scheduled performers at tonight's Gospel Night is:

- 6:30 p.m. — Golden Girls
- 6:40 — Macedonia Children's Choir
- 6:50 — Mildred Rubio
- 7 p.m. — ONE
- 7:10 — Macedonia Youth Choir
- 7:20 — Robert Dorn
- 7:30 — St. James Baptist Youth Choir
- 7:40 — Constance Niblett
- 7:50 — John Niblett
- 8 p.m. — True Light
- 8:10 — True Light Youth Choir
- 8:20 — Phil McGechie
- 8:30 — Margaret Young

Summer in the City, in its sixth season, is a night of free family entertainment held Thursday nights in June and July at Centennial Plaza in Downtown Midland.

Kids Night is scheduled for July 22 and will feature performances by the Midland High School Drum Corps, a local jazz band, trampoline rides for $1, and the fourth annual Midland's Largest Ice Cream Sundae, constructed by Baskin Robbins.

Summer in the City concludes its season July 29 with a benefit performance at the Midland Center of "Big Blondes," a musical written by Linda Bond and Rob Hunt, currently in production in Tulsa, Okla.

The show tells the story of a star-struck video clerk who dreams of becoming famous. She gets advice from three superstars — Mae West, Marlene Dietrich and Marilyn Monroe. The show is a cabaret performance and will focus on the new songs rather than the entire plot.

The Midland Center doors open at 7 p.m. on July 29 with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Reserved seating is at sponsor tables only, all other seating is general.

Tickets for "Big Blondes" are $15 with proceeds benefiting Summer in the City 2000. For information about "Big Blondes," call 687-1149 or send reservations to Texas Best, P.O. Box 664, Midland, Texas 79702.

Inmates to assist in demolition of Big Spring building

By T.E. Jenkins
Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — The downtown eyesore known to Big Spring residents as the Permain Building may be one step closer to demolition, as Cornell Corrections Inc., announced this week they will assist the city in bringing the crumbling building down.

Steve Logan, executive vice president for Cornell, told members of the Big Spring City Council Tuesday evening that Cornell will assist in funding the demolition of the aging structure.

"Cornell would be happy to be a partner in this project," Logan told council members. "Wherever this thing goes, we are willing to work with you on this."

City Manager Gary Fuqua said the addition of Cornell to the team of agencies backing the demolition of the Permian Building brings the city that much closer to their goal.

"We've been working on this thing for quite some time," Fuqua said. "It's really been a hard thing to get together on, but it looks like we are very close to bringing the building down."

With already $103,000 pledged to the demolition of the building by local agencies, including $50,000 from the city and $50,000 from Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., Fuqua said he hopes to put actions in motion that will forever remove the building from the Big Spring landscape.

"We got a bid from Jack Cathey Construction Co. to tear the building down for $89,300, plus $8,000 to cover insurance costs," Fuqua said. "The price doesn't include the cost of removing the debris, or the removal of the utility lines, but along with the price to remove the asbestos, I think we are still looking at the same $115,000 to $125,000 estimate that we began with."

Fuqua also added that costs on removing and disposing of the asbestos material in the building may actually cost much less than he and his staff estimated, as negotiations have begun between Howard College and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide certified labor from inmates.

"The building is an eyesore, but it's also a danger," Fuqua said. "There have been bricks falling off of the wall of the building; and someone could get hit."

Lawyer cited in Fourth of July explosion

BROWNSVILLE k(AP) — A lawyer has been cited on suspected fire and building code violations in a Fourth of July fireworks display explosion.

Ron Armstrong, a licensed pyrotechnic, is accused of illegally storing the explosives inside his law office garage, Brownsville Fire Inspector Thomas Cowen said.

Fire officials have issued two citations against Armstrong, each of which carries a maximum $2,000 fine.

The fireworks accidentally went off on the Fourth of July in a residential neighborhood. Armstrong said static electricity sparked the explosion as he and others charged fuses in preparation for a fireworks show.

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Accused rail killer linked to ninth slaying, indicates willingness to cooperate

HOUSTON (AP) — The man arrested in the railroad killer case was charged with capital murder in an East Texas slaying Wednesday, hours after he asked a judge for speedy processing "so I can say I'm guilty."

Cass County District Attorney Randall Lee charged Angel Maturino Resendez in the slaying of 87-year-old Leffie Mason, beaten to death last October in her Hughes Springs home.

It was the first Texas murder charge against Maturino Resendez, who also is charged with two murders in Illinois and one in Kentucky. He was arrested Tuesday on a burglary charge in a Houston-area slaying and is linked to four other Texas killings.

At a bond hearing related to the burglary charge Wednesday, the 39-year-old rail-hopping drifter appeared eager to cooperate.

"Can all this be done very quickly so I can say I'm guilty?" Angel Maturino Resendez, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit and handcuffs, calmly asked state District Judge William Harmon.

Although his bond hearing had specifically to do with the burglary charge, it wasn't clear to what exactly Maturino Resendez was referring. He also claimed guilt at an earlier procedural hearing Wednesday.

Hours after the second proceeding, the 39-year-old rail-hopping drifter was linked to Ms. Mason's death.

Ms. Mason, who lived most of her life within 50 yards of a Kansas City-Southern rail line that bisects the town of 2,000, was beaten to death with her antique iron by someone who entered her home through a window.

Like several other victims believed killed by Maturino Resendez, her body was covered by a blanket.

A Houston police crime lab confirmed a palm print found on Ms. Mason's window matched Maturino Resendez.

Hughes Springs police chief Randy Kennedy had long suspected Maturino Resendez was responsible for the killing.

"I'm feeling great. I'm glad to finally be able to put some closure to this case," he said.

Even though the Hughes Springs case has been filed, it's not clear who will get first crack at prosecuting Maturino Resendez.

"So we'll put our name in the hat for standing in line to get our hands on this guy," Lee said.

In both court appearances Wednesday, Maturino Resendez's calm request to plead guilty came after a prosecutor described the bloody scene of a Houston-area killing from which the burglary charge stems.

The hearings were only to set bond and assign Maturino Resendez an attorney, so his admission of guilt was not an official plea, prosecutors said.

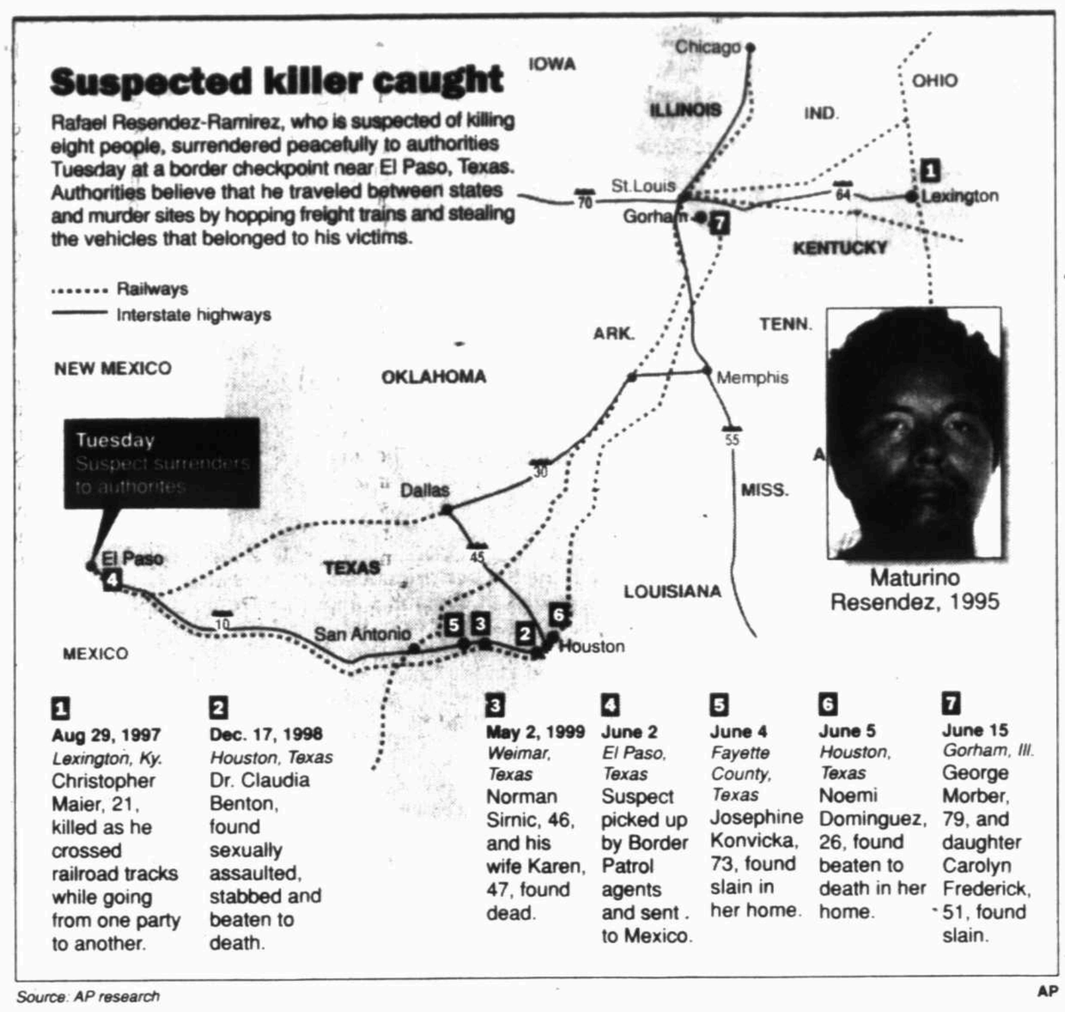
Maturino Resendez is charged with a burglary at the scene where Dr. Claudia Benton, 39, was killed Dec. 17 in the Houston enclave of West University Place.

His fingerprints were found on parts from the woman's stolen car, and Harris County Assistant District Attorney Devon Anderson said DNA evidence might also link him to the slaying.

"It makes it hard to deny you're the one who did it," she said.

Ms. Anderson said Maturino Resendez could be charged with capital murder and face the death penalty for the death of Ms. Benton, who was beaten severely on the head, stabbed three times in the back and covered with a blanket.

Ms. Anderson said the decision on whether to bring the capital murder charge would be up to her boss, District Attorney Johnny Holmes.



"I am so happy to be a part of (Maturino Resendez's) welcoming committee," Ms. Anderson said.

Holmes reigns over a county that has notched the most death-penalty convictions — 143 of 461 men and three of eight women now on death row — of any in county in Texas.

Texas also is the nation's most-active death penalty state, executing more people — 180 — than any other since the death penalty was declared constitutional in 1976.

Texas' hold on Maturino Resendez also might mean Kentucky and Illinois officials never get to prosecute him. Lexington, Ky., police Sgt. Mark Barnard said he hopes that's not the case.

"I don't care if he gets the death penalty seven times," Barnard said. "I want him in Kentucky."

After an intense six-week manhunt that spurred fear along the nation's railway lines, Maturino Resendez, also known by the alias Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, surrendered to a Texas Ranger at an El Paso border station Tuesday.

It's still unclear why the elusive man, who apparently had been hiding for some time in Mexico, chose to turn himself in here. Mexico has refused to return suspects to countries where they may face a death penalty, which Mexico does not have.

Mike Cox, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman, said the suspect may have feared bounty hunters. A $125,000 reward had been offered for his capture.

Maturino Resendez is believed to have traveled by hopping freight trains, finding victims living near the tracks. Investigators have said they have no idea what motivated the killings.

His killing spree apparently started with the Aug. 29, 1997, slaying of a 21-year-old college student in Kentucky who was attacked while walking with his girlfriend along railroad tracks.

The rest of the killings have come since September. The most recent were those of a 79-year-old man and his 51-year-old daughter, found dead June 15 in Gorham, Ill.

The other Texas killings were those of a pastor and his wife in Weimar, about 100 miles west of Houston, the slaying of a woman about three miles from Weimar and the death of a Houston schoolteacher.

Immigration officials relieved by suspected killer's arrest after they let him go

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Immigration officials have spent the last six weeks under heavy criticism for letting Angel Maturino Resendez go. Now they're taking some solace in the fact that he has been caught.

"I don't know if it makes up for it, but there were some lessons that were learned," said Luis Garcia, district director for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, parent of the Border Patrol.

Still, he said, "We don't know if it was technological or human error. It is too early to comment on that."

Maturino Resendez, an illegal immigrant accused in the murders of nine people who lived near railroad tracks in three states, surrendered at an El Paso port-of-entry Tuesday.

Just six weeks ago, he was in the custody of border agents here. They had picked him up for illegally being in the country, but within hours sent him back to Mexico.

That happened even though he already was wanted by the FBI, and Houston police had told the INS they wanted him for questioning in a murder.

Authorities believe he killed four people after the release.

C.G. Almengor, a supervisor at the Border Patrol processing facility where Maturino Resendez was taken in June, said the agency's computer system did not indicate he was a wanted man.

"Our systems told us he was nothing of lookout material," Almengor said. "We really wish he had been in the system so we could have caught him before."

Almengor said he was not surprised that Maturino Resendez ultimately was captured in the area, since he is familiar with the border region.

"We've been expecting to get him any minute," he said.

Cooperation between the Texas Rangers, the INS, the FBI and other law enforcement agencies led to the surrender, said Anne Estrada, deputy district director for INS operations in El Paso.

"We've been very proud of ourrole," she said. "Here at the border we are the first line of defense."

She said the arrest will help boost public confidence in the INS.

"I think it shows the community and the nation that we have a lot of tools available to us to apprehend criminals," she said.

But a leading critic of the INS said the agency's earlier release of the fugitive remained troubling.

"How many other convicted and accused felons have slipped through the INS's hands because they can't identify criminals with their computers?" asked House immigration subcommittee Chairman Lamar Smith.

Immigration Commissioner Doris Meissner said the INS had multiple entries on Maturino Resendez in a computerized photo and fingerprint database that provides immediate identification of illegal immigrants apprehended by the Border Patrol.

Meissner said the Justice Department inspector general will look at why Maturino Resendez "was not detained and whether INS knew about his criminal activities after being contacted by local law enforcement earlier this year."

The INS first arrested Maturino Resendez, also known by the alias Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, in 1976 in Michigan, and since then has deported him three other times — in 1985, 1987 and 1991. He also was apprehended by Border Patrol agents eight times since January 1998.

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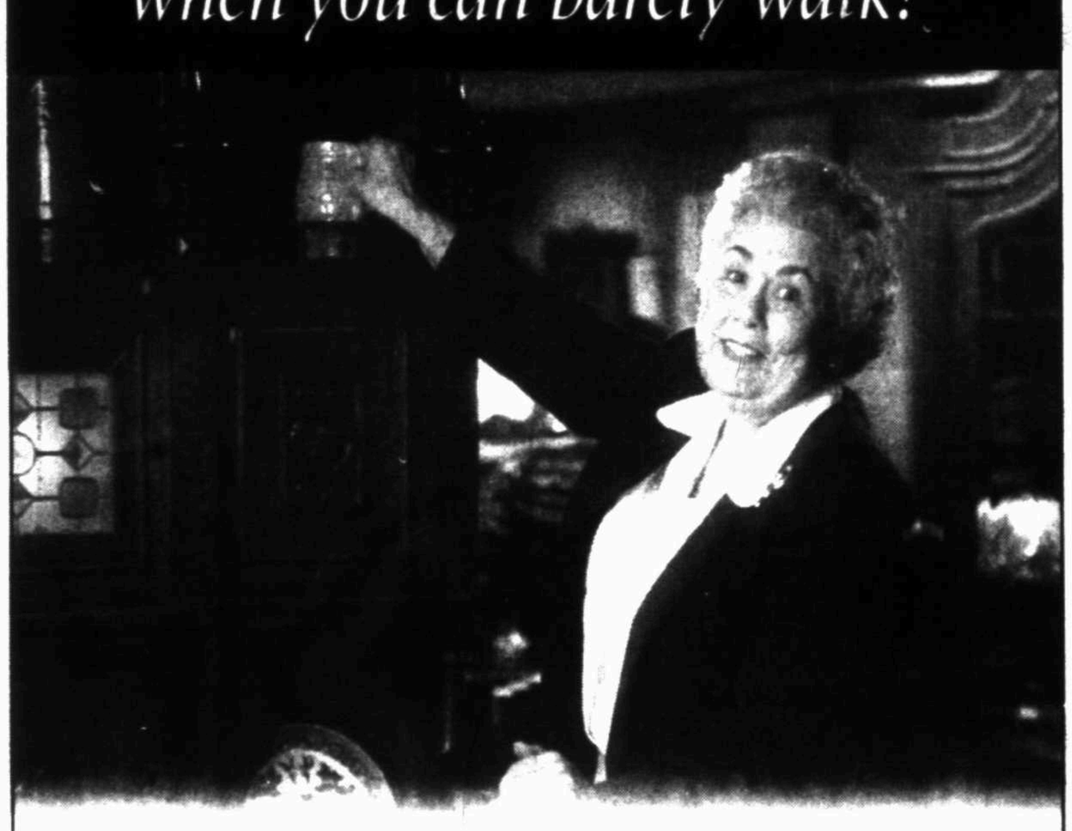

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■ City cracks down on Voyeur Dorm

TAMPA, Fla. — The city is cracking down on Voyeur Dorm, a house where young women are filmed day and night by a battery of live Internet cameras.

The city's Variance Review Board ruled Tuesday that the house is not a home, but a business in the same category as strip clubs and requires an adult occupational license to continue its activities.

"These women are basically taking their clothes off for profit," review board member Ana Wallrapp said.

Web surfers pay $34 per month to view the site, which provides images from more than 30 cameras.

The college students receive free room and board, tuition and a stipend in return for living in the house, but are not required to perform for the cameras.

■ Postal Service tests Internet

LOS ANGELES — Stamps will soon be a mouse click away with a new Postal Service computer program that allows customers to buy them on the Internet and print them up as well.

Once the software is made public, PC Postage will allow customers to buy stamps from certain Web sites and print them directly onto envelopes and mailing labels.

"It's really been great. Now I'm not peeling and sticking stamps," said J. Wingate Greathouse, office manager for a San Francisco architecture firm.

PC Postage is being tested by a select number of small businesses in California and the Washington, D.C. area, and could be available nationwide by the end of summer, Patricia Gibert, the Postal Service's vice president for retail sales, said Wednesday.

The trial targets an estimated 8 million small business and home office customers who find stamps inconvenient, but don't want to buy or rent a mail metering machine.

■ Girl has half her brain removed

BALTIMORE — A girl who had half her brain removed to prevent the spread of a deadly neurological disease should be able to live a normal life, free of the seizures that plagued her, doctors said Wednesday.

Amber Ramirez, 15, was moving and able to murmur unintelligibly Wednesday after surgeons at Johns Hopkins Medical Center removed the left half of her brain Tuesday during a nine-hour operation. She was listed in fair condition Wednesday.

The Lincoln, Neb., girl suffered from Rasmussen's syndrome, a rare disease that eats away at the brain tissue. A hemispherectomy, removing the damaged half, is often the only means of eliminating the seizures caused by the syndrome.

However, there was a risk she would lose her ability to speak. Doctors say it appears she will be OK, and that the right half of her brain should take over most of the functions lost by the removal of the left, including speech and fine motor movements.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Expectations high for Israeli prime minister visit

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Expectations are high as Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak takes his case for cautious Middle East peacemaking to President Clinton. "I'm eager as a kid with a new toy," Clinton said anticipating their talks.

The aim is to energize the peace process, and as Barak flew here Wednesday on the Israeli Air Force 001 jetliner, administration officials struck a conciliatory stance on the timetable for a pullback on the West Bank and on his strategy for negotiations with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

With the 1998 Wye River accord on hold, along with its promised handover of a further 13.1 percent of the West Bank to Arafat's Palestinian Authority, Clinton is hoping for a breakthrough in his talks with Barak, which begin Thursday at the White House.

"I hope that we can begin to energize the peace process in the Middle East on terms that are just and fair and will guarantee genuine security for Israel and a way of living for the Palestinians," Clinton said.

Also, Clinton intends to sound out Barak on prospects for land-for-peace talks with Syria. In principle, at least, the prime minister and Syrian President Hafez Assad seem to be interested.

According to a report by Israel Radio, a senior Israeli official said during the flight here that if Syria wants to resume talks with Israel, it would not be difficult to find a formula.

The official, who was not identified, also credited the Palestinian Authority with arresting 2,000 activists in the Hamas radical movement over the past several months. This is more cooperation than expected, but could be even better, the official was quoted as saying.

Before takeoff, Barak said he preferred the United States scale back its role as "policeman and judge" and let Israel and the Arabs work out their problems directly.

Agreeably, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said "the U.S. government has always believed that our role should be not one that tries to impose plans on the parties."

And State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the United States intervened in the talks between Israel and the Palestinians last October at the Wye River resort in Maryland only when they were near collapse.

"Clearly, the more the parties can do themselves, the less we will need to be involved," Rubin said.

Barak also said that while he would resume an Israeli troop pullback in the West Bank, he would not stick to the tight timetable stipulated by the Wye River land-for-security agreement.

The Palestinians disagreed with him on both points, suggesting that difficulties lie ahead. Ahmed Abdel-Rahman, secretary-general of the Palestinian Cabinet, said Wednesday the Wye accord must be implemented before Israel and the Palestinians could open negotiations on a final peace agreement.

But the administration again took a conciliatory stance toward Barak.

Rubin said "there is nothing inconsistent" between implementing the Wye accords while also proceeding with negotiations on a final settlement. "Those two can happen at the same time," he said.

And, the State Department spokesman said, "modest adjustment" in the timetable or in various provisions of the Wye accords were acceptable to the United States if the parties agreed on them.

Clinton is planning on a three-hour meeting with Barak in the White House residence. After Barak sees Vice President Al Gore, Clinton, Barak, and their wives will go to Camp David, Md., by helicopter for dinner there and breakfast together the next morning.

It is a rare show of good will to the new prime minister, and also an opportunity for Clinton to attempt some friendly persuasion in a relaxed setting.

"I don't expect any substantive breakthroughs from tomorrow," Lockhart said. "I think it's more of a chance for the president and the prime minister to spend a good part of the day together to discuss the various ideas before them."

Business groups seek changes to family leave law

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal law giving employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave a year to recover from illness, care for a new child or nurse a sick family member is causing confusion in the workplace, business groups told a Senate subcommittee Wednesday.

They asked Congress to fix the 1993 family leave law before considering the Clinton administration's plan to expand it to cover more workers.

But Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said he suspects some opposition is coming from employers who would prefer not to have to comply the Family and Medical Leave Act.

"I seem to be hearing from those who are looking through regulatory process as a way of undoing some of the legislation we achieved," Dodd said during a hearing before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee's panel on children and families.

Aug. 5 will mark the sixth anniversary of the law, which was intended to help employees balance the demands of work and family life. The law applies to public agencies, public schools, and private employers with 50 or more workers.

Employees must maintain health coverage for the duration of the leave, an average of about 10 days, said John R. Fraser, deputy administrator of the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division.

The law has been a "tremendous success," Fraser said. By Sept. 30, the department had received only 13,600 complaints, "an extremely small number given the millions of workers who have taken time off," he said.

The Clinton administration has proposed revising the law to:

- Make it apply to any business with 25 or more employees.
- Allow eligible employees to take an additional 24 hours of unpaid leave each year to participate in their children's school activities.
- Allow states to create innovative ways of using unemployment compensation payments to support people taking parental leave.

Feds issue report on vehicles in developing rollover ratings

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a step toward vehicle rollover ratings, federal safety regulators on Wednesday released track test results on 12 vehicles — including one that nearly tipped over.

A computer is being used to steer the vehicles through sharp turns so officials were able to reliably repeat the maneuvers, a report said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration plans to propose a federal test later this year to provide consumers with information on the relative likelihood of rollover for cars and light trucks — pickups, sport utility vehicles and vans, agency officials said.

A compact pickup, the 1997 Ranger, tipped so far to the side during two tests that it was caught by the metal outriggers on its sides that are designed to prevent it from rolling over and hurting the driver, the agency report said.

"If no outriggers were present, the vehicle might well have rolled over," the report said.

Highway crash data shows that pickups and sport-utility vehicles, which have a higher center of gravity, roll over more than cars. But developing a test to assess rollover propensity has long been controversial among automakers.

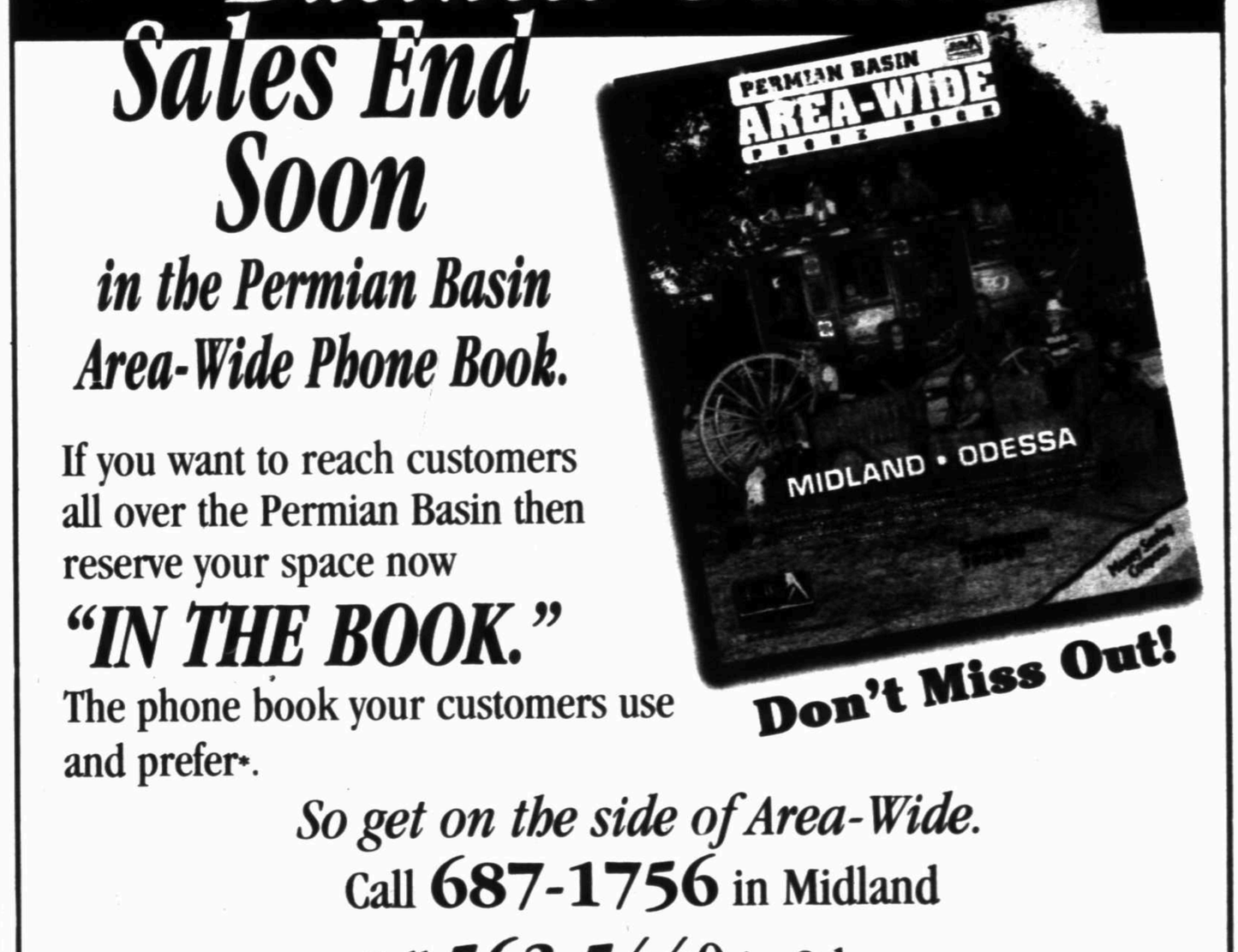
Consumer groups applauded the agency's testing, saying development of a rating system is even more important now since light truck sales have grown rapidly this decade to nearly half of auto sales.

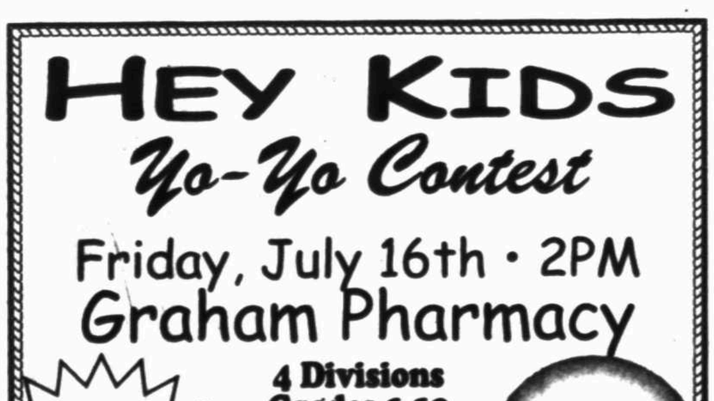
The group had petitioned the agency to develop such a rollover test.

The safety agency tested the 12 vehicles in severe driving maneuvers using the computer to execute turns at speeds up to 60 mph. The two main tests involved a sharp turn in one direction followed by an even larger turn in the opposite direction, and a single large turn similar to getting on a cloverleaf ramp.

The Ranger and a mid-size sport utility vehicle, the 1998 Chevrolet Tracker, also had moderate tipping in a single turn test that involved some braking by the driver. A moderate tilt meant the vehicle tipped up on two wheels by more than 2 inches. Each of the vehicles has two moderate tilts on that test.

Federal test researchers cautioned against comparing the vehicle test results to draw conclusions about any individual vehicle since so few vehicles have been tested and officials were still deciding on the best test.





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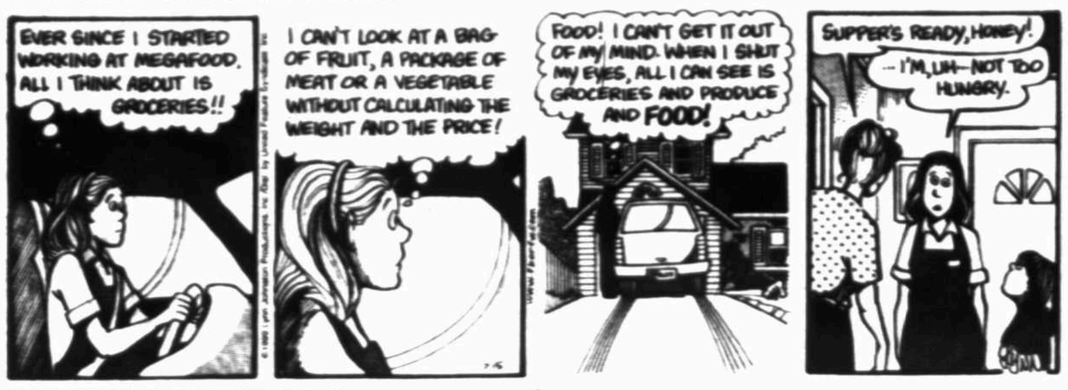

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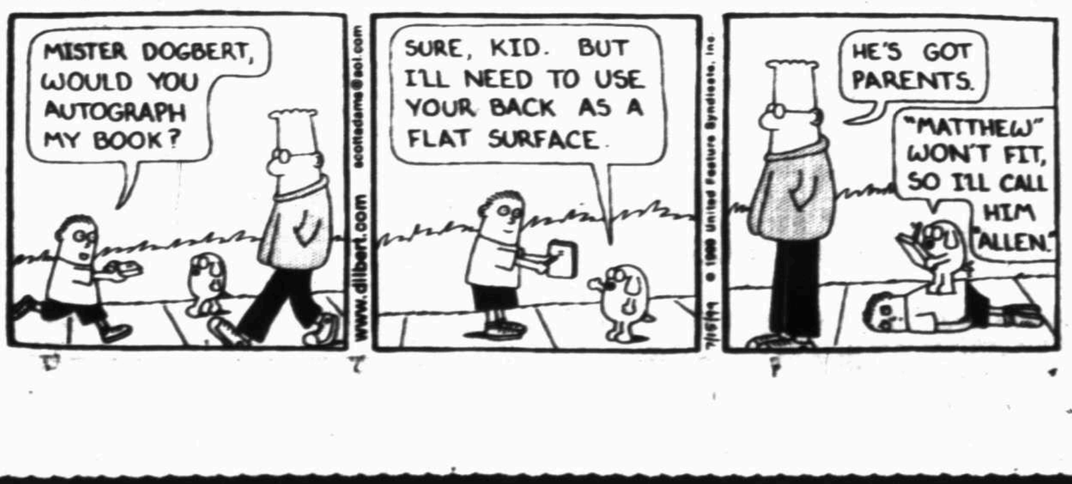

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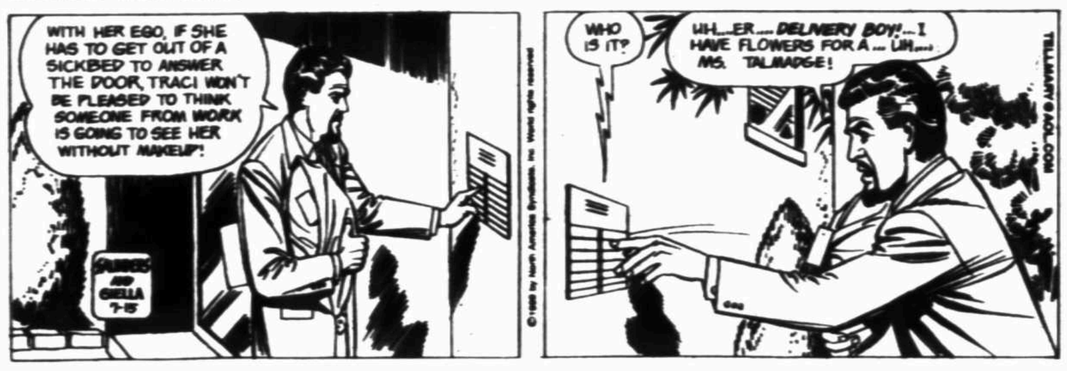

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 15, 1999:

Make the most of opportunities that drop right into your lap. You have an extraordinarily appealing way that easily wins others over to your way of thinking. When you present the big picture, others become part of the team. Your abilities to mobilize and draw favor make you a natural leader. If you are single, romance blossoms; you'll get exactly what you want. However, you might have to sort through all your suitors! If attached, your relationship will become deeper because of a mutual commitment. VIRGO helps you communicate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Don't allow your ego to overwhelm you, especially when dealing with a loved one. Use your high creativity, but also understand the ingenuity of a partner. Good will abounds because of your willing efforts. You have lots of get-up-and-go. You make quite a team! Tonight: Working late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Handle a domestic matter as best you can, but don't be naive. What happens now might need to be repeated. Your message might not get through. Allow more caring into your life. Listen to a child or loved one who has a lot to share. Tonight: Let your mind go wild.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Loosen up. Don't be judgmental in conversations. Discussions are animated; important news comes forward. Anchor in on your priorities and life choices. Listen carefully to a family member. Caring abounds. Tonight: Invite a friend over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with finances. Recognize the need to stay in control of this area of your life. Evaluation takes you in a new direction. Trust what is going on. Accept an invitation — don't think twice. Doors open because of your caring manner and efforts. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Beam in what you want. Allow others to share their feelings. Sometimes your personality is so strong that it intimidates others. Good financial news comes. Creativity and talent are an unbeatable match. You have that going for you! Tonight: Treat yourself well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to churn through ideas and problems puts you in a very positive situation. Another accepts your overture. Together, you make quite a team. You're coming from a centered place. Look beyond the obvious. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Make what you want happen in the morning. Others gather around, making you feel supported. Make no firm commitments just yet. A friendship could be developing into a lot more. Trust your intuition with a loved one. Tonight: Take a night off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Accept responsibilities. You might need to discuss an office problem in a few days. Right now, your words fall on deaf ears, although everyone thinks they are listening. Make meetings; join friends; network. Socialize more in your professional life. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Let others offer feedback. Just because you listen to another's opinion doesn't mean you have to follow his advice. Survey potential. Take the lead and bring coworkers together. Another clearly leads your fan club. Enjoy. Tonight: Do what you must.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Close relating sends you on your way with a smile. Your ingenuity moves a project to the next step. Don't settle for less than what you want. Stay focused. Make a long-distance call that you have been putting off. Good news arrives. Tonight: Listen to a favorite piece of music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others dominate; for you, that could be a relief. Let another run with his ideas. Express your appreciation, and you'll find a mutual adoration society. Communication builds security and understanding. Tonight: Discuss long-term desires.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself. Remain confident. You can get a lot done, successfully. Make time and get organized. Follow through on an important meeting. Let others present their ideas. Clearly, you are in control. Another is in your ballpark. Feelings build. Tonight: Out and about.

