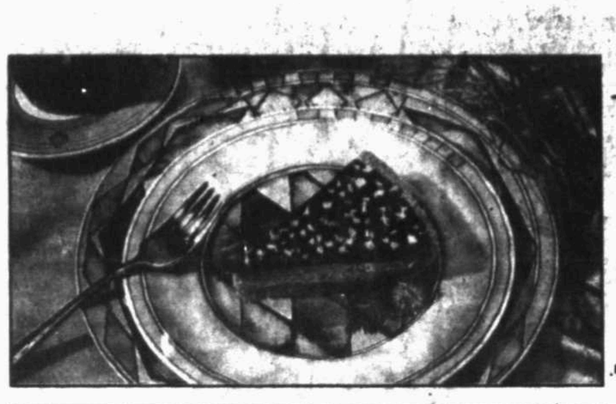


FOOD

Lone Star peanuts

The Texas Peanut Producers Board is shelling recipes in their brochure in conjunction with the first-ever Texas Peanut Week March 15-21./**10C**



SPORTS

Lee makes playoffs

On a windy afternoon, the Rebels provided a few anxious moments before finally finding the mark with a pair of goals in a 2-0 win over Abilene Cooper./**1C**

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TODAY
Partly cloudy, high in the lower 60s. Weather on 4A





AP Photo

Earline Riddle weeps as she holds her great-nephew Jonathan Waldrick Tuesday in front of the tree where he was discovered wrapped in a mattress after being ripped from his great grandmother's nearby home by a tornado early Monday morning in Kissimmee, Fla. Waldrick received nothing but a bump on the head during the ordeal.

Search for survivors

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Rescuers with dogs searched the piney woods near a tornado-devastated campground Tuesday for the bodies of people blown away when a swarm of tornadoes strafed central Florida. At least 38 people were killed and hundreds of homes and businesses were destroyed Monday. Seven people were still missing Tuesday, four from the Ponderosa Park Campground.

Story page 4B

Clinton intern

WASHINGTON — In a legal subplot to the escalating Monica Lewinsky story, Whitewater prosecutors Tuesday summoned a White House aide and a private investigator for questioning about how negative information about Kenneth Starr's office was fed to news reporters. The surprising turn in the case prompted an outcry from the White House over subpoenas that brought presidential aide Sidney Blumenthal and private investigator Terry F. Lenzner to the federal courthouse.

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MISD bus system to stay public

Board votes 6-0 to reject bids from three private companies

■ **The lowest bid from a private company was above MISD's current budget by about $176,000.**

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District school board members voted unanimously to keep the district's $3.78 million transportation system public, after hearing vocal opposition to privatization from citizens.

The board voted 6-0 to keep MISD's 150-bus system public and rejected bids from three private companies to privatize the bus system. The lowest bid — by Southwest Student Transportation — actually was above MISD's current budget by about $176,000.

Some citizens and current bus employees this week have flooded board members with calls against privatizing, claiming that a contractor would comprise employees' job security and questioned whether a company would have the same commitment to child safety as MISD.

Wilson Heidelberg, MISD's executive director for auxiliary services, told the school board that the bid numbers were not "manipulated" by MISD in spite of what some might later say, and that every contractor had a good chance to top the district's figures.

Heidelberg has headed up the district's privatization inquiry. He and other MISD officials have said that the district has an efficient and professional system with good employees but they wanted to look for cost savings in the private sector.

He said the vendors had quality safety programs and employee benefits, but had trouble matching MISD.

The district asked for three bids from each vendor, including an alternate proposal in which the vendor set its own budget priorities.

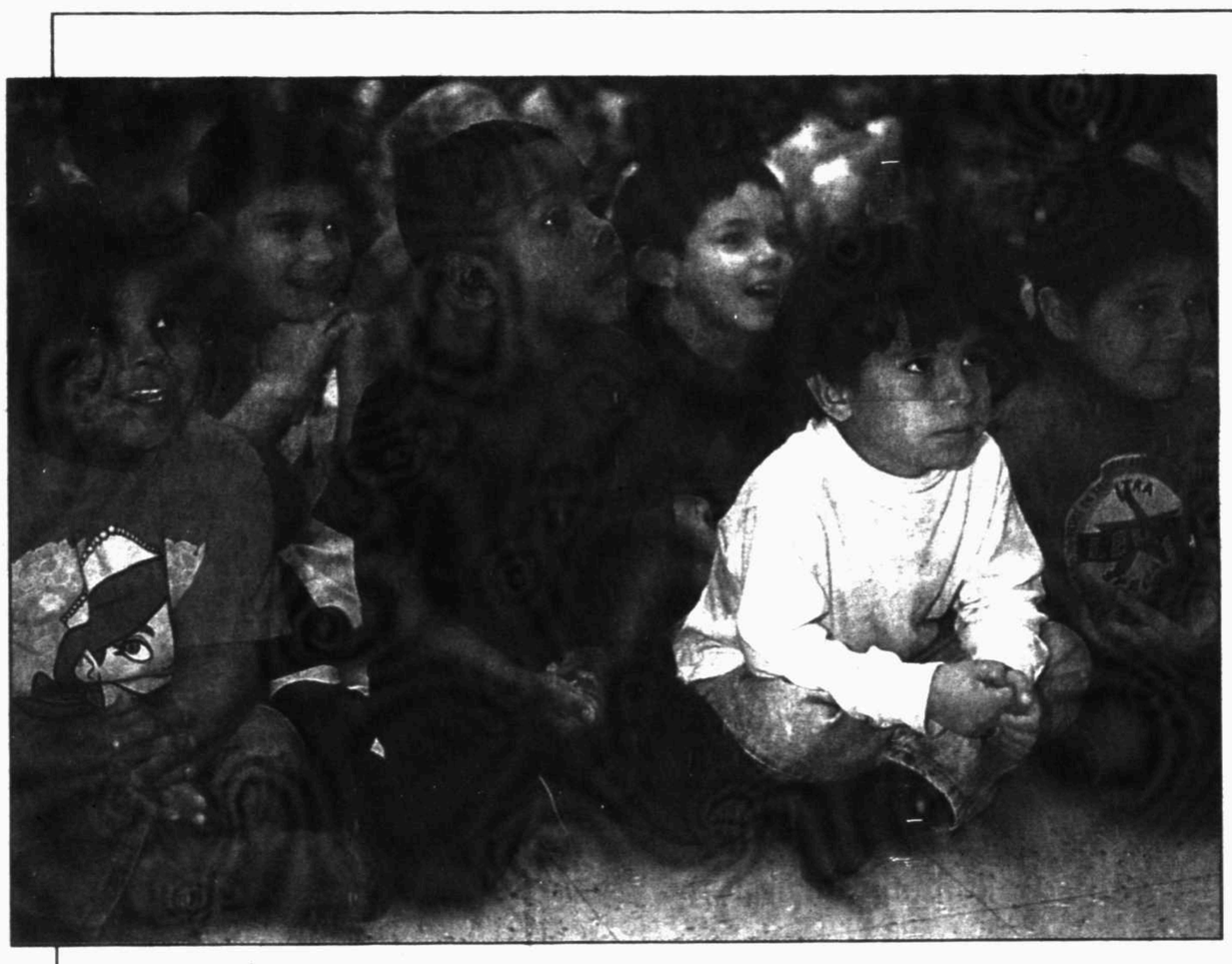
"Apples against apples, leasing our facility, the same routes — they couldn't beat us," he said. "The alternate proposal was wide open. We asked that they take their best shot."

The three companies bidding to take over transportation were Southwest, Laidlaw Transit, Inc. and Durham Transportation. Each company had three bids. In the first two, the company took on all of MISD's costs and bus routes and either leased the current bus terminal or built a new terminal.

For proposal No. 1 for leasing the terminal, Southwest was low bid at $3.962 million, followed by Durham and Laidlaw.

For proposal No. 2 for building a new terminal, Southwest was again low bid at $3.997 million, followed by Durham. Laidlaw chose not to bid because it didn't want

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Photos by Brian Adamcik



Tellin' a
STORY

West Early Childhood Center students eagerly follow the words of storyteller Eric Emmerson Strong, who recently told students about famous African Americans in the Wild West, such as Stagecoach Mary. Emmerson also told stories at Bunche Early Childhood and Washington Elementary. The Lubbock native's visit was sponsored by the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs as part of the Black History Month celebration.

Manpower survey: 43 percent of local employers plan to hire more workers

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland's labor market continues to be strong and local employers remain upbeat, according to a quarterly survey by the national temporary services firm, Manpower.

Forty-three percent of local employers plan to hire additional workers in the second quarter of 1998, while only 3 percent plan to reduce their work force and 41 percent expect no changes in employment, according to Manpower's survey. The remaining 13 percent have not finalized plans.

"We're looking at a pretty sizable number of companies looking at increasing their work force," said Doug Shipley, branch manager at Manpower's Midland office.

He added that the survey "is pretty much on target from last year, with a slight increase."

Last year's second quarter survey found 40 percent of employers expected to expand their staffs and 10 percent anticipated cutbacks. Shipley noted that the survey for the first quarter of this year found 50 percent of local employers expecting to hire new staff, while 16 percent expected to reduce staff.

"Three months ago we saw a pretty high polling with 50 percent of local employers expecting to hire new staff. That's a very high number and it's hard to improve on what we found three months ago."

Shipley added that this is a very good labor market for skilled workers or those interested in developing their skills. The best prospects are seen in mining, despite the recent decreases in oil and gas prices, according to the survey.

"It's still very apparent that a lot of companies are looking to increase their staff, they're looking to staff skilled positions in the higher echelon positions that will help the business grow," Shipley said.

Other strong areas are transportation and public utilities, in wholesale and retail trade and in services. Cutbacks are expected in finance, insurance and real estate.

The strong labor market "is not nec-

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City clears way for 288-unit luxury apartment complex

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland could get its first new major apartment complex in about 15 years. The City Council on Tuesday gave a Houston company zoning clearance for a 288 unit luxury facility.

Moldau Inc. is planning the upscale apartment complex at the northwest corner of the city. It would be the first such development since 1983, according to city staff.

The complex would include multiple two- and three-story buildings on a 27.26-acre tract stretching from Briarwood Avenue south to Loop 250, and about 1/4 mile west of Midland Drive.

Moldau representative Jarrett Lamb said his company plans to fill an economic niche not currently met by Midland apartments, with nine-foot ceilings, garages, large bathrooms with oversized tubs and other luxury amenities not currently available. The company has more than $150,000 set aside just for landscaping at the new complex, Lamb said.

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AP Photo

Deal with Iraq

U.N. chief Kofi Annan predicted Tuesday that key nations would give his deal with Iraq their unanimous support. Story page 7A

Inflation disappears in January; Greenspan sees 'storm clouds'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation is zero and the economy is still humming. But Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warns Congress that "storm clouds" out of Asia make the future highly uncertain.

While describing the economy's current combination of low inflation and high job growth as an "exemplary performance," Greenspan said Tuesday that the Asian crisis was forcing the Fed to navigate in uncharted waters with large doubts over how events will unfold.

"The key question going forward is whether the restraint building from the turmoil in Asia will be sufficient to check inflationary tendencies that might otherwise result from the

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strength of domestic spending and tightening labor markets," Greenspan told a House Banking subcommittee.

If the Asian currency crisis depresses the U.S. economy more than currently expected, the Fed might have to cut interest rates, Greenspan said. But if U.S. demand remains strong and inflationary pressures start bubbling up, then the central bank will be prepared to raise rates, he said.

Many economists said Greenspan's comments Tuesday in delivering his semi-annual monetary report to Congress supported their belief that the Fed is

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Nominations may be made by individuals, clubs, churches, or other organizations. They should be made by using the form at the bottom of this page. A letter describing the merits and accomplishments of person being nominated should be submitted as well.

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U.N.-Iraq deal leaves search procedures open

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.N. deal with Iraq to open presidential palaces still leaves unclear just how the sites will be inspected, and opens the door to greater political control of the inspections by countries eager to see them end.

The accord also may represent another step in an incremental process of diminishing the role of the U.N. Special Commission, which is supposed to verify whether Iraq has destroyed long-range missiles and weapons of mass destruction.

Eliminating those weapons is the main condition for lifting punishing trade sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The agreement calls for senior diplomats to accompany U.N. inspectors to presidential compounds, which Iraq had placed off-limits. Depending on whom Annan selects, Iraq could end up with diplomats more friendly to its interests and more likely to want to finish the inspections quickly.

The United States has insisted that the inspectors' authority not be diminished, but it isn't clear who — the inspectors or the diplomats — would be in control of the inspections.

No deadline was set for completing the work at presidential sites. The Iraqis would like to see it finished in about two months.

The accord negotiated by Secretary-General Kofi Annan formalizes, in effect, an offer made to Iraq by the former Special Commission chairman, Rolf Ekeus, in June 1996 for procedures to inspect sites that Baghdad said were sensitive to national security.

The Security Council resolution that set up the inspection program in 1991 drew no distinctions among suspected weapons sites, saying the U.N. teams had the authority to go wherever and whenever they wanted.

Ekeus assumed that his 1996 offer of special procedures for the palaces would ease Iraqi concerns about sovereignty and, in turn, lessen what U.N. inspectors saw as Iraqi harassment.

When the new commission chairman, Richard Butler, took office last year, he wanted to scrap the Ekeus formula — because, he said, the harassment continued, especially with inspectors being held at gates while suspect material was spirited out back doors.

U.N. officials are gambling now that, with the essentials of the 1996 formula codified in a signed agreement, the Iraqis will cooperate.

■ News analysis

The text also says inspections will be carried out under existing rules and "specific detailed procedures which will be developed given the special nature of the presidential sites."

That phrase could be interpreted to set such controls on the inspections as to render them useless. Butler is expected to come to Baghdad later to work out the details.

But the turmoil over the inspections has badly weakened Butler's position. Comments made by him to The New York Times that Iraq had enough chemical and biological weapons to "blow away Tel Aviv, or whatever" generated a firestorm in the Arab world and concern in Israel.

Butler's relationship with Iraqi authorities has been tense. During his talks in Baghdad, Annan heard numerous complaints about Butler from Iraqi officials, who accused him of bias against them. Ekeus, too, was criticized, but Butler has been vilified.

According to Annan's agreement, the palace inspections will be headed by one of 21 commissioners whose countries participate in the U.N. Special Commission. Annan appoints the commissioners, who are nominated by their governments, to oversee the U.N. weapons inspection program.

Some of the commissioners are scientists or technicians whose views do not necessarily reflect those of their governments. Others follow their government's line.

The agreement also represents a victory for Russian diplomacy. Since relations between Iraq and the U.N. inspectors reached a boil last fall, Russia's U.N. ambassador, Sergey Lavrov, has been working to bring the inspectors under greater control.

Russia, which has struck oil deals with Iraq, wants to press the commission to end the inspections as quickly as possible and certify that Iraq has met the conditions for ending the economic sanctions.

Queen's sister hospitalized after stroke

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — Three weeks into a Caribbean vacation, Princess Margaret checked into a Barbados hospital Tuesday after suffering a mild stroke at a party.

The 67-year-old younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II was in stable condition and would fly back to England as soon as she is well enough to travel, Buckingham Palace said.

Wearing a straw hat and holding a matching straw handbag, Margaret walked unassisted to a car that took her to Bay View Hospital outside Bridgetown. She appeared to be comfortable but made no comment to reporters.

Margaret, the queen's only sibling, had the stroke Monday night at a friend's chalet on the tiny Grenadine island of Mustique, where she has a holiday home.

She was treated on Mustique and flown Tuesday to Barbados, a former British colony, where she first visited a private heart clinic, then was hospitalized for tests.

British embassy officials in Bridgetown arrived at the hospital later. None offered comment.

"Certainly at this stage the signs are positive," Ken Will, an island official, said in a BBC radio interview. "She has been consulted throughout and is fully cognizant."

The princess, who is 11th in line to the British throne, had been due to leave Tuesday for the island of St. Lucia after three weeks on Mustique, a windswept island popular with royalty and rock stars.

Margaret, now among the least publicly active members of the royal family, spends long periods on Mustique.

Italian doctor stops prescribing cancer treatment as protest

ROME (AP) — A doctor whose controversial cancer treatment sparked debate across Italy quit prescribing the medicine Tuesday to protest a government decree regulating its use.

Hundreds of cancer patients have trekked to Dr. Luigi Di Bella's office in the northern city of Modena to receive a prescription for his cocktail of hormones and vitamins. Although clinically untested, it's viewed by some as a miracle cure.

On Tuesday, dozens had lined up outside Di Bella's office hoping to be treated. A message on his answering machine told patients he had quit prescribing the medicine.

Giving in to public pressure, Italy's Health Ministry had agreed to conduct clinical trials of the treatment, but it also issued a decree meant to prevent abuse of the drug.

Authorities have discovered numerous false prescriptions for the treatment as well as hugely inflated prices for the treatment at some pharmacies.

Di Bella contests a provision that forces doctors who prescribe the cure to register the patient's name and address with the Health Ministry. He also disagrees with the controls on pharmacies.

Di Bella wants the decree revoked immediately. Otherwise, he said, he would consider moving abroad.

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Thursday	Friday
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 63	High 60	High 60
Low 32	Low 30	Low 30

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high between 60 and 65. Winds will be gusty at 20 to 30 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with temperatures dropping in the lower 30s. Thursday calls for mostly sunny skies and breezy with a high near 60.

After an overnight low of 42, Tuesday's high reached 81, compared to the record high for that date of 84 set in 1956. The record low was 14 set in 1965.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.
Total for month	.5 in.
Total for year	.74 in.

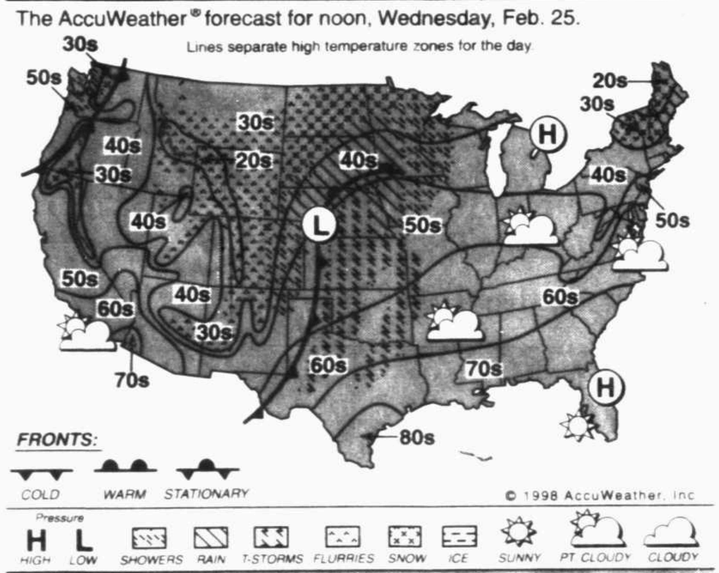
Yesterday's temperatures

High	81
low	42
Normal high	64
Normal low	35

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National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Feb. 25.

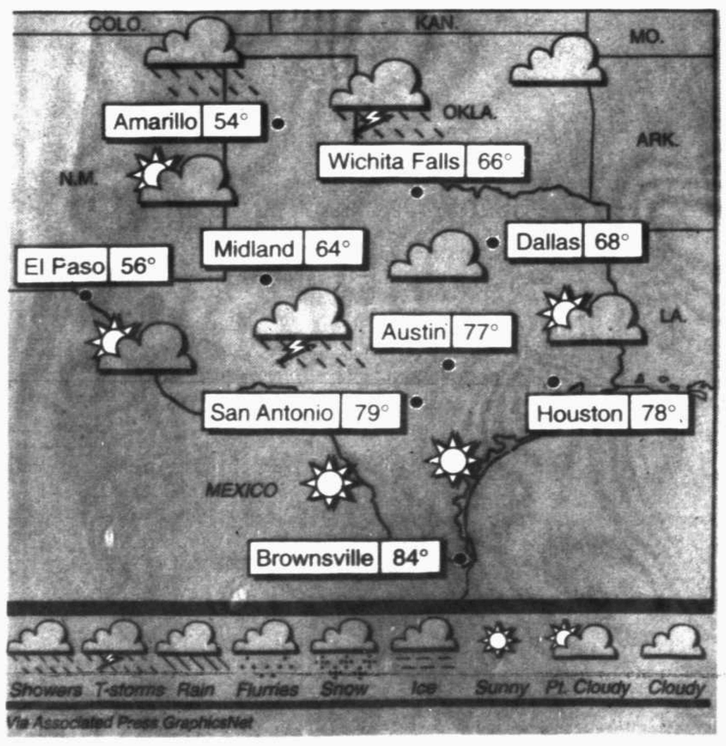


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:33 p.m. EST

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	34	31	20	clr
Albuquerque	68	36	cdy	
Anchorage	41	30	02	sn
Asheville	57	36	clr	
Atlanta	63	39	clr	
Atlantic City	43	42	1.35	cdy
Baltimore	46	38	63	clr
Billings	33	25	15	sn
Birmingham	69	34	clr	
Bismarck	46	23	sn	
Boise	42	32	27	cdy
Boston	40	37	2.13	sn
Buffalo	35	32	19	cdy
Burlington,Vt	34	29	12	sn
Casper	56	27	sn	
Charleston,S.C.	67	45	clr	
Charleston,W.Va	40	36	12	clr
Charlotte,N.C.	66	41	clr	
Cheyenne	54	29	sn	
Chicago	54	37	09	cdy
Cincinnati	58	26	02	clr
Cleveland	43	31	clr	
Columbia,S.C.	69	39	05	clr
Columbus,Ohio	42	29	06	clr
Concord,N.H.	39	32	61	rn
Dayton	53	29	03	clr
Denver	64	24	cdy	
Des Moines	58	34	clr	
Detroit	40	28	cls	
Duluth	49	33	rn	
Evansville	63	34	cdy	
Fairbanks	25	-4	cdy	
Fargo	47	27	rn	
Flagstaff	40	37	cdy	
Grand Rapids	46	28	05	clr
Great Falls	32	14	03	sn
Greensboro,N.C.	57	37	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	40	33	46	sn
Helena	34	18	sn	
Honolulu	81	71	clr	
Indianapolis	60	31	03	cdy
Jackson,Miss	71	37	cdy	
Jacksonville	70	47	cdy	
Juneau	39	38	rn	
Kansas City	65	36	rn	
Las Vegas	53	46	70	clr
Little Rock	72	42	rn	
Los Angeles	62	47	1.37	clr
Louisville	63	35	cdy	
Memphis	69	45	cdy	
Miami Beach	73	57	cdy	
Milwaukee	48	38	23	cdy
Mpls-St Paul	54	31	rn	
Nashville	68	33	cdy	
New Orleans	69	46	cdy	
New York City	42	38	52	cdy
Norfolk,Va	53	40	01	clr
North Platte	56	24	rn	
Oklahoma City	75	39	cdy	
Omaha	59	30	rn	
Orlando	71	52	cdy	
Philadelphia	41	40	cdy	
Phoenix	63	55	22	cdy
Pittsburgh	44	34	14	cdy
Portland,Maine	37	33	1.18	rn
Portland,Ore	48	38	rn	
Providence	42	38	1.24	rn
Raleigh-Durham	61	41	01	clr
Rapid City	53	23	sn	
Reno	40	12	01	cdy
Richmond	53	38	11	clr
Sacramento	55	36	cdy	
St Louis	64	44	cdy	
Salt Lake City	43	37	1.18	sn
San Diego	62	51	1.21	cdy
San Francisco	58	43	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	90	70	cdy	
Santa Fe	64	24	cdy	
St Ste Marie	34	23	cdy	
Seattle	47	37	rn	
Shreveport	74	42	cdy	
Sioux Falls	52	26	rn	
Spokane	45	28	cdy	
Syracuse	34	32	90	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	67	54	cdy	
Topeka	65	33	rn	
Tucson	68	52	cdy	
Tulsa	69	40	rn	
Washington,D.C.	46	35	45	clr

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CST:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	85	45	
Alice	79	52	
Amarillo	75	34	
Arlington	77	44	
Austin	77	46	
Beaumont	72	50	
Brownsville	80	58	
Burnet	75	44	
Childress	77	36	
College Station	76	54	
Conroe	77	49	
Corpus Christi	77	56	
Corsicana	77	48	
Cotulla	84	54	
Dalhart	75	36	
Dallas	77	48	
Del Rio	89	53	
Denton	76	40	
El Paso	80	40	
Fort Stockton	84	46	
Fort Worth	76	42	
Galveston	69	59	
Harlingen	82	60	
Hondo	77	42	
Houston	77	51	
Huntsville	78	55	
Junction	80	37	
Kingsville	79	56	
Laredo	88	56	
Lubbock	76	35	
Lufkin	77	44	
Marfa	77	M	
McAllen	84	58	
Mineral Wells	83	45	
Navy Corpus	77	62	
New braunfels	81	46	
Palacios	75	61	
Paris	50	43	
Rockport	75	62	0.02
San Angelo	82	44	
San Antonio	78	44	
Terrell	76	44	
Victoria	77	56	
Waco	75	45	
Wichita Falls	81	40	
Wink	84	34	

MISD: Vote for privatization of bus system would have been costly

(From 1A)

to build a facility in Midland.

