

Monday Morning

Willie Swindell

When he was growing up near Tyler, Willie Swindell watched as a neighbor woman pulled a gun and demanded his father give her a calf from the family's farm. More than 50 years later, it's a memory that continues to serve as a reminder of the racism Swindell experienced./**1B**

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countdown to 2000

Today: In 1933, Captain Roscoe Turner landed his "Lockheed low-wing with retractable landing trucks" at Midland after six-hour flight from Los Angeles.

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TODAY
Cloudy with a high near 85. Weather on 2A





LHS softball

Without strong pitching, you're pretty much dead in the water in high school softball. That is the major reason Midland Lee has been so successful in its five-year state playoff run. And the Lady Rebels should be set in that department for at least two more years. The Lee pitching staff consists of Brandie Row and Mandy Hacker, both sophomores. Row hurls from the right side and Hacker from the left.

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Columbine letters

LITTLETON, Colo. — They wrote to say how sorry they were about the massacre at Columbine High. One woman in Eagle Creek, Ore., wrote on behalf of her 5-year-old son. "On the news they kept showing a young man crawling out of a second story broken window on to the top of a police van. Could someone please let us know how he is? This picture in particular bothered our son."

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Japan trade

WASHINGTON — Disputes over trade and the pace of Japan's economic reforms will be on the table when President Clinton meets today with Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi. Clinton wants Obuchi to pursue revitalizing Japan's economy swiftly, by any means necessary, in order to bring greater stability to the rest of Asia.

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Food stamp drop

WASHINGTON — More than 1 million people have vanished from Texas' food stamp rolls in the last three years, to the dismay of anti-hunger activists who say the drop cannot be attributed solely to the state's vibrant economy or federal welfare policy changes.

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Despite rumors, violence declining

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

For all parents, it's a nightmare: the thought of their son or daughter being threatened by violence, especially a knife or a gun. No doubt the nightmare has become all the more vivid in recent weeks after the shootings in Littleton, Colo., that left 14 students and a teacher dead.

But if police statistics are any indication, incidence of weapon use, threats, gang activity and assault have been on the decline in Midland public schools this year — even amid the highly charged atmosphere after Littleton.

"Overall, things are declining," said Chief Dan Walkenshaw of the Midland Independent School District Police Department.

In spite of a recent swirl of often terrifying rumors, Midland schools have seen only four weapons incidents on campus this school year — two involving guns, two involving knives. Three of those occurrences were last semester. Most recently, a student at one of the freshman schools this month was found to be in possession of a dagger.

Before that, a student at Lee High School last December dry-fired at other students in the parking lot after a football pep rally. He was expelled for one calendar year this semester and his weapon was recovered from his home with his parents' permission.

Still, the numbers are down sharply from a year ago, when there were 10 weapons incidents, and continues a downward trend from years past. In 1995-96, for example, weapons incidents peaked in Midland schools at 23 and have been dropping ever since.

But does the decrease mean safer schools or does it mean a lapse in enforcement? Arguments are strong that it means the former, say police.

In the last few years, MISD police have added three officers to their arsenal.

"These kids are very smart. They know we've got better coverage, and they know they can't get away with stuff they could maybe two or three years ago," said Walkenshaw.

The addition of two justices of the peace to Midland County also has helped, said Walkenshaw, since those justices now handle for the district all the Class C offenses, except for traffic violations.

"They have aggressively really been doling out punishment," said Walkenshaw.

Sgt. David Colburn, who served as the school district's first gang officer a few years ago, said even gang activity has decreased — at least on the campuses.

Fighting amongst students is one phenomenon that does not seem to be diminishing significantly. Though there have been significantly fewer fights reported this year than last year — 212 compared to 372 — and 139 assaults compared with 229 a year ago, numbers in 1994-95 were comparable.

As for copycat gangs in the wake of the Littleton shootings, Colburn said that has not been a problem. After Littleton, there have only been two separate, isolated

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'Midland's Alternative Fuel'

City focuses energy on little-known factor in local economy: tourism

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

In a single weekend in early March, Midland's economy gained an $845,000 boost as 4,100 out-of-town visitors flocked to the Tall City to attend a variety of sporting events and conventions.

For Midland County in 1997, the most recent figures available, travelers spent $138.6 million with tax revenues of $8.47 million. About 2,300 Midlanders were employed in tourist-related jobs with an annual payroll of $55.9 million.

As National Tourism Week is celebrated this week, such figures are why the Convention and Visitors Bureau are calling tourism "Midland's Alternative Fuel."

"If you took tourism out of the picture, in terms of jobs alone it would be equal to Midland Independent School District," said Richard Ross, director of sales and marketing for the Hilton Midland & Towers. He called tourism an "underutilized, underappreciated and underexposed" vehicle for the generation of revenues for Midland.

Jane Phares, director of the Petroleum Museum, chair of the CVB Tourism Committee and a sponsor of tourism week in Midland, said that many visitors come because they're visiting someone in the area, while others come through Midland during a vacation trip.

"That's what the CVB's tourism board is looking at — what can we do to make them stay overnight?" she said.

To that end, the tourism board is looking at ways not only to get visitors to come to Midland but to make Midlanders aware of what the city has to offer, Ms. Phares said.

One way, said Shura Lindgren, director of convention and visitor development for the CVB, is a new promotional video expected to be completed in the next 60 days. It will be shown to not only local groups that are working to bring events to Midland, but to out-of-town organizations or individuals interested in the area.

She estimated that leisure travel brings 53 percent of the visitors to Midland, visiting friends or family, local attractions or sporting events or going on hunting trips. Business reasons bring in the remaining 47 percent of the city's visitors.

The sixth annual Cinco de Mayo Futbol Festival, which helped kick

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File photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Conventions or sporting events — such as the TAGS swim meet in March, above, or the Cinco de Mayo soccer tournament, at right — bring in people from out of town who pump fresh money to the local economy by staying at local hotels or motels and patronizing local restaurants and stores.



Family members and supporters coming along with the athletes to sporting events such as the Cinco de Mayo soccer tournament, can increase the amount added to the Midland economy.

Midland radio ministry to aid in reuniting Kosovo refugees

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Midland-based Blessings For Obedience worldwide Christian radio ministry is joining in an effort to put a 1,000-watt FM radio station in northern Albania near the Kosovo border to help reunite thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The refugees were forced out of their homes in the Kosovo region of Yugoslavia by Serbian forces, and many are separated from their families.

"This forced exodus has separated family members and caused death and famine and all manner of heartbreak for these precious people," said Kelly Coleman, BFO president. "The ethnic cleansing carried out by Yugoslavian President (Slobodan) Milosevic has taken a terrible toll," Coleman said. "Even now, we have put our dear American servicemen in harm's way to try to put an end to this madness."

■ American POWs released./3A

In his 13-year BFO ministry, Coleman

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Look, ma! No hands!

District Attorney Al Schorre does a balancing act after the handle bars came off his tricycle during a race Saturday afternoon. Schorre, Midland Police Chief John Urby, Sheriff Gary Painter and Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler competed during halftime of a Midland Police Department-Midland County Sheriff's Office basketball game at Midland High School gym. The game was for the benefit of March of Dimes.

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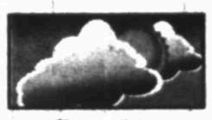
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Midland forecast

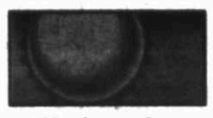
3-day forecast



Today
Cloudy
High 85
Low 55



Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 88
Low 56



Wednesday
Sunny
High 85
Low 49

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Winds will be from the south to southwest at 10 to 20 mph. The high will be near 85.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. The low will be around 55.

Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 88.

After an overnight low of 43, Sunday's high reached 83, compared to the record high for that date of 96 set in 1992. The record low of 34 was set in 1970.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.02 in.
Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.02 in.
Total for year	1.76 in.
Normal total yr to date	2.33 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

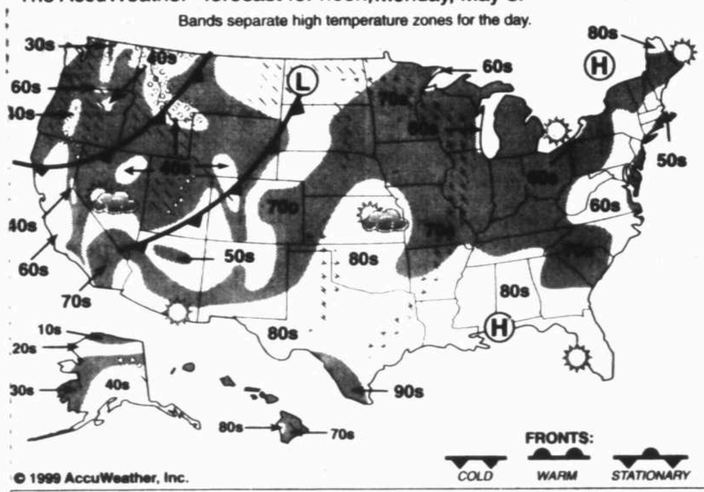
High	83
Low	43
Normal high	84
Normal low	54

Sunrise ... 7:01 a.m. **Sunset** ... 8:31 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, May 3.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



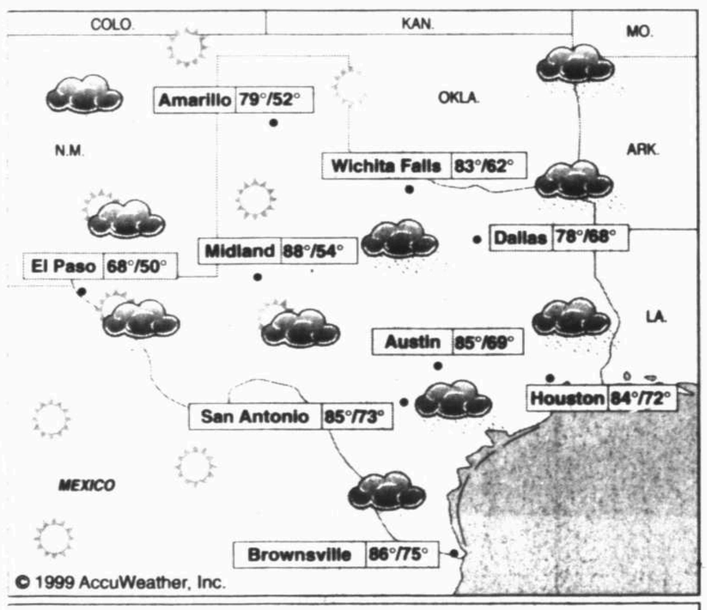
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:00 p.m. EDT

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	77	42	cdy	
Albuquerque	71	41	cdy	
Anchorage	44	30	cdy	
Asheville	72	37	cdy	
Atlanta	76	48	cdy	
Atlantic City	62	39	clr	
Baltimore	68	44	cdy	
Billings	70	42	rn	
Birmingham	79	45	cdy	
Bismarck	69	52	rn	
Boise	52	44	rn	
Boston	59	44	cdy	
Buffalo	75	45	clr	
Burlington,Vt	78	41	clr	
Casper	63	42	mis	
Charleston,S.C.	71	53	.49	clr
Charleston,W.Va.	76	39	clr	
Charlotte,N.C.	72	48	cdy	
Cheyenne	50	34	.45	cdy
Chicago	73	42	cdy	
Cincinnati	75	49	clr	
Cleveland	72	41	clr	
Columbia,S.C.	74	53	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	76	49	clr	
Concord,N.H.	34	75	clr	
Dayton	47	73	clr	
Denver	37	49	.26	cdy
Des Moines	52	71	cdy	
Detroit	47	72	clr	
Duluth	43	78	clr	
Evansville	45	75	clr	
Fairbanks	31	34	.08	sn
Fargo	52	79	cdy	
Flagstaff	27	50	.04	cdy
Grand Rapids	43	72	clr	
Great Falls	42	62	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	46	68	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	36	74	clr	
Helena	43	60	rn	
Honolulu	71	81	cdy	
Indianapolis	47	73	clr	
Jackson,Miss.	47	79	clr	
Jacksonville	52	61	cdy	
Juneau	33	44	.43	rn
Kansas City	49	72	cdy	
Las Vegas	55	73	cdy	
Little Rock	79	51	cdy	
Los Angeles	63	53	cdy	
Louisville	77	50	clr	
Memphis	79	52	cdy	
Miami Beach	82	60	clr	
Milwaukee	68	41	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	77	50	cdy	
Nashville	79	46	cdy	
New Orleans	80	58	cdy	
New York City	66	49	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	54	50	1.40	cdy
North Platte	59	49	cdy	
Oklahoma City	73	57	.08	cdy
Omaha	69	48	.02	clr
Orlando	74	54	clr	
Philadelphia	67	48	cdy	
Phoenix	83	57	cdy	
Pittsburgh	75	43	clr	
Portland,Maine	60	35	clr	
Portland,Ore	54	44	rn	
Providence	69	40	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	70	45	cdy	
Rapid City	63	47	cdy	
Reno	57	51	cdy	
Richmond	61	43	.03	cdy
Sacramento	63	46	.04	cdy
St Louis	77	48	cdy	
Salt Lake City	44	59	cdy	
San Diego	56	64	cdy	
San Francisco	49	57	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	76	92	clr	
Santa Fe	36	54	cdy	
St Ste Marie	46	77	clr	
Seattle	43	54	.08	rn
Shreveport	53	77	cdy	
Sioux Falls	52	71	cdy	
Spokane	35	61	.09	cdy
Syracuse	41	74	clr	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	52	68	cdy	
Topeka	54	73	cdy	
Tucson	48	70	clr	
Tulsa	57	75	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	48	67	clr	
Wichita	56	71	.11	rn
Wilkes-Barre	42	72	clr	
Wilmington,Del.	44	68	clr	

State forecast



Via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

By The Associated Press
Sunday
Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.:

	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	80	58	0.91
Amarillo	71	42	1.00
Arlington	66	59	1.50
Austin Mueller	74	65	
Brownsville	83	74	
Corpus Christi	78	72	
Corsicana	71	60	0.45
Dalhart	72	35	0.26
Del Rio	81	66	0.01
Denton	65	58	0.43
DFW Airport	65	59	0.76
El Paso	78	49	
Fort Stockton	86	50	
Galveston	80	70	
Hondo	72	66	0.05
Houston Intrcntl	81	59	
Huntsville	80	61	
Junction	75	62	0.01
Laredo	79	70	
Longview	73	54	0.21
Lubbock	73	44	0.13
Lufkin	79	54	
Marfa	79	36	
McAllen	85	74	0.01
McKinney	m	m	
Navy Corpus	78	73	
New Braunfels	77	65	
Palacios	79	70	
Paris	64	55	
San Angelo	84	62	0.08
San Antonio	73	66	0.24
Terrell	68	58	0.45
Tyler	70	58	0.29
Victoria	80	65	
Waco	73	63	0.04
Wichita Falls	73	59	0.42
Wink	86	45	

RUMORS: Violence declining in MISD

(From 1A)

incidents at high schools of individual students wearing black trench coats.

"They were taken to the office and told that's probably not a good idea," said Colburn. "The schools are just taking a zero-tolerance (approach)."

Security has tightened at all levels, say administrators, especially in cases where weapons are involved.

When a student is caught with a firearm on school grounds, the sentence is mandatory expulsion lasting a calendar year. Last semester, however, there was at least one incident when a student successfully appealed his expulsion, arguing that he had left his shotgun in his truck after hunting the day before.

"I wouldn't believe anybody today who said they forgot," said Superintendent Joseph P. Baressi Jr. "The atmosphere is too charged."

Right now, Baressi said, the district is expelling students for mere verbal threats.

"There's no question that everyone is sensitized. We're getting reports ... We're running all that stuff down," Baressi said. "We are sensitive to what kids are wearing on their clothing, what they're writing in their notebooks, what they're saying to each other."

The added vigilance and post-Littleton hysteria have sent MISD police on a number of wild goose chases recently, chasing down rumors that often lead to nothing.

But officers say they have seen firsthand how the threats themselves can amount to violent acts. Walkenshaw spoke with a junior high student last week who had received a threatening note at school.

"She was just shaking violently all over ... It opened my eyes to the fact of how this is completely traumatic to these children."

While there were four arrests made in April alone on charges of terroristic threats — each at junior high schools — the number of threats reported in Midland schools is lower this year than last year, when there were 29 terroristic threats reported.

This year, there have been 17 reported, though that figure may shoot upward as a number of ongoing investigations into numerous threats unfold.

But no matter the numbers, Baressi warns against taking too much solace in any improvements.

"This is the kind of thing we can't make any mistakes on," Baressi said. "We almost have to have a perfect record."

Anyone with any tips about threats or possible violent activity at Midland schools should call Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

CITY: Tourism called the 'alternative fuel'

(From 1A)

off Tourism Week, brought in 125 soccer teams from throughout the area, Mexico and as far away as Guatemala. The soccer tournament is expected to bring 3,500 visitors and $750,000 in direct visitor spending, she said.

Pete Flores said he expects some of those visitors to eat at the Whataburger he manages on Interstate 20.

Flores estimates that 20 to 30 percent of his restaurant's business is from out-of-town visitors, many traveling by the Tall City on I-20 or staying in town to attend a convention.

"We show the visitors a lot of hospitality and a lot of my employees know what's gong on around town," he said. "I encourage them to be aware of what's going on, like I'll remind them of the soccer tournament this weekend."

Said David Bushman, general manager of Putt Putt Golf & Games, "Our business is totally dependent on tourism, and, using the definition of tourism as 'travel for recreation,' I think Midlanders can be tourists in their own town," he said.

At his business, "every day this month we have out-of-town groups coming in" from school and church groups from outlying areas like Fort Stockton, Alpine, Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma and even Odessa.

Last year, when the Greenwood Independent School District hosted a band festival, Putt Putt hosted eight of the 10 participating bands, and Bushman said he expects similar results this year. And in March when more than 900 athletes participated in the Texas Age Group Swim Meet, a number of participants found their way to Putt Putt, he said.

Realizing that employees like his are the ones who have the most interaction with out-of-town visitors, Bushman said they "are trained to greet the customers 'like they write my check,' because they do. Everyone has gone into a restaurant or even our business and not been treated like they're the reason the business exists, and they are the reason we exist. Without the tourist or customer, we wouldn't have a reason to open our doors."

Sports events such as the just-completed soccer tournament are an increasingly important part of the tourism puzzle, said Monty Hoppel, general manager of the Midland RockHounds.

"Obviously, we have a lot of attractions. Midland has a lot to offer the surrounding communities, but we're the only professional team within a 300-mile radius. You'd have to go to El Paso or Dallas to see a professional ball game," he said. "We actively market to 14 or 15 surrounding communities and promote ourselves as a West Texas team even though we're the Midland RockHounds."

If the proposal for a new sports complex featuring a new football-soccer field and baseball stadium is successful, the sporting business in Midland "could explode," he said. "We could host more football playoff games, attract nationally televised baseball games and host more soccer and baseball tournaments.

"It's not only great for bringing in people from out of town but great for the people who live here. It's a quality-of-life issue."

Vic Hardy, executive sales director at Victorian Inn & Suites and vice chair of the CVB, said that "aside from the oil patch, which is an interesting place for people to visit, Midland also has many things to offer like the Petroleum Museum, Museum of the Southwest, the Haley Library. We have a good climate and it's a good place for conventions. It's a smaller city and easy to get around."

The city's size and attractions also fit in with the latest trends in leisure travel, said Ms. Lindgren.

"The trends in leisure travel right now is people are taking more frequent weekend trips and less frequent extended trips," she explained. "We have enough attractions for a couple of days, we're affordable for young families and we have activities for senior visitors."

Ms. Lindgren said a majority of the city's visitors are from within the state. But the Petroleum Museum has hosted a number of bus tours from various parts of the country — and even from Canada — that specifically targeted West Texas, Ms. Phares said.

That has been a bonus of working at the museum, she said.

"You as an individual traveler know how much fun it is to go somewhere and learn about a different place. We get travelers here off Interstate 20 all the time and it's as much fun to learn from them as it is to teach them about us. We learn from each other."

Flores of Whataburger agreed. "I enjoy it personally. We get visitors from places like Florida and California. The other day we had a couple from Virginia."

The Hilton's Ross sees the tourism industry as a key to the city's future.

"With the fixation on oil revenues, we've had trouble seeing the alternative of tourism in generating revenue and jobs," he said. "Our oil economy is hanging in the balance and our future is unstable. We owe it to our children to find a stable source of revenues for the economy."



Source: Desert Analytic, Texas Department of Economic Development & U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Bobbie Scott/Reporter-Telegram

Win two tickets on Southwest Airlines

In conjunction with National Tourism Week, May 2-8, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and Southwest Airlines are sponsoring a contest in which the prize is two tickets to any Southwest destination.

The winner will be drawn from all correct entries received by the Midland CVB by Thursday. Fax: 682-9205; Drop-off: 109 N. Main St.; Mail: P.O. Box 1890 Midland Texas 79702-1890. The winner must be 18 years of age or tickets must be claimed by parent/guardian. The winning entry will be drawn Friday.

* * *

1. List the six cities to which Southwest Airlines provides non-stop service from Midland.
2. What historic Midland landmark is the home of the Summer Mummers?
3. Which U.S. president is a member of the Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame?
4. What is the name of the Midland RockHounds' mascot?
5. Where do people go on Summer Sunday evenings to enjoy free outdoor concerts?
6. What internationally famous annual event occurs at the Confederate Air Force headquarters during the first weekend of October?
7. What is the cash crop at Susie's South Forty?
8. What recreational facility featuring water activities draws visitors to Midland in the summer?
9. How many jobs in 1997 were created directly as a result of visitor spending in Midland County? A. 950, B. 1750, C. 2300
10. What $35 million facility opened its brand new doors in January 1999 to welcome visitors to Midland and West Texas?

KOSOVO: Group helping with refugee effort

(From 1A)

has set up amateur radio stations for Christian missionaries in the Americas and other lands.

"We are progressing with our plans to put a Christian FM (radio) station right in the heart of the refugee camp in northern Albania right on the Kosovo border," Coleman, 42, said.

Coleman is seeking donations to purchase the transmitter and attendant equipment, including compact-disk player and tape deck. The radio station equipment would cost $10,000, he said. An additional $40,000 is needed buy 2,000 solar-powered, fixed frequency (91.5 megahertz) portable radios at $20 each to distribute among the refugees.

Displaced Kosovo fugitives as of late April numbered 917,000, according to the reputable Britain-based The Economist magazine. Of those, about 357,000 are in Albania. Others are in adjoining lands.

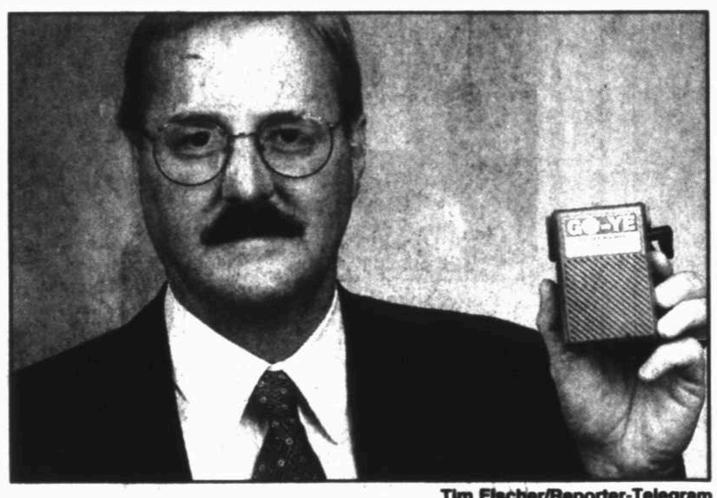
The transmitter's tower and antenna are to be placed on a mountaintop for maximum line-of-sight broadcasting over an 80-mile radius, Coleman said.

He said that Midlander Don Cook of Quad-K Christian radio station is donating a directional FM antenna and feed-line cable for the station.

Albanian pastor Sali Rahmani of Tirana, the capital of Albania, will be broadcasting "the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these many thousands of predominantly Muslim ethnic Albanian refugees," Coleman noted.

In addition to helping reunite separated family members, the broadcast is to give information on locating "medical and other humanitarian aid," Coleman said.

"He (Rahmani) has a pure heart for the Lord," said Coleman, who may be heading to Albania within four weeks to help set up the station and antenna tower. Rahmani, who "will be reading names over the air" to help refugees locate their families, is to broadcast 12 to 14 hours a day, Coleman said.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midlander Kelly Coleman, president of Blessings for Obedience, holds one of the more than 1,000 mini radios that will be sent to Albania so people can tune in to Christian broadcasting.

Dale Moseley of Greater Love Ministries of Colorado Springs, Colo., and his family are to distribute the radios to the refugees. They are to assist Coleman and Canadian Allan McGuirl, who heads up Galcom International, in installing the station and rigging.

The radios are about the size of a pack of cigarettes but twice as thick. They are manufactured by Galcom in Hamilton, Alberta, Canada.

In setting up the radio station and distributing the solar-powered radios, "there are risks involved, for sure, because we are right in the middle of the war zone," Coleman allowed. "Plus, Albania is kind of a staging ground for Muslim terrorist groups. We are there as a mission to reach those and change their hearts."

Donations may be sent to Blessings For Obedience (BFO), P.O. Box 2315, Midland, Texas 79702, attn. "Kosovar Radio Fund."

BFO's phone number is 915-687-3816, fax number is 685-3506 and e-mail address is BFO@XC.org.

Correction

Midland has sold 15 million gallons of airplane fuel to the military during the time Paul Erdmann has been the city's military consultant.

Also, the 1990 air show at Midland International Airport did not feature the SR-71 Blackbird, the U-2 spy airplane, and the B-52 Stratofortress.

These items were incorrect in a story in Sunday's edition.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the editing errors.

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Three released American soldiers arrive at U.S. base in Germany

RAMSTEIN, Germany (AP) — Three U.S. soldiers released by Yugoslav authorities stepped off a plane at a military base in Germany on Sunday to salutes from their Army buddies and wild cheers from a flag-waving crowd.

Their arrival after more than a month in captivity capped an emotional, daylong journey by land and air from Yugoslavia's capital.

"Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, free at last," they chanted as they walked across the Yugoslav border into Croatia hand-in-hand with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who arranged their release in Belgrade hours earlier.

There were no signs that the soldiers' release would prompt a new diplomatic initiative or a halt in the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia.

NATO kept up intense attacks Sunday on Kosovo and elsewhere in Yugoslavia, making more than 600 sorties over a 24-hour period. The alliance acknowledged that it was responsible for the strike on a bus north of the Kosovo capital, Pristina, on Saturday that Yugoslav officials said killed 47 people.

NATO also said an American F-16 went down in hostile Serb territory on Sunday, but the pilot was plucked to safety by NATO search-and-rescue forces and is in good health. NATO blamed the F-16 crash on engine failure and said it was investigating.

The freed soldiers, dressed in Army fatigues, were exuberant and appeared healthy, standing tall and walking briskly when they left Yugoslavia. But they still showed signs of the cuts and bruises they suffered when captured on a patrol mission along the Macedonia-Yugoslav border on March 31.

They told journalists that they were treated humanely but they were glad to be out.

"It's a great relief to be free," Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, of Smiths Creek, Mich., said during the stop at the Croatian border town of Bajakovo. He said his scars and bruises came from his capture and after that, "the maltreatment stopped."

"We were treated very well," Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles, added later before boarding the plane to Germany. "We're doing good, we're healthy. As you can see we're very happy. Mostly happy."

On the night before their release, the soldiers said, they were too excited to sleep.

A nine-man color guard with six flags and a 27-man honor platoon, dressed in full combat gear, from the soldiers' own division greeted their C-9 military plane as it arrived at Ramstein Air Base from Zagreb, Croatia. As the soldiers stepped out, a jubilant roar went up from the 400 Army personnel and their families who had waited for hours on the tarmac with U.S. flags and big "Welcome Home" signs.

"It does not get any better than this!!!" read one huge banner hung with yellow ribbons from an aircraft stairway ramp. "God bless America" read another.

The three, carrying American flags folded under their arms, walked onto the tarmac, saluted the honor guard, then immediately boarded two UH-60 medical evacuation helicopters and were flown to the nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, a U.S. military hospital, for medical tests.

They arrived a few minutes later, waving and offering a thumbs-up to well-wishers before disappearing inside. Dr. Mack Blanton of the U.S. Army later told reporters that an initial evaluation showed the soldiers were "reasonably healthy" although they had some minor injuries that were still being evaluated.

He said they expected the soldiers to remain at the hospital for two to three days.

Jackson, who accompanied them out of Yugoslavia, said he would meet with President Clinton as early as today to deliver a letter from Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with proposals to end the five-week NATO air campaign and resolve the crisis, including a face-to-face meeting.

With persuasion, prayer, Jackson brings soldiers home

By Sonya Ross
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Looking a reluctant Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic in the eye, Jesse Jackson told him the time had come to let go of the three American prisoners he was holding. He held Milosevic's hand and prayed with him.

"I had to convince him of what his options were," Jackson told The Associated Press in an interview. "One of the failures of war is a failure of diplomacy, communication and trust."

Somehow, his preacher's persuasion worked on a Serb leader eager to change his image. Jackson emerged with the three soldiers in his custody, a joyful conclusion to what he said Sunday was the most dangerous of his forays onto hostile ground as a freelance negotiator.

"This mission was more volatile, and more violent," Jackson said. "We saw bombs exploding. The night we got there was the heaviest bombing. But it was worth the risk."

Jackson also came out of Belgrade holding a letter for President Clinton, undoubtedly a political coup for the man who is seen as both a necessity and an omnipresent gadfly at the Clinton White House.

But with the success came criticisms that Jackson let himself be used by Milosevic, that he coddled Milosevic by praying with him, that he is meddling by urging Clinton and NATO to find a way to return Milosevic's gesture.

Speaking Sunday from Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, Jackson made no apologies for pressuring NATO, saying "there are certain crises that deserve the highest level of presidential attention."

"Unless you talk, you cannot determine at what point your bombs are leading to the end," Jackson said. "We must look forward to a meeting, whether it's President Clinton or (British Prime Minister) Tony Blair. This war is so costly already, so deadly already, and can get worse."

The journey to Yugoslavia was Jackson's fourth trip to a foreign land to retrieve captured Americans. In 1984, Jackson went to Syria and won the release of Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman Jr., whose jet bomber was shot down during a raid over Syrian anti-aircraft positions in Lebanon.

Several months later, Jackson was in Cuba, talking Fidel Castro into releasing 48 American and Cuban political prisoners. In 1990, he helped win the release from Iraq of more than 700 foreign women and children detained as human shields against an American military attack after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Jackson said experience has taught him that freeing prisoners can open doors. He recalled that then-President Reagan called Syrian President Assad after Goodman's release.

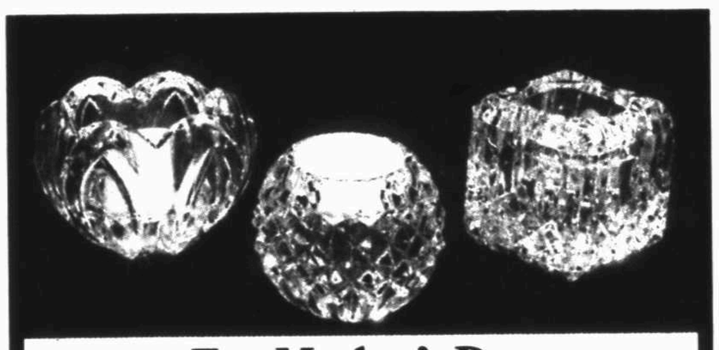
"It led to a greater ability to deal with Lebanon and Syria and the PLO at the time," Jackson said. "So I certainly hope there is a courteous response to (Milosevic) setting our prisoners free. He had the power not to do it. But he did it."

In his session with Milosevic, Jackson laid out this option: Milosevic could stubbornly keep the prisoners and watch NATO bombs make rubble of his nation. Or he could set them free and "build a diplomatic bridge" so that Yugoslavia would not become a permanent pariah.

At the meeting's end, they stood together. Jackson took Milosevic's hand and, along with other religious leaders in his delegation, prayed with him. He told CNN he felt there was nothing wrong with praying with Milosevic even though some critics viewed it as inappropriate.

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Japan's prime minister begins state visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disputes over trade and the pace of Japan's economic reforms will be on the table when President Clinton meets today with Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi.

Clinton wants Obuchi to pursue revitalizing Japan's economy swiftly, by any means necessary, in order to bring greater stability to the rest of Asia. Obuchi, who admits joblessness in Japan is likely to deepen, says he is doing all he can but that it will take time to reverse the worst recession Japan has experienced in 50 years.

"I have boldly implemented every kind of measure aimed at achieving Japan's economic recovery," Obuchi said Saturday during a speech in Chicago, the second stop on his U.S. tour. "At present, the United States is perfectly healthy and never catches a cold, but on the other hand, Japan has been ailing and losing its vigor for the last 10 years."

In spite of his efforts, Obuchi said, the rate of unemployment in Japan is 4.8 percent — twice the rate to which Japan is accustomed — and Japanese companies can be expected to cut more jobs, a sobering thought for workers in a land once proud of its promise of lifetime employment.

"This is a figure we have to face squarely," Obuchi said. "I am appealing for a reform of consciousness and efforts on the part of the entire nation ... Japan is capable of change and is, in fact, changing."

Obuchi is making the first official U.S. visit of a Japanese prime minister in 12 years. He meets with Clinton today at the White House. He also will meet with American business leaders to tout Japan's economic recovery efforts.

He arrived in Washington on Sunday, after stops in Los Angeles and Chicago, where he threw the ceremonial first pitch at a Cubs baseball game. A joint news conference with Clinton and a White House dinner also are planned for today.

The White House said Clinton would stress to Obuchi that although his reforms are showing some encouraging results, he must do more to open the Japanese market so that economic recovery will move faster.

"Japan has taken some constructive steps on banking and fiscal matters," said White House spokesman Jake Siewert. "But it's important that they continue to implement those policies in a sustained way and do more to open and deregulate their economy."

Taichi Sakaiya, Japan's minister of economic planning, said last week that Japan is content to "achieve growth in a timely and flexible manner" under the strategy Obuchi now is pursuing, "and then see if anything else needs to be done."

U.S. officials are worried that Japan cannot achieve the growth rate of 0.5 percent that Obuchi's government is predicting this year, since some Japanese and international forecasters say there will be negative growth well into next year.

They also note that Japan still lacks a plan for the economic recovery's second phase, several months after Obuchi took office and immediately began pumping billions of dollars into Japan's economy to try to end the recession.

Lael Brainard, deputy director of the National Economic Council, said Clinton has "a strong interest" in following up on Obuchi's recently stated commitment to removing the "heavy shackles" of regulation that are holding back foreign investment that can speed Japan's growth.

"The terms of the debate in Japan appear to be changing," Brainard said. "There seems to be serious examination of opening the economy to foreign direct investment, of getting bureaucrats out of the business of managing industries. There seems to be a new seriousness about deregulation in services industries. We will be very interested to talk about specific actions in those areas."

Today, the Clinton administration expects to announce agreement on a series of measures to further deregulate the Japanese economy. U.S. officials also are trying to reach a broad market-opening package with China as part of China's bid to join the World Trade Organization.

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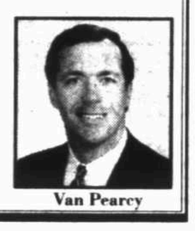
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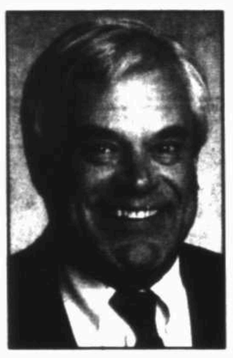
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Early treatment can reduce need for braces later

A teenager's need for braces is often precipitated by developmental problems in the bones of the mouth, says Dr. Grant E. Giles of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates. "If the cranial bones don't develop correctly, a child's teeth will not fit properly, which can lead to jaw problems and other difficulties," says Dr. Giles. "The earlier we catch these developmental problems, the easier they are to treat and the fewer other conditions may develop."


Early treatment can lessen the need for braces in teenage years, says Dr. Grant E. Giles.