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BORN TODAY
Model Kim Alexis (1960), actress Lolita Davidovich (1961), actor

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Each suit in its time

East-West vulnerable. West deals.

	NORTH	
	♠ Q 10 8 ♡ Q 8 ◇ K 5 ♣ K J 10 9 5 3	
WEST		EAST
♠ A 7 5 4 2 ♡ K 6 3 ◇ Q 10 2 ♣ A 8		♠ 6 3 ♡ 7 4 2 ◇ J 7 6 4 3 ♣ Q 7 2
	SOUTH	
	♠ K J 9 ♡ A J 10 9 5 ◇ A 9 8 ♣ 6 4	

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	2♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Four of ♠

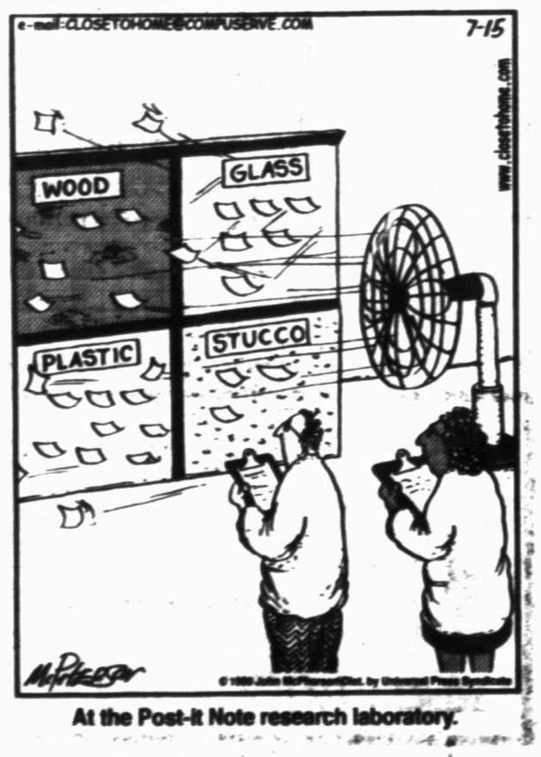
There is usually more than one way to tackle a hand. Sometimes one approach is clearly better than another; on occasion, however, there may be little to choose among the lines in theory, but practically one is clearly superior.

With a positional double stopper in spades and a full opening bid, South's decision to jump to three no-trump after partner overcalled at the two-level cannot be questioned. Either a successful club or heart finesse would deliver the contract. Both had a 50 percent chance to land the contract. Does that mean they are equal?

Definitely not! West's opening bid makes it likely that defender holds both the king of hearts and ace of clubs, but does not necessarily have the queen of clubs. Suppose declarer wins the spade lead in dummy and takes the heart finesse, and it loses. West will force out declarer's remaining spade stopper and South has only eight tricks. When West regains the lead with the ace of clubs, the defender can cash enough spade tricks to defeat the contract.

Better card reading should convince declarer to win the first trick in hand and lead a club. West, a strong favorite to hold the ace for the opening bid, cannot afford to rise with that card and clear spades, because South can then safely finesse West for the queen of clubs and come to nine tricks even if it loses by spurning the heart finesse. When West follows low, declarer should rise with the king. If East produces the ace and reverts to spades, the game is doomed. But when the king of clubs wins, declarer simply surrenders a heart trick and coasts home with nine tricks after developing a second trick in spades.

CLOSE TO HOME



At the Post-it Note research laboratory.

ZITS

BABY BLUES

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HOW'S IT GOIN', MARGARET? YOU SAID TO COME OVER ANYTIME... REMEMBER?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Grandma doesn't have any REAL kids. Hers turned into grownups."

TV TONIGHT

THURSDAY EVENING — July 15, 1999 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 739	Wheel of Fortune	Bed of Roses (PG, '96) ** (Christian Slater, Mary Stuart Masterson) 12329				Vanished 9979		News 3849950	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Access Hollywood
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	World's Wildest Police Videos 47738		Family Guy 33486	The PJs 45221	Mad About You	The Nanny 41115	Jerry Springer 46009		Cops 13283	NewsRadio 94370
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 3115	Entertain. Tonight	Promised Land: Out of Bounds 92660		Diagnosis Murder 78080 (TVPG)		48 Hours 98844		News 6582115	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Craig Kilborn
(9) KWES	9	9	News 4009	Seinfeld 8689	Friends 6234	Jesse 7573 (TVPG)	Frasier 9202	Will & Grace 5009	ER: Hazed and Confused 45776 (TVPG)		News 4580979	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	News 70028	John Hagee Today	Faith Pleases God Church 49134		The Light of the Southwest 29370				Richard Roberts 48405		News 15689	Crystal Lyons
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 970202		West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery! (Part 4 of 5) 668888 (TV14-L)		The World of National Geographic 763432		Telecourse 359660			
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 2987127		Rivera Live 8202757		The News With Brian Williams 8307301		Hardball With Chris Matthews 1652478		Rivera Live 1835738	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Family Matters	The Wayans Bros.	Jamie Foxx Show	Steve Harvey Show	For Your Love	News 403776		MacGyver: Jack in the Box 406863 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 736641 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Roseanne 804660	Baseball: Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees 543009						The Octagon (R, '80) ** (Chuck Norris, Karen Carlson) 912989				Steel Dawn
(14) FAM		14	Pinocchio's Christmas		Rudolph's Shiny Year		The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue ('96) 322641				The 700 Club 341776		Show Me	Show Me
(20) DISC		20	The Golden Monkey 503554 (TVPG)		The Bomb Detectives 613370		Science Mysteries 639318 (TVG)		Divine Magic: Dreams of Gold 619554 (TVG)		The Bomb Detectives 612641		Science Mysteries 402486 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	Toral Toral Toral (4:30)		Carmen Jones ('54) *** 842080				Hollywood Homes		Toral Toral Toral (C, '70) *** 334028			
(22) TNN		22	The Waltons 226689		John M. Montgomery		Prime Time Country		Champ. Bull Riding		Dallas 326028 (TVG)		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	ER 219399 (TVPG)		Basketball 103399				48 HRS. (R, '82) *** (Nick Nolte) 322202				Amos & Andrew	
(24) BRAV		24	Inside Actor's Studio		A Good Man in Africa (R, '94) * 743831				Marilyn Horne 409950		Liv Ullmann: Scenes From a Life			Music
(26) BET		26	Celebrity		Hit List 134806		Sparks	Thea	Comicview 239270		Tonight W/Tavis Smiley		Sparks	227
(27) DISN		27	The Little Mermaid (G, '89) *** 5840776			Mary Poppins (7:25) (G, '64) **** (Julie Andrews) 87997660			Z Games 750196	Growing Pains	Zorro 133405	Zorro 119825	Walt Disney Presents 741573 (TVG)	
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	Entertainment Wkly		Larry King Live 262660		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 965298	
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	Golf: British Open, First Round 389863						Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 113793		Baseball Tonight	Bicycle Racing
(30) USA		30	Xena: Warrior Princess 161592 (TVPG-V)		Walker, Texas Ranger 248080 (TV14-V)		Dazed and Confused (R, '93) *** (Jason London, Wiley Wiggins) 268944				New York Undercover 287979 (TV14)		Silk Stalkings (Part 2 of 2) 365414 (TV14)	
(31) FX		31	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 8918405		The X-Files 8994825		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	The X Show 8917776		The X-Files 6585283	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Family Business 521950 (TVPG)		Biography: By Demand 615738 (TVG)		Investigative Reports: Chappaquiddick 628202				Law & Order: Savages 614009 (TVPG)		Biography: By Demand 497554 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	48 Hours: Afterlife 211757		Medical Detectives	Without Warning	Test Pilots: Spin Doctors 321573 (TVG)		Speed Machines 318009 (TVPG)		Medical Detectives	Without Warning	Test Pilots: Spin Doctors 194641 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 748405	Rugrats 739757	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	WKRP in Cincinnati	Laverne & Shirley
(36) LIFE		36	Party of Five: Grownups 785196 (TVPG-DLS)		Chicago Hope 355979 (TVPG-L)		Sin and Redemption (PG-13, '94) ** (Richard Grieco, Cynthia Gibb) 335115				New Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Bicycle Racing	Mountain Biking	Bicycle Journal	Fat Traxx 1460115	Mountain Biking	Triathlete Magazine	Bicycle Racing	Mountain Biking	Bicycle Journal	Fat Traxx 7200757
(42) UNI		42	Preciosa 19554		Camila 12080		Angela 38028		Lente Loco 16318	Bienvenidos 21399	Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Lo Mejor de Al Ritmo de la Noche 18486	
(43) FSN		43	Fox Sports News	Baseball: Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees 583405						Fox Sports News	Fox Sports News 85739		Fox Sports News 74405	
(44) COM		44	Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	The Scout (PG-13, '94) ** (Albert Brooks, Brendan Fraser) 7497202				Bob and Margaret	VS. 4563467	Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 7493486 (TV14)	
(46) ANIM		46	Animal	Animal Dr.	Antarctica: Planet/ Ice		Big Cat	Insectia	Emer. Vets	Rescues	Antarctica: Planet/ Ice		Big Cat	Insectia
(47) E!		47	News Daily	Mysteries	The Pirelli Calendar		Wild on the Beach		Talk Soup	Nt. Stand	H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild on the U.K.	
(48) TVL		48	Beaver	Abbott	My 3 Sons	Family Aff.	Adam-12	Dragnet	All/Family	Sanford	Heroes	Hitchcock	Emergency! 8107757	
(49) ODSY		49	In His Father's Shoes (PG, '97) ** 333318				A Son's Promise ('90) ** (Rick Schroder) 338963				Lonesome Dove		L. Maltin Presents	
(50) HGTV		50	Old House	Workshop	W. Scott	Made?	Designing	Kitchen	Location	Dream	W. Scott	Made?	Designing	Kitchen
(51) MSNBC		51	InterNight 7223221		Equal Time	Time ...	News w/Brian Williams		Hockenberry 8905931		Time & Again 8915318		News w/Brian Williams	
(52) TELE		52	Edicion Especial		Busqueda Frenetica (R, '88) ** 745398				Tres Veces Sofia		Noticiero	Ocurrio Asi 140115		Buscando
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(61) TCM		61	Lovely to Look At (5)		Lover Come Back ('61) *** 7513318				Something of Value ('57) *** 5802009				Seconds (R) 2933776	
(62) HIST		62	20th Century		Great Wall of China		Moon Shot 1210509		Titanic: Legend Lives		Trains Unlimited		Great Wall of China	
(63) ESPN2		63	RPM 2Ngt.	Strongest	Strongest	Bike Race	Softball: Tampa Firestix/ Va. Roadsters 9371554				Rodeo	Rodeo	Skateboarding	
(64) SCIFI		64	Star Trek 4836028		Sliders 1335776		Double Dragon (PG-13, '94) * 1315912				Star Trek 1334047		Sliders 2379825	
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(65) FLIX		65	A New Kind of Love (4:45) ('63) ** 30839554		Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence (R, '83) *** (David Bowie, Tom Conti) 65846950				The Boys in Company C (R, '78) *** (Stan Shaw, Andrew Stevens) 38776736					Movie
(66) SHOW		66	The Tango Lesson (5) (PG, '97) ** 416554		As Good as It Gets (PG-13, '97) *** (Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt) 313680					Striptease 2 ('97) (Stacey Leigh Mobley, Rick Jordan) 9582134		Linc's (10:45)		Mean Streak
(67) TMC		67	Easy Money (4:45)	Crocodile Dundee (6:20) (PG-13, '86) *** (Paul Hogan) 37754554			Phantoms (R, '98) ** (Peter O'Toole, Rose McGowan) 7264757			Murphy's War (5:40) (PG, '71) *** (Peter O'Toole, Sian Phillips) 92883908				Lord Jim 82334283
(68) HBO		68	Movie (4:45)	From Earth	The Replacement Killers (R, '98) ** (Chow Yun-Fat) 435060			Candyman: Day of the Dead (R, '99) (Tony Todd) 119370			Real Sex 17 313711 (TVMA)		Oz 853196 (TVMA)	
(69) HBO 2		69	Impulse (6:15) (R, '94) * (Tim Matheson, Meg Tilly) 45083414				The Negotiator (R, '98) ** (Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey) 4423882					Tracey Takes On ...	Dream for an Insomniac (R, '96) * 3939699	
(70) HBO 3		70	Pumpkin (5:15) ('96) *** 25994383			Larry Sanders	Dennis Miller Live		Marathon Man (R, '76) ** (Dustin Hoffman, Laurence Olivier) 98036347		Boogie Nights (R, '97) (Mark Wahlberg, Burt Reynolds) 92220912		10 (10:15) (R, '97) *** (Dudley Moore, Bo Derek) 47639825	
(71) MAX		71	In the Line of Duty: Blaze of Glory (5:30)		Casualties of War (R, '89) ** (Michael J. Fox, Sean Penn) 6660202				Perfect Prey ('98) (Bruce Dern, Kelly McGillis) 6660666		Who Killed Buddy Blue? (10:45) (AO, '96) 47639825			
(72) MAX 2		72	Physical Evidence (6:15) (R, '89) * (Burt Reynolds, Theresa Russell) 12227216				Wild at Heart (R, '90) ** (Nicolas Cage, Laura Dern) 74181047				Men in Black (10:05) (PG-13, '97) *** (Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith) 72999912			

PEOPLE TODAY

'The Body' announces return to ring

MINNEAPOLIS — "The Body" is climbing back into the ring.

Gov. Jesse Ventura will make a guest appearance as a referee at the World Wrestling Federation's "SummerSlam" event here Aug. 22.

Ventura promised Wednesday to bring "law and order" back to wrestling "because I rule here."

At a WWF news conference, the governor, who wore feather boas in the ring before he retired from wrestling in 1986, was dressed in a business suit but accepted yellow and black feather boas from the female wrestler Chyna and wrapped them around his neck, then donned jewel-studded sunglasses.

Ventura said he will be paid $100,000 for the event. Half will go to a foundation for abused children and half will go to a scholarship endowment at his alma mater, Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis.

Earlier, Ventura slapped down any suggestion that his return to wrestling threatens the dignity of his office.

"There's no rule that says a governor can't have fun," he said.

MODESTO, Calif. — **George Lucas'** high school, the inspiration for the world of sock hops and ducktail haircuts in "American Graffiti," was damaged in an electrical fire.

The four-alarm blaze before dawn Tuesday gutted three classrooms and damaged other rooms in a wing at Downey High School. No one was in the building at the time. Damage was put at $1.6 million.

Investigators said the blaze started in newly installed, low-voltage Internet wiring in a wall.

Lucas, a 1962 graduate of Downey High, based 1973's "American Graffiti," his first big hit, on his hometown.

The high school has been dubbed "American Graffiti High."

ST. PAUL, Minn. — **Fred Durst**, lead singer for the rap-metal band **Limp Bizkit**, was arrested for allegedly kicking a security guard in the head on stage during a concert.

Durst, 28, was taken into cusgtody but not charged Monday night after Limp Bizkit finished its performance. He was released on $50,000 bail. The case was referred to the city attorney's office for possible misdemeanor charges.

The security guard was treated for minor injuries.

"Durst was somewhat apologetic," said police spokesman Michael Jordan. "It seems to be a case of mistaken identity. Durst thought his guy was getting beat up by two fans, and that's when he kicked the guy."

Durst was unavailable for comment. His band is touring and had a concert Tuesday night in Chicago.

MOSCOW — Britain's **Prince Michael of Kent** took the long road to raise money for charity.

Michael pulled into Red Square on Wednesday in a vintage Bentley, completing a 3,000-mile drive from London to raise money for the burn unit of a Moscow children's hospital.

Upon arrival, the prince — a cousin of **Queen Elizabeth II** — was greeted by Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, who joined Michael for a spin around the Kremlin in the nearly 70-year-old Bentley.

The convoy of 12 Bentleys left London on July 5. Michael said he is hoping to raise $500,000. The group has been selling souvenirs and holding charity lunches and dinners along its route.

TUCSON, Ariz. — Retired New York mob boss **Joseph Bonanno** attended a private showing of a TV series based on his life.

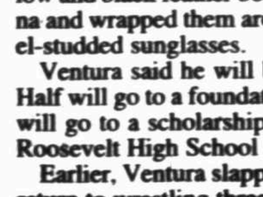
"I come here for the good people who come here to honor me," the 94-year-old Bonanno said Monday night at a theater where several hundred friends and family members had gathered for an advance screening of "Bonanno: A Godfather's Story," a Showtime miniseries that will air July 25 and 26.

It was the first publicized appearance in four years for the man who ruled one of New York's five Mafia families until he relinquished power in the late 1960s.

In his 37 years in the top ranks of organized crime, Bonanno was never convicted of anything more serious than obstructing justice. That was in 1980 for obstructing a grand jury investigation of his sons, **Bill and Joseph Jr.** The elder Bonanno served less than 18 months in prison.

A year later, after his autobiography helped propel a federal investigation, a judge imprisoned Bonanno for nearly 14 months on a civil contempt charge for refusing to testify about the secret, national commission he helped create to resolve disputes between crime families.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire reports.



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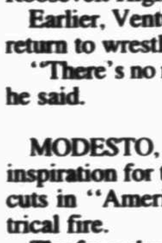

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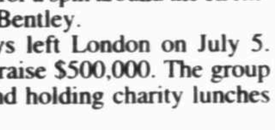

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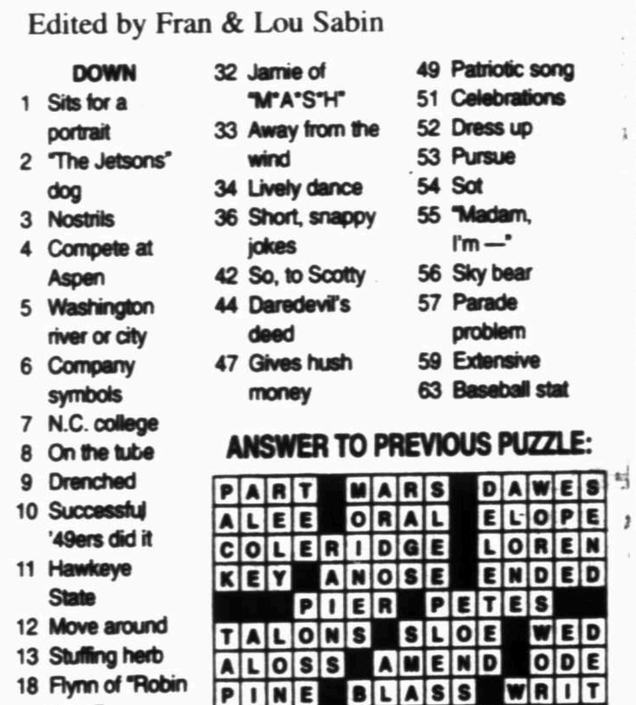

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Kasich endorses Bush, stirring speculation about ticket slot

By Eric Rosenberg
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Texas Gov. George W. Bush picked up the endorsement Wednesday of Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, who announced that he was giving up the presidential race and his House seat, sparking speculation that Kasich was angling for the vice presidential slot on a Bush ticket.

Campaign 2000

With Bush at his side, Kasich, the chairman of the House Budget Committee, said that he shares Bush's political philosophy.

"George Bush's 'compassionate conservative' really kind of defines what John Kasich is all about," the Ohio congressman said, adding: "I feel as though I have a soul brother."

When a reporter asked Bush what Kasich's chances were to be the vice presidential nominee on a Bush ticket, the Texas governor quipped: "They just increased."

When Kasich was asked whether he'd want to be on a Bush ticket, Bush answered f him: "Sure, he would."

Kasich would bring geographical diversity and Washington experience to a Bush ticket but his paltry success in this early campaign season shows that he didn't make much of an impact with Republican voters.

Thomas Mann, a political science expert at the non-partisan Brookings Institution here, said that it was "unlikely" Bush would select Kasich for the ticket. "He certainly didn't do anything to enhance his standing during the campaign, which was a bust. It wasn't a real serious effort," Mann said.

Others speculated that Kasich might have his eye on the job of director of the White House Office of Management and Budget in a Bush administration.

Kasich's departure from the race for the Republican presidential nomination comes after he was unable to raise his standing in the polls or win wide support among GOP campaign contributors.

In current polls, Bush is the strong front-runner for the Republican nomination. A recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll of likely GOP voters showed Bush winning 59 percent while Kasich drew just 3 percent.

Kasich has raised only $3 million so far this year, including $1.4 million transferred from his House campaign warchest. Bush, on the other hand, has raised $36.2 million in the first six months of the year.

Despite ending his campaign, Kasich said he was encouraged by the response he received from voters in Iowa, site of the first political caucus of the 2000 campaign, and New Hampshire, which will hold the first primary.

"The words that I heard were, 'Don't go away. Don't give it up. This just isn't your time,'" he said. "I think you have to be mature enough in politics and in life to able to accept some disappointment," he added.

Kasich, 47, also said that he would not seek reelection to Congress after his ninth term expires in 18 months. "There does come a time when you know it's time to go."

Although technically Kasich never officially became a candidate for the nomination, he is the second Republican to drop out of a crowded field for the Republican nomination. On Tuesday, New Hampshire Sen. Bob Smith announced he was leaving the party and running for president as an independent.

In addition to Bush, those remaining as either announced candidates or semi-declared candidates include Elizabeth Dole, former cabinet secretary and head of the Red Cross; Gary Bauer, conservative activist; Pat Buchanan, conservative commentator; publishing magnate Steve Forbes; former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander; Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Orrin Hatch of Utah.

Bush praised Kasich, who has espoused fiscal conservatism as chairman of the House Budget Committee and a key player in efforts to balance the federal budget.

"John can connect with a lot of folks around the country that are looking for a different campaign and a different kind of government," Bush said. "He's going to fit perfectly on my team," he added.

Folksy Gore leaves vice presidential props at home

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Scuffing the linoleum of the Soul City Cafe with the turned-up toes of his shiny cowboy boots, Al Gore claps the shoulder of a man he is trying to recruit for campaign work. "You da man!" Gore tells him.

Campaign 2000

Take away the microphone and lectern, and this presidential candidate isn't as stiff as his reputation.

On a two-day swing through Iowa, a state crowded with presidential candidates this week, Gore left his vice presidential props behind.

The dress shirt and necktie are gone, replaced by sport shirts — all in shades of green — that show off the muscles of a man who lifts weights with his 16-year-old son and is training for a marathon. A bronze Chevy Suburban replaces his usual limousine.

Trailing George W. Bush in many polls and raising just half of what the Texas governor did for the first half of the year, Gore drew parallels Wednesday between his 2000 presidential race to Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack-'s 1998 victory.

"There was a time when he was 20 points behind in the polls and there were people who said he couldn't win, right? Hmmmm," he reminded Democratic activists at Java Joe's coffeehouse with a theatrical stroke of his chin.

"He developed — what was it? — momentum and ideas while his Republican opponent was ready to move into the mansion before the election. I don't know, maybe it's deja vu."

Never mind that Gore has an increasingly formidable Democratic primary opponent, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, on his heels. Gore only once, and then vaguely, appeared to acknowledge the coming primary fight when he appealed to Democrats here to show "unity of purpose."

At Java Joe's, he peeled off his navy sportcoat and jauntily tossed it across the room to a surprised aide. He prompted a toddler to give him a "high five" slap. And, with campaign aides chatting among themselves while he began to answer a voter's question on domestic violence, Gore flashed real irritation: "Could I have your attention in the back? Thank you! This is important."

After a commanding, 90-minute dialogue with about 50 Iowa women on issues from gun control to abortion rights, Gore asked them to indulge his "punch line."

With an "Aw, shucks" slump of his shoulders, shuffle of his feet, he said: "I would like you to stand for me in the caucuses."

Iowa's caucuses, likely to be held early February, will kick off the nation's presidential nominating contests.

Bruce Ellingsen, a Council Bluffs railway worker, was mpressed with what he saw as a nastery of issues and a smooth, genuine performance by Gore.

"Obviously he's done a lot of racticing for this to have happened," observed the yet-undeided Ellingsen.

"He seems to be more comon-like," agreed Gerrit Vander leiden, an elderly Pella, Iowa, umily farmer.

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Midland's Piatt puts on show to win Double-A All-Star home run contest

By Charlie Chitwood
MRT Correspondent

MOBILE, Ala. — When it comes to the power stroke in Double-A baseball, the Texas League's Western Division packs the clout. As Midland fans have come to find out, nobody in the league packs a wallop like RockHound third baseman Adam Piatt.

In Wednesday's home run hitting contest before the AA All-Star Game at "The Hank" — Henry Aaron Field in Mobile, Ala. — Piatt stroked seven balls out of the park to win the long-ball hitting display, beating Texas League rival Tony Mota of San Antonio in the final round.

"I almost feel like I don't belong here," said the Mississippi State product. "I've been reading about some of the other guys here for a couple of years now. It's just a wonderful honor."

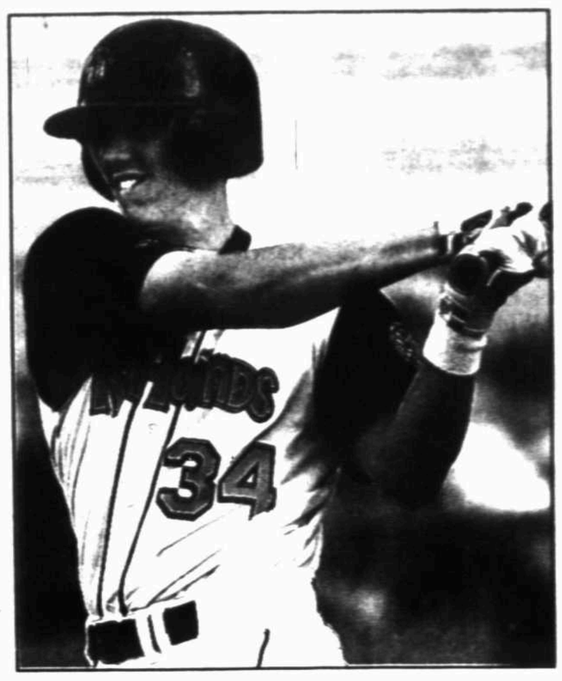
Mota was the only one of three National League contestants to hit as many as two home runs in the first round while Piatt's six was twice that of his nearest American League counterpart. Mota went without a home run in the second round and Piatt knocked his second pitch over the fence in left to win the $500 savings bond.

"The second round was the toughest part," Piatt said. "I really got in a groove in the first round — I just wanted to hit one out before I got tired."

So how does The Hank compare to cozy Christensen Stadium?

"Well, it carries (at Christensen) a little better," Piatt said. "But the ball seemed to go well so long as you hit it to left and left center. The fans, the ambiance — they both made this a special part of the day."

Piatt fared better in the home run hitting contest than he did in the game, in which he went hitless in his only at bat as the National League won 3-0. Midland shortstop Josue Espada also went 0-for-1.



Midland third baseman Adam Piatt outmatched five of the best power hitters in all of Double-A Wednesday in Mobile, Ala.

Brian Adamcik/ Reporter-Telegram

Piatt's American League foes in the homer contest were Steve Hacker of the New Britain Rock Cats (Minnesota) and Adam Melhuse of the Toronto Blue Jays affiliate Knoxville Smokies. Melhuse hit four dingers while Hacker managed just one.

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BRITISH OPEN

Beware Britain's Beast

Carnoustie offers brutal challenges

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Up to his shins in grass, Phil Mickelson put his hands on his knees and peered at his ball in the rough on the sixth hole of Carnoustie Golf Links. The purr of a power trimmer from the other side of the fairway caught his attention.

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"Hey," Mickelson shouted. "Over here!"

Sorry. The brave souls who set out to conquer Carnoustie when the 128th British Open starts Thursday will be on their own to battle the rough and everything else that awaits on a beast of a course.

They most likely won't get any help from the weather. The wind was on its worst behavior Wednesday for the final day of practice and is expected to whip off the Firth of Tay at least for the first two rounds.

They certainly won't get any sympathy from officials at the Royal & Ancient, who wanted only to preserve Carnoustie's reputation as the toughest links golf in the world.

Consider the mission accomplished. And then some.

"Too difficult?" said R&A secretary Michael Bonallack. "I think it is fair. We are not too worried about scores because this is a very difficult golf course. If you get difficult wind conditions, there are going to be higher scores. But they will still be lower than anybody else."

If the wind remains as blustery, count on high scores.

Steve Pate couldn't even hit the fairway with an iron on the 342-yard third hole with wind blasting across from the left. Once he found his ball — and that took some doing — he cautioned Dennis Paulson.

"No telling what this will do," Pate said.

He took a mighty hack with his sand wedge, frowned and shook his head as the ball squirted sideways and rolled into a pot bunker.

Mickelson, Mark Calcavecchia and Billy Mayfair had a $2,000 bet for anyone who made it through Wednesday's round without a bogey.

"I made it through 10 holes without a bogey," Calcavecchia said. "Then I made about six after that."

The British Open, known for its rolling, bumpy fairways and pot bunkers along a British seaside, looks like it stole a page from the U.S. Open. British officials are even starting to sound like their American counterparts.

"There was no way in the world that we set out to embarrass the best players in the world," said Hugh Campbell, chairman of the championship committee. "It is quite the opposite. We set out to present them a test on one of the toughest links in the world.

"And the weather has chipped in to make it an even more severe test than we imagined in would be."

The only consensus on a winning score is that it most likely will be over par for the first time since Sandy Lyle won with a 2-over 282 at Royal St. George in 1985. Some have predicted something in the neighborhood of 300.

Not that the R&A cares.

"As long as the best player does it," Bonallack said. "I don't think they'll mind what score they have if they do win."

An American has won the British Open the past four years. Another victory Sunday would match the longest U.S. streak since Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen won five straight from 1926 to 1930.

Most fingers point in the direction of Tiger Woods, the No. 1 player in the world and winner in three of his last four tournaments. He also is among the early leaders in positive attitudes, which may be the greatest asset this week.

He loves the links. He likes the nasty weather. He is always up for a challenge.

"I think it is one of the best, one of the fairest golf courses," Woods said. "There's only one blind shot. Everything else is self-explanatory. It's right there in front of you."

His chief challenger is a little more perplexed. David Duval, a four-time winner who held the No. 1 ranking for 14 weeks, played practice rounds on Monday and Tuesday and then decided it he needed time away from the talk about carnage at Carnoustie.

"I'm trying not to expend much energy thinking about what it's going to be like," Duval said

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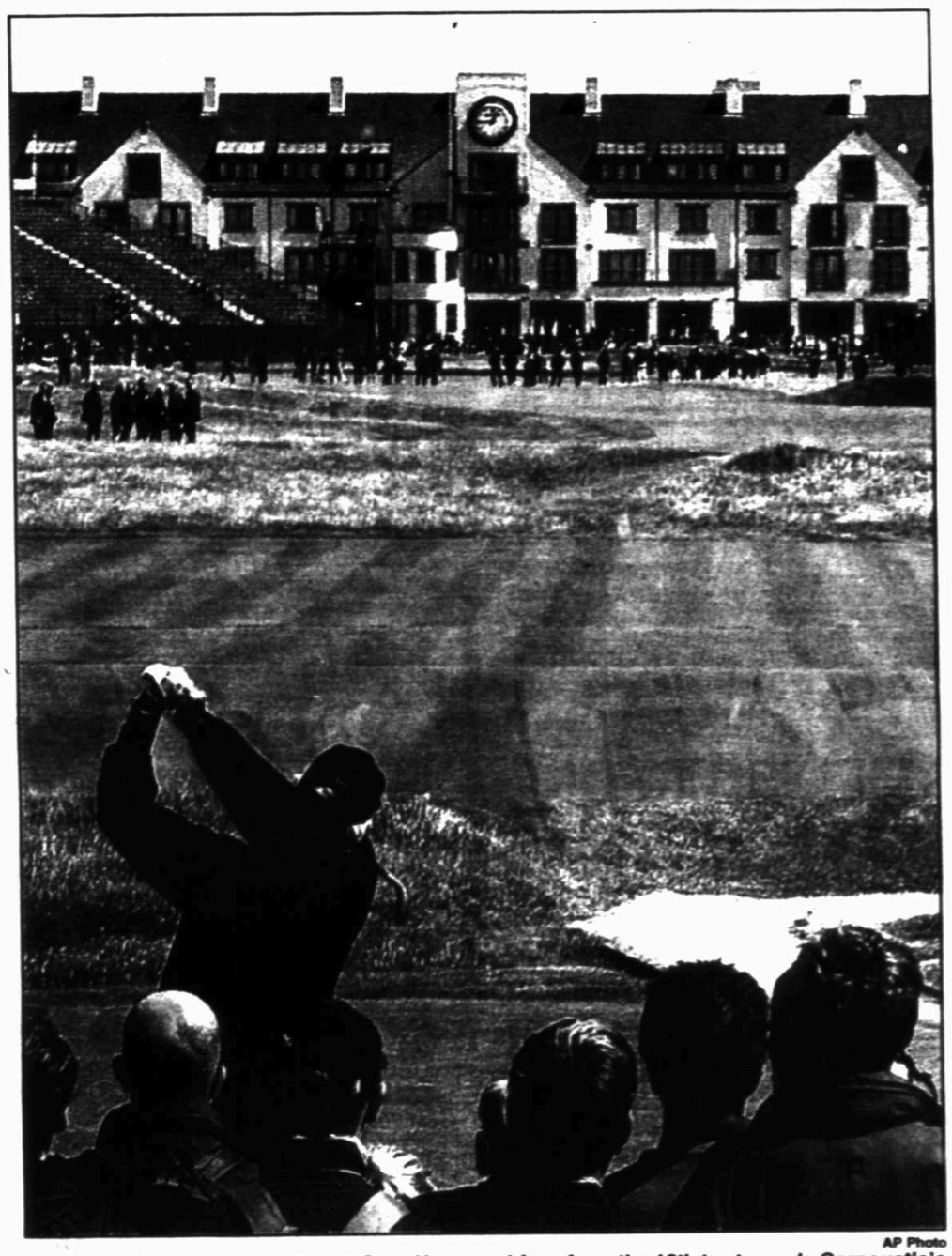

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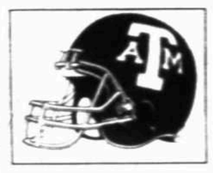
Members of the gallery look on as Greg Norman drives from the 18th tee towards Carnoustie's new hotel at the end of a practice round Thursday at the famous course in Scotland. The 128th British Open begins today at Carnoustie.

Aggie coach Slocum deals with higher expectations

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Texas A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum was kind enough to bring some of the rain and some Aggie pride from East Texas to the Permian Basin Wednesday.



The 11th-year head coach was at Midland's Party Station as part of his statewide tour of meeting with alumni and talking about the expectations of the upcoming season. And there are plenty of expectations after the 1998 year which saw the Aggies go 11-3, win the Big 12 championship, and play in the New Year's Day Sugar Bowl.

"We had a fun year this past season and winning the (Big 12) championship, it was really one of those enjoyable seasons," Slocum said.