Then the three companies offered a third alternate bid. Those too fell short.

For those alternate bids Southwest finished first at $4.140 million, Durham next at $4.137 million, Laidlaw Transit Inc. at $5.964 million.

Heidelberg said MISD prevailed in the alternate bid process as well. He said the companies lauded MISD for its efficiency.

"In this, their best bids, they did everything they wanted to do and they still couldn't beat us," he said.

Heidelberg later told the Reporter-Telegram that while critics may claim that MISD's budget numbers may be incorrect, they are accurate. They reflect the district's costs for employee salaries and benefits, maintenance and materials.

He said a vote for privatization would have been costly for MISD. The companies had one additional administrator in their bids and had to have a profit margin of about 10 percent, he said.

Board vice president James Fuller said during the meeting that he was concerned about the contractors talking about cutting routes, because that might cut the bus work force.

"That would impact the work force," he said. "We can't talk about these issues separately. We have got to speak to the issue. ... I'm not in the business of creating unemployment."

'...They did everything they wanted to do and they still couldn't beat us (MISD).'
— Wilson Heidelberg, executive director for auxiliary services

Six citizens spoke against privatizing; no one spoke in favor of it at the board meeting. Because of the degree of concern, the board put a motion to stay public on the floor then listened to the speakers before the full board voted.

D.L. "Dally" Willis, local representative of the AFL-CIO, said his group was opposed to the issue.

"We support local control of MISD's transportation system," he said. "We believe that the administration has operated the system in an economical and compassionate manner. We consider (privatization) not to be in the best interest of our children and grandchildren."

Willis pointed to Corpus Christi public schools' experience with the subject as a reason to reject privatization. The district opted out of a private bus contract after five years because it didn't save money.

"They took their system back in 1995 as the result of these costs (of privatization)," he said.

Shirley Howard, vice president of Midland Educators Association and a bus driver, also called for the board to reject the bids.

"The Midland Educators Association opposed the proposal to privatize the transportation system," she said. "Tonight you have a very important decision to make, whether or not to say in control of transportation or to give control to a for-profit company."

John Stiles, a retired Stanton school teacher and bus driver, also spoke against privatization.

"We have a great bunch of drivers," Stiles said. "I'm an English teacher, so (I'll say), if something isn't broken, then don't mess with it."

Sally Rivera, also an MEA member, read a letter from MEA president Horace Griffin that praised MISD bus drivers for compassion and claimed private bus drivers tend to worry more about money than children.

"I had no idea the differences are so drastic," Ms. Rivera said afterward to the board. "I'm glad we are keeping our own bus system."

The board then restated its motion to stay public.

"I move that we retain our current operations," Fuller said. The board swiftly voted to stay public.

Jackie Hamilton, board president, told a packed board room of many bus employees that the district values its bus drivers and transportation employees.

"We have a wonderful bus transportation system," she said. "I think you should give yourselves a hand now."

The audience broke into applause.

ECONOMY: Greenspan expresses uncertainty about fallout from Asia

(From 1A)

going to remain on hold through the first half of this year at least.

"Greenspan went out of his way to strike a balance between the threats facing the economy," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "He implied strongly that he will be keeping policy unchanged for some time to come."

Financial markets, where some optimists had been pushing the notion that Asian worries would force the Fed to cut rates soon, sagged on Greenspan's remarks. Demand for long-term bonds fell and the Dow Jones industrial average ended the day down 40 points, at 8,370.

"Greenspan delivered a very evenhanded, middle-of-the-road testimony," said Allen Sinai, chief global economist at Primark Decision Economics. "What we learned here is that the Fed doesn't know a lot about Asia and its effects at the present time."

While expressing high uncertainty about the exact fallout from Asia, Greenspan delivered an upbeat assessment of current conditions, noting that the lowest unemployment levels in nearly three decades were coexisting with falling inflation rates.

The Labor Department reported Tuesday that inflation disappeared in January with consumer prices not rising at all, helped out by the biggest plunge in energy prices in seven years. In a second report, the Conference Board said consumer confidence surged to a 30-year high this month, reflecting satisfaction with the economy's performance.



'The outlook for total spending on goods and services produced in the United States is less assured of late because of storm clouds massing over the Western Pacific and headed our way.'

—Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan

As part of the Greenspan's report to Congress, the Fed updated its economic outlook. The new version tracks closely the expectations of the Clinton administration and many private economists.

The Fed projected that growth would slow from a 10-year high of 3.8 percent in 1996 to a more sustainable pace of around 2 percent to 2.75 percent this year. It also expected inflation to remain low, with consumer prices rising by 1.7 percent to 2.25 percent, little changed from 1997's increase of 1.7 percent.

Greenspan, however, stressed that the economy's actual performance this year will depend on how much the Asian currency turmoil cuts demand for American exports to the region while boosting U.S. demand for cheaper Asian products.

"The outlook for total spending on goods and services produced in the United States is less assured of late because of storm clouds massing over the Western Pacific and headed our way," Greenspan said.

While Republicans generally praised the Fed's handling of the economy, a number of Democrats worried the Fed will be more quick to fight inflationary pressures by raising interest rates than it will be to ward off a recession by cutting rates.

"It is time now to start talking about a pre-emptive strike against recession and against disinflation," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., told Greenspan.

Greenspan insisted the central bank is poised to move in either direction but the worst thing the Fed could do would be to act too quickly to fight inflation or a recession, only to learn later that the real threat came from the opposite direction.

The Fed last changed interest rates in March 1997, when the central bank nudged its federal funds rate — the interest banks charge each other — up a quarter point to 5.5 percent.

While many economists then believed that would be the first of many Fed rate increases, the central bank left policy alone the rest of the year, largely because inflationary pressures decreased.

CITY: Rezoning ordinance passed by 5-0 unanimous vote

(From 1A)

Plans for the apartments call for a stone and stone-like stucco facade and large grassy areas highlighted with numerous trees and shrubs, he said.

Although much of the land was originally zoned for town homes, 26 percent of the residents were opposed to using the land for apartments, which meant the council needed a "super majority" of five votes to pass the rezoning ordinance, according to the state's "20 percent rule," said Mayor Bobby Burns.

Residents of the area did not voice opposition at the Tuesday meeting; however, local apartment managers were strongly opposed to allowing a new complex in the city.

These people complained that most Midland apartments are only showing occupancy percentages in the 80s, and that higher occupancy rates and higher rents are needed to allow owners to get their money's worth out of the buildings.

One local apartment manager told council members that Midland renters "need to be trained" to accept higher rent prices for their housing.

Lamb pointed out that most of the people who built apartment complexes in Midland during the boom years of the early 1980s have long since sold the property, and many current owners purchased the units for below cost.

Burns said that it is not up to the council to manage competition within the city, and that he was supporting the rezoning ordinance because "it is a proper zone change," for that part of the city and for that use.

Council member Juluis Brooks agreed that the council should not interfere with market competition. As a restaurateur, Brooks pointed out that he has actively worked to make room for numerous new restaurants in the city because he was representing the people of Midland and not his own business interests.

City staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission have been working with Moldau Inc. for more than a year in preparation for the proposed apartments.

No date was presented for the proposed construction of the apartments, but Lamb said the complex would be built in two stages, with the first stage including the construction of just over 100 units.

The rezoning ordinance passed by a 5-0 unanimous vote, with council member Jose Cuevas absent from the Tuesday meeting. Another reading will be required to make the rezoning official.

Health officials believe 41 have been infected with deadly streptococcus

AUSTIN (AP) — Health officials now believe 41 Texans have been infected with a deadly strain of bacterial streptococcus, almost twice as many as reported late last year.

More reports of infections of A streptococcus are trickling in from across the state, the Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday.

Officials initially reported 26 people had been infected, but that figure has climbed since Dec. 1 to 41.

Health officials originally said 10 people have died from the recent outbreak, but now say the toll should be nine; the 10th person actually died of something else, officials said.

A member of the team investigating the cases said Monday the outbreak appears to be tapering off. She said infections have been more widespread in the eastern half of the state.

"It's starting to go back down. Whether it will stay down, I don't know. We're hoping we're on the downhill slide of it," said Beverly Ray, a nurse epidemiologist in the health department's infectious disease division.

"But it could make a liar out of me tomorrow," she said.

Ms. Ray said in years past, group A strep cases increased in December, peaked in January and started going down in February. This latest episode is two to three times the size of the usual outbreak, she said.

State officials attributed part of the increase to publicity surrounding the outbreak, allowing doctors to recognize it.

Of the 15 latest cases, 11 were in the Houston area. All but one of the 41 cases are east of Interstate 35, officials said. The one exception was in El Paso County.

"It's hard to know why one part of Texas is having an increase and another isn't," said Ms. Ray, noting that the increase is in one of the most populated parts of the state.

Three "disease detectives" from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta have been working with state officials since last week to help in investigating the growing number of cases.

LABOR: Companies struggling to find additional employees

(From 1A)

essarily a one-time thing," Shipley said. "I think this is a really good time to be an employee and to be looking for a job. This is a time when companies are looking to hire new workers, new staff."

The Manpower survey also found that companies are still struggling to find additional employees, a national trend that is also being felt locally.

On a national basis, Manpower's survey found that 30 percent of the 16,000 businesses surveyed would recruit staff, 5 percent would cut staff and 61 percent expected no change. For the second quarter a year ago, 28 percent of businesses planned to expand their work force and 6 percent expected cutbacks.

The Manpower survey said that demand in the Northeast hasn't been so strong since 1989 with strong demand seen from durable and non-durable goods manufacturers and the construction industry.

The Midwest continues to dominate other areas of the country based on the strength of the construction industry and expectations of a "quantum hiring leap" in the public administration sector.

In the South, which includes Texas, the construction industry remains robust, accompanied by high levels of activity in services, wholesale and retail trades and in transportation and public utilities. Gradual expansion is seen in the finance, insurance and real estate sector.

In the West, the non-durable goods manufacturing and transportation and public utilities sectors plan their most aggressive hiring since 1978 and the wholesale and retail trades and construction industries expect their most active employment expansion in 14 years.

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Inspections or not, Saddam may hide weapons

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

■ News analysis

WASHINGTON — Inspections or not, if Iraq is still intent on playing a cat-and-mouse game, it is far from certain the United Nations can find and destroy all of its chemical and biological weapons.

"It's a great shell game," said Peter Rodman, a former Reagan administration national security aide. Saddam Hussein "has been cheating since day one."

In the four months since the inspections dispute first reached crisis stage, Iraq has had ample time and opportunity to hide any chemical or biological agents it may have, experts say. Iraq also could preserve the know-how to make more.

"It's not realistic to think Saddam Hussein has changed his mind and is ready to abandon his weapons program," said Gary Milhollin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, a private group based in Washington.

And if the negotiations had failed? No one thinks bombing is a complete answer, either.

President Clinton himself has said the aim of a military strike would be limited: to constrain, at least for a time, Iraq's ability to use whatever doomsday weapons it may possess.

Milhollin believes the special U.N. commission that was created to implement Gulf War cease-fire resolutions requiring the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction stands a reasonable chance of succeeding — if Iraq gives its inspectors complete freedom to search and monitor.

"But I don't think there's any guarantee," Milhollin said.

U.N. inspectors have uncovered a great deal of information about Iraq's weapons program since the end of 1991 Gulf War. Their work revealed that Iraq was further advanced on nuclear weapons, for example, than anyone knew during the war. But they have yet to uncover the full story.

Saddam signed up for U.N. weapons inspections when he accepted the cease-fire deal. He contends that he has given up all of his prohibited weapons and that the United States is pressing inspections in order to undermine his regime, steal military secrets and trample on Iraqi sovereignty.

Almost no one outside Iraq believes Saddam has come clean, and many doubt he ever will.

"It's never going to be 100 percent," said David Albright, president of the Institute for Science and International Security. Even so, he believes Iraq is less dangerous to the world as long as some inspections continue.

Without U.N. inspections, Saddam almost certainly would resurrect his efforts to build nuclear bombs — his first choice among weapons of mass destruction — Albright believes. He estimates that Iraq could succeed in as little as one year if it were able to obtain weapon-grade uranium or plutonium from abroad. Even U.N. inspections might fail to stop that route.

"No verification system is likely to detect the import of small quantities of plutonium or highly enriched uranium," Albright said.

The other great proliferation crisis of the 1990s — a dispute over North Korea's nuclear program that almost led to war in the summer of 1994 — showed the limitations of trying to coerce a dictatorial regime into U.N. compliance.

North Korea still has not turned over evidence the U.N.'s nuclear energy agency needs to verify the country's claim that it didn't build a nuclear bomb. Clinton hasn't threatened to bomb North Korea, the way he has with Iraq. War on the Korean peninsula would be a far bloodier affair.

The world continues to live with uncertainty about North Korea's nuclear program, and it likely will have to tolerate doubts about Iraq, too.

Mossad chief resigns over botched assassination plot

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's spy chief resigned Tuesday over the botched assassination attempt against a Hamas leader in Jordan, a move Israel hoped would mend relations with its neighbor and restore some of the Mossad spy agency's lost luster.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accepted the reluctant resignation of Danny Yatom, who had been sharply criticized in several inquiries into the failed Sept. 25 attempt on Hamas political leader Khalid Maashal.

The resignation was welcomed in Israel, as well as in Jordan.

"A replacement needs to be found immediately so that the Mossad can begin to learn the lessons here and make the necessary changes," said Uzi Landau, who leads the Knesset committee on Israel's intelligence agencies.

Yatom's turn at the helm had been one of the less glorious for an organization that achieved worldwide fame for daring successes — such as kidnapping Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann for trial and landing an agent in the top echelons of Syria in the 1960s, and tracking down and executing Palestinian terrorists in the 1970s.

The Mossad became a fixture in novels and movies of international intrigue. But in recent years it earned less flattering attention, such as in a 1990 book by former agent Victor Ostrosvky, who portrayed it as driven by "greed, lust and total lack of respect for human life."

Opposition lawmaker Hagai Merom described the Mashaal affair as "an earthquake for the Mossad" that exposed systemic failures in every level of the agency, from highest-level planning to execution in the field.

Mossad agents injected Mashaal with poison outside his office in Amman. But he survived and the agents were caught, forcing Israel to free Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin and 20 other Arab inmates to bring the agents back home. An outraged King Hussein then cut off security cooperation with the Jewish state, demanding Yatom's dismissal.

An investigative panel in Israel found that Yatom had not seriously considered the possibility of failure and had not prepared for it. The committee cleared Netanyahu of blame.

The prime minister, seeking to avenge two Hamas suicide bombings in Jerusalem in July and September 1997, had given the final go-ahead for the operation. Opposition leaders have dismissed the panel's absolution of Netanyahu as a whit wash.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

■ Bikers hand out food to poor

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Bikers in leather vests and black boots roared into south Jakarta on their Harleys on Tuesday, bearing sacks of rice and sugar for the city's poor.

About a dozen members of the Harley-Davidson Club Indonesia held a one-day handout of more than 10 tons of food to help ease the suffering in the nation's economic crisis.

"We don't have a lot of money like the conglomerates," said biker Herman Saren Soediro, referring to business groups that also have handed out food. "But we care about the ... people."

The value of the Indonesia currency, the rupiah, has plummeted since July. Food prices are soaring, triggering riots around the country.

About 1,000 people showed up Tuesday for the biker giveaway. Bikers in helmets and goggles revved their gleaming motorcycles and handed out black bags of provisions.

■ Vietnam burns Chinese eggs

HANOI, Vietnam — Vietnam destroyed 8,400 chicken eggs smuggled in from China, trying to prevent a repeat of Hong Kong's bird flu outbreak, authorities said Tuesday.

The eggs were seized in Ho Chi Minh City as a woman was about to bring them into the Chinatown area, an official from the city Veterinary Department said.

The woman, who said she got the eggs from a trader in the capital, Hanoi, was stopped Sunday and found to lack the proper quarantine certificate. The eggs eventually were traced back to China, and destroyed by burning.

Vietnam has not reported any cases of the illness, which claimed six lives in H g Kong last year. The Hong Kong outbreak was the first time the flu, which afflicts poultry, was known to have sickened humans.

Fearing the flu would spread, Vietnam decided last month to ban the import of livestock or eggs from China, as well as from Italy and Australia.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Iraqis worry about sanctions, not bombings

N.Y. Times Service

SADDAM CITY, Iraq — This week's historic United Nations agreement dealt with the vast marble palaces of Saddam Hussein, but not this shocking slum in his name.

The deal, hailed for averting almost certain American air strikes, requires Saddam to let U.N. inspectors into his extravagant presidential palace complexes in search of chemical or biological weapons.

Here, 20 minutes outside the capital of Baghdad, goat herds eat from the trash heaps in the crowded streets and people live in shacks and crumbling apartments.

The benefits of the United Nations pact were not apparent Tuesday to $35-a-month electrician Hassan Ahmad Zamil.

"That's it? They're JUST not going to bomb us? That's all?" Zamil exclaimed with an astonished look when told what the agreement meant for Iraq.

"I am 32 years old. I have never seen anything interesting in my life," said Zamil, in a carpet shop where disparate Iraqis sell off their cherished floor coverings for food and medicine.

"Better to kill us than live in this situation."

In New York on Tuesday, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan returned to tell a welcoming Security Council the details of his agreement.

The United States and Great Britain had for months threatened military strikes to make Saddam reopen his country to unrestricted U.N. weapons inspections. After a weekend of hectic diplomacy, Annan coaxed a two-page agreement in which Iraq guaranteed access to the palaces and other sites.

But the last paragraph of the deal mentioned what Iraqis want the most.

"The lifting of sanctions is obviously of paramount importance to the people and government of Iraq and the Secretary General undertook to bring this matter to the full attention of the members of the Security Council," it states.

That paragraph is an indication of a growing momentum to lift the crushing economic sanctions that the United Nations imposed after Saddam ordered the invasion of neighboring Kuwait in 1990.

Since then, United Nations officials estimate, limits on sales of Iraq's ample oil supplies have cut its revenues by more than $100 billion.

Medicines and food are in short supply under the program that limits oil sales.

Thirty percent Of the country's children under five years old are malnourished, according to the United Nations. A child with pneumonia had a one in 60 chance of dying in 1990, and a one in eight chance of dying by 1996.

The United Nations estimates that 1,000 children in Iraq, a country of about 23 million people, die from malnutrition each week — mostly as a result of conditions created by the sanctions.

■ News analysis

Iraq used to be a center for medicine, universities and oil money. It had a thriving middle class that is disappearing and hundreds of thousands of professionals have gone to other countries, aide workers say.

"You have to look at Iraq in the context of where it was 10 years ago," said U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator Denis Halliday. "The existing level of revenues is totally inadequate."

Annan is proposing to the Security Council that Iraq soon be allowed to more than double its oil sales, from about $4 billion a year to about $10 billion, in order to finance purchases of food and medicine.

The lifting of the sanctions altogether will take more. Iraq must prove to U.N. inspectors that it has destroyed all its weapons of mass destruction.

It also must compensate Kuwait for billions of dollars in damages for the 1990 invasion — money which is coming from its oil sales. It was originally mandated that the Security Council would consider lifting the sanctions only after these two requirements were fulfilled.

When the sanctions plan was first laid out, no one thought it would take more than a couple years.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair made the case for sanctions again Wednesday, saying they have lasted this long because Saddam has resisted the inspections. He said the British did not want to hurt the Iraqi people, but the sanctions were needed to keep Iraq in line.