Conventional wisdom has said that treatment should be delayed until all permanent teeth come in, around the age of 12 or thirteen, at which time braces can do all the work. However, using a removable appliance in children as young as four to six years old can stimulate proper growth of the cranial bones, allowing teeth to come in properly, without crowding. "Many developmental problems begin to show up at very early ages," Dr. Giles explains.

Heredity and habits play a big role in cranial bone development. If one or more parents or grandparents have had tooth or jaw problems, the child may inherit those characteristics. Thumb sucking, tooth grinding, tongue thrusting or the like can affect jaw and tooth development as well.

While this treatment will probably not eliminate the need for braces later, it can lessen their duration and make the braces more effective, because there will be less overlapping and impacting of teeth.

Here are some things to look for in deciding if your child needs to be evaluated: crooked or crowded teeth (even baby teeth), grinding teeth, tossing and turning while asleep, tongue thrusting, allergies and related ear problems, even attention deficit disorder. If your child exhibits two or more of these symptoms (or crooked teeth by itself), he or she could well be a candidate for these early intervention techniques.

Although treatment is indicated for children as early as four, Dr. Giles says some children may not be ready to accept the responsibility of wearing a mouthpiece-like appliance to bed until as late as eight years old. And, even though intervention is recommended for these early ages, older children may still benefit from a mouthpiece that stimulates proper cranial bone growth.

Does your child exhibit these symptoms?

If your child has two or more of these symptoms, he or she may have a cranial bone development problem. Children as young as four to six years old can be helped with a simple removable appliance.

Crooked or crowded teeth
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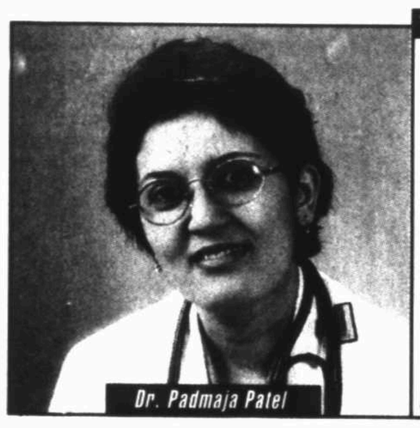
Typical treatment lasts six to 12 months, at which time Dr. Giles will re-evaluate your child to see if further treatment is necessary. He will check the bone growth as well as jaw development to determine if things are progressing normally.

Early treatment of cranial bone growth problems can have lifelong effects. "I treat many adult patients with Temporomandibular disorders who might have avoided those problems with early intervention," says Dr. Giles.

Early treatment with a removable appliance may well be the ounce of prevention that can lessen the pounds of cure needed later with braces or other treatments.

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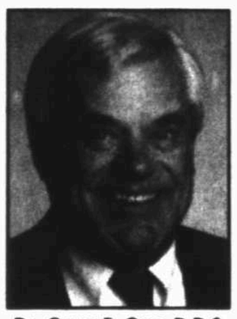
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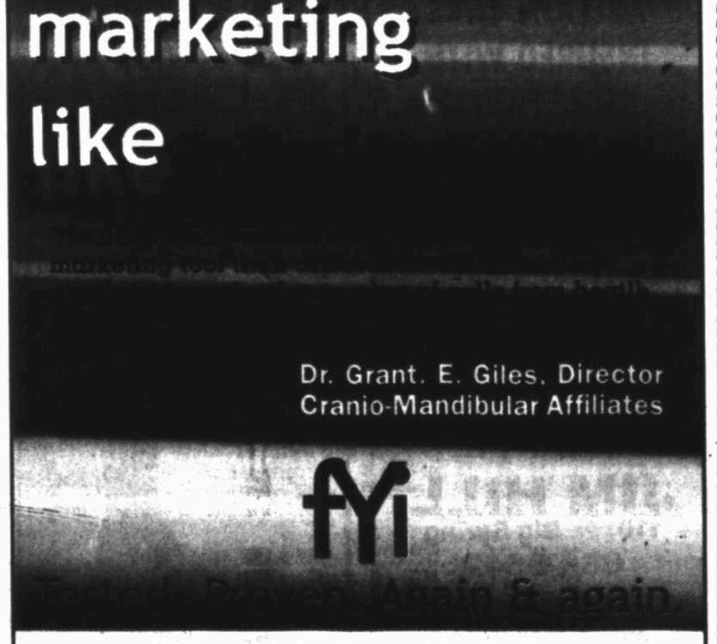
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Clinton welcomes POW release, refuses to halt airstrikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton welcomed Yugoslavia's dramatic release Sunday of three U.S. soldiers, but his administration rebuffed Slobodan Milosevic's request for a pause in the airstrikes and for a meeting with the president until the Serb leader agrees to all NATO demands.

"This gesture ... of goodwill cannot obliterate or overcome the stench of evil and death that has been inflicted in those killing fields in Kosovo," Defense Secretary William Cohen said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Cohen and other U.S. officials sounded a hard-line, suggesting Milosevic had simply engaged in a "PR stunt" in releasing the American prisoners. But the administration was coming under pressure from a variety of sources to seek a diplomatic end to the crisis — from the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who arranged the soldiers' release, to two top Republican leaders in Congress.

"As Jesse Jackson would say, 'Give peace a chance here,'" Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said on CNN's "Late Edition." "There seems to be some momentum. There's seems to be an opportunity. We should seize this moment."

House Majority Whip Tom Delay, R-Texas, told "Fox News Sunday" that Clinton should meet Milosevic to negotiate an end to "this failed policy of bombing for diplomacy."

The Russians, who have been seeking a diplomatic solution for weeks, won an audience with Clinton set for today. A spokesman for Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., said he had worked out a peace plan with Russian legislators in Vienna, Austria, requiring an armed international peacekeeping force in Kosovo. But Milosevic hasn't accepted yet and Weldon didn't have White House authority to negotiate.

Clinton gave little ground, insisting that NATO airstrikes, now in their sixth week, would continue unabated until Milosevic agrees to withdraw troops from the Serbian province of Kosovo and allow ethnic Albanians to return under self-rule and the protection of an armed NATO-led force.

"As we welcome our soldiers home, our thoughts also turn to the over 1 million Kosovars who are unable to go home because of the policies of the regime in Belgrade," Clinton said in a statement. "Today we reaffirm our resolve to persevere until they, too, can return — with security and self government."

The president said he was grateful to Jackson, whose personal mission to the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade won freedom for the prisoners of war after more than a month in captivity. They were flown, with Jackson, to an Army hospital in Germany and were to be reunited with their families as soon as today.

Clinton also discussed the latest developments in a 15-minute phone conversation Sunday with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, a White House official said. In talks with Moscow, which opposes the airstrikes, Milosevic has suggested allowing ethnic Albanians to return to Kosovo under protection of a lightly armed U.N.-led force — proposals U.S. and NATO officials have rejected.

Former Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin plans to meet today with Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, presidential spokesman Jake Siewert said.

Senior administration officials questioned Milosevic's motives.

The POWs' release comes as intensifying NATO airstrikes attack 40,000 Serb forces in the province of Kosovo and the Yugoslav president's sources of power, including TV transmission stations and military, party and personal headquarters. A freshly imposed U.S. embargo on all but food and medicine to Serbia and a European Union ban on oil shipments also is tightening the economic noose.

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Honoring Bullock isn't problem, it's price tag!

There is a move afoot to build a high-tech state history museum — and to name it after former Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. In fact, the bill — Senate Bill 494 — won preliminary approval from the Texas House on Thursday.

Honoring Bullock, who served Texas in a number of elective capacities during a political career that spanned 40 years before his January retirement, in such a manner is certainly a worthwhile undertaking. As secretary of state and comptroller, Bullock earned a reputation as a tireless watchdog against waste and corruption in state government. And as lieutenant governor — the most powerful political position in Texas — Bullock was responsible for guiding Texas through some of its most challenging economic times.

Although he remained loyal to the Democratic Party, Bullock was not a partisan and would judge politicians not on the political stripes but on their character.

While Texas governors have historically gotten the acclaim politically, the fact is that from the standpoint of power, it is the lieutenant governor who holds all the political power in Texas. Bullock wielded that power with class — always looking out for the best interests of the people of Texas, calling a spade a spade, and telling the voters the truth regardless of the repercussions.

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Where there was a dollar to be saved, Bullock would point out how that savings could be realized for the taxpayers of Texas. In fact, that is really the only problem we see with Senate Bill 494. We think Bob Bullock would say that the $14.4 million price tag for constructing the museum and $3.5 million cost to operate it is too high. He would be right; that is a lot of money.

But it's worthwhile honoring someone with the gumption to say such a cost is too high. Too few politicians possess that candor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, May 3, the 123nd day of 1999. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 3, 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

On this date:

In 1916, Irish nationalist Padraic Pearse and two others were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1921, West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax.

In 1944, U.S. wartime rationing of most grades of meats ended.

In 1945, Indian forces captured Rangoon, Burma, from the Japanese.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

In 1971, anti-war protesters began four days of demonstrations in Washington, D.C., aimed at shutting down the nation's capital.

In 1978, "Sun Day" fell on a Wednesday as thousands of people extolling the virtues of solar energy held events across the country.

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labor government in parliamentary elections.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

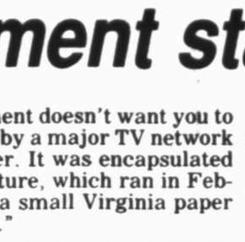
Ten years ago: PLO leader Yasser Arafat, ending a two-day visit to France, said the PLO charter calling for the destruction of Israel had been "superseded" by a declaration urging peaceful coexistence of the Jewish state and a Palestinian state.

Five years ago: President Clinton presided over a televised forum from Atlanta, during which he denied suggestions he'd vacillated on foreign policy, but said global problems were more difficult than he'd imagined.

JACK ANDERSON

Government stays secretive about Y2K plans

The story our government doesn't want you to know was broken not by a major TV network or national newspaper. It was encapsulated instead by a front-page picture, which ran in February on the front page of a small Virginia paper called "The Potomac News."


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Captioned "Y2K riot training," the photo depicted a Marine private trying to "force herself backward through a line of Marines during a civil unrest exercise at Quantico Marine Corps base" outside Washington.

In this case, unfortunately, a picture was not worth a thousand words. In fact, a Quantico spokesman denied the story and says the Marines were not, in fact, preparing for civil unrest. But the reporter (and photographer), Dave Ellis, stands by his story.

"They told me what the exercise was about and then asked me not to report it," he told us. "(The Marines) were worried that people would think they were painting helicopters black and training for a huge government crackdown at the millennium."

Such is the great dilemma behind preparation for the phenomenon known as Y2K: No one knows exactly what will happen to our technologically dependent lives when computer dates roll forward from "99" to "00" at midnight on Dec. 31. Yet planning for the worst-case scenario carries the danger of inciting panic and becoming a self-fulfilling prophesy.

This might explain why most military folks we talked to claimed no knowledge of any Y2K-specific preparations. But we have learned that the U.S. military is quietly planning a sophisticated social-response network in case civil unrest should erupt. It was confirmed to us recently by Sen. Robert Bennet, R-Utah, who chairs a special Y2K Technology Problem Committee.

"This problem is everywhere and nowhere all at once," Bennett told us. "We can only take a snapshot of portions of infrastructure and attempt to provide the most accurate information we can. But there is simply not sufficient time to understand where all the problems are going to surface, so we must be practical and prepare for the worst."

In the worst-case scenario, public alarm spreads rapidly as vital services such as health care, public safety and utilities are temporarily disrupted by computer breakdowns. The stress, of course, is on "temporary." The technology exists to repair every line of computer code and every embedded chip that malfunctions as a result of the date change — eventually. Most experts suggest that people prepare for Y2K like they might prepare for a winter storm.

Thomas Barnett, director of a Y2K security project through the U.S. Naval War College, spearheaded the effort to have the military respond to social unrest.

"We figured eventually the Department of Defense would look away from their computers and frenzied efforts to repair computer code and see the whole big world," Barnett told our associate Kathryn Wallace. "It is becoming generally accepted now that the computer problems won't be the worst of (Y2K) but rather the social problems that will cascade from the computer malfunctions."

Barnett says his team has been coaching every branch of the military — indeed even the Marines — since last fall, planning drills and simulating Y2K breakdowns. Just this week, Barnett plans to take some military and FBI people to the World Trade Center to develop possible responses to a stock market crash.

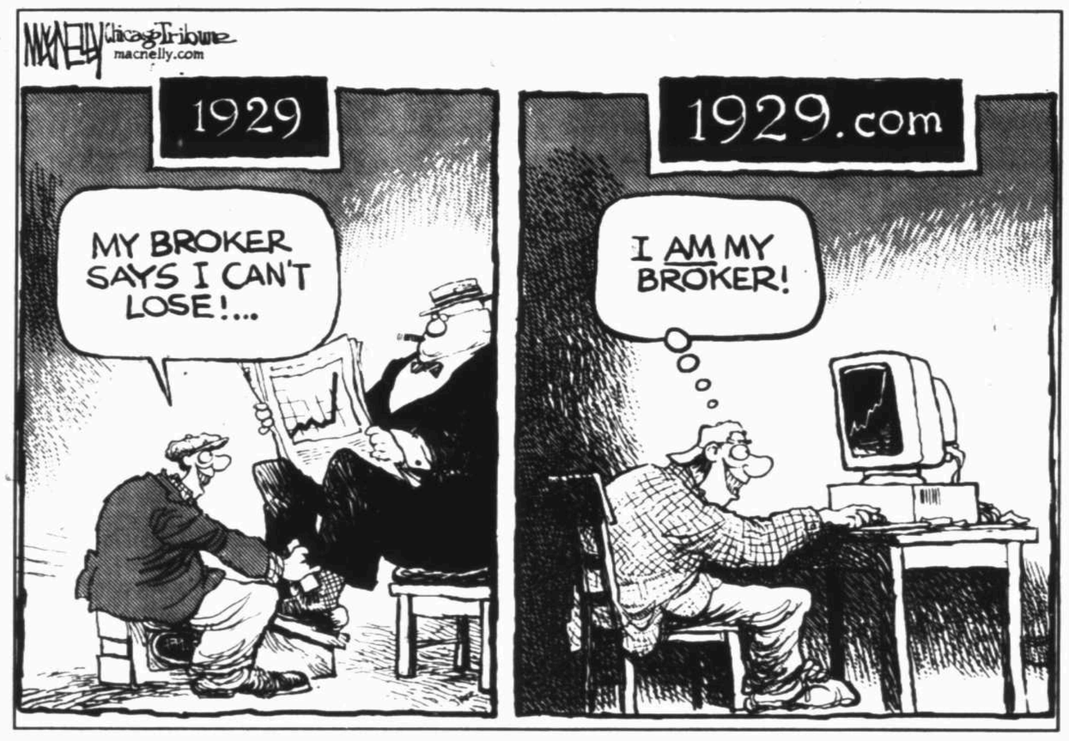
Later this month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will also hold a national "table top" simulated scenario drill — similar to the "war games" played out in the military — which will pull together all emergency and military resources. FEMA, along with the National Guard, is responsible for coordinating state and local responses to Y2K problems while the State Department will cover international social problems.

But it is a small agency within the FBI, quietly created by Janet Reno recently, that will be the federal authority for any national Y2K repercussions. The agency, The National Domestic Preparedness Office, is now up and running — and preparing — despite the fact they don't officially exist; Congress has yet to approve its budget.

UNDER THE DOME — Who says Republicans are humorless? The GOP "Theme Team," a group of conservatives who get together once a week to discuss strategy, is still having fun with Hillary Rodham Clinton's description of a "vast right-wing conspiracy" out to get her husband.

A recent Theme Team flier advertising a luncheon added a "Conspiracy note" at the bottom: "In related news, a special meeting will take place in the Linda Tripp Auditorium after the Theme Team meeting to view a special, two-part film: Part 1 — 'The National Security Breakdown in the Executive Branch, 1993-Present'; Part 2 — 'Efforts to Cover it Up.' The secret conspiracy handshake is required for admission."

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DAN RATHER

Rocky mountains send U.S. a message

LITTLETON, Colo. — It is springtime in the Rockies. There is no more glorious sight anywhere in the world. Blossoms sparkle on the mountains' lower reaches. The peaks are still covered with snow.

This is the "purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain" we Americans sing of with lumps in our throats.


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It is also the view just beyond Columbine High School.

Side by side: Columbine and "America, the Beautiful." Since the massacre, we must all ask, "What has happened to this country?"

So much has changed. We live in a nation barely recognizable from that of our youth, much less the country in which our fathers and mothers were reared.

Ours is no longer a society in which it's unimaginable that kids can turn schoolyards into killing grounds.

I grew up in Texas, central to the "gun culture" sociologists describe. We were trained from early childhood how to use firearms. First BB guns, then shotguns and rifles; handguns were less popular than today.

But the first time we ever saw or handled any weapon more powerful than those was the day we joined the armed services. Now, machine guns, assault rifles, grenades and bombs are readily obtainable even by children.

And although we got into pretty hairy fights, it was considered cowardly to use a knife — and guns were out of the question. That attitude has changed: Now, many children consider pulling a gun in an argument as natural as raising a voice.

As for entertainment, it's misleading to say we see more violence today than ever before. In Shakespeare's day, Londoners could watch the harrowing "Titus Andronicus," then walk into the street where comparable tortures and murders went on, often sponsored by the state.

More recently, cowboy and cop shows have depended on intensive gunplay — but it's also misleading to deny that violence is much more graphically depicted in today's entertainment than it was a generation or two ago.

What's unquestionably changed is ACCESS to violent entertainment. Before channel-surfing, the VCR, the Internet and video games, there always came a time when violent programming went off the air. Eventually, you had to watch something peaceable — or turn off the set. Today's kids can watch mayhem around the clock.

So what now are parents and neighbors to do? How can society cope with these and other changes? What, if anything, could have been done to prevent the tragedy of this Rocky Mountain spring, and what can we do to prevent a repetition?

Truthfully, there may be no foolproof way to keep violence out of our schools. Minds capable of scheming to kill as many of their classmates as possible are probably capable of devising deceptions, alternate strategies and ever more complicated plots. Or else future attacks may be so unplanned, so random, that we can't predict them.

However, that answer doesn't seem to satisfy many people. Since the Columbine massacre, experts and politicians have crowded the news pages and airwaves with proposed solutions and preventions.

The politicians divide into two camps, equally opportunistic: One says gun control is the answer, the other says improved family values will keep kids from running amok.

(Cooler heads might believe that both could be worth a try. But cooler heads don't have much to do with politics these days.)

The message from the mountains this spring is that the greatest desire of children is to feel safe, and the greatest responsibility of adults is to keep them safe — whatever it takes. And in that, we are failing.

We stumble and grope for answers, as we long for an America that used to be, but that we know will never be again.

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CHARLEY REESE

Entertainment industry reinforces killing message

The first thing to note about the tragedy at Littleton, Colo., is that there is no rational explanation for madness, nor is there any way to predict when it will express itself in violence.

Some people these days refuse to face the fact that some things cannot be prevented.

The second thing to note is that more laws won't help. I don't know why some people cannot see the obvious fact that laws do not deter the criminal or the madman. Laws are only obeyed by the people who aren't criminal and aren't insane and therefore need no legal restraints. Their own inner moral compass guides their behavior.


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If you recognize that people who need to be restrained aren't restrained by laws, and people who are restrained don't need to be, then it should be obvious that laws, any kind of laws, are a whole lot less useful than people today think. A proliferation of laws is always a sign of societal decay.

The root of most problems with kids lie with the parent-child relationship. A child wants the love and approval of parents more than anything else. If a parent withholds that, or if the child thinks it is being withheld, then damage is done. Children know that love equals time. It is impossible to convince children that you love them, but you don't have time for them. Some parents try to do that and try to make it up by buying stuff. (One of the killers had a BMW.) It doesn't work. Time equals love. Love equals time. It's an iron law of reality.

Finally, let's remember the logical rule that a constant cannot be the cause of a variable. The constants in American society for more than two centuries are easy access to firearms and troubled adolescents. Firearms are far less accessible today (there are more than 20,000 gun-control laws) than they were just 50 years ago. The transition between childhood and adulthood is always difficult.

The new factor, which children today face that children of earlier generations did not face, is a commercialized culture of violence, death and nihilism. Three-piece suits at the head of giant corporations constantly feed American children this poison in the form of films, videos, video games and music.

Understand that it is the corporation executives — not the writers or performers — who are responsible. Any writer, actor, artist or musician will tell you that the gatekeepers are the corporations. It is the corporate types who have the power to say yes or no, and what they say no to doesn't get recorded, produced, published or marketed.

The entertainment industry has changed its approach to violence in two important ways. First is volume. Even movies that involved violence in the old days rarely had more than a few people killed. Today, in some movies, 10 or more people will get killed during the opening credits. So the volume of violence has been pumped way up by the entertainment moguls.

The second, more dangerous change has been that violence is today presented in a flippant, amoral setting. In the old days, even when the good guy had to kill the bad guy, the act of killing was depicted as a serious, sad and regrettable action. Violence was always depicted within a moral framework, the last resort of the good struggling against the evil.

Today, killing is often presented in a flippant, emotionless manner, as if the death of a human being was inconsequential. In many films, the so-called hero kills a man, cracks a joke; kills a man, cracks a joke, etc. Violent video games preach the same message — killing is OK, even amusing. The federal government, which legalizes abortion and prefers bombs to talks, reinforces the message of the entertainment industry.

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Retailers open early for 'Star Wars' toys sales

NEW YORK (AP) — The Force is with "Star Wars" fans, and it's telling them to hit the toy stores early and spend, spend, spend.

The most-hyped line of movie-themed merchandise in history — for the still unreleased "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" — is finally going on sale on a studio-imposed schedule, and fans and retailers aren't wasting a minute.

In an unprecedented move, Toys R Us stores around the country decided to open their doors at 12:01 a.m. today for an all-night selling marathon of toys based on the movie. Some FAO Schwarz stores planned to open from midnight to 2 a.m.

Wal-Mart and Kmart called in extra staff for their 24-hour stores to handle the post-midnight crowds. Many stores planned to limit the number of items a customer could buy to prevent immediate sell-outs.

By 5 p.m. CDT, some fans were already lining up to get first dibs on the new merchandise.

"We've been getting lots of phone calls and there are already people out there," said Randy Perkins, a manager at the Wal-Mart store in Rome, N.Y. "We expect this to be a busy night."

Even the virtual stores were ready for middle-of-the-night surfers with an itch to buy. Internet merchants Amazon.com and eToys planned to open their online "Star Wars" stores just after midnight.

Fans had been waiting for months to get a glimpse of the vast array of goods — from action figures to wigs to body lotion to snack food — tied to the movie, which opens May 19.


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Nation conveys anguish over Columbine in letters

By Michelle Koidin
Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — They wrote to say how sorry they were about the massacre at Columbine High. They wrote of their tears. They wrote about their concerns for the wounded and the frightened.

One woman in Eagle Creek, Ore., wrote on behalf of her 5-year-old son.

"On the news they kept showing a young man crawling out of a second story broken window on to the top of a police van," the woman, who signed her letter "The Hill family," wrote in bubbly cursive. "Could someone please let us know how he is? This picture in particular bothered our son."

If Patrick Ireland could write back right now, the woman would be relieved to know that he is getting better from his head wounds. Still in the hospital, the 17-year-old's condition has been upgraded from serious to fair.

The South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce has received dozens of letters. Hundreds more have arrived at a special post office box set up after the April 20 shootings, in which 12 students, a teacher and the two student gunmen died.

Some are Hallmark cards; some are written longhand on notebook paper. Some are typed or laser-printed; some are posters signed by entire senior classes in other parts of the country.

Few want a response from anyone. Some offer help, some offer understanding.

"I want you to feel better at this sad time," wrote Kalen, a second-grader at Moon Mountain School in Phoenix. "I lost my dad like you lost your son or daughter."

She drew a smiley face on her letter.

One of her classmates sent a drawing of heaven. Little stick-figure angels stand on clouds, and one cloud says "Cheer up!" And Carly, another classmate, wrote: "Dear Denver, I hope you feel better. I am so sorry!"

Many of the cards and letters were inspired by live television images of terrified students running from the school and then recounting the nightmare in interviews.

"Please give this card to the girl I saw on TV that stated she begged the gunman not to shoot her," wrote Laverne A. Kammerzell of Woodward, Okla. "She resembled my granddaughter so much. My heart was broken to think she begged for her life for 30 minutes and then saw the girl in front of her get shot."

One woman wrote that she and two sons — one in high school, one older — were glued to the TV the day of the attack.

"My two boys that were there with me were so upset and concerned about everyone and how the students were doing, and I caught myself crying," wrote Joyce Hulett of Buckner, Mo. "I did not let my family see me during that because they were already upset enough."

The writers have done a lot of crying, tears for people they've never met.

"My tears may not be seen by you, but they were shed in pain from the loss of your children," wrote Kelly Wayne of Brandon, Fla. "I pray for a great move of God to help you understand that angels don't always get to stay here as long as we'd like them to."

A woman in Idaho wrote that she wept until she had no more tears.

"I cried as I heard the three young people talking," wrote Valerie Pareja of Boise. "How the young man forced the girls to the floor, and then covered them with his body, to shield them. To keep them safe. To sacrifice himself for them. That was the most wonderful display of love I have ever seen."

Most writers lamented their helplessness.

"We sincerely wish there were something we could do to physically relieve your pain but there is not," wrote Sandy Ayers, representing a Star Trek club in Indianapolis.

Randy Larson of Findlay, Ohio, said he wished he could help in some little way. He hoped his letter would do.

"Remember," he added, "there are others that are looking on and know how much it hurts."

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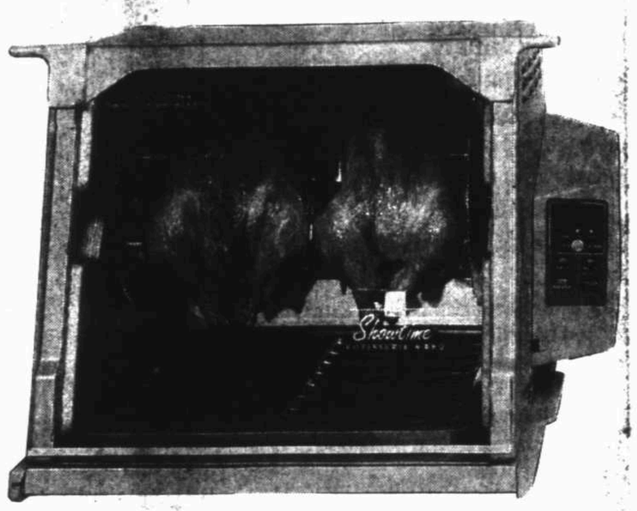
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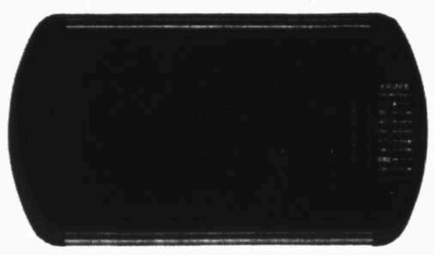


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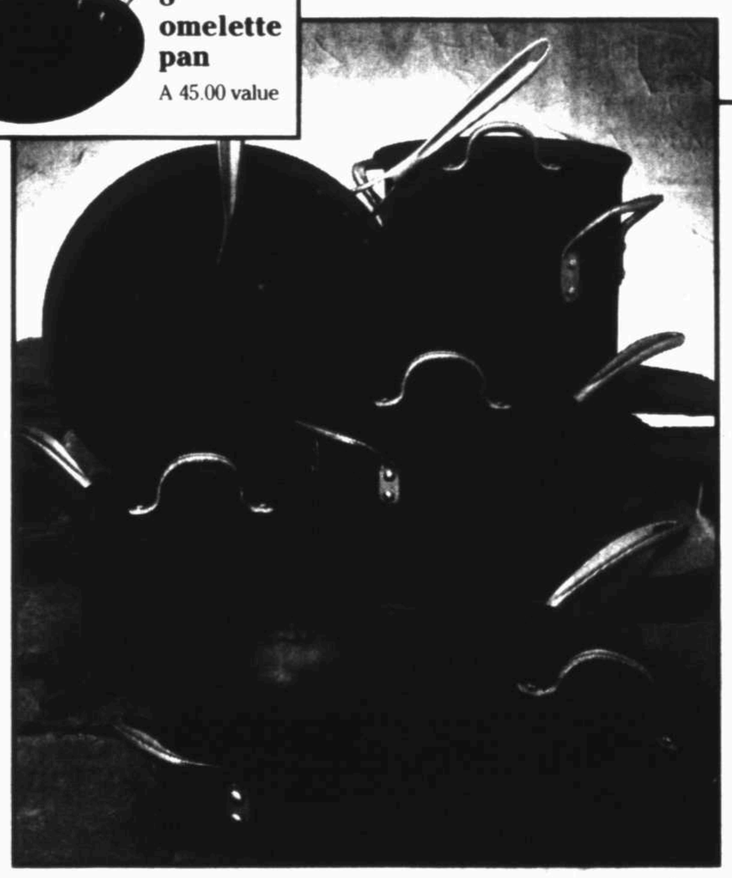
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Ponderings

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm older ... here's what I've discovered. I started out with nothing ... I still have most of it

When did my wild oats turn to prunes and All-Bran?

I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded

All reports are in. Life is now officially unfair.

If all is not lost, where is it?

It's easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

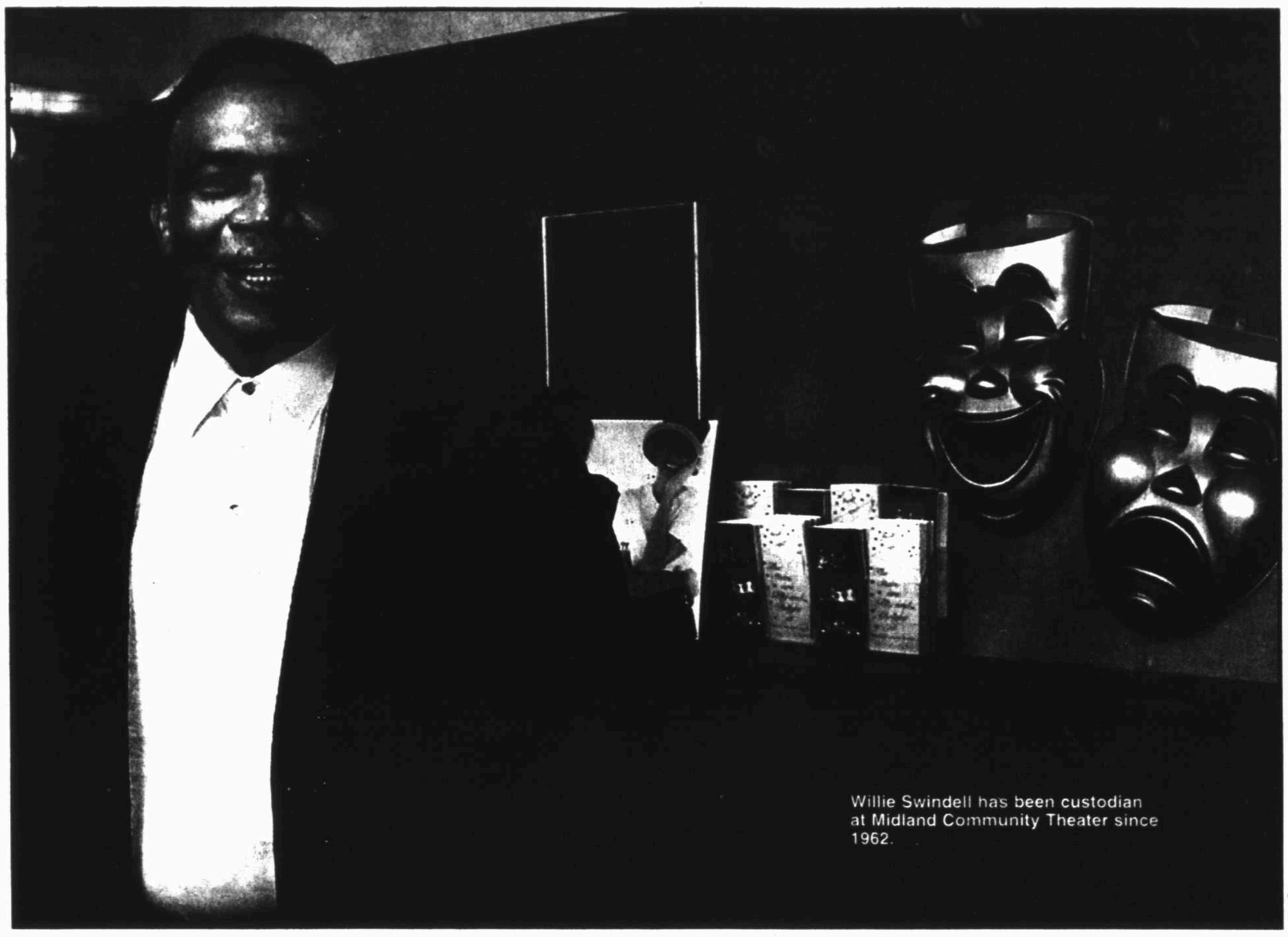
I went to school to become a wit, and only got halfway through.

Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant.

Parenting terms

DUMBWAITER
one who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.
FAMILY PLANNING
the art of spacing your children the proper distance apart to keep you on the edge of financial disaster.
FEEDBACK
the inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.
FULL NAME
what you call your child when you're mad at him.
GRANDPARENTS
the people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.
HEARSAY
what toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.
IMPREGNABLE
a woman whose memory of labor is still vivid.
INDEPENDENT
how we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.
OW
the first word spoken by children with older siblings.
PRENATAL
when your life was still somewhat your own.
PUDDLE
a small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.
SHOW OFF
a child who is more talented than yours.
STERILIZE
what you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it.
TOP BUNK
where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.
TWO-MINUTE WARNING
when the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar grunting noises.

PERSON TO PERSON



Willie Swindell has been custodian at Midland Community Theater since 1962.

Willie Swindell

'My goal in life was to get locked into a community'

When he was a small boy growing up near Tyler, Willie Swindell stood next to his father and watched as a neighbor woman pulled a gun and demanded his father give her a calf from the family's farm.

More than 50 years later, it's a memory that has forever stayed with Swindell. A memory that also continues to serve as a reminder of the racism in East Texas that Swindell experienced.

His is a story of success, though. Of making something of your life, being proud of what you've done and the family you've raised.

Swindell has been the custodian at Midland Community Theatre for 37 years. When he was offered the job, Art Cole, for whom the present-day facility is named, told Swindell that he would hold the job open for as long as it took the soon-to-be custodian to decide. Three months later, Swindell called Cole and told him yes. And he's been a fixture ever since.

Perhaps it's because of stories like this:

A former MCT employee tells of how one day a theater-goer was attending a production. The woman lost a very valuable gold bracelet, and Swindell stayed long into the night until he finally found it. When he told the woman it had been recovered, she offered Swindell a reward, but he refused it. Swindell continued to refuse and the woman continued to insist. He finally did accept what turned out to be a substantial amount of money. The next day he gave the money to his church.

Swindell won't tell stories like that. But his friends will. And he has plenty of friends.

In his younger days, Swindell never envisioned himself in the role of what he has become today: a theater buff.

He is partial to musicals; "The Sound of Music" is a favorite. He was a walk-on in "Miracle Worker" several years ago, though, acting is something that will likely never get into his blood.

"It scares me to death," Swindell said. "When you're sitting there waiting to go on, it just scares you to death."

Swindell admits when he first came to Midland he didn't even know there was a theater. Now it would be hard to imagine the place without Swindell's ever-presence.

Aside from the love he has for his job, his family and church are also at the top of his list.

Please See **SWINDELL**/2C

Story by Jimmy Patterson *Photo by Tim Fischer*

JIMMY PATTERSON

We can no longer say that we had it harder than our kids

Not for a minute would I ever pretend to know how it feels to be a kid again.

But stop for a minute and think about it: what must your teenager feel like going to school today? Can you even imagine?



Patterson

If you're reading this and you're 30 or older, it's likely a safe assumption that you never had to worry about being shot in home room.

You never had to worry about whether the box being carried by the guy sitting next to you in science class contained a hamster he took home for the weekend or a handgun he bought over the weekend.

You never had to sit around the dinner table talking to your parents about how you didn't want to go to school the next day because of an e-mail a friend got. An e-mail that says if you come to school wearing blue or red or, name a color, you will be shot until you are dead.