The Aggies should be primed to repeat as Big 12 champs with eight starters back on both sides of the ball and some heightened confidence going back to the success of last season.

"Last year we had a great schedule and we were ambitious. Every year about this time we set our expectations pretty high and look forward to the season and the challenges of it," said the 54-year-old coach, who's spent 27 years at A&M as either an assistant or head football coach.

Last year was also a year in which the Aggies

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MLB umpires plan to resign in September

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Major league umpires, at odds with owners since Roberto Alomar spat at an ump three years ago, voted Wednesday to resign Sept. 2 and not work the final month of the season.

The decision, announced following a meeting of the Major League Umpires Association, amounted to the first blow in their latest dispute with baseball.

Owners, meanwhile, seemed almost pleased.

"This is either a threat to be ignored, or an offer to be accepted," said Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations, speaking for commissioner Bud Selig.

There are 68 major league umpires, and 57 of them attended the meeting and said they wouldn't work the last 4 1/2 weeks of the season. The other 11 were expected to announce their resignations in the next few days.

What set the umpires off this time was NL president Len Coleman's three-day suspension of umpire Tom Hallion on July 2 for bumping a player. It was the first such action that baseball offi-

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Dierker prepares to return to Astros' helm for Tigers series

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Larry Dierker returns to baseball with a peach-fuzz hairstyle, a nasty scar and a clean bill of health.

A month ago, Dierker was carried out of the Astrodome, the victim of a grand mal seizure, and had an emergency operation to repair blood vessels in his brain. On Thursday night, he returns as manager of the Houston Astros against the Detroit Tigers.

Fans have been invited to wear brightly colored Hawaiian shirts — Dierker's favorite — to welcome him back. He wore a lei while speaking to reporters Wednesday.

"I'll be delighted, but I haven't been antsy to get back," Dierker said. "I don't feel anything but normal. I'd say at no point did I worry about my recovery. I had confidence that I would recover.

"The strangest thing is that time seems to have no meaning; I find myself out of touch with time," Dierker said. "It's been a month since this happened and it seems like two weeks.

"I may still have a little sense of losing track of what time it is, but that's getting better."

Dierker won't be allowed to drive for another five months and that bothers him.

"Not being able to drive is driving me up the wall," he said. "Every day I have the urge to get in the truck and drive somewhere. My wife has a busy life and she's going to get tired having to drive me everywhere."

The Astros begin the second half of the season with a long injury list that includes third baseman Ken Caminiti and left fielder Moises Alou.

"I'd rather have Alou back than myself and I'd

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AP Photo

Astros manager Larry Dierker speaks to reporters Wednesday at the Astrodome. Dierker will return to the Astros' dugout tonight in Houston — only a month after having brain surgery.

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Safeco Field, bottom, the new home of the Seattle Mariners, is ready and open for business. The Mariners will host the San Diego Padres today in the new stadium's debut, as the M's move south just a few hundred feet from the Kingdome, shown between Safeco Field and downtown Seattle.

Huge crane collapses at Miller Park construction site, kills 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A 480-foot crane being used to build the new home of the Milwaukee Brewers collapsed onto the stadium Wednesday, killing three people.

The giant crane fell while lifting a section of Miller Park's retractable roof. The wind was gusting about 30 mph at the time.

A 64-year-old crane operator was in satisfactory condition with a broken hip.

It was not immediately clear if others were injured or whether the dead were workers.

Fire Chief Lawrence Gardner said further checks were being made to ensure there were no other injured at the site. The victims' names weren't immediately released.

Robert Trunzo, chairman of the board overseeing construction of the $400 million stadium, said contractors were cooperating with the police and sheriff's investigation into the accident.

"Any time we have a death or serious injury, we treat it as a criminal investigation," Police Chief Arthur Jones said. "It may not result in that, but that is how we treat it."

Last month, several workers were injured when a steel girder collided with an aerial basket. A worker fell 60 feet from the retractable roof May 10 and was briefly hospitalized with multiple injuries.

Jeff Fleming, a spokesman for the mayor's office, said there was significant damage to the stadium, "but it would be pure speculation to estimate how long it would set the project back."

DIERKER: Manager returns after surgery

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rather have Camy back than myself," Dierker said. "But what we've gotten from the outfielders and third basemen we have wasn't so bad."

Dierker's No. 49 jersey came down from the dugout where it has hung since his collapse in the eighth inning of a game against San Diego on June 13.

He plans no changes in his managing style.

"Nothing has affected my intellect," Dierker said. "I feel the same and my philosophy is the same. I know what I want to do."

Dierker checked out of Methodist Hospital on June 23 and has been recuperating at home. He has managed a few visits to the Astrodome and a few rounds of golf while convalescing.

"I don't have the energy for a stressful workout and I don't have permission to do it, so that doesn't matter," Dierker said. "I was able to play golf a few times and I was able to do that in the heat of the day so I feel pretty good about my condition."

Matt Galante was the interim manager of the team, which was was 13-14 in Dierker's absence.

Mariners open Safeco Field

By Jim Cour
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Finally, Seattle baseball fans will get to see green grass and blue skies. And when the skies turn sodden, they get to watch the roof close over their heads.

Safeco Field, a $517.6 million project featuring a retractable roof, kicks off a new era of major league baseball in the Pacific Northwest on Thursday.

After watching their team play inside for 22 1/2 seasons in the tomblike and dingy Kingdome, the Mariners will begin play in their new home next to Puget Sound's Elliott Bay.

The first four home games, including Thursday night's opener against the San Diego Padres, are sold out and the other four games of the first Safeco homestand are selling out fast.

When the roof is open, as it's expected to be this week, fans can view Seattle's scenic skyline.

And for the first time in their 22 1/2-year history, the Mariners will field at home on natural grass, not AstroTurf.

Whether Ken Griffey Jr. and the team's other sluggers will miss the carry and relatively short fences of the Kingdome is another story.

Safeco Field has bigger dimensions than the cozy Kingdome and the move across the street is expected to cut the Mariners' prolific home run numbers.

Said designated hitter Edgar Martinez: "Inside the gaps, it's big. Plus the ball doesn't travel that well. Left field and right field are OK, but the gaps are hard to hit them out."

Still, the increased fan interest could provide the revenue to help keep Griffey and Alex Rodriguez in Seattle when they become free agents after the 2000 season.

For the Mariners feel they've got a 47,000-seat home now to match Camden Yards in Baltimore, Coors Field in Denver, Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix and The Ballpark in Arlington, Texas.

Left-hander Jamie Moyer (8-5) will pitch the Safeco opener against the Padres and All-Star pitcher Andy Ashby (8-4).

The stadium is drawing rave reviews. The fans love its features and the fact that they won't have to watch baseball indoors anymore.

Safeco Field's features range from excellent sight lines, to its concession stands and large number of toilets.

The new stadium comes with controversy.

Some local fans and officials feel the Mariners' owners are trying to renege on their deal with taxpayers, trying for more tax revenues to cover $100 million in cost overruns on the ballpark, of which $379 million was covered by taxpayers.

After a three-game series with the Padres, the Mariners will face the Arizona Diamondbacks and Randy Johnson, who is scheduled to pitch on Tuesday night.

Johnson was an American League Cy Young Award winner, a 20-game winner and the author of a no-hitter for the Mariners before he was traded to Houston last July 31.

The Mariners will open at Safeco Field with a five-game losing streak and a team ERA of 6.02. They're three games under .500 and in third place in the AL West, six games behind first-place Texas.

Could the new park raise morale?

"I didn't like being indoors all day," third baseman Russ Davis said. "This is a beautiful part of the country and you should be able to enjoy the weather. I think the fans are going to enjoy it a lot more, too."

UNION: Umpires just plan to quit

(From 1C)

cials could remember.

"The purpose of this meeting was to address quarrels with baseball," umpires' union head Richie Phillips said. "The tension is much greater than it's ever been. Baseball is in a state of chaos."

He said umpires will form a new corporation on Sept. 3 and the AL and NL would have to contract for services with the new body. Umpires would supervise themselves and make their own schedules, he said.

Owners, however, could hire umpires from minor leagues, high schools and colleges, as they have during previous work stoppages.

None of the umpires would comment following the four-hour meeting, the day after the All-Star game at Boston's Fenway Park. Games resume Thursday.

The umpires have a contract that runs through this season and pays them $75,000-to-$225,000 annually. The deal bars strikes, so the resignations are an attempt to get around that, Phillips said.

Phillips said the contract calls for resigning umpires to collect a total of $15 million in severance pay. Most senior umpires would get $400,000 severance, and baseball would have until early January to pay.

"It might be our cheapest solution," Alderson said, meaning that it would be preferable to costly litigation or a work stoppage. "Unless I'm mistaken, I don't think these tactics have convinced a single person to be supportive. That would include the fans, the media and baseball itself."

Phillips said umpires originally voted to strike immediately, then changed their votes and decided to resign.

In 1995, umpires were locked out and missed the first 86 games of the regular season. They also struck and missed the first seven weeks of the 1979 season and the first seven games of the 1985 playoffs.

Tension has been high since September 1996, when Alomar was suspended for five games for spitting in umpire John Hirschbeck's face — a penalty deemed too lenient by the umps. When they attempted to strike during the postseason, owners obtained a court injunction.

Owners, tired of the repeated threats, seem to have adopted an attitude that the umpires are replaceable. Alderson said the umpires' actions made him wonder if this would "escalate this situation to the point were it might be irretrievable."

"It's a shame that it's gotten to this point," Kansas City Royals manager Tony Muser said. "For them not to want to be accountable, and to be policed by their own is not fair."

Selig wants to shift responsibility for umpires from the leagues to Alderson. He originally wanted to make the shift before this season, but was blocked by Phillips, who demanded severance pay if the leagues were no longer the umpires' official employers.

PIATT: 'Hound stars on national stage

(From 1C)

Mota's National League counterparts were Philadelphia Phillie phenom Pat Burrell (Reading Phillies) and home-town favorite John Curl of the Mobile BayBears (San Diego Padres). Curl and Burrell each slapped one home run.

Curl, a Texas A&M product, hit a more-important homer later in the evening: a three-run home shot that accounted for all the National League's runs in the game itself.

Curl, a leftfielder for the host BayBears, hit his bomb off Wichita's Lance Carter in the seventh to break up the scoreless pitchers' duel. The home run made a winner of Tony Armas Jr. from Harrisburg of the Eastern League.

Shreveport's Jason Davis pitched the sixth inning for the Nationals, striking out two and allowing only a single baserunner on first baseman Steve Goodell's error. Davis' dominant effort earned post-game honors as the best contributor from the Texas League. One "Star of Stars" honor was awarded to a player from each of the three Double-A leagues: Texas, Southern and Eastern.

Curl, the game's MVP, was the Southern League "Star" while Ryan Anderson, the 6-11 Seattle Mariners' pitching prospect, earned the Eastern League's "Star." Anderson retired the Nationals in order in the fifth, striking out Curl and Altoona's Kevin Haverbusch.

The game Wednesday night at "The Hank" was a textbook display of good pitching beating good hitting. The Nationals marched a total of 10 pitchers to the mound, and from each it was more of the same, allowing only two hits to the American League squad.

The Nationals ended the game with seven hits.

A capacity crowd of 6,174 was on hand for the game.

Royals' Muser gets extension

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals, who went into the All-Star break on a five-game losing streak and trail Cleveland by 21 games in the AL Central, on Wednesday gave manager Tony Muser a contract extension through 2000.

In addition, all of the Royals' 1999 coaching staff was invited to return for 2000.

"It's a tough fight and it's not an easy job to do," said Muser, whose Royals have shown improvement in every area except the bullpen, which has blown 21 saves and converted only 13.

"But if you want a challenge, this is a great place to be and a great place to work. I'm very glad to be back."

Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

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All-Star Ratings

NEW YORK, (AP) — All-Star game television ratings, shares and households, including network. The rating represents the percentage of television households tuned to a program. The share is the percentage tuned in among televisions on at the time (d-day game):

	Rating	Share	Households
1967 NBC	25.6	50	14,050,000
1968 NBC	25.8	49	14,450,000
1969 NBC-d	15.1	42	8,610,000
1970 NBC	28.5	54	16,670,000
1971 NBC	27.0	50	16,230,000
1972 NBC	22.9	43	14,220,000
1973 NBC	23.8	45	15,420,000
1974 NBC	23.4	44	15,490,000
1975 NBC	21.5	41	14,730,000
1976 ABC	27.1	53	18,680,000
1977 NBC	24.5	45	17,440,000
1978 ABC	26.1	47	19,030,000
1979 NBC	24.4	45	18,180,000
1980 ABC	26.8	46	20,450,000
1981 NBC	20.1	36	15,640,000
1982 ABC	25.0	44	20,380,000
1983 NBC	21.5	39	17,910,000
1984 ABC	20.1	35	16,840,000
1985 NBC	20.5	36	17,400,000
1986 ABC	20.3	36	17,440,000
1987 NBC	18.2	37	15,910,000
1988 ABC	20.4	33	18,070,000
1989 NBC	18.2	33	16,450,000
1990 CBS	16.2	33	14,940,000
1991 CBS	17.4	32	16,200,000
1992 CBS	14.9	27	13,720,000
1993 CBS	15.6	28	14,550,000
1994 NBC	15.7	28	14,790,000
1995 ABC	13.9	25	13,260,000
1996 NBC	13.2	23	12,659,000
1997 FOX	11.8	21	11,446,000
1998 NBC	13.3	25	13,034,000
1999 FOX	12.0	22	11,928,000

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	52	34	605	—	z-5-5	W-1	26-17	26-17	6-6
Boston	49	39	557	4	z-4-6	L-2	27-16	22-23	3-9
Toronto	47	43	522	7	z-8-2	W-2	29-19	18-24	5-7
Tampa Bay	39	49	443	14	z-5-5	L-1	16-22	23-27	2-10
Baltimore	36	51	414	16 1/2	4-6	W-2	17-22	19-29	7-5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	56	31	644	—	5-5	L-1	29-19	27-12	7-5
Chicago	42	43	494	13	z-5-5	L-2	22-25	20-18	7-5
Detroit	36	52	409	20 1/2	3-7	L-1	21-28	15-24	6-6
Kansas City	35	52	402	21	z-3-7	L-5	17-26	18-26	3-9
Minnesota	34	52	395	21 1/2	5-5	L-1	18-27	16-25	7-4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	48	39	552	—	z-4-6	L-2	20-16	28-23	5-7
Oakland	43	44	494	5	z-6-4	L-1	26-15	17-29	7-5
Seattle	42	45	483	6	3-7	L-5	20-19	22-26	4-8
Anaheim	41	45	477	6 1/2	6-4	L-1	19-19	22-26	5-7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	55	34	618	—	z-7-3	W-2	30-18	25-16	7-5
New York	50	39	562	5	5-5	L-1	26-21	24-18	8-4
Philadelphia	46	40	535	7 1/2	6-4	L-2	24-21	22-19	7-5
Montreal	33	51	393	19 1/2	3-7	L-2	20-27	13-24	7-5
Florida	32	56	364	22 1/2	5-5	W-1	17-31	15-25	8-4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cincinnati	49	36	576	—	5-5	W-1	20-23	29-13	6-6
Houston	50	37	575	—	z-6-4	W-3	24-18	26-19	7-2
Pittsburgh	43	44	494	7	3-7	W-1	25-18	18-26	5-7
St. Louis	43	45	489	7 1/2	5-5	W-1	19-23	24-22	4-5
Milwaukee	42	44	488	7 1/2	z-7-3	W-1	11-23	31-21	4-4
Chicago	41	44	482	8	4-6	W-2	17-17	24-27	3-6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Francisco	50	38	568	—	z-7-3	L-1	30-18	20-20	6-3
Arizona	48	41	539	2 1/2	z-5-5	W-1	29-18	19-23	5-4
San Diego	43	43	500	6	z-5-5	W-2	30-19	13-24	6-3
Colorado	40	46	465	9	z-6-4	W-1	24-20	16-26	4-5
Los Angeles	39	47	453	10	5-5	W-4	22-23	17-24	6-6

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AL Leaders

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
TFernandez Tor	81	288	46	107	.372
Jeter NYY	85	334	73	124	.371
Garciaparra Bos	70	276	53	101	.366
RPalmeiro Tex	85	310	45	110	.355
BeWilliams NYY	86	330	67	111	.336
MRamirez Cle	78	303	71	101	.333
MOrdonez ChW	83	337	53	112	.332
Surhoff Bal	87	370	58	123	.332
Vizquel Cle	73	293	54	96	.328
SGreen Tor	81	318	70	104	.327

RUNS—Lofton, Cleveland, 79; RAlomar, Cleveland, 78; Jeter, New York, 73; MRamirez, Cleveland, 71; SGreen, Toronto, 70; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 69; Durham, Chicago, 67; BeWilliams, New York, 67.

RBI—MRamirez, Cleveland, 96; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 81; JuGonzalez, Texas, 79; CDelgado, Toronto, 77; RPalmeiro, Texas, 76; Surhoff, Baltimore, 71; SGreen, Toronto, 70.

HITS—Jeter, New York, 124; Surhoff, Baltimore, 123; Beltran, Kansas City, 114; MOrdonez, Chicago, 112; Stewart, Toronto, 111; BeWilliams, New York, 111; RPalmeiro, Texas, 110.

DOUBLES—Greer, Texas, 26; TFernandez, Toronto, 26; Garciaparra, Boston, 24; SGreen, Toronto, 24; Thomas, Chicago, 24; Tejada, Oakland, 23; Damon, Kansas City, 23; CDelgado, Toronto, 23; O'Leary, Boston, 23; Offerman, Boston, 23.

TRIPLES—Jeter, New York, 8; Durham, Chicago, 7; Febles, Kansas City, 6; Damon, Kansas City, 6; Randa, Kansas City, 6; Offerman, Boston, 6; 5 are tied with 5.

HOME RUNS—Canseco, Tampa Bay, 31; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 29; SGreen, Toronto, 25; MRamirez, Cleveland, 25; JuGonzalez, Texas, 24; Palmer, Detroit, 22; RPalmeiro, Texas, 22.

STOLEN BASES—Stewart, Toronto, 29; TGoodwin, Texas, 27; BLHunter, Seattle, 24; Encarnacion, Detroit, 23; Lofton, Cleveland, 23; RAlomar, Cleveland, 21; Bush, Toronto, 18.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)—PMartinez, Boston, 15-3, .833, 2.10; Mussina, Baltimore, 11-4, .733, 3.70; Nagy, Cleveland, 11-4, .733, 4.43; Clemens, New York, 8-3, .727, 4.70; Cone, New York, 9-4, .692, 2.86; FrGarcia, Seattle, 9-5, .643, 5.15; OHernandez, New York, 10-6, .625, 3.95.

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 184; DWells, Toronto, 100; Mussina, Baltimore, 97; CFinley, Anaheim, 95; Sele, Texas, 87; Cone, New York, 87; Colon, Cleveland, 85; JGuzman, Baltimore, 85; Burba, Cleveland, 85.

SAVES—RHernandez, Tampa Bay, 26; Wetteland, Texas, 26; MRivera, New York, 23; Percival, Anaheim, 23; Taylor, Oakland, 22; MJackson, Cleveland, 19; Mesa, Seattle, 18.

Pitching (11 Decisions)

PMartinez, Boston, 15-3, .833; Mussina, Baltimore, 11-4, .733; Nagy, Cleveland, 11-4, .733; Clemens, New York, 8-3, .727; Cone, New York, 9-4, .692; FrGarcia, Seattle, 9-5, .643; OHernandez, New York, 10-6, .625.

NL Leaders

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
LWalker Col	73	275	73	105	.382
Casey Cin	80	318	57	118	.371
LGonzalez Ari	83	333	61	120	.360
HRodriguez ChC	75	249	41	84	.337
Kendall Pit	78	280	61	93	.332
Cedeno NYM	85	241	53	80	.332
Abreu Phi	77	279	60	90	.323
Glanville Phi	82	343	50	110	.321
Cirillo Mil	84	334	49	107	.320
MaWilliams Ari	88	358	64	114	.318

RUNS—Bagwell, Houston, 81; JBell, Arizona, 77; LWalker, Colorado, 73; Sosa, Chicago, 66; MaGrace, Chicago, 66; Biggio, Houston, 65; Detroit (Mlicki 4-8) at Houston (Reynolds 10-6), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 7-8) at St. Louis (Jimenez 5-9), 7:10 p.m.

Arizona (Johnson 9-7) at Texas (Helling 6-7), 7:35 p.m.

San Diego (Ashby 8-4) at Seattle (Moyer 8-5), 9:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Brown 9-6) at Anaheim (Finley 5-9), 9:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Estes 6-5) at Oakland (Rogers 4-3), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Colorado (Kile 5-7) at Cincinnati (Parris 5-1), 6:05 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE GAMES

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Byrd 11-5) at Boston (Rose 4-2), 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-6) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 2-5), 6:05 p.m.

Florida (Hernandez 5-8) at Toronto (Carpenter 6-5), 6:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Colon 7-3) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-6), 6:05 p.m.

Montreal (Thurman 3-5) at Baltimore (Ponson 7-6), 6:35p

Atlanta (Glavine 7-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8-3), 6:35 p.m.

Minnesota (Radke 6-7) at Chicago Cubs (Serafini 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Reichert 0-0) at Milwaukee (Woodard 10-5), 7:05 p.m.

KYoung, Pittsburgh, 64; MaWilliams, Arizona, 64.

RBI—MaWilliams, Arizona, 82; Bagwell, Houston, 78; LWalker, Colorado, 77; Sosa, Chicago, 74; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 73; McGwire, St. Louis, 72; BJordan, Atlanta, 71.

HITS—LGonzalez, Arizona, 120; Casey, Cincinnati, 118; MaWilliams, Arizona, 114; Glanville, Philadelphia, 110; Cirillo, Milwaukee, 107; LWalker, Colorado, 105; Biggio, Houston, 104.

DOUBLES—Biggio, Houston, 38; Kent, San Francisco, 27; Martin, Pittsburgh, 26; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 26; Karros, Los Angeles, 26; Casey, Cincinnati, 25; CJones, Atlanta, 25; LGonzalez, Arizona, 25.

TRIPLES—AGonzalez, Florida, 6; NPerez, Colorado, 6; Martin, Pittsburgh, 6; Reese, Cincinnati, 5; MMartinez, Montreal, 5; Cameron, Cincinnati, 5; Womack, Arizona, 5; SFinley, Arizona, 5; LJohnson, Chicago, 5.

HOME RUNS—Sosa, Chicago, 32; Bagwell, Houston, 28; McGwire, St. Louis, 28; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 26; LWalker, Colorado, 25; JBell, Arizona, 24; MaWilliams, Arizona, 23.

STOLEN BASES—Cedeno, New York, 46; Womack, Arizona, 38; EYoung, Los Angeles, 33; Cameron, Cincinnati, 28; Henderson, New York, 23; DJackson, San Diego, 22; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 22.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)—Bottenfield, St. Louis, 14-3, .824, 3.78; Hampton, Houston, 11-3, .786, 3.02; Luna, Houston, 13-4, .765, 3.23; Schilling, Philadelphia, 13-4, .765, 3.13; Millwood, Atlanta, 11-4, .733, 3.20; Lieber, Chicago, 8-3, .727, 3.26; Smoltz, Atlanta, 8-3, .727, 3.49.

STRIKEOUTS—RaJohnson, Arizona, 211; Schilling, Philadelphia, 133; Reynolds, Houston, 114; KBrown, Los Angeles, 114; Hitchcock, San Diego, 110; Astacio, Colorado, 109; Ortiz, San Francisco, 100.

SAVES—Wagner, Houston, 22; Hoffman, San Diego, 21; Nen, San Francisco, 21; Urbina, Montreal, 19; Shaw, Los Angeles, 19; JFranco, New York, 19; Wickman, Milwaukee, 18.

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Chmble 2b	2	0	0	Knnedy 2b	3	2	2
Cox 1b	3	0	1	Sheldn ss	2	0	1
Raven 1b	2	0	0	Roskos lf	0	1	0
Cromer lf	2	0	0	Ward 1b	4	1	2
Zuber lf	1	0	1	Hatcher lf	1	0	0
Mottola rf	3	0	0	Clpnski rf	2	0	0
Roberts cf	2	0	1	Williams c	2	0	0
Bramyn dh	5	1	3	Hbbrd c	2	1	2
Blake 3b	2	0	1	Tmmns dh	4	1	1
Minor 3b	2	1	0	Pello 3b	2	0	0
Molina c	2	0	0	Nieves 3b	2	1	1
McKeel c	2	0	1	Allen rf	2	0	0
Jimenz ss	2	1	1	Hrnndz ss	2	0	1
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Totals	**37**	**5**	**12**	**Totals**	**34**	**9**	**11**
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Pacific Coast			**300 010 05x — 9**				

DP—PCL 1. LOB—IL 11, PCL 5. 2B—IL, Branyan, PCL, Kennedy, Sheldon. HR—IL, Branyan, Blum. PCL, Ward. SB—IL, Coleman. PCL, Hatcher. SF—IL, Cromer.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
International						
Bowie	3	3	3	3	1	4
Peterson	1	0	0	0	1	2
Tessmer	2	2	1	1	1	3
Gaillard, L	1 2-3	2	3	3	1	1
Williams	1-3	4	2	2	0	0
Pacific Coast						
Luebbers	2	3	1	1	1	1
Laxton	2	1	0	0	1	1
Creek	1	2	1	1	1	1
Ryan	1	1	0	0	0	0
Smith	1	1	0	0	1	2
Boyd, W	1	2	3	3	1	1
Brow	2-3	2	0	0	0	0
Bailey, S	1-3	0	0	0	0	1

WP—IL, Gaillard. PCL, Laxton, Smith. T—2:51. A—8,895.

NATIONAL 3, AMERICAN 0

AMERICAN	ab	r	hbi	**NATIONAL**	ab	r	hbi
Eckstn 2b	3	0	0	Crrll 2b/ss	4	0	1
Soriano ss	2	0	0	Bair cf	4	0	2
Espada ss	1	0	0	Gonzalz c	2	0	0
Piatt 3b	1	0	0	Barajas c	1	0	0
Lamb 3b	2	0	0	Brrll dh/1b	3	1	1
Mrgn lf	2	0	1	Mota ph/dh	1	0	0
Tmlnsn lf	1	0	0	Zlta 1b/dh	2	0	0
Mlhse c	2	0	0	Godlldh/1b	0	1	0
Cardona c	2	0	0	Curl lf	3	1	1
Hacker dh	2	0	0	Klimek 3b	1	0	1
Jhnsn dh	2	0	1	Hvrbsch 3b	2	0	0
Giles 1b	2	0	0	Azuaje ss	1	0	0
Barnes 1b	1	0	0	Wlliams 2b	2	0	1
Lydy rf	3	0	0	Vieira rf	3	0	0
Gonzalez cf	3	0	0				
Totals	**29**	**0**	**2**	**Totals**	**29**	**3**	**7**
American			**000**	**000**	**000**	**— 0**	
National			**000**	**000**	**30x**	**— 3**	

E—National, Burrell. DP—American 1. LOB—American 7, National 3. 2B—National, Bair. HR—National, Curl. SB—American, Eckstein, Morgan. CS—American, Soriano.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
American						
Cooper	1	2	0	0	0	1
Beverlin	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chantres	1	1	0	0	0	0
Martinez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	2
Webb	1	0	0	0	0	0
Enders, L	2-3	3	3	3	1	2
Kohlmeier	1	0	0	0	0	1
Carter	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
National						
Patterson	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cammack	1	0	0	0	0	1
Robertson	1	0	0	0	1	0
Gagne	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tejera	1	0	0	0	0	1
Davis	1	0	0	0	0	2
Armas, W	1	0	0	0	1	1
Beasley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stchechite	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Rain, S	1-3	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Patterson (Eckstein). WP—National, Patterson. T—2:34. A—6,174.

PBA Showboat Senior

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Standings Wednesday from the third round of the Showboat Senior Invitational at the Showboat Hotel, Casino & Bowling Center with hometowns and 24-game pinfall totals.

1, Mike Pullin, Rochelle, Ill., 5,693. 2, Robert Snell, Stamford, Conn., 5,656. 3, Larry Lichstein, Avon Park, Fla., 5,646. 4, (TIE) John Bennett, Auburn Hills, Mich., and Gary Hiday, Indianapolis, Ind., 5,577. 6, Pete Couture, Titusville, Fla., 5,549.

7, Norb Wetzel, Fond du Lac, Wisc., 5,543. 8, Ron Winger, Tarzana, Calif., 5,514. 9, Dick Baker, Libertyville, Ill., 5,509. 10, Steve Neff, Homosassa Springs, Fla., 5,508. 11, John Hricsina, Franklin, Pa., 5,498. 12, Dave Soutar, Bradenton, Fla., 5,495.

13, Barry Gurney, West Hills, Calif., 5,455. 14, Ron DeGroat, Las Vegas, 5,453. 15, Don Helling, St. Charles, Mo., 5,449. 16, John Hunt, S. San Francisco, Calif., 5,434. 17, Fred Koun, Apple Valley, Calif., 5,414. 18, Bob Glass, Lawrence, Kan., 5,412.

19, (TIE) Barry Asher, Costa Mesa, Calif., and John Cocchi, Las Vegas, 5,402. 21, John Handegard, Nacogdoches, 5,383. 22, Roger Workman, Kenova, W.Va., 5,370. 23, Gary Mage, Vancouver, Wash., 5,367. 24, Tommy Evans, Las Vegas, 5,366.

25, Gene Stus, Allen Park, Mich., 5,365. 26, Vince Range, St. Louis, 5,359. 27, Randy Harvey, South Bend, Ind., 5,354. 28, Bob Hart, Atlanta, 5,352. 29, Art Trask, Fresno, Calif., 5,345. 30, Darrel Curtis, Seattle, 5,324.

31, Les Zikes, Palatine, Ill., 5,310. 32, Ronald Krippelz, St. Louis, 5,309. 33, K. Kaz Kosydar, Oklahoma City, 5,303. 34, Jim Lewis, Reno, Nev., 5,299. 35, Al Sanford, Jackson, Ohio, 5,298. 36, Mel Wolff, Jackson, Mich., 5,275.

37, Sam Flanagan, Columbus, Ohio, 5,273. 38, Teata Semiz, Wallington, N.J., 5,268. 39, Gary Dickinson, Edmond, Okla., 5,264. 40, Mike Kilgannon, Valley Stream, N.Y., 5,263. 41, Ernie Schlegel, Vancouver, Wash., 5,237. 42, Rich Holden, Chinchilla, Pa., 5,234.

43, Ron Garr, San Jose, Calif., 5,233. 44, Roger Blad, Burnsville, Minn., 5,231. 45, Ken Brown, Monroe, N.Y., 5,228. 46, John Tavano, Mars Hills, N.C., 5,226. 47, Ken Racette, San Diego, Calif., 5,224. 48, Jim Moran, Henderson, Nev., 5,218.

49, Dale Eagle, Lewisville, 5,217. 50, Larry L. Hall, Marengo, Iowa, 5,204. 51, Frankie May, West Reading, Pa., 5,203. 52, Sonny Dorsek, Schenectady, N.Y., 5,202. 53, Larry Galloway, Lakewood, Calif., 5,198. 54, Tom Blasco, Satellite Beach, Fla., 5,193.

55, (TIE) Allie Clarke, Zanesville, Ohio, and Wayne Urlaub, Seattle, 5,192. 57, Sal Bongiorno, Hollywood, Fla., 5,184. 58, Ron Amore, Washington Courthouse, Ohio, 5,176.

Fight Schedule

July 16

At Atlantic City, N.J. (FX), David Reid, Philadelphia, vs. Kevin Kelly, Australia, 12, for Reid's WBA super welterweight title; Dale Brown, Montreal, vs. Saja Abdullah Aziz, Detroit, 12, for Brown's NABF cruiserweight title.

At Hampton Beach, N.H. (ESPN2), Marqui Sosa, Las Vegas vs. James Butler, New York, 10, super middleweights; Mickey Ward, Lowell, Mass., vs. Jamal Corbin, Philadelphia, 10, junior welterweights.

July 17

At Caesars Tahoe, Lake Tahoe, Nev. (HBO), Fernando Vargas, Mexico, vs. Raul Marquez, Mexico, 12, for Vargas' IBF junior middleweight title; David Tua, New Zealand, vs. Gary Bell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 12, for Tua's USBA heavyweight title.

July 23

At Des Moines, Iowa (ESPN2), David Telesco, Port Chester, N.Y., vs. Drake Thadzi, Malawi, 10, light heavyweights; Jimmy Crawford, Grinnell, Iowa, vs. Joe Hughes, Stony Point, N.Y., 10, super middleweights.

At Bank of America Center, Boise, Idaho, Kenny Keene, Emmett, Idaho, vs. George Stephens, Denver, 10, heavyweights.

July 24

At Flamingo Hilton, Las Vegas (SHO), James Page, Pittsburg, Calif., vs. Freddie Pendleton, Miami, 12, for Page's WBA welterweight title; Terronn Millett, Colorado Springs, vs. Virgil McClinton, Columbus, Ohio, 12, for Millett's IBF junior welterweight title.

At Tropicana Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Ed Mahone, St. Louis, Mo., vs. Derrick Banks, Detroit, Mi., 12, for Mahone's NABO heavyweight title; Edgar Ruiz, Mexico, vs. David Kamau, Kenya, 12, for Ruiz's NABO welterweight title.

July 26

At Great Western Forum, Inglewood, Calif., Gilbert Quiroz, Costa Rica, vs. Augusto Gamez, Mexico, 10, junior welterweights; Pat Thorns, Detroit, Mi., vs. Edwin Vazquez, Puerto Rico, 10, junior welterweights.

July 30

At Ledyard, Conn. (ESPN2), James Toney, Ann Arbor, Mich., vs. Adolpho Washington, Lexington, Ky., 10, cruiserweights; Ray Oliveira, New Bedford, Mass., Chist Salman, Turkey, 10, junior welterweights.

July 31

At Tijuana, Mexico (PPV), Erik Morales, Mexico, vs. Reynante Jamili, Philippines, 12, for Morales' WBC super bantamweight title; Diego Morales, Mexico, vs. Ysiais Zamudio, Mexico, 12, for Morales' WBO junior bantamweight title; Jorge Arce, Mexico, vs. Michael Carbajal, Phoenix, Ariz., 12, for the WBO junior flyweight title.

Aug. 5

At Irvine (Calif.) Marriott, Naoya Hirahara, Japan, vs. Isreal Correa, Oxnard, Calif., 10, for the vacant California lightweight title.

Aug. 6

At Columbus, Ohio, Eric Morel, Madison, Wis., vs. Francisco Espitia, Mexico, 10, super flyweights.

At TBA, Reggie Green, Tuxedo, Md., vs. Troy Browning, Dallas, 12, for the vacant USBA junior welterweight title.

Aug. 7

At Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, N.J. (PPV), Francois Botha, South Africa, vs. Shannon Briggs, New York, 10, heavyweights; Marco Antonio Barrera, Mexico, vs. Angel Vazquez, Hartford, Conn., 12, for Barrera's WBO junior featherweight title.

Aug. 9

At Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim, Anaheim, Calif., Guty Espadas, Mexico, vs. Miguel Casillas, Mexico, 10, featherweights; Israel Vazquez, Hacienda Heights, vs. Nelson Medina, Venzuela, 10, junior featherweights.

Aug. 14

At Foxwoods Casino Hotel, Mashantucket, Conn., Stevie Johnston, Denver, vs. Angel Manfredy, Gary, Ind., 12, for Johnston's WBC lightweight title.

Aug. 21

At Las Vegas, Kostya Tszyu, Russia, vs. Miguel Angel Gonzalez, Mexico, 12, for the vacant WBC super lightweight title.

At TBA, Will Grigsby, St. Paul, Minn., vs. Ricardo Lopez, Mexico, 12, for Grigsby's IBF junior flyweight title.