But other countries' diplomats, mainly from France and Russia, have suggested the time is ripe to reconsider sanctions.

If Iraq turns the corner now, with a new atmosphere of cooperation implied by this week's U.N. agreement, its future could be in Benetton.

The trendy Italian clothes boutique opened its first store in Baghdad about a month ago. The first customer was a driver sent from Saddam's family to buy clothes.

The managing partner, Iraqi Bashar Shabib, wants the sanctions repealed.

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Elton John knighted by Queen Elizabeth II

LONDON (AP) — He's had more than a dozen hits, started his own AIDS charity, mixed with fellow stars in the celebrity firmament and played at Princess Diana's funeral.

But for Elton John, receiving a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II on Tuesday was the pinnacle of his 33-year career.

"They don't come much bigger than this," a beaming Sir Elton told reporters. Often flamboyant — he arrived at the palace in a green turbo-charged Bentley — he was wearing a sober suit and accompanied by his parents and his partner, David Furnish.

Not everyone is familiar with the rock icon, it seems. "Sir John Elton," intoned Lord Camoys, who as Lord Chamberlain represents the royal household, as John approached the royal presence.

John, who moved the world when he sang a reworked version of his hit "Candle in the Wind" at Diana's funeral in September, knelt in traditional fashion before the queen so she could tap him on each shoulder with the investiture sword.

"I've had a long career and worked hard," the 50-year-old singer said outside the palace, before heading off for a celebratory lunch after the private ceremony.

"But I think the turning point came in 1990 when I got sober and started to do some charity work, particularly for the AIDS problem. A knighthood is the icing on the cake."

And what did the queen say to him?

"Her Majesty said she hoped being here today didn't interfere too much with my arrangements," said Sir Elton. "She said I must be terribly busy — but this is not the sort of thing you put off."

The queen was right. He flew in from Los Angeles for the ceremony and takes off again Thursday for Australia.

John, born Reginald Dwight in suburban London, was playing the piano by the age of three and won a scholarship to the prestigious Royal Academy of Music when he was 11.

After leaving school in 1965, he joined his first band, Bluesology. The lead singer was Long John Baldry and Elton Dean played the tenor sax and the young Dwight later "borrowed" bits of their names.

In 1967, John met lyricist Bernie Taupin, with whom he wrote many of his hits; in all he has performed and co-wrote more than a dozen major hit singles, including "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," "Song For Guy," and "I Guess That's Why They Call It The Blues."

In 1975, he announced he was bisexual and in 1984 married German sound engineer Renate Blauel, but they divorced three years later.

In the late 1980s, he suffered the effects of drug addition and alcohol abuse, but even that did not dull the characteristic sparkle of his live shows. In the early 1990s, he announced he had beaten his addictions.

He has vowed never again to play "Candle in the Wind 1997," an adaptation of a song he and Taupin wrote in memory of Marilyn Monroe. It has sold more than 35 million copies worldwide with the proceeds going to the Diana, Princess of Wales memorial fund.

In recognition of his charity work, notably for the Elton John AIDS Foundation, he received a lesser award, Commander of the Order of the British Empire, or CBE, from the queen in 1996.

"I am extremely proud," John said Tuesday, kissing his mother and stepfather, Sheila and Fred Farebrother, and Furnish and waving the insignia of the knighthood.

U.N. chief predicts wide support for Iraq deal

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. chief Kofi Annan predicted Tuesday that key nations would give his deal with Iraq their unanimous support. A wary United States said it was looking for clarifications and an early test of the accord that Annan said "I will defend anywhere."

Annan returned triumphantly to the United Nations with an accord that he says meets the demands of Security Council resolutions: unfettered U.N. access to all sites suspected of harboring weapons of mass destruction.

He acknowledged that the agreement needed further definition, as requested by several Security Council members, but predicted after his first council meeting Tuesday that it would have "unanimous and strong council support" and that Iraq would comply with it.

President Clinton and his top advisers gave a generally favorable view to the accord, and the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, called it "a step in the right direction."

But the United States is concerned about clauses that leave open the role of the U.N. Special Commission, which carries out the inspections, and the composition of a new team of diplomats who would accompany the UNSCOM inspectors to sensitive sites, Richardson said.

"We need clarifications on a number of issues, namely the importance of the U.N. inspection team and UNSCOM having the key role in any agreement," Richardson said.

Britain's U.N. ambassador, John Weston, said a key concern was that the "professional integrity of the inspection process remain intact and is at the center of this process."

A Security Council resolution could be drafted in the next few days to endorse the document, Weston said, though it wasn't clear if such a resolution would threaten force if Iraq failed to comply, as the United States and Britain have done.

A resolution endorsing Annan's accord isn't strictly required but would be "desirable in political terms," U.N. Spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

When asked what he hoped for in a council resolution, a visibly tired Annan replied: "I have done my work. I trust the council will do its duty."

The United States and Britain called Tuesday for "a quick test" of the agreement, but it wasn't clear when such a test would come. Inspectors would only request access to the eight presidential sites that had been declared off-limits if they had a reason and an "investigative trail" led them there, Eckhard said.

Annan didn't give a date when he would choose the diplomatic team or when the disputed inspections would take place, saying only "as quickly as possible." He said his advisers were still working out details.

Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov said the U.N. chief should move quickly to appoint the team.

As to what nationality the leader should be, Lavrov said, "Frankly, I don't think the leader of this group should be representing any permanent member" of the U.N. Security Council. "I think a neutral country would be much more appropriate."

Permanent council members are the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China. In the past, Iraq has complained that U.N. inspection teams were weighted with Britons and Americans.

For the time being, the agreement has averted a threatened U.S. military strike to force Iraqi compliance with U.N. resolutions demanding that it destroy its long-range missiles and biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

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Bush is best choice for GOP nominee

During his first term, Gov. George W. Bush showed that that he has the political savvy and leadership skills to work well with the Texas Legislature for the future of the Lone Star State and all the people who live here.

Now seeking the Republican nomination to return to the Governor's Mansion for another term, Bush faces only a nominal GOP opponent. The real race for the governor's seat will occur in November when Bush will face Democratic challenger Garry Mauro, currently serving as Commissioner of the General Land Office.

A former Midlander and the son of former President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush, the younger Bush quickly grasped the momentum in Austin where he set realistic goals, then put aside partisan politics to draw leaders from both parties to his agenda.

The result was that he was widely acclaimed as a can-do governor who can cut across party lines to do what is needed for the state. As a result, he is popular with Texans throughout the state. He worked successfully with key legislators to rewrite the state's education code, improve liability laws, formulate juvenile laws, and redesign the state's welfare system.

Now Gov. Bush has properly targeted education. He wants to improve reading skills of school children, enhance Texas' school accountability system and to funnel more money into initiatives to prepare children for their educational future.

It is quite clear that George W. Bush should get the voters' nod as the Republican nominee for governor.

Dewhurst is top choice for Land Office

David Dewhurst, who is seeking the Republican nomination for Commissioner of the General Land Office, is a good choice for that post.

It is said that the major job responsibility of land commissioner is managing the revenue generated by 20 million acres of public lands in Texas. If that is true — and we believe it is — then Dewhurst is amply qualified.

After serving the country as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. State Department, Dewhurst in 1981 founded Falcon Seaboard, a diversified energy and investments company in Texas.

Dewhurst has created jobs for Texas and has been politically involved as finance chairman of the Republican Party of Texas. In that capacity, he helped pave the way for the current rise of Republicans throughout the state. Dewhurst is also supported by a number of Midlanders who know him.

David Dewhurst is a good choice for the Republican nominee for land commissioner, and we encourage voters to cast their ballots for him.

JACK ANDERSON

Clinton's damage control professionals at a loss

Probably no administration in history has devoted as many resources to — or been as skilled at — the art of damage control as this one.


Anderson

Inside the White House, and at law firms around Washington, are dozens of people whose main task in life is to keep Bill Clinton out of trouble. Or, as is now the case, to make sure the trouble around Clinton doesn't stick to the commander in chief.

It all begins with the White House counsel. This office is supposed to handle the legal matters of the White House and the presidency. Lloyd Cutler, the wise old hand who did a six-month stint as Clinton's White House counsel, used to claim he represented "the presidency, not the president."

But his successors have spent considerable time representing the president, not the presidency. The counsel's office is now tasked with cleaning up the personal messes that Clinton has made, including the sordid Lewinsky matter.

But a peek back through the record reveals a White House that was obsessed with damage control long before Monica Lewinsky ever came along.

Lewinsky confidant-turned-informer Linda Tripp, for example, was already on the minds of White House officials in 1994, when her name appeared on a 1994 "task list" prepared to combat the scandals swirling around the White House at the time.

The list was prepared by Jane Sherburne, a White House lawyer and in-house liaison to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. The list was part of the thousands of documents turned over to Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, as part of his 1996 investigation of the travel office firings.

Sherburne came up with 39 "problem areas," including the Vince Foster suicide, campaign finance violations, "White House Arkansans," and two notations simply entitled "troopers" and "women." Sherburne then went on to detail the media and legal tactics to employ.

Her guiding principles for Clinton's response to each situation are the same: "(1) Nothing to hide, (2) Stick to the facts, (3) Get it right the first time, (4) Keep it simple, (5) Resist harassment, (6) Govern America."

Sherburne also plotted a good offense — advising "courtesy visits" to key committee leaders on the Hill; research of executive privilege, including what Republicans had said on the matter; and a study of congressional subpoena and investigation power.

And taking a page from Lewinsky's playbook, the game plan called for the preparation of "talking points" for White House officials called to testify before Congress or grand juries, and for "debriefings" after their testimony.

As we recently reported, the counsel's office wasn't always this involved in the personal affairs of the president. During the Bush administration, for example, White House lawyers routinely declined to give advice to staffers called to testify before Congress or a grand jury. Such counsel might have been considered obstruction of justice, they feared.

In the Clinton White House, however, lawyers for the presidency often have conducted their own investigations into sensitive matters, parallel to the one undertaken by Starr.

On the subject of the Vince Foster suicide, Sherburne prepared a list of five people who handled the files of the late White House counsel, among them Linda Tripp. All four were to be interviewed by White House counsel. At the time, Starr was investigating long-discredited reports that Foster's suicide was a White House-orchestrated murder.

What these documents show, however, is an early incarnation of Clinton-style damage control. After five years of various scandals, the administration has perfected a strategy of dealing with damaging disclosures: Investigate as much as possible internally; release as much information as possible before it's leaked by others; and do whatever possible to discredit all accusers.

The documents also display the stark difference between the Lewinsky affair and previous scandals. During the campaign finance investigation, for example, White House officials routinely disclosed damaging information to news outlets as a way of pre-empting others who might do so.

This time around, the White House has refused to release any concrete information about Clinton's dealings with Lewinsky. Where in the past Clinton's lawyers may have leaked the information themselves, now they are complaining about leaks from the other side.

The Lewinsky affair has strained the abilities of even the most sophisticated damage-control operations.

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ART BUCHWALD

Stakeouts guarantee First Amendment rights

In order to guarantee every citizen his First Amendment rights, you have to have a "stakeout." A stakeout, which is reserved for the most important news stories, takes place when a large gaggle of photographers, TV producers, news reporters and television cameramen gathers in front of a home, office or hotel, waiting for a leading player in a story to exit or enter. The reporters pray the person will say something worth 30 seconds on the evening news.


Buchwald

I speak with authority on stakeouts because I inadvertently became part of one when I checked into the Hotel Regency in New York City -- a place where I have been having bed and breakfast for 20 years.

William Ginsburg, Monica Lewinsky's lawyer, was also staying at the hotel. There were four or five dozen media types huddled in vans and Jeeps, waiting for their prey to come out. When they saw me they assumed that I also was there to see Ginsburg, and so as I exited I was surrounded by reporters. The TV cameras rolled.

"What did he say?"

Since these were my people I didn't want to disappoint them, so I answered, "He's angry as hell, and he is determined Starr is not going to push his client around."

This was raw meat to the stakeout people.

"Did he say anything about Monica's relationship with the president?"

I replied tersely, "I'm not going to deal in hypotheticals, but if you are going to quote me, please refer to me as a deep source who refused to be identified or answer your calls."

After a few days I started to run out of news. I told them how disgusted Ginsburg was with Starr for calling Monica's mother to the stand. I said, "We will go to the Supreme Court with that one."

"We?" a reporter asked.

"If you were advising Ginsburg, what would you do?"

I might have continued my stakeout role for the rest of the week, but Ginsburg screwed me up. He came out of the hotel and started talking to reporters himself. My credibility was also damaged when the reporters discovered Ginsburg was on the 16th floor and I was on the 3rd.

But I had my 15 minutes of fame, and that is all anyone in a sex scandal can ask for.

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DOONESBURY



WILLIAM SAFIRE

Probe closes in on Clinton as Dems bury heads in sand

WASHINGTON — Ten lawyers in the coordinated Clinton defense marched into a grand jury room threatening to throw a cloak of "executive privilege" over the suspected plotting of Bruce Lindsey to keep Monica Lewinsky quiet.


Safire

Missing from this motley minyan was the lawyer for Vernon Jordan. The first friend may have done for deposition-bound Monica what he did for the jail-bound Webster Hubbell, and now wants it known he's not taking the fall for witness-tampering. Bill Clinton, who has regularly abandoned loyalists, should not be surprised that Vernon's for Vernon.

The White House dread that the law is closing in was deepened by the guilty plea to fraud entered in a Little Rock courtroom by Jim Guy Tucker, who was Clinton's lieutenant governor and successor in Arkansas. That felon copped a plea with a promise to tell a Whitewater grand jury the truth, presumably about a five-year conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Even in the scandal that a handful of us view as most serious — penetration of the money-hungry White House by Chinese espionage agents — the scales are falling from Justice's eyes. Now both Charlie Trie and Maria Hsia (pronounced shaw) have at long last been indicted for money-laundering to help Clinton-Gore.

In this case, the Clinton strategy — "deny, deny, deny" — seems to have been adopted by the Democratic Party: Such partisan posturing in a national security affair is a mistake because the Democratic state of denial will affect U.S. politics long after Clinton and Gore have departed the scene.

The party's head-in-the-sand stand is expressed in the minority objections to the report drafted by the Thompson committee investigating violations of the campaign finance laws.

Sen. Fred Thompson's majority, drawing on FBI and CIA intelligence, concluded that Ms. Hsia was "an agent of the Chinese government" and that this Los Angeles resident "worked in direct support of a PRC diplomatic post in the U.S."

But see-no-evil John Glenn and fellow Democrats (though they had to admit they saw evidence "connecting some activities she undertook ... to Chinese government officials") insist that no proof had been offered that those activities were connected to her money-laundering through a Buddhist temple. Simple logic won't do, nor is evidence to be treated as evidence unless it can be presented in court.

Throughout its draft rebuttal, the Democratic minority acts as defense counsel to the Riady ring and its Beijing spymasters. Although admitting that the Riadys are in business with China Resources (identified in this space a year ago as a notorious front for PRC spying), our defensive Democrats state as fact that the Riadys' dealings do not "consist of foreign spy or similar intelligence activities."

Why does a U.S. political party close its eyes to the obvious connection between (a) the China Plan to covertly influence U.S. policy, probably overheard by our electronic and human intelligence and (b) the illegal pouring of millions of dollars into our campaigns from Chinese banks through cutouts like the Riady ring? Because members of that ring met with the president in the Oval Office to raise that money, and it's embarrassing.

Why has the Clinton Department of Justice dragged its foot for over a year, and finally — when indictments were shamed out — eschewed espionage and limited the charges to illegal fund-raising? One reason would be to protect our sources that intercepted the planning of Chinese leaders; but the politically compelling reason was to avert finding a connection here to a "covered person" that would mandate independent counsel.

One hot pursuit heats up another. The Monica firestorm is already scorching Whitewater witnesses, and the ensuing meltdown will expose the Riady ring. Democrats cannot be faulted for grimly presuming their leader's personal innocence, but must they also associate their party with a national-security disgrace?

William Safire's column is distributed by the N.Y. Times News Service.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 1998. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

On this date:

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth the First.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1950, "Your Show of Shows" made its debut on NBC.

In 1956, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev harshly criticized the late Josef Stalin in a speech before a Communist Party congress in Moscow.

In 1973, the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater.

In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election. Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1990, Nicaraguans voted in an election that led to an upset victory for opponents of the ruling Sandinistas.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Ten years ago: Panama's civilian president, Eric Arturo Delvalle announced the dismissal of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega as commander of the country's Defense Forces. The next day, Panama's National Assembly voted to oust Delvalle.

U.S. wary of loopholes in U.N. agreement with Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weapons experts, not diplomats, will take charge of deciding where and when to hunt for hidden Iraqi biological and chemical arms, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told uneasy senators Tuesday.

She promised to work with the U.N. inspections commission to clear up "ambiguities" in the deal U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan struck with President Saddam Hussein and "to close any possible loopholes."

Projecting caution about the accord, the administration said it would insist on a "quick test" of Saddam's promise to expose all sites, some of which have never been opened, to U.N. inspectors.

"We have to be watching very closely," President Clinton said.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, returned from New York Tuesday and joined Clinton's other national security advisers at the White House to go over the Iraq agreement. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said it was "largely a technical discussion." The president was to be briefed about the meeting afterward.

At the Pentagon, officials announced that Clinton had signed an order authorizing the call up of 500 members of the National Guard and Reserve in support of the Gulf deployments.

Defense Secretary William Cohen announced Sunday he requested the move, which makes available for up to 270 days specialists such as Navy harbor surveillance troops, Coast Guard port security forces, Army chemical detection forces and Air Force Special Operations C-130 air crews.

Sen. John Warner of Virginia, the second-ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said lawmakers are pressing Clinton administration officials for a cost estimate on the beefed-up Gulf deployment.

"My own estimate is that thus far the buildup in the Gulf beginning in late last fall is about three quarters of a billion (dollars) over and above the normal operational costs," Warner said.

The administration wants Congress to provide money for the deployment over and above Clinton's Pentagon budget request.

Diplomats were added to the U.N. inspection teams for prospective searches of eight of Saddam's six dozen or more palaces, a gesture to the Iraqi president, who had accused Americans on the commission of espionage.

Also, the U.N. special commission is obliged under the agreement "to respect the legitimate concerns of Iraq relating to national security, sovereignty and dignity."

Still, Clinton and his top advisers gave a generally favorable view of the agreement, which defused a crisis with Iraq that could have boiled over into U.S. bombings.

Albright conceded the function of the diplomats was fuzzy, but she gave assurances "the inspectors will decide where to go," and she even implied the United States could pull out of the deal if the diplomats' role was unsatisfactory.

Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the committee chairman, was not convinced. "We're in a real jam. With the possible exception of Britain, much of the world appears of a mind to capitulate to Saddam Hussein — and Saddam Hussein knows it," he said. "We're in the disgraceful position of either going along with whatever deal Mr. Annan brought home or being regarded as the bad guys who rejected peace and insisted on war."

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., told Albright, "We are very uneasy about this agreement. We hope it works."

But given the Iraqi president's record, Dodd said, "one can only be doubtful, to put it mildly."

Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., assailed both the agreement and the administration, saying "the sad truth is that Saddam Hussein is better off today than he was in October," when the crisis arose.

His prestige is higher, he has kept his arms caches hidden for months without penalty and he has gained U.N. approval to pump and sell more oil, Ashcroft said.

Albright told him she agreed the United Nations should not set U.S. policy. "We have made clear what our interests are," she said,

If Saddam defaults on his commitments, she said, "we will act forcefully and without delay."

"We will not allow Saddam Hussein to take us from crisis to crisis," she said.

The Senate has no control over Annan's deal with Saddam. However, Cohen told the committee a resolution of "general support" would be welcome.

Clinton, meanwhile, told the National Council of Jewish Women that the agreement provided for "immediate, unrestricted and unconditional access" to any site in Iraq.

"If fully implemented, this means that finally and for the first time in seven years, all of Iraq will be open to U.N. inspections, including many sites previously declared off-limits," the president said. "This would be an important step forward."

However, Clinton said, "we have to be watching very closely now to see not just what Iraq says but what it does, not just the stated commitment but the actual compliance. Let there be no doubt we must remain committed to see that Saddam Hussein does not menace the world with weapons of mass destruction."

Trade Center bombing caught FBI off guard

By Mark Helm
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Five years after the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York, government counterterrorism experts admitted Tuesday the United States was unprepared for the attack.

But the officials said increased cooperation among law enforcement agencies and the use of additional agents have improved the government's ability to detect and thwart terrorist attacks.

"For many of us, the threat of international terrorism was literally brought home by the World Trade Center bombing," Dale Watson, section chief of the FBI's international terrorism operations, told members of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information.

He said that since the Feb. 26, 1993, bombing that killed six people and wounded hundreds, the FBI and other agencies have learned several key lessons in detecting and dealing with terrorist organizations in the United States.

Watson said law enforcement agencies now understand that many more potentially dangerous groups operate in the United States than previously believed.

He said many of the groups have been difficult to unearth because their members are not generally known by government agencies. In addition, since the groups usually operate without instructions from foreign governments, their leaders rarely meet with officials for other countries, who may be under surveillance.

Law enforcement agencies also have begun to realize the increasing role technology plays in many terrorist organizations.

Most of the groups now use computers to store membership information, financial records and, at times, attack plans. Some groups use electronic mail to send their plans to co-conspirators, officials said.

Many of the groups, including branches of the Middle East-based, Islamic terrorist groups Hamas and Hizballah, even have Internet websites where they post propaganda material and recruiting information.

Watson said the increasing use of technology by these groups has been a benefit to law enforcement agencies, allowing agents to track suspects through their use of credit cards and the Internet.

The need to identify and track foreign terrorist groups in the United States has led many law enforcement agencies to improve their counterterrorism operations — although exact figures on expenditures and agents are withheld for security reasons, said Walter D. Cadman, counterterrorism coordinator for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"The bombing of the World Trade Center was a wake-up call to the law enforcement and intelligence community," he said.

Cadman said his office, which was formed last year, has moved to coordinate INS efforts with other agencies against terrorists attempting to enter the country illegally.

His office also represents an increased cooperation among the different law enforcement and intelligence communities born from the need to stop terrorists who are part of worldwide organizations.

Clintons head for slopes for 18th birthday

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the urging of daughter Chelsea, President Clinton unexpectedly is heading for the ski slopes in Utah.