You never had to worry about going to the library and watching your teacher die trying to protect you or a classmate.

You never had to worry about duffle bags filled with propane bombs.

When you were a teenager, I think it's probably a safe assumption you had some friends that were "outcasts"; kids who, for whatever reason, chose to be different. When we were kids, we labeled them black sheep or different or weird or, God forbid, misfits. Today, we just call them killers.

Imagine going to school today wondering if you will be coming home that evening. Imagine.

You can't, can you?

The other day driving to work, I was listening to the radio. It was an advertisement for a gun shop. The gun shop wanted you, the listener — the parents of teenagers — to know that they had everything you need: guns, knives, shotguns, rifles and ... military style guns.

Exactly why would someone advertise having military style guns for sale two days — or for that matter two years — after the shooting at Columbine?

A violent society? Such an advertisement only goes to further prove a point we already know is sadly true.

I don't believe there has been a day go by since the Colorado shootings that my kid hasn't needed to talk, or cry, or vent.

On Tuesday, May 11, this newspaper and Channel 9 will co-sponsor a town hall meeting addressing the issues of violence in schools. Such a forum will provide a unique opportunity for teenagers and parents alike to talk things over. Try to come if you can. It begins that night at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, at FM 1788 and Hwy. 191.

Through all the analysis that has surfaced since the shootings, no one seems to have come up with a definitive answer as to why this is all happening. And there is no clear-cut cause or solution.

As a parent, it is clear only that we are scared. Scared for our families and for the safety of our teens. For those who don't just have teenagers, but also younger children, we're scared for their future, too.

When I was a kid, I naively thought that by the time I had reached adulthood, married and become a father, America would have somehow solved its drug and crime situation. Silly me. It was a foolish thought, but it got me through several years.

As my oldest kid started school seven years ago, it became clear that time was running low for my notion to come true. The window of opportunity for cleaning up society's problems I had hoped for was closing.

The closer we came to secondary school, when many kids become bolder and develop a bizarre sense of immortality, the more apparent it became to me that America wasn't going to do anything about its problems. But, Americans could. It's not something that can be fixed by a committee or politicians. It's something that we have to fix one by one, as parents. It's not the answer to the whole problem certainly, but how can being a good parent hurt?

I saw a thought-provoking editorial cartoon last week. A teen comes home and tells mom, "Another dull, boring, totally forgettable day at school," to which mom thinks to herself, "Thank God."

I feel for school kids today. There may be a communications gap and a generation gap, but the fear of being gunned down or victimized crosses all gaps.

Remember the old cliche, "You think you have it bad; when I was a kid I ... (fill in the blank)."

That's not true anymore. Today's kids have it much worse than we ever did.

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Watch where you stick that light saber

DAVE BARRY

It's coming! Put your ear to the page and listen ...

BOM-bom! Bom bom bom BOM-bom! Bom bom bom BOM bom! Bom bom bom bom ...


Barry

That's right: It's the theme from "Star Wars," the movie series that gave the world a whole new lexicon, including such phrases as "the Force," "Death Star," "light saber," "lexicon" and "licensed merchandise."

"Star Wars" has become an important and cherished part of our shared cultural heritage, like Starbucks and Pez. And soon another chapter will be added to the "Star Wars" legend with the release of the long-awaited new installment in the series, entitled "Episode I: The Empire Gets a Building Permit." On the day this movie is released, millions of Americans will flock to movie theaters to share in the excitement and wonder of being told that the theater is sold out through October because all the tickets have been snapped up by crazed, drooling "Star Wars" geeks wearing officially licensed Han Solo underwear.

What explains the powerful appeal of the "Star Wars" series? Speaking as one who saw "Return of the Jedi" on video at least 14,000 times when my son was 4 and refused to watch anything else but also refused to be left alone with Jabba the Hutt, I would say that the key element is the theme of Good vs. Evil. Good is of course represented by Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), who has the Force, a mystical, universal power that causes him to be attracted to his sister. Fortunately, Luke gets over that and meets a wise Jedi master named Yoda (Raymond Burr) who trains Luke to harness the awesome power of the Force so that he can speak lines of really bad dialogue without laughing.

Along the way Luke meets many memorable characters, including Han Solo (Indiana Jones), Chewbacca (Sonny Bono), Princess Leia (Prince) and two quirky, lovable robots, C-3PO (Tony Danza) and R2-D2 (F7-Z9). After many hair-raising adventures, Luke finally goes to the Death Star (Marlon Brando) where he confronts Evil in the form of his father, Darth Vader (voice by Perry Como) and, in a heartwarming scene of reconciliation, beats him up. The dramatic climax comes when Luke removes the helmet from the dying Vader and gazes, at last, into the eyes of the person beneath the harsh, forbidding mask (Martha Stewart). In the end, Good triumphs over Evil, and Luke and his friends celebrate on the planet of the Ewoks, a race of fun-loving, short, hairy creatures (Robin Williams).

As humans, we relate to this timeless story because we all go through the same kind of moral struggle in our own lives. We have a Force within us, and sometimes we use it for Good, as when we decide to have a salad instead of a cheeseburger and fries; but sometimes we turn toward the Dark Side, as when we load up our salad with a fatty ranch dressing, or we take all the remaining artichoke segments from the salad bar, leaving none for the next person in line (Nick Nolte).

These timeless themes explain why we are all so excited that director George Lucas (Inc.) has decided, despite the very real risk that he will make billions of dollars, to come out with a new episode of "Star Wars." Until recently, specific information about the new episode was "Top Secret" -- nobody knew the plot except Lucas, the actors, and of course the government of China. Fortunately, however, I have obtained, from high-level sources who asked not to be identified (Al and Tipper Gore), specific details on the plot. If you don't want me to spoil the shocking surprise ending (Liam Neeson gets killed), stop reading right now, because here is ...

THE PLOT: There is big trouble brewing in the universe (California). The evil and greedy Trade Federation (Microsoft) is planning to invade the tiny planet of Naboo (Naboo), which is inhabited by a race of strange frog-like beings (the House Judiciary Committee). Two Jedi knights, Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon Jinn (Siegfried and Roy) go to Naboo, where, after overcoming numerous special effects, they are joined by the Naboo queen (Dennis Rodman). They escape in a space ship, but when the "D"-cell batteries in their light sabers run low, they are forced to land on the evil, Hutt-controlled planet of Tatooine (New Jersey). There they meet 9-year-old Anakin Skywalker (Danny DeVito), and they realize that he has the Force when he is able, without physically touching it, to raise and lower a garage door. After a meeting with the ancient Jedi Council (the Rolling Stones), Anakin and the others return to Naboo for a climactic finale in which Siegfried (Roy) battles with the evil warlord Darth Maul (Marv Albert) to determine who will ultimately control the tie-in rights for Star Wars collectibles (Pepsi). As the movie ends, we see the young Anakin preparing to face an uncertain future consisting of at least 14 more sequels, and we hear the stirring sound of ...

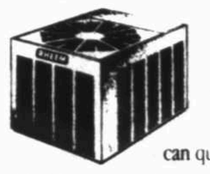
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...: and we feel the Force welling up from deep inside ourselves. And so we burp.

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Unsightly plastic bags stick to tumbleweed

TALKIN' TEXAN

At the super market checkout, they used to ask you if you wanted your items put in paper or plastic bags. They don't ask anymore. They just put your items in plastic sacks about the size of a woman's purse. When you get home to unload, you have about sixty little bags to haul into the kitchen.


Tumbleweed

What in the world do you do with all those little bags? In our house, we throw most of them away, saving a few to line small trash containers.

When we throw them away, we put them in our pantry trash can, which is huge and lined with a heavy duty plastic bag. When it gets full, we tie it up, put it in our big trash container, take it to the curb and the city guys come by and pick it up.

What happens after that is a mystery to me.

Why is that in every vacant lot you see about thirty seven of those sacks stuck on scraggly mesquite trees, flapping in the breeze. Where do they come from? I guess people buy some small item in a store that dutifully puts it in a plastic bag. Then when the item is taken out, the bag is discarded, floats around the car for awhile, then ends up blowing out when the car door is open. It is then at the mercy of the wind, which eventually takes it over to those mesquite bushes.

My wife says she notices a great number of city trash containers which have unbagged household trash dumped into them. That drives her crazy. The lids fly open in the wind and all the light garbage escapes. We enjoy the system we have in our town. The city supplies the large containers on wheels which homeowners fill up with trash and roll out to the streets and alleys twice a week for pickup. It makes for a quick and easy way to get rid of garbage.

Sometimes we take for granted the things that make our life easy. When we lived in Iowa during the sixties, we ran into a different kind of trash disposal system. All the cans had to be in one container. All the bottles had to be in another. There was one for the paper trash. We had to wrap all our food scraps in newspaper before placing it in still another container.

One day there was a knock at the door and the garbage men were there with the supervisor to inform us that we were using too much paper in wrapping our food scraps and could be subject to a fine. They actually took the time to go through our trash and examine it, confer about it and then make a house call. We mended our ways and from that day on were much more careful about the amount of wrap we used around our table scraps.

Our trash guys don't have time to sweat that small stuff. They do their job quickly and efficiently. They are good at what they do and take pride in their work. We do have a good trash system in Texas. We just need to find a way to keep those plastic bags from getting loose and blowing all over the place.

I know plastic bags are good for the oil industry, which is having its problems right now. They serve a purpose and fill a need. But what happened to those big paper sacks that held so much and were so easy to handle. Spring housecleaning might be a good time to devise some way to make sure those plastic sacks end up somewhere else besides a vacant lot.

Tumbleweed Smith is a folklorist and storyteller who lives in Big Spring. His radio program, "The Sound of Texas," can be heard weekdays at 11:23 a.m., on KMCM (96.9 FM).

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SWINDELL: Move to Midland turned out to be right for custodian

(From 1C)

"My goal in life was to be locked into a community," Swindell said. "I spend a whole lot of time in my church. It's done me good that I could help somebody. And I've been able to raise a family."

Swindell and his wife of 40 years, Mary Lou, have four kids and six grandchildren. He said his only regret was not being able to send his kids to college but they've obviously made up for that by all landing good jobs. The Swindell's daughters work in the oil field business as accountants, and his sons work for a McDonalds warehouse and with the City of Midland.

"All my kids turned out real well," Swindell said. "They've got good jobs and are well respected."

At a recent church meeting, Swindell's grand-daughter gave a speech explaining to the congregation that her grandfather was her hero.

Coming to Midland in 1956 turned out to be the right move for Swindell, who actually came as a visitor and ended up staying.

"At that time, the jobs in East Texas ... you just couldn't hardly find anything," he said. "I was raised on a farm and we worked from sun up to sun down.

"I came here to visit and stayed around. I got a job with Woolworth on the second day I was here and ended up staying. I guess they liked me."

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Little adjustments can deter big injuries on the job

By Carol Kauder
Scripps Howard News Service



Four years ago, Jeff Gagliardi was afraid his career as a graphic designer had come to an end.

"I had this incredible pain in my right hand, radiating up my arm. It continued to get worse," he says. He knew it had something to do with using a computer mouse - the means for accomplishing the bulk of his work in marketing communications at Exabyte in Boulder. "Every day after work, my hand was killing me."

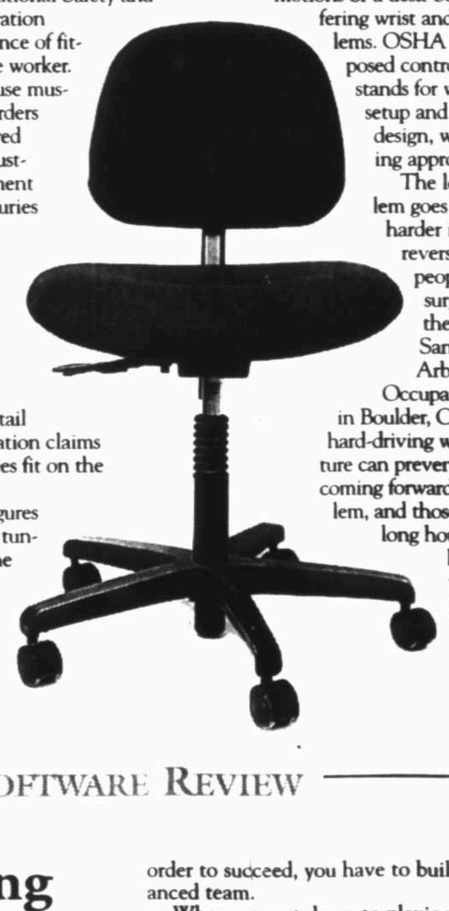
The pain interfered with everything he did, from swinging a hammer to tying his shoelaces. He tried using different mice and started physical therapy, but nothing stopped the pain. "I'm not exaggerating when I say I was scared," he says. "It's my livelihood."

One day, her therapist broke from her usual pattern of working on his hand and forearm and asked him how he sat at his workstation. He showed her, demonstrating how he reached his arm to use the mouse. The therapist was able to trace the root of his problem to muscles in the reaching action. She suggested he place the mouse directly in front of him, where most people have the keyboard.

"Within a few days, it was very obvious to me that it was a smart thing to do," he says. He has continued to work in that fashion, and the pain has not returned. He is now the art director for the high-tech corporation.

Ergonomic problems are pervasive

Gagilardi is one of many people to have suffered a repetitive-motion problem that was remedied through ergonomics. - what Occupational Safety and Health Administration defines as the science of fitting the job to the worker. While repetitive-use muscular-skeletal disorders can often be revered through small adjustments and movement education, the injuries can be severe and debilitating if allowed to develop unchecked. Almost unheard of 10 years ago, many major employers use ergonomics to curtail worker's compensation claims and keep employees fit on the job.



Nationwide, figures reflect that carpal tunnel syndrome is the most common work-related injury or illness to keep people home for more than 30 days, responsible for almost half of the cases of extended absence. Tendentious is the culprit in a quarter of cases, with fractures and amputations ranking in between OSHA reported more than 500,000 occupational illnesses in 1994, two-thirds of which were associated with repeated trauma, whether a mechanic injured through awkward motions or a desk-bound typist suffering wrist and neck problems. OSHA recently proposed controversial industry stands for workstation setup and equipment design, which are waiting approval.

The longer a problem goes untreated, the harder it becomes to reverse, forcing some people to have surgery or leave their jobs. Dr. Sander Orent of Arbor Occupational Medicine in Boulder, Colo., says the hard-driving workplace culture can prevent people from coming forward with a problem, and those who work long hours don't feel like they have the time to see a health professional.

Employees who do seek treatment in the early stages often respond well to physical therapy combined with work-station adjustments to prevent the problem from occurring again. But it might require some creative thinking to get to the root of the problem.

Employee education is a vital element in preventing injury.

"People who have to do lots of small movements are using the muscle without full range of motion," says Curtis Stepan, an ergonomist who works with Orent at Arbor. "My philosophy is whatever you are doing in the eight hours, you should do the opposite once an hour."

Jody Vigil, a physical therapist with Boulder Community Hospital's Occupational Health Services, says, "10 to 15 seconds of stretching will increase their circulation to allow muscles to recover from these conditions."

"A lot of my work involves not only the physical layout of the station but also providing education, what you do to mitigate what happens with your work," says Vigil. "It's technique as well as posture, how you pace your day, how you organize your tasks to recover from awkward positions or repetitive tasks."

"I don't think ergonomics is limited to a work space. Your whole lifestyle can be ergonomically improved," she said.

SOFTWARE REVIEW



Backyard Soccer

Company: Humongous Entertainment
Suggested Price: $19.99
System Requirements: Macintosh / Windows Hybrid

Even learning rules is fun

By spending a few afternoons with Backyard Soccer, kids will learn a surprising amount about the rules and strategies of their favorite competitive sport.

Like Droidworks, the soccer game (and its Junior Sports twin, Backyard Baseball) work best if the child has a leisurely couple of hours to explore, make up a name, design a uniform, build a team and play a game. Kids pick from a roster of players - male and female, all colors and sizes, with their strengths and weaknesses enumerated. In order to succeed, you have to build a balanced team.

When you get down to playing the actual game, the software allows kids to see the big picture that's hard to get while chasing each other around a field on Saturday morning. Humongous - makets of Pajama Sam, Freddi Fish, Putt-Putt and other series - also has an outstanding Web site with game pointers for both virtual and real-world soccer competition.

We discovered that when our 7-year-old boy tester chose an all-boy team, the computer picked an opposing team that was mostly girls. The mostly-girls team proceeded to kick the boys' butts. Next game, our boy picked both male and female players - and did much better. Now, that's learning.



source: http://www.humongous.com

Lisa Greim Everitt, Scripps Howard News Service

20/20 insight

Failing eyes never compromised journalist's vision of the printed word

By Mark Wolf
Scripps Howard News Service

It is dark in the writer's living room at midday.

Harry Goldschlag pulls the keyboard toward him, across a desk that seems too neat by half to belong to a writer. He powers up the computer and, as his fingers tap, a voice responds.

"Document to be retrieved . . . save document . . . text was not altered."

The voice is a monotone, a bit metallic. It takes some getting used to, but to Goldschlag, it is as mellifluous as that of Frank, Tony and Ella, whose records are stacked beneath the stereo in the corner by the window.

"I like it when you can hear the words," said Goldschlag, talking about the music he favors - and the talking computer that has made his writing life more pleasurable.

Goldschlag turned 80 in February. A former reporter and editor for trade magazines in New York, he began losing his eyesight when he was a high school halfback in the Bronx. An Army recruitment physician gave him the bad news.

"He said I had retinitis pigmentosa (a degenerative eye disease) and I was going to go blind," recalled Goldschlag. "I said I wanted to be a journalist. He said, `Fuhgeddaboutit. Do something with your hands.' I gave myself 7 1/2 minutes to cry, then I said, `To hell with this, I'm going to try journalism.' "

> "My ears are doing what my eyes used to do. There is frustration in not seeing it. I did a whole half-chapter in all capital letters."
>
> *Harry Goldschlag, writer*

And he did, getting his start editing a union newspaper in the shipyards where he worked before the war ended, then covering nightlife and the taxicab industry in New York for 17 years before his dwindling sight forced him to leave the business. He moved to Israel with his wife and two daughters, then came to Denver in 1974 and started The Handicapped Coloradan, a literary, art and photography magazine. He spent two years in Rochester, N.Y., where his wife died, then in 1984 returned to Denver, where his daughters, Tia Goldschlag and Amanda Airov, live.

In 1985 Goldschlag helped start Families of the Blind, a support organization for senior blind persons that has more than 1,300 clients and 17 support groups.

By 1990 his sight was completely gone, but not his zeal for the written word.

"When there's nothing else and you have a love for the words, you have to get back to that," he said. "That's your self-identity.

"I decided to do what every journalist wants to do write a book."

He wrote the first draft of his novel *Out of the Night* on a typewriter. A friend would read it into a tape recorder, and he would make corrections from the tape.

"It was a big pain," he said.

In 1991 he bought his talking computer, which speaks the words as he types them.

"It took me three or four months to get comfortable with it," said Goldschlag, who still occasionally laughs and tells the machine to "Shut up."

"I use my ears to make my corrections," he said. "For an old newspaper guy, my ears are doing what my eyes used to do. There is frustration in not seeing it. I did a whole half-chapter in all capital letters."

Two years later, the novel was finished. He self-published a few copies and is hoping to land a commercial publisher. The opening line: "A man looking for his soul can be one helluva pain in the a—."

"Getting it finished was my victory," he said. "Whether it gets published or not, I did my job."

He also has written children's stories and *Nifty Fifty*, a collection of anecdotes and observations currently making the rounds of publishers.

His essay, "Ears That Read and Edit," placed fourth among 5,000 entries in the National Legacy Essay Contest for Seniors in 1998.

Now, he says, he is "on sabbatical. I'm learning to loaf." But he expects always to be a writer, with the aid of his talking computer. "This gave me a whole new life," he said.

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DEATH NOTICES

Kurt Shedeck

Midlander Kurt Trent Shedeck, 49, died Friday, April 30 in Galveston.

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Coolidge Cemetery in Coolidge, Kan., with the Rev. Gaylord Cook officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Kehr-Greene Funeral Home in Syracuse, Kan.

He was born March 4, 1950, in Borger.

He moved from Spearman to Midland in 1984. He was an auto mechanics instructor at Midland College and was twice honored as MC's teacher of the year. He was a member of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father in February.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Lee of Pukilini, Hawaii, and Claire Shedeck of Hamlin; his mother Colleen Shedeck of Syracuse, Kan.; a brother, Mike Shedeck of Dalhart; a sister, Vicki Wilson of Fritch; his grandmother, Anna Raney; two grandsons; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the diabetes association or a favorite charity.

Lorene Robinson

Lorene Robinson, 77, died Sunday, May 2, at a local hospital.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Oct., 21, 1921 in Callahan County.

She lived in Big Spring before moving to Midland in 1939. She worked at several Midland Independent School District cafeterias. She was involved with the Jehovah Witness Church and was a former member of the Rebeccas.

Survivors include her husband, C.E. "Earl" Robinson of Midland; two sons, Billy N. Robinson of Midlothian and Edward E. Robinson of Padre Island; a daughter, Glenda C. Eisenwine of Ennis; four sisters, Laverne Barber, Shirley J. Barrett and Alta L. Caughron, all of Odessa, and Jo Ellen Arnold of Corpus Christi; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society of Midland or to a charity of choice.

Toni Bitner

Toni Nadine Bitner died Saturday, May 1, at a local hospital.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 25, 1949, in Dodge City, Kan.

She lived in Odessa before moving to Midland in 1980. She worked as a waitress at Cattleman's Steak House the last 12 years.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Bitner of Midland; two sons, William R. Ross of San Angelo and Paul T. Couch of Midland; three daughters, Melissa K. Brock, Elena C. Bitner and Deja A. Brazil, all of Midland; a brother, Delbert E. Sanders of Cleveland; her grandmother, Mildred MacAdoo of Robert Lee; an uncle; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702; or the Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois Ave., Midland 79701.

Bill Palmer

ODESSA — Odessan Bill W. Palmer, 68, died Saturday, May 1, at a Midland hospital.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at Temple Baptist Church in Odessa with the Rev. Jerry Thorpe officiating. Burial is to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors in Odessa.

He was born June 5, 1930, in Howard County.

He moved from Howard County to Odessa 59 years ago. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church. He owned Palmer Contracting Co.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Palmer of Odessa; two sons, Dick Palmer and Wayne Palmer, both of Odessa; two daughters, Dona J. Fry and Beth Julian, both of Odessa; his mother, Roberta Mahan of Odessa; a brother, R.E. Mahan of Midland; a sister, Wilda Peitchinsky of Odessa; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Paul Carre

Paul J. Carre, 79, died Sunday, May 2, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

H.A. Velasquez

McCAMEY — H.A. Velasquez died Sunday, May 2, at a McCamey hospital.

Services are pending with Shafer-Nichols Funeral Home in Haskell.

Charles McBeth

Charles McBeth, 87, died Sunday, May 2, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Holden-McCully Funeral Home in McCamey.

Joseph Sers

Joseph Sers, 86, died Saturday, May 1, in Midland.

Services are pending with Blanchard- St. Denis Funeral Home in Natchitoches, La.

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DEAR ABBY

One Y2K problem is deciding when new millennium begins

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Father Time," I had to write. Please consider the text of the enclosed e-mail that was sent to my daughter, who was a math major in college.


Van Buren

"Who am I to disagree with the eggheads, but it seems to me that computer types have the same disadvantage the ancient Romans had — no zero! Some say the next century doesn't start until the year 2001. I say that's like saying there's nothing between zero and one!

"From flat broke to $1 is 99 cents in my book. If you have one penny (1/100 dollar), you're on your way to $1. From zero to 10 is 10. From 10 to 11 is one. From 10 to 20 is 10. From zero to one is an infinite number of fractions, and these fractions are something to be considered. Or did I miss something in the first grade? Doesn't midnight, Jan. 1, 2000, equal year 2000 plus 1/365th year?"

Abby, I'll bet you're sorry you agreed with "Father Time" about the start of the new millennium. — FLOYD IN VICTORVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR FLOYD: Let me put it this way: When I printed that letter, I had no idea I'd wind up in the middle of a hot controversy. I have been deluged with letters arguing both sides of this question, and now I'm beginning to wonder if it isn't just a matter of perspective. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Father Time," who reminded us that the new millennium will start Jan. 1, 2001 (and not 2000), is right, of course, but your response raises another "timely" point concerning the century. A century being defined as any period of 100 years, we can talk about the 1900s as a century (1900 to 1999) OR we can interest ourselves with the 20th century (1901 to 2000, which does not coincide with the 1900s), which will end the instant that the 21st century begins — that is, Jan. 1, 2001. — CLOCK WATCHER, ONTARIO, CALIF.

DEAR CLOCK WATCHER: My head is spinning! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Father Time" is correct — there are 100 years in a century. However, the first century doesn't encompass the years 1 through 100; it encompasses the years 0 through 99. Babies are not 1 year old when they're born. They TURN 1 after a year has passed. All measuring sticks start at 0 — not 1. So don't be embarrassed, Abby. It's "Father Time" who needs to reset his clock, not you. — RUTH IN PHOENIX (SOON TO CELEBRATE THE NEW MILLENNIUM)

DEAR RUTH: Thank you for the kind words. I'll print just one more letter on this subject, because at this point my entire office staff are at each other's throats. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If Matthew 2:1 is correct, we may have already passed the year 2001. When Dionysius Exiguus looked back more than 500 years and calculated when Jesus was born, he chose a time that secular historians say was four years after the death of King Herod! Not knowing exactly the age of Jesus when the "wise men" entered the "house" (verse 11), we can estimate that Jesus was born between 2 B.C. and 7 B.C., which means that we are now between 2001 and 2006 A.D. or C.E. (Common Era).

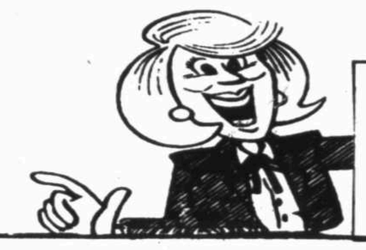
Whether we celebrate in 2000 or 2001 has no real significance, but those who wait a year will have 366 days of frustration (don't forget it's leap year). — THE REV. W. CARROLL TINSLEY, DECATUR, GA.

DEAR MR. TINSLEY: That depends on how you look at it. At least those who observe 2001 as the beginning of the new millennium won't have any trouble getting a reservation for their celebration.

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WEST TEXAS IN BRIEF

Red Cross offers classes responding to disasters

The American Red Cross of the Southwest is planning a five-day disaster response training.

The schedule is: May 10, introduction to disaster services; May 11, mass care; May 13, damage assessment; May 14, shelter operations; and May 15, emergency assistance to families.

The May 10, 11, 13 and 14 classes are scheduled for 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.; the May 15 class is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The free classes will be at the Midland Red Cross office, 2306 Elizabeth.

The introduction session is a prerequisite before taking the other classes, said Red Cross spokeswoman Shane Bell.

For more information, call Ms. Bell at 684-6161.

More than 100 people shoot to help Boy Scouts

More than 100 people participated in a sporting clays event Saturday for the benefit of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Twenty-six four-person teams vied for prizes and awards, and the top five shooters — Curt Anderson, Larry Ratheal, Alan Martinez, Chip Chapman and Jim Piwetz — each won a buckle, said Roy Lorris, council executive.

The top three teams are: Richard Wright, Anderson, Ricky Nappiez and Cathy Tomberlin, first place; Mike McClanham, Mike Crume, Bill Fulgam and Eram Ali, second; Jim Bloker, Chipper Dipple, Brent Beck and Dwain Tomlin, third.

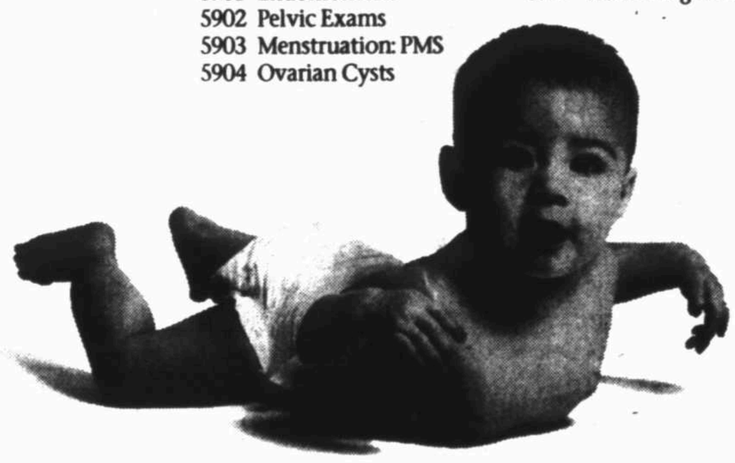
Sporting clays simulates hunting situations, and shooters compete on specially designed courses, Lorris said. The tournament was at the Windwalker Farms Sporting Clay Complex.

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Dr. Duke will speak at 1:00 p.m. and relate his experiences as a physician, his program "Accidents Don't Just Happen" and the importance of medical trauma systems.
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TEEN BEAT

Chance to lend a hand becomes reward in itself

It was one of those days when you just force yourself to get out of bed, walk out to the living room and collapse on the couch. Finally, you muster the energy to go through the morning routine. Why in the world did I get up before 9 o'clock on a Saturday morning?

I departed "la maison" shortly thereafter. I think I've seen it drizzle constantly like it did April 22only a couple times in my entire lifetime. For hours on end, that wet stuff came down. It just figures that it's cold and wet on the one day of the week I was actually going to be outside.



Josefy

Christmas in April was upon us, and I soon became a victim of the giving spirit. Upon arrival at a project house, I learned that it wasn't ready for our help. I almost had an easy excuse to go home and hit the sack until noon like every teen-ager should do on the weekend. But the need for community service hours induced me to go to a second place of service.

Upon arrival, I stood around for a few minutes. I found a friend and struck up a conversation and wandered aimlessly from the back yard to the front yard and back again. Then, like the little elves we are, we agreed to go on a supply run. We raided Santa's Workshop, which had been generously set up by local businesses with all necessary supplies, and creatively arranged lumber sticking through the front window of a sport utility vehicle. After returning to the site, we were prompted to lend a hand.

Considering the fact that I know nothing of carpentry, I found it humorous that I was helping a group of men basically rebuild a house. For awhile, I kept glancing at my watch, repeating calculations on how long I needed to stay. Then, I began to get into the work, anticipating the angles and measurements the master builder was cutting. For some reason I got satisfaction out of seeing two boards fit together just right.

Then, to everyone's surprise, including mine, I got to fire off a few rounds — of nails, that is. The house started piecing itself together. We ripped off old cheap siding and then drilled holes in the concrete to anchor down the supports for what we would put up later.

Call it a stretch, but perhaps those simple steps on a Saturday would fix the dilapidated structure of American society. If we would go back to the preliminaries and measure out how everything should piece together, put some time and care into that initial phase, and cut back with care things that disturb the connection between us. Then check the little bubbles inside the level before setting unnecessary prejudices against one another in stone.

Rip out the bad and anchor in the good.

A few times while drilling the concrete, it was difficult to break in. I would push and lift, push and lift, and nothing would happen. When that happened, we moved to a different section a little further down and used that spot as the anchor. Sometimes there will be uncooperative people, the bad apple in the bunch, but that can't stop a determined society from sticking firmly to a solid foundation.

As I walked around the house again right before lunch, it was looking much better. Siding was gradually overcoming the weather-exposed exterior.

Lunch! Wow! Talk about a good brisket. After working nonstop for several hours, food never tasted so good. And there's nothing better than a warm cobbler on a cold day.

I spent a great deal of the afternoon on site and drew one final conclusion. Christen it the Santa Clause. Give every child and every adult a weapon: a hammer, a screwdriver or a paintbrush — weapons that symbolize willingness to construct a better way of life for all and that could lessen the controversy of other weapons. If you point a child to delight in giving service to others, you won't have to be constantly monitoring their book bags for explosives. Now granted, there will be those rough spots in the pavement, but no plan is fool-proof.

Joey Entzminger worked at another house. "It felt good being able to help. It makes you more aware how unfortunate others around you may be. ... It was pretty hard work, but it was well worth the effort. ...," he said.

"You can really feel good about making someone else's life easier who may not have the money to do it themselves."

Just like I spent the day fixing up a house for an elderly woman who had health problems, restructuring America's view on life would take a great deal of cooperation.

But did I mention that the brisket was really good?

When I got into bed that night, I had accomplished a multitude of things. For one, I didn't waste the day in bed. Secondly, I learned a lot about carpentry. Third, we helped a woman out. I gained a new outlook on America's struggles. I finished those community service hours. And I got a really good free lunch.

The rain finally stopped after accomplishing its task. Who knows — if it had been a little colder, we could have had a white Christmas this year. The presents I received came when I gave a little of myself. We owe a debt to the countless volunteers who made Christmas in April happen and who make Midland a better place to live.

Who says Christmas only comes once a year?

Matt Josefy is a junior at Midland High School.

Texas leads U.S. in drop in food stamp rolls

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 1 million people have vanished from Texas' food stamp rolls in the last three years, to the dismay of anti-hunger activists who say the drop cannot be attributed solely to the state's vibrant economy or federal welfare policy changes.

No state has experienced a sharper caseload decline than Texas, which has seen its rolls shrink by 41 percent between 1996 and this year. Nationally, food stamp enrollment is down 28 percent.

"Clearly, this is a national problem and it's not only in one state," said Ellen Vollinger, legal director of the Food Research and Action Center, a Washington, D.C. group working to eradicate domestic hunger. "But there are degrees, and Texas is at one end of the spectrum."

The Agriculture Department, which oversees the federal food stamp program, reported 1.44 million Texans received food stamps in January. By contrast, 2.45 million Texans were on food stamps in January 1996.

FRAC and other advocates for the poor acknowledge that caseloads nationally and in Texas owe some of their decline to good economic times and welfare policies that place a new premium on moving people off welfare and into the work force.

But with Texas' poverty rate declining by less than 3 percent and applications for food stamp assistance remaining relatively stable in recent years, they say other factors are at play.

They blame confusion over Congress' 1996 rewrite of federal welfare laws affecting food stamps and other safety net programs.

Congress abolished the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, replacing it with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families — a time-limited cash assistance program.

Welfare recipients have a maximum five years' eligibility for TANF over their lifetimes. Because of that time clock, welfare caseworkers are urging their charges to find work and not apply for TANF if they can avoid it.

Unlike TANF, food stamps are not time-limited and remain available to the working poor. But the fear is that caseworkers mistakenly are ending food stamp aid for recipients when they leave TANF for jobs or when their TANF eligibility ends.

"I don't want to suggest that there's any kind of conspiracy going on to deny people food stamps," said Celia Hagert, a nutrition policy analyst with the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities.

But, she added, "I think caseworkers were given the message that they should encourage people coming in the door to apply for a job instead of getting TANF cash benefits. And I think that message got mixed up and people got the impression that they shouldn't apply for (food stamps)."

The Texas Department of Human Services attributes the caseload decline to the increased availability of jobs. "We really do think the economy has a very large role in the decline," said department spokeswoman Sherron Heinemann.

POLICE REPORTS

Aggravated robbery

A hold-up was reported from Tall City Bail Bonds, 409 S. Main St., at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The victim, who wasn't an office employee, told Midland police that a man armed with a gun took his money from him outside the office.

The man fled in an older-model, four-door gray Oldsmobile.

An arrest had not been made as of Sunday, authorities said. The case is still under investigation.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Saturday

Sexual assault: A sexual assault report was made in Midland County Saturday afternoon.

Sunday

Prowler: Vernon Dow Mosely, of 2900 Shanks Drive, told authorities that he saw two prowlers in his neighborhood. The report was made at 3:37 a.m.

Anyone with information concerning these reports should call the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

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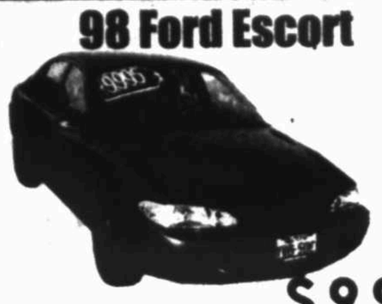
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BASEBALL — Chicago White Sox at Anaheim Angels, 3 p.m., WGN.