Sept. 18

At Mandalay Bay Events Center, Las Vegas (TVKO), Oscar De La Hoya, East Los Angeles, Calif., vs. Felix Trinidad, Puerto Rico, 12, for De La Hoya's WBC welterweight title and Trinidad's IBF welterweight title.

NFL Training Camps

NEW YORK (AP) — Training camp reporting dates for National Football League teams for the 1999 season, with team, reporting site and rookie and veteran reporting dates:

American Football Conference

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md. both July 29.

BUFFALO BILLS—Fredonia State U., Fredonia, N.Y., both July 30.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., both July 30.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Cleveland Browns Training Camp, Berea, Ohio, July 21, July 24.

DENVER BRONCOS—Northern Colorado U., Greeley, Colo., both July 23.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Rose-Hulman Institute, Terre Haute, Ind., both July 22.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—ALLTEL Stadium, Jacksonville, Fla., both July 29.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Wisconsin-River Falls, River Falls, Wis., July 27, July 30.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Nova U., Davie, Fla., July 27, July 30.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I., both July 30.

NEW YORK JETS—Hofstra U., Hempstead, N.Y., both July 30.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Marriott Hotel, Napa, Calif., both July 23.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., July 29, July 31.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—UC San Diego, La Jolla, Calif., both July 22.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Eastern Washington U., Cheney, Wash., July 29, July 30.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Bellevue Practice Facility, Nashville, Tenn., July 27, July 31.

National Football Conference

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Northern Arizona U., Flagstaff, Ariz., July 29, July 30.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Furman U., Greenville, S.C., both July 28.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C., July 26, July 29.

CHICAGO BEARS—Wisconsin-Platteville, Platteville, Wis., both July 22.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Midwestern State U., Wichita Falls, Texas, July 26, July 29.

DETROIT LIONS—Saginaw Valley State, Pontiac, Mich., July 25, July 29.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—St. Norbert, DePere, Wis., July 25, July 29.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Mankato State, Mankato, Minn., both Aug. 1.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis., both July 28.

NEW YORK GIANTS—U. of Albany, Albany, N.Y., both July 29.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Lehigh U., Bethlehem, Pa., July 25, July 28.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Western Illinois U., Macomb, Ill., both July 22.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—U. of Pacific, Stockton, Calif., July 26, July 29.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—U. of Tampa, Tampa, Fla., both Aug. 1.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Frostburg State, Frostburg, Md., July 25, July 28.

NHL Coaches

Teams that have changed coaches since the start of the 1998-99 season with former coach and replacement:

Chicago Blackhawks — Dirk Graham; Lorne Molleken.

Edmonton Oilers — Ron Low, Kevin Lowe.

Los Angeles Kings — Larry Robinson; Andy Murray.

New York Islanders — Mike Milbury; Bill Stewart (interim); Butch Goring.

Phoenix Coyotes — Jim Schoenfeld; Bobby Francis.

Tampa Bay Lightning — Jacques Demers, Steve Ludzik.

Vancouver Canucks — Mike Keenan; Marc Crawford.

Modern Pentathlon

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Results Wednesday from the Modern Pentathlon World Championships:

Men Team Relay Finals

1. Hungary (Akos Hanzely, Peter Sarfalvi, Gabor Balogh) 5,297 points.

2. Russia (Rustem Sabirkhouzin, Eduard Zenovka, Denis Stoikov) 5,109.

3. United States (Vakhtang Iagorashvili, Velizar Iliev, Scott Christie) 5,073.

4. Sweden (Michael Brandt, Erik Johansson, Per Nyqvist) 5,000.

5. Lithuania (Andriejus Zadneprovskis, Edvinas Krungoltsas, Eugenius Seniuta) 4,982.

6. Poland (Marcin Horbacz, Danusz Meisner, Igor Warabida) 4,950.

WNBA All-Stars

West 79, East 61

WEST (79): Swoopes 4-7 0-0 8, Thompson 4-8 0-0 8, Leslie 5-11 3-4 13, Timms 1-1 0-0 3, Cooper 3-5 1-1 7, Gillom 2-6 2-2 6, Griffith 5-10 0-0 10, Penicheiro 0-3 1-2 1, Bolton-Holifield 1-7 0-0 2, Edwards 3-8 0-0 7, Williams 3-4 8-10 14. Totals 31-70 15-19 79.

EAST (61): Holdsclaw 2-6 1-1 5, Bullett 2-6 0-0 4, Hampton 2-6 1-2 5, Weatherspoon 1-6 0-0 3, McCray 2-11 0-0 4, S.Johnson 3-6 0-0 8, V.Johnson 3-8 0-0 6, McWilliams 2-5 3-4 8, Sales 3-8 0-2 6, Brondello 4-8 0-0 8, Jones 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 26-74 5-9 61.

West	**43**	**36**	**—79**
East	**29**	**32**	**—61**

3-Point Goals—West 2-14 (Timms

AP Photo

Lance Armstrong, left, leads Fernando Escartin, center, and Giuseppe Guerini in the last miles of Wednesday's 10th stage of the Tour de France through the French Alps. Guerini won the stage, but Armstrong held onto the overall lead.

West wins first-ever WNBA All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP) — One day after baseball played the oldest All-Star game in sports, the WNBA played the newest one at sold-out Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

With five members of the women's World Cup soccer championship team cheering both teams, the Western Conference stars defeated the Eastern Conference 79-61 in the first-ever WNBA All-Star game.

The game had a significant casualty, however, when Chamique Holdsclaw of the Washington Mystics suffered a chip fracture on her left index finger and sat out the second half. She will be re-examined by Mystics team doctors on Thursday.

In contrast to the guys, the women included some defense in a showcase game that included a full supply of layups and breakaways, 3-pointers and no-look passes.

But sorry, still no dunks.

There never has been one of those basketball exclamation points in the three years of the WNBA and even with the league's best players assembled, that didn't change.

Still, the women dazzled a star-studded crowd of 18,645 that included Garden courtside regular Spike Lee and the soccer champions.

The players were there to have some fun and there were plenty of grins all around. And a few floor burns, too, as the women lunged madly after loose balls.

The West led from the start, opening the margin to as much as 20 points and seeing it shrink to a few as two but never yielding to the East stars.

Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes led a 10-0 spurt at the start of the game. After a basket by Holdsclaw interrupted that run, the West upped its early lead top 17-2.

Holdsclaw's basket was the only one the East scored in the first 6 1/2 minutes. Later in the half, she jammed her left index finger and X-rays revealed the fracture.

Once the East got going, it cut the West lead to a single basket as Taj McWilliams and Shannon Johnson led the comeback.

SLOCUM: Aggie coach likes consistency

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proved they could beat the big boys such as Nebraska and Kansas State and be competitive with perennial top 5 teams such as Florida State and Ohio State.

"I guess you could say we had the misfortune a lot of times of playing teams which were ranked higher than us. The year before in the Cotton Bowl we played a No. 3 UCLA team which had won 10 straight games and they were a pretty good team," Slocum said. "Most of the time when you have a No. 4 team playing a No. 2 team, usually the No. 2 wins. Last year we played two No. 3s, a No. 2 and a No. 1, and we won two out of the four games.

"I think it's great to have high expectations but sometimes you have to be realistic."

Since Slocum's been the head coach, the Aggies have been consistent, going 94-28-1 during his tenure and finishing in the top 20 in nine out of the previous 10 years. Slocum is the winningest coach in A&M history and fifth winningest among active Division I head coaches.

"If there's one thing I'm proud of is that we've been consistent. Every year we've been a pretty competitive team," he said. "In the games we've lost, for the most part, we've been competitive in those games. Hopefully if we could just keep doing that, one year everything will all fall just right then you could make a run for that national championship. When you're where we are that's the ultimate goal, where you hope everything falls just right and you could compete for a national championship."

The consistency Slocum has shown with the football program was rewarded earlier this year with the administration giving the coach a new seven-year deal which increased his base salary from $185,000 to $300,000 and the total package from $780,000 to $1 million per season.

"I'm happy about it personally but I think from the school standpoint it's a good move on their part because the programs around the country which have been successful, the one thing that all of them have had is consistency," Slocum said about the new contract. "You don't have consistent programs with a change in coaches every few years. It doesn't mean everything goes your way every year but you don't have to tear everything down and start over.

"I look at the (Texas) Tech program over here as an example. Of all the years I've been at A&M, I would say right now they have the most consistent program they've ever had. They've had coach (Spike) Dykes and everything's been stable. They went through a run of changing coaches every few years and they weren't as good as they are now."

On the Big 12 this upcoming season, Slocum said Texas and Texas Tech should have good teams and maybe Oklahoma might pull a few surprises in the South division. In the North division, Slocum expects Nebraska to come back with renewed focus under second-year head coach Frank Solich and teams such as Colorado and Missouri to keep getting stronger.

Speaking of Nebraska, the Aggies visit Lincoln, Neb., on Nov. 6 in a rematch of last year's game in which A&M won 28-21 in College Station.

"That'll be a great, exciting week for us," said Slocum about the trip to the Cornhuskers' home turf. "I'm sure Nebraska is looking forward to us coming up there. That's what it's all about. I tell the team all the time, 'If you're ever going to be any good, you can't play at home all the time.' You've got to be able to go on the road and go into a hostile environment and find a way to be successful."

Of course, Slocum is no stranger of packing his bags for West Texas. In the past few years, Slocum has inked NFL third round draftee Rex Tucker and center Toby McCarthy, both from Midland Lee.

"Rex was drafted and was really a good player for us. Toby's had a good spring. He'll play a lot of football for us this year," Slocum said. "We've had some success recruiting players out here. There's a lot of Aggies out here and there's some real good football out here."

You can bet that as long as Slocum is at A&M, West Texas will be a frequent stop.

Armstrong remains in Tour lead despite drug-use innuendo

By Ian Phillips
Associated Press Writer

L'ALPE D'HUEZ, France — Lance Armstrong was a mountain man for another day, extending his lead in the Tour de France while questions of drug use shadowed his astonishing run.

The strong performance by the 27-year-old Texan on Wednesday came as Italy's Giuseppe Guerini recovered from a crash with a photo-snapping fan to capture the 10th stage of cycling's premier race.

In a sign that last summer's drug scandal still haunts cycling, Armstrong was subjected to innuendo in the French press regarding his great success.

"Stupefying Armstrong," was the headline of Wednesday's France-Soir tabloid, referring to Armstrong's emphatic victory in the Alps the day before.

The sports newspaper L'Equipe's headline, above a picture of Armstrong, read: "On Another Planet." Inside, another said: "Hallucinating Armstrong" — another play on words, because the French word also means "great" or "fantastic."

Last year, a drug scandal brought the race to a temporary halt and enveloped the sport. Fifty-one riders took blood tests Wednesday, and all were negative.

Armstrong, who has made a remarkable recovery from testicular cancer, said Wednesday he was aware of the rumors.

"I saw today's headlines. Yes, they have many questions," he said after the race, in which he ended fifth, extending his lead to 7 minutes, 42 seconds.

"Its incredible that they print this. Why do they print this?" he said of reports he's tested positive for drugs. "They don't print the truth."

He said his success was a result of hard work, preparation and luck. For instance, he came to the mountains and tested each stage — something few other riders have done.

Armstrong's doctor in the United States, Dr. Lawrence Einhorn, told The Associated Press: "This guy is so clean-living, you wouldn't believe it."

Wednesday's stage was 138 miles, full of steep climbs between Sestrieres in Italy to Alpe d'Huez in France.

Pavel Tonkov of Russia came in second, 21 seconds behind Guerini. Spain's Fernando Escartin finished third for the second straight day and Alex Zulle of Switzerland came in fourth.

Amazingly, Guerini smashed into a fan who was trying to get a close-up photograph of the rider from the middle of the road.

"Suddenly, I went from the most beautiful moment of my life to the worst," a grinning Guerini said. "I thought I'd lost the race. But I saw I had a few seconds advantage over the others, so I went flat out."

He said he was too shocked to say anything to the spectator, and then had problems getting his foot back into his pedal. He went on to win by 21 seconds. He said there should have been barriers to stop encroaching fans, many of whom run alongside riders, cheering them.

Behind Armstrong in the overall standings is Spain's Abraham Olano. Zulle is third.

"The only objective today was to hold onto the yellow jersey," Armstrong said. "The others were strong today: Guerini, Zulle. I was tired."

The rain, which hampered racing the day before, stopped shortly before the start. The weather was good, with a cool breeze and thick clouds for much of the race.

The race began with a tough climb to the 6,874-foot Col du Mont-Cenis, where the pack remained bunched. But on the way down, two French riders — Stephane Heulot and Thierry Bourgignon — mounted the first breakaway of the day, and soon held a nine-minute lead.

The riders then climbed the Col de la Croix de Fer, or Iron Cross Pass, at a similar altitude, the longest climb on the Tour.

LOCAL SPORTS

Westcott results from Ranchland

Here are the results from the Westcott West Texas Junior Tour round played at Ranchland Hills Country Club Wednesday, with age groups and scores listed.

Girls

10-11: 1. Raelin Smith, 47; 2. Megan O'Connell, 53; 3. Shelly Martinez, 56.
12-14: 1. Ashley Robb, 89; 2. Lauren Martinez, 93; 3. Kelly Ford, 93.
15-18: 1. Shelly Winchell, 78; 2. Korah Mehaffey, 82; 3. Lindsay Howell, 84.

Boys

10-11: 1. Mark Jones, 30; 2. Tommy Sikes, 37; 3. Cory Burleson, 39.
12-13: 1. Arron Garza, 75; 2. Brent Bennett, 80; 3. Braxton Brin, 81.
14-15: 1. Zach Drennan, 70; 2. Bryan Howard, 74; 3. Daniel Blair, 77.
16-18: 1. Luke Varner, 71; 2. Chad Wheeler, 72; 3. Jason Lindgren, 73.

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7-9: 1. Korbin Mehaffey, 45; 2. Bryan Burleson, 55; 3. Cameron Ford, 57.

COM has 7 win honors

LUBBOCK — Seven competitors from the City of Midland swim team won high points honors this past weekend at the West Texas Long Course Championship meet, helping COM to its 28th straight regional team title.

COM scored 1,950 points, far ahead of second place Amarillo with 846. Overall, 10 COM swimmers won three or more event titles, with COM winning seven of the eight age group titles.

For the girls, Stephanie Strauss won the 10-and-under title with 74 points, along with Sarah Maurer in the 11-12 group (83 points), Caroline Carson in the 13-14 (74 points) and Erin Irons in the senior division (45 points). For the boys, Michael Leaf was tops in the 10-and-under (75 points), Eric Pharr led the 13-14 group (87 points) and Gregg Strauss won the senior division (75 points).

Daves has big day at RHCC

It was a vintage day for Carlton Daves Wednesday afternoon at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

Not only did Daves shoot a 74, one stroke below his age, he carded his sixth ever hole-in-one. Daves aced Ranchland's 151-yard No. 3 hole.

The hole-in-one was witnessed by Chuck Rhodes, Don Daniel and Warren Alexander.

Midlander 2nd in cart racing

WACO — Midland's Rusty Mitchell finished second in the Yamaha-lite Texas Cart Championship race held this past weekend at the Heart of Texas Kartway. The 16-year old Mitchell was one of 40 racers competing and was the only West Texan in the race.

Campbell climbs into contention

Former Midland College golfer Chad Campbell made up a huge amount of ground Wednesday at the Liberty Mutual Texas State Open, shooting a tournament low 64 for a two-day total of 136 to sit in third place.

Campbell is tied for third with Mark Walker three strokes behind leader Stuart Wallace at 65-68—133. Wesley Short is in second at 65-69—134.

Former Midlander John Adams, who was in third with a 66 after the first round, ballooned to a 74 in the second round to sit at 140, seven strokes off the pace. Three strokes further back are ex-MC golfer Derrick Pursley and Brett Boynton of Andrews, both of whom were at 69-74—143.

Mid-City rallies past Tower, 3-2

BIG SPRING — J.W. Wilson hit a three-run home run in the top of the fifth inning Wednesday night to lift Mid-City to a 3-2 win over Midland Tower in the District 3 11-12 year old tournament.

Tower, which advanced out of the losers' bracket, took a 2-0 lead in a battle between two Midland teams for the district championship. In the top of the fifth, Mid-City's Matt Roan and Kevin Newton singled before Wilson homered to give Mid-City the lead for good.

Newton was the winning pitcher for Mid-City, which went undefeated in the tournament. Mid-City is going to the sectional tournament in San Angelo beginning next Wednesday.

OPEN: Grass grows high

(From 1C)

Wednesday. "We all know what it's going to be like. It's going to be hard. It's going to beat up everybody. I'm not concerning myself with it today."

Carnoustie is being used for the British Open for the first time since 1975 and only the sixth time in history, the least of any courses in the current rotation.

The R&A wanted to make sure it was as close to the same conditions as the previous Opens, such as Ben Hogan's victory in 1953, Gary Player's outstanding duel with Jack Nicklaus in 1968, and Tom Watson's playoff victory 24 years ago.

One problem.

A wet spring caused the grass to grow like a weed, causing this seaside course in northeast Scotland to resemble Kansas.

"That has not been induced by the R&A," Campbell said. "I would feel seriously guilty if we had deliberately set out to grow wheat fields off the edge of the fairways."

It's not a wheat field. It's just Carnoustie. And by the look of it, there could be plenty of carnage by the end of the week.

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Crude falls

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite a favorable inventory report, energy futures fell across the board Wednesday on profit taking and fears the market is overbought.

Crude oil for August delivery fell 23 cents, to $19.91 a barrel, on the New York Mercantile Exchange one day after finishing above $20 a barrel for the first tim since 1997.

Traders said prices sank because the market was looking overbought with crude prices jumping above $20 a barrel and that spurred concerns of a correction.

Oil prices, which hit a 12-year-low of $10.65 in December, have been on the rise in recent weeks, as reports indicate key oil producers are staying close to their promised production cuts.

The American Petroleum Institute reported late Tuesday that the nation's crude oil inventories fell for the fourth straight week, to 324.63 million barrels from 327.22 million barrels in the week ended July 9. Gasoline supplies slipped to 212.79 million barrels from 214.69 a week earlier.

Heating oil for August delivery fell .99 cent to 50.73 cents a gallon; August unleaded gasoline fell .25 cent to 59.52 cents a gallon; August natural gas fell 3 cents to $2.146 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, North Sea Brent Blend crude oil for delivery in August settled at $18.94 a barrel, down 9 cents, at the International Petroleum Exchange.

Dollar drops

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar fell Wednesday against most major currencies as the euro recovered slightly from the new low it set a day earlier and Japanese authorities failed to intervene on push the yen lower.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at $1.0209, up from late Tuesday's $1.0164 and above the record low of $1.0108 set earlier Tuesday.

Nonetheless, the euro remains 14 percent below its level of nearly $1.19 when it started trading Jan. 4, replacing the currencies of 11 European nations.

The dollar also was quoted at 120.59 Japanese yen, down from 121.32 yen late Tuesday.

Eric Nickerson, a currency strategist in New York for Bank of America, said the Bank of Japan's continued absence from the currency markets was a key factor in the dollar's decline.

"We have already gone through some levels here where we would have expected to see them" buying dollars, he said.

Japanese authorities have expressed concern that a strong yen could hurt exports and inhibit Japanese economic recovery. The Bank of Japan showed over the past month it was willing to buy dollars aggressively in an effort to curb the yen's rise.

The dollar may have also been hurt by reports of an unexpected decline in U.S. wholesale prices and a weaker-than-expected rise in U.S. retail sales last month. The government statistics were seen as easing pressure on Federal Reserve policy-makers to raise interest rates further. Rising U.S. rates boost returns on dollar-denominated investments and often increase demand for the dollar.

In other trading Wednesday, the dollar also was quoted at 1.5727 Swiss francs, down from 1.5766 a day earlier, and 1.4810 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4815.

The British pound rose to $1.5637 from late Tuesday's $1.5574.

Currencies of the 11 countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately and are tied to the euro by a fixed rate.

Based on Wednesday's euro rate, the dollar was worth: 1.9152 German marks, down from 1.9216; and 6.4250 French francs, down from 6.4537.

Tech stocks lift Nasdaq to new high

■ Dow stumbles amid profit-taking.

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Technology stocks lifted the Nasdaq composite index to a new closing high Wednesday as a tame inflation report and an upbeat outlook from Intel raised Wall Street's optimism about computers and the Internet.

But the record-setting pace didn't spill over to blue-chip stocks, which struggled through most of the day due to profit-taking and nervousness about economic and political uncertainty overseas.

The Nasdaq composite rose 39.90 to 2,818.13, topping the record close it set last Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 26.92 to 11,148.10, adding to its 26-point drop on Tuesday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 4.61 at 1,398.17.

High-tech stocks rose on positive earnings news from chip maker Intel, which reported late Tuesday its second-quarter earnings jumped 49 percent and that it expects a strong second half of 1999. Intel rose 2 5/8 at 68 and was the most active stock in Nasdaq trading Wednesday.

Technology stocks also got a lift from reports that fund managers at Fidelity Investments were putting money back into the tech sector. The mutual fund company had backed off such stocks since February.

Other high-tech gainers included Amazon.com, up 8 7/8 to 135, Apple Computer, up 2 1/4 at 55 15/16 and Microsoft, up 1 5/16 at 94 15/16.

"Technology stocks usually march to their own drum and today they were marching up," said A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Dunvegan Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif. "There was a very positive tone in the tech sector generally today and that benefited much of the group."

The stock market was also supported by news of stable inflation. The Labor Department said the Producer Price Index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach the consumer, fell a smaller-than-expected 0.1 percent in June, the first decline in four months.

Also Wednesday, the Commerce Department said retail sales rose just 0.1 percent in June, a big slowdown from May's increase of 1.2 percent.

Both reports helped ease worries about a potential breakout of inflation, which could cause the Fed to raise rates again this year to slow U.S. economic growth.

Blue-chip stocks came under selling pressure as some investors took profits on the market's recent rise, which lifted the Dow to three closing highs in four sessions.

"The economic news has been favorable for the market, but conversely, sellers have used that opportunity to take profits" on the market's recent climb, said Alan Ackerman, senior vice president at Fahnestock & Co.

Stocks also were hurt by increasing fears about political tensions in Asia after the Chinese government accused Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui of trying to split his island from China.

There were also lingering concerns about Latin America's economic situation. The nervousness was set off Monday by comments from Argentina's presidential candidates, who hinted at a possible moratorium on repayment of the country's debt. That raised concerns on Wall Street that U.S. financial services companies would suffer losses because of unpaid loans.

"Plain and simple, the market turned a blind eye to the Latin American situation over the last seven or eight months," said Bryan Piskorowski, market analyst at Prudential Securities. "Argentina has served as a reminder that they need to watch the situation in Latin America."

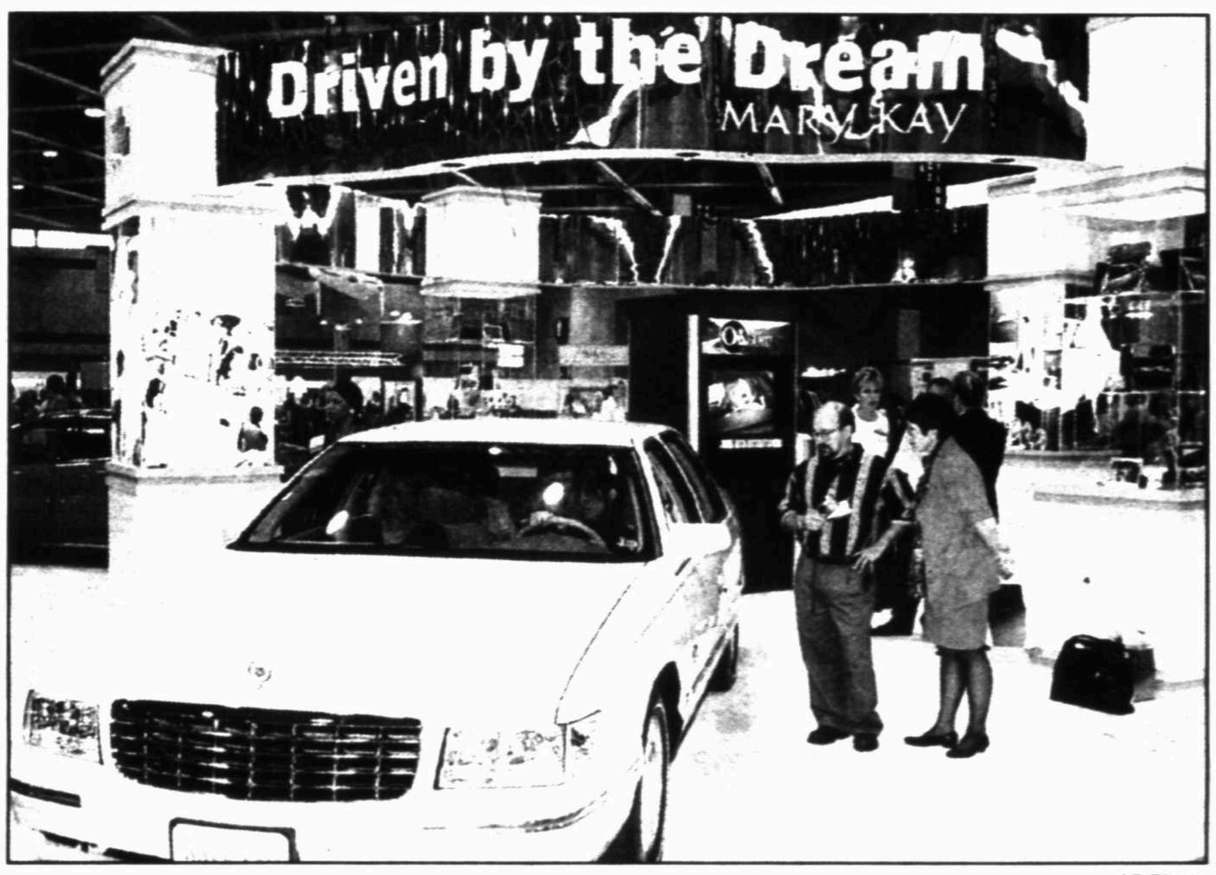
Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 10-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,536 up, 1,398 down and 602 unchanged.

Composite NYSE volume totaled 918.59 million shares, up from 896.43 million in the previous session.

The NYSE composite index was up 1.26 at 654.90, and the American Stock Exchange composite index was up 0.67 at 813.00.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies was up 3.35 at 461.46.

PINK ARMY



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Mary Kay sales director Molly Williamson, right, and her husband Jim Williamson of West Plains, Mo., look at a pink Cadillac that is on display at the Dallas Convention Center Wednesday. The two week convention that brings 40,000 business women from across the world and an estimated $63 million to the local economy will kick off today

Mary Kay convention descends on Dallas

By Megan Stack
Associated Press

DALLAS — They drift off to sleep at night with visions of pink Cadillacs swerving in their heads. "Positive" is their adjective of choice. And when Mary Kay cosmetics disciples mention the company's founder by name, they may get a little misty.

"She's just an incredible woman," gushed St. Louis consultant Karen Irwin. "Unfortunately, I haven't met her. I mean, I feel like I have. From a distance."

Ms. Irwin is one of thousands of Mary Kay's faithful flooding Dallas this week. More than 40,000 make-up peddlers flocked from all corners of the nation to this summer's two-week, 14 hotel-wide convention.

Mary Kay Ash herself doesn't make it to the national meetings these days. A plucky Texan who built the direct-sales company 30 years ago, the aging, ailing Ms. Ash is recovering from a stroke and a broken leg.

But her framed photos cast serene gazes over the Dallas Convention Center this week.

The manicured fingers of Mary Kay have stretched far. The company has representatives in 29 countries, including Russia and China. Last year, 500,000 Mary Kay vendors sold more than $1 billion worth of merchandise worldwide, according to spokeswoman Shelley Whiddon.

This is not your mother's Mary Kay, the women insist. The company is struggling to shrug off its image as a haven for housewives.

"People have this image of big, blonde hair," Ms. Irwin said. A former St. Louis corporate vice president, Ms. Irwin's brown hair is cropped short. "But we're teachers, CPA's, financial directors."

Sales representatives gathered in Dallas insisted the company goes to bat for women in an era when they are stretched too thin.

"Women have come full circle," Florida native Sally Fairbanks explained, speedwalking into the convention center in a crush of perfumed women. "We've got it all; now we want to give some of it back."

After two marriages, a stint running a metaphysical bookstore and a few years driving a Federal Express truck, Ms. Fairbanks has come to rest in an unlikely roost — the protective lap of Mary Kay.

"At first I resisted it," Ms. Fairbanks shrugged. "I said, 'I'm not going to do this; this is crazy.'"

But like thousands of others, Ms. Fairbanks was tempted by the idea of setting up her own hours, pulling down high wages and working outside of the office.

American Airlines hoping to move Justice case along

By Katie Fairbank
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — American Airlines has asked to meet with U.S. Justice Department lawyers this month about the government's claim that the nation's second-largest air carrier tried to drive small, startup airlines out of business.

American also is trying to schedule a meeting with Justice attorneys later this month in hopes of getting a court date set soon on the government's lawsuit claiming American saturated lower-cost competitor Vanguard Airlines' routes with additional flights and cutting fares.

The Justice lawsuit, which is the first predatory-practices case brought since airlines were deregulated in 1978, alleges that American monopolized airline passenger service to and from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the nation's third largest.

The Justice Department said American increased its prices between Dallas-Fort Worth and Wichita by 50 percent after it forced Vanguard Airlines out of that route.

As well as the attorneys' meeting, American filed a response to the Justice Department charge Tuesday requesting that Judge J. Thomas Marten schedule a pretrial conference in August.

The airline said in its response that it is "well within the law" in its scheduling practices.

Also on Tuesday, American Airlines won dismissal of a passenger lawsuit alleging that the carrier was predatory in its pricing.

U.S. District Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., dismissed the claims that American cost passengers more money for tickets by driving low-fare airlines out of markets.

Customer Matthew Zifrony had alleged in the lawsuit that American helped force Pan American Airlines out of Miami and Vanguard Airlines Inc. out of routes to Dallas-Fort Worth. Zifrony could not be immediately reached for comment.

American's parent company, Fort Worth, Texas-based AMR Corp., is still contending with about a half-dozen similar civil lawsuits filed in Wichita, Kan.

"Ultimately we think all of these civil lawsuits will be dismissed because they're without merit," said airline spokesman Chris Chiames.

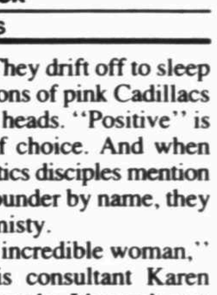
The dismissed Florida lawsuit, which had requested the judge to bar American's allegedly anticompetitive conduct, was filed shortly before the lawsuit filed by the U.S. Justice Department.

THE ECONOMIST

Texas museums offer wealth of history during dog days of summer

By M. Ray Perryman

The dog days of summer are upon us, and trips with the children to the neighborhood pool are lackluster. Don't despair; there is a solution — try visiting Texas museums. If you have a desire to relive the past, venture into the unknown, examine artifacts of yesteryear, or take a look at what the future might hold, the state's museums are a good place to start. With nearly 900 organizations billed as museums, a mid-summer's retreat is barely a stone's throw away.



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Whatever your fancy may be, you will likely find it in some corner of a Texas museum. Approximately 30 million people visit these museums annually, totaling more than all the spectators at all the sports activities held in the state in any given year. In fact, the travel and tourism sector is one of the fastest growing industries in Texas, reaching over $29 billion in 1997. Worldwide, travel and tourism accounts for more than 10 percent of gross domestic product (GDP or output) and is responsible for more job generation than any other industry.

About 320 museums are affiliated with the Texas Association of Museums and they cover subject areas from A to Z or art to zoo. Rooms filled with the mystique of Texas legacies are juxtaposed with magnificent offerings by today's artisans. These wondrous resources are operated by individuals, historical associations, state, county and city organizations, universities, and special boards.

The museums' homes reflect the varying character of their contents. Materials cover the spectrum from adobe, wood, brick, and stone to steel and a glass structures. They range in size from less than 2,000 square feet to more than 175,000 square feet and are housed in former churches, courthouses, schools, railroad depots, military barracks, businesses, hotels, saloons, and other such structures, as well as in a variety of facilities specifically constructed as museums.

The most famous museum in Texas is undoubtedly the Alamo in San Antonio; it is the number one tourist draw in the Lone Star State. The newest to be funded is the Texas State Museum, shepherded through the 1997 Legislative Session by the late Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. Under construction in Austin, it is slated to open in the spring of 2001.

Texas museums are usually classified as aquarium, arboretum, art, children's, general, historical homes, history, library/archive, natural history, nature centers, science, specialized, university, or zoological. Sometimes they have multiple categories. Many of them feature "do not touch" exhibits, but others are highlighted by "hands-on" discovery activities.

Available for view are famous art works, rare books, unusual clothing, animals, implements, and a trove of other treasures that range from items used by Texas pioneers to eke out a living on the rugged frontier to highly intricate and technical materials being used today in the frontiers of space. There are also displays that provide close-up viewing of the weapons that "won the West" as well as implements that have played important roles in our military forces' efforts to defend the peace.

There is still plenty of summer time available to make a visit. If you're not sure where you want to go or what you want to see, check out the website of the Texas Association of Museums at www.io.com/~tam. The association's museum resource directory is divided into several regions, including the Panhandle Plains, North Central, East Texas, Gulf Coast, South Texas Plains, Hill Country and Big Bend Country. Within each of these areas, the various museums are categorized according to subjects and types of collections contained in each. Locations, operational hours, costs (if any), and other important information are also provided.

Visiting a museum is a great way to spend a part of your summer vacation; it's economic, educational, and entertaining. Consider taking advantage of these unique resources in our state. You'll learn more about how Texans — past, present and future — have sought and continue to seek a better life and greater liberty in their pursuit of happiness.