The White House scrambled the president's travel plans Tuesday after Chelsea let it be known that she would rather spend her 18th birthday on a ski outing instead of in California for Parents' Weekend at Stanford University.

"It was a family decision," said spokeswoman Marsha Berry. "It's her birthday (Friday). I think they wanted to do what she wanted to do."

Clinton has never skiied as president and was not known to have skiied as governor of Arkansas. He seriously injured his knee last March during a golf weekend in Florida and wound up on crutches for weeks and then underwent months of rehabilitation.

His wife, Hillary, tried skiing in Switzerland earlier this month while attending a conference. She did "pretty good," Berry said.

The president, after touring tornado damage in Florida on Wednesday, is to fly to California for Democratic fund-raising events in the evening. He is to address a technology conference on Thursday and meet with California disaster relief officials and then head for Utah, where he is to remain until Sunday.

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Prosecutors strike back; Lewinsky's ex-boss testifies

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a legal subplot to the escalating Monica Lewinsky story, Whitewater prosecutors Tuesday summoned a White House aide and a private investigator for questioning about how negative information about Kenneth Starr's office was fed to news reporters.

The surprising turn in the case prompted an outcry from the White House over subpoenas that brought presidential aide Sidney Blumenthal and private investigator Terry F. Lenzner to the federal courthouse. Prosecutors postponed Blumenthal's appearance and he was to return Thursday, but Lenzner went before the grand jury. Starr's staff even tried to subpoena Clinton lawyer Mickey Kantor but relented when his law firm raised objections.

"It's us today and probably you tomorrow," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart called the subpoenas "a clear abuse of power that we haven't seen in this town in a long time. The use of subpoenas to silence criticism is outrageous and over the line."

The prosecutor's office "has received repeated press inquiries indicating that misinformation is being spread about personnel involved in this investigation," Starr said.

"We are using traditional and appropriate techniques to find out who is responsible and whether their actions are intended to intimidate prosecutors and investigators, impede the work of the grand jury, or otherwise obstruct justice," Starr added.

"I find this total disregard for other people's livelihood and rights and lives just to be absolutely horrible," Blumenthal's lawyer, Jo Marsh, told reporters outside the federal courthouse. "This is all so Mr. Starr can just find out which one of you guys Sidney has been talking to lately."

On the main track of Starr's investigation into an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, the grand jury summoned:

—Ms. Lewinsky's former White House boss, Jocelyn Jolley, who testified to the grand jury for 1 1/2 hours — as prosecutors delved into the still-unanswered question of why Ms. Lewinsky and Ms. Jolley were both abruptly transferred out of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs simultaneously in April 1996.

—Jennifer Palmieri, deputy director of the White House scheduling office. Her lawyer, Richard Sauber, said she has no information about any impropriety and he has no idea why she was called to testify.

—Clinton friend Marsha Scott, who waited outside the grand jury room, but did not testify. Scott is deputy assistant to the president and chief of staff of presidential personnel.

The appearances of Blumenthal and Lenzner at the U.S. Courthouse were the focus of attention.

Starr's subpoena to Blumenthal is "very broad," said his lawyer, Ms. Marsh.

"We view it as an assault on the First Amendment" and "I think this is obviously intended to ... intimidate the press," Ms. Marsh added.

Blumenthal was directed by grand jury subpoena to produce all records of his conversations with reporters about Starr's investigation.

Both Blumenthal and Lenzner met in separate closed-door sessions with U.S. District Court Judge Norma Holloway Johnson to contest Starr's effort to make them testify. Lenzner appeared twice before the grand jury, saying in between sessions that he would raise objections of attorney-client privilege in challenging the subpoena.

Lenzner, head of Investigative Group Inc., is working for the law firm of President Clinton's private attorney in the Whitewater probe, Williams & Connolly, and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, the law firm, representing Clinton in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

Clinton's lawyers, David Kendall and Robert Bennett, said "we have not investigated, and are not investigating, the personal lives of ... prosecutors, investigators, or members of the press." Kendall and Bennett said that "it is commonplace for private counsel to retain commercial investgative services to perform legal and appropriate tasks to assist in the defense of a client."

Lenzner was a controversial figure in last year's Senate campaign finance hearings when it was disclosed he was approached by an Oklahoma Indian tribe to dig up dirt on Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., a member of the Senate panel. Lenzner and tribal representatives were brought together by Cody Shearer, an acquaintance of the president and brother-in-law of Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott. Talbott's wife, Brooke Shearer, once worked for Lenzner's firm.

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Study: No tie found between birth defects, antidepressants

CHICAGO (AP) — Three widely used antidepressants — Prozac, Paxil and Zoloft — do not appear to cause birth defects, a study found.

The findings, based on data from nine medical centers in the United States and Canada, agree with research in animals and with previous studies of Prozac among pregnant women.

An expert not associated with the research said the findings are reassuring, but because the study looked at only 267 expectant mothers, it was far too small to establish that the drugs are safe during pregnancy.

Because it is unethical to test drugs on pregnant women, Prozac went on the market in 1988, Zoloft in 1991 and Paxil in 1992 without anyone knowing their effects on unborn babies.

The latest study was published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Because more than half of all pregnancies are unplanned and an estimated 8 percent to 20 percent of all women suffer from depression, fetal safety is a primary concern," wrote the researchers, led by Nathalie A. Kulin of the University of Toronto.

The drugs also are used to treat panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and bulimia.

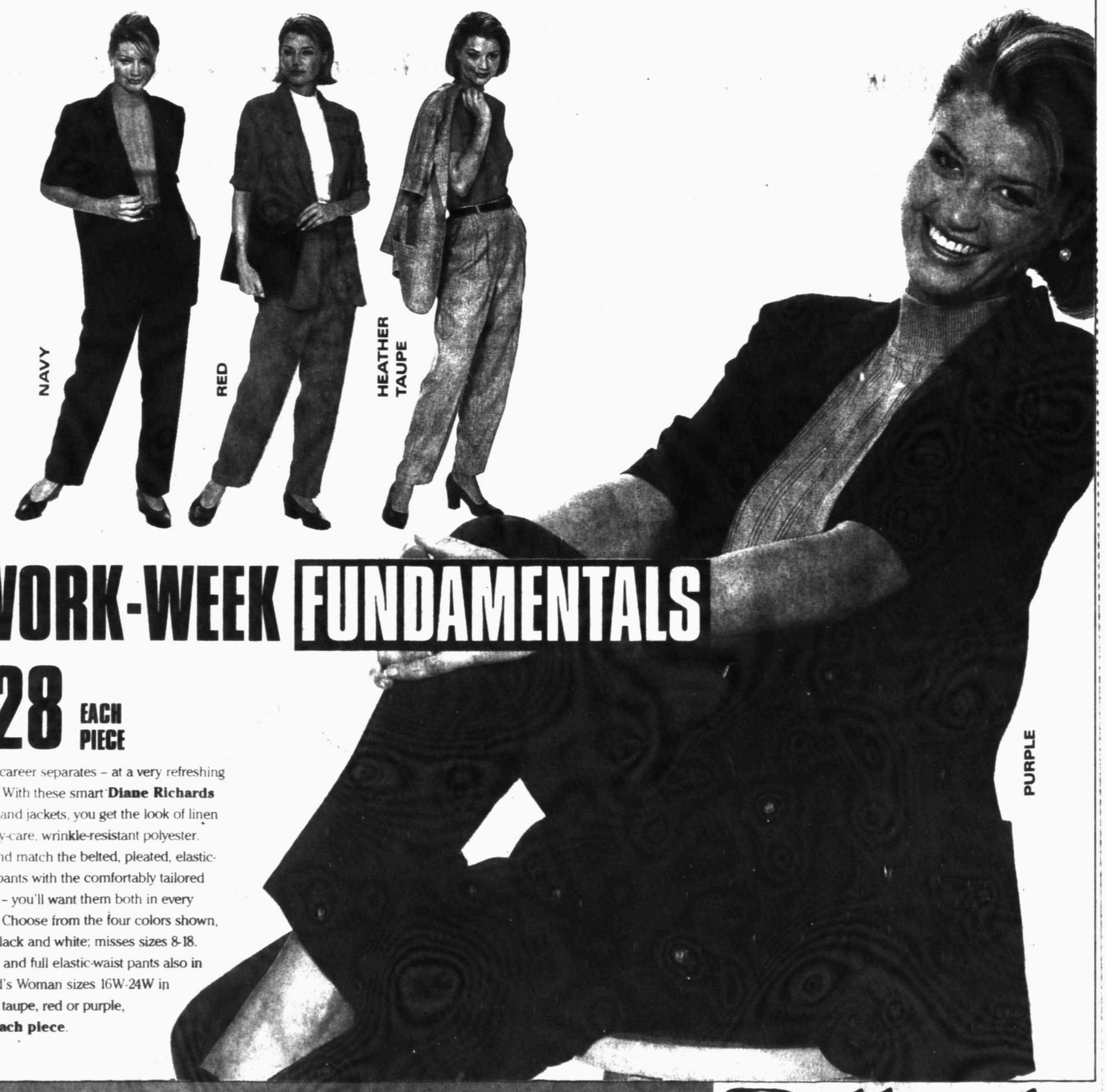
The researchers studied 267 women who had been taking one of the three drugs when they learned of their pregnancies, and 267 pregnant women who were not exposed to anything known to cause birth defects.

In the antidepressant group, 222 live births occurred and nine babies had major physical defects, a rate of 4.1 percent. In the comparison group, 235 live births occurred and nine babies had major defects, for a rate of 3.8 percent. The difference in rates was so small that it could have been caused by chance, the researchers said.

The study did not explore behavioral differences in the babies. A previous study of Prozac found no effects on IQ, language and behavior among babies exposed in the womb.

Birth weights, age at birth, and rates of spontaneous abortions and stillbirths were the same between the two groups. And no differences were apparent between women who took antidepressants throughout their pregnancies and those who took them only during the first trimester.

Dr. Richard H. Schwarz, a consultant to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, said the findings fall far short of establishing the drugs' safety during pregnancy.



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Jail expansion plans to be studied

Commissioners to interview four firms, pick one to do work costing about $5 million

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The Commissioners' Court on Friday is to interview architects from four Midland and Dallas-area firms in a process to select one to design a 200-bunk expansion of the Midland County jail system.

"We have a jail over-crowding problem," noted Midland County Judge Jeff Norwood. "Unfortunately, all the trends indicate that it is only going to get worse."

An expansion, costing in "the neighborhood of $5 million," would bring the county's capacity to 506 men and women. Currently, the 1990-built Midland County Central Detention Facility has a 202-inmate capacity and the 1974-built jail on top of the 1930-era courthouse holds up to 204 inmates.

Norwood and the four commissioners are to interview representatives of the Vandergriff Group Architects and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, both of Midland; Corplan Corrections of Argyle and Phillips Swager Associates of Dallas.

"So, we need to take this action to ensure that we have adequate space" for housing inmates well into the 21st century, Norwood said.

"The design and preparation of the construction-bid documents will take about six months," Norwood estimated.

Groundbreaking is to take place by late 1998. Construction, which would be an 18-month project, would be completed in mid-2000.

"We are hopeful that this expansion will alleviate the jail-overcrowding issue for at least seven to 10 years," the judge said.

To fund the project, the Commissioners' Court has "already put aside $2 million" and has prospects of additional surplus funds in hopes of building a debt-free expansion.

Ultimate cost of the expansion would, among other influences, depend on the type of jail design and the mix of single-occupancy and multi-occupancy cells, and the type of construction.

"I'm hopeful that we can ... have funding in place without a tax increase," Norwood said. "We've already got $2 million. It is my intention to expand the jail without a tax increase."

BASIN BRIEFING

Judge to speak

District Judge Ted Poe of Harris County will be the keynote speaker at today's Midland Crime Stopper luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club. Poe has become nationally known for his innovative sentencing for criminals, and has been featured in numerous publications. Early in his career, Poe became a trial lawyer for the district attorney in Houston. He later became chief felony prosecutor. He tried all serious felony cases, including those involving the death penalty, and he never lost a jury trial. In 1981, Poe was appointed judge of the felony criminal court in Houston, thus becoming one of the youngest state judges in Texas.

Immigration forms

Staff members from Project Uno will be at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane, from 3-7 p.m. today to provide information and assist in filling out immigration forms. Appointments can be made by calling 682-9701 and walk-ins are welcome. For additional information, call Mary Helen Metts at 682-9701.

Solar eclipse

A partial solar eclipse will be visible from Midland 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday. Weather permitting, the West Texas Astronomers club will provide telescopes and other observing equipment at the Blakemore Planetarium to view the partial eclipse and club members will be available for assistance and to answer questions. The viewing is open to the public at no charge. While a total eclipse will be experienced in the lower Caribbean, Steve Schmidt, director of the Blakemore Planetarium, estimates that only a 5 to 10 percent eclipse will be visible over West Texas.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marienfeld, third floor conference room.

Gamblers Anonymous, 4601 Neely Ave., Room 6, 7:30 p.m., 24-hour hotline, 567-7916.

Midland Articulators Chapter of International Training in Communication, 4400 N. Big Spring St., 689-7875 or 682-8820.

Singles Group, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m., parlor.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Uptown Chapter of Business & Professional Women, luncheon program, Petroleum Club, Lynne Clark, 682-0291.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

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

Midland Quilters Guild, 1 p.m., Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Room 100, 694-2604.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m. American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5111 or 694-3236.

Midland Health & Welfare Association, noon, Salvation Army, 300 S. Baird St.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, club activity building, 200 Plaza St.

Midland Country Club Women's Golf Association, 9 a.m.

Eagles Permian Aerie #2982, 8 p.m., Brinson Lane.

Midland Genealogical Society Volunteers available 1-4 p.m., Midland County Library.

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Jury to weigh Oprah case as early as today

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press

AMARILLO — After 23 days of testimony about what cattle prices, mad cow disease and Oprah Winfrey have to do with one another, attorneys in the talk show queen's beef disparagement trial rested Tuesday.

The jury that has absorbed the 5-week-old trial could begin deliberating as early as this afternoon.

Defense lawyers Charles Babcock and Barry Peterson rested Tuesday morning after a little more than four days of testimony. By contrast, the cattlemen suing Ms. Winfrey took about four weeks to make their case.

The last defense witness, damages expert Bettina Whyte, remained on the stand from Monday. She debated with cattlemen's attorney David Mullin whether plaintiffs made or lost money in the wake of Ms. Winfrey's April 16, 1996, show.

Amarillo cattlemen Paul Engler and Bill O'Brien are suing Ms. Winfrey, her production company and a vegetarian activist guest for business disparagement. They claim a segment of the show unfairly implied U.S. cattle were at risk for the brain-wasting illness.

Ms. Whyte maintained that the cattlemen actually made money from a cattle market plunge after the show because they were able to buy livestock at discounted prices.

Plaintiffs have claimed anywhere from $7 million to $12 million in losses.

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Council approves bonds to expand Hogan golf course

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council on Tuesday authorized the issuance of certificate of obligation bonds to pay for a number of projects scheduled for this year, including an additional nine holes at the Hogan Park Golf Course.

The city will issue $2.25 million in CO bonds in early March; $1.25 million is to be used for the Hogan project, city staff explained at a Tuesday meeting of the council.

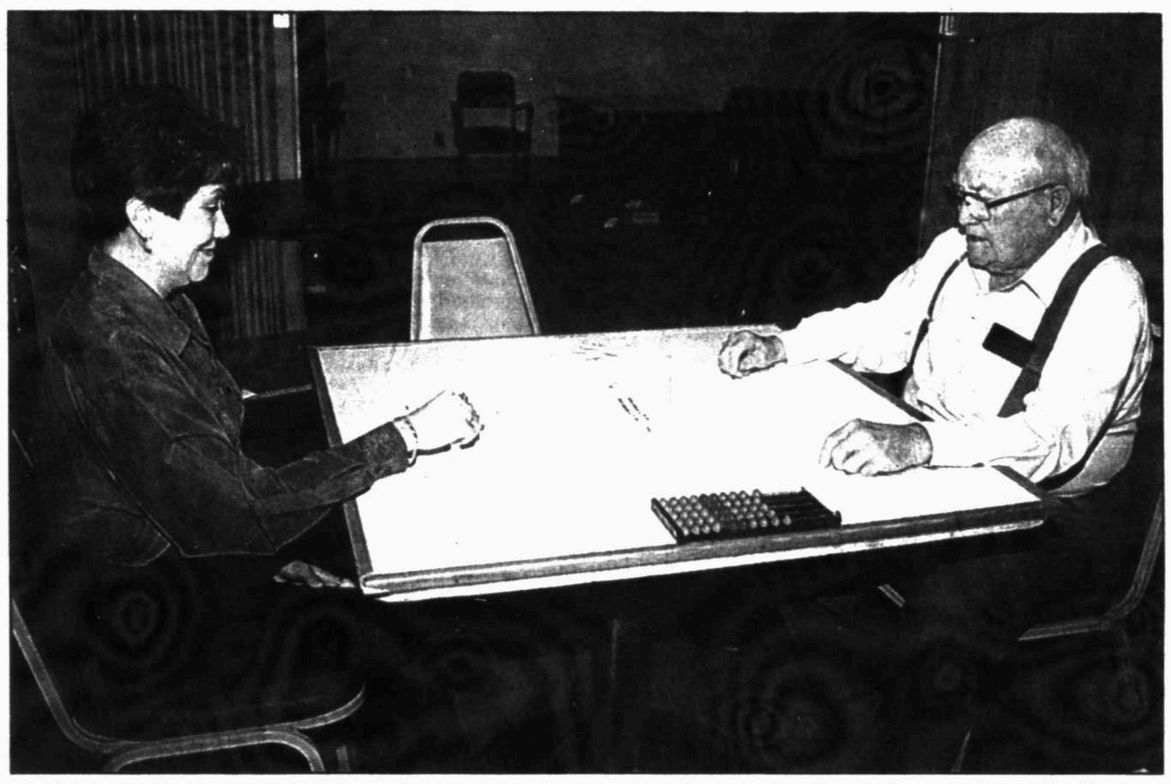
The number of holes at Hogan Park will be increased from 27 to 36, providing two 18-hole courses for use at the municipal park.

Also covered in the 1998 bond issue is $350,000 in park improvements, including the ongoing hike-and-bike trail project.

Of these funds, $117,000 is earmarked for drainage improvements in the city, $50,000 for traffic improvements, $45,000 for street improvements and $250,000 for renovations in the downtown Midland area.

These CO bonds are issued at regular intervals to provide funds for various capital improvements. They are repaid with property tax revenues from the

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Big Spring resident Wayne Crawford often plays dominoes several times a day, starting the morning at Big Spring's Canterbury retirement home, then moving on to the senior citizen's center for games after lunch, and, with a little luck, ending with a couple of evening games back at Canterbury.

Dominoes still an institution in Big Spring

BIG SPRING — Wayne Crawford, 86, had played dominoes for most of his life, but he said he wasn't prepared for the pressure of the world championship.

"I was so nervous. There were people at tables all around, and the rules were you couldn't say a word, you couldn't put your hands on the table, and if you touched a domino, you had to play it. I played with my brother-in-law, and we entered twice, but we didn't get far. There were lots of really good domino players in Big Spring up until about the 1980s, and we played all over.

"Then something happened. There used to be a lot of play here (at the senior citizen's center) but now there's only one or two tables."

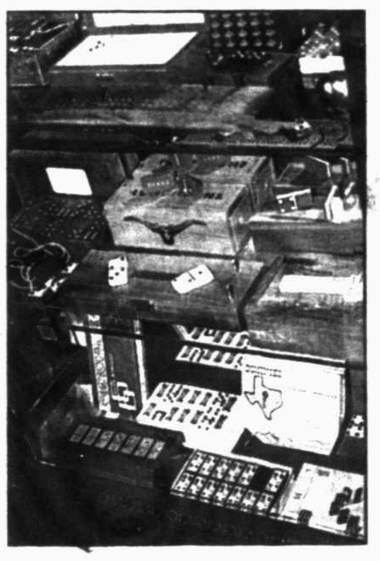
People in Big Spring will tell you domino players are a dying breed ... sent on their way to extinction by the advent of video games, computer games, Monday Night Football, the interstate highways, demise of community, you name it.

Don't believe it, especially in Big Spring, where domino games are an institution not only at the country club and the senior citizens' center, but at retirement and assisted living centers, several area cotton gins and in home game rooms especially devoted to dominoes.

There's a domino tournament every year at the Howard County Fair, and a priceless domino collection is housed in Big Spring's Heritage Museum.

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Stories and photos by Johnnye Montgomery



The domino sets that belonged to the late George McAlister are displayed at the Heritage Museum in Big Spring.

Heritage Museum features priceless domino collection

BIG SPRING — The late George McAlister of Big Spring, an authority on the game of dominoes, had several sets of dominoes. His collection was donated to the Heritage Museum by his children.

The collection, which is displayed in a glass case in the museum's main area, includes an antique handmade cheese box set, with deeply drilled dot holes; a handmade mesquite wood set from Big Lake; a pottery set, handmade of clay and hand painted. The pottery set is contained inside a pottery replica of a brown bag.

Other unusual dominoes are of monkey pod wood, with brass nails inserted as the dots; an aluminum alloy set, which is probably the most valuable; a set given to McAlister by his friend Mohammed Ali; and a miniature set.

Seniors advised on how to avoid being victims of telephone scams



Kes Gilhome/Reporter-Telegram

Dick Rowland, president of Better Business Bureau, Midland, presented a video on telephone scams to a group of senior citizens Tuesday at Saddleridge Lodge.

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

It is a basic instinct among all predators — to pick out the most vulnerable prey. And when it comes to telephone scams and con artists, senior citizens are considered prime targets.

A group of concerned senior citizens gathered at the Saddleridge Lodge assisted living facility to learn from the local Better Business Bureau and the Midland Police Department how not to fall victim to con games and scam artists.

"Seniors are disproportionately targeted" said BBB President Dick Rowland. Rowland noted that 56 percent of the people who fall victim to scams are over the age of 50, while only 36 percent of the general population is in that age group. He said $40 billion is lost each year to telephone fraud.

MPD Sgt. Dale Seago told the group, "Everybody would like to think that we cannot be taken in." He said that scam artists play on our human nature. "All of us would like to get something for nothing — it is basic human nature."