Exhibition baseball, Cuban National Team at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m., FSN.

BASKETBALL – Boston Celtics at New York Knicks, 7 p.m., TBS.

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 8, Cleveland Indians 6.

Houston Astros 3, Florida Marlins 2.

NBA — Houston Rockets 110, L.A. Clippers 84.

San Antonio Spurs 84, Utah Jazz 78.

Aggies beat 'Horns

AUSTIN — Texas A&M starter Matt Ward went the distance for the first time this season, holding Texas to 10 hits and one run Sunday as the Aggies beat the Longhorns 10-1.

Daylan Holt went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored in addition to his 27th home run of the season for A&M (42-11, 21-5 Big 12). Steven Truitt was 3-for-5 with a run scored and an RBI for the Aggies.

D.J. Jones (6-5) took the loss for Texas (34-19, 17-10), lasting only 4 1/3 innings and giving up six hits and five runs.

Tommy Nicholson was 3-for-4 with a double and Texas' lone RBI.

Rain washes NHRA

DINWIDDIE, Va. — Rain showers forced the postponement Sunday of the eliminations for the NHRA Pennzoil Nationals at Virginia Motorsports Park.

Second-round eliminations in all pro categories were scheduled to resume Monday morning.

The $1.6 million race is the fifth of 22 events in the $40 million NHRA Winston Drag Racing Series.

Elkington gets sick

THE WOODLANDS — Golfer Steve Elkington was being treated Sunday for viral meningitis, an illness that sidelined the PGA player for a time last year.

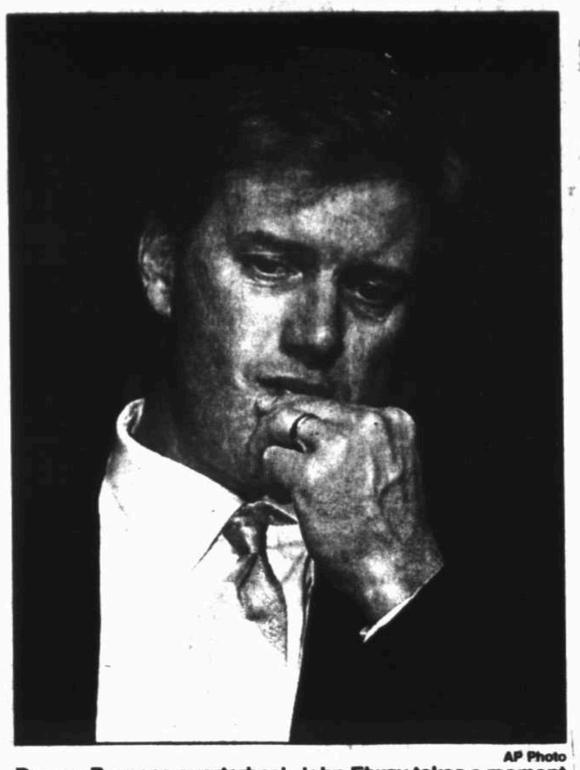
Elkington, a 36-year-old Australian who attended the University of Houston and lives in Houston, withdrew Sunday from the Shell Houston Open. He went to a Houston hospital Saturday night complaining of severe headaches and spent the night. He remained there Sunday.

"Steve contracted viral meningitis again like he did last year," Brian Peters, a spokesman for International Management Group, Elkington's agent, told Houston television station KRIV Sunday night.

"It is not life-threatening but he is in a lot of pain. We expect him to be out of the hospital in a few days and back on the Tour in a few weeks."

Elkington was five strokes behind leader Hal Sutton entering the final round.

Houston Open Coverage/7C



AP Photo

Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway takes a moment to gather his thoughts during a news conference Sunday to announce his retirement from professional football.

Clock runs out on Elway

■ Broncos' quarterback finally announces retirement in tearful press conference.

By Aaron J. Lopez
Associated Press Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.— He sounded so very upbeat at the start, cracking jokes and telling stories about himself and his Denver Broncos.

Then John Elway turned to his retirement — and that's when it hit him.

His face crumpled and the sobs came.

"I can't do it physically anymore, and that's really hard for me to say," the 38-year-old Elway said Sunday, pausing frequently to regain his composure as he addressed the crowd at a suburban Denver hotel.

"It's hard to walk away. I can't explain in words how much everyone has meant to me."

After dazzling fans and confounding defenses for 16 years, the quarterback made official what everyone had known for more than a week. He delayed the announcement because of the school killings in Littleton, and his news conference began with a moment of silence for the victims.

Elway, master of the last-minute comeback, becomes the third superstar to leave his sport since January, joining Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky.

"The over-under in the locker room yesterday was how many times I'd cry," Elway said through his husky, choked voice. "I took the under."

Then, after crying some more, he added, "I lost the bet."

Elway, wearing a blue-and-silver ribbon on his suit jacket in memory of the shooting victims, was joined on the stage by Broncos coach Mike Shanahan and team owner Pat Bowlen.

Elway's wife, Janet, and their four children sat in the front row. The children smiled at their dad's jokes and remained poised when he broke down. Janet, however, cried as her husband spoke.

"For 16 years, the family life has focused around me and football, and it's time it focuses around them," Elway said. "I couldn't ask for a better mom and dad and a better wife. I'm tough to live with. Thank God she's still with me."

When asked what he'd miss most about Sunday afternoons, Elway said, "I'll never be able to fill the void of playing a football game."

He said he'd miss the huddle and telling talkative tight end Shannon Sharpe "to be quiet."

"I know you're open, I know you're open, I know you're open," Elway said about Sharpe, drawing loud laughs.

Sharpe attended the news conference along with several other current and former teammates, including running back Terrell Davis and Elway's heir apparent, Bubby Brister.

"I guess it's like Haley's Comet," Sharpe said. "It only comes along every 77 years, and I got an opportunity to play with him. That's what it's like."

For years, the only thing missing from Elway's resume was a Super Bowl title, and he took care of that

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Crash raises questions on fan safety

By Joe Macenka
AP Sports Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — For the second time in nine months a crash at a major open-wheel auto race in the United States has killed three spectators, raising questions about safety at the events.

"Every once in a while, unfortunately, auto racing raises the black side of itself," Lowe's Motor Speedway president H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler said Sunday as authorities tried to piece together evidence from a fatal accident at the track Saturday night.

Three people were killed and eight hurt, including a 9-year-old girl who was critically injured, when debris from a three-car wreck flew into the stands during the VisionAire 500 Pep Boys Indy Racing League event.

Witnesses said the force of the crash at speeds near 215 mph rocketed a wheel and suspension parts over a 15-foot-high catch fence at the exit of the fourth turn. The debris flew into the grandstands and slammed into spectators, some of them seated several dozen rows above the 1.5-mile, high-banked superspeedway.

As shrieking spectators sought help, rescue workers converged on the bloody area in a scenario eerily similar to that at Michigan Speedway last July 26, when three spectators were killed in a Champ Car race. The cause in that event also was a broken wheel and suspension parts that hurdled a catch fence.

In an effort to keep wheels from flying off at impact, the Formula One circuit this year began requiring its teams to use tethers designed to keep the wheels and suspension connected to the main body of the machine.

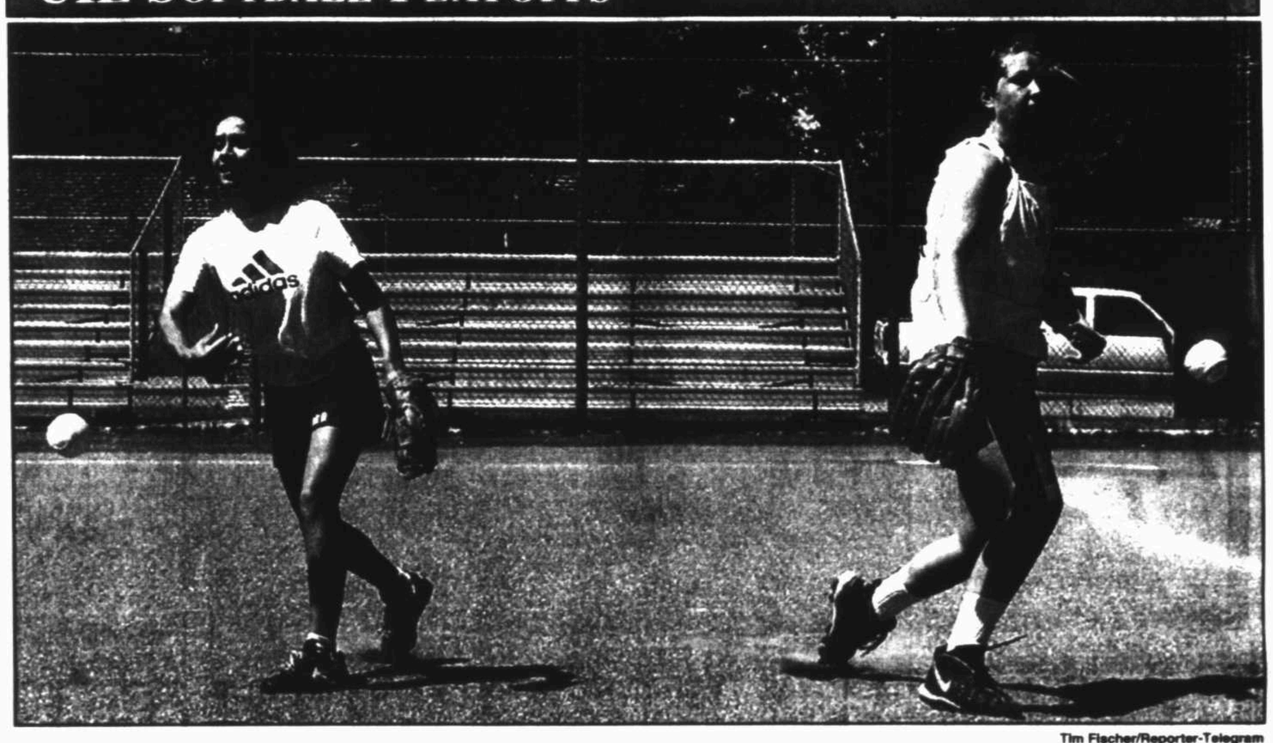
Such tethers are not required on either Champ Cars or IRL machines, in part because some racing authorities think the devices may solve one problem while creating another.

Leo Mehl, executive director of the IRL, said there is concern that while tethers may prevent parts from flying off cars and hitting fans, they also may put drivers in greater danger because the parts could snap back and hit them instead. A tethered wheel also could be especially dangerous if it is launched into the stands in a slingshot fashion, Mehl said.

"We have spent a lot of time looking at that regulation and discussing it," Mehl said, adding that the IRL feels the matter needs more study. "You must be very

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UIL Softball Playoffs



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Brandie Row, left, and Mandy Hacker, both sophomores, form the pitching corps for the Midland Lee Lady Rebels, giving Lee arms from both the right and left sides. Lee will play Odessa Permian Tuesday in the state Class 5A region softball quarterfinals.

Lee's potent 1-2 pitching punch

Hacker, Row provide arms from opposite sides

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Without strong pitching, you're pretty much dead in the water in high school softball competition.

That is the major reason Midland Lee has been so successful in its five-year state playoff run. And the Lady Rebels should be set in that department for at least two more years.

LEE
Region I-5A Quarterfinals

The Lee pitching staff consists of Brandie Row and Mandy Hacker, both sophomores. Row hurls from the right side and Hacker from the left.

Softball is also a sport where one pitcher can carry a team, pitching every game as long as there isn't doubleheaders on the schedule. However, Lee softball coach Wes Overton uses both Row and Hacker, alternating starts. It has worked to near perfection this year for the 27-6-1 Lady Rebels, who face Odessa Permian Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Ratliff Softball Complex in Odessa in the Class 5A state region quarterfinals.

Row (1.10 ERA) is 14-2 on the year and is coming off a five inning one-hitter against El Paso Eastwood in the area round, a 10-0 Lee victory in Fort Stockton. Hacker will get the start Tuesday against Lady Mojo, carrying a 13-3 record with a 1.63 ERA.

"I have a lot of confidence with either one out there and I think the players do too," Overton said. "We're going to rotate them just like we did during regular season. I may be a little quicker to pull one of them if things don't go well, but we'll be doing the same thing basically."

The rotating assignments doesn't seem to bother either Row or Hacker.

"Actually, I like it better when we rotate," Row said. "It's more fair for both of us for one thing. And I'm probably stronger when we do rotate.

Hacker added, "It gives you more time to rest and you come out stronger when you do pitch."

They also pull for each other to do well when the other is on the mound, and Row, at least, has a big reason for that.

"When Mandy is pitching, I want her to do really well because if you have to come in relief, it's worse than starting because that means you're already coming in with a pressure situation."

So, which one is better on the mound? That's a question Overton isn't sure he can answer at this point in the season.

"At the beginning of the year, Brandie was more of a finesse pitcher," Overton says. "That doesn't mean she doesn't have a fastball, but she changes speeds really well.

"Mandy, on the other hand, was more of a power pitcher, but she has developed a change. So, now are both really effective."

Hacker said of her changeup, "The change is working better. The problem early in the season was that I didn't want to throw it and embarrass myself with it. But I've been throwing it a lot lately."

Row's changeup can leave batters twisting in the dirt trying to hit it.

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AP Photo

Utah Jazz' Greg Ostertag (00) goes through the net to block a shot attempt by San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) during the first half Sunday in San Antonio. Ostertag was called for goal tending.

Spurs take step to winning West

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The West hasn't been won yet, although the San Antonio Spurs took another giant step Sunday toward doing just that.

SAN ANTONIO

With chants of "M-V-P" raining down on Tim Duncan from the largest crowd in the NBA this season, the Spurs played an inspired fourth quarter and defeated Utah 84-78 to prevent the Jazz from clinching the conference.

Now, it's the Spurs who can secure homecourt advantage throughout the postseason by winning their final two games — at Portland on Tuesday and at Golden State on Wednesday.

"This was huge," Duncan said, "and winning those last two games will make it really, really big."

Duncan had 26 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots, outplaying Karl Malone down the stretch and showing rare flashes of emotion.

An emphatic dunk by Duncan off a missed shot with 9:06 left elicited a scream from the 7-footer and gave San Antonio its first lead since the first quarter, 67-65. After that, the Spurs never let Utah regain the momentum.

"I'm not dead to the world out there," said the usually stoic Duncan. "I'm trying to play hard, and when things happen that are great for us I get excited about it."

Mario Elie added 15 points, Sean Elliott had 14 and Avery Johnson 12 for the Spurs (35-13), who won the season series from the Jazz 2-1 and thus will have the tiebreaker edge if the teams finish with the same record.

Malone had 24 points and 14 rebounds for Utah (36-13), which has one game remaining — at home against the Los Angeles Clippers.

It was just the fourth time this season that Utah lost a game it led entering the fourth quarter.

"The last couple of years Utah has been strong, but things have changed this year," Elie said. "I'm proud of this team. We finally have mental toughness. There's no panic when we get behind. That's what we need in the playoffs."

San Antonio outscored the Jazz 25-15 in the final period. The Spurs also were helped by a wide disparity in free throws, going to the line 46 times and making 33 compared to Utah's 17-for-22.

"You always have a problem with that, but what are you going to do about it," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said.

"Free throw this, free throw that," Malone said. "Everybody in the world knows how many free throws they shot. They just won the ballgame."

The critical stretch came early in the fourth quarter as Duncan had two dunks and a jumper and Johnson scored four points in an 11-2 run that gave the Spurs a 70-65 lead.

A jumper by Jaren Jackson and another jam by Duncan — this one driving around Greg Ostertag — upped the lead to seven, and Utah couldn't get back within three until Malone converted a layup with 23 seconds left to make it 81-78.

Elliott then converted two free throws, Duncan rebounded a miss by John Stockton and the crowd of 35,122 erupted.

It completed quite a weekend for the

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Denver fans realize it's time for Elway to retire

By Sandy Shore
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — It was time.

Although Denver Broncos' fans had dreaded the day, most reluctantly agreed Sunday it was time for legendary quarterback John Elway to leave the game.

"I'm not disappointed," said David Hill of Denver. "I don't think you can ask for anything better than what he has done for us."

For 16 years, Elway, 38, has been entertaining fans with pass after pass, heart-stopping, come-from-behind victories, jaunty runs into the end zone and a toothy grin.

And, of course, two straight Super Bowl victories.

"It's a bummer," said John Woodmansee of Denver, who sat on a bench, enjoying a quiet afternoon in Larimer Square. "We think one more year, he could have done that."

But, he reflected, "I guess when you're done, you're done. And I definitely respect that."

Elway delayed the official announcement of his retirement because of the Columbine High School shootings that left a dozen students, a teacher and two student gunmen dead.

In recent years, Elway has been troubled by injuries, including an arthritic left knee that probably will have to be replaced. Last year, he missed all or part of six games because of hamstring, back and rib injuries.

With that in mind, most fans thought it best for the future Hall of Famer to leave a winner.

Still, Stephen Young of Denver wanted Elway to help the team to a third consecutive Super Bowl victory, even if he could have played just a few of the games. "It's going to be tough (for the team next season)," he said.

His favorite Elway memory is of The Drive in 1986, when Elway took the Broncos 98 yards for a tying touchdown in the final minutes before defeating Cleveland in overtime.



AP Photo

Janet Elway, wife of Broncos' quarterback John Elway, wipes away the tears, as his father Jack, right, and daughter Jordan, left, listen during John's retirement anouncement in Englewood, Colo., on Sunday.

Young's wife, Leslie, said she understood Elway's decision. "With things the way they are in Denver, maybe it's just time," she said.

For Hill, favorite memories range from an Elway run that ended in a tackle that spun him like a helicopter in Super Bowl XXXII to the quarterback's community leadership.

"From a professional athlete's standpoint, he's a wonderful role model," Hill said. "I'm very happy for him and his family who can go on about their lives and live like you and I can."

For his part, Elway said he's not going anywhere. He has firm roots in the Denver area now, has his name on a string of auto dealerships and there has been speculation about a future in politics or broadcasting.

He also said he will be the team's biggest fan.

ELWAY: QB won last two Super Bowls

(From 1C)

by winning two straight. In his final game, he was voted Super Bowl MVP in a 34-19 win over Atlanta last January.

He becomes the only quarterback to retire after winning a Super Bowl.

Elway was exceptionally durable throughout his career, missing only 15 starts because of illness or injury, but his retirement was hastened by the sheer wear and tear of professional football. He was hit more than any quarterback in NFL history, absorbing 559 sacks in 256 games.

He compiled the best passer rating of his career in 1998, but his season was interrupted by hamstring, back and rib injuries that caused him to miss all or part of six games. His deteriorating, arthritic left knee probably will have to be replaced.

Still, his toughness and productivity might never be equaled.

"To John Elway, football was the greatest game in the world," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in a statement. "And to the game of football, John Elway was the greatest ambassador imaginable. He combined talent and character to become an incomparable performer and champion on the field."

Elway talked about many of the memorable moments in his career, including The Drive in Cleveland in 1986 — "That one put me on the map," Elway said — and even his first pro game on Sept. 4, 1983, in Pittsburgh when he went 1-for-8 for 14 yards with an interception.

Of course, Elway came back.

He guided his team to more victories (148) than any other quarterback in NFL history. He threw for 51,475 yards and accounted for 54,882 total yards — second only to Miami's Dan Marino.

He is the only player ever to pass for 3,000 yards and rush for 200 yards in seven straight seasons (1985-91).

Elway also rallied his team to 47 game-saving drives — more than any other quarterback. He was selected to nine Pro Bowls and was named the NFL's MVP in 1987. He holds 55 Broncos' regular-season or postseason records.

"They talk about 47 comebacks," Shanahan said. "The thing that was so impressive was the concentration level and poise and thriving on pressure."

After three ugly Super Bowl losses early in his career, Elway began to wonder if he would ever get another opportunity.

But thanks to a dynamic running game designed around Davis, Denver went to two straight Super Bowls and won them both.

Against Green Bay in January 1998, Elway set the tone by scrambling and diving into two defenders for a first down to set up a Denver touchdown late in the third quarter.

In the closing minutes, Elway accounted for his 45th game-saving drive, completing a 23-yard pass to Howard Griffith to help set up Davis' go-ahead scoring run in the 31-24 victory.

"I know that I've been labeled as the guy who's never been on the winning Super Bowl team," a jubilant Elway said at the time. "Boy, am I glad to get rid of that."

In a personally more satisfying performance a year later, he led the Broncos past Atlanta. With the Falcons stacking their defense to stop Davis, they dared Elway to beat them. He did, completing 18 of 29 passes for 336 yards and a touchdown.

Elway became the first quarterback ever to start in five Super Bowls, and the Broncos' 23-10 win over the New York Jets in the AFC championship game two weeks earlier gave him a 5-1 record in conference championship games — the best in NFL history.

In retirement, he said he plans to devote more time to his family and work on his golf game. He has expressed interest in getting into broadcasting, perhaps on the Monday night ABC games.

Elway, who has an economics degree from Stanford, could also venture into the business world.

"I don't look at it as a retirement," Elway said. "I look on it as graduation. You graduate from high school and you graduate from college. I'm graduating from pro football."

Elway's Career Statistics

By The Associated Press
The career statistics of John Elway:

Regular Season

Year Team	Com	Att	Yds	TD	Int
1983 Denver	123	259	1663	7	14
1984 Denver	214	380	2598	18	15
1985 Denver	327	605	3891	22	23
1986 Denver	280	504	3485	19	13
1987 Denver	224	410	3198	19	12
1988 Denver	274	496	3309	17	19
1989 Denver	223	416	3051	18	18
1990 Denver	294	502	3526	15	14
1991 Denver	242	451	3253	13	12
1992 Denver	174	316	2242	10	17
1993 Denver	348	551	4030	25	10
1994 Denver	307	494	3490	16	10
1995 Denver	316	542	3970	26	14
1996 Denver	287	466	3328	26	14
1997 Denver	280	502	3635	27	11
1998 Denver	210	356	2806	22	10
Totals	4123	7250	51475	300	226

Playoffs

Year Team	Com	Att	Yds	TD	Int
1983 Denver	10	15	123	0	1
1984 Denver	19	37	184	2	2
1986 Denver	57	107	805	3	4
1987 Denver	42	89	797	6	5
1989 Denver	42	82	732	4	3
1991 Denver	30	54	378	1	2
1993 Denver	29	47	302	3	1
1996 Denver	25	38	226	2	0
1997 Denver	56	96	726	3	2
1998 Denver	45	86	691	3	1
Totals	355	651	4964	27	21

NFL Ranking

Regular Season — Quarterback wins (148) — First in NFL history. Passing yards (51,475) — Second. Pass attempts (7,250) — Second. Completions (4,123) — Second. Total offense (54,882) — Second. Total touchdowns (334) — Third. Touchdown passes (300) — Third. Rushing attempts by a QB (774) — First. Rushing yards by a QB (3,407) — Fourth.

Postseason — Passing yards (4,964) — Second. Pass attempts (651) — Second. Completions (355) — Second. Touchdown passes (27) — Fourth.

JOHN ELWAY CHRONOLOGY

By The Associated Press

College

Concluded Stanford career with five major NCAA Division I-A records and nine major Pac-10 marks. Completed 62.1 percent of passes (774-for-1,243, both NCAA highs) for 9,349 yards and 77 touchdowns, while setting NCAA record for lowest percentage of passes intercepted (3.13) in a career.

As senior, John was consensus All-American and finished second in Heisman Trophy balloting while setting virtually every Pac-10 and Stanford career record for total offense and passing.

1983

First player chosen in NFL draft, joined the Broncos by trade with Baltimore on May 2. Denver gave the Colts QB Mark Herrmann, the rights to OL Chris Hinton and a 1984 first-round pick (G Ron Solt).

Started 10 games for Denver, including the first five before being replaced by Steve DeBerg, and five more after DeBerg was injured. Finished 17th among AFC passers.

1984

Led Broncos to 12-2 record, completing 214-of-380 passes for 2,598 yards, with 18 TDs and 15 interceptions.

1985

Set Broncos single-season records for attempts (NFL-leading 605), completions (327, second in NFL), passing yards (3,891, second in NFL), total rushing and passing plays (NFL-leading 656), and total offense (NFL-leading 4,414).

1986

Led Broncos to first AFC Championship in nine seasons, earning first Pro Bowl berth. Directed one of the greatest drives in NFL postseason history in leadng Denver to 23-20 overtime win over Cleveland for AFC title. Completed 22-of-38 passes for 244 yards and a five-yard TD strike to Mark Jackson that capped a 15-play, 98-yard drive to tie the game at end of regulation. In overtime, Elway drove them 60 yards in nine plays to the winning field goal. In 39-20 Super Bowl loss, completed 22-of-37 passes for 304 yards and one TD, also scoring on four-yard run.

1987

Named NFL MVP and AFC's starting Pro Bowl quarterback after completing 224-of-410 passes for 3,198 yards, including four 300-yard passing games and 19 TD passes in regular season. Became first AFC quarteback since Terry Bradshaw (1978-79) to lead his team to consecutive conference crowns.

In AFC Championship Game against Browns, completed 14-of-26 passes for 281 yards and three TDs, while rushing 11 times for 36 yards. In Super Bowl XXII, completed 14-of-38 passes for 257 yards, ran for 32 yards on three carries, and became first quarterback in Super Bowl history to catch pass, a 23-yarder from Steve Sewell.

1988

Threw for 3,309 yards and rushed for 234 yards despite being bothered most of the season by nagging injuries. Completed 274-of-496 passes, with 17 touchdowns and 19 interceptions to earn second straight Pro Bowl invitation.

1989

Led Denver to third AFC Championship in four years and earned third career Pro Bowl invitation. Completed 223-of-416 passes for 3,051 yards, with 18 touchdowns and 18 interceptions. Had one of his best performances in AFC Championship Game against Cleveland, collecting over 300 yards total offense for third time in conference title game. Completed 20-of-36 passes for 385 yards and three TDs. In Super Bowl XXIV, completed 10-of-26 passes for 108 yards and scored Denver's only TD on 3-yard run.

1990

Completed 294-of-502 passes (.586 completion percentage for highest over first 10 years of his career) for 3,526 yards, 15 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

1991

Completed 242-of-351 passes for 3,253 yards, sixth in the AFC and ninth in the NFL, and was voted to fourth career Pro Bowl. Threw 12 touchdown passes and tied career low with just 12 interceptions. Bothered throughout second half of season by shoulder problem that was corrected by arthroscopic surgery in 1992 off-season. Rallied Denver from a 21-6 deficit for 26-24 divisional playoff victory over Houston.

In AFC Championship Game loss at Buffalo, completed 11-of-21 passes for 121 yards and an interception before leaving in fourth quarter with thigh injury.

1992

Completed 174-of-316 passes for 2,242 yards, with 10 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. Missed games 11-14 because of bruised tendon in right shoulder, sustained while running for first down against the Giants.

1993

Chosen AFC MVP (NFL Players Association), and was starting quarterback in Pro Bowl (fifth career appearance) after leading AFC in all six major quarterback categories. Compiled AFC-leading 92.8 rating (third in NFL), on NFL-leading 348-for-551 passes (AFC-best 63.2 completion percentage, third in NFL), with AFC-best 25 TD passes (second in NFL) and 4,030 yards (first 4,000-yard campaign and eighth 3,000-yard season).

1994

Earned sixth Pro Bowl berth despite missing two of last three games with strained left knee. Finished second in AFC and fourth in the NFL with 85.7 passing rating, with 3,490 yards (ninth 3,000-yard season, second to Dan Marino's 10 in NFL history to that point) on 307-for-494 passes, with 2.0 interception percentage, all third in AFC. His 62.1 completion percentage was second in AFC and sixth overall. Went over 40,000-yard mark in total offense.

1995

Completed 316-of-542 passes (58.3 percent) for 3,970 yards, career-best 26 touchdowns and just 14 interceptions. Threw for more than 300 yards career-best five times. Topped 3,000-yard mark for 10th time in 13-year career, joining Marino (11) as only quarterbacks in NFL history to accomplish it 10 or more times.

With 256 passing yards against Arizona, pushed career total to 40,008, becoming just the seventh player in professional football history to surpass 40,000-yard passing mark, and fourth-fastest in games played (183).

1996

Voted to seventh Pro Bowl and third as starter. Increased his NFL-record total of fourth-quarter game-saving drives to 41 with four. Moved into first all-time in victories by starting quarterback (326), first in rushing attempts by quarterback (687), and became third player in NFL history to throw for 45,000 yards in a career (Marino and Fran Tarkenton). Moved into third in total offense (48,129 yards), passing yards (45,034), attempts (6,392) and completions (3,633) for 56.8 career percentage.

Completed 287-of-466 attempts (61.6) for 3,328 yards and career-tying best 26 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. Surpassed 3,000-yard career rushing mark, joining Tarkenton as only quarterbacks in NFL history to throw for more than 40,000 yards and rush for more than 3,000. Became ninth NFL player to throw 250 career TD passes against Seattle.

1997

Tore biceps tendon in second preseason game against Miami in Mexico City on Aug. 4, but returned to practice Aug. 11 and played in preseason finale.

Led Broncos to first World Championship in franchise history with 31-24 win over Green Bay in Super Bowl XXXII. Voted to eighth Pro Bowl and fifth as starter.

Completed 280-of-502 passes (55.8 percent) for 3,635 yards, franchise-record 27 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. His 28 total touchdowns (one rushing) were second most of career (30 in 1996).

Chosen AFC Offensive Player in Week 10, when he moved into second place all-time in passing yardage and eclipsed 50,000 yards in total offense, Overtook Tarkenton for second in career pass attempts, completions and yards.

Notched 42nd career game-winning or game-saving drive in 23-20 overtime victory at Buffalo. Became fourth player in NFL history with 300 career TDs (rushing, passing, receiving and returns).

Went 159 consecutive pass attempts (five games) without interception, breaking own franchise mark set in 1991. Became first player in NFL history to pass for more than 3,000 yards and rush for more than 200 in 10 different seasons.

In postseason, completed 56-of-96 passes (58.3 percent) for 726 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. Moved to second behind Joe Montana in passing yards (4,273) and attempts (565); third behind Montana and Jim Kelly in completions (310) and tied for fourth with Roger Staubach in touchdown passes (24).

Led Denver to Super Bowl for first time in eight years, going 12-for-22 for 123 yards, no TDs and one interception, and rushed for 17 yards and one TD against Green Bay in record-tying fourth title game.

1998

Selected to NFL record-tying ninth Pro Bowl and sixth as starter. Completed 210-of-356 passes (59 percent) for 2,806 yards and 22 touchdowns with 10 interceptions.

Ranked second in AFC (fifth in NFL) in passer rating (93.0), first in average gain per attempt (7.88; 4th NFL), third in completion percentage, fourth in TD passes and sixth in passing yards. Chosen AFC Offensive Player of the Week for 15th time in career. Increased NFL-record number of career fourth-quarter game-winning or game-saving drives to 47.

Finished as NFL's winningest starting quarterback (148-82-1; .643), second behind Marino for passing yards (51,475), attempts (7,250), completions (4,123) and total offense (54,882). Finished third in total touchdowns (334) and TD passes (300), and led QBs in rushing attempts (774), while figuring fourth in rushing yards (3,407).

In postseason, completed 45-of-86 passes (52.3 percent) for 691 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. Improved to 5-1 in AFC Championship Games and earned MVP honors in Super Bowl XXXIII with record fifth start. Became oldest QB to start title game (38 years, 7 months), completing 18-of-29 passes for 336 yards (third-highest in Super Bowl history) with TD and one interception. Also rushed for 3-yard score. His 80-yard TD pass to Rod Smith tied for second-longest play from scrimmage in Super Bowl history.

Finished second in postseason passing yardage (4,964), attempts (651) and completions (355) behind Montana, and fourth in TD passes (27). Finished first in Super Bowl games in attempts (152), third in completions (76), second in passing yards (1,128) and tied for second in rushing TDs (4).

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

TEXAS RANGERS—Placed SS Royce Clayton on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled INF Kelly Dransfeldt from Oklahoma of the Pacific Coast League.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Placed C Kirt Manwaring on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of C Henry Blanco from Colorado Springs of the PCL.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Optioned RHP Shayne Bennett to Ottawa of the International League. Recalled RHP Guillermo Mota from Ottawa.

Atlantic League

NEWARK BEARS—Signed OF Tommy Griffith, INF Tony Longueira, INF Shamol Adriana, LHP Jeff Huber, RHP Mike Zimmerman, RHP Dave Richards and LHP Joe Farley.

SOMERSET PATRIOTS—Signed RHP Mark Zappelli.

California League

SAN JOSE GIANTS—Placed C Mike Dean on the disabled list, retroactive to April 30. Recalled C Matt Bazzani from extended spring training.

Northern League

WATERBURY SPIRIT—Signed RHP Anthony Shourds and RHP John Kertis.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Activated G Sam Cassell from the injured list. Placed G Dell Curry on the injured list.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Activated F Malik Sealy from the injured list. Placed G Dennis Scott on the injured list.

United States Basketball League

NEW HAMPSHIRE THUNDER LOONS—Released G Eddie Nelson and G Bino Ranson. Signed G-F Malcolm Simms and G Adrian Pledger.

TAMPA BAY WINDJAMMERS—Released G Dan Cross. Signed G-F George McCloud.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Named Bob Ferguson general manager.

DENVER BRONCOS—Announced the retirement of QB John Elway.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Promoted George Henshaw to assistant head coach and running backs coach. Named Jim Schwartz defensive quality control coach.

COLLEGE

LORAS—Named Greg Capell athletic director.

College Baseball

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 7, Mississippi St. 5
Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma Baptist 1
Texas A&M 10, Texas 1
Texas-San Antonio 8, SW Texas 2

FAR WEST

Long Beach St. 6, New Mexico St. 5
Nevada 7, Cal Poly-SLO 3
New Mexico 17, Cal St.-Northridge 6
Sacramento St. 13, CS Fullerton 10
San Diego St. 12, UNLV 4
UC Santa Barbara 7, Pacific 1

EAST

Amherst 10, Williams 6
Babson 4-4, Framingham St. 2-1
Boston College 27, Connecticut 11
Brandeis 10, Springfield 1
Cent. Connecticut St. 9, Quinnipiac 5
Delaware 2-3, Hartford 0-2
E. Connecticut 8, Suffolk 3
Fairfield 5-5, Siena 4-7
Hofstra 5-2, Northeastern 3-0
Holy Cross 8, Navy 6
Long Island U. 11, Fairleigh Dickinson 3
Penn St. 15, Iowa 10
Providence 9-12, St. John's 1-9
Rhode Island 6, Massachusetts 2
St. Anselm 9-4, American International 3-9
Seton Hall 8-13, Pittsburgh 6-5
Staten Island 7-4, Kings Point 6-6
S. Maine 4, Mass.-Boston 2
Stonehill 6-3, Bentley 4-0
Wheaton 12-7, Wesleyan 11-3

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 13, Alabama St. 12
Arkansas 7, Mississippi St. 5
Belmont 14, Tennessee Tech 1
Central Florida 5, Florida Atlantic 4
Clemson 12, Virginia 5
Florida 10, Vanderbilt 7
Fla. International 9, New Orleans 5
Florida St. 4, Georgia Tech 2
Florida Tech 6, Rollins 4
George Mason 6, East Carolina 2
Georgia State 10, Samford 3
Indiana 5, Northwestern 4
Kentucky 5-7, South Carolina 4-4
Lamar 11, McNeese St. 3
LSU 11, Auburn 2
Lynn 7, St. Leo 6
Memphis 10, Louisville 1
Miami 24, Elon 5
Middle Tennessee St. 5, Murray St. 0
Mississippi 10, Alabama 3
North Florida 13, Tampa 3
NE Louisiana 6, Sam Houston St. 5
South Alabama 2, Arkansas St. 0
South Florida 13, Ala.-Birmingham 6
SE Louisiana 13, Northwestern St. 11
Southern Miss. 13, N.C. Charlotte 6
SW Louisiana 12, Louisiana Tech 0, 7 innings
Tennessee 13, Georgia 6
Tennessee-Martin 8, Austin Peay 6
Texas-Arlington 9, Nicholls St. 1
Va. Commonwealth 17, James Madison 9
Wofford 7, Davidson 4

MIDWEST

Carthage 5-9, Augustana, Ill. 1-3
Dana 10-5, Northwestern, Iowa 3-2
E. Illinois 8, E. Kentucky 5
E. Michigan 4-0, Toledo 3-8
Evansville 5, S. Illinois 4
Grand Valley St. 8-3, Wayne, Mich. 3-9
Illinois St. 10, Indiana St. 5
Indiana 5, Northwestern 4
Kansas St. 6, Kansas 2
Mercyhurst 9-2, Northwood, Mich. 0-3
Minnesota 7, Illinois 3
St. Xavier 2-8, Madonna 1-4
Ohio St. 3, Purdue 2
W. Michigan 7-4, Cent. Michigan 4-2
Wichita St. 17, N. Iowa 4

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Ward, Schumacher; Jones, France (5), Hale (7), France (2). 2B—Hudson 2. HRs—Holt. W—Ward (5-0). L—Jones (8-5).