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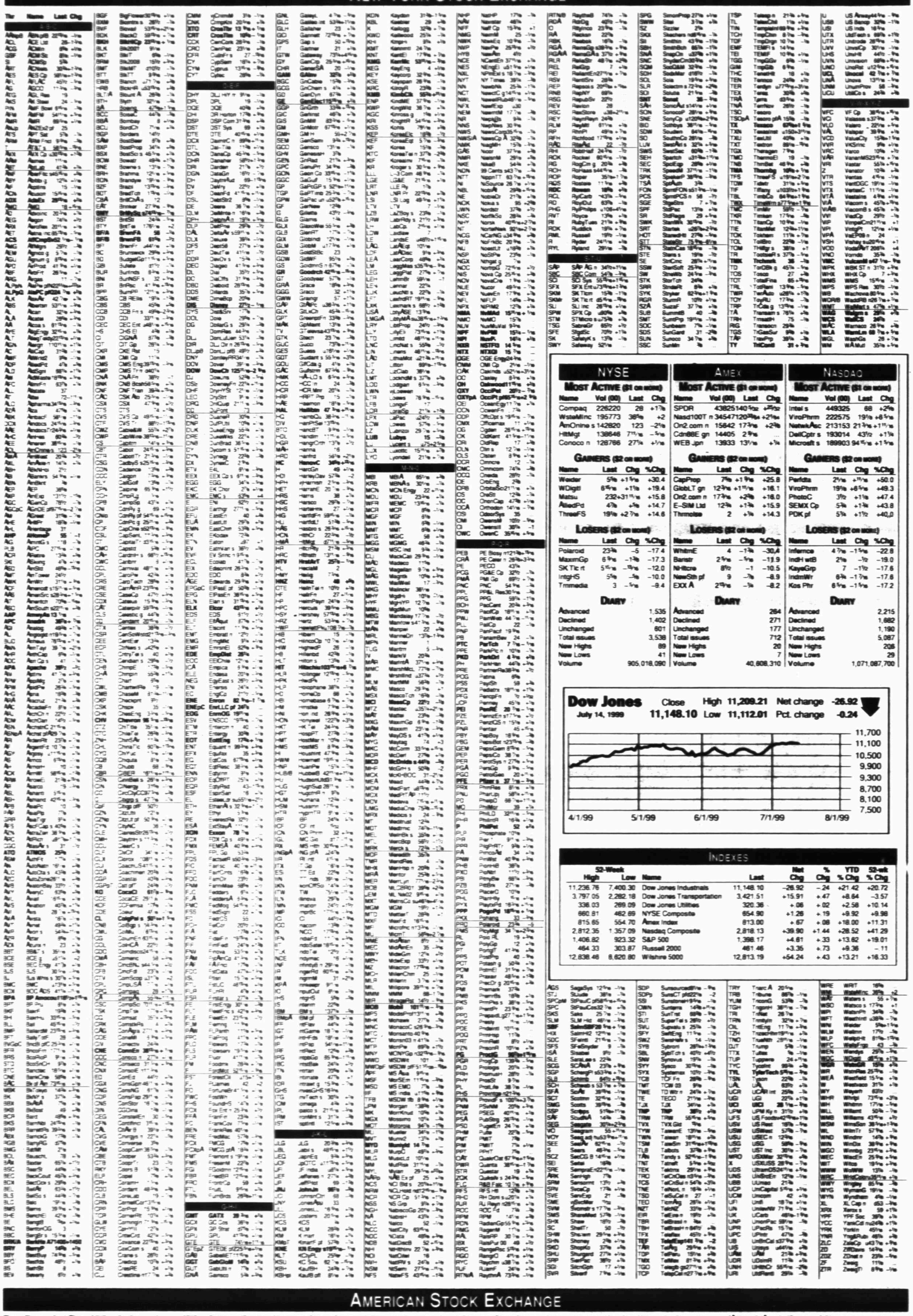
THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



NYSE			
MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq	226220	28	+1⅞
WsteMInc	195773	36⅝	+2
AmOnline s	142820	123	–2⅛
HltMgt	138646	7¹⁵/₁₆	–⅝
Conoco n	126766	27¼	+⅛
GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Weider	5⅝	+1⅜	+30.4
WDigtl	6¹⁵/₁₆	+1⅛	+19.4
Matsu	232+31¹⁵/₁₆		+15.8
AlliedPd	4⅞	+⅝	+14.7
ThreeFS	19⅛	+2⅞	+14.6
LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Polaroid	23¾	–5	–17.4
MaximGp	6⅜	–1⅜	–17.3
SK Tlc rt	5¹⁵/₁₆	–⅞	–12.0
IntgHS	5⅝	–⅝	–10.0
Trnmedia	3	–⅝	–9.4
DIARY			
Advanced		1,535	
Declined		1,402	
Unchanged		601	
Total issues		3,538	
New Highs		89	
New Lows		41	
Volume		905,018,090	

AMEX			
MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	438251402	140⅛32	+25/32
Nasd100T n	345471203	86¹⁵/₁₆	+2¹⁵/₁₆
On2.com n	15642	17¾	+2⅛
Cdn88E gn	14405	2⅜	...
WEB Jpn	13933	13¹/₁₆	+1/16
GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CapProp	7⅛	+1⅜	+25.8
GlobLT gn	12⅜	+1¹⁵/₁₆	+16.1
On2.com n	17⅜	+2⅛	+16.0
E–SIM Ltd	12⅜	+1⅜	+15.9
Thrmolse	2	+⅛	+14.3
LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WhitmE	4	–1⅜	–30.4
Baristr	2⅝	–⅝	–11.9
NHIticre	8½	–1	–10.5
NewSth pf	9	–⅞	–8.9
EXX A	2⅝	–⅛	–8.2
DIARY			
Advanced		264	
Declined		271	
Unchanged		177	
Total issues		712	
New Highs		20	
New Lows		7	
Volume		40,608,310	

NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel s	449325	68	+2⅝
ViroPhrm	222575	19⅛	+8⅝
NetwkAsc	213153	21³/₁₆	+1¹¹/₁₆
DellCptr s	193014	43½	+1¼
Microsft s	189903	94¹⁵/₁₆	+1⁵/₁₆
GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Perfdta	2⅛	+¹⁵/₁₆	+50.0
ViroPhrm	19⅛	+8⅝	+49.3
PhotoC	3½	+1⅛	+47.4
SEMX Cp	5¾	+1¾	+43.8
PDK pf	5⅛	+1½	+40.0
LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Infernce	4⅞	–1⅝	–22.8
IndH wtB	2⅛	–½	–19.0
KayeGrp	7	–1½	–17.6
IndmWr	6¾	–1⅞	–17.6
Kos Phr	6⅝	–1⅝	–17.2
DIARY			
Advanced		2,215	
Declined		1,682	
Unchanged		1,190	
Total issues		5,087	
New Highs		208	
New Lows		29	
Volume		1,071,087,700	

Dow Jones — July 14, 1999

Close	High	Net change	
11,148.10	11,209.21	-26.92	▼
	Low 11,112.01	Pct. change	-0.24

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
11,236.76	7,400.30	Dow Jones Industrials	11,148.10	–26.92	–.24	+21.42	+20.72
3,797.05	2,282.18	Dow Jones Transportation	3,421.51	+15.91	+.47	+8.64	–3.57
336.03	269.09	Dow Jones Utilities	320.36	+.06	+.02	+2.58	+10.14
660.81	462.69	NYSE Composite	654.90	+1.26	+.19	+9.92	+9.98
815.65	554.70	Amex Index	813.00	+.67	+.08	+18.00	+11.31
2,812.35	1,357.09	Nasdaq Composite	2,818.13	+39.90	+1.44	+28.52	+41.29
1,406.82	923.32	S&P 500	1,398.17	+4.61	+.33	+13.62	+19.01
464.33	303.87	Russell 2000	461.46	+3.35	+.73	+9.36	– 11
12,838.46	8,620.80	Wilshire 5000	12,813.19	+54.24	+.43	+13.21	+16.33

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Thr	Name	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
AAON	AAON	u16 5/16	+1 1/16
ANET	ACT Net	13 1/16	+3/16
ACTV	ACTV	13	+3/16
ASFT	AdamSft	21 1/4	+2
ADCT	ADC Tel	48 1/4	+3/16
AMSI	AMSI	3	+1/16
ASML	ASM Lith	u63	+2 7/16
ATMI	ATMI Inc	u33	+2 3/16
ABGX	Abgenix	u21	+1 7/16
ABTE	AbleTel	8	-1/16
ABOT	About.com n	46	+6 1/2
ABUV	AbuvNet s	4 1/4	+7/16
ACLM	Acclaim	6 1/16	+1/16
ACTN	ActPerf	37 1/16	+1 1/16
ATVI	Activisn	u14 1/16	+9/16
ACXM	Acxiom	28 1/4	+3/16
ADAC	AdacLabs	8 1/16	+1/16
ADPT	Adaptec	39 1/16	-1/16
ADAP	AdaptBrd	24 1/16	+3/16
ADLAC	Adelph n	66 7/16	-1/16
ADFC	AdForce n	23	-1/16
ADBE	AdobeSy	u90	+2 7/16
ADTN	Adtran	36 7/16	+1 1/16
ADVP	AdvPara	u65	+9/16
AFCI	AdvFCm	15	-7/16
ARTT	Advnet	13	+1/16
ADVS	Advsnt	74	+3/16
AEHR	AehrTest	4	+1/16
AERL	AerialC	u15	+1 1/16
AFRI	AfTech	1	+1/16
AFFX	Affymet	u75 1/16	+4 9/16
AGTX	AgriBio	5	+1/16
AGFC	AgriExp	25	+1/16
AIAR	AgTrgn	9	+1/16
AKZOY	Akzo	43	+1/16
ALDN	AladdnKn	8	+1/16
ALLR	AllianceCp	n60	+2
ALSC	AllianSemi	10 1/16	-7/16
ALLC	AllCap	22	+7/16
ALPHA	Alphalnd	su55	+6 1/16
ALTR	AlteraCp	su46	+3
AMZN	Amazon s	135	+8 7/16
AMTO	AmrTrde s	38	-1/16
AEOS	AmEagleO s	48	+1/2
ECGO	AmerEcor	1	-1/16
AMFW	AmFright	u20	+1/16
AIPN	AmIntlPr	1	-1/16
AMSY	AmSys	30	+1/16
APCC	APacCnv	s21	+1/16
PATH	Ameripath	9	-1/16
AMES	AmesDS	44	+1/16
AMGN	Amgen s	77	+3 9/16
AMKR	AmkorT	u12	+1/16
AMMB	Ammsco	5	+1/32
AMLN	Amylin	2	+3/16
ANAD	Anadigic	u36	+1 1/2
ANCR	AncorCm	33	-1/16
ANDW	Andrew	19	+1 1/16
ADRX	AndrxCp s	69	-1/16
ANIC	Anicom	9	-1/16
CNTO	Centocor	51 7/16	+1/16
APEX	Apex s	23	+1 9/16
APOL	ApolloG	25	+1/16
APNT	AppNetS	u21	+1 9/16
AAPL	AppleC	u55	+2 7/16
APPB	Applebee	u34	+1 1/16
AMAT	AppliMat	u72	+5
AMCC	AMCC	74	-1/16
APLX	Applix	9	-1/16
ARBA	Arbtre n	126	+12 9/16
ARNX	ArcmixPh	5	+1/16
ATSN	Artisyn	u24	+1/16
GOAL	AscettEnt	14	+1/16
ASTN	Astrnt	11	+1/16
ASKU	AskJvs n	7	+1/16
ASTA	AstaFund	58	+6 1/16
ASDV	AspctDv s	20	+1/16
ASPT	AspectTel	12	+1/16
ASBC	AsbNtc	39	+1/16
ASFC	AstoriaF	40	+1/16
ASYM	Asymtrl	7	-1/16
ASYT	AsystTch	29	+2 3/16
ATHM	AtHome	s49	-1
ACAI	AtlCstAir	21	+1/16
ATML	Atmel	u31	+2 7/16
AT-WY	atchgNwy n	21	+1/16
AULT	Ault	5	-1/16
AURAE	AuraSy	7	...
AUSPX	Auspex	9	+1/16
AUTOD	Autodesk	26	+1/16
AVNT	Avant	14	+3/16
AVIR	Aviron	27	+4
AWRE	Awara	52	+3
AXNT	Axent	17	+1/16
AZTC	Aztec	2	-1/32
BEAS	BEA Aero	20	+1 1/16
BEAS	BEASys	28	+1/16
BSYS	BISYS	54	-1/16
BMCS	BMC Sft	58	+1 1/16
BAAN	Baan Co	15	+1/16
BWEB	BackWeb n	31	+1
BGAL	BncGalic	17	-1/16
BPLS	BankPlus	5	+1/32
BNKU	BnkUntd	37	+1/16
BANC	BayNtB	7	+1/16
BNYN	BarnynSy	10	+1/16
BNBN	barnbi.com	n18	+1/16
BNTT	Barnett n	8	-1/16
BSNX	BaseExpl	20	-1/16
BBBY	BedBath s	37	+1/16
BYND	byond.com	n29	+1/16
BIOS	Bid.com	gn	-1/16
BILL	BillConc	10	+1/16
BCHE	BioPharm	21	+1/16
BGEN	Biogen s	66	+1/16
BMET	Biomet	37	+1/16
BTGC	BioTcG	8	+1/32
BFLY	Bluefly	9	+1/16
BAMM	BookMill	12	+1/16
BTMT	BttmInT n	55	+1/16
BRAD	Bradlees n	17	-1/16
BFAM	BrghtHr n	16	-1/16
CELL	Brightpt	5	+1/16
BVSN	BroadVis	76	+1/16
BCST	brdc.com s	123	+1 1/32
BRCM	Brdcom s	139	-1/16
BRKT	Brookfrt	19	+1/16
TMBR	BrownTom	14	-1/16
BOCB	Buffets	11	+1/16
BBRC	BurrBrn	u47	+1/16
BOBJ	BusnObj	40	+3/16
CUBE	C-CUBE	u37	+1
CAIS	CAIS Int n	19	+1/16
CBRL	CBRL Grp	17	-1/16
CBTSY	CBT Gp	22	-7/16
CDNW	CDnow	21	+1/16
CMGI	CMGI s	111	+9/16
CNET	CNET s	50	+1/16
CNXS	CNS	39	-1/16
CSGS	CSG Sys s	26	-1/16
CPTL	CTC Cm	17	-1/16
CAER	Caere	10	+1/16
CODY	CalFedOdy n	4	+1/32
CAMP	CalAmp	8	-1/16
CATP	CambTch	16	+1/16
CFFN	CapFedF nu	10	+1/16
CARI	Carinsite n	59	+2 3/32
CMDC	CareMatrix	11	+1/16
CLYS	Catalyst	14	+1/16
CTAL	Catalyst	13	+1/16
CATT	CbtlCm n	25	+1/16
CLRT	CelerSys	1	+1/16
CEGE	CelGens	5	+1/32
CNDS	CellNet	8	-1/16
CLST	Cellstar	7	-1/16
CLTX	Celtrix	1	-1/16
CNTO	Centocor	51 7/16	+1/16
CENT	CenGardn	9	-1/16
CBIZ	CentBusn	15	-1/16
CTYA	CntyCm	48	+9/16
CEPH	Cephln	u16	+1/16
CERN	Cerner	18	+3/16
CHRS	ChrmSh	6	+1/16
COFI	ChtOneF	26	+1/16
CHKP	ChkPnt n	55	-1 1/16
CHKR	Checkers	11	-1/32
CKFR	ChkFree	31	+1/16
PLCE	ChildPlc	u51	+1/16
CHINA	China.com n	60	+2 9/16
CHIR	Chiron	22	+1/16
CDCD	Cidco	u11	+1/16
CIEN	CienaCp	33	-1/16
CINF	CinnFin	37	-3/32
CTAS	Cintas	83 7/16	-2 1/16
CPCI	Ciprico	11	-1/16
CRUS	Cirrus	9	-1/16
CSCO	Cisco s	85	+1/16
CTXS	CitrixSy s	80	+1/16
CLRN	Clarent n	42	+4 1/16
CLFY	Clarify	46	+1/16
CLRS	Clarus	u10	-1/16
CWEI	ClayEng	6	+1/16
CLNTF	Clearnet	u17	+1 7/16
CDEN	CldDntl	4	+1/16
CGNX	Cognex	32	+1/16
COHR	Coherent	118	+1 9/16
CSTR	Comstar	u30	+1/16
CMED	ColoMED	17	-1/16
CMTO	Comm21	18	-1/16
COMR	Comair s	23	+1/16
CMCSK	Comcs sp s	40	-1/16
CTCH	ComTech n	22	-2
CMRC	ComOne n	83	+2 9/16
CBSS	CompBkr s	28	-1/16
CMWL	CmpWell	2	+1/16
CDOT	Cmps.com n	9	+1/16
CMPD	CmpuMed	1	-1/16
CHRZ	CmpuHz	12	+3/16
CLCX	CptrLrn	5	+1/16
CMNT	CptNwk	17	-1/16
CPWR	Compuwre s	34	+2 1/16
CMVT	Comvers s	78	+1/16
CCMC	ConcMngt	15	+1/16
CNCX	ConcNet s	33	+1/16
CCRD	ConcrdCm	58	+5/16
CEFT	ConcEFS	38	-1/16
CCUR	ConcCom	8	-1/16
CNDR	ConcrTch	9	+1/16
CNXT	Conexnt n	90	+2 1/16
CFWY	ConsFrtC n	11	+1/16
CMTN	CopMntn nu	87	+10
CORL	CoralGp	5	+1/16
CRXA	CoralGp	14	-2 1/16
CEXP	CorpExp	9	-1/32
COST	Costco	84	+1/16
COSE	CostEmer	3	-1/16
COTT	Cott Cp	3	+1/32
COVD	CovadCm	s58	+2 1/16
CRMI	CrBioMol	3	+1/16
MAIL	CrseCpt s	7	-1/16
CMOS	CrstdSys	u39	+1 1/16
CREE	CreeFlash	78	+1/16
CPTH	CrtPath n	49	+3 2 1/16
TWRS	CrwnCstl n	u25	+2 1/16
CCEL	CryoCell	3	+1/16
CUST	CustmTrk	45	+2 1/16
CYBA	Cybear n	u22	+1/16
CYCH	CybrCsh	12	+1/16
COOL	CybrOtp n	11	+1 1/16
CYBS	CybrSrce n	25	+2 1/16
CYLK	Cylink	4	+1/16
CYMI	Cymer	u31	+3
CYTO	Cytogn	1	+1/32
D-E-F			
DIIG	DII Grp	u42	+4 1/16
DLUSA	DLUSA	13	-1/16
DANKY	Danka	9	-1/16
DBCC	DtBdcst	10	+1/16
DPRC	DtaProc	23	+1/16
DSTMI	Datastr	13	+5/16
DWTI	Dataware	3	+7/32
RACE	DataRce	3	+1/16
DWSN	Dawson	12	+1/16
DELL	DellComr s	43	+1 1/16
DRTE	Dendrite s	37	+1/16
XRAY	Dentsply	27	-1/16
DEST	Destia n	13	-1/16
DIYS	DiaSys	9	+1/16
DMED	Diametrc	6	+1/16
DIMD	DiamM	5	+1/16
ISLD	Digisld n	30	+1/16
DIGL	DigLight	u9	+1/16
DLNK	DgtlLnk	u9	-1/16
DMIC	DgtlMic	14	+1/16
DRIV	DigRiver n	33	+1/16
DVNT	Dnvrsnt g	u7	+1/16
DCTM	Documntr	15	+1/16
DORL	DoralFin	17	+1/16
DCLK	DbleClck	s96	-1 1/16
KOOP	drkoop n	31	+1/16
DSTR	DualStar	5	+1/32
DURA	DuraPh	10	+1/32
DROOY	DurbanRo	1	-1/8
EGRP	ETrade s	37	-1/16
ETEK	ETekDyn n	46	-1/16
EFLN	e-Lan n	53	-1/16
ESPI	e.spire	11	+9/16
EBAY	eBay Inc s	123	-2
ECCS	ECCS	u4	+1/16
ECIL	ECI Tel	37	+1/16
EFAX	eFax.com	16	+1/16
ESREF	ESG Re	15	+1/16
ESPS	ESPS Inc n	11	+1/16
ESST	ESSTech n	13	-1/16
EGEO	EgleGeo	7	-1/16
ELNK	Ethlink s	64	-1 1/16
EWBX	EthWeb n	47	+2 1/32
DISH	EchoStar	158	-7/16
ESTI	EdgeSolv	11	+1/16
ECLP	Eclipsys n	29	+1 4/16
EDGR	EdgrOnl n	16	+1/32
EGGS	Egghead	11	-1/16
EGNB	Ehrnstn	d1	-1/32
ELCO	Elcom n	4	-1/16
ELIX	ElectLght	14	+1/16
EGLS	Elctgls	u19	-1/16
ERTS	ElcArt	u58	+1 1/16
EFII	Electrnc	58	+1 1/16
ELSI	Elctrnc	1	-1/32
ELRNF	ElronEl	26	-1/16
ENPT	EnPointe	8	-1/16
WIRE	EncoreW	10	+7/16
ENZN	Enzon	23	+1/16
EPIC	EpicorSft	d5	-1/32
EPICY	EpicTel	29	-1/16
ETEC	ElecSys	38	+1/16
ETYS	eToys n	37	-2 9/16
EVRC	Evalcel n	10	+1/16
EVOL	EvolvSys	4	+1/32
ELOT	Executone	3	+1/32
EXOS	ExodusC su	148	+9/16
+10			
TXCO	Explor	u2	+1/16
EXTR	ExtNetw nu	86	+7/16
FYII	FYI n	31	-1/16
FVCX	FVC.com	7	+1/16
FTUS	Factory2Uu	24	+2 1/16
FAST	Fastenl	u55	+1/16
FITB	FfthThrd	85	+1/32
FILE	FileNet	11	+1/16
BSMT	FileBsmt	1	+1/32
FNCM	Finet.com	4	+1/32
FHCC	FstHlth	20	-1/16
FSCO	FstCmp	26	+1/16
BTOB	FtSierra	21	+1/16
FTEN	FstTerm	37	+1/16
FCLX	FstCom	10	+1/16
FMER	FstMerit	28	+1/16
FISV	Fiserv	33	+1/16
FLEX	Flextrn s	u58	+1/2
FONX	FlashCm s	9	+1/16
FDLNB	FdLogB	12	-1/16
FDLNA	FdLogA	12	-1/32
FRTE	ForteSft	u12	+1/16
FFEX	FrozenFd	7	-1/16
FUSE	FusizT	5	+1/16
G-H-I			
GSTX	GST Tele	15	+1/16
GALT	GalileoT	53	+3/16
GTOS	Gantos	9	-1/32
GRDG	Gardnr	6	+1/16
GSNX	Gasonics	u15	+1/16
GMST	Gemstar	s75	+1 13/16
GMGC	GMagic	3	+1/32
GNCI	GenNutr	24	+9/16
GSII	GenSurg	u5	+3/16
GNSS	GenMcr	25	+2 1/16
GNTA	Genta	2	+1/16
GNTX	Gentex	29	+1 1/32
GGNS	Genus	3	+1/32
GENZ	GenzymGnu	55	+7/16
GZSP	GzymSrg n	3	+1/16
GIFT	GridStve n	13	+1/16
GERN	GeronCp	10	+9/16
GETY	Getymn	19	+1/16
GILD	Gilead	u57	+1 1/16
GMDI	Gilight	u9	+1/16
GBLX	GiblCrss	s43	+1/16
GLBL	GlobalSt	u29	+2 1/16
GTSG	GlbalTie	75	+1 5/16
GSTRF	Globalstr	u29	+2 1/16
GSPN	GlbeSpn n	51	+9/16
GBIX	GlboCp	51	+1/16
GLCBY	GlboCabo	4	+5/16
GNET	Go2net s	84	+9/16
GOLD	GoldFLtd	d2	-3/16
GSBNZ	GoldStBc wt	1	+7/16
GDYS	GdyFam s	10	+3/16
GOTO	GoTo.com n	88	+3 1/16
GBBK	GrtBkr	34	+1 5/16
GRERF	GrtNrthPa g	1	-1/16
GMAI	GtMannng	u23	+2 9/16
GTRC	GuitarC	10	+1/16
GYMB	Gymbree	8	+1/16
HMTT	HMTTch	3	+1/16
HNCS	HNC Sft	34	+3/16
HAHN	HahnAut	3	+1/32
HRBC	Harbingr	13	+1/32
HRMN	Harmon	19	+3/16
HUT	Harmonic	u64	+3 9/16
HAUP	HaupgD	27	+1/2
HLTH	Healthtn n	65	+3 1/16
HELE	HelenTr	18	+1/16
HELX	HelixTech	27	+3/16
HSIC	HlthScheln	29	+1/16
HERZ	HertzT ch s	57	+1/32
HSAC	HighSpd h	40	+1/32
HBCCA	HispBrd	u83 7/16	+4 9/16
HEPH	HlthExam n	15	+1/16
HLYW	HlywdE	18	+1/16
HCOM	HmecmC	6	+1/16
HCBK	HdsnCity nu	12	+1/16
HDSN	HumGen	49	+2 5/16
JBHT	HuntJB	15	+1/16
HBAN	HuntBnk	31	+3/32
HTCH	HutchT	29	+1/32
HYSL	HyperSolu	23	+1/16
HYPT	HypTele	18	+1/16
ILNK	I-Link	4	+1/32
ITWO	i2 Tech	41	-7/16
ICGX	ICG Com	25	+1/16
ICOS	ICOS	40	+7/16
IDBE	ID Bio	2	+1/32
IDPH	IDEC	u87	+3 9/16
IDIX	IdexxLb	19	-1/16
IDTC	IDTCorp	22	+1 1/16
IMRS	IMRGlobal	17	+1/2
IMAL	iMall n	21	+1/16
INSO	iNSO	4	+1/16
ISSX	ISS Grp s	38	+1
IXC	IXC Com	37	+1 1/16
IKOS	Ikos	u9	+1/16
ITEC	ImagTch	1	+1/32
IMGN	ImaginOn	3	+1/32
IMCL	Imclone	29	+1/16
IMNR	ImunRsp	5	+1/16
IMNX	Imunex s	119	+3 1/2
INFS	InFocus	u19	+1/16
INCY	Incyte	27	+1/16
ICBC	IndpCmty	13	+1/16
INFR	Infrmnx	4	+1/16
INFO	Infornix	6	+1/16
IACO	InfoAdv	5	+1/32
INFMX	Informix	9	+1/32
SEEK	Infoseek	44	+1/16
INSP	InfoSpce s	54	+2 1/16
INKT	Inktomi s	128	+3 1/16
IDYN	Innerdyn	2	+1/16
INNVX	Innovex	14	+1/16
INPR	Inprise	4	+1/16
INSI	Insci	u5	+1/16
NSIT	Insight s	29	+1/32
INSPR	Inspire s	10	+1/16
IDTI	IntgDv	12	+1/16
ISSI	ISSI	6	+1/16
INTC	Intel s	88	+2 9/16
ICMI	Intelact	116	+1/16
INTD	IntekDta	4	+2 1/16
ITVU	InterVu	49	+3/16
INGR	Intrgph	5	-1/16
INIT	Intrnant n	18	+1/16
INTM	IntmdCm	34	+3 3/16
INRS	IntnetSol	31	-1/16
INTU	Intuit	98	+1/16
IONN	IonaNet n	u5	+1 1/16
IONA	IonaTch	177	-1 1/16
IRID	IridmWr	6	-1 7/16
ISLE	IsleCapri	u7	+3/16
OREX	Isolysnt	4	+1/16
IVIL	iVillage n	54	+2 1/16
J-K-L			
JDEC	JD Edwr	17	+3/32
JBOH	JB Oxfrd	12	-1/16
JDSU	JDS Uniph	171	+4 7/16
JAKK	JkksPac	u33	+1 1/16
JMED	JonesPhrm	41	+1/16
JNPR	JnprNtw	n132	+9 1/16
JWEB	JunoOnl n	28	+3/16
KSWS	K Swiss s	50	+1/16
KTEC	K-Tron	7	+1/16
KLAC	KLATenc	u71	+4 1/16
KDGCC	KaiOils h	1	-1/16
KBLL	Kalstrm n	15	-1 7/32
KMET	Kamet	24	-1/32
KERA	KeraVis	25	-2 1/16
KNIC	KnickLL	7	+1/32
NITE	KnghtTrd n	55	-1/16
KMAG	Komag	4	+1 1/16
KOPN	Kopin	25	+3 1/16
KROG	KrolOGar	20	+1/32
KLIC	Kulicke	28	+1/32
KLOC	KushLk	7	-1/16
LCAV	LCAVis	12	-1/16
LTXX	LTX	13	+3/16
LRCX	LamRsch	u49	+5/16
LDMK	LndmrkS	7	+1/16
LSPR	LasrPwr	1	+1/16
LVCI	LsrVis	u70	+4 1/16
LSON	Lason	45	+3/16
LATD	LatdCom n	u18	+1/2
LSCC	Lattice	61	+1/16
LTRE	LrnTree	14	+1/16
LGTO	Legato	70	-1/16
LPHL	Lehmbrpnt	8	+7/16
LVLT	Level3	63	+1 1/16
LEVL	LevelOne	u57	+2 1/16
LPNT	LifePth n	10	+9/16
LGND	Ligand B	11	+1/16
LTBG	Lightbrd nu	13	+1/16
LNCR	Lincare	29	-1/32
LLTC	LinearT s	u75	+4 1/16
LIPO	Lipogen	21	+1/16
LQID	LiqAudio n	34	+3 9/16
LNSTA	LneSStk	9	+1/16
LCOS	Lycos s	102	+9 1/16
LYNX	LynxTh	u16	+1 1/16
M-N-O			
WCOM	MCI Wrld	89	-1/16
MCIC	MCI Com	30	+1/16
MMCN	MMC Ntl	46	+3
MRVC	MRV Cm	15	+1/2
MTIC	MTI Tch	u21	+2 1/16
MACR	Macrmdia	38	-1/16
SHOO	Madden	12	-1/16
MAIL	Mail.com n	24	+1/2
MAKR	MakerC n	38	+2 1/16
MANU	Manugist	15	+1/16
MSGI	MktServ	28	+1 1/16
MRIS	Marshlis	67	+1/16
MAST	Mastech	18	+1/16
MATH	Mathsft	29	+2 1/32
MTSN	Mattson	u13	+1/16
MXIM	Maxim	u73	+4
MXTR	Maxtor n	6	+1/16
MCLD	McLeod	u64	-1/16
NAUT	Nautica	16	+3/32
NMGC	NeoMgic	9	+3/32
NERX	NeoRx	1	+3/16
NTBK	NetBank s	33	+1/2
NETE	Netegrity	u24	+2 1/16
NETG	NetGrav	25	+1/16
NETO	NetObjct n	9	-9/32
NTPA	Netopia	27	+1/16
NASC	NtwAcc n	14	+1/16
NTAP	Network Ap	s80	+2 1/32
NETA	NetwkAcc	21	+3 1/16
NETS	NetwkE	21	+2 1/16
NPIX	NtwkPer	18	+3/16
NPLS	NtwkPl n	22	-1/16
NSOL	NetwSol s	76	+2 9/32
NCEN	NwCntF	19	-1/16
NEON	NewsEdg s	18	+1/16
NWOI	NewWrld	16	-1/16
NXTR	Nextstar	u21	+1/16
NXCD	NextCrd n	39	+3/16
NXTL	NextelCm	u22	+1/16
NXLK	Nextlink	92	+1/16
NFNT	nFront n	21	+2 1/16
NOPT	NrthestO nu	34	+5 9/32
NTRS	NorTrst	90	+2 9/32
NPNT	NorthPnt n	41	+1/2
NWAC	NwstAirl	33	+1/16
NOVL	Novell	29	+1/16
NVLS	Novlus	74	+4 1/2
NOVT	Novoste	21	+1/16
NURM	NurMacro	u7	+1/16
NWDA	NvstaCap n	21	+1/16
ODSI	ODSI Netw	7	+1/16
ONTC	ON Tch	29	+1/32
OAKT	OakTech	3	+1/16
ODIS	ObiDes	4	+1/32
OSFT	ObjSoft	1	+1/32
OSII	ObjSys	3	+1/16
OCLR	OcularSci	17	-1/16
ZEUS	OlympStl	6	+1/16
OMPT	Omnipoint	u34	-1/16
ASGN	OnAssign	31	+1 2/16
ONPR	OnePrice	5	+1/32
ONEM	OneMain n	29	+1
ONSL	Onsale	21	-1/32
OMKT	OpenMkt	15	+1/16
OPTK	Optikn	4	+1/32
OPTN	OptnCr	3	+1/32
ORCL	Oracle s	38	-1/16
ORCT	OrbitCom	29	+2 1/16
ORTL	Ortel	15	+3/16
OSTE	Osteotch s	27	+1
OSSI	OutbkSts s	39	+3/16
OXHP	OxfordHlt	13	+3/16
P-Q-R			
PCMS	P--Com	5	+1/16
PBOC	PBOC Hld	9	+1/16
PMCS	PMC Sra s	65	+3/16
PRIA	PRI Auto	37	+1 1/16
PSIX	PSINet	61	+3/16
PSSI	PSS Wrld	11	+3/16
PGEX	PacGate n	29	+1/16
PSUN	PacSun s	22	-1/16
PHSY	PacifHS	62	+1/2
PAGE	PagingN	52	-1/32
PAIR	PairGnTch	10	+1/16
PALX	PalmX	6	+1/16
SPOT	PanAmSat	40	+7/16
PZZA	PapaJohn	43	+1 1/16
PMED	ParaMed	u4	+1/32
PLLL	ParPet	2	+9/32
PMTC	ParmTc	15	+1/16
PVAT	Paravant	3	+1/16
PRXL	Parexel	11	+1/16
PTHW	Pathwys n	4	+1/16
PDCO	PattDnttl	37	+1 2/16
PTEN	PattEng	9	+1/16
PAYX	Paychex s	31	+1/16
SPWY	Pathskeld	49	+1/16
PBCT	PeopBkCT	28	-1/16
PHBK	PeopHrt	18	+1/16
PSFT	Peoplesoft	16	-1/16
PERC	Percisse	49	+1/16
PRGN	Peregrne s	25	+1/16
PRFM	Perfsm	3	+1/16
PERI	Periphn	u23	+2 3/16
PRSW	PersSft n	u21	+1/16
PVSW	PervSft	25	+1/16
PETM	PetsMart	8	+3/32
PRRT	PharmPrt	6	+1/16
PARS	Pharmos	11	+1/16
PTEC	PhrmTc	1	-1/16
PHCM	Phrne.cm n	u82	+2 9/32
PLAB	Photrin	28	+1/16
PHYC	PhyCor	6	-1/16
PCTL	PicTel	7	+1/16
BIGT	PnclerHld nu	28	+1/16
PCLE	PinnSyst s	34	+1/16
PLXS	Plexus	31	+1/16
PLCM	Polycom	37	+1/16
PLMD	Polymed	u12	+1/16
PESC	PoolEn	21	-1/16
PTEL	Powerstat	32	+1/16
PTEK	PremT	11	+1/16
PRMS	Primsy	8	+1/16
PTVL	PrevTrvl	24	+1/16
PCLN	priceline n	104	+1/16
PNRG	PrmEgy	5	+1/16
PRMX	Primetr s	22	+1/16
PKSI	PrmsKn nu	24	+1/16
PRTL	PrimusT	22	+1/16
PRGY	Prodigy n	27	+1/16
PRGX	ProfitKc	41	-1/16
PRGS	ProgSoft	32	+1/16
PDLI	ProtDsg	24	+2 1/32
PRHC	ProvHlth	14	-1/16
QLGC	Qlogic s	133	+4 1/16
QCOM	Qualcom s	149	+6 1/16
QNTM	Quantum	26	+2 1/16
PACA	qupasse nu	26	+1/16
QTRN	Quantles	39	+1/16
QHGI	QuormH	9	+1/16
QWST	QwestCm s	34	-1 1/32
RCNC	RCN Cp	22	-1/16
RFMD	RF MicD su	83	+3 9/16
RSLC	RSL Cm	19	-1/16
RJCN	RacingCh	8	+1/32
RADS	RadiSys	51	+1 7/16
RAMP	RampNtw nu	29	+1/16
RARE	RareHosp	23	+1/16
RRRR	RareMed	12	-1/16
RATL	RatnSft	u39	+2 1/16
RDRT	ReadRit	6	+1/16
RNWK	RealNwk s	88	+2
RBAK	Redback n	158	+11
RGBK	RegionsFn	36	-1/16
RMDY	Remedy	u29	+1 1/2
REGI	RenaisW	7	+1/16
RCGI	RenalCre s	22	-1/16
RNTKC	Rentch n	2	+1/16
RGEN	Repign	2	+1/16
RSFC	RepSec	9	+1/16
REFR	RschFrntu	10	+1/16
RIMM	RschMot nu	25	+1 7/16
REXI	RescAm	15	+1/16
RESP	Respirn	11	-1/16
RTRSY	ReutrGrp	80	+1/16
RXSD	RexiSun	12	+1/16
RTHM	RythNet n	66	+2 1/32
RELL	RichEl	6	-1/16
RCBK	RichCty	18	-1/32
ROBV	RobotVs	u6	-1/16
RCCK	RockFn	20	+1/2
RMII	RkMinet	13	-1/16
ROMC	Romac	7	-1/32
RSLN	RoslynB	17	+1/16
ROST	RossStrs	51	+1/16
ROWE	RoweCm n	17	+9/16
S-T-U			
SIII	S3 Inc	12	+3/16
SBAC	SBA Comm n	13	+1/16
SDLI	SDL Inc s	u62	+1/16
SEMX	SEMX Cp	5	+1/16
SBTK	Sabratek	25	+1 1/16
SAFC	Safeco	41	-1/16
SFSK	Safeskin	10	-1/16
SGNT	SagentT n	13	+1/16
SALM	SalemCm n	27	+1 1/16
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¿Qué Pasa?