He said senior citizens were often targeted because "they are fairly financially set."

Loneliness was cited as another factor that allows scam artists to prey upon the elderly, Seago said. "Let's face it — it is very hard sometimes to be alone," Seago said. "They play on that." He said that a phone call from a telemarketer often breaks up the monotony of a lonely day. "They are going to find that weak spot in you and exploit it," Seago said.

He said the best way to deal with telemarketers was to hang up the phone. "Trust me folks, it is all right to be rude," Seago said. He noted that the longer a person stays on the phone line, the higher the likelihood he or she will become a scam victim.

"These people have no conscience; they don't care who they hurt," Seago said. "They are taking your money to further their aim."

Seago said, "The last group we broke up here was part of a street gang out of Chicago." The group was made up of members of the Black Gangster Disciples, he said. The MPD arrested three women and two men in the bust. Seago said their previous arrests included aggravated assault, attempted murder and other felony crimes. "These are not nice people."

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POLICE REPORTS

Narcotics arrest

Midland police on Tuesday arrested a husband and wife on charges of drug possession after officers found 12 pounds of marijuana and 200 grams of cocaine inside the house in which they live.

Eloy Pina, 39, and Guadalupe Magallanes Pina, 36, were taken to the Midland County Detention Center, where bond was set at $200,000 each on charges of delivery of a controlled substance.

Police said the narcotics have a combined estimated street value of $10,400.

The couple was arrested at their home, 1307 N. Colorado St., at about 1 a.m.

Midland Police Department
Monday

Criminal mischief: At 10:55 p.m., a vandalism report was made from 3001 W. Ohio St.

Burglary of a habitation: A residential break-in occurred at 1105 E. Walnut St. Jesus Sandate reported it at 6 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Department
Tuesday

Criminal mischief: Six headstones were turned over at Fairview Cemetery, 600 W. Parker. None of the headstones were broken, police said. It was reported at 11:17 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS, or 1-800-LOCK-UP.

DEATH NOTICES

H.F. Scott

LUBBOCK - Former Midlander the Rev. H.F. "Hank" Scott of Lubbock died Monday, Feb. 23, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are to be 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock with Charles Murray and Gene Hawkins officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Cemetery in Lubbock under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock. Visitation is set for 7-9 p.m. today, Feb. 25, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Midland.

He was founder of Bacon Heights Baptist Church and served as pastor 1967-90. His other pastorates included churches in Leming, Amarillo, Wilson and Seagraves. He was moderator of Lubbock Baptist Association and was executive board member of Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Merle (Allison) Scott of Lubbock; a daughter, Sheila Curtiss of San Ramon, Calif.; a son, Mark A. Scott, Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Merle Slaughter of Grants, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to H.F. Scott Memorial Garden at Bacon Heights Baptist Church.

Ophelia Parish

Ophelia Jackson Parish died Friday, Feb. 21, at a Midland hospital.

Services are to be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the New Hope Baptist Church with the Revs. Billy R. Ashley and Tony Williams officiating. Burial is to be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Mitchell County Cemetery in Colorado City under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born June 20, 1912, in Clarksville.

She lived most of her life in Colorado City and moved to Midland four years ago. She was a member of the Payne Chapel in Colorado City.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Jackson, in 1942, and her second husband, Leon Parish, in 1977. She was also preceded in death by six children, Nathaniel Jackson, Marvin Jackson, Louis Jackson, Elizabeth Jackson, Deborah Tyron and Fayrene Johnson.

Survivors include a daughter, Helen Wadley of Midland; 42 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES



Connie Baker

Connie Baker was born December 11, 1921, in Kileen, Texas, to John and Georgia Eulala Martin Ponder. She graduated from Northside High School in Fort Worth, remaining in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. After World War II, she and her family moved to Midland. She was employed in the restaurant industry. Mrs. Baker was employed with the Sheraton for 16 years and other area restaurants until her retirement. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Rebeccah Lodge.

Mrs. Baker is survived by her daughters, Patricia Mae Erickson and her husband, Gene, of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Judy Sue Kittle and her husband, Charles of Midland and DiAnn Edwards and her husband, Tommy of Midland; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She died at a local hospital Monday, Feb. 23, 1998.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert M. Kirk officiating. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jack Paxton, Dale Binnon, Ken Tuder, Don Drixer, Alan Ward and Russell Miller.

Joseph Wolpmann

Joseph E. Wolpmann passed away surrounded by his adoring wife and children on Feb. 21, 1998, at his home in Junction, Texas. "Dr. Joe" was born on July 8, 1926, and grew up in the city of San Antonio. It was there that he met and married the love of his life, Suzanne (nee) Westbrook.

Joe earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Texas A&M University in 1948. He continued in graduate studies in microbiology at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, and in 1956, achieved his doctorate of osteopathic medicine and surgery from the University of Health Science, Kansas City, Mo. After serving an internship at the Community Hospital in Houston, Dr. Joe entered into private practice specializing in both family practice and addiction medicine. During his illustrious career, Joe has served as medical director and chief of services for Clearview Hospital in Midland and has dedicated a great deal of his attention and expertise to programs for chemical dependency.

Dr. Joe was certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He was a member of the Texas Select Committee to establish patient criteria for care and cost issues and he established and developed intensive family-oriented adolescent and adult inpatient and outpatient chemical dependency programs. Joe served as chairman, Texas Insurance Liaison Committee for 10 years and on the Board of Trustees, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. He was chairman of Houston Board of Directors for the Palmer Drug Abuse Program and subsequently served on the National Board for The Palmer Drug Abuse Treatment Program.

Dr. Joe moved to Kimble County in 1992, where he opened a private practice in the Kimble County Medical Clinic. He quickly endeared himself to all who grew to know him as both physician and friend. It was said that "to be in Joe's care was to know healing before medicine was ever dispensed." Joe's compassion and attention knew no bounds as he ministered to the health of his patients. Above all, Joe was known for his gentle and steadfast care and his unwavering integrity for the medical health of this community.

Joe's many interests included sports, traveling and reading. He had an avid knowledge and interest in all things "Western" from the facts of Texas history to the legends and lore of Texas cowboys and Indians. He loved to fish in the gulf and explore the Texas Hills. Most of all, Joe enjoyed sharing himself and his time wherever he was, with his family and his friends.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Suzanne and children, Dr. Michael Joseph Wolpmann of Lubbock; and daughters, Lise Donann of Midland, Nicola of Dallas and Leslie of Houston. He had two granddaughters, Gwendolen Suzanne and Houston Lisebett; a nephew and three nieces.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Hertha Wolpmann and a sister, Patsy.

A Requiem Eucharist will be celebrated at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1119 Main St., Junction, Texas, on Thursday, February 26, 1998, at 5 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Philip J. Taylor officiating. Organist will be Mr. George Mims from St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Honorary pallbearers are Myron Anderson, John Ferra and Bill Ireland of Houston, David Harrell of Austin, Greer Kothman of Junction, Jonathan Taylor of San Antonio, and Manroy Wolpmann of Yorktown, Texas. Following the service, the family will greet friends in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, 904 Main St.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 3, Junction, Kimble County Library, 208 N. 10th St., Junction or the charity of your choice.

John Smallwood

John E. Smallwood was born July 22, 1912, in West, Texas, to Acy Earl and Ammie Lee Pass Smallwood. Following graduation from high school in Bynum, Texas, he farmed before moving to California. He was employed with Lockheed Aircraft for eight years and then was employed with General Dynamics for 15 years in Fort Worth. After that time, he became employed with Texas Construction and later started his own business. He was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

Mr. Smallwood is preceded in death by his brothers, Delmar, Donald and Billy Smallwood; two grandsons, Jeff Hale and Tim Gallaher.

He is survived by his wife, Lorene Smallwood of Midland, his daughters Jody Hale and husband, Merv of Midland, Sharon Deweber and husband, Jim of Midland; his grandchildren, Jamie Hamm of Midland, Kenny Gallaher of Dallas, Sherry Maruska of Midland and Nikki Deweber of Austin; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Smallwood died at a local hospital Monday, Feb. 23, 1998.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in the Ellis Chapel with Dr. Larry Ashlock officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Trinity Towers Auxiliary, 2800 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701.

Serving as pallbearers will be Edmond Koury, Mike Hamm, Tim Maruska, Ric Hamm, Kenny Gallaher and Jack Chamblee. Honorary pallbearers will be the men at Trinity Towers.

Emma Vandeventer

Emma B. Vandeventer was born August 12, 1909, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Harriet Corde and Frederick H. Brown. She graduated salutatorian of her high school and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with honors. On March 31, 1933, she married Jay C. Vandeventer in Pittsburgh. They moved to Midland in 1951. Mrs. Vandeventer was a member of First Baptist Church since moving to Midland and was a Sunday school teacher for 30 years. She was also past president of WMU at First Baptist Church and a high school English teacher for many years. She also worked as a substitute teacher in Lee and Midland high schools. Her love of teaching was further demonstrated through the many young people she tutored in her home and the adults whom she taught to read using the Laubach system.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, F. Gordon Brown, of Gipsonia, Pennsylvania.

Survivors include her son, William C. Vandeventer of Casper, Wyoming; a daughter, Marian V. Jones of Midland; one sister, Marian B. Kennard of Arlington, Virginia; five grandchildren, Allan L. Haynes of Midland, Mark L. Haynes of Midland, Mary C. Vandeventer of Aurora, Colorado, Susan D. Pennington of Greenbank, Washington, and Julie V. Perala of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Vandeventer died Saturday evening, February 21, 1998, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, in the First Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Gary Dyer officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to First Baptist Church Mission Fund.

Pallbearers will be Allan L. Haynes, Mark L. Haynes, William E. Pennington, Daniel R. Perala, David D. Johnson and Harry Hinkle.

William Ahders

Memorial services for William Bray "Bill" Ahders, 81, of Midland are to be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland with the Rev. Stockton Williams, rector, officiating.

Ahders, who died Monday in a Midland retirement center following an illness, had served as Midland County judge, Midland Municipal Court judge, and as a special agent with the FBI.

Honorary pallbearers are to be John Hyde, Tom Ingram, DeWayne Davis, Willie DuBose, Bill Smith, Floyd Jarnagin, Shorty Wright, Bill Collyns, Jim McNatt, David Perry and Ed Todd.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Ahders of Midland; a son, Ruff Ahders of Odessa; a grandson, Chase Ahders of George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a granddaughter, London Ahders of Tulane University in New Orleans.

Memorials in Ahders' honor may be given to Alcoholics Anonymous, the Alzheimer's Association, or to a favorite charity.

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OPRAH: Cattlemen called economics expert 2nd time

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depending on the accounting methodology.

After the defense rested, cattlemen recalled agricultural economics expert Wayne Purcell. Purcell, a Virginia Tech professor, questioned Ms. Whyte's use of daily cattle prices in her calculations.

As he testified before, Purcell said that weekly weighted averages are more representative of the market.

"Both the cattle feeding segment and the meat packing segment tend to operate on a weekly horizon," Purcell said.

Babcock attacked Purcell, asking him if he was using weekly numbers only because they inflated the cattlemen's damage claim. Purcell flatly denied the charge.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson rejected defense requests to dismiss the case.

A week ago, she dealt a heavy blow to the cattlemen's case when she said the lawsuit could not go forward under Texas' "veggie libel" law, which protects agricultural products from false and disparaging remarks.

That decision meant the case would not test Texas' food defamation statute, which is similar to laws in 12 other states. Since last Tuesday, the trial has been a simple business disparagement case.

Defendants claim that because no one on Ms. Winfrey's show mentioned the plaintiffs by name, it couldn't possibly have disparaged them. The show had to be "of and concerning" plaintiffs to be disparaging, Babcock and Peterson wrote.

The cattlemen cite a lower court ruling in the 1990 lawsuit pitting Washington state apple growers against CBS over a "60 Minutes" report that linked a size-regulating spray to cancer in children.

The initial ruling allowed the lawsuit to proceed though the broadcast didn't mention specific growers. An appeals court eventually found in favor of CBS but didn't address the "of and concerning" issue.

SCAMS: Victims of con artists often reluctant to report crimes

(From 1B)

The group was broken up last year, Seago said.

He said the shame of being taken-in by con artists often keeps people from reporting the crime to authorities. "The embarrassment phase makes it very hard for law enforcement to work," Seago said.

The gang from Chicago was finally apprehended when a man who had lost $5,000 reluctantly agreed to report the incident to law enforcement officers.

"It is a shame nobody wants to talk about it." Seago said. "If it is not reported to us we cannot act on it."

He said the most common scam in Midland is the "pigeon drop" in which a con artist waits outside a bank for an elderly person. The con artist will say that he is a bank examiner testing the honesty of a bank teller. The victim will give money to be placed in an envelope to be used as part of the honesty test. When returned to the unwitting victim, the envelope contains newspaper.

Probably the most insidious scheme is called the "recovery scheme" in which con artists scam people who have already been victimized with the promise of recovering their previously lost funds for a fee. These scam artists often adopt an official sounding, consumer-oriented name to help them in their efforts. "I call this 'double dipping,'" Rowland said.

Rowland gave three rules to help people avoid telephone scams: "Never give your credit card number over the phone unless you have initiated the call. If you have never heard of the charity — ask questions. And if you don't get the answers you want — hang up."

And the message seemed to hit home with the group of senior citizens. "I'd say it was very helpful," said Peggy Nash, who attended the seminar. She said she learned the most about "telephone tricks they use."

The Midland Police Department and the BBB often work together to alert the public to the scams currently being operated in the area, Seago said. Rowland urged citizens to contact the BBB and law enforcement agencies if they suspect a scam.

Bush speaks out for cooperation with Mexico

By Cragg Hines
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — In a town where Mexico is a favorite political punching bag, Texas Gov. George W. Bush cautioned Tuesday against a "psychological war of words" with the United States' southern neighbor.

Bush's warning came as the Clinton administration nears its annual decision on whether to recertify Mexico as cooperating with the United States in fighting drug trafficking.

"For those who want to wall off Mexico from Texas, I say you're dead wrong," the Republican governor said. "For people who want to isolate Mexico from Texas through a psychological war of words, there could be nothing worse. We share problems, we share a long border. But the best way to solve our common problems is to do so in the spirit of friendship and to treat each other decently."

Bush was joined at the Texas Breakfast Club, a group of Texans in the nation's capital, by Jesus Reyes Heroles, Mexico's ambassador to the United States, who acknowledged that the March certification deadline presented an annual headache in the two nation's relations.

"This is the most stressful period each year in the relationship between the two nations," Reyes Heroles said. "And this stress does not, in our view, enhance the cooperation essential to defeat this mutual scourge."

The first formal step in the yearly review is expected Friday, when the Clinton administration is likely to publish its annual report on nations that are deemed to either cooperate or not cooperate in fighting drugs. Congress then debates the report.

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Baptist group boots Austin church that supports gays

DALLAS (AP) — The Baptist General Convention of Texas on Tuesday expelled an Austin church that actively supports practicing homosexuals and has a gay deacon.

The convention's 180-member executive board, assembled in an auditorium, supported a motion to disassociate itself from the University Baptist Church.

The motion asks the church to remove any claim of affiliation with the convention from its literature and Internet site. The convention also will no longer accept money donated from the church for missionary programs.

Tuesday's vote was sparked when top group officials learned last month that the University Baptist Web site mentions its affiliation with the convention.

"We cannot approve of churches endorsing homosexual practice as biblically legitimate," said Fort Worth pastor Charles Davenport, head of the committee that drafted the motion.

The church has had a tenuous relationship with the convention since it ordained an openly gay deacon, Hans Venable, in 1994. The church also sponsors and invites homosexuals to participate in Open Circle, a ministry for gays and lesbians.

Executive board members insisted their vote was not a condemnation of the church's acceptance of homosexuals into its ministry and congregation.

"We commend the church for their ministry, and we feel that churches should minister (to homosexuals)," Davenport said. "But ministering to is different than an affirmation of, and we interpret (the church's activities) to be an affirmation of."

'We cannot approve of churches endorsing homosexual practice as biblically legitimate.'
— Fort Worth pastor Charles Davenport, head of committee that drafted motion

University Baptist Pastor Larry Bethune said he doesn't understand the distinction.

"I don't feel very commended as a church for our ministry to gays and lesbians today," Bethune said after the vote. "The convention has an odd way of showing it."

In his speech to the assembled board, Bethune said the convention made only perfunctory efforts to contact him and discuss the disagreement. He and others in the audience questioned the wisdom of expelling a church because it has unorthodox views.

"Asserting pressure on the autonomy of a local church by threatening disconnection is not Baptist," Bethune said.

Several members decried the motion as a threat to church autonomy.

"I think it sets a dangerous precedent for us to challenge local autonomy ... (because) that's the same thing we condemn in our Southern Baptist Convention leaders," said Jim Ivy, a Dallas executive board member who once attended University Baptist Church.

The moderate-controlled Texas convention and more conservative Southern Baptist Convention have long butted heads over the larger Southern Baptist Convention's tendency toward expelling churches that disagree with official convention views.

Russell Dilday, president of the Texas convention, denied that Tuesday's vote was designed to placate conservative members of the group who have been threatening to break away.

That members of the executive board actually argued over the issue was a positive step for the church and its goals, Venable said.

"It's just been such a wonderful opportunity to talk about our ministry and spread the debate further about how gays and lesbians can be safe in church, where they can be loved and participate fully," Venable said.

"Hopefully, this debate will mean that the acceptance of gays and lesbians will come to churches across the country."

The Austin church has a long history of feuds with Baptist organizations. In 1948, it was disavowed by the Austin Baptist Convention when it allowed blacks to sit in the same pews with whites. Then in the early 1970s, the church was criticized for ordaining women as deacons.

Bethune said he believes the congregation will likely respect the wishes of the Texas convention in removing any reference to the group from their Web site and literature.

What remains to be seen is whether University Baptist will send delegates to the annual seating of the convention later this year. Only that body can vote to exclude church members from the meeting, Davenport said.

Delegates from the church have not been seated at the convention since 1995.

Ad campaign aims to separate teen-agers from their tobacco

AUSTIN (AP) — The message to teen-agers: Using tobacco can be costly.

Here and now, it can mean surrendering that hard-earned driver's license, spending time in tobacco education classes and paying a fine of up to $250.

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Radio spots, television public service announcements and a poster carry the message in a campaign unveiled Tuesday by the Texas Department of Health and state Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, a sponsor of the 1997 law creating new penalties for those under 18 who use tobacco.

"It's going to scare them. ... I have my driver's license, and I would cry" if it were taken away, said Crystal Jordan, an 18-year-old Travis High School student.

Magenta Pola, also an 18-year-old Travis High student, said many of her friends smoke but the threat of losing their driver's license, other state penalties and health warnings will make a difference.

"A few of my friends have said they're going to quit, not only because they just got their licenses but because they realize that it's a health hazard," she said.

The immediacy of the state penalties may be particularly effective, she added.

"A lot of people, when they think of getting lung cancer, they think about getting it maybe when they're 40, 50. Teen-agers feel they're invincible. They think that it's never going to affect them until they get older. So when you hit them with something that's going to affect them right now, like taking their license away, it'll wake them up," she said.

The two are among teen-agers who helped shape the "Tobacco is a Dead End" campaign.

Using student feedback, state officials determined that the prospect of losing a driver's license and testimonials from people dying of tobacco-related disease would be effective.

That led to a radio spot warning teen-agers of the new law's penalties; a poster including a photograph of a teen-ager's driver's license stamped "suspended"; and a television spot showing a gavel breaking a driver's license into pieces.

Texas also is using two television ads originally produced for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

One features Mack McLauren, brother of actor Wayne McLauren, who portrayed a cowboy in cigarette ads and later died of lung cancer.

GAME: Big Spring pair wrote book 'Dominoes Texas Style'

(From 1B)

Big Spring was the place to go to play dominoes during the 1970s and into the '80s when the late George McAlister and Lloyd McLeod wrote a book, small but encyclopedic, about dominoes, and the domino players of the community started the World Championship Texas Style Domino Tournament at Howard College. The guiding force behind the much-hyped event was the late George McAlister, an inventor and entrepreneur who, along with another domino player, Lloyd McLeod, had written the definitive book on dominoes detailing rules, peculiarities and the historic roots of dominoes.

The book, "Dominoes Texas Style" was subtitled "Partnership, plus How to Play and Win." The cover promised complete instructions on variations such as Three-handed, Head-Up, 42 and Double Deck 42.

The authors went to China to research the game's beginnings before setting their pens to paper, and still the book sold for a modest $5.95. It's now out of print, but the Heritage Museum and a number of Big Spring domino players still have copies.

The first annual tournament was in 1978, with 66 pairs of partners picking up and laying down dominoes for three days running, with each partnership going through some 30 games to determine the championship.

McAlister's friend, A.A. Cooper, worked out the rules for the tournament. He said the extended playing period was to eliminate luck as an element in the championship.

"We figured a player could luck out once or twice, or even more, but you would have to be good to come out on top after 30," he explained. "Over the three-day period, each time you eliminated 30 people, you'd step up a tier." He said the tournament drew domino greats and near-greats from near and far.

The winners the first year were from Fort Worth — men, Cooper says, who "showed us how to play dominoes." There was another group of five from Kansas City, the Newsome brothers, who would meet a cousin from Houston and break into three partnership teams that would give the competitors a lesson or two in humility.

"I heard it told they had grown up in East Texas, and their mother was a fundamentalist Christian who wouldn't let them play cards or a lot of other games, but they were allowed to play dominoes. They never won a championship but they were outstanding in a crowd of excellent players," Cooper said.

Cooper, who won semi-finalist trophies several times, said the best he can remember, the only Big Spring-area players ever to win the tournament were Woody Long and Lonnie Smith, who farmed cotton in the Knott area and regularly played at the cotton gin.

McAlister left Big Spring in the mid-1980s, and interest in the tournament waned without his presence. Cooper's last trophy is dated 1984, possibly from the last tournament held.

In the intervening years, several of the tournament's stellar players have died — including George McAlister, who left the world-class collection of domino sets now displayed in the Heritage Museum.

Yet the games go on, day after day, for players like Cooper and the Knott farmers and Wayne Crawford, who still plays almost daily, starting out in the morning with a couple of games in the recreation room at Big Spring's Canterbury retirement home, then moving on to the senior citizen's center for games after lunch, and with a little luck, another couple of evening games back at Canterbury.