Tennis

AT&T Challenge Results

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Results Sunday from the $325,000 AT&T Challenge at the Atlanta Athletic Club:

Singles

Championship

Stefan Koubek, Austria, def. Sebastien Grosjean (5), France, 6-1, 6-2.

Barclay Cup

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Results Sunday in the $520,000 WTA Betty Barclay Cup WTA tennis tournament:

Singles

Championship

Venus Williams (2), Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., def. Mary Pierce (4), France, 6-0, 6-3.

Bol Ladies Open

BOL, Croatia (AP) — Results Sunday of the $142,500 Bol Ladies Open WTA Tour tournament:

Singles

Championship

Corina Morariu (4), Boca Raton, Fla., def. Julie Halard-Decugis (1) France, 6-2, 6-0.

BMW Open

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Results Sunday of the $500,000 BMW Open ATP Tour clay-court tournament:

Singles

Championship

Franco Squillari, Argentina, def. Andrei Pavel, Romania, 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles

Championship

Daniel Orsanic and Mariano Puerta, Argentina, def. Massimo Bertolini and Cristian Brandi, Italy, 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 7-6 (7-3).

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

RANGERS 8, INDIANS 6

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	TEXAS	ab	r	h	bi
Lofton cf	5	0	0	0	TGdwin cf	5	2	2	2
Vizquel ss	4	1	2	0	Alicea 2b	5	1	1	2
RAlmr 2b	3	2	2	1	Greer lf	3	0	0	0
MRmrz rf	4	0	0	1	JuGnlz rf	4	2	2	2
Thome 1b	3	1	0	0	RPlmo dh	4	0	3	2
Frymn 3b	3	0	0	0	IRdrgz c	4	1	1	0
Justice dh	3	0	2	2	Zeile 3b	2	1	0	0
EWilsn ph	1	0	0	0	Stevns 1b	3	1	2	0
Sexson lf	4	1	1	1	Dmnsfldt ss	4	0	0	0
SAlmr c	4	1	1	0					
Totals	**34**	**6**	**8**	**5**	**Totals**	**34**	**8**	**11**	**8**
Cleveland			**000**	**210**	**021**	**— 6**			
Texas			**201**	**500**	**00x**	**— 8**			

E—Thome (2). LOB—Cleveland 4, Texas 8. 2B—RAlomar (8), Justice (2), SAlomar (5), TGoodwin (3), JuGonzalez (6), RPalmeiro 2 (5). 3B—RAlomar (1). HR—Sexson (4), JuGonzalez (4). SB—TGoodwin (12), IRodriguez (5). SF—RAlomar.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Nagy L,3-2	3 1-3	9	8	8	2	4
Delucia	3 2-3	2	0	0	3	4
Wagner	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
SReed	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
MClark W,2-2	7	6	4	4	2	1
Zimmerman	1	1	1	1	0	1
Wetteland S,9	1	1	1	1	0	0

MClark pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

WP—Zimmerman. T—2:51. A—29,921 (49,166).

MARINERS 3, BLUE JAYS 2

TORONTO	ab	r	h	bi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Stewart lf	5	0	3	0	BLHntr lf	4	0	2 1
ASGnlz ss	3	0	1	0	DaBell 2b	4	1	1 1
SGreen rf	4	0	1	0	Grfy Jr cf	3	1	1 0
CDlgdo 1b	4	1	1	0	Segui 1b	2	0	0 0
Witt dh	4	0	1	0	RDavis 3b	1	0	0 0
WGren 3b	2	0	0	1	Mabry 3b	3	0	0 0
JCruz cf	3	0	0	0	DWilsn ph	1	0	0 0
Mtheny c	4	1	1	1	Huskey rf	4	0	1 1
Kelly 2b	1	0	0	0	Mieske dh	3	0	0 0
Martin 2b	3	0	0	0	Lmpkin c	3	1	1 0
					Brnigal ss	2	0	1 0
					EMrtnz ph	0	0	0 0
					Cedeno ss	0	0	0 0
Totals	**33**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**30**	**3**	**7 3**
Toronto			**001**	**001**	**000**	**— 2**		
Seattle			**001**	**000**	**002**	**— 3**		

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Toronto 11, Seattle 4. 2B—Stewart (4), BLHunter (3), Lampkin (1). HR—Matheny (2), DaBell (7). SB—Stewart (12). CS—JCruz (2). S—RDavis. SF—WGreene.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Hentgen	7 1-3	4	1	1	2	8
Munro	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Plesac L,0-2	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Person	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Suzuki	5	5	2	2	3	2
Cloude W,3-1	4	3	0	0	3	0

Munro pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. Suzuki pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.

WP—Hentgen. T—3:08. A—31,355 (58,801).

ATHLETICS 7, RED SOX 5

BOSTON	ab	r	hbi	OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
Offrmn 1b	4	2	2	0	TPhlps rf	2	2	1 0
JWVltn 3b	4	1	1	4	McDnld cf	2	1	1 0
Sadler pr	0	0	0	0	Stairs ph	0	0	0 0
Dubach dh	5	1	2	0	Grieve rf	1	1	0 0
Grcprr ss	4	0	2	1	JaGbi 1b	4	1	2 3
OLeary lf	5	0	0	0	Jaha dh	4	1	2 1
Frye 2b	4	0	3	0	Saenz 3b	4	0	2 2
Buford cf	4	0	2	0	Raines lf	2	0	0 0
Varitek c	3	0	0	0	Spiezio 2b	3	0	0 1
DLewis rf	3	1	0	0	Tejada ss	4	0	0 0
					Hinch c	3	1	1 0
Totals	**36**	**5**	**12**	**5**	**Totals**	**29**	**7**	**9 7**
Boston			**200**	**030**	**000**	**— 5**		
Oakland			**301**	**003**	**00x**	**— 7**		

DP—Boston 2, Oakland 2. LOB—Boston 9, Oakland 8. 2B—Offerman (12), Daubach (3), McDonald (2), Jaha (6), Saenz (3). 3B—Daubach (2). HR—JWValentin (3). SB—Offerman 2 (6). S—McDonald. SF—Garciaparra, Spiezio.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Wakefield	3	6	4	4	5	1
Harikkala L,1-1	2 1-3	1	2	2	2	0
Corsi	1 2-3	2	1	1	1	2
Lowe	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oakland						
Candiotti	5 1-3	1	1	0	0	0
DJones W,1-0	3	1	0	0	1	2
Taylor S,6	1	0	0	0	2	1

Wakefield pitched to 2 batters in the 4th, Candiotti pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.

T—2:52. A—17,388 (43,012).

YANKEES 9, ROYALS 8

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b	3	0	0	1	Beltran cf	4	0	1 1
Jeter ss	4	0	2	1	Randa 3b	4	1	1 1
O'Neill rf	5	1	2	0	Damon lf	4	1	2 1
Curtis rf	0	1	0	0	MiSwey dh	4	1	1 0
BWilms cf	5	2	2	3	Sutton 1b	5	1	2 1
TMrtnz 1b	5	2	3	1	Dye rf	5	2	2 0
CDavis dh	3	2	1	0	Kreuter c	4	0	2 0
Posada c	5	1	2	2	Pose pr	0	1	0 0
Brosius 3b	4	0	2	1	Febles 2b	5	1	3 3
Ledee lf	4	0	0	0	RSnchz ss	5	0	0 1
Totals	**38**	**9**	**14**	**9**	**Totals**	**40**	**8**	**14 8**
New York			**020**	**005**	**002**	**— 9**		
Kansas City			**011**	**220**	**101**	**— 8**		

E—Posada (2), Ledee (1). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—New York 7, Kansas City 10. 2B—Jeter (7), TMartinez (4), CDavis (6). 3B—O'Neill (1). HR—BWilliams (2), TMartinez (5), Randa (4), Damon (2), Sutton (2). SB—Beltran (6), Dye (1). CS—TMartinez (2). SF—Jeter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Irabu	4 1-3	11	6	5	0	0
Naulty	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Nelson	1	1	1	1	3	2
Grimsley W,2-0	2	1	0	0	1	1
MRivera S,7	1	1	1	1	1	0
Kansas City						
Appier	5	9	7	7	2	2
Mathews	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Morman	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Santiago L,1-2	2	3	2	2	0	2

Nelson pitched to 2 batters in the 7th, Appier pitched to 5 batters in the 6th.

HBP—by Mathews (Knoblauch). T—3:30. A—24,666 (40,625).

TIGERS 8, DEVIL RAYS 2

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi	TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi
Ctlnotto 1b	5	1	2	2	Winn cf	4	1	0 0
Easley 2b	4	2	1	2	MCrkn lf	5	0	3 0
Higgnsn dh	5	1	3	0	Cnseco dh	5	0	2 1
Palmer 3b	4	1	1	0	McGriff 1b	4	1	2 1
Kapler cf	5	1	1	1	Flherty c	5	0	0 0
KGrcia rf	4	0	0	0	Clybrn rf	3	0	1 0
Encrnc lf	4	0	2	3	Smith 3b	4	0	1 0
Hslman c	4	1	1	0	Lamb 2b	3	0	1 0
DCruz ss	3	1	1	0	Stocker ss	4	0	0 0
Totals	**38**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**Totals**	**37**	**2**	**10 2**
Detroit			**400**	**202**	**000**	**— 8**		
Tampa Bay			**000**	**110**	**000**	**— 2**		

E—Nitkowski (1), Smith (4), Santana (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Detroit 6, Tampa Bay 12. 2B—Catalenotto (6), Higginson 2 (9), Palmer (6), Encarnacion 2 (5), DCruz (5), Canseco (5). HR—Easley (5), McGriff (6). CS—Encarnacion (4), McCracken (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Thompson W,4-2	6	8	2	2	2	1
Nitkowski	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kida	2	2	0	0	2	3
Tampa Bay						
Santana L,1-3	5	10	8	7	2	4
Rekar	3	2	0	0	1	1
RWhite	1	0	0	0	0	2

Nitkowski pitched to 1 batter in the 8th, Santana pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.

T—3:06. A—20,644 (42,531).

ORIOLES 6, TWINS 0

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi
Hcking rf	4	0	0	0	DShlds 2b	4	1	1 1
Gates 3b	4	0	1	0	Rboulet 3b	4	1	1 0
TWalkr 2b	3	0	2	0	Surhoff lf	4	0	0 0
Latham rf	1	0	0	0	Belle rf	2	2	1 1
Coomer 1b	3	0	1	0	Otanez dh	4	1	1 1
Mntkw 1b	0	0	0	0	Conine 1b	4	1	3 0
Stnbch c	3	0	1	0	Wbster c	3	0	0 1
JJVltn c	1	0	0	0	Amaral cf	3	0	2 2
Koskie dh	4	0	0	0	JGrcia ss	4	0	0 0
CAlln lf	4	0	0	0				
THuntr cf	3	0	1	0				
CGzmn ss	3	0	1	0				
Totals	**33**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**Totals**	**32**	**6**	**9 6**
Minnesota			**000**	**000**	**000**	**— 0**		
Baltimore			**101**	**130**	**00x**	**— 6**		

E—CGuzman (2). DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Minnesota 7, Baltimore 6. 2B—Amaral (1). 3B—Conine (1). HR—DeShields (1), Belle (5). SB—Reboulet (1), Amaral (1). SF—Amaral.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Milton L,0-2	4 1-3	8	6	6	1	4
Trombley	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
JMays	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sampson	1	0	0	0	1	1
Aguilera	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
Mussina W,4-1	7	6	0	0	1	3
Rhodes	1	0	0	0	0	2
Timlin	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:52. A—41,531 (48,876).

ANGELS 6, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
Drham 2b	4	0	0	0	Erstad 1b	5	1	2 0
Caruso ss	4	1	1	0	Velarde 2b	3	2	2 0
Thmas dh	3	0	1	1	MVghn dh	4	1	0 0
MOrdz rf	4	0	1	0	Salmon rf	3	0	1 2
Norton 3b	4	1	1	0	Glaus 3b	3	1	1 1
Liefer 1b	3	0	0	0	GAdrsn cf	4	1	2 2
Sngltn lf	2	1	1	2	Unroe lf	3	1	2 1
MLJhn c	3	0	0	0	OPlmro lf	1	0	0 0
MCrstn cf	3	0	0	0	Wlbeck c	3	0	0 0
					Sheets ss	3	0	0 0
Totals	**30**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**Totals**	**32**	**6**	**11 6**
Chicago			**001**	**011**	**000**	**— 3**		
Anaheim			**001**	**021**	**20x**	**— 6**		

E—MChristensen (3), Velarde (3), Olivares (2). DP—Anaheim 2. LOB—Chicago 2, Anaheim 9. 2B—Norton (5), Glaus (14). HR—Singleton (1), GAnderson (5), Unroe (1). SB—Velarde (5). S—Sheets. SF—Singleton, Salmon, Glaus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Parque L,3-2	5	8	4	4	3	1
Foulke	3	3	2	2	1	4
Anaheim						
Olivares W,3-2	9	5	3	2	1	3

Parque pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.

T—2:22. A—34,737 (45,050).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 3, MARLINS 2

HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi	FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi
Biggio 2b	4	1	2	0	LCstllo 2b	4	0	1 0
Spiers ss	4	0	2	0	AGnzlz ss	4	1	2 0
Bogar ss	0	0	0	0	Kotsay rf	4	1	1 0
Bgwell 1b	3	2	1	1	Floyd lf	4	0	1 2
DeBell rf	5	0	0	0	DLee 1b	4	0	2 0
Cmnitti 3b	4	0	1	0	Mantei p	0	0	0 0
Everett cf	5	0	3	2	Dnwdy cf	3	0	1 0
Hidalgo lf	3	0	1	0	Aven ph	1	0	0 0
Esebio c	4	0	3	0	Berg 3b	4	0	1 0
Rynlds p	2	0	0	0	Rdmnd c	4	0	0 0
JPowll p	0	0	0	0	AFrndz p	0	0	0 0
Wagner p	0	0	0	0	Edmnd p	1	0	0 0
					Cunsell ph	1	0	0 0
					Alfnsca p	0	0	0 0
					One ph	1	0	0 0
					PWilsn rf	0	0	0 0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**13**	**3**	**Totals**	**35**	**2**	**9 2**
Houston			**101**	**010**	**000**	**— 3**		
Florida			**000**	**000**	**020**	**— 2**		

DP—Houston 1, Florida 1. LOB—Houston 12, Florida 6. 2B—Biggio (10), Bagwell (6), Everett 2 (6), AGonzalez (6), Kotsay (5), Floyd (1). SB—Biggio (6). CS—Biggio (3). S—Reynolds 2. SF—Bagwell.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Reynolds W,5-1	7 2-3	8	2	2	0	6
JPowell	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Wagner S,9	1	0	0	0	0	1
Florida						
AFrndz L,1-2	1 1-3	3	1	1	0	0
Edmondson	3 2-3	7	2	2	3	5
Alfonseca	3	3	0	0	2	3
Mantei	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:59. A—16,575 (40,585).

BREWERS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 5

ARIZONA	ab	r	hbi	MILWAUKEE	ab	r	hbi
Wmack cf	4	0	0	0	Vina 2b	5	2	3 0
JBell 2b	5	0	0	0	Becker cf	2	0	2 0
LGnzlz lf	3	1	1	0	Grssom cf	1	1	1 3
MaWlm 3b	5	2	2	3	Cirillo 3b	3	0	1 2
Clbrnn 1b	2	0	0	0	Burnitz rf	4	0	1 1
TLee 1b	1	0	0	0	Nilsson c	5	0	2 0
Gilkey rf	4	0	2	0	Wckmn p	0	0	0 0
Swndell p	0	0	0	0	Berry 1b	4	0	0 0
Olson p	0	0	0	0	Wthers p	0	0	0 0
DMiller c	4	1	1	2	Hughes c	0	0	0 0
TBatsa ss	3	0	0	0	Jenkins lf	3	0	0 0
Dllucci ph	0	0	0	0	Ochoa lf	1	0	0 0
Rynoso p	2	0	1	0	Collier ss	2	0	0 0
AFox ph	0	0	0	0	MMyrs p	0	0	0 0
BJAdsn p	0	0	0	0	Banks 1b	1	1	1 0
Frsctne p	0	0	0	0	Roque p	2	0	0 0
SFinley cf	1	0	1	0	Plunk p	0	0	0 0
					Loretta ss	2	2	2 0
Totals	**34**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**Totals**	**35**	**6**	**13 6**
Arizona			**010**	**000**	**220**	**— 5**		
Milwaukee			**000**	**010**	**23x**	**— 6**		

LOB—Arizona 8, Milwaukee 11. 2B—LGonzalez (6), Gilkey (4), Vina (6), Nilsson (3). HR—MaWilliams 2 (10), DMiller (1), Grissom (2). S—Becker.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Reynoso	6	5	1	1	4	2
BJAnderson	2-3	4	2	2	0	0
Frascatore	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Swindell	2-3	2	2	2	0	1
Olson L,0-2	1-3	2	1	1	1	0
Milwaukee						
Roque	5	2-3	4	1	1	1	3
Plunk		1	1	2	2	2	1
MMyers	1-3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Weathers W,2-0	1	2	2	2	1	0	0
Wickman S,4	1	1	0	0	2	0	0

T—3:37. A—23,811 (53,192)

CARDINALS 8, EXPOS 7

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi	MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi
Drew cf	4	2	1	0	Mouton lf	4	1	2 0
RNtenia ss	4	0	1	0	OCbrra ss	4	0	1 0
Lnkfrd lf	4	1	2	2	Vidro 1b	1	1	1 3
Bttalico p	0	0	0	0	MMrtz cf	5	1	1 0
EDavis ph	1	0	0	0	VGrero rf	4	0	1 0
Acvedo p	0	0	0	0	Barrett 3b	5	1	3 1
RdnskyJ p	0	0	0	0	Widger c	5	2	2 2
Tatis 3b	4	3	2	3	Andrws 1b	5	0	1 0
McGee rf	5	1	3	0	MrdcaI 2b	2	0	0 0
Mrrero c	4	0	0	2	Fllmer ph	1	0	0 1
McGwr 1b	0	0	0	0	Kline p	0	0	0 0
Plnco 2b	5	0	1	0	Merced ph	1	0	0 0
McEwg 1b	4	0	1	0	Mota p	0	0	0 0
Oliver p	2	1	1	0	Urbina p	0	0	0 0
Busby p	0	0	0	0	Cox ph	1	0	0 0
Painter p	0	0	0	0	MBatsa p	0	1	0 0
ACstllo c	2	0	0	0	Telford p	0	0	0 0
					RWhite ph	1	0	0 0
					Smart p	0	0	0 0
					WGrro 2b	3	1	2 0
Totals	**39**	**8**	**11**	**7**	**Totals**	**43**	**7**	**14 7**
St. Louis			**301**	**200**	**000**	**— 6**		
Montreal			**100**	**002**	**003**	**— 6**		

DP—St. Louis 1, Montreal 1. LOB—St. Louis 7, Montreal 8. 2B—Drew (4), McGee (1), Mouton (2), VGuerrero (5), Barrett (6), Widger (5). HR—Tatis (9), Vidro (3), Widger (5). SB—Tatis 2 (6), Marrero (5), McEwing (3). CS—OCabrera (1). S—Renteria, Oliver.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Oliver	5	7	2	2	1	2
Busby	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Painter	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Bottalico	2	2	0	0	0	1
Acevedo W,2-1	1 1-3	3	4	4	1	1
Radinsky S,2	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Montreal						
MBatista	3 1-3	9	6	6	3	1
Telford	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Smart		2	0	0	0	1
Kline		2	0	0	0	1
Mota		1	0	0	0	0
Urbina L,2-3		1	2	2	2	0

Oliver pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.

WP—Busby, Urbina. T—3:48. A—11,610 (46,500).

CUBS 3, PADRES 2

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
DJcksn 2b	4	0	0	0	LJhnsn cf	5	1	2 0
Owens cf	4	0	0	0	Mrndni 2b	3	0	0 0
Gwynn rf	4	1	1	0	Sosa rf	4	1	3 1
Joyner 1b	2	1	1	0	MaGrc 1b	4	1	2 0
Vn Wal lf	4	0	2	1	HRdrgz lf	4	0	1 0
RRivra cf	0	0	0	0	CGdwin lf	0	0

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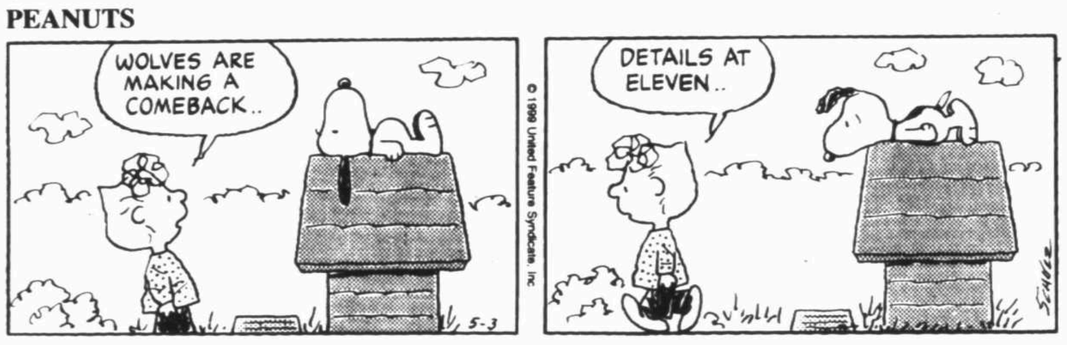
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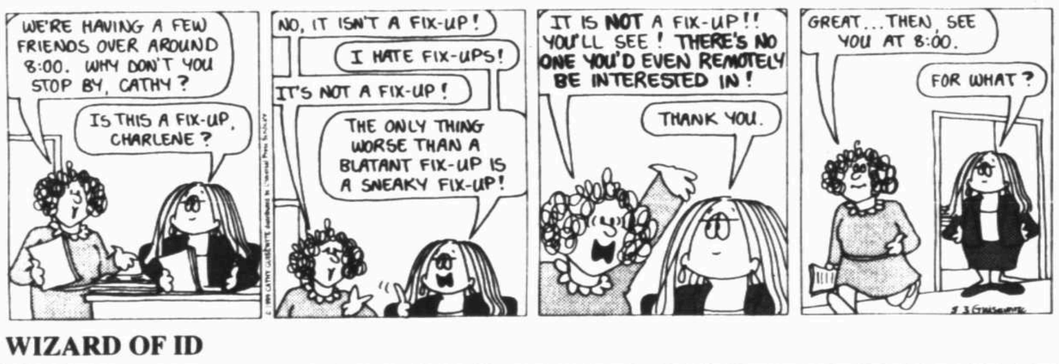
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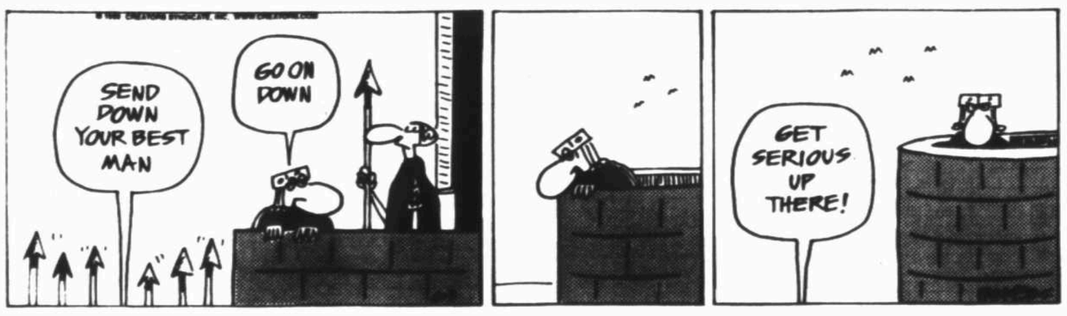
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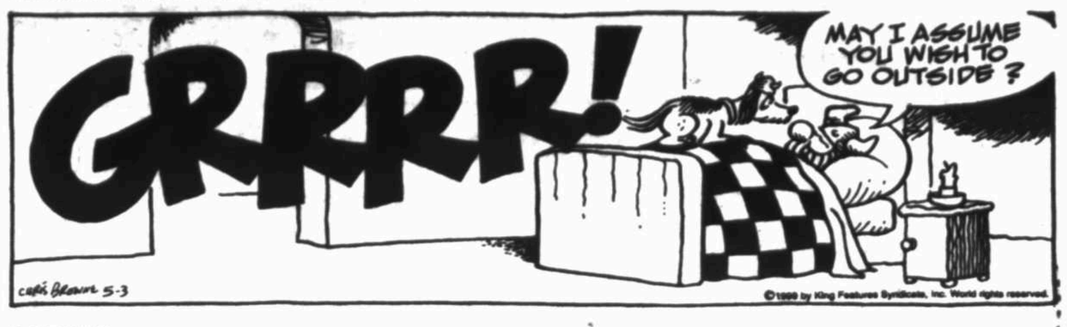
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll have: 5-Dymanic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Continue to work with the unexpected and to remain confident, and opportunities will land in your lap. Laughter and humor mark the day's end. Start confirming summer vacation plans. Take a risk; invite others for a meeting. The more feedback, the better. Tonight: Try a new route home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Close relating is important professionally. A boss appreciates your uniqueness, but do you appreciate his? Laugh, loosen up and enjoy the moment. Your perspective helps others; your intuition helps you. Don't be timid. No matter what, you will land on your feet. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Break patterns. Heed your intuition. Arrange meetings, brainstorm and be willing to work with another's advice. News could surprise you; however, it is a major first step. Follow a hunch; open that door. Others respond to your requests. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Work needs to remain your highest priority. You have a lot on your plate, and more is about to arrive. Partners who have supported you emotionally and financially could do the unexpected. Good news follows you. Go along with a demanding boss. Tonight: Could be a late one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Allow yourself to be more positive and optimistic. Be open to the creative process. Others pop up with good ideas and unusual suggestions. Look at the whole story, not just part of it. Charisma, fun and a sense of humor allow others to be open with you. Tonight: Spice up a flirtation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Build a strong foundation, rather than trying to fix a project midway. Recognize your limitations while opening up to career possibilities. Is there a more effective way of doing your work? Others offer suggestions. An associate is there for you. Accept a money offer. Tonight: Take work home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Communication is energized; it seems like your phone will short-circuit from so many calls. Don't cut a child or loved one off if you can avoid it; he might have important or unusual news. Others clearly want to share. Try to fit them in while you get work done. Tonight: The hectic pace continues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be willing to shake up the status quo. Your sense of direction might be very important, financially. Regroup and build better work relationships. Teamwork counts while your plate is too full. Discuss different financial options over lunch. Tonight: Pay bills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You're in the limelight, even when you try to steer attention toward others. Creativity is high; you find answers. Be careful with flirtation. Don't promise — another easily misreads it. Your inner vitality marks communication. Be unique and daring in what you say and do. Tonight: Your call.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Much you hear isn't confirmed. Think through financial decisions before you make a commitment. Be realistic about family and how much you can depend on them. Good intentions mark interactions on the homefront. Tonight: Take a needed time-out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Many find your unpredictability and fun-loving nature irresistible. Not everyone has to see eye-to-eye with you, which is as it should be. You sometimes shock people with your ideas and beliefs. Screen calls and cut out unnecessary errands. Tonight: Running around doing this and that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Eliminate the unnecessary. Stay focused on necessities, particularly work-related ones. You can make a financial coup; this could involve a lucky lottery ticket or even a pay raise. You certainly have been giving 100 percent of yourself. Tonight: Your mind is putting in overtime, even if you aren't!

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BORN TODAY
Singer James Brown (1933), musician Christopher Cross (1951), magician Doug Henning (1947)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 8 ♡ K J 7 5 ◇ Q 7 ♣ A 9 7 5 2

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?

A - You cannot afford to make a takeout double because of the expected spade response from partner, and your club suit is too weak for a two-level overcall. If you do take any action, it would be an overcall of one heart. While we are not loath to overcalling at the one-level on a four-card suit, your hearts leave a great deal to be desired. Pass.

Q 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 9 8 5 4 3 ♡ K Q ◇ 7 2 ♣ J 4 3

Your left-hand opponent's one diamond opening bid is passed around to you. What action do you take?

A - In the balancing seat, you do not need all that much to keep the auction alive — unless opener has a powerhouse, your partner has a good hand that is flawed from intervening immediately. It is quite possible that partner did not act because of diamond length and spade shortness. Although reopening is marginal, your six-card suit is the decisive factor. Bid one spade.

Q 3 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A Q 8 2 ♡ A 6 5 ◇ K Q 6 ♣ K 10 7

Your left-hand opponent's opening bid of one diamond is followed by two passes. What action do you take?

A - In the immediate seat, you would overcall one no trump. In the balancing seat, however, that action would be taken with some 11-14 points. To show a hand this strong, you must start with a takeout double and then bid no trump as cheaply as possible at your next turn.

Q 4 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7 ♡ K 9 6 ◇ K 6 3 ♣ A Q 10 9 4 2

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♣	Pass	2◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - Your hand has improved immensely. You have a known eight-card or better heart fit, a ruffing value in spades and prime cards in both of partner's suits. A simple preference to two hearts does not do this hand justice. Jump to three hearts.

Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ J ♡ 6 5 2 ◇ K J 5 3 ♣ K 10 8 7 3

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A - You do not have the values for a two-over-one response since your singleton in partner's suit is a liability, not an asset. Thus you have no alternative but to respond one no trump. Even if partner passes, your high-card values and five-card suit should give you play for the contract. Of course, if you play forcing one-no-trump responses, you are almost certain to land in a suit contract.

Q 6 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A ♡ 8 5 ◇ A K Q J 7 4 ♣ A K J 4

Your right-hand opponent opens the auction with a weak two-spade bid. What action do you take?

A - You have a very powerful hand, but do not let it go to your head. If you could be sure the opening lead would be a spade, or that partner would have enough in hearts to stop the suit, you could try three no trump, but that would surely lead to a missed slam if partner has nothing more than ace of hearts and queen of clubs. Start with a takeout double and see what develops.

CLOSE TO HOME



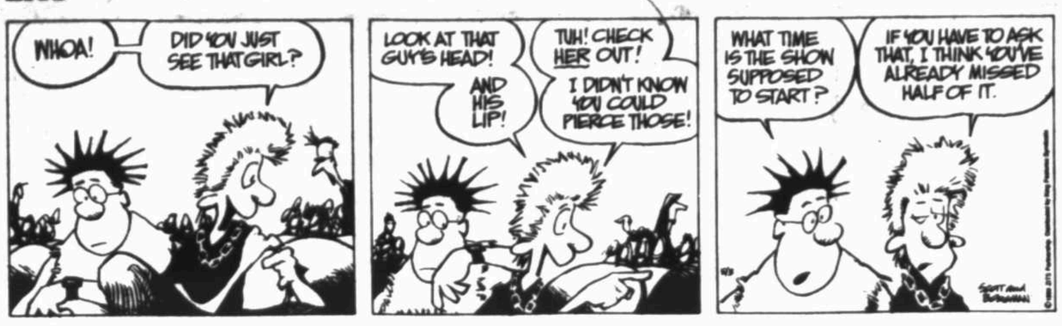
To spare their chefs from having to deal with irate diners, many restaurants employ former pro wrestlers as stand-ins.

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"HAS MR. WILSON EVER THOUGHT ABOUT *DOWN-SIZING?*"

PEOPLE TODAY

Bobbitt pleads guilty to larceny charge

FALLON, Nev. — **John Wayne Bobbitt** has pleaded guilty to an attempted grand larceny charge stemming from the theft of clothing at a Fallon store.

Bobbitt, 32, who gained notoriety in 1993 when his then-wife, **Lorena**, cut off his penis, faces up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine when he's sentenced Sept. 14 for his part in a theft scheme involving store employees.

Bobbitt entered the plea last week as part of a plea bargain. In return, prosecutors agreed to cap his restitution at $5,000 and to drop felony theft and conspiracy to commit theft charges against him.

Five co-defendants, including two Bobbitt cousins, accepted a similar plea bargain and entered pleas with him.



Bobbitt pleaded guilty to theft of clothing.

Doctors were able to surgically reattach the severed organ, and Bobbitt went on to work in pornographic films. While living in Las Vegas, Bobbitt twice was jailed on charges that he beat up a former topless dancer who was his fiancee.

In 1997, he moved to Fallon, a farm town 60 miles east of Reno. But Bobbitt said he now is living in New York to be close to his parents.

He said he quit his job as a bartender at the Moonlight Bunny Ranch in March after his request for a raise was rejected. The brothel near Carson City is legal under state law.

"Once you work for a brothel, they think they own you," Bobbitt said.

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LAS VEGAS — **Sophia Loren** will be on hand to christen a gondola on Monday at the opening of the $1.5 billion Venetian resort-casino, which replicates some of Venice's most famous landmarks.

The new resort was built on the site of the old Sands Hotel, where **Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin** and **Sammy Davis Jr.** cavorted as the Rat Pack.

The 3,036-room resort, whose theme is Italy's most romantic city, features site replicas including the Doge's Palace and the Rialto Bridge. In front, a 586,000-gallon lagoon with working gondolas adds to the Venetian's flavor.

Inside the 35-story hotel, there's a domed entrance ceiling 65 feet high with artwork like that found in Venice. More artwork occupies a 150-foot-long gallery lined with giant columns of Italian marble.

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LOS ANGELES — "I'm a writer now," **Bill Murray** announced to a crowd of publishers and booksellers, "and in order to give you a feeling for the book that I've written I have come completely unprepared."

Murray, co-author of the golf book and memoir "A Cinderella Story," was speaking Saturday at BookExpo America, the industry's annual convention.

"I became a writer," he continued, "back in 1999. I had approximately, uh, the rest of the month to finish it. And those of you who know the month of February know what I'm talking about."

He joked about his inability to meet deadlines, apologized for exceeding his allotted speaking time and offered encouragement to all the independent booksellers in his own special way.

"I've never gone to the Internet and sat down and read anything," he said. "But I've never gone to the Internet and shoplifted, either."

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NEW YORK — **Michelle Pfeiffer**, who has just made People magazine's "50 Most Beautiful" list for the sixth time, says she would like to have longer legs and curls.



Pfeiffer not unhappy with her looks, but would like curls.

"I'm not unhappy with the way I look now," Pfeiffer, 41, says in the May 10 issue of People magazine, but "I really would like curls."

The movie star is featured on the cover of the magazine's special issue, making her the only celebrity to have graced the "50 Most Beautiful" cover twice.

And Pfeiffer has outdone lookers like **Tom Cruise, John F. Kennedy Jr.**, and **Mel Gibson** — who have 'only' been on the list five times. They were not on it this year.

Jennifer Aniston, Benjamin Bratt, and **Nicole Kidman** are also on this years list.

"A person's looks are a double-edged sword. Sometimes it works in your favor, sometimes it works against you," Pfeiffer said. "All I really care about is that I'm able to age gracefully and that I don't ever look like a wax figure of myself."

Pfeiffer, the mother of two children, is married to producer **David E. Kelley**, whose credits include "The Practice" and "Ally McBeal."

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LOS ANGELES — **Pauly Shore**: actor, comedian ... principal?

Shore, the former MTV personality and star of comedies including "Encino Man," strolled the halls of Canoga Park High School on Friday as part of the Los Angeles Unified School District's Principal for a Day program.

Students chanted "weasel, weasel, weasel" and shouted "hey bu-u-udy" — his nickname and catch phrase, respectively — as Shore walked by.