Dear Abby/1D

Tejano music star Bobby Pulido performs in Arlington in this April photo. The Edinburg native just released his fifth album. He recently performed in Pecos.

AP Photo

Pulido: Son of Tejano pioneer a savvy artist

By Mario Tarradell
Associated Press

DALLAS — Bobby Pulido knows what he wants. His eyes, shielded by glasses he wears when he's not performing, have a fiery focus.

In Dallas during a recent promotional trip to support his fifth album, El Cazador, Pulido answers questions with the honesty of a 26-year-old Edinburg, Texas, native and the savvy of a chief executive officer.

Especially when the subject is his burgeoning career.

"I believe to be successful in this industry is not about just singing," he says in a matter-of-fact tone. "I'm a very common-sense guy. I look at reactions to different songs when I perform. That gives me a very good basis for determining what the people really want to hear. Sometimes it's a lot different from what I want to hear."

Don't get him wrong — Pulido always reaches a happy medium between his creative needs and the fans' musical wants. Even if that means he needs to put his lofty goals aside for a while.

"El Cazador" is a good example. The album, released in April on EMI Latin, is his most traditional effort to date. Blending accordion-driven, northern Mexico styles with pre-synthesizer Tejano tunes, the CD positions Pulido in the lucrative regional Mexican market.

"I never had a problem doing that because of my culture from my father," he says of the music introduced to him by his famous dad, Tejano pioneer Roberto Pulido. "My father is grass-roots big time. Texas is getting more grass-roots-oriented and, although I prefer sometimes to do a more modern style, I don't think it

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Linda Ramos tapes up her hands, left, before beginning her grueling two-hour workout at the Fraternal Order of the Police gym in Odessa. The teen-ager attempts a little shadow boxing, above. The two-time national women's champion is gearing up for her next competition.

Photos by U. Frank Williams Jr.

Mano a mano: Boxing a family legacy for Odessa teen-ager

By Jennifer Cherry
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Linda Ramos buries her small fists into a large punching bag in the Twin Cities Tiger's gym. Her face is determined and her brow is sweaty.

According to Miss Ramos, the 16- year-old two-time women's national boxing champion, it is the plans she has made for the future that keeps her motivated to work hard.

"I like (boxing) because it is different and no girls do it," Miss Ramos said.

Currently Miss Ramos holds two national championship belts. Her next shot at a title will not come until September, she said. Then, competition will get tougher for the champ who has only been beat twice in her five-year career.

Miss Ramos will be 17 years old by the September bout which enables her to fight "open." Her competition can then be women up to age 33 or 34, Miss Ramos said. However the women have to be her same weight and height. She said in the past, the girls she fought were her own weight and age — some were taller.

"It is going to be tough," Miss Ramos said.

Last year, Miss Ramos began her junior year with a black eye, Urmelinda Ramos, Linda's mother said. Despite the occasional black eyes — or blue noses — Miss Ramos acquires while sparring with the guys in practice, she said her parents have been very supportive of her.

"She is such a determined kid. She wants something big in life and I know she can do it," Mrs. Ramos said.

Her friends support her too, although none of them will participate in the sport with her.

Linda Ramos, dukes it out against a practice bag in the police gym.

"They're (her female friends) more feminine," Miss Ramos said.

Mrs. Ramos said one of Linda's two younger sisters could be a possible boxer in the future as well.

"She hits with Linda sometimes."

Miss Ramos is a third-generation legacy. Her grandfather and uncle were also boxers. She said she began boxing when she was 12 years old. Her uncle, who is still active in boxing at the Nunez studio, persuaded her to try boxing after she had been active in tae-kwon-do and kick boxing for two years prior.

"Linda was too rough in tae-kwon-do, so we had to pull her out of it," Mrs. Ramos said.

"Boxing is a totally different sport than tae-kwon-do because there is no contact at all. It's mainly discipline," Miss Ramos said. "Kick boxing is mainly kicking."

She said it does take a lot of discipline be successful in boxing. The most stress she has ever experienced in a fight was during her championship fight. According to her mother, Linda studies her opponent before a fight.

"She is never unprepared," Mrs. Ramos said.

Although Miss Ramos is prepared for the fights and knows her opponent's weaknesses, she said, "It was like I had to win or else I would be second best."

And although each fight is three rounds at two minutes a round, Miss Ramos said it seems like the fights last forever.

According to Miss Ramos, boxing will be in her future for many years to come. She and her coach, David Rodriguez, have begun the search for a promoter. She said that was a little scary because she would have to work even harder.

Miss Ramos plans to stay in the sport and try for a college scholarship. Later she plans to attend the 2004 Olympics. If she does not make it to the Olympics, she said that she will turn to pro boxing. Right now, the athlete does not get paid. She fights local tournaments against teams from surrounding towns such as Snyder, Lubbock and Andrews. None of the high schools have a boxing team. According to David Rodriguez, Twin Cities Tigers coach, most of his boxers average 16 fights a year. Each month the club hosts a tournament that also serves as a fund raiser for the

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LULAC issues range from immigration to teen pregnancy

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI— Education, civil rights, immigration and issues related to the 2000 census will take center stage this week when the League of United Latin American Citizens holds its 70th annual National Convention and Exposition. More than 6,000 members of the country's oldest and largest Hispanic organization are expected to attend the convention, which runs through Saturday. LULAC was founded in Corpus Christi in 1929. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of the National Rainbow Coalition, will speak at this year's event.

Also on the agenda are Secretary of Education Richard Riley, Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson and Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera.

Friday's national policy summit is expected to be the highlight of the convention. In that forum, panelists will explore issues considered vital to the Hispanic community at the turn of the 21st century. LULAC spokesman Ruben Canales said that the discussion topics are similar to the ones important to the founders of the organization, but the focus is changing. For instance, he said that Hispanics are no longer fighting for the right to be educated, but are instead having to confront different educational problems like high dropout rates and teen pregnancy. "I see education still as a major focus, for different reasons," Canales said. "Somewhere along the line our educational system lost its focus."

LULAC officials said they also are concerned with the country's immigration problems, civil rights issues and the lack of Hispanic representation in federal government. They say the 2000 census is especially important to this year's convention, explaining that it is critical for Hispanics to make sure they are represented. The convention will include a three-day youth conference featuring workshops and discussions on topics covering education and drug and gang prevention.

Also this week, LULAC will elect new officers and conduct a career development program for government and private sector employees. In addition, computer databases with listing more than 10,000 federal job openings will be available. LULAC has about 250,000 members nationwide, with councils in almost every state and Puerto Rico. The organization sponsors a scholarship fund, school improvement committees and a preschool training program that teaches Spanish-speaking students basic English vocabulary.

Win concert tickets!

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD to Saturday's Chris Perez concert. You have to be a winner by listening into KMRK Tejano 96.1 or in the Midland *Reporter-Telegram* drawing in order to get tickets.

Chris Perez, lead guitarist of the Chris Perez Band, and widower of Selena, is bringing his flamenco-infused balladry and soaring harmonies to Graham Central Station in Odessa. Doors open at 8 p.m. Saturday with the concert event continuing through 2 a.m. Sunday.

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Interview with the Chris Perez Band — his life after Selena, in Friday's Reporter-Telegram

Coming Up! In search of *Selena*

A scattering of tiny Mexican flags, young girls' bracelets and roses top Selena's bronze grave site sculpture. Though she was killed almost five years ago, the spirit of Latin pop star, Selena Quintonilla-Perez, is infused in Corpus Christi. Citizens have made it a point to build reminders of her around the city. Visitors surround her grave site at all hours of the day and night. In response to her fans, her father recently opened a small museum to honor his daughter.

— Que Pasa page, July 22

TOP 10 Hot Latin Tracks

For the week through July 10

1. ***Bailamos***, Enrique Iglesias, Overbrook, Interscope
2. ***No Me Ames***, Jennifer Lopez with Marc Anthony, Work
3. ***El Niagara En Bicicleta***, Juan Luis Guerro 440, Karen
4. ***Loco,*** Alejandro Fernandez, Sony Discos
5. Mi Vida Sin Tu Amor, Christian Castro, Ariola
6. ***Pintame,*** Elvis Crespo, Sony Discos
7. ***Livin' La Vida Loca,*** Ricky Martin, C2
8. ***Me Estoy Acostumbrando a Ti***, Pepe Aguilar Musart
9. ***Se Me Olvido Otra Vez***, Mana, WEA Latina
10. ***El Peor De Mis Fracasos,*** Marco Antonio Solis, Fonovisa

Americans ready for Latin music

By Peter Watrous
N.Y. Times News Service

Late one night a few years ago, Robert Ferris Thompson, who as a professor of African and African-American Arts at Yale University is considered the dean of African studies in the New World, was at S.O.B.'s, the Manhattan club whose name stands for Sounds of Brazil. He was standing next to an English rock critic. "What am I doing in this white skin?" the critic asked in a moment of self-doubt.

Thompson laughs about the story, but he uses it to help explain the endless interracial and transcultural movements that have occurred since Columbus arguably began the mulatto civilization of the Americas, one based on the triumvirate of the Native-American, African and European cultures. It's a triumvirate that undergoes seismic readjustment once in a while, and at the end of the millennium it's undergoing a big one, with the main producer of cultural product, the United States, suddenly seeing itself differently.

After 500 years of denying the family's Hispanic hue, the Anglo-Saxon United States is recognizing its darker cousin. And one way Americans are doing so is by consuming Latin culture, especially its music.

"What took so long? is the question I always ask," Thompson said.

In the United States, the change in both the way Latin culture is perceived and the way Latin culture represents itself was inevitable. Centuries of immigration, from Mexico and Central America, have altered American life, from what we eat to how we talk.

The influx of Puerto Ricans, Cubans and Dominicans over the last century has profoundly changed the face of New York City and the East Coast.

Latinos, it's often noted, will become the dominant minority in the United States in the next several years. It seems logical, therefore, that second- and third-generation Latino immigrants, tugged between the country's various cultural poles, should have come to some conclusion about how to exist in America.

"I'm getting more and more requests from Latinos who are young and don't speak Spanish that well," said Bruce Polin, the owner of Descarga.com, the leading online retailer for tropical Latin music. "These are people who may have grown up listening to Led Zeppelin and the Who and suddenly realize that the music of their parents, and by extension their own culture, is pretty good."

For Emilio Estefan, one of the most successful Latin pop producers in the United States and an architect of the current sound of high-gloss Latin pop (his wife is the singer Gloria Estefan), the change has been radical.

"When I started out, 20 years ago, people in the music industry told me to get rid of the congas and horns on my records, if they bothered to talk to me at all," he said. "Now, if I had a dollar for every time a record label head has called me in the last few years, I'd be rich. In two years the entire way the music industry relates to Latinos has completely changed. I'm really proud to be a Latino. It's our time."

From Puerto Rico to the Texas border, Latinos are flowering in circumstances markedly different from those their parents knew. Fifty years ago a Mexican-American child was caned for speaking Spanish in school; today, try not speaking Spanish in the Rio Grand Valley and see how far you get.

In Puerto Rico today there's a debate brewing about recouping what's left of its culture, and there are more groups playing bombas and plenas, the local rhythms of Puerto Rico, than there have been in years. As these Latin populations grow in the United States, and the effects of prejudice slowly slip away, it isn't surprising that a talented, bilingual group of performers — from Selena to the extraordinary salsa singer Victor Manuelle, and including Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, India and Marc Anthony — should appear, along with an audience that wants to hear the music. The law of averages is in such performers' favor.

While there is a tendency to see the huge success of Ricky Martin as indicative of the cross-cultural appeal of Latin performers, it has to be remembered that his current hit, "Livin' La Vida Loca," apart from the title, is in English. But the success of the Grammy-winning album "Buena Vista Social Club" points to an audience different from the one Martin is reaching.

The album, a collection of pre-revolutionary Cuban songs performed by a group of elderly musicians, was marketed in the United States with the so-called National Public Radio audience in mind — a well-educated and mostly well-off gr Sales have been strong (nearly a half-million in this country), suggesting that there is a large, disenfranchised audience in America looking for something new.

"I come from East St. Louis, which is arguably the blackest city in America," said Warrington Hudlin, a filmmaker who heads out to salsa shows regularly. "What I know is that modern black pop, especially hip-hop, has very little in it that reflects my culture. I go to salsa shows because salsa hasn't abandoned the dancers. That interaction between live musicians and the dancer is essential to black music, and it does-

Programming lacks people of color

By Drew Jubera
N.Y. Times News Service

When the NAACP on Monday decried the lack of minorities on upcoming network TV shows, it only pointed out what's been obvious to many minority viewers for years.

"I notice it to the point where I don't notice it anymore, it's so expected," says Jimmy Stroud, 32, an African-American Web page designer from Atlanta, of the major networks' shortage of prominent minority characters.

"My problem has been the omission of realistic situations within the black community — all we get is stereotypical slapstick comedy-type programs and nothing of substance," adds Reggie Mitchell, director of broadcast training at Clark Atlanta University. "If you came down from Mars and only got your information about black people from TV, we'd look like idiots."

Of the 26 shows premiering this fall on ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, none features an African-American, Latino or Asian-American in a starring or prominent role, said Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at the civil rights organization's 90th annual convention in New York. Mfume called the situation a "virtual whitewash in network programming."

While the networks quibbled with the numbers — ABC, for instance, noted that David E. Kelley's latest, "Snoops," features minority actresses Paula Jai Parker and Majandra Delfino as part of its ensemble cast — they didn't duck Mfume's basic point.

"I think we all agree that those of us in the entertainment industry need to make sure the characters on our screen reflect the diversity of the population as a whole," said Leslie Moonves, president of CBS Television.

Many observers point to the expanding TV universe to explain the dwindling number of prominent minority characters on ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox. Minority-oriented programming has increasingly been driven toward niche networks.

"You have a few small services, like UPN, the WB and BET, trying to cater to urban black audiences," says TV historian Alex McNeil. "I don't know if it's cause or effect, but therefore you also seem to have more shows (on the networks) that have all-white casts, like 'Friends.'"

One result has been the fragmenting of TV audiences along racial lines. Only six of last season's shows ranked in the Top 20 among both black households and total households — the highest number of crossovers since the 1990-91 season. The top-rated show in black households, "The Steve Harvey Show," ranked No. 154 in white households.

"It's not too hard to figure out," said Doug Alligood, senior vice president for special markets at BBDO, a New York ad agency that annually breaks down viewing habits between blacks and whites. "If you put yourself overseas in a foreign country, say French TV, and you turn it on and there's a show set in New York City, you're going to watch it. You're not going to analyze the quality of it, you're going to be so glad to see it."

Or, as Kisha Dennis, 25, a producer for the communications department of the city of Atlanta, says, "The reason I watch 'Ally McBeal' is there's a sister (Lisa Nicole Carson) on that. When I see a familiar face, one that looks like me, has mannerisms like me, someone I have a lot in common with, I'm drawn toward that."

McNeil refers to the 1974-75 network season as the "high-water mark" in the popularity of race-conscious shows: "Sanford and Son" (No. 2), "Chico and the Man" (3), "The Jeffersons" (4) and "Good Times" (8) were all monority-based programs that finished in the Neilsen Top 10. And in the year's top-rated show, "All in the Family," race was a prominent theme.

Meanwhile, last season's Top 5 entertainment shows — "ER," "Friends," "Frasier," "Veronica's Closet" and "Jesse" — were principally white-cast shows with a sprinkling of prominent minority characters.

Boxer: Balancing career with high school

(From 8C)

club.

Miss Ramos balances her boxing career with a job and school. She is a senior at Odessa High School and works at Sonic. When in school, she said it was difficult to go to work and to attend workouts. Usually, Miss Ramos runs two miles each morning and, if she does not have to work, attends workout in the evenings.

Workouts usually consist of a three-mile run for warm-up, stretching, more than 100 crunches of different variations, several minutes of shadow-boxing and over a half-hour of training on different punching bags.

Miss Ramos said that when she attends a workout session and is in a lazy mood, "you just think about the future and it makes you work and just push yourself."

Miss Ramos is one of several members on the Twin Cities boxing team. Rodriguez said boxing is therapy to many of the athletes.

"It keeps them off of the streets and out of gangs," Rodriguez said.

He said he is more than a coach for the boxers, he is also their friend.

"They tell me things they wouldn't even tell their parents," he said. "A boxing coach is not just a boxing coach, I am their mentor and psychiatrist."

The other boxers average age 13. There is one other girl on the team, who has been working out since August.

Andrew Heredia is also a third-generation boxer. He began boxing two years ago when he was 11 years old. His uncle helps coach. His dad also helps and one of his cousins is a boxing athlete for the U.S. Army. Heredia plans to continue with his boxing career through high school. At age 13, Heredia has already attempted to gain the national title in his weight class.

All of the young boxers agreed that Oscar De La Hoya was their favorite professional boxer. The three young boxers said they will continue to box even through high school.

They said the benefits from the sport reach beyond the ring. According to Anthony Barrera, boxing helped him get into better shape for football at school. Heredia said that he is active in track, football, baseball and soccer as well as boxing.

"Boxing helps me a lot in track," he said.

In 1990, the boxing team that began in Odessa changed its name from the Odessa Tiger Boxing Team to include its Midland participants, thus becoming the Twin Cities Tigers.

The boxing team is a non-profit group Rodriguez said.

This year, the Golden Gloves Championships returns to the Permian Basin. The tournament will be fought at the Downtown Lion's Club in conjunction with the Twin Cities Tigers. Winners from the match in Midland will go on to fight at the state championship in Fort Worth.

PULIDO: Not considering a crossover to English

(From 8C

gets accepted as well right now."

Which explains his artistic about-face. "El Cazador" is the studio follow-up to 1997's "Llegaste A Mi Vida," a decidedly international album that found

Pulido crooning a batch of smooth cumbias, pop ballads and rhythmic midtempo numbers. It's the record that established him in the hard-to-crack southern Mexico area.

The Tejano music industry expected Pulido to continue his bid for international crossover. Instead, he recorded "El Cazador."

"The reason I didn't do that is because I had a discussion with my label," he says of the decision to make "El Cazador." "That's the truth, whether I'm going to get criticized by them for saying that or not."

EMI Latin executives feared promoting a predominantly Latin pop album to Tejano radio was akin to throwing away marketing dollars, admits Pulido. But when he's asked if he wants to remain in the Tejano genre, his answer is quick and emphatic.

"No. This music has done so much for me and I'm very happy with what it's done and very grateful. But Tejano or even regional Mexican is exactly what it says it is, it's regional. It is for a region. There are certain artists that are very content with being regional acts. At some point in time, I want to succeed on a bigger scale. I want to be known all over the place."

COULD HE BE plotting an Anglo crossover like Ricky Martin's calculated language switch?

"Right now, I'm not even thinking about crossing over to English," he says. "Right now, I have my sights set on South America, Puerto Rico, countries where my music rarely gets heard. Ricky Martin is doing his crossover thing. I'm so happy because I think it's about time that we get our due in mainstream media. I think Ricky did what was best for him. What's so nice to see is that the Latinos are backing him up."

Unlike the cold reception Tejano veteran Emilio received from his core audience when he attempted to cross over into the American country charts in the mid-'90s, says Pulido.

"Tejanos criticized him because he abandoned us. We didn't jump on the bandwagon like they jumped on Ricky. That upsets me. This is one of our guys, we should support him. He's doing a lot for us."

It all makes Pulido pause. He's not in a hurry, he confesses. He'd rather establish himself firmly in one genre before jumping into another. He'll do it when the time is right, when the rewards are greatest.

"To be a successful musician, you have to be conscious of what the market is doing and what people want," he says.

Spoken like a shrewd businessman.

Cutbacks on border inspectors causing delays

Hearst News Service

LAREDO — Faced with a budget crunch, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has cut the number of inspectors working weekends and holidays at already-crowded border crossing points, officials said Monday.

The reduction, which affects the Texas and New Mexico borders with Mexico, means travelers crossing border bridges face more congestion and delays, the officials said.

The impact was felt here Sunday when three of the nine lanes at the main international bridge from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, were closed, said Gene Garza, port director in Laredo.

With three months left in the government's fiscal year, the INS, which shares border duties with the Customs Service, has had to cut overtime pay for inspectors at all ports of entry in Texas and New Mexico.

Since overtime pays for much of weekend and holiday shifts, fewer traffic lanes will be open, forcing vehicles to vie for whatever number of inspection booths are open.

The problem surfaced Monday when Laredo Mayor Betty Flores publicly appealed to federal officials for more money to keep all the lanes open and staffed.

Flores, who spoke at the dedication of a Union Pacific Railroad inspection facility, caught INS officials by surprise, and most of those quizzed about what she had said were reluctant to explain the development or elaborate on the impact.

Asked about the mayor's appeal, Mariela Malero, an INS spokeswoman in Dallas, would only say, "We continue to work with headquarters and regional offices to address all the possibilities."

Malero declined comment on what led to the budget crunch or specifics on its impact, but she said authorities are looking for ways to make ends meet for the region's 25 ports of entry.

The Border Patrol, which is part of the INS, won't be affected, officials said. The immigration service is part of the Justice Department, while Customs is a branch of the Treasury Department.

This is the second budget crunch for the INS this year.

In January, the agency cut back on everything from overtime to gasoline due a shortfall caused by a failure to predict rising rent, phone costs and other expenses.

The latest cutbacks went into effect Friday and boosted waiting time to enter the United States in El Paso as well as Laredo, the busiest commercial crossing point on the U.S.-Mexico border.

The typical wait Sunday was 90 minutes as compared with 35 minutes over the July 4 weekend.

Maria Reba, head of the U.S. Customs Service in South Texas, said her inspectors would continue to work weekend and holiday shifts.

"The INS is short on overtime money," Reba said. "We are fine, but we cannot make up the difference" in staffing on the bridges."

The INS's financial woes come in the wake of a General Accounting Office report that said bridges and highways along the U.S.-Mexico border are becoming increasingly congested due to stepped-up inspections by federal agents hunting drugs and undocumented immigrants.

DEAR ABBY

Teen fears asking for promised raise

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and work two jobs. One of them is with a small title company. When I started, I was promised a raise after a few weeks of training. I have not seen that raise. I am considering asking for it, but I'm shy when it comes to this sort of thing.

Van Buren

Abby, what would be the easiest and most effective way to ask without losing my job? — SHY AND BROKE IN LOUISIANA

DEAR SHY: Compile a list of the reasons you feel you deserve a raise, then ask your boss or supervisor for an appointment to talk. People who ask for what they deserve are respected, so do not be shy about asking for the raise you were promised.

The list will enable you to show your boss or supervisor why you think your salary should be increased. It will open the door for a discussion about your performance, and allow both of you to evaluate your strengths and any areas in which you need to improve.

Consider this another step on the road to maturity. If you are an asset to the company, you should be treated like one.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to a recent letter regarding the need to carry identification in case of an emergency.

My husband is an avid runner. He never used to carry ID because he said it was inconvenient. I felt that it was an unsafe practice, and finally came up with a solution he could live with. Whenever I order ID tags for our dogs, I order one for my husband. I put as much pertinent information on it as possible, including his name, phone numbr and an emergency number at work.

He jokes that I put "property of" on the tag, too, but he does agree that it's a good idea. He laces the tag into his shoelaces. It's lightweight, soundless and reflective.

He never forgets it because it's a permanent part of his shoe from the very first run. It's an inexpensive way to protect him in the event of an injury. Perhaps others might benefit from our idea. — KATIE SPICER, CHALFONT, PA.

DEAR KATIE: You have hit upon a clever solution to a common problem, and I congratulate you on your ingenuity. I'm sure your idea of adapting dog tags will appeal to runners and walkers who are reluctant to carry any "excess baggage" with them.

DEAR ABBY: I want to divorce my husband but I don't know how to tell him. We have been arguing too much, and it's affecting my studies in college. I strongly suspect that he's having an affair and feeling guilty about it because he stays out late. How late? you might ask. Try 4 o'clock in the morning! Also, our sex life has decreased to only two or three times a month.

We have been married for three years, and in the first three months of our marriage, he had an affair with the woman he left for me. Like an idiot, I took him back, thinking I could trust him. Now I have my doubts. I don't know what to do. Please help me, Abby. — UNCOUPLING IN OREGON

DEAR UNCOUPLING: Tell your husband exactly what you have told me. Offer him the option of marriage counseling. If he refuses — since there are no children to complicate matters — I suggest you talk to a lawyer.

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C.F.C. Storage Co., L.L.C., pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code (Chapter 576 of the 68th Legislature), will conduct a public sale of the contents in the storage unit listed below to satisfy the Landlord's Lien for past-due rent. All sales will be cash only to the highest bidder. Company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any item from this sale. The sale will be held at C.F.C. Storage Co., L.L.C., 4928 N. Lamesa Rd., Midland, TX 79705, July 31st, 1999, at 9:00 AM. All furniture, household items, computer accessories and miscellaneous goods in unit of: Martin Enriquez. Auction will begin at 9:00 AM at C.F.C. Storage Co., L.L.C., 4928 N. Lamesa Rd., Midland, TX. Interested parties are requested to register between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Friday July 30th, 1999 at 4928 N. Lamesa Rd.

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130 Personals

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150 Lost & Found

FOUND- Small male kitten in 3200 block of Cimmaron. Call 520-8599.

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LOST- PALE golden yellow cat in vicinity of Resthaven Memorial Park off Big Spring Street on July 11th. Answers to the name "Bo-Kitty". Old cat, needs medication. Reward! Please call 570-0091 or after 5PM 620-0019.

FOUND- Male Brittany Spaniel, brown/ white, young. Please call 685-3399.

FOUND; SMALL Beagle pup. Vicinity of Dellwood Shopping Center. Call to claim, 694-7567.

COPPER colored male Boxer with tags, lost from Andrews Hwy/ Midland Dr. vicinity. Needs medication. Answers to "Copper". 520-7671.

FOUND: 4- 5 month old bird dog on Edwards Street. Call 684-5714.

FOUND: Old silver Miniature Schnauzer, male. In Memorial Hospital area. 685-4132.

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LOST: CREAM CHOW named "Tierra", female. Vicinity 4400 Crenshaw. Mommy misses her. Contact Amy 570-7932.

FOUND- Female Chow mix, 3 to 4 months old, on Stratton Drive. 694-6809.

LOST 7/3/99: Male Blonde Mixed Breed dog. Blue collar and tags. Tennessee & "L" area. Reward! 520-3104.

LOST POINTER- white with black spots at 3400 Shell. Please call 694-1508.

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LOST: CLEAR Prescription glasses with light brown case. Izod frame. Call 687-5764.

FOUND: SMALL black kitten with blue-teal collar on 3000 block of Sentinel. 697-1885.

TWO PUPPIES- Part Chihuahua.. Found on Midkiff and 115. Call to identify. 570-6865.

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ALLSTATE MOVING & Storage Corporation gives notice that a public sale will be held at 10124 W Hwy 80, Midland, TX concerning the household goods of David Maglito and Margie Walker. The sale will be held on July 31, 1999 at 0800 A.M.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edward Benton English, III, Deceased, were issued on June 24, 1999, in Cause No. P 12,497, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Lyndon Wade English, Independent Executor, whose residence add is P.O. Box 75, Ozona, Texas 76943.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 9th day of July, 1999.

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NOTICE
In re Estate of SANDRA KAY ELLIOTT, DECEASED, Cause No. 12,543, County Court of Midland County, Texas. All persons having claims against the estate being administered are hereby given notice to present the same within the time prescribed by law. Nancy Elizabeth Reeves was appointed by the Court to serve as Independent Executor of the estate and received Letters Testamentary on July 13, 1999. Claims should be sent as follows:

c/o Representative, Estate of Sandra Kay Elliott, Deceased
1008 Gulf
Midland, Texas 79705

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., August 11, 1999, to be opened at 11 A.M., in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #093-99 for:
New Utility Billing System Software for the CIS Department.

Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specification and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by Education Service Center, Region 20 for:

Proposal #3199
W-2 FORMS

until 2:00 p.m., August 5, 1999 at Region 20, Conference Center Building, 1314 Hines Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78208, at which time bids will be publicly opened.

Proposal forms can be obtained by calling Susan Kotzur at (210)370-5205.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Permian Basin Community Center is accepting proposals for pharmacy service for the Frontier Division, this includes the counties of Pecos, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio, Brewster and Culberson. Specifications may be picked up at 401 E. Illinois, Suite 300, Midland, Texas from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday, or by calling Tim Morgan at (915)570-3397. Proposals will be accepted at the Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 300, Midland, Texas until 2:00 pm, August 5th, 1999.

90 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co., has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 41464 to authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 2608 FM 1788, Midland, Midland County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminate: particulate matter (including cement, fly ash, aggregate, and road dust). A person who may be affected by air contaminants emitted from the proposed facility may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates the proposed facility will comply with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for issuance of a permit. The subject of a hearing would be limited to applicable air quality requirements, which do not include issues such as water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/We request a public hearing"; (4) a brief, specific statement of how and why emissions from the proposed facility would adversely affect you in a way not common to members of the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the proposed facility.

Hearing requests or comments on the application must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, MC-105, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 30 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on July 14th and July 15th, 1999.

The application and the TNRCC's preliminary analysis are available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753. Application documents, a compliance file if any exists, and further information may be obtained from the TNRCC Midland Regional Office, Air Program located at 3300 North A Street, Building 4, Suite 107, Midland, Texas 79705, Telephone (915)570-1359. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co. has made application with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 41464 to construct a Concrete Batch Plant in Midland, Midland County, Texas. The location of the proposed facility is 2608 FM 1788. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of the newspaper. This notice is to be published on July 14th and July 15th, 1999.

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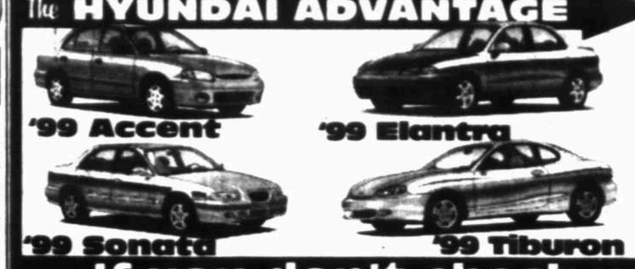
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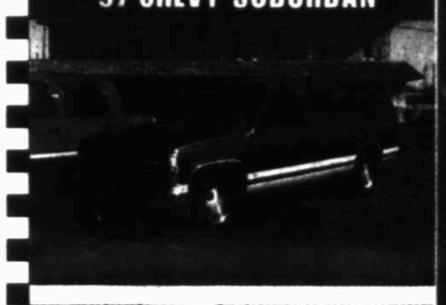

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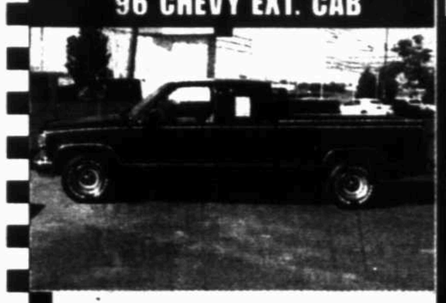

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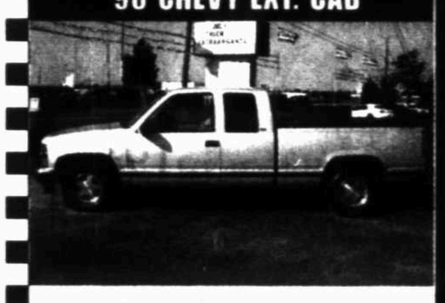

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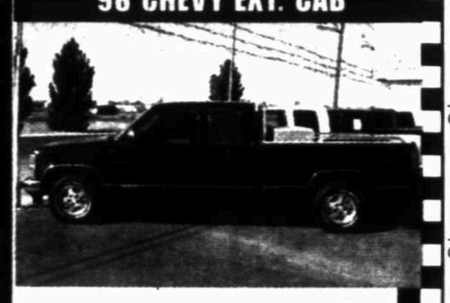

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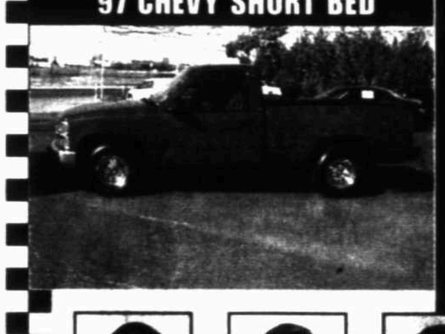

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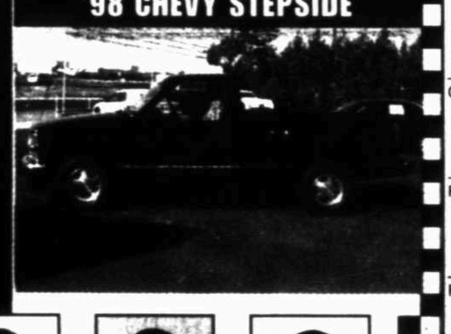

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240 Motorcycles

1996 HERITAGE CLASSIC, mango and champagne custom colors, many extras, 9,000 miles. $18,500. Call 570-9564.

1997 VULCAN 1500 CLASSIC- windshield, bags, Cobra pipes, driver/ passenger backrest, 4,000 miles. Warranty available. $7,900. After 6PM 686-8661.

1998 SUZUKI LS 650 Savage Cruiser. 1,000 miles. Mint condition, windshield included. $3,900 firm. Call 520-0865. Leave message.

1997 HARLEY DAVIDSON Custom Soft Tail. 2,700 miles, plenty of chrome, like new. Call 685-3462 after 5 pm.

HONDA 1988 NX 250. On/ off road, 6,300 miles, helmet included. $1,200. 689-0281.

YAMAHA 1991 FZR600. 14K miles Good condition. Plus extras. $2,600 or best offer. 694-3806.

→NEW TODAY←

3 WHEELER- $675; Go Cart- $450. Both in great condition. Call 520-7512.

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.

1985 HONDA SABRE 700, 28K miles, retails $1,500. Please call 520-0443.

HONDA 1995 SHADOW. American classic edition, 1100 ACE Series. Red and white, 8,800 miles, excellent condition. $5,700. Call 684-6706.

1997 HARLEY DAVIDSON, full dresser FLHTCUI, fuel injected with all chrome. $17,900. Please call 520-6620.

1998 KAWASAKI KX250. Extra pipe. Excellent condition. Miscellaneous accessories. $3,500. Call 520-0341 after 6:00 pm.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 1998 Dyna Convertible. Sinister blue pearl, extra chrome, removable windshield, saddle bags, low mileage. $16,500. Call 689-4132.

245 Trailers Utility

1997 WELLS Cargo enclosed trailer, 6X12, tandem axle, electric brakes, many extras, 570-8239 or 697-3901.

245 Trailers Utility

CAR WASH Trailer. Ready to wash. All supplies. $2,300 or best offer. Pager 499-0259. Call for details.

DEER HUNTER'S special! Hail damaged 1984 Coachman travel trailer, Tandem axle, new tires. $2,500. 3800 East County Road 160. 684-4836.

250 Recreational Vehicles

1998 COUNTRY COACH Magna. 36' Motor home with slideout, Detroit diesel engine. Walnut cabinets, tile in kitchen and bath, separate toilet area. TV in front & near & VCR. Beige ultra leather driver & passenger seats. Washer & dryer. For more information call Dickie at 940-367-3178 or after 7:00pm 915-563-5014.

1975 27' EXECUTIVE motor home. Motor overhauled, new shocks- batteries- hot water heater. $6,500. Reasonable offers considered. Call 520-6943

→NEW TODAY←

1982 14' SCOTTY Travel trailer, sleeps 5, excellent condition. $1,850. Longbed Chevrolet bed liner, $75. 4 Firestone radial ATX 235/75R15, $100. Call 699-1276.

1985 MINNIE WINNIE Motor Home. 36K miles, sleeps six, $10,000. 570-8433 after 6.

1986 25' PROWLER Travel trailer, great condition, sleeps 8. Must sell due to health conditions. Asking, $6,300. Call 520-6943.