"I simply play for the love of the game," Crawford said. "I really like to win, but I like to play whether I win or I lose."

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BONDS: City considering buying natural gas

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city's portion of local taxes.

Also at the Tuesday meeting, the council authorized city staff to gather proposals for a possible future purchase of natural gas for Midland residents.

Based on an Odessa effort, which is estimated to save $1 million for natural gas users in that city, the city is seeking proposals from more than 20 different natural gas suppliers.

The purchased gas would still be supplied to Energas, and that company would still distribute and bill for the gas as normal, but this purchase would save each residential user an estimated $1.50 per bill for home gas use, according to councilman Dale Brown, who worked on the project.

This measure is designed to add the economic factor of competition to local gas prices.

Also at the Tuesday meeting, council members voted to:

■ approve a change in the authorization in developer agreements in the city. Instead of each agreement needing a vote by the council, City Manager Mike McGregor can now authorize any developer agreement that includes less than $25,000 in city participation or where city participation does not exceed 30 percent of the total estimated construction cost.

■ move ahead with a program to test Midland's concrete bridges, beginning with the structure at Wadley Avenue and Lamesa Road. A concrete core will be drilled out of the structure and tested to determine if past maintenance has kept the bridge sound or if rehabilitation might be needed in the future.

■ approved the upcoming joint election process with the Midland Independent School District, Midland County Hospital District and Midland Community College District.

■ approve an additional $5,000 for brick wainscoating for the new kitchen facility at the Community and Senior Services center.

■ approve on second and final reading, an ordinance modifying the school zone times around area high schools to start a half-hour earlier at 7 a.m.

Teacher acquitted of sexual assault

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A middle school teacher has been found innocent of charges that she sexually assaulted two 13-year-old male students.

Natalie Bass, 28, a reading teacher at Whittier Middle School, smiled and shook with excitement when the jury's verdict was read Monday night after 3 1/2 hours of deliberation.

Ms. Bass mouthed "thank you" to the seven-woman, five-man jury then hugged family members.

"Those boys were lying and everybody knew it," she later told friends and relatives.

After jurors left the courtroom, state District Judge Terry McDonald told Ms. Bass: "I think you made some errors of judgment. I hope you have learned your lesson from this verdict."

If convicted, she could have faced up to 20 years in prison on each of the two charges.

The eighth-grade basketball players testified the teacher initiated sex with them last April.

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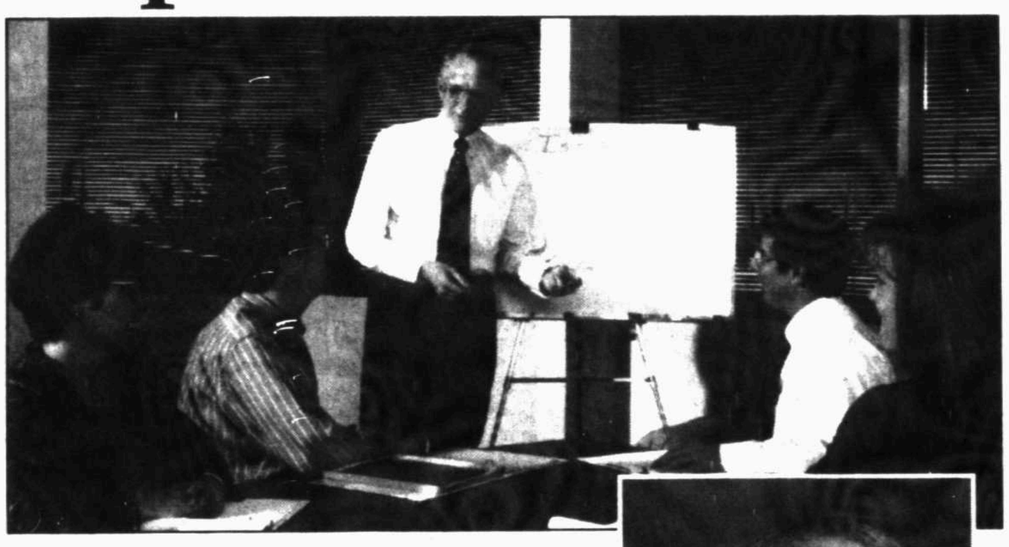
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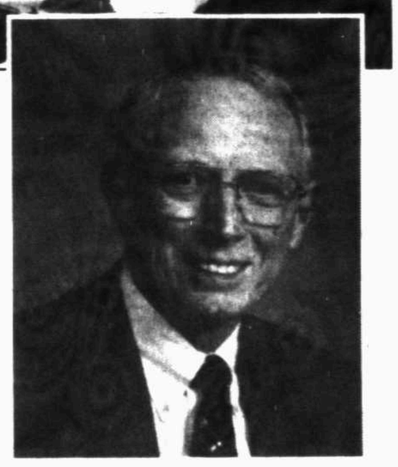
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Rescue workers search for California storm victims; at least 7 die

■ Two Highway Patrol officers among those killed in worst storm of the winter. Two feet of snow reported in the Sierra Nevada by El Niño-driven storm.

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Two Highway Patrol officers responding to reports of a road washout were killed Tuesday when their patrol car was pitched into a gushing river swollen by a savage El Niño storm that killed five others and caused mudslides and tornadoes.

The two-day storm, the worst from El Niño this winter, blew out of the waterlogged state just hours after the officers and at least three other drivers were sucked into the muddy river.

Two men were rescued by helicopter, but divers searched for other victims in the Cuyama River near Santa Maria, about 200 miles north of Los Angeles after part of Highway 166 gave way.

Officers Rick Stovall and Brit Irvine were veterans, both with more than 10 years with the CHP, said Officer Ray Schultz, a CHP spokesman.

The two men rescued by helicopter were being treated for hypothermia at a hospital. One was in good condition and another was undergoing surgery to repair a scalp injury.

Elsewhere in California, two college students were killed when a tree fell on cars in the Los Angeles suburb of Claremont; a man died in a mudslide in Orange County; one person died in a pileup on a fog-shrouded and flooded highway in the San Joaquin Valley; and one was dead and four missing in a car that washed away in Tijuana, Mexico.

In Northern California, waves chewed into a cliff beneath eight precariously perched homes in Pacifica south of San Francisco, and residents remained barred from 500 homes around Clear Lake north of Santa Rosa as the lake was at its highest level since 1909.

In the Sierra Nevada, El Niño dumped up to 2 feet of snow, triggering one road-closing avalanche south of Reno.

'I was just rocking and rolling, and just desperately crawling my way to the top of wherever I was. Every second, you're trying to keep your hands in front of your face to create an air pocket so that you can breathe.'

— Ann Quilter, who was among Orange County mudslide victims

A wall of mud plowed down Laguna Beach Canyon Road in Orange County about 12:30 a.m., tossing about residents as they scrambled from their homes, said police Sgt. Bob Rahaeuser.

"I was just rocking and rolling, and just desperately crawling my way to the top of wherever I was," Ann Quilter said. "Every second, you're trying to keep your hands in front of your face to create an air pocket so that you can breathe."

At daybreak, rescue workers found feet protruding from the mud, then unearthed the body of Glenn Flook, 25, outside one of those homes. Flook had sought refuge at the home from his flood-damaged house.

Eight of the 10 mud-covered victims, including Ms. Quilter, were released from the hospital, Rahaeuser said.

Throughout the region, roads were closed by mudslides and sinkholes.

In San Diego, an underground stormwater drain pipe burst just after midnight, carving a gigantic sinkhole — 65 feet deep by 25 feet wide and some 700 feet long — at the Interstate 15 on-ramp at Balboa Avenue.

Oscar Johnson jumped out of his car and helped a woman to flee before the ground cracked open and swallowed her car.

"You could feel the ground under you trembling and sucking down," Johnson said. "She jumped out and we ran ... then her whole car just went down."

Volunteers combed the rugged, snow-covered San Bernardino Mountains near Big Bear Lake, looking for a plane with two people aboard that disappeared Monday.

Two tornadoes — almost unheard-of in Southern California — touched down overnight, one in Huntington Beach and one in Long Beach. The twisters ripped up storage sheds and carport awnings and knocked down trees and fences.

No injuries were reported.

"The wind became so great that I saw my neighbor's fence just fly away," said Charles Ford, 74, a retired businessman, who described a horrendous wind followed by a bright flash and a smacking sound that occurred as the twister cut a half-mile swath through the eastern part of Long Beach.

That smacking sound was an 80-foot-tall Acacia tree that fell on his Ultimo Avenue home in Long Beach, crashing through a stairway and second-floor bedroom.

The storm swept ashore early Monday. It was the strongest — and apparently the last — in a series of rigorous weather systems that have punished the state since Feb. 1, causing more than $475 million in damage statewide this season and prompting 35 of 58 counties to declare states of emergency.

18-month-old toddler among Florida tornado survivors

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Eighteen-month-old Jonathan Waldick was asleep when a twister plucked him from his bed and hurled him outside — mattress and all — into the branches of a fallen oak tree.

The boy suffered only a few scratches on his chin and forehead.

Slabs of wallboard and plywood fell on top of him — but the mattress had formed sort of a cocoon around him and saved his life. His great-grandmother's house was destroyed.

Not far away, the Rev. Joseph Ridgely had been sleeping in his recliner when the twisters picked him up — chair and all — and flung him 60 yards across the street.

The 70-year-old Episcopal priest survived with a broken hip, arm, and leg.

Others in this central Florida town were not so lucky. Seven people on Ridgely's street alone were killed Monday when the twisters touched down.

The dead lived next door, in the house behind Ridgely's and in three houses across the street on the residential lane called Morning Light Way.

Ridgely's modular home landed on two cars in a 30-foot-wide pile of shredded wood, insulation and dirt. His family picked through the pile Tuesday for anything they could find.



AP Photo

Eighteen-month-old Jonathan Waldrick plays Tuesday in front of the tree where he was discovered wrapped in his mattress after a tornado demolished his great-grandmother's nearby home, where he lives.

"He doesn't know his house is gone. He just thought the roof caved in," said his daughter-in-law, Kathy Ridgely.

His family did find his ordination certificate, a crystal carafe, some antique glass vases, framed photos of his grandchildren and some of his book collection on antiques. Still scattered somewhere in the debris was the coin collection he brought with him when he moved from Baltimore five years ago.

"We're trying to find 70 years' worth of memories in this pile," said his son, Richard Ridgely, a retired police officer from Carroll County, Md.

It was the second time Ridgely narrowly missed death, his son said. As a medic in the Korean War, Ridgely was trying to rescue the crew of a crashed bomber when a bomb exploded, killing men on either side of him.

"If he gets through the next couple of days, he'll be OK," his son said.

When Jonathan's great-grandmother, Shirley Driver, heard the tornado, she ran outside with the boy's 4-year-old sister, Destiny, then panicked when she realized she couldn't find her great-grandson.

Relatives and neighbors searched for a half hour before the boy's foot was spotted hanging out of the mattress underneath tree limbs and boards. They weren't sure if Jonathan was still alive until he wiggled his foot.

"That's our miracle baby there," said the boy's great-great-aunt, Janice Gassert.

Hope fades for some tornado survivors as rescue turns to cleanup

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Rescuers with dogs searched the piney woods near a tornado-devastated campground Tuesday for the bodies of people blown away when a swarm of tornadoes strafed central Florida.

At least 38 people were killed and hundreds of homes and businesses were destroyed Monday. Seven people were still missing Tuesday, four from the Ponderosa Park Campground.

As hope of finding more survivors faded, searchers began yelling to the two dogs, "Go find Fred!" — the signal for the black Labrador and Weimaraner to find bodies hidden in the underbrush surrounding the campground.

"Search!" — the command to find survivors — could no longer be heard.

"There's nothing in there," said Lt. Mark Bogush of the Tampa Fire-Rescue Canine Unit. "They don't want to shut that door of hope, but this is basically a cleanup."

Rescuers picked through the mass of twisted metal, shattered glass and splintered lumber the day after six to 10 El Nino-driven twisters tore through central Florida from the Gulf of Mexico. Monday's tornadoes, packing 260 mph winds, were the state's deadliest on record, killing more than Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

The weather service issued warnings 20 to 30 minutes before the tornadoes hit, but it did little good. "When people are sleeping there's no way of getting the message out," said Terry Faber, University of Miami meteorology researcher.

Divers combing the creek behind a home in Sanford found the body of 21-year-old Penny Louise Hall. Also killed when the twisters hit their house were her parents, Debra and Edward Hall, and her fiance, 23-year-old Kevin Taylor.

Only her 5-year-old daughter, Ashley, survived. She was hospitalized with serious injuries.

Elsewhere in Sanford, 40 miles north of Orlando, the putrid stench of a rotting pig carcass alongside a driveway hung heavily in the air over a 10-acre farm. Chickens, pigs, a horse and a cow with a broken leg wandered about in a daze.

Freddie Padgett of the town of Geneva near Daytona Beach recounted wearing a life jacket to bed — his habit whenever storms approach. His recreational vehicle was demolished and he was hurled into Lake Harney by the winds, staying afloat by clinging for hours to a small boat.

The number of people left homeless and damage estimates were being tallied Tuesday. State Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson said, however, that property damage was not on a scale with Hurricane Andrew, which destroyed or damaged 35,000 homes and caused $25 billion in losses.

Donations began pouring in as relief organizations estimated that more than $300,000 will be needed to shelter, feed and clothe displaced families. President Clinton declared the region a disaster, clearing the way for federal aid.

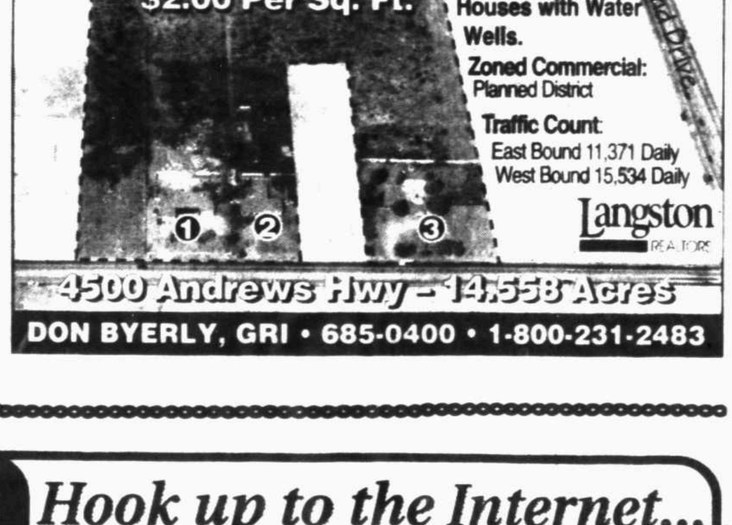
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Prices slip

NEW YORK — Oil prices slipped Tuesday as the Iraqi arms-inspection crisis cooled, adding to the previous day's 87-cent drop.

Crude oil for April delivery dropped 6 cents to $15.31 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Unleaded gasoline fell 0.75 cent to 47.56 cents per gallon for delivery next month.

News Monday of the agreement between Iraq and the United Nations to give access to weapons inspectors eased fears that a U.S. military strike on Iraq would disrupt Persian Gulf oil supplies.

Iraq is not nearly the oil producer it was before the 1991 Gulf War and the latest crisis posed no immediate threat to megaproducer Saudi Arabia, but the tensions in the region had served to keep oil prices from falling sharply.

Home heating oil for March delivery rose 0.14 cent per gallon to 42.67 cents.

Natural gas prices rose 3.7 cents per 1,000 cubic feet to $2.216 on the Nymex.

Dollar higher

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the Japanese yen and German mark Tuesday after Tokyo's stock market fell and higher U.S. interest rates made the dollar attractive.

But the dollar's movements were choppy and the currency spent much of the day wandering.

In late New York trading Tuesday, the dollar settled at 1.7976 marks, up from 1.7933 on late Monday. The dollar also was quoted at 127.88 yen, up from 127.82.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 1.4517 Swiss francs, up from 1.4480; 6.0255 French francs, up from 6.0138; 1,773.85 Italian lire, up from 1,769; and 1.4234 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4224.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6502, up from $1.6448.

Dow falls 40

NEW YORK — Stocks pulled back Tuesday as a weak day in the bond market and the collapse of a major drug merger provided some excuses to nibble away at some of the market's record-setting gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 40.10 to 8,370.10, extending a minor slide from last Wednesday's record close of 8,451.06. Even with that downturn, the Dow is up nearly 6 percent for 1998 and about 20 percent from the low point of late October's selloff.

Broad-market indexes, several of which set new highs on Monday, also slumped as interest rates rose in the bond market despite another impressive reading on inflation.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 3-to-2 margin on the NYSE, where volume totaled 594.60 million shares, up from Monday's modest pace.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 7.58 to 1,030.56, and the NYSE composite index fell 3.59 to 534.82. Both measures closed at record highs on Monday.

The Nasdaq composite index, which on Monday set a new high for the first time since before the Asia-induced selloff in October, fell 13.05 to 1,738.71.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.98 to 454.31, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 1.58 to 687.50.

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Saudis, Iran work to hold oil prices

■ OPEC's two largest producers work together to keep crude oil prices from falling further.

N.Y. Times News Service

RIYADH — Saudi Arabia and Iran, OPEC's two largest producers, are working together to keep oil prices from falling further, the Saudi Press Agency reported, citing former Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

"There is good coordination between Iran and Saudi Arabia in this concern, and both countries are exercising efforts to maintain the oil prices which OPEC has determined," Rafsanjani said at a news conference, the agency said.

Rafsanjani's remarks came as he returned to Iran after four days of talks with Saudi officials. "I expect that these talks will result in an outcome and steps as concerning the current situation," he said.

Crude oil prices are at four-year lows, in part because the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which includes Saudi Arabia and Iran, decided in November to boost output 10 percent beginning in January.

In New York, crude oil for April delivery fell 6 cents to $15.31 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest price since March 31, 1994.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd said in a statement yesterday that all oil producing nations have a responsibility to stabilize oil prices.

Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest oil exporter, producing about 8.6 million barrels a day, or 12 percent of world demand.

"The responsibility of protecting the market and restoring stability to it lies with all OPEC and non-OPEC producers," Fahd said in a statement to the Saudi press agency after a monthly cabinet meeting.

"What Saudi Arabia is doing is holding out some kind of tentative idea for a forum to decide what can be done and gauging support," said Jurjen Lunshof, an analyst with Credit Lyonnais Securities.

SmithKline, Glaxo call off merger talks

■ Collapse of talks in world's largest merger has Wall Street reconsidering frenzy of drug maker mergers.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The collapse of merger talks between Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC pushed down both companies' stocks Tuesday, as Wall Street reconsidered a widely anticipated merger frenzy among drug makers.

Shortly after both companies confirmed late Monday that their merger talks had been scuttled, analysts were reworking their charts of potential merger partners.

"There will be a further consolidation in the industry," said independent drug industry analyst Hemant K. Shah. "However, it's not going to be automatic and it's not going to be one after another."

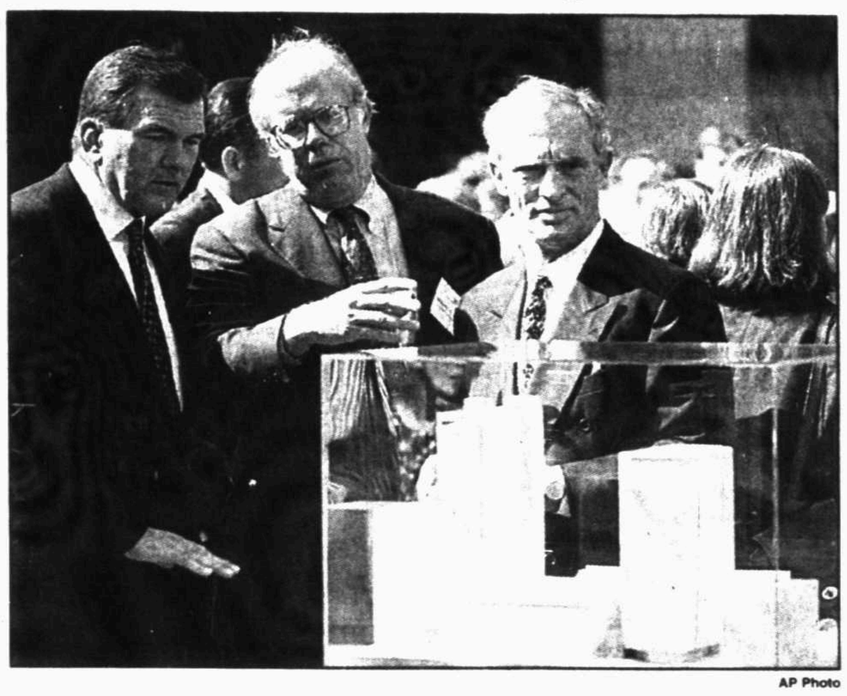
SmithKline said it called off the merger talks with Glaxo due to "insurmountable differences" in putting together what would have been the biggest corporate union in history.

The news depressed other drug stocks, which had risen recently amid speculation that a SmithKline-Glaxo merger would prompt an industrywide consolidation. The declines followed similar drops in London that depressed the British exchange's Financial Times index of the top 100 shares.

SmithKline officials said the negotiations began falling apart Friday after Glaxo sought to change terms of a tentative deal announced Jan. 30. Glaxo spokesman Rick Sluder confirmed that the talks had ended but would not comment on the cause of the breakdown.

SmithKline said Glaxo's position created "insurmountable differences" that left the two British drug makers "unable to agree on the terms of a possible merger."

Discussions since Friday, SmithKline said in a statement, "revealed a number of differences between the companies, including differences in the approach to the possible merger, management philosophy and corporate culture."



AP Photo

Jan Leschly, CEO of SmithKline Beecham, right, looks over a model of a new office building for Smithkline Beecham, with Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, left, and developer Willard G. Rouse, center, in Philadelphia, in this September 1997 file photo. The collapse of merger talks between Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC pushed down both companies' stocks Tuesday as Wall Street reconsidered a widely anticipated merger frenzy among drug makers.

"Most importantly, Glaxo's recent conduct of these discussions has inevitably strained relations between the two companies," it said.

SmithKline said its board unanimously decided against recommending the union to shareholders.

On Jan. 30, SmithKline had announced it was calling off talks with American Home Products Corp. in favor of a potential deal with Glaxo, sending the stocks of both British pharmaceutical companies surging.