Shore said he tried to befriend some of the school's more marginalized students because of the way he was picked on by classmates during his days at Beverly Hills High School.

"I like to go right for the kids that no one ever talks to. Once you talk to them and kind of make them laugh, that's all they really need," Shore told the Daily News of Los Angeles. "I have an understanding of where they're coming from, how sad a lot of them are. That gets to me."

Under the Principal for a Day program, entertainment industry figures and others stand in for regular educators. "3rd Rock from the Sun" actor **French Stewart** was among those who participated.

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(3) KMID	2	3	News 99	Wheel of Fortune							News 2625241	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Access Hollywood
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Melrose Place: Floral Knowledge 58680		Ally McBeal: Only the Lonely 74628		Mad About You	The Nanny 67999	Jerry Springer 57951		Cops 31425	News/Radio 12512
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 9357	Entertain. Tonight	Cosby 6852 (TVG)	King of Queens	Raymond	Becker 5087	L.A. Doctors 59696 (TVPG-LS)		News 2514951	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Craig Kilborn
(9) KWES	9	9	News 4809	Seinfeld 8561	Suddenly Susan	Mad About You	Noah's Ark (Part 3) (TV) (Jon Voight, Mary Steenburgen)				News 1661947	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Sam Soleyn 72222	John Hagee 63574	Faith Pleases God Church 59628		The Light of the Southwest 38864				Richard Roberts 57999		News 91845	Jack Van Impe
(15) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 804241		Wild Europe: Wild Arctic; Wild Grasslands (Part 2 of 3) 270425 (TVG)				The World of National Geographic 856609		Telecourse 125241			
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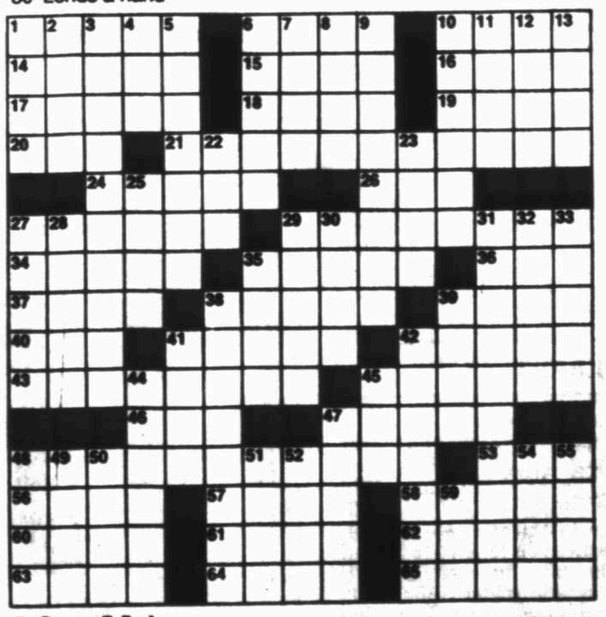
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Booster Clubs...

The **Midland Lee Softball Booster Club** meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria...

The **Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club** will meet May 3 at 7 p.m. in the school library. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248...

The **Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club** will meet at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Lee library...

The **Midland High Softball Booster Club** will meet on May 10 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A. For more information please call, Bill Vallie at 685-1408 or Diane Harris at 520-8912...

The **Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club** will hold its final meeting on May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Lee cafeteria. Officers will be elected for the coming year. If you are interested in serving as an officer or committee member for the 1999-2000 season, or want additional information, call Paul or Vickie Jay at 694-5977...

The **Midland Lee Volleyball Booster Club** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Lee library on May 6...

Banquets

The **Midland High Spring Sports Banquet** will be held at Chaparral Center on May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $6 and will go on sale in the MHS gymnasium before school, at noon and after school, beginning May 10. For information, call 689-1131 or 689-1132...

The **Midland Lee Baseball Banquet** will be held at 7 p.m. May 3 in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. The meal will be catered by Johnny's Barbeque. For ticket information, call 699-4889 or 694-1177...

Golf...

McCamey Country Club will host the following tournaments; May 15-16, Charlie Shepard Memorial 2-man lowball, $140 per team. Call 652-8904 for more information...

Junior Golf Summer Clinic at Masters Golf is for ages 7-12 for weeks of June 7-10, June 14-17 and June 21-24. Clinic runs 9:15-10:45 a.m. and cost is $60 per week. Class is limited so call 570-4499 for more information...

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is hosting its **5th Annual Golf Fore Kids Sake Tournament** May 10 at Green Tree Country Club. The cost is $100 per person for the 18-hole, four-person scramble, which is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. There will also be a putting and chipping contest between 1:30-2:30 p.m. For more information, call Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland at (915) 687-0195...

The Odessa College Athletic Department will host the **1999 Wrangler Club Scramble** May 6 at Odessa Country Club, which will include special guest Rudy Gatlin. The entry fee for the 4-person scramble is $150 and includes a ticket to the Wrangler All-Sports Banquet, which will be held May 4. For more information, please call (915) 335-6574...

The **Midland West Rotary Club** is hosting the 11th annual College Scholarship tournament May 7 at Hogan Park Golf Course. It will be a four-person scramble with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is $50. For more information, call Raymond Nnicholas at 682-0958 or Dan Garlington at 697-8036...

Hogan Park is hosting a two-person scramble May 31 beginning at noon. Entry fee is $60 per team. For more details, contact the staff at Hogan Park...

Hogan Park Golf Course is holding a **Ladies Clinic** May 18-20 from 6-8 p.m. all three days. The clinic includes four hours of instruction on the putting green and driving range plus a video of your golf swing to keep. Cost of the clinic is $60. For more information, call 685-7360...

Masters Golf will offer a **Ladies Golf Clinic** for beginners on May 24-27. Cost is $60. Class is limited so call 570-4499 for more information...

Softball...

The **Midland Softball Association's** summer season begins June 14. The entry fee is $250 per team with players fees $10 per person. Entry deadline is May 20. Divisions are open to men, women, church and co-ed teams. For more information, call 683-8741...

"Crush" Cinco de Mayo Softball Tournament is May 7-8 only with no games on Sunday. The event is sponsored by Curt Alvin Construction. Entry deadline is May 5. Call Joe Diaz at 520-9516, Bryan Reynolds, 570-9848; or Curt Alvin, 620-9222...

Scorekeepers are needed for several softball tournaments that are coming up in next three months. The fee will be based on the tournament involved. Please call Janice Klein at 697-5722 after 6 p.m. for more information...

The Permian Basin USSSA is holding a **Men's Hispanic Class D World and State Qualifying Tournament** on May 14-16 in Andrews. The entry fee is $150 and USSSA Hispanic registration is $15. The first place team will receive a berth in the World Class D Tournament in Phoenix. The top four places receive berths to the Hispanic State Tournament in San Angelo. Entries will be limited to the first 20 teams and team must be able to start at 8 p.m. on May 14. Call Fred Fuentes at 915-570-9057, Leroy Rodriquez at 915-520-8409 or the Permian Basin USSA at 915-699-5559 for more information...

Entries are being taken for the **A.S.A. Girls Fast-pitch 12-under tournament** May 14-16 at Hines Park in Duncan, OK. The entry fee for the 7-game guarantee is $185 and is limited to 16 teams. For more information, call 580-255-4800 or 580-252-5078 (evenings)...

Entries are being taken for the **A.S.A. Girls Fast-pitch 16-under and 10-under tournaments** May 7-9 at Hines Park in Duncan, OK. The entry fee for the 7-game guarantee is $185. For more information, call 580-255-4800 or 580-255-1967 (evenings)...

The Abilene Slowpitch Softball Association will conduct a **men's and women's ASA one-pitch tournament** on May 8-9. The double elimination tournament will have a $65 entry fee and the deadline for entry is 6:30 p.m. on May 5. Call 915-677-6590 for more details...

Baseball..

Mid-City Little League is holding a **Home Run Derby** at the baseball field at Wadley and A Street at 11 a.m. May 1 with individual and team competition available for ages 9-12. There is a $10 entry fee for 15 pitches at the same speed pitches from a machine. Registration forms are available at Stadium Sports and Play It Again Sports. Barbeque and soft drinks will be available. For rules and information call Ben Strickling at 686-9801, Kerry Fender at 683-8473 or Steve Cole at 687-1234...

Tennis...

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The **Club at Mission Dorado** is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707...

The **Midland Tennis Club** will hold the following tournaments at the Midland College Tennis Center: May 1-2 Men's Singles/Women's Doubles; May 15-16 Mixed Doubles; May 22-23 Men's and Women's Singles; June 12-13 Men's Doubles/Women's Doubles; June 26-27: Mixed Doubles. Club Levels are Open, A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, C and Senior (50 and over). Non-members can play in any tournament with a $10 entry fee...

Basketball...

The **Midland Boys and Girls Club Basketball Camp** will take place July 6-9 for players ages 7-12 at the Taylor Park Gym. The camp will feature former Abilene Cooper and Indiana Standout and current Minnesota Timberwolves player Andrae Patterson. Also expected to help out are Midland High standouts Jay Christian and Charles Tatum will be camp leaders. The fee is $10 per participant. For more information, call 683-0050 or 683-0051...

There will be three **Saturday only tournaments** held in Midland for girls 12-under, 14-under and high school eligible age groups. The dates are May 8, May 22 and June 26. The cost is $150 per team. For more information, call 915-697-1030...

Registration for the **YMCA Youth Summer Basketball League** begins May 1 for boys and girls in grades 3-8. League play begins June 15 and the registration deadline is May 29. The cost is $25 for YMCA members and $30 for non-members. Call the Central YMCA at 682-2551 for more information...

The YMCA will conduct The **Juneteenth Men's Basketball Tournament** for June 18-20. The fee is $100 per team and the registration deadline is June 14. Call Earl Davis at 570-4093 or 560-1030 or Eddie Venzant at the Central YMCA at 682-2551...

Miscellaneous...

Area Boys Scouts are putting on a **sporting clays shoot** that will be held May 1 at WindWalker Sporting Clays Complex. Competition starts at 9 a.m., and prizes will be awarded. The cost is $100 per shooter, with proceeds going to the Buffalo Trails At-Risk Program. For more information, call Roy Loris at 570-7601.

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and in-line skating , If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-3227...

The Midland branch of the **American Escrima Wing Tsun Organization** is holding an adult self defense combat class in association with the Midland Wrestling Club. Classes will be held three times a week. For more information, call David Lesser at 687-6973 or 685-0531...

Midland College is hosting the **World's Biggest Disc Weekend** on May 15 from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. at the Midland College Disc golf course. The entry fee is $12. This is not a tournament, participants are encouraged to play at their leisure. A doubles tournament will be held at 4 p.m. For more information, call Lee Almaguer at 915-685-4739...

Tae Kwon Do classes are being offered at the Alamo YMCA starting May 1 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Alamo YMCA at 694-2528...

The **Midland Women's Bowling Association** will hold it annual spring meeting Saturday, May 22 at 2 p.m. at Cactus Lanes, 3920 W. Wall. The election of officers and directors will be held. Awards from the Women's City Tournament will be presented. All women bowlers are invited to attend. Officer positions up for election are 1st Vice President, Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms. There are also five director positions up for election. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact one of the following members of the nominating committee: JoAnn Jackson, Frances Gronow, Connie Mermis, or one of the current MWBA officers or directors...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program** is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering **water aerobics**. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528...

COM Aquatics - **Learn to Swim** year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

The **COM Masters Swim Team** is open to anyone 20-over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Diving lessons are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 4:55 p.m. and from 5 to 5:25 p.m. For information, call 684-7755...

Soccer...

The **Bobby Moffat Soccer Camp** will be in Midland June 7-11 at Windlands Soccer Complex for boys and girls 6-16. Please contact Connie Stall at the Midland Soccer Association at 684-5425 or 570-5461...

The **Britannia Soccer Camp** will be held in Midland on June 14-18 at the Windlands Soccer Complex for boys and girls ages 5-18. Please contact Connie Stall at the Midland Soccer Association at 684-5425 or 570-5461...

The **British Soccer Camp** will be held in Midland July 19-23 at the Windlands Soccer Complex for boys and girls ages 5-18. Please contact Connie Stall at the Midland Soccer Association at 684-5425 or 570-5461...

Summer Camps...

The **Lee Rebel Football Camp** is set for June 7-11, and the Lee Rebel Weight Training Camp is June 14-July 2. Cost for either camp is $55, but students registering for both pay only $95. For more information, call coach Scott Hicks at 689-1602...

The **Midland High Summer Baseball Camp** will run June 1-4 at Zachery Field. Youngsters ages 7-12 will attend from 9 a.m.-noon while those 13-15 will attend 1-4 p.m. Price for the camp is $100 or $30 per day. Instructors will be MHS varsity coaches Barry Russell and Danny Jordan as well as some alumni and college players. Registration is at Stadium Sports or the Midland High baseball office. For more information, call Russell at 689-1194 or 570-6681...

Camp Goodenough will be held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Day camp for elementary school girls June 14-18 from 1-4 p.m. Overnight camp for girls from fourth grade through high school is schuled for June 23-26. For more information, call Julie Goodenough at (915) 670-1435 or 675-5233...

The **Midland High Football Camp** is scheduled for May 31-June 4 at the Memorial Stadium practice fields for students in grades 5-9. Cost of the camp is $55. All registration forms should be mailed to David Browning, 2001 Cuthbert, Midland, Tx. 79701 by 8 a.m. May 31. For more questions, call Blake Feldt 689-1193...

The **Midland High Weightlifting Camp** will be held in three separate sessions in June, on the weeks of 7-11, 14-18 and 21-25. Times for the camp are 8-9:30 a.m. for grades 5-7 and 9:30-11 a.m. for grades 8-9. Cost for the camp is $30 for one week or $55 for two nonconescutive weeks. For more information, call 689-1193...

The **Lady Rebel Basketball Camp** will be held June 7-10 for girls going into the fourth through the ninth grades. The camp costs $55 (which includes a shirt and ball). Session I (Incoming 4th through 7th graders) takes place at 9 a.m. to noon. Session II (Incoming 8th and 9th graders) takes place at 9 a.m. to noon. Session III (Incoming 4th through 7th graders) takes place at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The **Midland High Volleyball Clinic** will be conducted June 1-4 at First Presbyterian Church Family Life Center (Gym). The clinic will cost $30-45. Session I ($30) will be for girls going into Grades 4-6. It runs from 8 a.m. to 9:30. Session II ($45) is for Grades 7-8 and runs from 9:45 a.m. to noon. Session III ($45) is for Grade 9 from 1:15 p.m. to 3:30. For more information, call Terri McCulloch at 689-1133 (work) or 686-8471 (home)...

The Odessa Jackalopes announced the **1999 Jackalope Summer Hockey School** will take place this summer for interested players ages 6-up. There will be two sessions — July 19-23 and July 26-30 — at Music City Mall. Each session is $235 and among the instructors are Joe Clark (camp director), Jacque Rodrigue and Paul Vincent. For more information, call 552-PUCK (7825).

The **1999 Midland College Basketball Camp** for boys will be held in two sessions this summer. Session I (grades 3-8) is June 7-10 from 1-5 p.m. Session II (grades 9-12) is July 12-15 from 1-5 p.m. All sessions will be held at the Midland College P.E. gymnasium. The cost is $60 if registered by June 1 for Session I and July 6 for Session II. It's $75 for late registration. For registration or further information please contact Coach Cotten at 685-4578...

The **1999 Red Raider Summer Baseball Camps** are offering sessions in June and July and are opened to anyone age 6 to high school senior. Ages 6-12 can attend half day sessions on June 14-16 for $75 with a $50 deposit required. The older campers can attend one of either two July sessions: July 16-18 or July 30-Aug. 1. A camper may attend as a commuter or stay overnight. Commuter tuition is $200 and those staying overnight will pay $265. A deposit of $100 is required for the July sessions. For more information or a brochure, please call Greg Evans at (806) 793-3319. Tuition and/or depos with name, address, t-shirt size, age and camp attending can be sent to: Red Raider Baseball Camp, Box POB 53932, Lubbock, TX, 79453...

Barkley leads Rockets in win

HOUSTON (AP) — This time, the Houston Rockets didn't take any chances.

Charles Barkley had 19 points and 12 rebounds and Scottie Pippen led a fourth-quarter 3-point shooting charge that helped the Rockets run away from the Los Angeles Clippers 110-84 Sunday night.

The Rockets lost in overtime to the lowly Clippers in Los Angeles on April 23, so they came out charging and never trailed.

"This was a great win for us," Pippen said. "It's always good to get everyone involved in the offense. We needed a good one like this where our starters could rest. Charles had great energy and that got us going."

The Clippers did throw a minor scare into the Rockets when they trimmed a 20-point deficit near the end of the third quarter to 86-74 with 7:06 to play.

That's when the Rockets put on a 3-point shooting show to blow out the Clippers. The Rockets had seven 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and were 11-for-21 overall from beyond the arc. Los Angeles was 3-for-12 from 3-point range.

"Me and Scottie had a long talk, I said, 'If we're going down, let's go down running and gunning,'" Barkley said. "I don't know about the rest of the guys but me and Scottie are going to be running."

Pippen started the Rockets' run with the first of his three fourth-quarter 3-pointers and they went ahead 108-78 with 1:32 left in the game. Sam Mack also hit two 3-pointers in the run.

"If he sticks to his guns, we will run," Pippen said of Barkley. "We'll just have to wait and see if he does that."

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 20 points and had five steals and Pippen finished with 14 points as seven Rockets finished in double figures.

"Coming off the bench, I'm trying to get the team going in whatever way I can," Mack said. "We were able to push the ball up court and we like to run anyway because we (the second unit) are all shooters."

Troy Hudson led the Clippers with 20 points, while Maurice Taylor had 18.

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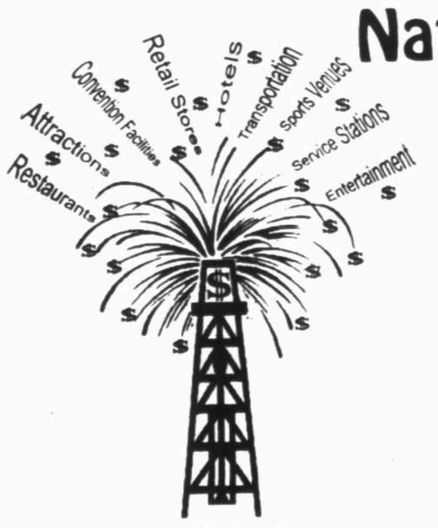
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Aussie Appleby accomplishes 1-stroke win at Houston Open

Associated Press

THE WOODLANDS — Stuart Appleby's third career victory was his first since the death of his wife.

The native of Australia shot a 1-under-par 71 Sunday for a one-stroke victory over Hal Sutton and John Cook in the Shell Houston Open.

Appleby finished with a 9-under 279 total one day after his 28th birthday and the win was worth $450,000.

It was his first title since Renay Appleby's death last summer in a traffic accident outside a train station in London.

Sutton, who held a two-shot lead going into the final round, bogeyed two of the final three holes for a 3-over 75. Cook also finished at 280 following a closing 70.

Mark Wiebe, who had a final-round 73, was fourth at 282, while Loren Roberts and Vijay Singh were among five golfers another shot back.

Appleby, three shots behind Sutton at the beginning of play Sunday at the Tournament Players Course at The Woodlands, opened with a birdie but could do little else on the front nine, making bogeys at Nos. 5 and 8. He birdied the par-4 12th to get within one shot of Sutton, but his birdie attempt at No. 13 rolled by the cup.

Another birdie attempt at the par-5 15th slid by the hole but he finally tied Sutton at 9-under with a birdie at No. 17 while Sutton was missing a 3-foot par putt at 16. When Sutton also bogeyed No. 17, Appleby was in the lead.

At the par-4 18th, Appleby's second shot rolled off the back of the green into the rough and a long birdie attempt was short by about 3 feet.

Sutton got to 18 with a chance to tie and force a playoff, but with 15 mph winds swirling and gusting, his 25-foot putt for birdie missed to the right of the cup.

Sutton had a rocky start, with bogeys on Nos. 2 and 3 before recovering with a birdie at 4. After three straight pars, he bogeyed the par-3 8th, then strung three more pars together before rolling in a 2-foot putt for birdie at 12.

By the time Cook caught fire in search of his 11th career win, he ran out of holes. He started with a birdie, then reeled off 10 straight pars before finally making another birdie at the par-4 12th to pull within one shot of Sutton.

The 41-year-old Californian then found the water on No. 13 and a bunker at 14 for bogeys. After a par at 15, he holed his shot out of the bunker at 16 for a birdie, and followed with another birdie at No. 17 to get to 8-under. A birdie attempt at 18 to get to 9-under was short and he finished with the 70, one of the few players to break par Sunday.

Nelson wins Bruno's Memorial Classic

HOOVER, Ala. — Larry Nelson made a 1-foot par putt on the 18th hole Sunday to hang on for a one-stroke victory in the Bruno's Memorial Classic seniors tournament.

Nelson shot a 4-under-par 68 at the Greystone Golf Club to finish with an 11-under 205 total, one shot better than Dana Quigley.



AP Photo

Stuart Appleby of Australia hits his third shot to the par-5 fifth hole during the final round of the Shell Houston Open on Sunday. Appleby won the tournment finishing at 9-under par.

■ Golf Roundup

Gil Morgan bogeyed No. 18 and his final-round 68 left him at 207.

Nelson's second win of the year was all but guaranteed after Quigley and Morgan missed chances to tie him on 18. Playing in three different groups, Quigley and Morgan both went to the final hole at 10 under, a stroke behind Nelson.

Quigley got to the par-5 final hole first and had a chance to tie Nelson, but missed a birdie putt and finished with a 66.

Morgan's group was next and he was all but eliminated when his fourth shot landed on the upper fringe. He then missed a 25-foot putt and the ball rolled past by at least 10 feet. His attempt at par was a foot short.

This was the second consecutive year an Alabama native won the event. Hubert Green, a native of Birmingham who helped design the course, won last year. Both golfers are in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Nelson, who started the day tied with Joe Inman for the lead at 7-under, birdied Nos. 1 and 2 and was still at 9-under after the front nine. But he bogeyed No. 10 to let Morgan and Quigley back into contention.

Inman shot a 71 to finish at 208, three shots off the lead. It was still good enough for fourth place, his highest finish of the year.

Bob Charles, who played in the final group with Inman and Nelson, shot a 75 Sunday and was eight strokes back.

Hetherington takes LPGA City of Hope

MURRELLS INLET, S.C. — Rachel Hetherington is showing Australian women's golf isn't all about Karrie Webb.

Hetherington shot a 4-under-par 68 Sunday and survived a final-round shootout to win the rain-shortened LPGA City of Hope Myrtle Beach Classic, her second straight tour victory.

"These two weeks have been good fun, I wish I could play like this all the time," she said after earning $101,250 for her third career win.

It wasn't easy.

Hetherington, who won last week's Chik-fil-A Charity Championship, finished with a 7-under 137 total at Wachesaw East Golf Club. Then she waited more than an hour as the rest of the field tried to catch her.

"It wasn't a good wait. I thought I'd be in a playoff or one of the girls would get to 8 under," Hetherington said.

No one could, not even Webb, the tour's money leader who missed a 10-foot birdie on No. 18.

Leta Lindley, who led with six holes to go, rimmed out a par putt on 18 that would have forced a playoff.

Helen Alfredsson, at 6 under, drove into the soggy rough on the final hole and settled for par. Donna Andrews got within one stroke after making birdies on Nos. 12-14, but got no closer.

It was a welcome end to four dreary, rain-filled days. Players struggled through 40-degree temperatures and misting rain Thursday. Then hit the movies and malls as organizers canceled rounds Friday and Saturday, the first time the LPGA has halved a 72-hole tournament since 1981.

Almost no one wanted to see a playoff. Even before Andrews was mathematically eliminated, organizers made out Hetherington's oversized winner's check.

Hetherington, who moved up 40 places to 10th on the money list with last week's win, will get even closer to Webb. She'll also get more attention for ending Webb's two-year reign as Myrtle Beach champion.

PITCH: Lee has rematch with Permian

(From 1C)

It was a beauty in high winds at Fort Stockton on Friday against Eastwood.

"Once they see the change, the fastball really throws them off," Row said. "I probably use the change once or twice an inning."

Hacker is excited about the idea of facing Permian Tuesday.

"I was hoping it would be Permian (a 5-2 winner over El Paso Hanks to set up another District 4-5A meeting between the two teams)," Hacker said. "I really like playing against them. I think all of us wanted Permian to win."

Both can hit, so Lee does not use the designated hitter like most teams in the league. In fact, Row is hitting close to .400 with nine RBIs after a 4-for-4 performance and three RBIs against Eastwood. Hacker is hitting only .141, but can move base runners. She also owns a game winning hit.

Both had varsity experience as freshmen a year ago, but both admit that they feel much more comfortable with the team this year.

"I like it a lot better this year," Row said. "First, there are no seniors on the team. That's good."

Hacker added, "No one argues on this team. If we do, we get over it. We're all friends off the field and most of us have classes together."

Since both are only sophomores, there is no senioritis working here. But, quicker than they think, they will be wearing the senior tag. Until then, it should be a great ride for Midland Lee softball.

'Hounds take 2nd straight from El Paso

Staff Report

EL PASO — After stopping a bad streak, the Midland RockHounds look as if they could be on the verge on starting a good one.

Adam Piatt continued his hot hitting, driving in four runs, and Chris Nelson pitched three outstanding innings of relief to give the RockHounds a 7-5 victory over the El Paso Diablos Sunday night. It was the second win in a row for Midland, which ended a six-game losing streak Saturday with a wild 17-13, 10-inning win over El Paso.

As has been the case lately win or lose, Piatt, who leads the Texas League with 36 RBIs, struck the big blows for the 'Hounds against the Diablos. Trailing 3-2 in the fifth, Piatt came up with the bases loaded against El Paso starter Nick Bierbrodt (2-2). Piatt drilled a double down the left field line to clear the bases and give the 'Hounds a 5-3 lead, which they never relinquished.

In the seventh, Jeff DaVanon and Piatt had consecutive doubles to bring home a run and Piatt scored on a single by Mario Encarnacion to make it 7-4. The Diablos brought home a run in the ninth against reliever Jeff D'Amico and had Jackie Rexrode on second with two outs and Jerrod Patterson, who led the league with a .387 batting average at the plate. But Midland left-handed reliever Benito Baez struck out Patterson to preserve the win and earn his first save of the season.

Nelson (1-0) gave up only one run in three innings to earn the victory. He came in for Chris Enochs, who lasted only four innings and struggled with his control early. Enochs had three wild pitches, which helped the Diablos jump out to a 3-0 lead after the third inning.

Midland RockHounds 7, El Paso Diablos 5

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Garland lf	5	1	2	0	Rexrode	5	2	3	1
DaVanon rf	3	2	1	0	Johnson 3b	5	1	2	0
Piatt 3b	4	2	2	4	Patterson 1b	4	0	1	2
Marcinczyk 1b	4	1	1	1	Barajas dh	3	1	1	0
Encrnacion cf	4	0	1	1	Clark c	4	0	1	0
Bowles dh	5	0	2	1	Sandoval rf	3	0	0	0
Morales c	5	0	0	0	Sell lf	4	0	1	0
Cesar 2b	4	0	1	0	Gann cf	4	1	2	0
Castro ss	4	1	1	0	Matos ss	3	0	0	0
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D'Amico	1.2	3	1	1	0	1
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El Paso						
Bierbrodt, L 2-2	6.0	6	5	5	2	4
McCutcheon	1.2	4	2	2	1	1
Sanchez	1.1	1	0	0	0	2

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Right dream, wrong horse at Kentucky Derby

By Ed Schuyler JR.
AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Eduardo Caramori's Kentucky Derby dream came true — for D. Wayne Lukas.

Caramori said he dreamed the winner would come out of the No. 16 post, and when it came his turn to pick a post position Wednesday the trainer chose 16 for First American.

On Friday, however, Aljabr, who drew No. 5, was scratched, meaning every horse from No. 4 out moved in one place. So First American started from the No. 15 post, and the Lukas-trained Charismatic started from No. 16.

At the end of the 1 1/4 miles Saturday at Churchill Downs, Charismatic was first by a neck over Menifee, and Lukas had his fourth Derby victory and 11th triumph in a Triple Crown race.

First American finished, you guessed it, 16th.

An early celebration by Chris Antley, riding Charismatic for the first time, could have proved costly.

"He got excited and gave the No. 1 sign three jumps from the wire," Lukas said Sunday. "If Menifee had caught us, that finger would be in glass in formaldehyde in the barn right now."

Lukas had told anyone who would listen that Charismatic was improving rapidly and would be dangerous.

One who listened, and believed, was Lukas' sister, Dauna Moths.

"My sister, bless her heart, said she wanted to bet $30 across," Lukas said. "She bet 10, 10 and 10."

The mutuel clerk, however, punched out three $30 tickets (win, place and show).

Charismatic paid $64.60, $27.80 and $14.40. The win payoff was the third highest in 125 Derbys, behind Donerail's $184.90 in 1913 and Gallahadion's $72.40 in 1940.

Cat Thief, Charismatic's more highly regarded stablemate, finished third in the 19-horse field. He was 1 1/4 lengths ahead of Prime Timber, trained by Bob Baffert, who was trying to become the first person to three straight Derbys.

"I've got to tell it's the first time I've rooted for a Lukas horse, in those last 50 yards," Baffert said.

Charismatic is owned by Bob and Beverly Lewis, who own Silver Charm, Baffert's first Derby winner.

The first four Derby finishers will run in the Preakness on May 15 at Pimlico.

SPURS: Fans chanting 'MVP' for Tim Duncan

(From 1C)

Spurs, who also defeated the Pacific Division champion Trail Blazers on Saturday.

"It was a great feeling, I can't lie," Duncan said of the MVP chants. "I got a little tingly there, but I wanted to finish the game.

"It felt great at the time, and it's even better now because we finished that game strong."

After getting off to a slow start in the first quarter, the Jazz moved ahead early in the second quarter behind the play of 38-year-old Thurl Bailey, who scored nine points in the first half — two shy of his season-high.

A steal by Malone and a fast-break layup by Jeff Hornacek off a pass from Stockton gave Utah a 34-22 lead, but San Antonio pulled within 39-34 by halftime after David Robinson scored his only basket of the half on a tip-in at the buzzer.

Utah maintained a comfortable lead through the early part of the third period with the help of a questionable call by the officials. Robinson appeared to cleanly block Ostertag's dunk attempt, but a foul was called and San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich picked up a technical for arguing.

The Jazz made two of the three free throws for a 47-40 lead and the referees then made what appeared to be three make-up calls to help San Antonio pull within a point, but Utah still held a 63-59 lead entering the fourth.

Notes: The victory was San Antonio's 13th straight at home and its 29th in the last 34 games overall. ... Two reporters had their computers stolen from the Alamodome press room.

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Gordon gets back into win column at California 500

■ After disappointing finishes, racer appears to be back on track.

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

FONTANA, Calif. — Aside from bouncing back after a couple of bad races in a short period of time, Jeff Gordon said his victory Sunday in the California 500 is proof of what he has been saying all along.

"I've been saying all year our team is better than it's ever been," Gordon said. "All of the things we've been talking about — great cars, a great engine program, great pit stops — if we could just get some good fortune and have everything come together. Well, this was it.

"It's a real special win for us because we wanted to put Texas and Talladega behind us," he added, referring to two events where he crashed and finished near the bottom of the field.

Gordon, who was supposedly on the ropes after finishing 43rd in March at Texas Motor Speedway and 36th a week ago at Talladega Superspeedway, turned Sunday's race into a virtual one-man show, winning for the third time in 10 starts this season.

"We've had a little bit of bad luck lately, bu we're only human and we're going to have problems," Gordon said. "This is definitely a great momentum builder for us."

The 27-year-old Gordon, who also won the inaugural Winston Cup race at California Speedway in 1997 and finished fourth last year, has 45 career victories.

Series points leader Jeff Burton gave Gordon a battle through the first half of the 250-lap race, but never got back to the lead after a caution flag came out on lap 132, moments after he completed a green-flag pit stop and fell almost a full lap behind.

"They had a great car and we had a great car," said Burton, who came back to finish a distant second. "We just got caught in the pits and that cost us track position. Then, after we got back up there, we made an adjustment and made the car too loose.

"Gordon drove away from us and we never had a caution again to move us back up. Once he got half a straightaway in front of us we were pretty much done."

Gordon too made his stop just before Ricky Rudd's engine blew, but the two-time defending Winston Cup champion was able to get back onto the 2-mile oval so quick that he regained the top spot when the rest of the lead lap cars pitted under the yellow.

Gordon had a lead of about two seconds over Bobby Labonte before his final green-flag stop on lap 209. The lightning-fast stop for four tires and gas brought his rainbow-colored No. 24 Chevrolet back onto the track more than five seconds ahead.

It was no contest the rest of the way, disappointing many in the crowd estimated at a track record 117,000.

"(Crew chief) Ray Evernham and the Rainbow Warriors gave me a great, great pit stop on the last one," Gordon said. "The car was just handling great all day long if we could just get in clean air. That stop got us out in clean air and that's what won it for us."

Evernham deflected the compliment for that quick stop back at Gordon.

"A lot of it's how fast the driver gets to pit road," he said. "Jeff did a great job of getting the car there in a hurry and the stop was perfectly choreographed. It was one of those stops where everything just lines up right, and maybe Bobby's guys didn't have their best pit stop."

Gordon won $155,890 and his winning speed was 150.280 mph.

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The three-time series champion wound up leading nine times for 151 laps, including the final 42 laps.

Defending race winner Mark Martin was another driver who might have put some heat on Gordon at the end, but Martin's engine blew while he was running second on lap 197. He finished 38th in the 43-car field.

Martin's Roush Racing teammate Burton finished 4.492 seconds behind the winner — nearly a full straightaway. But he lost only 10 points to Gordon, who moved from fifth to fourth in the standings and now trails Burton by 200. Gordon is behind third-place Labonte by just six points.

Martin fell from third to fifth, five points behind Gordon.

Labonte wound up third, followed by rookie Tony Stewart, who bettered his career-best fifth-place finish at Talladega.

Dale Jarrett, who finished fifth, remained second in the standings but fell from 40 to 55 points behind Burton.

CRASH: Trust fund to be set up for victims

(From 1C)

cautious that you don't make regulations that will make things worse."

Mehl said the IRL would work with the suburban Charlotte track to determine if anything can be done to prevent a recurrence. The height of Charlotte's catch fence conforms to industry standards, but it was difficult to tell how much higher the fence would have had to be to keep the debris from reaching the stands.

"We have very little direct film of the accident," Mehl said.

Wheeler said the IRL and the speedway planned their own investigations to augment the efforts of their insurers, "to make sure that this never happens again."

The three people killed were Randy D. Pyatte, 21, and Jeff Patton, no age available, both of Connelly Springs, and Dexter B. Mobley, 41, of Statesville.

Seven of the eight people hospitalized were released by Sunday evening. The lone exception was Hailey McGee, 9, of Conover, who was in critical condition at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte with bruises to her brain and lungs.

The fatalities were the first involving spectators for both the IRL, which was founded in 1996, and the speedway, which opened in 1960.

Wheeler, who has long been known as one of the sport's most outgoing promoters and an innovator in creative pre-race shows, remained visibly shaken Sunday afternoon, about 18 hours after the crash.

"I've talked to a lot of people who have been through it, but I certainly understand it a lot better now," said Wheeler, who went to the grandstand after the crash and tried to comfort some of the victims.

The speedway canceled the race shortly after the accident and said it would refund the ticket prices for the approximately 50,000 spectators. Shortly after the announcement was made, however, some people began calling the speedway's switchboard to say the track could earmark their refunds for a trust fund for the victims. Speedway officials said they planned to have a trust account opened Monday.

The accident occurred in the last race of a three-year sanctioning agreement between the IRL and the speedway, prompting questions about whether the track might not seek to renew its agreement with the circuit.

Further clouding the issue is the fact that the Charlotte track is owned by Speedway Motorsports Inc., which controls tracks that hold five of the 11 races on this year's IRL schedule. Should the IRL lose the support of SMI, it could spell serious trouble for the fledgling circuit.