1989 C CLASS 27' Motor Home. Great condition. $15,000. Call 570-8101/ 685-3905.

1991 BEAVER 36', diesel pusher Motor Home. Loaded with options. 37,000 miles. Book at $96,400. Make offer. 315 E. 2nd, Odessa.

→NEW TODAY←

1997 SPORTSMASTER Travel Trailer. 27', sleeps six, queen bed, excellent condition. $11,000. 684-6635.

1997 WINDSOR. Monaco. 38', 2 TV's, DSS satellite, side-by-side refrigerator, washer/ dryer, 275 Cat engine, very clean in-side and out. For more information please call Dickie at 940-367-3178 or after 7 915-563-5014.

HANDYMAN SPECIAL! Make repairs on this roomy 5th Wheel for only $3,500. Will consider trade for pop-up. Husband can no longer handle large camper. 915-620-0732.

1983 34' PACE ARROW. 454 Chevy, 6.5 onan, 95% steel Michelins, 70K, very nice, inside stored. $15,000. Interested buyers- 580-5505.

1995 28' ROCKWOODTtravel trailer. Like new, fully equipped- all options. $8,900 or best offer. 570-9332, 682-1328.

1996 34 Ft Travel Trailer. Sleeps 6. Slide-out. Washer- dryer, awning. $12,900. (806)872-8268.

1996 Holiday Rambler. Diesel, 40K, 9.5 M. P. G. $84,000. Call for details. 686-7472 after 2PM.

1997 16 Ft Casita. Used 3 times. Very clean! Call 682-3668.

ROCKWOOD Popup. Sleeps 7. 3 burner stove. Awning. New AC and tires. Great for family or hunters. $1250 FIRM. Call 694-7818 or come by and see at 3600 W. Baumann.

COACH is loaded. 95 Bounder, 35', wide body, hydraulic levelers, dual air, rear camera, low mileage, very clean. $47,900. 684-4420.

1997 JACO Designer Series. With 19' Super Slide, completely loaded. Used 2 times. Cost new $34,000, asking $28,000. Call 915/940-8544.

1998 27' MALLARD travel trailer, never used. $12,500. Please call 520-9527.

97 FRANKLIN 42' fifth wheel. Yearly leased lot with 10X14 building. Cool Pines- Cloudcroft, New Mexico. $24,500. 915-550-2091.

LANCE 1998 SLIDE-IN Truck camper. 8'6" bed length, TV, Microwave, full bath, generator, sleeps 6, queen size bed. $11,500. 689-4801.

1999 TRADEWINDS Motorhome. Diesel pusher on Freightliner Chassis 36'6" in length. Leather interior, walnut cabinets, slideout, tile in kitchen area, beige carpet. TV in front and rear. VCR in front and rear. In Motion DSS system with 2 receivers. Coach is hide-a-bed. For more information call Dickie or Jena at day- 940-367-3178 after 7:00pm 915-563-5014.

260 Boats & Motors

1984 18' Buccaneer boat. Great family/ ski boat. $3,250. 699-6554.

JAVELIN 1990. 20', combination fishing/ skiing, 200 Evinrude. Excellent condition. Cover and life-jackets, included. Runs good. $7,500. 682-5588, pager-567-8928.

1993 LARSON, 17' inboard/ outboard 115 HP, with trailer, $6,500. Call 570-4067.

1985 THUNDERCRAFT Malibu, 18.5', 170 HP V6, stainless steel prop. Excellent condition. Call 520-6507.

→NEW TODAY←

RENTAL HOME- Daily or weekly. Lake Alan Henry. (806)747-0534 deb762@msn.com.

310 General Help Wanted

CUSTODIAL

Full time positions available for custodial services located at: Midland College

- General cleaners
- Floor crew

To schedule an interview. Call: 1-800-852-2388
Ask for Delores.

NOW HIRING

for 2 permenant and 4 temp for account reps and assistants for outbound marketing.

Apply to:
Outsource Resources
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(Off FM 1788 and I-20)

280 Boats & Motors

1997 SPRINT 286 Pro Tournament. 150H.P. Johnson, dual console, lots of extras, excellent condition. $14,500. 685-0979, after 6PM.

1976 GLASTRON Runabout with trailer, 65 horsepower Evenrude. $1,100. 570-1971.

1976 QUACHITA, 18' fiberglass walk- thru, Fish -N-Ski, inboard/ outboad, 140 HP, trolling motor, tandem trailer. $2,475, Call 682-9007.

1987 Phathom Bass Boat 15' 4", 88 horse power Evinrude, trolling, fish finder, two wet wells, lake ready. $4,000. 687-0744.

1988 MASTERCRAFT Tristar 19' Competition Ski Boat. Closed bow. 250 HP. 351-V8. 425 hours. Tandem trailer. Super condition! $11,800. 697-2978.

NEWMAN 17' Walkthru, super clean, lake ready, just completely serviced, New battery, new carburetor. Must See! $2,500 negotiable. 689-7010.

1986 RANGER, 340V, 1987 Mercury, Blackmax 150 hp, $7,000 or best offer. 683-7856.

1996 19' COBRA. 200 Limited Edition Johnson motor. Custom cover/ trailer, on board battery chargers. $16,000 915-523-5061 after 5. 915-557-7374.

1997 LARSON 176, V6, 4.3 Liter Volvo inboard engine. Volvo jet outdrive, less than 25 hours, garaged, like new. $8,900. (915)393-5522, between 7:30AM-4:30PM. After 4:30PM, (915)393-5700.

'90 SKEETER 18.05' Bass Boat. 150 HP Yamaha Pro-V Motor. Motor guide, trolling motor. Excellent condition. $9,500. 570-4131, pager 620-3062.

12 FT. Flat Bottom Boat with almost new 3 HP Sears motor and trolling motor. $460. 689-2130.

↓SOLD↓

1991 & 1992 Kawasaki 650 jet ski's with trailer, excellent condition. $4,200. Call xxx-xxxx.

290 Parts & Accessories

HEADACHE RACK with bed rails, black, long, wide bed. $275. 684-5584.

300 Employment

EMPLOYMENT 300

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BEWARE Of Anyone who tries to sell you information about Government & Postal Job Vacancies. This info. is free... call 210-805-2402 (24 Hours) or 210-805-2406 (To request application forms). A public service message from the Midland Reporter-Telegram & the ETC.

310 General Help Wanted

Attention Readers:

See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

→NEW TODAY←

6 ONE MAN crews- Must have pickup and extention ladder. Easy work, good pay. 570-0154.

LOOKING FOR responsible, friendly, smiling, outgoing individual that enjoys working with food and is looking for long term growth. Full and part- time positions available in food court deli. Apply in person: Colonels Cafe, Lobby Food Court, Ramada Inn, Midland airport.

COLLEGE STUDENTS/ High school grads or others. $9.85 base- appointment. Flex schedules, customer sales and service. 24 openings. Conditions exist, Call 10 am- 4 pm 520-8500.

310 General Help Wanted

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When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to:
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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" & 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.

CHILD CARE needs experienced workers. High School Diploma required, nonsmoking environment. Benefits, health insurance, earned days off. Must meet requirements. Call 689-6309 or apply at 1007 Austin.

COUNTER HELP- Full and part time positions available for busy dry cleaners. Laundry and dryclean pressers also needed. Experience necessary. Apply at Zenith Cleaners 2509 West Illinois.

DRIVER NEEDED for OTR in Texas. Class A CDL required. 682-7032.

EXPERIENCED MAID service needed. 5 Days/ Week. References. Call 520-8829.

EXPERIENCED; Grounds Keeper for apartment complex. Full time- permanant job. Please send resume with past employment and contacts for reference to: Box N-4148 c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

★ NEW IN TOWN? For your FREE "New Resident" Welcome Packet. Call Newcomers Unlimited, 570-8045.

HVAC/ Maintenance needed for local apartment complex. Apply in person at 5010 West Loop 250 or call 694-1349 for details.

IMMEDIATE OPENING- Body shop technician for Ford dealer ship in the century Texas Hill Country. Plenty of work, excellent pay and benefits. Call 512-756-8266 or evening 512-756-8664.

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KENNEL HELP: Part- time, weekends and early mornings. Minimum wage to start. No experience necessary. Will work around school schedule. Apply in person at xxx-xxxx.

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520-4053 ext. 371

KETTLE RESTAURANT: is now hiring cooks, and shift supervisors. Apply at 4206 W. Wall.

KIDS ONLY TOY STORE. Hiring full time, part time and Saturday Permanent Positions. Apply in person at store (Near Mervyns), Tuesday thru Friday between 12 pm and 6 pm. No phone calls please.

→NEW TODAY←

NEED VACUUM truck drivers and hot oiler operator. Must have CDL, clean driving record and current DOT physical card. Apply in person at Permian Petroleum Services, 4601 Rankin Highway.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY- Journeymen, electrician and helpers for Midland job and Big Spring project. 915-263-8131.

NEEDED SHOP AGENT must have dependable transportation, be willing to work long hours, nights and weekends. Will work around school schedule. Apply in person. 9818 Sloan Field. Budget Rent A Car.

THE BAR is now accepting applications for Bartenders. You may apply between 8 am- 10 am and 2 pm- 4 pm. Apply at 606 W. Missouri. No phone calls please.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Integrated
PHYSICIAN PARTNERS

Medical Collector

Energetic, self- starter to handle medical collections for several physician's offices within our corporate office. Good computer skills, accurate, and detail oriented. Flexibility to grow and learn other areas of medical office administration.

We offer our employees paid vacation time, sick leave, medical and life.
Send resume to:

Integrated Physician Partners
Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 51537
Midland, Texas 79710

Integrated
PHYSICIAN PARTNERS

LVN

Medical office background for fast paced Internal Medicine office , Strong Clinical Skills, Excellent Communication Skills, Organized and Compassionate.

We offer our employees paid vacation time, sick leave, medical and life insurance, prescription card and a 401K plan.

Send resume to:
Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 51537
Midland, Texas 79710

Malone & Hogan Clinic, a member of Covenant Health System, is expanding & has an immediate opening for an **Office Nurse**. Ideal candidate will be a RN or LVN with 3 to 5 years clinical experience. OB/ GYN experience helpful, but not required.

Salary is commensurate to experience and a full benefits package is available. Only Qualified applicants need apply to the Personnel Office of Malone and Hogan Clinic, 1501 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or fax resume to 915-264-7019.

310 General Help Wanted

OILFIELD SERVICE Company needs vacuum truck drivers. Must be experienced, have CDL, clear driving record and current DOT physical card. Apply in person to Permian Petroleum services. 4601 Rankin Highway between 9 am and 5 pm.

OTR Drivers Wanted.

Class- A CDL/ HazMat, 6 months experience. Contracted to MS Carriers. Good Mileage, good pay. Single or team.
1-888-924-8274
Martin.

→NEW TODAY←

PART TIME- Daisy's Children's and Maternity. Must be computer literate, non- smoking environment. San Miguel Square (Midkiff & Wadley).

PART- TIME After- school program coordinator position available. Assist at- risk children utilizing community and education resources. Minimum 2 years college. Send resumes to 3301 Sinclair.

PART- TIME Position available, Monday- Friday, 9:00 am. to 1:00 pm. Supervise and assist serving meal at a senior center. Bilingual, 1 year work experience, $5.15/ hour. Call 689-6693.

SEEKING PERSON for general housekeeping. Live in or flexible working hours. Experience and references required. Call 688-0754.

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HIRING ALL POSITIONS!!
No phone calls.Apply in person between 2 and 5.
La Bodega
2700 N. Big Spring
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THE BAR is now accepting applications for waitstaff position. You may apply between 8:00- 10:00 am or 2:00- 4:00 pm. Apply at 606 W. Missouri. No phone calls please.

TRAVEL AGENT needed immediately! Salary $1,200 to $1,800/ month DOE. Replies: P.O. Box 9484, Midland, 79708.

V.I.P Employment Services 686-9722
Light Industrial Placements

VILLAGE CAR Wash seeking part time cashier. Apply at 604 Andrews Hwy.

WALKER"S LAWN Service needs full time employee. Must have experience weed eating and edging and valid drivers license. 686-9214.

WE NEED Delivery Drivers Now! Earn $8 to $14/ hour. Apply in Person Domino's Pizza, 212 W. Scharbauer, 3302 W. Illinois, 2215 N. Midland Dr.

REPRESENTATIVES

Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

311 Medical Help Wanted

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR of Nursing; We have a current opening for a Registered Nurse to serve as our Assistant Director of Nursing. Please send a current resume or contact Terrace West Nursing Center. 2000 North Midland Drive. Midland, TX 79707 or fax resumes (915)689-0486.

CERTIFIED NURSING Aides: Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for Certified Nurse Aides on the 6- 2/ 2- 10 shift. If interested please apply in person at; 2800 North Midland Drive, Midland, TX., 79707.

DENTAL CHAIRSIDE; Our busy dental practice is looking for an energetic, well- organized, self motivated person with 1+ years experience who enjoys a fast pace. We offer a challenging career opportunity in a team- oriented environment. Please contact Jani @ Dr. Allison Watts office, 682-0188.

311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL ASSISTANT: We need to add an experienced, enthusiastic, self starter to our growing practice. Must be team player and have excellent communication skills on the phone. Must be able to take , develop and mount x-rays and have computer skills and a willingness to learn new skills. Quality oriented practice with a great working atmosphere. Four day work week and possible part- time position. We know you are out there! Please bring resume by Dr. Lou Ann Gray's office at 3000 N. Garfield, Suite 220, Midland.

DIRECTOR OF Nurses- Rural hospital, less than 40 beds. Required 15 years nursing experience, 4 years supervisory experience, surgery and/ or OB experience helpful. Salary DOE. Please submit resume to: Box J-5015, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT needed immediately. Nursing skills, computer and typing preferred. Bring resume to 1300 W. Wall. No faxes.

→NEW TODAY←

HOME HEALTH Agency seeking Physical Therapist and RN. Some travel required. Home health experience preferable but not mandatory. Send resume to: Box J-5017, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LVN- ACCURACY and good work history a must. Best salary in the area. Every 3rd weekend off. Vacation every 6 months, paid insurance with prescription card. Apply in person: Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

ODESSA CLINIC- 3 Openings. MLT or second year MLT student for Monday- Friday 4 pm- 9 pm, Saturday 9 am- 5 pm, Sunday 1 pm- 5 pm. MLT only Monday- Friday 9 am- 5 pm. Phlebotomist Monday- Friday 9 am- 5 pm. Send resume to Human Resources Department 4808 S. County Rd. 1310, Odessa, TX 79765.

PART TIME: LVN with possibility of full time. Contact Carol James, RN, DON. McCamey Convalescent Center, 915-652-8628.

PART TIME; CRT wanted, no weekends, no holidays. Please send resume to: Box N-4144, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE: needed for busy clinic. Must be mature and dependable. Apply or send resumes to 301 Dodson, Midland, Texas 79701.

RADIOLOGY NUCLEAR Medicine Tech position open for out patient clinic. Send resume to PO Box 4186, Midland, TX 79704.

RN or LVN wanted to cardiac cathlab. Previous cathlab experience preferred. Send resumes to PO Box 4186, Midland, TX 79704.

312 Professional Help Wanted

#1 MANE PLACE is moving to a bigger and better location. We will need 2 lease hair stylists beginning July 27, 1999. Call Pam or Vicki at 683-2843 or 683-2532.

ACCOUNTING PRACTICES sought; Individuals seeking to purchase accounting practices of transferring, retiring or overworked CPA's or Accountants in the Permian Basin area. Interested parties respond to: N-4143, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

REAL ESTATE Assistant. Must be licensed. Call 682-7884 or 6971217.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Site Manager Industrial Supply (Big Spring)

BRIGGS- WEAVER, one of the nation's leading industrial supply distributors, has an immediate requirement with its integrated supply team.

Your responsibilities will include the management of an integrated supply team inside our customer's facility. You and your team will work closely with the customer to develop cost savings, inventory control and purchasing requirements/ specifications for a wide range of industrial supplies including safety and MRO items. Your background must include experience in the areas of purchasing and inventory control and the ability to lead and schedule other team members. PC skills are required. A college degree is desired.

BRIGS- WEAVER offers a highly competitive compensation and benefit package and more! For immediate confidential consideration please send your resume, including salary history/ requirement to: Mr. Charles Allen, P.O. Box 24500, Houston, TX 77229-4500, email address: charlesa@briggs-weaver.com

(Local interviews in Big Spring, Texas)

***OIL & GAS PROPERTY ACCOUNTANT**

Applications are being accepted for the position of Oil & Gas Property Accountant. Person will be responsible for accounting functions relative to oil and gas properties including revenue & expense accruals, AFE reporting, monthly general ledger accruals and production cost analysis. Applicants should have:

- a college degree in Accounting
- minimum of 5 yrs experience in O & G accounting
- working knowledge of accounting software package
- proficiency with Access and Excel or compatible software in windows environment
- strong organizational and communication skills

We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package. For consideration, please send resume and salary history to:

Concho Resources Inc.
Attn: HR Dept.
110 W. Louisiana, Suite 410
Midland, TX 79701

NOTE: Only applicants who are contacted for interest will be notified when position is filled, No calls please.

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Growing Local $80 Million Customer Service Center

1travel.com is looking for key people to help take the company to the next level of excellence.

Reservation Center Manager: Sucessful individuals with experiance motivating employees to excellence should apply in person at 801 N Grant.

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Salaries are open and will be based on education and experiance.

★FULL- CHARGE BOOKKEEPER★

NEED TO HIRE IMMEDIATELY
Experienced through trial balance required. Must have computer experience. Benefits include, paid insurance, parking, and 401(K). Send resume to:
Blind Box C-1114 c/o
Midland Reporter Telegram
P.O. BOX 1650
Midland, Texas 79702

→NEW TODAY←

COMPUTER NETWORK TECH. Computer Service Co. seeking network specialist. Requirements: extensive Novell & NT, must be able to design, build, & administer networks for small business with excellent customer service. E-Mail resume: abilene_pc@hotmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 520, Abilene, Tx. 79604.

EXPERIENCED CPA for successful Arlington CPA Firm. Must have public accounting practice experience. Excellent pay and benefits. Fax resume and salary requirements to: 817-274-4452.

LEASE/ DIVISION Order Analyst- Independent oil and gas producer seeking a lease/ division order analyst with a minimum of 5 years experience. Position will include land secretary duties for the land manager as well as preparation and maintenance of division orders and maintenance of land records and files. Will require computer knowledge of Microsoft Office, including WordPro and Excel, as well as the ability to input and maintain land records in PetroWare, the mainframe system. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Benefit package applies. Please send resume, salary requirements and references to: Box P-6192, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Need experienced
Interior Designer
for high end furniture store and exclusive design studio. Please send resume to 2101 West Wadley, Suite 36, Midland, Texas, 79703 or call 682-1841.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Career Opportunities
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
HAS OFFICE JOBS
Experience only
Full Time or Temporary
684-0527.

CLINICAL DATA Coordinator- Proficient in windows, MS Doss and Word Perfect. Knowledge in Medical Manager a plus. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

RECEPTIONIST needed for Monday- Friday, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM. Prefer bilingual, type, answer phones, filing, general office duties. Apply at 3416 W. Wall, Suite 101.

INDEPENDENT Insurance Agency seeking experienced Commercial Lines Customer Service Representative for Fort Stockton branch office. Salary commensurate with experience. Relocation expenses negotiable. Please mail resume to Attn: Operations Manager, 3300 North "A" Street, Suite 1100, Midland, TX., 79705.

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
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KELLY IS YOUR JOB Connection... To Quality Jobs! Call Kelly Services 689-9801

LEGAL SECRETARY: Experienced legal secretary needed for extremely busy nonsmoking office. Experiance should include typing skills of 80-90 wpm. If you are interested in this position and it's benefits, please send your resume and salary requirements to: Box J-5016, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

★ DP PERSONNEL ★
Temp & Perm Positions
Benefits & Bonuses Available
682-0033 or 570-0197

SECRETARY/ EXECUTIVE Assistant for growing sales office. Send responses to: 3100 Sentinel, Midland, TX., 79701.

316 Sales Help Wanted

$25 To $50K Per Year

Resthaven Memorial Park is seeking sensitive, caring individuals to act ad as Pre- Need Counselor. If you are truly interested in helping people, this is one of the most rewarding careers available. All the benefits plus a bonus opportunity.

For an interview, contact Alan Schnaufer, 682-3061 between 9- 5, Monday- Friday. Must have dependable transportation.

EXPERIENCED AUTO SALES

Person for our preowned car and truck department. Must have desire to make above average income, be well groomed and a team player. Call Terry at 634-2176 for a confidential preliminary phone interview.
Jack Sherman Chevrolet/ Mazda.

WANTED

Immediate Opening For

Experienced Office Assistant needed for Automobile Dealership. Must have Automotive Payroll and Payable Experience. Experience working on ADP preferred. Send confidential Resume listing Qualifications, Job, Personnel References & Salary Requirements to:
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No Phone Calls Please
Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Background Investigation will be conducted on Qualified Applicants.

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Do You...

consider your self #1 at customer service? Do you know how to make customers happy? Do you go that extra mile to make sure the job gets done? Do you love talking to people on the phone? If you possess these qualifications plus have basic computer skills then read further.

We're looking for a person who can make 60+ outbound calls per day to existing customers. The main focus will be to encourage customers to make payment, thereby continuing their service with our company. This position is mostly customer service/ sales.

We would like applicants with a friendly and outgoing nature, but aggressive enough to ask for payment. The applicant should have at least 3+ years experience in an office and be able to work on his or her own with light supervision. This is a temporary position with a strong possibility of turning into a permanent position for the right person. The successful applicant will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. You must be able to work from 11AM - 8PM daily (after training). The hourly rate of pay will be $7.00- $8.00 per hour depending on experience.

If you really are #1 in customer service and have the skills, attitude and desire for longevity that this job requires, fax your resume to:
CUSTOMER SERVICE at 682-3793. Make sure to include daytime and evening phone numbers. (We will contact only those chosen for interviews). No phone calls please.

Computer Operator Position

Starting Wage: $5.50 hour+ (based on experience)
Part- time
Applicant must be organized, demandable, self-motivated and a problem solver. The applicant must be literate in both Windows and Microsoft Word 6.0, and must be prepared to learn a new computer application. The Computer Operator is responsible for maintaining confidential client information, typing, editing and printing letters, printing reports, and managing several other tasks. Potential to work into a full time job for the right person. Contact Amee Cole or Tim Bryson 915-685-4438.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT Sales and Service (COTA/ LPTA). Great opportunity for a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) or Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (LPTA) in sales, design, service and delivery of medical equipment. Call Glen Gray or David Fisher, RN, to inquire about this position. (915)570-7587.

PART- TIME Commissioned sales person needed. Must be at least 25 with excellent driving record. Background checked. Fax resume to: Hummer Adventure Tours, Inc. 697-2509.

TRAVEL AGENT needed; Carlson Wagonlit Travel is looking to hire a travel agent with at least two years experience. For more information call 915-336-8700, between 9:00 and 5:30.

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

ALBERTSONS IS Currently accepting applications for Camera/ Video Department Managers. Experience in cash handling and customer relations are required. Salary based on experience. Apply direct at 1002 Andrews Hwy.

JUMBURRITO NOW hiring Management Positions. Please mail resumes to: P.O. Box 50607, Midland, TX 79710. No phone calls please.

LITTLE CAESARS Pizza is hiring outside sign holders! Apply at either Midland Location.

LITTLE CAESARS Pizza is now accepting applications for store managers. Must be at least 19, have food experience and be customer friendly. Please call 520-8016.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

NOW ACCEPTING applications for treater truck driver. Must Class B or A CDL with HazMat endorsements. Must meet DOT requirements for requirements for drug screen and good driving record. Apply at Precision Treating, Inc., 25 Kerry Road, Midland, Texas between hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

EXPERIENCED WELL Service hands: Apply in person at Key Energy Service, 4909 E. Highway 80. No phone calls please. EOE.

320 Skilled Trades

ESTABLISHED COMPANY seeking a person with HVAC state license for the Midland/ Odessa area. Attractive package. Contact Nelson at (214)207-3870.

KEY ENERGY Services: Now hiring. Rig Up Drivers and Tandum Drivers, Forklift Operators and Swampers. Only the experienced need apply. 2201 W 39th Street, Odessa, TX 79764. No phone calls please.

→NEW TODAY←

MECHANIC NEEDED, experienced only. Apply at 106 Carlton. 684-5554.

320 Skilled Trades

MECHANIC WANTED: ASE and A/ C certified. Base plus commission. Call 557-6372 or page 499-7245.

NOW TAKING applications for Experienced Valve Technicians. Salary & bonuses, company benefits including health insurance and safety incentives. 915-689-6341. Ask for Pam.

OUT OF Town construction company needs to fill the following positions: Concrete Foreman, Concrete Laborers, Guard Rail Forman and Guard Rail Laborers. Travel in Texas required. Drivers Licence a plus but not necessary. Call (817)430-8057.

SHIPPING MANAGER: Needed to schedule over- sized loads traveling nation- wide. Experience with state DOT standards a plus. Apply in person at 10600 West Interstate 20. Salary DOE.

→NEW TODAY←

WANTED MILL Operator, must have experience. Must be able to read blueprints, must have own tools. Benefits include: paid vacation, uniforms, holidays, medical insurance. Salary DOE. 686-0405.

WANTED: Experienced HVAC/ Refrigeration Technicians and Installers. Will pay up to $17 an hour, experienced only need to apply in person at 1607 South Midkiff, Midland, Texas, or send resume to P.O. Box 732, Midland, Texas 79702. E.O.E.

WANTED: Experienced Journeyman Plumbers. Will pay up to $17 an hour, experienced only need to apply in person at 1607 South Midkiff, Midland, Texas, or send resume to P.O. Box 732, Midland, Texas 79702. E.O.E.

330 Situations Wanted

TYPING 90 wpm, Microsoft 97, Excel, Access, 212 spm 10 key. Homes based. Call 689-8639.

335 Adult Care Needed

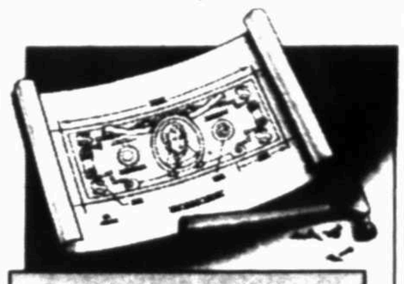
NEED DEPENDABLE caring woman to care for invalid woman part time nights. Must be able to lift. Have references. 697-6154.

336 Adult Care Providers

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 Jackie.

340 Child Care Needed

SEEKING DEPENDABLE, fun mother's assistant and child care provider for elementary student. 3:00 to 6:00, Monday- Friday. Non- smoking clean home. Reliable transportation, good driving record, verifiable references required. Responsibilities include carpooling, errands, some cooking and childs activities. Fax letter of interest and references to: 570-5287.



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If you want to join an exciting, growing company and have the following requirements:
1.) Stable employment history
2.) Positive, outgoing personality with good communication skills
3.) Professional Appearance

Interviews will be on Friday, July 16th and Saturday, July 17th. Call 915-362-7434 for more information, ask for Jessica Montes.

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

SWENSEN'S ICE CREAM AND SANDWICH SHOP

New Midland Store Location
★ Ground Floor Business With ★
Excellent Growth Opportunities

SEEKING AGGRESSIVE/HARDWORKING MANAGER

- Restaurant Management Experience Preferred. Looking for results oriented individual with a long term commitment. Must be able to work days, nights, and weekends.
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- Corporate training
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Applications accepted through July 19, 1999
Call and leave message at (915)699-7437
Or
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340 Child Care Needed

WANTED: LOVING Caregiver for Christian family for 7 month old, and pick up child from school. Teacher hours. Great pay. Paid holidays and vacations. Reliable transportation. References required. Serious inquiries please call 687-4102.

341 Child Care Providers

→NEW TODAY←

CHILD CARE; Ages 2 to 4, learning program, meals, lots of tender loving care. Call 697-6715.

SCHOOL AGE Child Care in my home after school until 6 pm. Located by Rusk Elementary. Will pick up at Sam Houston. Call 697-6503.

EXPERIENCED MOM/ Teacher. 1788 and 191 area. Fun and educational activities. $1- $1.50 per hour/ per child. 561-5524.

350 Business Opportunities

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.

MUST SELL Business and/ or inventory due to health reasons. If interested contact Bud Smith, Permian Basin Valve Service 367-2839 or 366-4350.

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Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & 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 or bank information.

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625 Houses Unfurnished
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635 Condo/Townhome Furnished
640 Condo/Townhome Unfurnished
650 Mobile Furnished
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660 Mobile Home Space for Rent
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605 Apartments Furnished

ALL BILLS Paid, furnished, 1 & 2 bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

1210 COLLEGE- One room apartment, bills paid. $275/ monthly, $75/ deposit. Inquire at rear Apartment C.

320 Skilled Trades

*Pool Company, an industry leader in Oilfield Services, is accepting applications in the Midland Yard for the following positions:

Kill Truck Drivers
Vacuum Truck Drivers
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Winch Truck Drivers

Applicants must have a minimum of 1- 3 years experience in the respective positions, and be **DOT certified with the proper licenses and endorsements.**

Pool Company offers an excellent wage and benefit package including medical and dental insurance, paid vacation, retirement, 401K savings plan, safety awards, holiday premium pay, and other benefits.

Applications can be completed at the following location.

Pool Company
Texas Ltd
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Midland, TX 79706
POOL COMPANY TEXAS Ltd.
An Equal Opportunity Employer (M/ F/ D/ V)

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MOVE-IN SPECIAL $150 OFF 1ST MO. RENT
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610 Apartments Unfurnished

Excellent Location Large Apartments THE ARCHES 694-2466

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- 1-2 & 3 Bedrooms
- Mini-Blinds Throughout
- 2 Pools
- 2 Laundry Facilities
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★ **Open (7) Days A Week** ★

$150 OFF 1st mo. rent with a 7 months lease
No application fee if approved
The rent is still $215.00!!!
We are also still having discounts
Hunter's Ridge
Call 520-0023
4201 Andrews Hwy. Midland, TX 79703

2 BEDROOMS, 1 BATH- 3 entrance doors, washer/ dryer connections, brick fireplace, upstairs or downstairs. $300 / monthly, $100/ deposit. 570-4514.

QUIET!!! LARGE apartments. $199/ month and up. Monthly leases available. Free cable and water. 620-9111.

LOWEST PRICES with several locations to choose from. As low as $200/ month. 522-2151.

LAS COLINAS, Midland's foremost townhouses, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms, $495 to $695. Open 3- 6 pm except Sunday, 697-8770.

2 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 2 car garage, duplex for rent. $495/ monthly, $300 deposit. Water paid. 683-9270.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

610 BURLESON; Clean one bedroom duplex, water paid, $275 monthly, $100 deposit. 689-7107.

→NEW TODAY←

CEDAR ELM Apartments: 2 Bedroom Townhouses, 1 Room efficiencies. All bills paid including basic cable. 570-4611.

1 BEDROOM, 1 bathroom, water furnished, $200 monthly, $100 deposit. 1008 W. Indiana #4. 682-1606 leave message.

1, 2, & 3 BEDROOMS, washer/ dryer connections. Great location with fishing pond. Check out our specials on our 1 & 2 bedrooms. 1 st month rent free. 2438 Whitmire. 687-0053.

SANTA FE APARMENTS
Free months rent or $199 move in special.
Call for details
694-1349.

LARGE One Bedroom, large kitchen, dining with appliances. Large closets. $240/ Monthly. Midland Drive. 699-0550.

JULY'S FIRECRACKER deal! First full months rent free for move in now! Garden Court Apartments, 683-9270.

$199 MOVE IN Special on selected 2 bedrooms. Hurry while they last! Big backyards, all downstairs. Call 682-3831.

$99 MOVE- IN SPECIAL on first month. 1 bedroom. Great specials on 2 bedrooms too! Renaissance Condos. Please call 520-3238.

GARAGES, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms, $389 to $589. Open 3- 6 PM except Sundays. Leisure Estates 682-5822.

✓ ALL BILLS PAID.
Large 1 & 2 Bedrooms. Excellent location. Abbey Court. 694-2549.

VILLA TRIESTE; Small complex- Very quiet. Nice retirement atmosphere. Call for appointment, 694-8591.

2 BEDROOM Duplex with separate garage. $225/ month, $150 deposit. 2604 Mariana. 684-7535.

THORNWOOD Apartments Great prices, 1, 2, & 3 Bedrooms, Free Cable. Senior discounts. 682-5381.

ALL Utilities Paid! 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Deposit required. 683-5161.

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MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

Leading you to the best bargains in Midland and the area!

Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house?

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*Marty's Weekday Special

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

LOVE MARY KAY. Love Soft Sell. Rep Went Away. You- Me- Swell. Call 915-694-2172.

→NEW TODAY←

8' AND 12' Show Display cases with drawers, shelves, mirrors and lights. 694-8666.

ITT NIGHT Vision night scope. G- 3 technology. Turns night into day. $1,000. Lincoln AC 225C portable arch welder, used twice, $175. 561-8189.

SNAPPER RIDING Lawn Mower. Like new- less than 2 years old. 28" cut, 10 horse power, electric start. $850. 522-1930.

FOR SALE- 6 Person in ground hot tub. Please call 687-4680.

HOT SPRING Spa- Classic Style. Excellent condition, New- $6,200. Asking- $3,250 firm. Includes transportation and setup. 520-4645/ 689-6341.

GO CART. Two seater. 5 HP Briggs & Stratton- $650. Please call 694-4122.

★ REFRIGERATOR. Stove, dishwasher couches, metal bunk bed, misc. Call 697-4157 for appointment. Mobile 631-1423, after 5 pm.

FREEHAND MONOGRAM Machine. Juki brand. Excellent condition. Sell includes monogramming supplies. 520-3104.

ANTIQUE SEVRON Blue Lace 8 place dishes, $125. 24 piece crystal stemware, $50. New area rug, $125. Ceramic tile, $35. All negotiable. 687-6203.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

→NEW TODAY←

MINI JAZZY Power Chair, twin size electropedic bed, RCA 27" TV and stand, dinette table plus 4 chairs. All items new or almost new. 684-9963.

BINGO. American Legion, 501 Airpark Road. Friday nights, games start at 8. Food. Refreshments. 682-5511.

→NEW TODAY←

NORDIC TRACK. Excel with digital readout. $150. 520-2712.

FOUR CEMETERY lots in Resthaven Memorial Park, Garden of the Last Supper, lot 99 spaces 5 & 6, lot 100 spaces 7 & 9. Less than market value. (915)223-2873, after 5PM.

BEAUTIFUL 1/4 CARAT ladies nugget wedding band, size 7. Paid $1,200 will sell for $250. 520-2531.

→NEW TODAY←

MASSAGE TABLE. $550. Can be seen at 682-2054.

AIR COMPRESSOR- 3 HP, 220 volt, $200. Glider swings- new $65, dog houses- $35. 563-0452.

↓SOLD↓

FIVE HORSEPOWER DR Trimmer- Mower. Used about 10 hours. New $650, sales price $300/ negotiable. xxx-xxxx.

BABY JOGGER- Double occupancy, good condition. $185. 570-8737.

MANCO GO CART- 2 seat, 5 HP. $400. Red, low mileage! Please call 694-1760.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

ONE ONLY- Repossessed 18' round above ground pool- complete. Installation and financing available. 563-3108.

PADDLE BOAT- $375. 5' X 8' trailer- $375. Honda 125 Elite scooter- $800. Call 689-2429.

POOL PUMP. For sale. $350 with above ground pool. 699-5852, after 5:30PM.

CHILDS WHITE wicker love seat, 2 chairs and table. $75. 520-6523.

★ "Did the Gift of Miracles Cease?" 915-520-0381. Free recorded message.