SmithKline said it was "aware of the significance" of calling off the merger in light of its recently buoyed stock price.

SmithKline had a market value of about $70 billion and Glaxo Wellcome $96 billion when the talks were announced.

If Glaxo Wellcome had bought SmithKline, the deal would have eclipsed the most expensive merger announced to date, the planned buyout of MCI Communications Corp. by WorldCom Inc. for stock valued at about $37 billion.

Sluder, the Glaxo spokesman, said, "We're not actively looking for another merger partner."

Many analysts had considered the merger a fait accompli because all major issues appeared resolved. The original plan decided senior management positions, gave Glaxo a majority 59.5 percent share and left the merged company in the United Kingdom.

Railroad asks time to clear congestion

■ Union Pacific asks federal board for extension of emergency order.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Union Pacific Railroad has asked the federal Surface Transportation Board for more time to clean up massive traffic congestion along its routes.

In a letter received by the board last Friday, Union Pacific attorneys asked for a 60-day extention to an emergency order that expires March 15.

The order, first imposed in October and extended once already in December. The act allows other railroads - Burlington Northern, Santa Fe and the Texas Mexican Railway Co. to operate on Union Pacific tracks.

The transporation board has the power to give the carrier more time. An emergency order can last up to 270 days, and March 15 will mark half that amount of time. The extension had not been granted as of Tuesday, spokesman Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley said.

At the time, the railroad said the order, which was "directed for the first time in history at a financially viable railroad, was not justified."

Now the carrier says it's too soon to end the order.

The move to extend the order, critics say, is an admission by the carrier that it doesn't know how to relieve the traffic jam.

In the letter to the board, railroad attorney Arvid Roach wrote:

"Though we continue to adhere to those views, we feel that it would not well serve the Board, the shipping public, or the parties to this proceeding to conduct at this particular time a plenary view of the state of Western rail service and of whether further remedial steps" are warranted.

In the letter, the railroad admitted that "service remains impaired in the Houston/Gulf region." Shippers at a recent National Industrial Transportation League meeting agreed, saying in some cases service had worsened.

The railroad's weekly service report to the board shows continuing signs of slowing traffic.

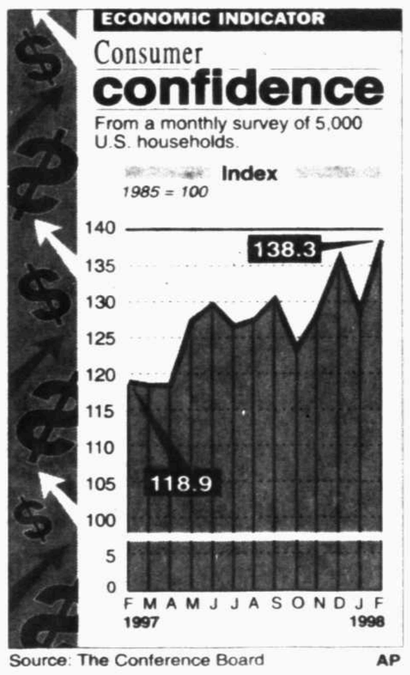
Union Pacific has installed several programs that it says should alleviate the congestion — such as directional running, where all the trains on a track go in a single direction like a one-way street, and joint dispatching with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Since the crisis began last summer, the board has gotten nearly 700 comments, most of them complaints and suggested solutions from shippers.

Spokesman Warren Erdman of Kansas City Southern, which owns 41 percent of Texas Mexican Railway, said even with an extension, the congestion will remain.

"The longer they can put off dealing with a permanent solution, the more time they have to fix their own problems," Erdman said. "The problem is that to permanently fix their problems requires competition in the Houston market, and that's something they don't want."

Consumer confidence jumps to 30-year high



Source: The Conference Board AP

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence surged to a 30-year high in February as Americans' satisfaction with low unemployment and strong domestic growth overshadowed economic turmoil in Asia and political problems at home.

The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence rose to 138.3 in February from a revised 128.3 in January. The index surpassed Wall Street analysts' expectations for the month.

February's results were the highest since October 1968, when it reached 142.3. In February 1969, it was 138.2.

Consumer sentiment is important because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the nation's overall economic activity.

"Neither domestic nor foreign dilemmas are weakening the consumer's faith in the American economy," said Lynn Franco, associate director at The Conference Board, a private research group.

The report comes as economists are praising the unusual combination of strong economic growth and low inflation in the United States.

The consumer confidence index, calculated since 1985 from a base of 100, is derived from responses to questions sent to 5,000 households nationwide. The survey polls consumers on matters ranging from job availability to home-buying plans.

Consumers feel most confident about current economic conditions. The Board-'s present situation index rose from 159.3 to 172.5. The "expectations index," which attempts to measure consumers' level of confidence in the future, rose from 107.7 to 115.6.

"Consumers are ignoring political and military problems, and are really telling us that the labor market is alive and well," said Anthony Chan, vice president and chief economist at Banc One Investment Advisors in Columbus, Ohio.

Consumers said jobs were slightly more plentiful in February than a month ago. Fewer said they had trouble finding employment. More consumers said that business conditions would get better in the future and more expected their incomes to rise in the future.

More consumers said they would buy an automobile, home or major appliance in the next six months, but fewer said they planned a vacation.

BUSINESS SCENE

The Auto Wash, self-service car wash, open for business

By Mella McEwen

THE AUTO WASH has opened for business at 405 N. Midland Drive, across the street from Kmart.

Owner Randy Jones said that his business includes four self-serve car wash bays and one automatic drive-through bay. Also available are fragrances, a vacuum and shampoos. The business is open 24 hours a day.



McEwen

Cost for the self-serve bays starts at $1, with a quarter for each subsequent minute. Cost for the automatic bay ranges from $4 to $7, depending on services chosen.

Jones explained that after founding and then selling several local Smokers Discount stores, he decided that "I've always liked tinkering with my cars, so I decided this would be something good to get into."

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A new **SAS SHOES** store has opened in the North Park Shopping Center, Loop 250 and Midkiff Road.

The inventory includes comfortable shoes for men and women, handbags and a newly introduced line of men's belts.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The store is owned by the Terry Armstrong family of San Antonio.

A grand opening celebration is to be held in the next several weeks.

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Under new ownership is **THE TEA PARTY**, located in Mesa Verde Shopping Center, Neely Avenue and Midland Drive.

New owner Valerie Painter said she will continue to host birthday or special occasion parties for young girls ages 4 to 12 but will also host bridal showers, baby showers or parties for other special occasions.

Parties can be scheduled seven days a week, she said and added that she is already scheduling parties for May and June.

Ms. Painter said she wasn't even looking to buy a business when the opportunity arose. She contacted previous owner Carol Ripplinger seeking a donation for the Sweetheart Ball held by Beta Sigma Phi and Ms. Ripplinger mentioned she was looking to sell the business.

"I got to thinking and decided it was something worth looking into. I called her back, talked with her, decided I liked the price and went down and helped with a few parties to see what she did, what the place was like. I liked it so much I decided I could do this — it would be fun and make a little money, set my own hours. This all happened within three weeks. It was amazing how everything fell into place."

She can be reached at 689-7304.

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The Arts Assembly of Midland will sponsor "KidsAct," a free acting workshop, at Midland Park Mall Saturday.

Pickwick Players from Midland Community Theater will conduct the classes for students in grades one through five and at 7 p.m. all participants will put on a show for parents and friends.

Students in grades six through 12 can attend workshops with the Sound and Fury improvisational group from Los Angeles on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and give an improvisational performance at 5 p.m.

Preregistration will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the Sears Court.

Early voting will take place in the Sears Court Saturday through Friday. Voting will not be held Sunday.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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Cendant	78512	37	–3/16
MedPart	69919	12¾	+1½
Iomega s	67871	9¼	+⅜

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MedPart	12¾	+1½	+13.3
JilinCh	12¾	+1 7/16	+12.7
UtdAuto	16¾	+1⅞	+12.6
vjParagTr	5⅝	+⅝	+12.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TelexChl	2 5/16	–11/16	–22.9
KentEl	21 9/16	–5¾	–21.1
SGL Crb	36⅝	–8 5/16	–14.7
BergBr s	45	–7⅛	–13.7
Avis n	30	–4	–11.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,170
Declined	1,750
Unchanged	565
Total issues	3,485
New Highs	165
New Lows	16
Volume	715,874,810

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	33868	103¼	–1⅜
HanvDir	17825	3⅜	+⅛
Nabors	12777	20½	+⅜
TWA	10489	12⅞	–⅜
RoyalO g	9404	1⅛	–1/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HanvDir	3⅜	+⅛	+21.4
EngyRsh	17¼	+1⅞	+12.2
MidtRs	3	+¼	+9.1
FFP Mk n	3 5/16	+⅝	+8.6
Atlantis	8 5/16	+½	+8.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FarmTel	2⅛	–5/16	–10.9
StrgCmp	7¼	–13/16	–10.1
EXX B	2¾	–¼	–8.3
Bogen wt	2 1/16	–⅜	–8.3
Cabletel g	3	–¼	–7.7

DIARY

Advanced	277
Declined	328
Unchanged	170
Total issues	775
New Highs	17
New Lows	14
Volume	34,476,855

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsft s	295786	82⅛	+½
Intel s	189428	92⅜	–1 13/16
DellCpt s	118122	128 7/16	–2½
Cisco s	96831	64¾	–⅞
WorldCm	88796	37 15/16	–1⅛

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WsteMast	2 17/32	+27/32	+50.0
Wondwre	23⅝	+7⅝	+47.7
Intfrn	7¼	+2 1/16	+39.8
AviGrp wt	2	+9/16	+39.1
EnhanSv n	4½	+1¼	+38.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AdvantB	22¾	–7⅝	–25.1
Advanta	24 1/16	–7⅜	–23.5
PtHeat A	2	–9/16	–22.0
PetcoAn	14	–3½	–20.0
GailHist	2⅝	–9/16	–17.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,891
Declined	2,324
Unchanged	1,467
Total issues	5,682
New Highs	174
New Lows	76
Volume	774,920,500

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
PE: Price-earnings ratio. Derived by dividing closing price by company's earnings per share for the most recent four quarters.
PPE: Projected price-earnings ratio. Derived by dividing closing price by company's projected earnings per share for upcoming 12 months. PPE supplied by I/B/E/S, Institutional Brokers' Estimate System. Is a consensus forecast of all analysts following the company. Only companies with three or more analysts following them have a PPE.
How to use: In general, if PPE is lower than PE, analysts believe earnings will be going up. If PPE is higher, they expect earnings to fall. The numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to judge a company by. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

Tuesday

Div	Name	Last	Chg
.44	ACE Ltd	24⅞	–⅛
1.10	ACMIn	9¾	+⅛
.80	ACM Op	7¾	...
1.10	ACM Sc	7⅞	...
...	ACMSy	3⅝	...

Wednesday

PE	PPE	Name	Last	Chg
8	9	ACE Ltd	24⅞	–⅛
17	19	ACMIn	9¾	+⅛
5	...	ACM Op	7¾	...
12	10	ACM Sc	7⅞	...
4	6	ACMS	3⅝	...

Thursday

Thr	Name	Last	Chg
Abr	ACE Ltd	24⅞	–⅛
ACL	ACMin	9¾	+⅛
ACG	ACM Op	7¾	...
ADF	ACM Sc	7⅞	...
...	ACMSe	3⅝	...

Friday

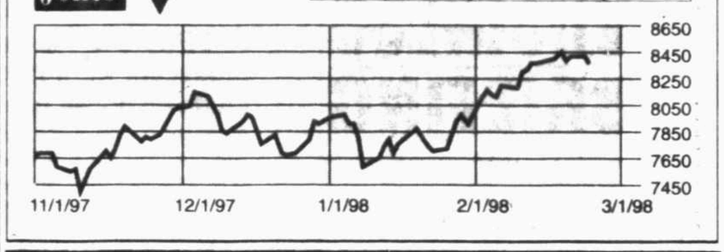
YTD	Name	Last	Chg
+2.3	ACE Ltd	24⅞	–⅛
+0.2	ACMIn	9¾	+⅛
–3.3	ACM Op	7¾	...
–0.2	ACM Sc	7⅞	...
...	ACMSp	3⅝	...

Daily market roundup

February 24, 1998

Dow Jones ▼ 8370.10 -40.10

High	8,457.78	Highest close	8,451.06
Low	8,303.83	*February 18, 1998*	



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
8,451.81	6,356.78	Dow Jones Industrials	8,370.10	–40.10	–.48	+5.84	+18.92
3,605.02	2,311.77	Dow Jones Transportation	3,418.84	–78.67	–2.25	+4.99	+44.16
273.44	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	268.22	–.58	–.22	–1.78	+16.93
538.89	387.12	NYSE Composite	534.82	–3.59	–.67	+4.82	+25.68
723.03	541.02	Amex Index	687.50	–1.58	–.23	+.42	+14.59
1,751.77	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,738.71	–13.05	–.75	+10.72	+29.01
1,038.68	733.54	S&P 500	1,030.56	–7.58	–.73	+6.20	+26.90
466.21	248.65	Russell 2000	454.30	–1.99	–.44	+3.95	+23.86
9,895.57	7,059.97	Wilshire 5000	9,834.35	–61.21	–.62	+5.77	+26.93