But Wheeler, who in addition to running the Charlotte track also serves as SMI's president, said the company remains committed to helping the IRL establish itself as a low-cost alternative to the Champ Car circuit.

"I have pretty strong feelings about the IRL," he said. "They're trying to do the right thing."

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Reynolds wins fifth as Astros beat Marlins, 3-2

MIAMI (AP) — Shane Reynolds became the first starter in the National League with five wins and Carl Everett drove in two runs as the Houston Astros beat Florida 3-2 for their fourth straight win.

The Astros, who have won six of seven, swept the Marlins for the first time in a three-game series. Florida lost its fifth straight.

Reynolds, who entered with only one career victory in Miami, struck out six. He limited the Marlins to eight hits — six singles — and didn't walk a batter in 7 2-3 innings to tie Mets reliever Dennis Cook for the league-lead in wins.

Reynolds (5-1) left after Mark Kotsay blooped a double to left. Jay Powell came in with runners at second and third and gave up a two-run double to Cliff Floyd.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his ninth save.

Marlins starter Alex Fernandez (1-2) had another setback as he tries to come back from shoulder surgery that sidelined him all of last season and sent him to the disabled list again last month.

In his fourth start of the year, and second since returning from the DL, Fernandez had to leave the game in the second inning with a pulled right groin. He winced in pain after throwing a pitch to Tony Eusebio, coming off the mound awkwardly.

Brian Edmondson replaced Fernandez and gave up an RBI single to Everett in the third to make it 2-0. Everett, who broke a 2-for-22 slump with hits in his first three at-bats, added an RBI double in the fifth to make it 3-0.

The Marlins, who have the worst record in the majors, continued to struggle offensively. Before a sixth-inning double off the wall by Alex Gonzalez, 29 of Florida's last 33 hits had been singles

Houston took a 1-0 lead in the first on a sacrifice fly by Jeff Bagwell that scored Craig Biggio, who had led off the game with a single.

Notes: Reynolds has pitched 41 2-3 innings for his wins, as opposed to 11 for Cook. ... Reynolds had been 1-5 with a 9.10 ERA in his seven prior appearances at Pro Player Stadium. ... Biggio tied Cesar Cedeno's franchise record for doubles with his 343rd in the eighth inning. ... Marlins first baseman Derrek Lee is 3-for-23 with 11 strikeouts with runners in scoring position. ... Marlins closer Matt Mantei is still awaiting his first save opportunity. ... Florida got a scare in the fourth when Cliff Floyd pulled up on a groundout, but he walked it off and stayed in the game.

Palmeiro connects for 2,000th hit in 8-6 win over Cleveland

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro had three hits, including the 2,000th of his career, and Juan Gonzalez hit his third homer in as many games to lead the Texas Rangers over the Cleveland Indians 8-6 Sunday night.

Palmeiro went 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs. The milestone came on his second hit, an RBI double that capped a five-run fourth inning. Fans gave him a standing ovation and he clapped a few times himself as the ball was thrown into the dugout.

Mark Clark (2-2), pitching on three days' rest for the first time in two years, allowed four runs and six hits in seven-plus innings. It was the second-longest stint by a Texas starter this year. John Wetteland got three outs for his ninth save, allowing a homer to Richie Sexson.

Clark pitched with a lead after Gonzalez and Palmeiro had first-inning RBIs. Gonzalez made it 3-0 in the third with his fourth homer of the year. He had two Friday night.

David Justice's two-run single in the fourth pulled Cleveland to 3-2, but the Rangers put the game away in the bottom half with five runs off Charles Nagy (3-2).

Tom Goodwin drove in two runs with a bases-loaded double and Luis Alicea followed with a two-run single through a drawn-in infield. Rich Delucia replaced Nagy and allowed Palmeiro's RBI double.

Palmeiro doubled off Delucia again in the seventh, making him 7-for-14 in his last four games. He's raised his average from .226 to .321 in the last 13 games.

Nagy, who had gone at least 6 2-3 innings in each of his first four starts, allowed eight runs and nine hits over 3 1-3 innings. He struck out four and walked two.

Roberto Alomar drove in Cleveland's third run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth. The second baseman also contributed a great defensive play in the inning when he dove to his right to stop a Lee Stevens grounder, then threw to first base from a sitting position for the out.

Cleveland's got two runs in the eighth on Manny Ramirez's RBI groundout and a wild pitch by Jeff Zimmerman that scored Alomar.

Notes: The start of the game was delayed 38 minutes by rain. ... Sexson's homer was his fourth hit in 32 at-bats. Two of the hits were homers. ... Cleveland had won its first three rain-delayed games this year. ... Cleveland first baseman Jim Thome was charged with an error for dropping an easy foul pop by Gonzalez that would've been the third out of the sixth inning. Gonzalez ended up striking out. ... Palmeiro is the 205th player to reach 2,000 career hits. ... It was Clark's first career appearance against Cleveland; he was 27-15 with the Indians from 1993-95.

Cubans arrive in Baltimore for exhibition game versus Orioles

By David Ginsburg
AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — Cuba's national baseball team arrived in Baltimore on Sunday night and was greeted at the airport by Orioles owner Peter Angelos, Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke and baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

The plane touched down about 8:30 p.m. at Baltimore-Washington International Airport. On his way to a secluded area where he met the players, Angelos was asked who would win Monday night's rematch between the Orioles and the Cubans.

"Well, we'll see tomorrow," he said.

Felix Wilson, deputy chief of the Cuban Interest Section, which serves as an unofficial embassy in Washington, was upset that Angelos met with the players while local Cuban officials were kept away from the group until after the team cleared customs.

"Can you imagine we cannot meet the Cuban delegation?" he said. "This is unacceptable."

Ana Maria Goicoechea, a resident of Columbia, Md., who was born in Cuba, was one of handful of people who tried to welcome the team at the airport with a sign that said, "Cuba Va," or "Go Cuba." The professor of social work at the University of Maryland at Baltimore supports the game and improved relations with her native country.

"There was a war and it was lost by the people that are here," she said. "This is a process, a step we have to go through. Little by little, this anger will come out."

She compared the situation to relations between the former East and West Germany, which were reunited in 1989.

"How could I not support them? I feel bad for this isolation my country, the United States, is imposing on our other country, Cuba," she said.

The team got a Havana Airport send-off from Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

After sorting out visa problems that delayed the flight, the team boarded a charter about 4 p.m. CDT for its exhibition game with the Baltimore Orioles on Monday night.

However, the delay meant the Cubans had to cancel their Sunday workout at Camden Yards and a reception in the team's honor.

The visa problems, concerning some in the delegation of more than 300, were resolved Saturday night.

This will mark the first time a Cuban team has played a major league team in the United States.

In the opener of this series, the Orioles beat Cuba 3-2 in 11 innings on March 28 in Havana. It was the first time in 40 years a major league team played in Cuba.

In the days leading to that game, the Orioles had to scramble to get their birth certificates, passports and visas in order. This time it was the Cubans who were tangled in red tape.

At one point, the delay was thought to put Monday night's game in danger. But that is no longer the case.

The Orioles will be wearing their traditional black, orange and white for the rematch, but they'll be thinking red, white and blue.

"The important thing of every game is to win no matter what kind of uniform you wear or who you represent," Orioles pitcher Ricky Bones said Sunday. "This time we're going to represent the United States. We should go out there with pride and try to win."

The Orioles have struggled mightily since beating Cuba in March. The team is in last place, the players are being booed at Camden Yards and manager Ray Miller might not have his job by the end of the 12-game homestand Thursday.

So the Orioles can be forgiven if they don't regard the game with great anticipation.

"Obviously, you'd like the club to have a day off," Miller said.

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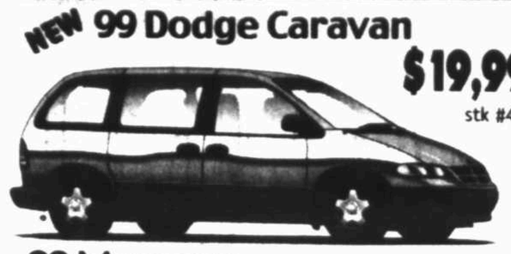
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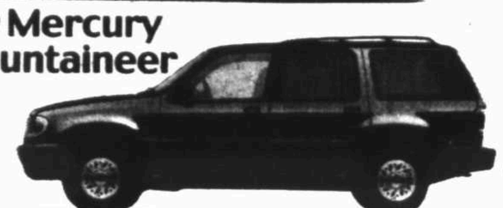
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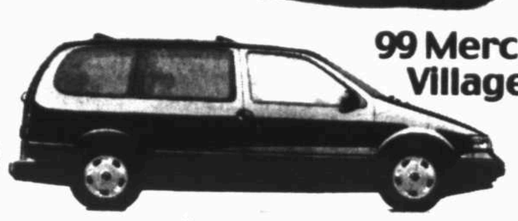
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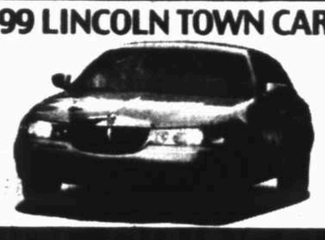


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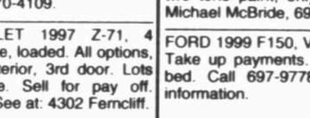
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245 Trailers Utility

TERRY'S Trailers, 1403 Garden City Hwy. Hitches, light wiring, trailer repairs. New and used trailers for sale. We also rent trailers. Truck/ pickup rigging a specialty. 688–5198.

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1991 ROCKWOOD XL Model 1270- SS Pop- up camper. Shower, toilet, air conditioner, heat, excellent condition, $5,000. 683-3320.

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260 Boats & Motors

1976 STARCRAFT. 16' Bass boat, 70 hp Johnson, good condition, $1,700. Call 682-3233 for more information.

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1991 GMC Stock Rims- 15" x 8 1/2 ", 5 Lug, good shape. $125. 697-0244.

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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 FTC.

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PERSONS NEEDED to work on Sundays in church nursery. Must be experienced in child care. Apply at FPC, 800 West Texas.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

AMAZING OPPORTUNITY to join premier Nursing Home of Odessa. Nursing positions open with competitive salary, full time, part time and PRN. Apply in person at Deerings Nursing Home, 1020 West County Road.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

POLICE OFFICER

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Civil Service & physical agility testing is scheduled for: **Saturday, May 22, 1999. For more information (915)657-4221.**

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FAMILIES TOGETHER Consultant- Bachelor's degree in a related field working with children and families. Reimbursed travel within a 17 county area serving families in their home. Bilingual preferred. 20K Annually. EOE. Please call for application or pick up at High Sky Children's Ranch, Families Together, 8701 W. County Road 60, Midland 79707. (915)520-8370.

FULL TIME Professional Legal Secretary/ Assistant needed for Midland Law Office. Bilingual preferred. Real Estate, Corporate Law, Business and Litigation experience needed. Computer literate with Word Perfect. 60 + wpm. Salary dependent upon experience. Please reply to: Box N-4132, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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STOCKBROKER/ Operations Manager needed for Discount Broker, Series 7 required. Position involves taking client orders and reviewing account questions. Salary based compensation send resume to 211 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 or fax (800)684-5303.

312 Professional Help Wanted

INVESTMENT BROKERAGE Firm. Part time Client Service Assistant. Basic secretarial/ administrative skills. Ability to communicate effectively with co- workers and clients. Experience preferred. Send resume to: P.O. Box 53270, Midland, TX 79710. Attention: Norma. EOE

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REVENUE ACCOUNTING Clerk for independent O & G Operator. 2 Years experience required. Revenue input, ownership changes, bank reconciliations and account reconciliations, tax reports for Texas and New Mexico. Experience in OGas and Excel preferred. Send resume and references to: Box N-4130, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

BASIC OFFICE skills needed for full time position, some sales- Monday- Friday 10- 6. Smoke free environment. Apply at Dinette Designs & Bar Stools. 1025 N. Midkiff. No phone calls please.

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EXPERIENCED Salesperson needed for Midland based company selling janitorial supplies/ equipment. Helpful to have an established Permian Basin customer account base. Must have reliable transportation. Offer excellent commission, pay structure, auto allowance. Resumes/ references to: Box P-6175, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79702.

NOT HIRING WE ARE
Sales Rep Needed for Large Accounts.
Call Elena at 915-682-2335.

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318 Management Help Wanted

ARE YOU MANAGEMENT Material? If you are and your have experience in financing, collections or sales, we have an immediate opening in Odessa. We offer a competitive salary, plus bonuses and more. If you think this is for you please send your resume or apply in person: Fax 915/332-3137, 1631 W. County Road N., Odessa.

MANAGERS- Now hiring managers minimum 2 years general manager experience. Starting salary between $40,000 + depending on experience. Benefits include 2 weeks paid vacation and medical insurance. Please bring resume to Mr. Gatti's between 1- 5 Monday- Friday..

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For gasoline kiosk in Midland and Big Spring, TX. Murphy Oil USA, located in the parking lot of the Wal- Mart Super Center, is looking for assertive individuals who enjoy supervision and have solid basic math skills. Excellent starting salary, bonus and benefits. Must be bondable. Call 877-217-3341, leave name, Wal- Mart city, your area code and phone number. EOE, M/ F, H/ V.

SMALL MOVIE Theater chain looking for experienced projectionist and management personnel. Please send resume to: HC77 Box 208F, Big Spring, TX 79720.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED OIL FIELD roustabout workers. Apply in Stanton at Rusty's Oilfield Service Co. Inc. 915-756-2821.

320 Skilled Trades

CHEVROLET 1986 Caprice Classic Brougham. $600, brown, all power, good motor. Call 570-4307 or see at 1105 Pratt.

DODGE 1985 Aries. Like new, four door, automatic, air conditioner blows cold, new tires. Inside perfect. $1,500. See at: 1700 North "D". 687-2526.

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FORD 1988 1/2 Escort GT. Well maintained, 30 miles per gallon. $2,200. 697-1371.

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VOLKSWAGEN 1968 Bug, partially restored, runs good,- $1,700 or best offer. Call 687-1298.

330 Vehicles $3,000 & under

'99 Olds Eighty-Eight
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HONDA 1988 Accord. Recent tune up, all new tires, dark blue, interior/ exterior in good condition. $2,800. 522-7464.

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MAZDA 1988 323, automatic, air, 60K, new tires, $2,500, or best offer, cash. 557-2432, 682-8787

CHEVROLET 1982 1/2 ton customized van- good tires/ mechanical condition. New tags/ inspection, 104K, $2,295. 697-6263.

CHEVROLET 1984 Camaro. Bad motor, new clutch, good transmission. Good tires and wheels. $800. 570-7028 after 6.

FORD 1986 Escort station wagon. Excellent condition, great gas mileage. $1,750. Please call 522-2805.

330 Motorcycles

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1997 YAMAHA YZ80, race tech suspension. Excellent condition. Ready to race or just have fun on. 1985 Kawasaki KDX200, excellent mechanical condition. Enclosed motorcycle trailer, 6' tall, side door and rear entry ramp. Will haul several bikes with all the gear. 694-0508 work, 686-8035 home.

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HONDA 1998 CR 250, adult ridden, never raced. Immaculate showroom condition. $3,825, 689-6472 home, 553-1575 mobile.

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1997 FRANKLIN 42 foot 5th wheel with two slides, excellent condition. $23,000. 915-550-2091.

1989 JAMBOREE RALLY 26'. Extra, extra clean, low mileage. Onan generator. $15,500. 570-8101. 685-3905.

1995 ROADRANGER 5th wheel. 23', great condition, completely self contained, large slide out. $11,000. 697-3004.

PROWLER 1993 26' 5th Wheel with slide out, super nice, $9,750. RV Super Center, 522-1199.

1996 24' MALLARD travel trailer. Sleeps six, has great floor plan, awning and generator. $10,000. Please call 570-5725.

1994 OVERLAND motorhome. 42'X102". Beautiful, immaculate. 300 Cummins. Spartan Mountain Master, warranty through 1/15/00. All extras! 19K. $109,500. 915-267-5179.

1996 24' ROAD RANGER Travel Trailer. Queen bed, sleeps 6, loaded, awning, central air & heat, exceptionally clean. $11,600. 694-9380.

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340 Boats & Motors

1987 GALAXIE. 17 Foot, 2.3L 125 hp Cobra I/O. Including ski equipment. $4,900. Please call 686-7363.

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- ★ 2 Days
- ★ ■✓●♥ 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!)
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Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!

Call 682-6222 Today!

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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.

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INDEPENDENT Plugging company is looking for experienced backhoe operator. Class "A" CDL required. Clean driving record. Welding experience helpful. Salary DOE. Good benefits. 570-0029.

320 Skilled Trades

EXPERIENCED Brick layers needed in the **Sherman- Denison Area. Call 800-720-9907.**

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BUSINESS EQUIPMENT Company needs technician for Midland- Odessa area. Good mechanical, electronic and computer knowledge. Send resume PO Box 3262, El Paso, TX 79923.

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330 Situations Wanted

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336 Adult Care Providers

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Fax It! 682-6999

341 Child Care Providers

WILL KEEP school age child in my home for summer. Call 699-5061, ask for Stephenie.

WORKING MOMS! Summer childcare for your school age children. Also one full time opening for toddler. 520-6239.

CHRISTIAN MOTHER Child care in my home. Weekly, daily, or hourly rates. Call for details, 520-4303 or 699-6558.

WILL DO Baby sitting in my home. References. 7:00 to 5:00. Please call 686-1034.

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.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

GE-AIR CONDITIONER- 4 Ton with furnace, works great. $350. 682-5763.

MUST SELL immediately, super single waterbed, bookcase headboard, 6 drawer underdresser/ pad rails. $75. 631-6269.

SCROLLSAW, Excalibur 24". Many features. Cost $1,800, selling at $900. 682-1164 mornings.

SLEEPER SOFA and matching chair, blue, brown & cream. $150. Drum and bell set $700 and Flute $500.Call after 5:30 689-8754.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8, Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

THREE CEMETERY plots in Resthaven. Section "A"- $650 each. (817)282-4666.

AIR CONDITIONER 4 ton- $300. Monkey grass, $1.50/ pot. Hanging plants, lawn chairs, chaises. 694-7539.

★ "Must We be a Member of any Church to be Saved?" 915-520-0831. Free recorded message.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL all this week. Dreamer's candles, $14 each. Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

CARPET 140- 150 Yards, beige. $250 or best offer. Call 699-6351 after 5 pm.

RAINSOFT water softener and R/O system, large family/ small business, 1/2 price. Call 687-2222.

MOTHER'S DAY & Graduation gifts. Dreamers Candles, Spring Special, $15.95. Pet Haven, Imperial Shopping Center.

SPECIAL FACTORY price reduction- last chance for a 10' X 12' storage building $31 a month. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL Glider swings, $65. Porch swings, $35. Picnic tables, 6' $85. Call 563-0452.

REFRIGERATOR; 22 cubic feet, side- by- side, $150 cash. Graco stroller and high chair. 683-5868.

WANTED; 10 People who need to feel great, lose weight and make money. 1-800-510-7719, 915-697-8507.

BEANIE BABIES COLLECTION valued at $2,600, yours for $1,300! 117 Beanies. Please call 689-0125.

18' REFRIGERATOR with ice maker, $125. Exercise bike, $25. Pick- up bed tool box , $50. After 5PM 694-2770.

55 GALLON AQUARIUM with two silver tipped sharks, undergravel filters, pumps, gravel. Complete set up and more- $300. 686-0582 between 9 am & 7 pm, ask for Scott or Donna.

PARHAM GARDEN & Greenhouse currently has a great selection of vine ripe tomatoes and bedding plants. 4448 Larkspur, Gardendale. Tuesday- Sunday. 550-0438.

LARGE SWING SET, manual treadmill, car seat, Joe Weider Master Trainer, an A Frame, 318 motor and transmission, chrome headache rack. 683-6422.

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415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

MIKE n' AL's: 16 Great, quick- to- fix, recipes. Send SASE with $3.00 to: Sampler # 7, P.O. Box 13237, Odessa, TX. 79768.

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430 Household Goods

RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES with 6 month plus warranty. New furniture at low low prices. Credit cards and Layaway accepted. Wood & Son Appliance and Furniture. 2811 West Wall. 699-1224.

SIX WOOD grain cabinets. Approximately 5x3x2. $10 each. Call Tom, 697-7451.

432 Household Furniture

QUEEN BED SET, includes headboard, dresser with mirror, armoire, and night stand. B lack lacquer finish. $475, 686-7061.

FORMAL DINING ROOM Table, 6 chairs- $550; King size brass headboard $150. Call 686-7284.

432 Household Furniture

AMANA WHITE SIDE by side refrigerator/ freezer with ice and water in door. 1 1/2 years old, $600 firm. 7' curved sofa, white background with pastel flowers and butterflies, $450. Call 683-6833

FLEX STEEL Queen sleeper sofa, kitchen table, microwave cart. Please call 699-0607.

COUCH AND LOVE SEAT- Matching set, $300. King size waterbed with accessories, $200. 697-1042 after 5.

BEAUTIFUL brush stroke sofa and love seat, blues, greens, purples, on neutral background. Year old, $550. Matching 6 chairs dining set $350. Flexsteel sofa $250, soft southwest colors. 699-2318.

FLEXSTEEL ROOM SAVER large rocker recliner, blue. $250. Call 689-7235.

TOO MANY TABLES! Round oak table with 4 cane back chairs, $375 or best offer. Octagon slate top game table with 4 chairs on castors, $425 or best offer. 699-0638.

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450 Sporting Goods

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625 Houses Unfurnished

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LARGE HOUSE in country. Lots of cabinets, two baths, nice on the inside. $350/ month $100/ deposit. Please call 458-3245.

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AVAILABLE JUNE 1. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage. Nice established neighborhood, appliances, central air/ heat. $650 plus deposit. (281)296-3252.

1104 Delmar. Three bedroom, two bath, central air/ heat. Very clean, good neighborhood, walk to schools. $600, 620-0210.

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2 BEDROOM, 2 bath, mobile home on city lot. 1311 West Dakota. $320/ monthly, $100/ deposit. Available now. 559-1113/ mobile. 580-6703- evenings.

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA.	Qualifying Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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CVB Celebrates National Tourism Week

By Laura Spilman
Communications Specialist

The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau and its partners in tourism - local businesses from hoteliers to retailers — will celebrate National Tourism Week, May 2-8.

Midland's tourism awareness campaign targets local civic and community leaders, city officials and citizens.

The CVB and its partners will highlight a different aspect of tourism each day of the week, culminating with a luncheon May 6 that features a high-ranking Texas tourism official.

Local television, print and radio media plan coverage of the far-reaching effects of tourism in Midland. Industries benefiting directly from tourism dollars include transportation providers, convention facilities, service stations, restaurants, hoteliers, recreation and entertainment providers, retailers, attractions and more. Many more businesses benefit with increased revenue as they supply the first-line tourism businesses with goods and services.

Community leaders and city officials will learn more about the impact of tourism in Midland at the May 6 luncheon. The keynote address will be given by Scott Owings, the U.S. Marketing Manager for the Texas Department of Economic

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Photo by Bruce Partain

Savvy business people will be taking advantage of networking and information at Business Expo 99, May 5 at Midland Center.

Expo '99: Local businesses soar to success

No one goes into business to fail. Growing, expanding and making profits is the goal of every business, no matter the size. That's why the theme of Business Expo 99 is "Soar to Success." More than 70 businesses will have display booths, and a crowd of 1,500 business-savvy attendees is expected on May 5. Business Expo 99 is free to the public. It opens Wednesday, May 5, in Midland Center from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Experts from many business sectors will be on hand to assist consumers with information about the Internet, advertising, computers, records management, financial resources, telecommunications, office machines, signs, paper supplies, shipping, personal appearance, education, staffing services, facilities management, travel, drug screening, office decorating, accounting, entertainment, printing and much more!

Last year, more than $8,000 in door prizes was given away, and similar incentives are expected for Business Expo 99. For a person who has buying authority for their company, this trade show is a must. Organized by the Chamber's Small Business Council, the Expo is a showcase of local businesses.

Business EXPO 99

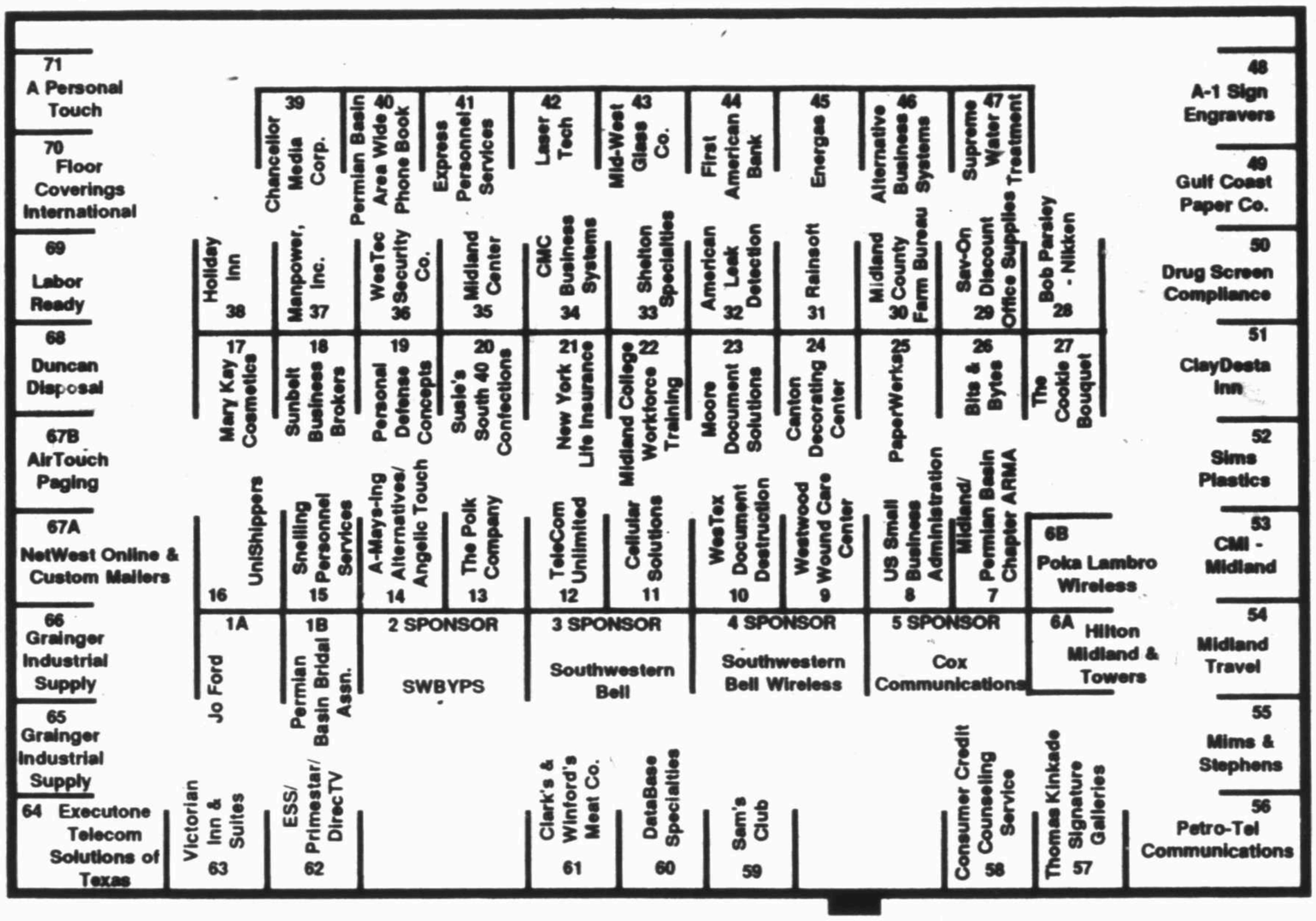
"It's a great way for business people to pick up on the latest trends in the business world," said Joyce Reaves, Business EXPO 99 chairman. "It is a time-efficient, low-pressure way for consumers of business products and services to scan the Permian Basin marketplace."

"Now the trade show format means the attendee can spend 30 seconds or 30 minutes with a vendor," she said. "That kind of control is very appealing to buyers," This is the fourteenth consecutive year the trade show has been held. "Almost 1,500 people attended last year," said Reaves. A similar crowd is expected this year. "The atmosphere is friendly and uncrowded" in the 12,500 square-foot Midland Center exhibit hall. Business EXPO 99 opens with a profit for the first 100 visitors, who will receive an Eisenhower dollar just for being early birds.

Attendees who visit every booth will also be eligible for a $200 drawing. "Be sure to bring lots of business cards," said Chamber representative Bruce Partain. "That's the quickest way to register at the booths." Partain said free tickets had already been mailed to Chamber members, but the general public was "more than welcome to attend. "Drop by for a few minutes or stay all day," Partain said.

Free small business seminars coordinated by the Midland College and the UTPB Small Business Development Center will again be offered at the Business Expo, including "Starting Your Business," 10:30 - 11:55 a.m. and "Marketing Your Business," 12:05 - 1:30 p.m. A new program, "Million-dollar Networking" will be conducted by "The Business Doctor," Don Bell, from 1:35 - 2:35 p.m.

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EXPO: Networking mixer planned as finale to trade show

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As a finale to the trade show, a free business networking mixer takes place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Guests are again invited to trade business cards, visit with old acquaintances, make new contacts and visit the exhibit booths.

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Doors open	10 a.m.
Door prize drawings	10:30 a.m., noon, 2, 4 and 6 pm
Mini-seminar: "Starting Your Business,"	10:30 a.m.
Mini-seminar: "Marketing Your Business"	12:05 p.m.
Mini-seminar: "Million-dollar Networking"	1:35 p.m.
After Hours Mixer	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Booth awards	6:15 p.m.
Expo closes	6:30 p.m.

All events are free to the public, 17-years and older.

Register with business card or by filling out a registration ticket.

Questions? Call 683-3381 or e-mail info@midlandtxchamber.com.

TOURISM: Local business owners to speak on benefits in area economy

(From page 1)

Development - Tourism Division.

At the luncheon, local business owners will share testimonials about the impact tourism has on their businesses. "The luncheon meeting will show local leaders ways we can diversify the Midland economy by growing an industry that already has a proven local infrastructure," said Shura Lindgren, Midland CVB Director of Convention and Visitor Development.

Organizers are working to build continued local support for tourism, conventions and sports events in Midland.

"If you are a member of a regional, state, national or international organization, contact the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau," Lindgren said. "Let's talk about your group meeting in Midland."

In 1983, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution designating a week in May 1984 as National Tourism Week. President Ronald Reagan signed a Presidential Proclamation declaring, "the tourism industry is extremely important to the United States, contributing to our employment, economic prosperity, and international trade and understanding" at a White House ceremony attended by more than 100 travel and tourism industry leaders.

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Technology Center "win-win" for Midland

Midland College, MISD and Chamber work together to secure facility

The Midland Chamber, Midland College and Midland Independent School District announced April 21 the selection of a facility to house the Advanced Technology Center (ATC). The college and MISD will jointly operate the center. It is anticipated that this partnership will be expanded greatly to include the private sector. The Abell-Hanger Foundation has already agreed to become a funding partner. New programs and some current Midland College and MISD programs will be housed in the facility, saving duplication of equipment and personnel.

The site is the 85,000 square-foot former Sears building at Cuthbert and Midkiff.Architects and engineers from MISD and Midland College are evaluating the property to determine final costs to upgrade it for the ATC.

Programs — especially advanced computer technology — will be developed to serve existing and potential industry in Midland. Programs in automotive technology, computer technology, graphics, metalworking, welding and other skilled training fields could take place in the ATC.

"The first thing any business considers when expanding current Midland operations or relocating here is the labor force," said Buddy Sipes, chair-elect of the Midland Chamber."The Chamber identified the ATC as its number-one priority for this year. Skilled labor is the first step for economic development and diversification to take place."

Initial costs are estimated at $850,000 for building acquisition, with more funds allocated for improvements. "Lubbock bought a similar facility for $1.5 million and total costs were between $5 million and $6 million,"said Dr. David Daniel, president of Midland College. "But that's one-third of what a brand-new facility could cost."

Daniel said the community would benefit in several ways. "This center will reduce the high school drop-out rate," he said. "It will increase average daily attendance in the high schools and will ultimately increase community college enrollment."

Dr. Joe Baressi, MISD superintendent, agrees with the importance of the ATC. "It's a tremendous opportunity for our students in MISD," he said. "It expands their horizons, especially for those not on four-year college track. It's a tremendous opportunity for the taxpayers of Midland. By cooperating and sharing with the college and business communities

we'll be able to have a program we're estimating will cost $5 million, where other communities

have spent in excess of $12 million for similar facilities and programs.

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. . . "We are extremely fortunate to have the Abell-Hanger Foundation's participation. There is a need for advanced technical training. It is a top priority, especially in these hard economic times."

Daniel explained the flexibility of the center's programs.

"There will be three exit-points for the students — high school graduate, one-year training from Midland College and two-year training from Midland College," Daniel said. "Businesses will find Midland to be a community infused with highly-trained, skilled personnel. And the students will be trained to meet the specific needs of the businesses. It will create a margin of trained workers for new businesses that might locate in Midland. The facility saves millions in tax money by introducing economies of scale and avoiding duplication between MISD and the college." Daniel said the project ranks among the top four in the college's 25-year history.

CVB Markets Midland/Odessa at Travel Fair

By Laura Spilman
Communications Specialist

The Midland CVB joined forces with the Odessa CVB to promote our region to Travel Consultants at the Texas Travel Industry Associations 1999 Texas Travel Counselors Conference on March 15, 1999. Shura Lindgren, Midland CVB Director of Convention and Visitor Development, and Laura Spilman, Midland CVB Communications Specialist, were accompanied by Linda Sweatt, Odessa CVB Director, to the Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Our local representatives shared the Sunny Smile of Texas, our regional theme, with conference attendees by offering appealing tokens and packages of information on the Midland/Odessa area. They also answered questions regarding attractions, accommodations, transportation and regional activities available to visitors in our communities.

This conference provided another opportunity for Midland and Odessa to work together in a cooperative effort to educate Travel Consultants about our region and ultimately attract visitors to spend time and money in our local businesses, stated Lindgren. Travel Consultants attending the conference are employees of AAA offices, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department branches, the Texas Department of Economic Development, Aquarena Center, City and Private Visitor Information Centers and Texas Department of Transportation Centers around the state.

Our local team was one of over 100 exhibitors, including other Texas CVBs, ranches, attractions, hoteliers, resorts and parks. The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau is a division of the Midland Chamber of Commerce

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'99 Networking Breakfasts offer business opportunities

The spotlight is on African-American businesses at the May 18 Networking Breakfast. "We encourage owners of these businesses to call and discuss setting up a free display booth," said Ralph Smith of Midland College. Since 1991, the Networking Breakfasts have offered opportunities for buyers and suppliers to meet. "The breakfasts originated when several large companies asked how they could identify minority-owned, woman-owned and other small businesses to contact as vendors," said Bruce Partain, Midland Chamber spokesman. "With the cooperation of several organizations, the Networking Breakfasts helped meet that need," Partain said.

The group also publishes a Minority and Woman-owned Business Directory. "Contact Linda Jose, 683-3381 or fax 682-9205 to be included in that publication," he said.

At the breakfasts, any business can set up a small table-top display, and everyone is given 30 seconds to introduce themselves to the group. Before the breakfast, "early birds" meet one another. "Purchasing agents can attend and list their upcoming bid items and other products and services for which they are searching. Vendors can meet the buyers, pass out flyers and business cards and set up future appointments," Partain said. Attendees are encouraged to stay after the meeting for further networking. Cost is only $5. The breakfasts are held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Roadrunner Room of the Midland College Student Center.

The Networking Breakfasts are a joint project of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens Coalition and the Small Business Development Centers of Midland College and UTPB.

To reserve a display table, call Ralph Smith, 684-4100 by the Thursday before the meeting for last-minute updates. You can e-mail Mr. Smith at rsmith@Midland.cc.tx.us.