SUNTANA TANNING Bed. Excellent condition. Extra bulbs. $750. Call 520-6288.

ETERNAL LIGHT Mausoleum in Resthaven Memorial Park. True companion, double crypt available in the north-central corridor. Level D-109. $6,200. 682-2962.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, mowers, washers/ dryers, refrigerators/ stoves, antiques, dining, furniture, BBQ grill, golf cart. 570-4851.

413 Jewelry & Furs

2 BEAUTIFUL Mink Coats, 1 brown sable, 1 black ranch. Both have appraisals and priced to sell. 570-7988.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

PERMIAN BASIN Farmers Market will be opening 7 am, Saturday only at 5025 Princeton beginning June 26th and 7 am Tuesday only at 1505 E. Front St. beginning June 29th. Shop early for best selection.

VINE RIPE tomatoes. You pick or we pick. For more information call 563-2815.

430 Household Goods

AREA RUG- Hand woven, fantastic colors, stylistic flowers, 8.5'X12'. $150. Call 697-8226.

FOR SALE. Sofa, love seat, recliner, and electric stove. 684-5175.

432 Household Furniture

DRESSER, NINE drawer, walnut colored with mirror. $50. 699-5949.

WOODEN BOOKSHELVES (3) 6' tall X 2' wide. $50 each. Yellow and black ice cream parlor table and 4 chairs, $75. Wicker pieces: loveseat, $50, side chair- $25, rocker- $35, desk- $50, end/ coffee table, $15 each, 2 wood end tables $35 each, coffee table $50, lamps-2 sets $25 per set, patio metal loveseat and matching chair $65 for set, small baker's rack $50, large mirror, blue frame $35. Call 687-6353.

SOFA & LOVESEAT- Off white, new foam in seat cushions, $150. Call 520-0149.

→NEW TODAY←

LARGE L-SHAPED computer desk, $240. 16'X10'X7'2" three cabin tent, never used, one month old, $130. 520-4212.

→NEW TODAY←

KING SIZE bed: box springs, frame and bedspread included, $500. Call 689-7767.

→NEW TODAY←

SOLID OAK Bunk beds, hand crafted locally. Call 683-5748 after 6:30 pm.

PORTABLE Wardrobe closet with matching 3 drawer chest- $80. Call 694-3097 for appointment to see.

TWEED SOFA and Love seat, good condition. $80. Call 683-7068.

3 PIECE French Probential bedroom set (chest, dresser with mirror, and night stand) $250. 697-0727.

"WICKER WEAVE" Furniture. 5 drawer chest; top single drawer cabinet. Excellent condition. $300. Call 694-1377.

LARGE BLUE recliner- $100. Call 694-3097 for appointment to see.

432 Household Furniture

→NEW TODAY←

PIER ONE Large Wicker and iron chair with matching nesting tables and magazine rack, excellent condition- $125. Brass candlestick lamps- $10 each. 697-8535.

ANTIQUE GIRL'S Vanity- 6 drawers with mirror, $300. 570-8737.

JENN AIR Electric kitchen double ovens, microwave, cook top. Excellent condition, $1,400 takes all. 561-8189.

REDWOOD LOFT twin bed. Frame only. Custom made. $225. Please call 683-2868.

↓SOLD↓

SOFA, TRADITIONAL blue floral, very good condition. $300. Call xxx-xxxx.

1940's antique sofa hide-a-bed and matching chair. Mahogany trim. $275. Must see! 689-8278.

ENTERTAINMENT Center, $75. Desk, $75. Both excellent condition. Great for home or college. 683-7969 after 1pm.

SECTIONAL SOFA, leather, needs minor repair. $150. Please call 520-8051.

→NEW TODAY←

RANCH MODE Oak bedroom suite: Bookcase headboard, full bedding, chest, desk, chair, small bookcase. Antique wicker rocker, metal changing table, Drexel- Heritage glass top coffee table, large executive office chair. Yesterday's News, 3712 West Wall.

TWIN BED-including twin bed, frame, and wood headboard- $150. Call 683-4444.

KING PECAN Headboard, beautiful condition, $75. 697-0727, leave message.

4- DRAWER SOLID wood dresser- $100. Please Call 683-4444.

435 Household Appliances

WHITE- WESTINGHOUSE dryer. Brand new, one month old. Excellent condition $100. 699-1643.

KENMORE ELECTRIC range- Upper and lower oven. Lower- self- cleaning, $150. 684-8899.

WASHER/ DRYER. Excellent condition, $150 for set. Please call 520-8051.

UPRIGHT FREEZER. Frost- Free. Excellent condition. $200. 522-2228.

CHEST Freezer- Less than 2 years old, good condition, $200. Call 520-7450.

435 Household Appliances

FREE REMOVAL OF Appliances, evaporative coolers, TV's. Pick-up in 45 minutes or less. Call 631-3920.

FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances, 550-6540. For sale washer, dryers, refrigerator's 100 & up, free delivery, 90 day warranty, 550-6540.

WHIRLPOOL Washer and dryer- Supreme, heavy duty, large load, gold colored. Great condition. $225. 686-0357.

KENMORE WASHER, $75. Norge Dryer $250 or both for $300. Call 694-1571.

→NEW TODAY←

HEAVY PINE. Cargo style bunkbeds, chest-of-drawers, desk, hutch. $850 for set or best offer. 570-0749.

450 Sporting Goods

WALKIN COOLER material. New, 4" closed cell foam, 20 gage steel, enough for 26 x 13 x 8 building. Make offer. 9 1 5 3 9 8 - 5 3 2 7 jdk@apex2000.net.

HAVEN'T YOU waited long enough for the pool of your dreams? Swimming has never been easier and more affordable until now. Create a backyard full of excitement, relaxation and endless memories by calling La Costa Custom Pools. All of the outstanding equipment placed on your pool is the finest available today. Trust a name that backs their equipment with quality. Call La Costa today, and make your dream a reality! Big Spring, 915-268-9415. Pager 839-9498.

GYM 5000 Stamina weight bench, excellent condition $75. Please call 522-5058.

SALOMON ST Snowskis, 180's, Geze G78 bindings, brand new last season, never used. Paid $550, asking $450 negotiable. 689-7650.

JIM'S GOLF Clubs. Adam's "Tight- Lie" $60. "Tri- Metal" woods, $85. King Cobra II irons $184 set (clones). Reshaft, Regrip, lowest price, 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

BOB MANN Graphite irons 3- W. Graphite woods and nice bag, $185. 520-8999. Like new.

10 YEAR OLD boy needs to sell his old bike. $50. Please call 561-8272.

↓SOLD↓

M1911- A1 45 CAL. 1943 Remington Rand U.S. Army issue. $450 firm. Call xxx-xxxx.

RAM ENTERPRISES. Concealed Handgun License. Monthly Classes. 697-1371.

450 Sporting Goods

DRIVER: WILSON Invex. Like new. $40.00. 694-9394.

GOLF PRACTICE net / chip & drive mat. Ideal for backyard practice. $25.00. 699-7617 (6:00-7:00PM).

VALLEY COIN Operated slate pool table with accessories, perfect shape. $650. 522-1229.

460 Antiques & Arts

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway (915)687-2004.

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465 Collectibles

LOTS OF Retired Beanie's, lots of bear's, very reasonable. Please call 522-5058.

WE' VE MOVED!!! Pleas come see us at our new location: Anna Marie's Gifts, 3312 W. Illinois (across from Dunlap's). 522-2229.

470 Musical Instruments

VIOLIN ANTONBRETON, Excellent condition with case, $125. 697-0613.

PIANOS- new and used- buy, sell trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0852.

USED B-FLAT Bach-Strad. silver, coronet. Has small cosmetic blemishes. In original case, includes approximately 20 solos and method books, with polishing rag and pocket tuner/ metronome. Asking price is $800. Can contact Reagan Lynch at 699-1475.

BLACK CB 5- piece drum set. Practically perfect. $800 new, $600 or best offer. 563-6255.

NORMANDY CLARINET with VanDooren mouthpiece. Good condition. $300. 686-9419.

→NEW TODAY←

CASH FOR your pianos or clocks. Jones Piano, Organs, Clocks, 428 Andrews Hwy, Midland. 682-7533.

480 Computers/ Accessories

DELL 400 Mhz computer- Complete set up including accessories for $245. For details, call 683-5063.

480 Computers/ Accessories

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N. Midkiff. 520-5817, 686-8835.

485 FOR FREE

FREE FEMALE- Black Lab, has been spayed. Mix breed/ male puppy. Sweet dogs. Call 694-1453.

5 MONTH OLD 1/2 Shepherd- 1/2 Heeler. Daughter moved. 520-2712.

FREE: 7 beautiful kittens and 1 really ugly one need good homes, box trained. 685-3423.

GRAY TABBIES. 6 Weeks old. Call 570-0921.

RED HEELER mix- 8 puppies, mid- size, lots of spots. Please call 697-4307.

6 POUND Neutered Yorkshire Terrier, male, 12 years old, has papers. 686-7781.

6 FREE PUPPIES and Mommy, must go. 1/2 Doberman/ ? Please call 570-07~2, no later than 10PM.

MOVING- Large puppy needs home. All shots updated. Call 683-7620.

1 YEAR OLD, Half Akita & Lab, needs lots of space and loving home. 687-1873/ 684-8634.

FREE TO good home: 8 Month old Huskey mix, spayed, shots current, 561-5461 or 620-0676.

SPAYED FEMALE Chow, 5 years old and 6 small mix breed puppies to good homes, 694-2814.

FREE TO Good home pregnant calico cat, also 3 1/2 month old kitten. 688-1269/ 570-6774.

MOVING! Have to get rid of family pets. Boxer and Huskie dogs. 684-5397.

FREE TO good home: 5 Month old male puppy. St. Bernard/ Red Heeler mix. 689-4881.

AKC DOBERMAN PINCHER- male, 18 months. Grandfather was national champion. Very sweet and loving. Free to good home. 694-0186.

HALF DOBERMAN, half Golden Retriever. 8 months, female. Looks like a small Lab. Very gentle and loving. Free to good home. 694-0186.

FREE TO good home: 1 Year old Golden Retreiver, spayed, current on shots. Call 561-5461 or 620-0676.

FREE Four kittens, 6 weeks old, litter box trained. Call 699-4027 after 5 pm.

485 FOR FREE

TO Good home. Small female Pekingese mix, spayed, all shots current, not good with children. 694-1481.

SHEPHERD MIX one year, male. Playful, sweet, has shots, needs yard and love. 686-3921.

500 Pets and Supplies

→NEW TODAY←

PARROT BIRD cage, 23" X 34" X 47", paid $200 last January, sacrifice for $75. 683-6898.

AKC BEAGLE puppies, 7 weeks old. Call 570-7486.

→NEW TODAY←

GUINEA PIG: For sale, new large cage, lots of food and bedding- $25. Call 689-4378.

DACHSHUND- ADORABLE, tiny, AKC female, 3 months old, $200. Call 683-2937.

CAMALOT KENNEL & Training Center. Boarding, Puppy, beginner, advanced classes. Board/ train service available. 683-4718.

↓SOLD↓

TOY POODLE- Black, female, has all shots. $125. xxx-xxxx.

→NEW TODAY←

BEAUTIFUL AKITA Puppies- 3 males, 2 females, both parents on premises. AKC registered. $400 each pup. 687-6701.

→NEW TODAY←

90 GALLON Hexagon fish aquarium complete with stand, filters, lights, gravel, plants $400 o. b. o. 915-884-3053.

Aquariums complete with stands, filters, heaters, etc. 55 gallon- $225, 30 gallon- $110, 30 gallon- $95, 20 gallon- $60. Call 684-4335.

(1) 6 WEEK old male Cockapoo. Will be small. 1 Free housebroken, 2 year old, female, black Cockapoo. 332-4256.

YORKSHIRE TERRIER: Registered, 2 year old male, $350. For sale or stud. Call 697-4702.

PERFECT 8 week Doberman pups. Male and female. First shots, tails docked. Parents on premises. 687-4876.

THELMA & LOUISE: Black, medium/ large, medium, they're young and learning manners. One is being "fixed" now. You give loving home, I help with fees. 682-6637, 631-0110, leave message. $10.00.

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC BRITTANY Spaniel puppies. 11 weeks old. Perfect pet, must see, second shots. 699-6790.

BONNIE'S A thief- she stole our hearts! Very large female with Bassett face & ears. She is very mellow! Please love her as she deserves- I'll help with fees! $15.00. 682-6637, 631-0110 leave message.

505 Livestock & Poultry

RED BARN- Slight damage- 12' x 20'. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

520 Store & Cafe Equipment

SMALL GROCERY store and deli closing doors. Liquidating all appliances and equipment. Call 561-9622.

STORE FIXTURES for sale. Hardware and grocery fixtures, shelving, coolers, security system, shopping carts, display racks plus inventory. Bill's Hardware & Variety, 200 N. ST. Mary, Stanton.

540 Building Materials

WALKIN COOLER material. New, 4" closed cell foam, 20 gage steel, enough for 26 x 13 x 8 building. Make offer. 9 1 5 3 9 8 - 5 3 2 7 jdk@apex2000.net.

40 SHEETS 4' x 9' 1/4" paneling, doors, cabinets with sinks, miscellaneous. 682-7468.

550 Portable Buildings

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN (915) 563-1860.

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APEX BUILDINGS. Superior quality & looks! We beat competitors prices! 4306 W. Wall, Midland. (915)699-1999.

580 Machinery/ Tools

SELLING OUT. Norris & Norris Inc., P.O. Box 247, 1300 Scott Street, Tye, TX 79563. (915)698-0080, (915)698-9510 FAX. Used Heavy Equipment; Blades, Loaders, Steel Wheel Rollers, Pneumatic Rollers, Water Trucks, Chip Spreader, 12 cyd Dumps, Haul Truck, Distributors, Broom, Various Size Trailers, Pickups, Service Truck, Etc...

GARAGE SALES

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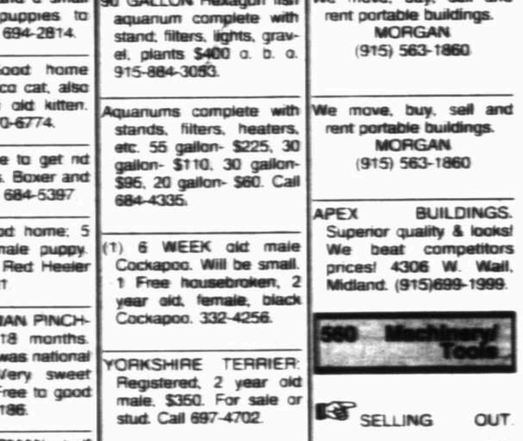
Recycle your unwanted items!

Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!



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2802 WEST MICHIGAN. Carport sale! Mechanic tools, car magazines, die cased cars, small tiler, chain saw, dolls, shelves, small refrigerator, furniture. Thursday- Friday 9- 3. Cash.

104 SOUTH "H". Thursday and Friday- 8:00 am! Crafts including jewelry, miscellaneous garage sale items!

411 E. GOLF COURSE- Thursday, 8:00AM. Refrigerator, King bedding, clothes, bedroom set, TV, doors, etc.

1009 AINSLEE (2 blocks west of Garfield off Cuthbert): Too much for the garage. Huge 2 family backyard sale. Jewelry, furniture, Noritake China, massage table, toys, clothes, punching bag, more! Don't miss it! Thursday- Friday 8:30- 1:30. No early.

506 WEST COWDEN: Thursday/ Friday/ Inside moving sale- Everything must go! Furniture, tools. Too much to list.

2904 WEST LOUISIANA- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:30AM- 2:00PM. Family yard sale. Kids clothes, toys, large variety of miscellaneous. Some old, some new. Come see!

1801 WEST LOUISIANA- Patio sale. Friday 7:00AM- 2:00PM. Sporting goods, garage miscellaneous, household miscellaneous.

350 NORTH MIDLAND Drive. Tots 2 Teens. Excepting consignment back to school/ fall clothes. 694-6998.

Super Seller !
15 words, 7 days, $10.50
Advertise your household item (priced under $350) with this Classified special! Call **682-6222** for details...

79701

*****1412 LANHAM (off W. Cuthbert). LIVING ESTATE SALE. Thursday- Saturday 8-5. Antique furniture, two bedroom suites, Duncan Phyfe table and chairs, antique settee, lamps and tables. Den furniture, twin beds, two desks and chairs, silver, Fostoria crystal, many fine china pieces, depression glass, Roseville. Antique German dolls, jewelry, Christmas decorations, kitchen things, books, very old antique washing machine, Indian blankets and rugs, linens, luggage, cast iron, tools, fishing rods. Entirely too much to list! Do not miss this sale! Collector's dream. Handled by Floy Maberry.

79703

500 Brownwood, 8:00- ?, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Most everything! Fruit jars, water canner, large pressure cooker, 4,000 watt generator, arc welder and gas welder, 2 extension ladders, 1 10' foot fiberglass step ladder.

4623 W. STOREY. Moving Sale- 30 years- everything goes!! Something for everyone! Thursday, Friday & Saturday open 9- ?

ESTATE SALE
By Judy Jackson
Starts Friday 8 am
See Friday's Paper for Details!

79705

720 WEST PINE. Friday- Saturday. Baby furniture, clothes, tools, miscellaneous.

79705

902 SHIRLEY COURT- Clothing (toddler girl's- adult), roller blades, firewood rack, Dansk dishes (set/ 12), Bavarian tea set, desk, luggage, shoes, jewelry, bedspread, floral, miscellaneous. Friday/ Saturday, 7:00am.

4704 BISHOPS CASTLE. Friday- Noon until 5:00 and Saturday- 8:00 until 5:00! Tools- Tools- Tools! Household goods, decorative items, boys bike- toys- videos. Lots of miscellaneous!

2108 WHITNEY- FRIDAY only, 8:00AM- 12:00PM. Couches, teaching materials, kids and adult clothes, craft materials, bikes, toys, and more.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

1608 WEST PECAN. Friday only 8- 12. Double stroller, stroller, high chair, clothes, toys, mower, edger, golf clubs, tennis rackets, luggage, lots of miscellaneous.

✔ 2513 FANNIN. Friday 8- 2. Six family garage sale! tread mill, children's clothes, bicycles, water softer, home decor items, infant car seat, baby swing. Lots more, come and see!

Judy Jackson's
SHOW OFFS
3320 N. Midkiff
Annual Summer Clearance!
1/2 Price!

2507 FRONTIER DRIVE: Friday and Saturday- 8:00 am! Dinette set- $150, baby clothes, swing, toys, etc!

79705

★ 206 E. SHANDON: Friday only 7 am. Multifamily! Baby, children and adult clothes. Household items and miscellaneous.

79706

1500 DAYTON ROAD (block south of I20 off Rankin Hwy). Friday only 8- 2. Family Yard Sale. Trampoline, water ski equipment, ceiling fans, bedding sets, treadmill, office and household furniture, Nintendo, copy machine, bicycles, toys and nice clothes.

79707

3706 OAKMONT: Friday 8- 4, Saturday 8- 2. Small tiller, desk, microwave and cart, bar stool, glassware, lots of miscellaneous. No early birds.

★ **HUGE BLOCK SALE** ★
Drexel Court (Grasslands)
Fri- Sat 8:00- ? 80 F-150 4X4, tools, Swing set, bikes, roller blades, camping, toys, exerciser, home decor, printer & miscellaneous. Baby to adult name brand clothes- cheap! Buy now for school! New stuff Saturday.

4601 DENGAR. Friday only 8- 12. Three Family Sale! Baby items, lamps, microwave with cart and pet items.

★ 3910 NASWORTHY- Friday and Saturday, 8:00AM- Noon. 3 family sale! Couch, chair and a half, end tables, clothes, baby items, Little Tike toys, washing machine, and miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20.50

- ★ 7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- ★ 2 Days
- ★ Hi/Lo Stand Out Emblem
- ★ Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $5 Value!)
- ★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
- ★ $3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!

Call 682-6222 Today!

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

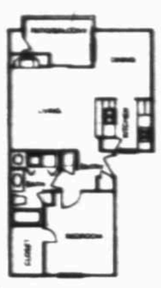
DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

Finish 1st at Polo Park Apartments



$199 moves you in*

*Limited Time Only, Selected Units Only.

POLO PARK

4700 POLO PARKWAY • 687-0511

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PATIO TOWNHOUSES. 1710 N "A". Ask about our Move In Specials! 1 Bedroom apartments & 2 bedroom townhomes. Gas & Water paid. 682-4783.

SUTTON PLACE: King size apartments. 1 & 2 bedroom, 1,050 square feet, assigned covered parking. 682-2423.

625 Houses Unfurnished

2 BEDROOMS, 1 bath house with carport. $325 per month. No deposit. Big living room, corner lot, storage room, no backyard, no appliances or window cooler provided. You pay all utilities. Must be quiet and stable. Located at 300 W. Hamby. Drive by first, then call 689-6454.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, Fannin district, $900 monthly, $900 deposit. Call 697-3194 or 684-1100.

MUSEUM AREA; Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3,000 square feet, $1,100 monthly. Must lease this week. Open 12:00 to 3:00 Sunday, July 11th. 1603 Holloway, 683-5738.

ONE BEDROOM, Brick veneer duplex. Close to Midland High, stove and refrigerator furnished, carpet, evaporative air. No pets, please. Call 682-0706.

★ NEW IN TOWN? For your FREE "New Resident" Welcome Packet. Call Newcomers Unlimited, 570-8045.

COUNTRY HOME- Large 3 Bedroom, 2 living area home with poultry pens, covered stalls and swimming pool. New carpet, fresh paint, fenced. $850 monthly. 520-7653.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, garage, fireplace, water paid. 3801A Storey. $550. 686-0734, 687-6406.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 Baths, large kitchen, double garage, fenced yard, family neighborhood. $700 plus $500 deposit. Available July 1st. 915/837-0051.

RENT/ OWN, Pet OK 900 Waverly, 2-1-CP, air, carpet, fenced yard, $395. 3707 Thomason, 4-2, air, carpet, fenced yard. $595 1 day move- in. Call anytime free 800-637-4823

FOR LEASE: 2700 Michigan. Need "in law" space? Great 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area. Plus 1 bedroom, 1 bath under same roof. 2 kitchens, 1 car garage, low maintenance yard. Available now. Owner/ Agent $750/ month, $500 deposit. Jan Melton & Associates, 682-2422 or 570-1994.

3002 REAR FRANKLIN. Available now! 1 Bedroom, 1 bath efficiency. $265 per month, $125 deposit. Utility bills paid. References required. Call Linebarger Properties, 685-5066.

→NEW TODAY←

HOUSE FOR rent: Live in the Country! Spacious four bedroom, three bath house, with fenced yard off Cottonflat Road. Monthly rent, $700 and a $500 deposit. Small pets allowed. Contact Chuck- 915-687-0348.

FABULOUS 3 Bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas plus fountain area next to pool. Wonderful kitchen- great for summer entertainment! $1,275 per month, $1,000 deposit. Call Lee Denny 694-4637 or Langston Realtors, 685-0400.

NICE DUPLEX, totally private, including washer and dryer. $500 monthly,/ $350 deposit. Call 570-6900/ 570-0511.

NON SMOKING, exceptional 1 bedroom duplex. Many extras, $300 +, references and deposit. 685-1739.

4 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 1 living. Central heat/ air, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, disposal, washer/ dryer, freshly painted inside. $550/ month, $275/ deposit. 1704 S. Marshall. 687-4103.

→NEW TODAY←

NO PETS. 3 Bedrooms, den, kitchen/ dining, shower/ bath, carpets, air. 4610 Comanche, $360/ $300 deposit. 684-0010.

AVAILABLE August 1. 3 bedroom duplex, 2 bath, appliances, double garage, no pets. $595 plus deposit. 1-800-865-2581.

625 Houses Unfurnished

NICE 2 or 3 bedroom, 1 bath, central air, fenced yard, $450/ monthly. 694-9853

FOR LEASE. 3134 Tealwood. Low maintenance, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, very nice, $1,200/ monthly. Jan Melton & Associates 682-2422.

TIRED OF Paying rent? Own a 10' x 12' storage building for $32 a month. Delivery and financing available, 563-3108.

1508 CLUB Drive- 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, large living area. Bowie area, sprinkler system, fenced, water well. $380/ month, $300/ deposit. 684-4647/ 683-0064 Hilda.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 living, fireplace, garage, central air/ heat, $750. 2306 Dengar, 686-0734, 687-6406.

✔ FOR LEASE: Duplex Goddard, new carpet/ paint, three bedroom, two baths, $695 monthly, deposit. No pets. Tierra Realtos, 682-8818.

213 S. CRESTVIEW..$500
4724 W. ILLINOIS $550
4307 W. STOREY.... $750
Call Roy Proctor Langston Realtors 685-4141

→NEW TODAY←

ONE BEDROOM duplex, one bath, washer/ dryer, covered parking, 915 North Bentwood. $325 monthly. 687-5422.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

RENTERS WANTED! $500 down allows you to own a 3 or 4 bedroom mobile home with approved credit. Stop throwing money away and start investing. 1-800-698-8003.

3213 MARIANA- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. $425. References and deposit required. No pets. 570-1730 or 694-4648

4802 DEBBIE COVE; Wydewood: Spacious 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, Bush: Abell; Lee. $850. Agent 684-7788.

NICEST DUPLEXES in Midland! Minimum Sq Ft 1,530. Washer- dryer connections. Covered parking. Fireplace. 2 & 3 Bedrooms available. Call for appointment, 686-8126.

4313-B WEST STOREY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. $675/ month plus security. 4321-B West Storey 3 bedroom ,2 bath, 1 car garage. $625/ month plus security. No pets, smoke- free environment, references required. 638-2525 or 686-9090.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH brick house. Water softener/ RO unit. For lease or sale. $625/ monthly, 361-991-6764.

3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home- large laundry room, 2 car garage/ workshop, two fenced yards. $750 monthly. 520-3506, 425-8618.

SANTA RITA School- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car. 2908 Sandhill. $890, immediately available. 520-6186

3710 HUMBLE. Available on 7/15/99. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. $650 per month. $300 deposit. References required. Call Linebarger Properties, 685-5066.

↓RENTED↓

✔ XXXXXXX- Three Bedroom, two bath, two living areas, sun porch, laundry room, outside storage, double garage. XXXXXXX

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, den, 1 car garage. $500/ monthly, $300 deposit. Will sell $42,000. 697-0000.

2 BEDROOM, 2 Bath. 510 ECR 129. $400 monthly, $200 deposit. 682-9847.

★ DUPLEX FOR LEASE- 2 Bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage, fireplace. 3009 Mark Lane- $625 monthly. 697-4306.

★ 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace, 4401 Pasadena. Rent/ $675, Sell/ $59,900. 685-4159.

2 BEDROOM Duplex, 212 Mitchell. $400/ monthly $200/ deposit. Water Paid. Appliances. No pets. 570-7485.

625 Houses Unfurnished

3230 CIMMARON: 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 2 car garage. Pool, spa, parquet floors, $850/ monthly, $500 deposit. Please call 697-3719.

4805 STOREY. Available on 7/17/99. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. $550 per month, $250 deposit. References required. Call Linebarger Properties, 685-5066.

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, living area, single garage, central heat and air. $400 Security deposit, $495 monthly. 4415 Versailles. 580-5483.

FOR LEASE- 4204 Greentriar Dr. Large 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. fireplace, sprinklers, $1,000/ month, $700/ deposit. 1 year lease. 699-7368.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH house near downtown. Central heat and air. $495/ $300 deposit. 683-5497.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 living areas. $650/ monthly, 6 month lease. 689-3713, pager 567-3161.

LOVELY TWO bedroom, one bath, one carport, new paint and tile, large rooms, $450, no pets. 4801 "A" Harvard. 620-9222.

✔ 3 BEDROOM- 2 BATH houses $650 to $750 month. 1 & 2 Bedroom houses and duplexes $295 to $550 month. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

SAGEWOOD: ONE Bedroom Studio, $450 monthly, $150 deposit. 683-5497.

TOWN PLAZA; 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath, $400 monthly, $200 deposit, Call 682-7885.

1 AND 2 Bedroom Apartments. $300/ $400. 1 Year Lease. Beautiful Courtyard. Availabel Now! 697-5074.

THREE 3 BEDROOM, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage. $750 and $800. 684-4945.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath townhouse for lease. Located near Alamo "YMCA. Please call 683-1091.

TWO BEDROOM condo. Washer/ dryer, fireplace. Very cozy. $395/ month , $200/ deposit. 570-6900/ 570-0511

SAGEWOOD CONDOMINIUM- 1 Bedroom, excellent location, washer/ dryer connections, upstairs. $350/ month. Call 699-7720.

3 BEDROOM, 2.5 Bath, 2 car garage, 1,600 sq. ft. Northwest Midland, $750/ month plus deposit. 685-1980, 694-7597.

LARGE ONE Bedroom condo in quite secure complex. New carpet and ceramic tile. Landscaped patio. $350/ monthly, $225/ deposit. 697-1335.

LAFAYETTE PLACE: West Texas most elegant townhouse complex. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, $1,400. 684-0996.

FAIRGATE Townhomes, northwest side, 6 and 12 month leases, 2 and 3 bedrooms 1600 sq. ft. livable; all appliances, fans, fireplaces and garages. 697-9566.

2,000 SQ FT Townhome for lease. Quiet complex of professional people. 3 Large bedrooms, 2.5 baths and dressing rooms. City utilities and gas furnished. Yardman and swimming pool with clubhouse. 501 Scharbauer, Unit 40. $550/ Month. For details, call Chaparral Realtors, 915-686-7000.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurn.

SPECIAL- MOVE in for $150 deposit, free water. Small two bedroom on Cloverdale, $275 rent due August 1st. No pets, 694-2047.

FOR RENT: Country living, peaceful and quiet. Very nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Great landscaping, very neat and clean. 570-8606, ask for Darrell after 6PM.

NOW AVAILABLE; 2/ 3 Bedroom mobile homes, all appliances, fenced yards, extra clean! Deposit required. No vicious dogs. 687-6324.

2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath., Fenced yard, washer dryer connections. 3415 Cotton Flat Road, space H-1. $250/ monthly, $125/ deposit. No pets. 682-1608, leave message.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

It's Your Move us out at "VILLA CHATEAU"

Spacious 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartment Homes

*$150 Off 1st Full Months Rent

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1 Bedroom Starting at $325

3300 Calder Blvd.

699-1698

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682-8495

RENTALS FROM $450 TO $2200

4178 MEELY-2BR, 2BA, 2 carport, formal dining	$450mo.
3907B STOREY- 3BR, 2BA, formal dining, sunlus room	$500mo.
*3330 CALDERA #245 SAGEWOOD CONDO-2BR, 2BA, pool, covered parking, washer, dryer, refrigerator, water paid, ceiling fans	$525mo.
2307B- 3BR, 2BA, 2 carport, Very Special	$675mo.
3203 FRONTIER-3BR, 2BA, 2 living, car port, remodeled	$700mo.
807 KANSAS- 2BR, 2BA, hot tub, just perfect	$725mo.
3619 BAUMAN-3BR, 2BA, 3 living, 2 car	$750mo.
3305 SHANDON-46 R, 2BA, 2 living, lots of updating	$750mo.
4421 HUMBLE-3BR, 2BA, 2 car, Great Plan	$775mo.
3909 BUCHANON- 3BR, 2BA, 2 car, on cul-de-sac	$800mo.
2211 HUNTINGTON-3BR, 2BA, 2 living, 2 car, screen patio open	$850mo.
2201 HARVARD -4BR, 3.5BA, 2 Living, RV Covered Parking	$1,100mo.
4311 ST. ANDREWS-3BR, 2BA, 2 car, util. rm., 1 yr. old townhome	$1,200mo.
3702 BERMUDA CT.-4BR, 3BA, wet bar, hot tub	$1,250mo.
3106 METZ-4BR, 2BA, 3 living, form. dining, updated	$1,275mo.
4308 A GLENEAGLES-3BR, 3BA, 2 car, util. rm., 1 yr. old townhouse	$1,400mo.
3807 WEDGEWOOD-4BR, 3BA, wetbar, whirlpool bath, water & yard PD	$1,500mo.

OWNER AGENT

655 Mobile Homes Unfurn.

GREENWOOD SCHOOL- 2 and 3 bedroom, free cable TV, no pets. Please call 634-5330.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, fenced yard, Greenwood School District. Call 915-620-0427.

→NEW TODAY←

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, 16 X 80. $550 monthly. $550 deposit. Serious inquiries only. 689-4378.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

★ WITH FREEDOM of Choice, you will choose Airline Mobile Home Park! Pool, Laundry, Beauty Salon, Massage, Tanning, Gift Shop. 694-2534.

MOBILE HOME and/ or RV spaces. Large shade trees, laundromat, convenient location. 332-4976.

MOVE IN special; $59 monthly, regularly $100. Security fence around park. Paved roads. 550-7505

685 Bus. Prop./ Office Rent.

OFFICE SPACE Available July 1, 1999 at North Park Executive Center, 731 West Wadley Ave. For information call, 687-1572.

APPROXIMATELY 2,100 square feet available in office complex. Between two prominent physicians. Call 694-5552, for information.

3 OFFICE, reception, file room, $500. 3108 N. Big Spring. Contact Beverly Vaughan, 686-2008.

1 Office, $100. 3108 N. Big Spring. Contact Beverly Vaughan, 915-686-2008.

OFFICE/ WAREHOUSE space for lease. 500 square foot office- 2,000 square foot warehouse. 2130 South Loop 250 West. Call Gene Abbott 563-2422.

AVAILABLE 3 room office, new paint/ carpet 3108 N. Big Spring. Contact Beverly Vaughan, 686-2008.

OFFICE/ WAREHOUSE 1,000 sq. ft. $250, also 1,500 sq. ft. $450. Close in, air/ heat, secured yard. 683-5697, 682-4789.

SINGLE OFFICES, entire suites, free parking, secretarial services, copiers, faxes, phones provided at very reasonable rates. 4500 W. Illinois, 201 E. Michigan, 602 N. Baird. Call Midland, 620-1500.

4305 "B" West Illinois: Three rooms, 1,000 square feet, retail office. $450 monthly, water paid, 689-7107.

REDUCED 2- 3- 4 room ground floor offices. Park at door. Some at $5 per square foot. Near downtown. BILLS PAID Call Don Roderick. Langston Realtors, 682-9495.

667 Commercial Property

PREMIER LEASE office space available; 2,785 square feet on Wadley Avenue. Suitable for law practice or multiple office set- up. Immediate occupancy available, negotiable. For a tour of space call Mike St. Germain at 694-7584.

FOR LEASE: all sizes and types of properties, office, warehouse, retail. 800 to 40,000 sq. ft. Some with fenced yards. 683-8681.

667 Commercial Property

FOR LEASE. 3201 West Front. Ideal for auto, industrial, etc. With overhead doors. 1,900 square feet and up. Call Carl, Stephenson Realty 570-0127.

670 Warehouses/ Storage for Rent

4,500 SQ. Ft. dock high warehouse space available. Midland Industrial Warehouse, 2601 W. Industrial. $425/ monthly. 684-3838.

SALE/ LEASE. 11,000 square feet. Suitable for manufacturing- paint/ body shop- church- storage. Office space, 2 bath, secure yard/ parking. 1400 Cotton Flat Road. 559-4719.

WORKSHOP- Ceiling fans, skylights, 30' x 50'. Includes utilities 697-6960.

675 Recreation Resort

RUIDOSO 1 BEDROOM Condo. Nightly/ weekly rentals, accommodates up to four. 682-8314/ 694-2500.

RUIDOSO Rentals nightly Cabins, condos, some hot tubs. Century 21 Aspen Realty. 800-657-8980.

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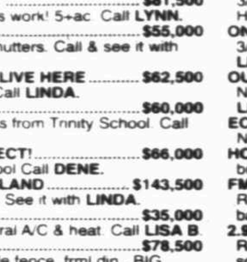

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Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA.	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA.	Qualifying Assumable
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