Here is the remaining 1999 schedule:

May 18
Spotlight on African-American Businesses

June 15
Oil and Gas Alliances

July 20
Worker's Compensation Insurance & Gaining Government Contracts

Aug. 17
Business Technology

Sept. 21 Spotlight on Woman-owned Businesses

Oct. 19 Financing Your Business

Nov. 16 International Trade

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Small Business Roundtable

How the SBA can help you

Reba May of the Small Business Administration will lead the discussion at the Midland Chamber Small Business Roundtable on Thursday, May 20 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

She is the Assistant District Director for Economic Development for SBA Lubbock District. Her discussion topic is "How the SBA Can Help You."

Reba will cover SBA programs and services. Included in the presentation will be information on:

1. SBA's 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program - the main guarantee program of the SBA.
2. Subprograms of the 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program which include the LOWDOC (quick and easy loan program); the CAPLines (Short-term working capital), Export Working Capital Loan, the new Y2K Action Loan, and more.
3. Business Assistance programs such as Welfare to Work Initiative, the 8(a) Business Development Program, the Surety Bond Guarantee Program and counseling resources such as SCORE (The Service Corp of Retired Executives) and the Small Business Development Center.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

During the meeting, small and large business owners and managers can listen, learn and contribute their advice and ideas to one another.

The free roundtable is held quarterly in the Chamber boardroom, second floor, 109 N. Main.

To RSVP, contact Becky Wright — 683-3381, fax 682-9205 or e-mail becky@midlandtxchamber.com

Vision 2000 task force

Phase II of Midland Vision 2000 and Beyond has now begun. Nine Task Forces have been established to discuss all the ideas presented at the March 4 community meeting plus ideas still coming in. These Task Forces are:

City/County Services and Promotion
Gerald Nobles, Jr., Chair
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Ken Burgess, Chair
Education
Karen Nicholson, Chair
Facilities
Julia Vaughan, Chair
Health and Social Sciences
Eileen Piwetz, Chair
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Seniors and Housing
Barbara Jowell, Chair
Transportation
Richard Jolly, Chair
Youth Issues
Shane Stokes, Chair

Any of these Chairs will be more than happy to receive ideas related to their specific areas of planing. You may submit ideas by contacting Johnye Harriman or Dr. Warren Gardner at the Chamber. Call 683-3381 or fax 682-9205. Dr. Gardner can also be reached at 552-2312 or fax 552-3280. You may also email at johnye@midlandtxchamber.com or gardner_w@utpb.edu.

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New Guide being published

The Midland Chamber and the Midland Reporter-Telegram are publishing the 1999-2000 Newcomer's Guide and Chamber Membership Directory. "A newsprint version was to appear in the May 2 Reporter-Telegram," said Bruce Partain, Chamber communications manager.

"We are also producing a version using higher-quality paper and a magazine-like glossy cover," he said. "These will be out in the next few weeks. These higher-quality copies will be provided newcomers who contact the Chamber, and are available to anyone recruiting new employees to Midland or for other information purposes." To receive extra copies of this version, call the Chamber, 683-3381, or e-mail info@midlandtxchamber.com.

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The Economy

Visitor industry growing in Midland economy

By Kevin Skipper

The travel or visitor industry has a substantial and expanding impact on our economy. In Midland County alone, the industry generates $55 million annually in paychecks.

According to the Travel Industry Association of America, travelers in the U.S. generated $482 billion in total expenditures, seven million jobs, $128 billion in payroll, and $71 billion in federal, state, and local taxes in 1997. Leisure travelers accounted for 60% of this activity, while business travelers accounted for the balance. During the same year, travelers in Texas —the third most traveled state — produced expenditures totaling $26 billion, 441,160 jobs, almost $9 billion in payroll, and nearly $2 billion in state and local taxes.

Robust travel activity occurred in Midland County as well. In 1997, visitors created $138 million in total expenditures, 2,300 jobs, $55 million in payroll, and $8.4 million in taxes ($3.8 million or 45 percent was local occupancy tax). The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau booked over $5 million in events in 1998.

Tables 1 and 2 show expenditures and employment generated by visitors in Midland County. Indexes also appear which compare each year's levels in Midland County and Texas to those in 1995 (our base year for indexing purposes). I adjusted actual (nominal) expenditures for inflation (constant dollar or real).

Visitor expenditures increased 6.9 percent to $138.6 million between 1996-97 and 31 percent between 1990-97 (Table 1). Index values show that 1997's expenditures were 5 percent higher than 1996's and 7 percent above 1990's level.

Visitor-related employment in Midland County increased 6 percent between 1996-97 and 1990-97 (Table 2). The number of jobs totaled 2,300 in 1997— four percent of our work force.

The County's visitor payroll expanded 7.4 percent to $55.9 million (1996-97) and 25 percent between 1990-97. However, in inflation-adjusted terms, payroll remained about the same. Visitor payroll comprised 3.3 percent of aggregate County payroll in 1997.

Midland County's visitor taxes (state and local) grew 10.1 percent (8 percent in real terms) during 1996-97 and 44.8 percent (17 percent in real terms) between 1990-97.

Table 3 and Figure 1 depict 1985-98 aggregate revenue and operational statistics for hotels and motels in the City of Midland. Figure 2 portrays actual and inflation-adjusted occupancy tax revenue collected from visitors to Midland.

Revenue totaled $17.1 million in 1998 —18.4 percent (18 percent in constant dollar terms) higher than 1997. Revenue doubled during the past 14 years. After stripping out the effects of inflation, revenue rose 30%. Real revenue increased each year from 1992-98.

Average revenue per room night increased 5.7 percent (4 percent in real terms) to $47.94 during 1998; it increased 44 percent between 1985-98, but declined 5 percent after inflation.

Midland collected occupancy taxes totaling $1,075,169 in 1998, 22 percent (23 percent after inflation) above 1997's level. Tax revenues rose 173 percent in nominal terms and 59 percent in real terms between 1985-98. Real tax revenue increased each year between 1994-98.

Room nights sold — a measure of demand — rose 12 percent in 1998 and 38 percent between 1985-98.

These data show that travelers have had a positive impact on our local economy. We should encourage and support the Midland Convention & Visitors Bureau and others that bring visitors who spend money at hotels and motels, restaurants, retailers, and museums, create jobs for our work force, and generate tax revenue for the City. Travel and tourism should remain one of our most prominent strategies to diversify and strengthen our economy.

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Kevin Skipper is president and chief economist for Desert Analytic, a Midland-based research company.

Table 1
Travel Expenditures
Midland County
1990-97

Year	Spending ($)	Index	
		Midland County	Texas
1990	105,450,000	99	87
1991	109,360,000	98	88
1992	114,470,000	100	90
1993	120,490,000	102	95
1994	120,590,000	99	98
1995	124,700,000	100	100
1996	129,700,000	101	105
1997	138,600,000	106	111
Change, 1996-97	8,900,000	5	6
% Change, 1996-97	6.9	—	—
Change, 1990-97	33,150,000	7	24
% Change, 1990-97	31.4	—	—
ACPC, 1990-97	4.0	—	—

Source: Desert Analytic, Texas Department of Economic Development & U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Note: Expenditures expressed in nominal dollars. Indexes based on constant dollars (1982-84 CPI-U=100); 1995 values=100.

Table 2
Travel Employment
Midland County
1990-97

Year	Employment	Index	
		Midland County	Texas
1990	2,170	96	87
1991	2,150	95	90
1992	2,150	95	91
1993	2,240	99	95
1994	2,210	98	97
1995	2,260	100	100
1996	2,170	96	102
1997	2,300	102	111
Change, 1996-97	130	6	9
% Change, 1996-97	6.0	—	—
Change, 1990-97	130	6	24
% Change, 1990-97	6.0	—	—
ACPC, 1990-97	0.8	—	—

Source: Desert Analytic & Texas Department of Economic Development.
Note: Indexes based on 1995 values=100.

Figure 1
Hotel & Motel Revenue & Room Nights Sold
City of Midland
1985-98

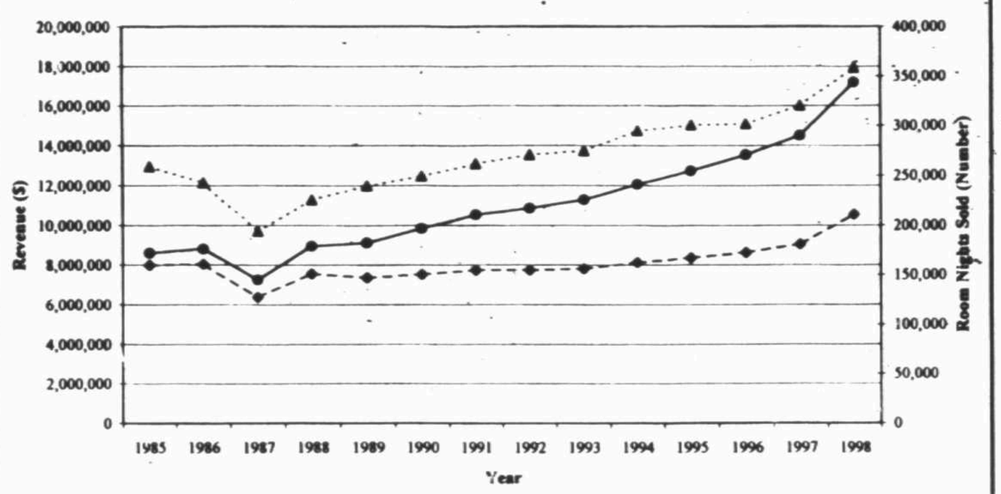


Figure 2
Occupancy Tax Revenue
City of Midland
1985-98

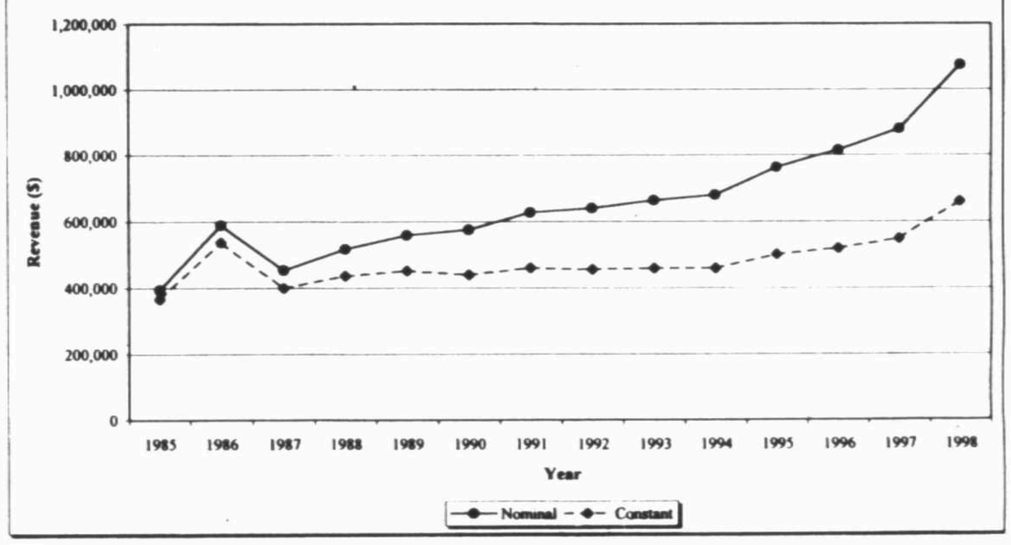


Table 3
Hotel & Motel Revenue & Operational Statistics
City of Midland
FY 1985-98

Year	Revenue ($)			Room Nights Sold (Number)
	Total	Average Per Room Night	Occupancy Tax	
1985	8,593,000	33.20	393,756	258,800
1986	8,810,000	36.27	588,547	242,900
1987	7,244,000	37.36	453,517	193,900
1988	8,945,000	39.63	516,443	225,700
1989	9,116,000	38.06	558,889	239,500
1990	9,826,000	39.43	574,417	249,200
1991	10,535,000	40.23	626,245	261,900
1992	10,848,000	40.07	639,103	270,700
1993	11,274,000	41.06	663,113	274,600
1994	12,047,000	40.88	679,382	294,700
1995	12,730,000	42.36	763,176	300,500
1996	13,541,000	44.87	814,875	301,800
1997	14,512,000	45.35	879,845	320,000
1998	17,182,000	47.94	1,075,169	358,400
Change, 1997-98	2,670,000	2.59	195,324	38,400
% Change, 1997-98	18.4	5.7	22.2	12.0
Change, 1985-98	8,589,000	14.74	681,413	99,600
% Change, 1985-98	100.0	44.4	173.1	38.5
ACPC, 1985-98	5.5	2.9	8.0	2.5

Source: City of Midland, Desert Analytic & Texas Department of Economic Development.
Note: ACPC=Annual compound percentage change. Revenue expressed in nominal dollars.

CVB: Sporting Events

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists many sporting events visiting Midland.

May

1-2 **Cinco de Mayo Soccer Tournament**
C.J. Kelly, Windlands, Hogan Soccer fields 684-5425

1-2 **USSSA Women's & Men's Classes B-C-D-E National and State Qualifier**
Bill Williams Softball Complex 683-8741

8-9 **MUGS Mother's Day Classic**
MUGS Complex 694-7950

21-23 **Midland In-Line Hockey Invitational Tournament**
Midland County Exhibit Building and Reyes/ Mashburn/Nelms Park 520-2425

29-30 **Sandbagger USSSA Qualifier Women's & Men's Classes B-C-D-E**
Bill Williams Softball Complex 683-8741

June

1-4 **USA Softball Elite Training Camp**
MUGS Softball Complex at Ulmer Park 687-4046 or 682-2255

3-6 **Tennis Association of Midland - 12 Sectional Tournament**
Midland College tennis facilities 687-4046 or 682-2255

4-6 **Memorial Day Girls' Fast Pitch Invitational Tournament**
Bill Williams Complex 694-5508

4-6 **52nd Annual West Texas Swimming Invitational**
Doug Russell Pool 684-7755

11-12 **Tennis Association of Midland - 12 Zone Futures**
Midland College tennis facilities 687-4046 or 682-2255

11-13 **District Tournament for ASA Girls' Fast Pitch**
MUGS Softball Complex 694-5508

18-20 **Tennis Association of Midland - West Texas Open**
Midland College tennis facilities 687-4046 or 682-2255

18-20 **4th Annual Permian Basin 8 Game Guarantee Tournament**
MUGS complex 694-5302

19-20 **Coors Classic USSSA Women's & Men's Classes B-C-D-E**
Bill Williams Softball Complex 683-8741

CVB: Conventions

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists many groups visiting Midland.

The number indicated refers to an approximate number of people attending the event.

May

18 - 20 National Association of Corrosion Engineers (250)
20 - 21 Bank One meeting
28 - 30 Young Family Reunion (50)

June

10 - 12 Grande Lodge Youth Conference (150)
22 - 26 Anglican Church of America (100)
26 - 27 West Texas Kennel Club (1000)

July

16 - 17 CAF Wing Staff Summer Conference

August

1 AMA-African Methodist Episcopal (300)
20 - 22 IAAM 1999 Operations Seminar (100)

September

17 - 19 Civil Air Patrol (500)
29 - Oct. 3 American Society of Civil Engineers (150)

October

1 County Judges and Commissioners Association (600)
1 - 5 Ox 5 Aviators Pioneers
2 - 3 Airsho 99
3- 5 8th Fighter Group 5th Airforce Reunion
7 - 9 83rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion
14 - 16 Sheriff Posse & Riding Club (150)
22 - 23 Midland High School Class Reunion 1949 (100)

Chamber Meetings

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

May

3 Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee ..... 11:45 am
11 Executive Committee ..... 11:30 am
11 M-Squad Guidelines ..... Downstairs conference room ..... 4 pm
12 President's Club ..... 11:30 am
18 M-Squad Luncheon ..... 11:30 am
18 Sports Commission ..... 4 pm
19 Retention/Expansion Committee ..... 11:30 am
20 Small Business Roundtable ..... 8:30 am
25 Leadership Midland Alumni ..... noon
25 Membership Services ..... Downstairs conference room ..... 4 pm
26 Board of Directors ..... 3:30 pm
31 HOLIDAY

June

1 Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee ..... 11:45 am
2 President's Club ..... 11:30 am
8 Executive Committee ..... 11:30 am
8 M-Squad Guidelines ..... Downstairs conference room ..... 4 pm
15 M-Squad Luncheon ..... 11:30 am
15 Sports Commission ..... 4 pm
16 Retention/Expansion Committee ..... 11:30 am
22 Leadership Midland Alumni ..... 11:30 am-noon
22 Membership Services ..... Downstairs conference room ..... 4 pm

CVB: Special Events

May

1-2 **4th Annual Midland-Odessa Hispanic Festival/ Cinco de Mayo Celebration**
Twin Cities Speedway 580-8112

1 **Adventures of the Wizard of Oz**
Midland Community Theatre 682-2544

2 **Magik Vaudeville at the Pops**
Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale
Lee High School 563-0921

6-7 **Nunsence Jamboree**
Midland Community Theatre at Yucca Theater 682-2544

7-22 **Heaving Bosoms, Hairy Chests**
Midland Community Theatre 682-4111

8 **Classic Quartet Concert**
Midland-Odessa Symphony's string quartet
Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Midland College 563-0921

13-June 27 **Beth Henry: Sculpture & Photography**
Museum of the Southwest 570-7770

14-16 **Celebration of the Arts**
Midland Center & Centennial Plaza 687-1149

15 **D-Day to Berlin**
American Airpower Heritage Museum 563-1000

15-June 19 **Stephen Appodocca**
Mixed-media works
Gallery 1114 685-9944

20-22 **Elegant Elephant "Last Sale of the Century"**
Museum of the Southwest 570-7770

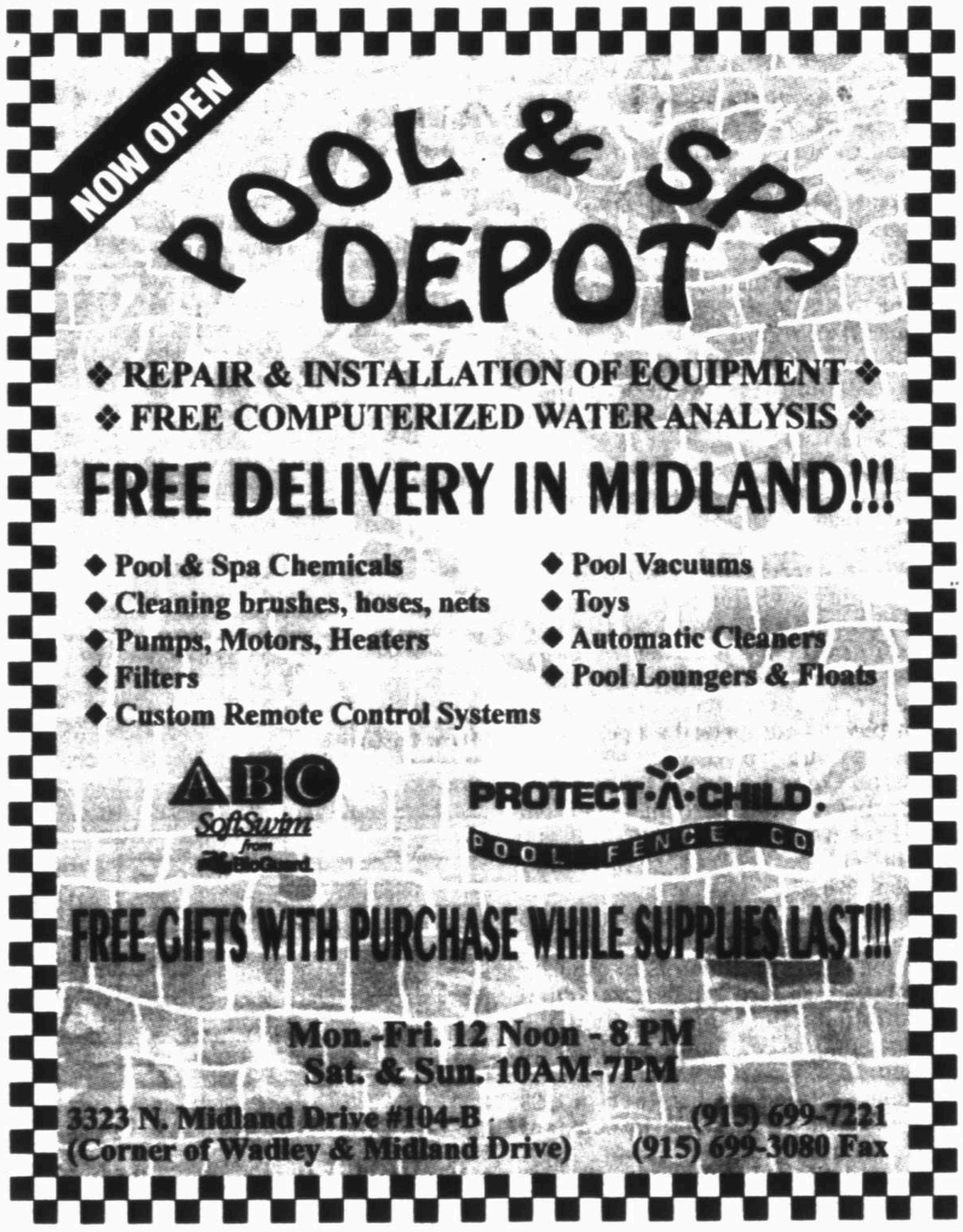
20 **Story Swap**
West Texas Storytellers Guild
Barnes & Noble 699-7820

20-22 **West Texas Jazz Party**
West Texas Jazz Society
Midland Hilton 563-1701

27-Sept. 12 **Traveling Experiment Gallery**
Fredda Turner Durham's Children's Museum 683-2882

28 **Beth Henry Lecture**
Museum of the Southwest 683-2882

31 **To Honor Those Who Served**
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American Airpower Heritage Museum 563-1000



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SOS Staffing Service celebrates 26 years

SOS Staffing Services, Inc. headquartered in salt Lake City, Utah is celebrating 26 years of service. Founded in 1973 by richard D. reinhold, SOS initially focused on offering temporary clerical services to businesses located in Salt Lake City. Twenty-six years later, SOS Staffing Services has more than 150 offices in 18 states and offers services ranging from professional to clerical to industrial.

SOS has been operating successfully in Utah for more than 26 years and has — in the last several years — opened offices in 17 other states including arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas Washington and Wyoming. SOS has more than tripled its number of offices in the last four years.

Mr. Reinhold's commitment to quality and his long-standing dedication to SOS's customers has helped bring the company success. Reinhold has instilled these same values in his employees,nand SOs has continued to thrive.

SOS is committed to quality. In 1997, SOS Staffing Services was granted ISO 9002 registration by the International Organization for Standardization, a globally recognized standard·of quality. SOS has changed to meet the needs of its customers.

By keeping industry changes and customer's needs in mind, SOS has consistently been the top-ranked staffing service in Utah and a leader in the United States. SOS became a publicly held corporation in 1995. The company's stock is traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol "SOSS."

With the public offering and the current success of the company, SOS has achieved national recognition. In May 1996, SOS was listed as one of *Business Week's* "Hot Growth Companies: The One Hundred Best small Corporations." In addition, *Forbes* recently ranked SOS number 88 on its list of "The Best 200 Small Businesses in America."

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SOS's success and the success of the staffing services industry in general could not have occurred without providing a beneficial service for customers, as well as employees. Staffing services vices employ 1.8 percent of the United States workforce each day. SOS employs nearly 100,000 people annually. "Approximately 40 percent of our clerical assignments are temporary-to-full-time positions,' said JoAnn Wagner, CEO?COB of SOs Staffing Services.

Many companies prefer to hire people that begin with the company on a temporary basis. by doing so, the company has a chance to preview potential employees' skills and work habits before making a long-term commitment. this "try before you commit" philosophy is beneficial for both the company and the temporary employee. Temporary employees have an opportunity to preview the actual position and work environment before committing to a regular full-time position.

Seeing the incredible opportunity to service the needs of the Midland area, SO$ opened its first Texas office in September of 1996. the Midland branch has recently hired long-time resident, serge Amato. Amato will serve as branch manager overseeing the daily operations of the new office. District manager for the Lubbock office, Jeff Kruger says, "we're confident in the strength of Serge's personality and skill set. And we're thrilled with the more than three years of staffing industry experience he possess. SOS is thrilled to have someone with such a strong customer service attitude."

SOS currently operates six full service offices in Amarillo, Dallas, Ft.forth, lubbock Midland and san Antonio. SOS specializes in short- and long-term temporary and temporary-to-full-time and "permanent placement" staffing services for clerical, industrial, skilled trades, technical, accounting, information technology, marketing and a variety of other areas. For further information on how SOS Staffing Services may assist you, call or visit the SOs nearest you.

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For more information contact
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- If you use a computer, make a backup copy of your company files.
- Write weekly paychecks.
- Pay bills due the following week.
- Create a cash flow forecast report to review your anticipated cash flow for the next few weeks.

Monthly

- If you use a computer, make a monthly backup copy of your hard drive to keep some where away from your company premises. this procedure safeguards you from losing valuable data in case of fire, flood, theft, or other disasters.
- Payroll taxes due monthly (or however frequently you are required to pay them).
- Pay sales tax due monthly.
- Reconcile your checking and credit card accounts when you recieve your statements.
- Send monthly reminder or billing statements to your customers.

Quarterly

- If you use a computer, make a backup copy of your hard drive.
- Pay sales tax due quarterly.
- File Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Tax REturn.
- Create a profit and loss strament and a balance sheet, to review how your business is doiing.

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M-Squad and High Sky Wing, CAF Fund Raiser to hold chili cook-off

Saturday, May 22 is the date for the Dirty Ernie's Bar-B-Q and Chili Blowout to benefit the M-Squad and the High Sky Wing of the CAF. The event will be held all day at the southwest corner of the Confederate Air Force big hangar.

The event is open to any team or individual cookers. Entry fee is $125 and includes the following categories: brisket, ribs, chicken, fajitas, chili, open and open desserts; $50 for single entries. Each entry will receive free passes to the American Airpower Heritage Museum with extra tickets available for $4 each.

The volunteers will be serving a barbecue lunch of brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans and iced tea for $4 for adults and $3 for children under age 14.

M-Squad will use their portion of the proceeds to pay for its members to attend the annual National Association of Chamber Ambassadors conference. NACA was founded in Midland by the M-Squad in 1986 and has grown to over 480 members representing five states. The annual conference is a way to network with other ambassador groups and further educate ambassadors in areas such as member retention and recruitment.

The High Sky Wing will use their proceeds to assist in the acquisition of the WWII AT-11 bombardier training aircraft that served in Midland during WWII. This pristine AT-11 is a rare aircraft and will make a proud and historical addition to the CAF fleet. The plane will be called "The Spirit of Midland."



Photo by Bruce Partain

Chamber members will enjoy a RockHounds family picnic on June 10.

Business at the Ballpark

It's a family picnic Thursday, June 10, at Christensen Stadium, home of the Midland RockHounds. Chamber members are invited to bring their families along for the fun.

Called "Business at the Ballpark, the event begins at 6 p.m., with complimentary soft drinks, hot dogs and other concession items, courtesy of the RockHounds. Door prizes will also be available, thanks to sponsor, First American Bank.

Just as last year, Joel Ford of Clark's and Winford's Meat Co. will be supplying German sausage for the event.

At 7 p.m., it's game time, and guests can either move into the ballpark or stay in the picnic area during an exciting Texas League baseball.

The RockHounds have provided the Chamber with 255 tickets.

These will be available to Chamber members at the Chamber office, five tickets for $5, first come, first served. Additional tickets will be available for $8.50 each.

An order form will be mailed to Chamber members.

Pack the Park





Chamber M-Squad members, left, help inaugurate the RockHounds first season with a ribbon cutting. The Chamber distributed free tickets to the business community to help welcome Midland's AA Texas League team back home. Attendance for the two nights was 7,779.



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Ribbon cutting schedule

The M-Squad will conduct ribbon cuttings this month at the following Chamber-member locations.
Contact Dawn Webster for further information.

Wednesday, May 5 9:45 am
EXPO 99 - Ribbon Cutting • Midland Center
Wednesday, May 5 4:45 pm
Keep Midland Beautiful - 4 year member • 500 N. Loraine #191
Tuesday, May 25 11:45 am
Community & Senior Services • 3301 Sinclair



The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau awarded jackets in April to local meeting planners bringing in events with at least 200 hotel/motel room-nights. From left, Sally Roberts - Southwest Section - American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG); Charles Harris - East of the Pecos Breyer Show; Robert Boothe and Chp. Starpattern Mueslix "Slix" of West Texas Kennel Club All Breed & Obedient Dog Show; Lance Bagwell - Midland United Girls' Softball (MUGS); Warren Maxwell - City of Midland (COM) Aquatics; David Rodriguez - Twin Cities Tigers II Amateur Boxing Association; Jon Andrews - Midland In-Line Hockey Association. Not pictured: Paula Mitchell of the AAPG.

CVB News Conference



These aren't real women boxers, but they are working to stage the USA Boxing's 2000 Women's National Championships in Midland. From left, Shura Lindgren, David Rodgriguez and Nancy Swallow. Lindgren and Swallow are staffers in the Chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau. Rodriguez is with the Twin Cities Tigers II Amateur Boxing Association.

MIDLAND ECONOMIC INDICATORS
♦ MARCH 1999 ♦

CITY OF MIDLAND	MARCH 1999	FEBRUARY 1999	MARCH 1998
Residential Permits	7	8	28
Residential Valuations	$ 782,000	$ 494,450	$2,997,265
Commercial Permits	4	5	4
Commercial Valuations	$ 427,000	$7,614,500	$4,140,000
MIDLAND COUNTY			
Labor Force	63,764	64,159 ♦	62,784 ♦
Employed	59,770	59,941 ♦	61,702 ♦
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.6%	3.3%
ODESSA/MIDLAND MSA			
Labor Force	128,500	129,800 ♦	126,600 ♦
Employed	117,500	117,900 ♦	121,300 ♦
Unemployment Rate	8.6%	9.2%	4.2% ♦
OTHER			
MAF Enplanements	41,936	33,781	46,423
	City of Midland	Midland County	Odessa/Midland MSA
POPULATION	99,186* (Estimate 1-1-99)	117,300** (1-1-98)	241,600** (1-1-98)
COMPOSITE CRIME INDEX	71 (U.S. =100)	76 (U.S. =100)	110 (U.S. =100)

Sources: Claritas, Inc;, U.S. Census Bureau, Texas Workforce Commission
**City of Midland; **Demographics USA County Edition, ♦ Revised data*
Prepared by: Midland Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Department

President's Club

Debbie Bergen of Debbie Bergen Promotional Products was the Top Achiever for the Midland Chamber's President's Club in March. Ms. Bergen sold seven new memberships.


Bergen

Also active were Diane Riggs of Moore Document Solutions with two new memberships, Margaret Alvarez of Sam's Club, who assisted two current members with renewal.

The following volunteers each brought in one membership renewal in March: Robert Curtiss of CMI - Midland, Kathy Churchill of Kathy Churchill Insurance, Cathryn Hairston, and Mim Jones of Michael's Flowers.

Chamber staff sold 12 new memberships in March.

President's Club volunteers spend several hours a month calling on new member prospects as well as visiting with current members who are 60 days or more past due. The Chamber invites these volunteers to a monthly luncheon where they share information on new businesses opening in Midland. Top Achievers are invited to Chamber board meetings to receive awards.

You are invited to take part in this business networking committee. For more information, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain, 683-3381.

Chamber staff celebrate anniversaries


Vidal


Rogers


Bray

Maintenance worker Mac Vidal recently celebrated his seventh anniversary with Midland Center. His duties include setting up and breaking down tables and chairs for events, assisting customers and maintaining the facility and its equipment.

Convention Sales Manager Anita Rogers celebrated her first anniversary with the Chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau. She has an extended professional career in the hospitality industry in Midland, including work at several hotels and a previous stint at the Chamber.

Information Secretary Shannon Bray marked her third anniversary recently. Shannon announced in late April that she is leaving Midland to pursue opportunities in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

"We thank these three employees for their service, and we wish Shannon the best in her new endeavors," said Marvin Wynn, president/CEO for the Chamber.

Business Expo 99



Attending Business Expo 99 means learning how to save money in business. It can also mean winning a door prize.Many of the exhibitors at the trade show Wednesday, May 5, will have opportunities to sign up for free goods and services.

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Member Midland Chamber of Commerce

M-Squad



Members of the Chamber's M-Squad are often the first business people in Midland to learn about new events in the community. For example, the M-Squad was invited when the AT-11Spirit of Midland first touched down in front of the CAF High Sky Wing hangar. From left are Rose Harvell of Sam's Club, Dell Hoover of HMH Operating, Linda Barry of Century 21 Kay Sutton Realtors, Peggy Thorsen of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Doug Shipley of Manpower Inc., Deborah Peckham, Guy McKenzie of MRO Management Inc. and Jay Norris of First American Bank. A total of 30 positions exist for the Chamber's public relations volunteer group, with five openings available now.

Ambassadorships available

The M-Squad Ambassador group was formed in the 1960s as a committee of the Midland Chamber. In those days, the members were mostly men, reflecting the business climate of the times. The group is now 50/50 men and women. Over the years, M-Squad has evolved into a public relations arm of the Chamber. The ambassadors represent the Chamber at ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, dedications, red-carpet welcomes and news conferences. The ideal member of the M-Squad is someone motivated to meet other business people. Outside salespeople and public relations representatives find M-Squad matches their employer's criteria of community service coupled with the potential to build new business for their company or organization. Chamber ambassador groups often have long waiting lists. The M-Squad currently has five open positions. Normally the M-Squader works for the Chamber member he or she represents,' said Dawn Webster of the Chamber. But we have one member who represents her church, and we have discussed allowing retirees to represent their former employers, or represent other businesses that would appreciate the representation or would like the connection, but cannot afford to let one of their own employees take time off. For more information on joining M-Squad, call Dawn Webster or Becky Wright, 683-3381.

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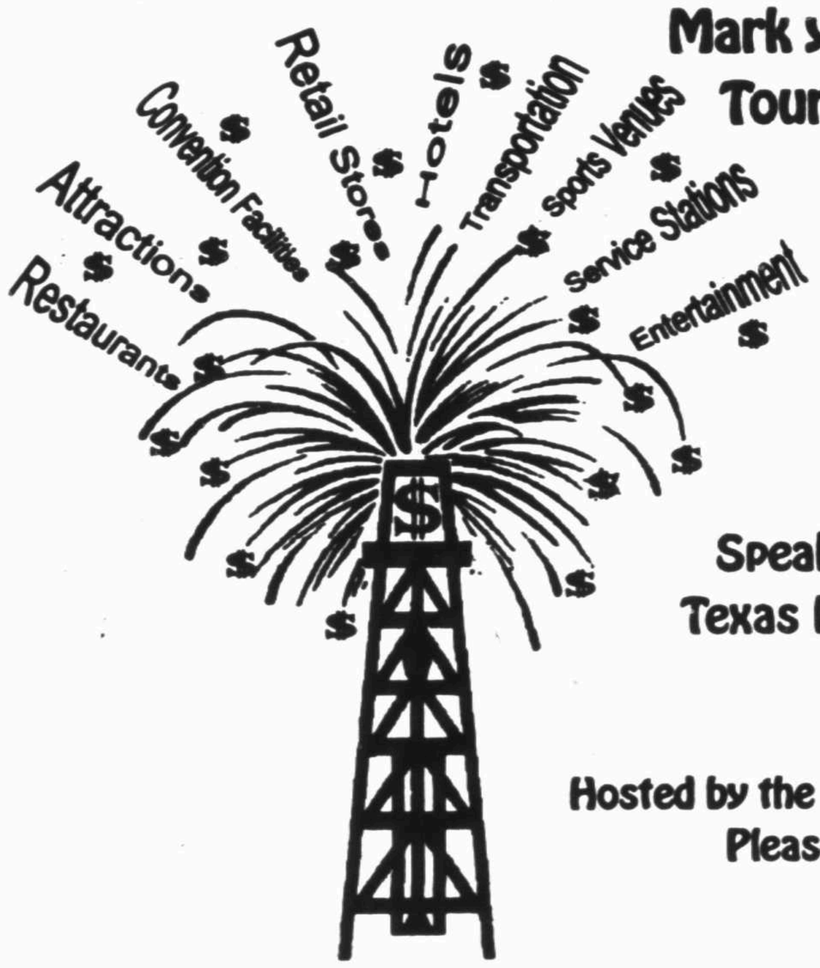
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