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PE PPE Name Last Chg

A-B-C

28 ... AAR s 30⅛ –7/16
... ABN Am n 22 15/16
13 15 ACE Ltd 99⅜ –1⅛
... ACMIn 11⅜
... ACM Sc 10 3/16 +1/16
... ACMSp 6 11/16 –1/16
41 29 ACNiels u25 15/16 –⅛
38 24 AES Cp s 42 ...
23 19 AFLAC 61 7/16 +⅛
10 8 AGCO 28½ +1/16
16 15 AGL Res 20⅜ ...
8 9 AK Steel s 18⅜ +1/16
... 52 AMF n 24½ +1/2
16 ... AMLI Rs 22 11/16 –⅛
12 10 AMR 124⅜ –2¼
41 17 ARCOCh46 5/16 + 1/16
... ... ASA Ltd 20 3/16 –5/16
22 19 AT&T 62 –¾
... ... AxA UAPu48⅛ –
13/16
13 8 Aames 12⅛ –1/4
... 24 AbtLab 74 13/16 –1/8
53 30 AberFitch34⅞ –
1 3/16
... Abitibi g 13⅞ –3/16
30 21 AccuSht 28½ +1/16
... 19 AckGrp 19¾ –
1 11/16
25 18 Acuson 18⅛ –1/8
... ... AdeAx 25¾ –3/16
... 51 Adminstf 39¾ –1/4
... ... AdvCmG n14¼ ...
... 34 AMD 20 11/16 –1/16
21 16 Advolnc u24 11/16 +⅜
13 10 AeroVick 57¾ –3/16
15 19 Aetna Inc 86 13/16 –
1 5/16
34 23 AffCmpSv33¾ ...
... ... Agnum g 13 5/16 +1/16
16 15 Ahmans81 15/16 +1/16
21 18 AirProd 84 13/16 –2⅛
15 15 AirPrFt s 37 5/16 –⅞
47 23 Airgas 17¾ +¾
55 41 AirTouch43 1/16 +1/16
... ... AlaP pfBu25¾ + 3/16
... ... AlaP pfC25 9/16
... ... AlaP adj pf25⅛ ...
... ... AlaPC pfQ25 7/16 –
1 5/16
15 13 AlskAir 53 –2⅞
17 15 Albemar 23⅞ –1/4
20 ... AlbCuiA 26½ –1/4
24 21 Albertsn 48⅜ –⅞
14 10 Alcan 30 –1/4
... ... Alcatel 25 3/16 –1/16
13 13 AlldEnrgy30 5/16 –9/16
16 13 AlliedTeldy26 7/16 +
1/16
20 13 AllenTel 17 7/16 –1/4
18 18 Allergn 35 1/16 –5/16
33 16 AlnGapu49 9/16 –1/8
... ... AlWrld2 14 –1/16
... ... AldGrp s 31⅛ ...
21 17 AldSgnl s41 7/16 –5/8
16 15 AlmrFn 60¾ –3/16
19 19 Alltel 43⅝ –1/4
58 10 Alumax 34⅞ –7/8
15 12 Alcoa 70 13/16 +1/16
... 25 Alza 36⅞ –1/16
... ... AmaxG 2 9/16 ...
17 15 AmbacF s 53 1/16 +5/16
... ... AmbssApt20 5/16 ...
84 34 AmHes 57 5/16 +1/16
14 14 Ameren n 38½ ...
... 83 AmOnline119 1/16 –
4 13/16
14 12 AmWest 23½ +7/8
23 21 ABankrs s 55 7/16 –
3/16
15 14 AEP 48¾ –3/16
21 18 AmExp 87⅜ –1⅜
27 14 AGenCp s 58 3/16 +1/4
17 ... AGnHosp27 7/16 –3/16
47 17 AGreet u45 3/16 –
29 24 AHome 89 11/16 –
1 13/16
25 22 AmIntG s 118 3/16 –
3/16
... ... AOlF 6½
... ... ASelPort 12¼ +1/4
34 14 AmStd 42 7/8 –13/16
28 18 AmStor s 24 7/8 –3/16
... ... AmSP31 11/16 ...
73 30 AlWste 35⅝ –1/8
20 19 AmWtr 29⅛ ...
18 13 Amercrd 27¼ –1/8
... ... AmericTc 2 3/16 –1/32
30 20 AmeriSrc 60 3/16 –
3 3/16
20 17 Ameritch s41 3/16 –
1 1/16
... 13 AmerUs32 13/16 –3/8
18 15 Ametek n 27⅛ –1/4
17 17 Amoco 83¼ –1/16
21 18 AMP 43 –1/16
20 18 AmSouth s55 13/16 –
7/8
15 21 AmwyAs 21⅞ –1/2
35 32 Anadrk 62 9/16 –1/4
22 19 Analog 31⅜ –1 1/4
20 18 Anheus 46⅝ –1/8
... 15 Anixter 16⅞ –1/4
27 17 AnnTayl 14⅛ –1/8
... ... Annaly n 10 1/16 ...
35 18 Aon Cp s 58 9/16 + 1/16
19 21 Apache33 1/16 ...
34 ... Aptinv 36⅛ –3/16
... 10 ApexMrt n12 13/16 –1/8
17 12 Apldmtl s23 7/16 –9/16
... 13 ApplMg 11 5/16 –1/16
... 9 ArcadiaFn7 3/16 +5/16
28 16 ArchDan 22¼ +1/8
... 20 ArdenRlt28 7/16 –1/16
... ... Argentar 36 –3/16
9 8 Armco 5¼ +1/4
... ... Armc pfB 48½ +1/4
16 12 ArmWl 73 5/16 –7/16
21 14 ArrowEl s 32⅝ –7/8
21 13 Arvin 39 3/16 –1/16
6 ... Asarco 21 7/8 –3/16
... ... Ashanti 8½
18 14 Ashland 54 9/16 –1/16
... ... AsiaPc 8¾ –1/16
... ... AsiaPR 1⅞ +1/16
... 16 AsiaPtp 12 –5/16
24 ... AsdEstat 21½ +3/16
27 22 AscFCap 79½ +⅝
... ... AstraA s 19 15/16 +1/8
13 16 AtlRich s 74 7/16 +½
22 14 AtlasAir 28⅞ –1/4
33 16 ATMOS 28½ ...
... ... AustNZ 32¾ ...
+1 5/16
... 13 Autoliv n 29⅞ –7/16
... ... ACES Tr n23 9/16 –
7/16
32 27 AutoDt 59 15/16 –1 1/16
22 17 AutoZone29 5/16 –7/16
22 ... AvalonPr28 3/16 –7/16
26 22 AveryD 50⅛ –
2 1/16
... 11 9 Avnall 14 9/16 –5/16
18 24 Avnet 60⅞ –⅞
13 12 Avnet 80⅝ –⅞
28 24 Avon 71¾ +1⅛
... 51 Aztar 8⅛ –5/16
23 18 BB&T Cp 62 –5/16
... ... BCE g s 34¾ –3/16
... ... BEA Inco 8⅝ +1/16
... 20 BJ's s 31⅜ +1/16
... 16 BJs Wh nu33¾ +1/4
... 14 BMC 20⅛ +1/4
... 17 15 BakrHu 35 7/16 –13/16
... 19 15 Ball 32¼ ...
... 23 19 Ballard 25¼ +1/16
... 18 13 BaltGE 31¼ +⅛
... 28 15 BancOne56 3/16 –1⅜
... 45 ... BcoBilV su45 1/16
+ 9/16
... 11 ... BcLatn 40¼ +⅜
... ... BcoRioP n12 15/16 –⅛
... ... BcSantCh12¾ +⅛
... 34 ... BcoSant s45 1/16 –9/16
... ... BkTokyo 13⅝ –⅜
... 21 18 BkNY 56 13/16 +1/16
... 17 15 BankAm s74 13/16
+ 15/16
... 17 15 BkAtlA s 13 ...
... 17 15 BkBost 98⅝ –1
... 15 13 BankTr113 11/16
+1⅜
... 28 17 Bard 35⅛ –1/16
... 40 28 BarrNbl s 32⅞ +1/2
... 28 31 BarrettRs 28 1/4 +3/16
... ... BarrickG17 11/16 –5/16
... 13 ... BarryHG 13¼ –1/4
... ... BattlMt 5⅜
... 50 18 BauschL44 13/16 –5/8
... 53 21 Baxter 55¾ –1 1/16
... ... BayNtwk 31 –⅝
... 10 11 BearSt 44 13/16
+2 3/16
... 18 23 BcIdns 48½ –5/16
... 24 22 BectDk 84¼ –13/16
... ... BeijYan n 9⅛ +1 1/4
... 18 16 Bell&Hw27 11/16 –5/16
... 30 16 BellAt 88 9/16 –5/8
... 31 19 BellSo 59⅛ +9/16
... 39 32 BeloAH 54¾ –5/16
... 20 20 BenefCpu115½ +3/16
... ... BengtB 5 3/32
... 14 46 BentonOG 12 –5/16
... 29 21 BergEls 26⅝ –⅜
... 21 21 BergBr s 45 –7/16
... 54 ... BerkHa Au54900 –
700
... ... BerkRty 11 7/16 –1/8
... 18 15 BerryP 15 13/16 –1/8
... 65 25 BestBuy 55 3/4 –13/16
... 37 23 Bestfoods 106 1/16 –⅞
... 9 11 BethSt 11 9/16 –⅞
... 26 18 Beverly n14 3/16 +⅛
... 17 18 Bindly 29 15/16 –⅞
... ... Biovail 38½ +3/16
... 21 18 BlackD 49⅞ –13/16
... 14 14 BlkHlCp31 11/16 –15/16
... ... Blk1998 9¾
... ... Blk2001 8⅝ –1/16
... ... BlkIT 7 3/16 +1/16
... ... BlkMTar 11¼ –1/16
... ... BlkStr 8 11/16 +1/16
... ... BlkTT 9⅝
... 52 23 BlckHR 45 –1/2
... 17 10 Bluegreen 4⅞
... ... 20 Boeing s50 5/16 –⅜
... ... 27 BoiseC 33⅜ –5/16
... ... 24 Bombay 5 –5/16
... 53 14 BordCh 7⅞
... 38 26 Borders s 31⅞ –13/16
... 14 15 BostEd 38 9/16 –⅛
... ... BostPrp n 35 +⅛
... 50 26 BostSc 55 13/16 +1/2
... 39 15 Bowatr 49⅛ –⅞
... 18 13 BoxHill n 10⅞ –3/16
... ... Brahma n14 15/16 + 1/16
... ... 21 BredTch20 13/16 –1/16
... 21 12 BrigStrat44 3/16 –1/16
... 22 19 Brinker 20⅜ ...
... 32 27 BrMySq100 9/16
+ 1/16
... 19 ... BritA 95+1/16
... ... BritPet s 79 7/16 +1/16
... 4 ... BritSt 24¼ +3/4
... 20 ... BritTel 98 1/16 –13/16
... 11 ... BHP 19 –1/16
... 20 ... BrwnFA 51¾ +1/4
... 21 ... BrwnFB54 9/16 –1/4
... ... BrwnGp14 13/16 –1/16
... 23 16 BrwnFr 31 15/16 +5/16
... ... BrnFAC 31 3/16 +5/16
... 21 12 Brunswick31 1/16 –
1/16
... 32 16 BudgetGp32 7/16 –
2 3/16
... 11 10 BurlCoat s14 5/16 ...
... 15 11 BurlInds 15⅞ –1/8
... 18 13 BurlNSF 99¼ +1/4
... 24 23 BrlRsc 42 3/16 –3/16
... 6 ... BurlRsCl 9 3/16 –1/16
... 7 ... BurnPP 14⅞ –1/16
... 9 ... CANTV 34⅛ –5/16
... 37 90 CBS 30¾ –1/4
... 12 12 CIGNA177 9/16 +15/16
... ... CIGHt 8 9/16 –1/16
... 16 15 CIT Gp n 30¾ –1/4
... 43 26 CKE Rst 41 3/4 +11/16
... 23 18 CMAC Inv069¼ +1
... 23 ... CMI Cp 47 3/16 –5/16
... ... CML Gp 15 5/16 –1/16
... 17 15 CMS Eng43 5/16 –1/4
... 19 14 CNF Tran41¼ –
4 13/16
... ... CNF Tr pf 61½ –3
... 16 13 CSX 57 –⅞
... ... 29 CVS Corp73 9/16 –
9/16
... ... CablWreu33 5/16 –3/8
... ... CabotOil 21½ –⅛
... 25 20 CablDsg su31 11/16 –
1/16
... 19 16 Crane Cou47 7/16
+13/16
... ... Credicp s16 3/16 –1/2
... 27 ... CresRE s 33⅞ +1/8
... ... CresRE pfu24¾
+5/16
... 20 17 Crestar 54 5/16 –⅜
... 13 ... CriminMa15 11/16 ...
... 24 19 CrimpKnl30 5/16 –1/16
... 25 26 CrosTbr s22 1/16 –1/4
... 14 ... CrosTim16 11/16
+ 9/16
... 25 18 CwnCork53 7/16 –5/16
... 30 22 Cryolite 14¼ +¾
... 21 18 CullnFr 56⅝ –¾
... 39 28 CullgnWtr 56 –⅜
... 10 9 CumEng s6 7/16 –⅛
... 42 22 CypSem 9¾ –1/16
... 29 ... Cyprus 15¾ ...
... 21 18 Cytec 49 1/16 + 7/16
... ... D-E-F
... 15 15 DPL s 18⅝ ...
... 21 15 DR Hortonu22 13/16 –
1/16
... 33 19 DSP Com15 3/16 –1/4
... 13 13 DTE 36 13/16 –1/2
... 16 15 DainRaus59 3/16 –7/16
... 21 17 DalSem46 13/16 –
1/16
... 18 12 DanRivr n15 7/16 +1/16
... 16 14 DanaCp 55 7/16 –7/8
... 28 24 Danaher u72 –
+1 5/16
... 55 17 Daniel 18 +5/16
... ... 19 Darden 13¾ –1/8
... 18 20 DataGn 19 7/16 –1 7/16
... 7 ... Datapt 2¾ –1/16
... 26 20 DaytHud75 3/16 –1
... 22 19 DeanFd 53½ +5/8
... ... DWGI 8 11/16 ...
... ... DebtStrt n10 11/16 ...
... 14 12 Deere 55 3/16 –13/16
... 80 70 DeklbGn s66 1/2 +3/8
... 11 11 DelphFn 42⅝ +5/8
... ... 36 DeltPne su33 9/16 –
1/16
... 9 9 DeltaAr 113¾ –3
... 60 14 Deluxe 33⅞ –1/4
... 21 33 Denbury 17¾ –1/4
... 15 15 Dept56 30 15/16 –⅝
... 25 22 DepGty 55⅞ –9/16
... 21 19 Deputy 26⅜ ...
... ... DescSA 27 9/16 ...
... 17 15 Dexter 41¼ –1 1/16
... 24 21 Dial 21 9/16 +1/8
... 22 13 DiaOffs s 42⅞ +1/8
... 30 24 Diebold 52⅝ –1⅞
... 38 19 Digital 60 3/16 –5/8
... 16 13 Dillards 36⅝ –
2 1/16
... 27 18 DimeBcp30 5/16 –7/16
... 21 13 Dimon 17½ +3/16
... 39 33 Disney111 15/16 –2 1/8
... 27 17 Dole 54⅝ +3/16
... 48 35 DollarG su45 3/16 –⅝
... 24 14 DollarTh n23 1/16 –
1 1/16
... 19 13 DomRes 40¾ –1/4
... ... 7 DmRsBW 21¾ –3/8
... 13 15 DonLu 80⅝ –1/16
... ... DKaran 11¾ +1/4
... 24 20 Donlley 39¼ –1/2
... 21 19 Dover s 36 15/16 –1/16
... 14 14 DowCh 87 3/16 –
1 1/16
... 33 33 DowJns 50⅞ –1/4
... 12 11 Dravo 10⅜ –1/4
... 20 16 Dressr 37 11/16 +⅝
... ... DryStG 9¾
... ... DryStr 10 1/16 –1/16
... 31 23 DrilQuip n 27 –¾
... 26 15 DuPont s 58⅝ –¾
... ... DuaneR n21 5/16 +1/16
... ... DufPUtil 10⅝ –1/16
... ... DufPUC 14⅜ –1/4
... 22 16 DukeEngy54 1/16 –⅝
... ... DukeRlt s22 11/16 +1/16
... 18 16 DunBrd 32½ –5/16
... 9 9 Dynatech47 13/16 –1 1/16
... ... DynexC s12 7/16 –1/8
... ... EAInds 5 13/16 –3/16
... ... 64 EEX Cp 7 11/16 –3/16
... 36 21 EGG u26 7/16 ...
... 35 26 EMC s 36¾ –⅞
... ... ENI 57 15/16 –⅜
... 83 12 EVI Inc s 42 3/4 –1/16
... 27 21 Earthgr s43 3/16 –1/8
... 13 14 EastUtil 23 15/16 +⅛
... 18 16 EastChm 63 7/8 +1/8
... ... 15 EKodak 65 –⅜
... 16 13 Eaton 94 +½
... 24 20 Echlin 51¾ +1/8
... 28 24 Ecolab s28 5/16 –⅛
... 15 14 Edsonint26 13/16 –1/8
... 16 15 Edwards s 42 ...
... 20 17 ElPasNG64 11/16 –1/2
... 37 ... Elan 58⅝ +1/8
... 24 18 Elcor s u27½ +⅜
... 20 29 EDS 43¼ –5/16
... 28 ... ElfAqut 53⅝ –1 3/16
... ... ElfOv pfB25⅞ ...
... ... EmgMkt 11⅜ ...
... 24 21 EmrsnEl62 7/16 –⅜
... 16 15 EmpDist 20¾ –¼
... ... EEICh le17 13/16 –3/16
... ... Empire 11⅞ +5/16
... 18 ... Endesa s22 1/16 +⅜
... ... EnrgyGp 51¼ +1/2
... ... Enersis 28½ –2 5/16
... 38 14 EnglCp 17 7/16 +1/16
... 13 12 Enova 25½ –1/4
... ... 19 Enron 44⅜ –⅝
... ... EnrLLC pf25⅛ ...
... 26 23 EnrnOG 20 1/16 +5/16
... 17 10 ENSCO s 28⅛ –⅞
... 18 11 Entergy 29 +1/16
... ... EntLC pfA25 1/16 ...
... ... EntCT pfS25 1/16 –1/16
... ... 11 EnterPT n19⅝ –1/4
... 27 23 Equifax 34⅜ +5/8
... 21 16 EqtCos 51⅞ –1/16
... 20 ... EqtyInn 15⅜ –3/16
... ... EqOffPT n28 1/16 –
1 1/16
... ... EqtyRsd 49 –1/2
... 17 ... EssexPT 32⅜ –⅜
... 35 29 EsteeLdr 57½ –
1 3/16
... 26 21 EthanAl s 54½ –1⅞
... 11 10 Ethyl 7⅞ +1/8
... ... EurWtFd s17 3/16 –1/4
... 13 12 EverestRe38 3/16 +⅝
... 25 13 ExcelCm 18⅝ +⅞
... 16 ... ExcelRl 32 +¼
... 8 14 Exel u65⅝ –1
... 30 12 ExideCp21 11/16 –3/16
... 44 ... ExtStayA 14 ...
... 19 21 Exxon s 62¾ +1/4
... ... FAC Rlty u87⅛ +5/16
... 17 14 FDX Corp 65 –1
... 16 16 FPL Gp 58 11/16 –5/16
... 26 21 Fairisc 35¾ +1⅞
... 29 23 FamDlr s 35 –1/16
... 22 19 FanniMae63 1/4 –1⅜
... ... 8 Farah 5 11/16 +1/2
... 31 19 FedMog 49 3/16 –3/16
... 22 ... FedRlty 25 –3/16
... 18 16 FedSignl23 5/16 ...
... 21 16 FedrDS 47 11/16 –⅜
... ... FdDS wtC23 9/16 –3/8
... 22 ... FelCor 35¾ +1/16
... 15 ... Ferro s u26 9/16 –⅜
... 12 16 FideliFin 28½ –1/2
... 7 ... FifaHold22 11/16 –5/16
... 18 15 Fingerht 25¾ –⅜
... 23 19 Finova s 56 +5/16
... 22 21 FirstAm s 76¼ –1
... 15 14 FAFncl su56 1/16
+1 7/16
... 25 15 FstBrnd 25¼ –3/16
... 17 15 FChiNBD81 5/16 –
1 11/16
... 42 20 FstData 33¼ +1/4
... 22 ... FstInRt 36⅝ +½
... 17 ... FstUtC s 51 9/16 –3/4
... 48 ... FUnRl 11 15/16 +3/16
... 20 18 FtVaBk s49 13/16 +1⅜
... 21 18 Firstar 41 13/16 –1/16
... 15 12 FirstEngy 28¾ –1/4
... 11 ... Firstplus 32 3/16 –2⅜
... 19 15 FleetFnc 78⅞ –
1 15/16
... 17 15 FleetEn 44 +1/8
... 14 14 Fleming 17¾ +1/4
... ... FletFD 7 9/16 –1/16
... 69 14 FlaProg 38 11/16 –1/16
... 33 24 Flowers s 25¼ –7/16
... 25 14 Flowserv31 15/16 +⅝
... 28 18 Fluor 46 15/16 +5/16
... 19 16 Foodmk 18 13/16 –⅜
... 21 14 ForcenrgI21 15/16 –1
... ... 10 ForgM 54 5/16 –1 1/16
... ... 16 FtJames43 11/16 –⅜
... 64 22 FortuneBr38 13/16
+ 3/16
... ... 11 FostWh 25⅜ –1/2
... ... 10 FoundHS25 1/16 –⅛
... ... FourSH g 35 –⅛
... ... FrkPr 9⅝ –1/16
... 28 22 FrankRs s51 7/16 –
1 11/16
... 33 26 FMeyer s 41⅝ +3/16
... 21 21 FredMac47 1/16 –2
... 13 ... FMCG At3 7/16 –
... ... 22 FMCG 13⅞ +1/16
... ... FM RoyT 2 1/16 ...
... ... FM Sul n 13¾ –⅞
... 18 15 Fremntu57 11/16 +1 1/16
... ... FresenM 24½ –⅞
... 19 11 FDellMnt n15¾ +1/16
... 83 22 FrontrCp 27⅜ +1/16
... 12 12 Frntrins s23 11/16 –1/4
... 18 15 FrutL 30½ +9/16
... 23 18 FumBrds 27 –1/8
... ... G-H-I
... ... 14 GATX 77¼ –
1 11/16
... 14 12 GPU 40⅞ –1/16
... 4 ... GRC Int 6 9/16 ...
... 18 17 GTE 53⅜ –11/16
... ... Gabelli 11 15/16 –1/8
... ... GabGloM 9¼ +1/8
... ... GabRsd 26½ –1/16
... ... GabRlt pfA25 9/16
+1/16
... 14 10 Gainsco 8⅜ +1/8
... 31 22 Galileo n u39 +1/2
... 13 14 Gallagrn39 11/16 +⅞
... ... Gallaher n 24 ...
... ... 16 Galoob 8⅜ ...
... 25 22 Gannett s63 5/16 +7/16
... 37 29 Gap s u44 7/8
+1 3/16
... 58 19 Gate2000 s41 1/4 –
2 1/16
... 27 ... GayEnt n32 1/4 +⅜
... 66 56 Genentc 66 7/8 –3/16
... ... GAInv 27 +1/8
... 18 15 GnCable n40 5/16 +1/4
... 12 9 GenCigr d15 1/4 –7/16
... ... GnData 4 1/8 –5/16
... 17 16 GenDyn85 13/16 –⅛
... 31 27 GenElec s76 3/4 –15/16
... 28 Geninst n 18 –5/16
... 30 20 GnMill 72 5/16 –1/2
... 8 9 GnMotr 68 1/2
+2 3/16
... ... 13 GM Hn 39 3/4 +11/16
... 18 16 GenRe 213 1/2 –1 1/2
... 13 13 GenSemi n14 7/16
+13/16
... 15 14 GenSignl39 9/16 +1/8
... 15 12 Gensco 13½
... 21 13 GensisE19 5/16 –5/8
... 21 15 GenesisH28 3/8 –13/16
... 20 19 GnRad 28¾ –13/16
... 19 17 GenuPrt su36⅞
+ 9/16
... 22 14 Geon Co20 9/16 –1/16
... 14 13 GaGulf 32 15/16 +⅛
... ... 23 GaPcGP s58 1/4 –1/16
... 10 15 GaPTrn n23 5/16 +1/16
... 43 35 Gillette 106 7/16 –
1 13/16
... 29 ... GlaxoWel 55 1/2 –
6 15/16
... 27 ... GlenRT 29 1/4
... ... GlenRT pf26 9/16 +1/16
... 20 ... GlimchRt 22 +3/16
... ... GlobHi 14 ...
... 46 8 GlobIndl15 11/16 ...
... 12 10 GlobM 21 9/16 –3/16
... 23 18 GoldStBc36 1/16 –⅜
... ... GoldSt pfA8 7/16 ...
... 14 13 GldWF 88 3/16 –11/16
... ... GoodrPet ¼
... ... GolfTrst 28⅞
... ... GrnStCA12 13/16 –3/16
... 13 ... GreyWolf 4 1/16 +1/16
... ... GreythngL 4 3/16 +1/16
... 8 ... HalEP 71/8 ...
... ... HalEPC 9 5/16 ...
... ... Halsey 3 1/4 +1/16
... 21 15 HalterM s 19 –9/16
... 52 20 HangOr 13½ –⅜
... 10 HanovC un19 3/16 –3/8
... ... HanvDir 3 3/16 +9/16
... ... Harken 6 1/8 –1/16
... 34 17 Hasbro s 35 1/16 –⅞
... ... HawAir 3¼ –1/16
... ... HeartInd 15 1/8 +1/16
... ... Hearx 1 1/16 ...
... 10 ... HectorCm9 11/16 +5/16
... 47 36 Heco s u34 1/16 +3/16
... ... HelmCap 1 3/16 ...
... ... Hemispx 3 13/16 ...
... ... Hmsph wt1 5/16 –1/16
... 53 ... HiShearT 21 7/16 ...
... ... HighIdInc 14 1/16 –1/16
... 15 9 HollyCp 26⅝ –1/8
... 40 19 HomestVil 14 3/8 –1/4
... ... Hondo d6 –1/4
... 29 24 HooperH s17 7/16 –1/16
... 64 18 HospWrde12 3/16 –
3/16
... ... 12 HovnEn 9⅝ –1/16
... ... 34 Identix 9 7/16 ...
... ... 9 ImpacC n18 1/16 –1/16
... 11 8 ImpacM s16 5/16 –1 1/16
... 11 ... ImpHly 9 –3/16
... ... ImpOil g 58 5/16 +3/16
... 27 ... Infocure nu14 3/8 +1
... 29 ... Instron 17 –1/2
... ... IntegTc 1 5/16 ...
... ... IntrMagn 9 5/16 +1/16
... ... IntlComfrt 8¼ +1/16
... ... Intrsystm 2 +1/16
... ... IonLaser 2¼ +1/16
... ... IvaxCp 8½ +3/16
... ... JTS Corp 1½ ...
... 18 12 JanBell 3½ –1/16
... 7 ... Jetronic 2 3/16 ...
... 28 ... KV Ph A 24¼ –5/16
... ... Kafus gn 4 11/16 +1/16
... 64 43 Keane 43¼ –
... ... KY FstB 13¾ ...
... 15 10 KeyEng 17 –1/4
... ... KingPwr n3 5/16 +3/16
... 24 ... KogrEq 22¼ +1/16
... ... LXRBiot 2 3/16 –1/16
... 17 15 MyersInd 20 +¼
... ... NTNCom ¾ ...
... 16 14 Morgan 116 ...
+3 1/16
... ... 17 Mortnint n33 7/16 +1/16
... 24 20 MotivePwr26 1/2 +3/16
... 30 19 Motorola 57⅝ –2⅞
... ... Munlyld 16 1/2 ...
... ... MuNY2 14 11/16 –3/16
... 16 19 MurpO 48½ +3/16
... 22 18 MusicLd 8 15/16 ...
... 27 22 MutRisk su31 3/16 –1/8
... 30 20 Mylan 20 3/16 +3/16
... 24 NCR Cp 31 3/16 –⅜
... 32 21 NFO Ww s 18 ...
... 24 16 NGC Cp 15 3/16 –1/16
... 17 NIPSCO s25 5/16 +1/16
... 12 8 NS Grp 13½ –1/16
... ... NSP F pf26 3/16 –
1 1/16
... 28 27 NabiscH 44 11/16 –3/8
... 18 16 Naico 38 13/16 –3/8
... ... NtAust un28 1/4 –1/8
... ... 7 NatAutoC1 13/16 –1/8
... 18 16 NatlCity 64 5/16 –⅝
... 26 20 NData 39 5/8 –13/16
... 16 15 NatlFGs 46 3/8 –1/8
... 26 17 NatlOilwl s26 5/16 +1/4
... 35 14 NtSemi 22 3/4 –5/16
... 35 22 NtlSvin 53

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PE	PPE	Name	Last	Chg
		A-B-C		
55	41	ABR Inf	26 7/16	-2 9/16
85	40	ACC Cp	50¼	+1/16
12		ACR	2 13/32	-1/32
26	21	ADC Tel	24 7/16	
14	9	ADECp	18¼	-1/2
19	12	ADFlex	18 11/16	-13/16
		ADM Tr	1/4	
	17	APACT	14⅜	-5/16
		vjAPS Hld	1 9/32	+9/32
22	17	ASA Hold	33 13/16	-⅜
		ASM Lith	s 85¾	+4⅜
		ATC Com	1 9/32	-1/32
35	24	AavidTh	34 3/16	+1 3/16
		Abacan	17⅜	-9/32
	14	**AbleTel**	8½	
		Abraxas	10¼	-11/32
		AccentS	11/16	-1/32
45	28	AccesHlt	37	-1¼
	15	Acclaim	4 9/16	
45	22	ActPerf	36¼	-¼
25	16	Activisn	13 5/16	
33	26	Actrade	13 15/16	-1 3/16
26	18	AdacLb	23⅞	+⅜
	12	Adaptec	23½	+⅜
		Adelph h	24 1/8	-2¼
17	16	AdobeSy	41 3/4	-2 3/32
		AdrianR	⅞	-1/16
31	23	Adtran	31½	-1⅛
60	36	AdvFCm	28⅞	-1½
		AdvRdio n	12½	+5/16
		AdvTaes	11⅜	-⅜
18		Advanta	28⅛	-7⅛
15		AdvantB	22⅜	-7⅛
		AdvtRst n	9 7/16	
		Affymet	30 9/16	+11/16
	31	Agourn s	37 5/16	-1 1/16
47	31	AgriBio	15⅜	-1/16
	24	AirTran	5⅜	-1/16
79	18	Akorn	4¾	-⅜
		Akzo	u100⅜	+1⅞
15	16	Albank	48½	+1/4
16	17	AlexBld	28¼	
		Alkerm	22⅝	-1
		AlkAFG	5/32	-1/32
		AlianPh	9	+⅞
	21	AlinSem	5 5/16	-3/16
17	15	AldCap	22 9/16	+1/4
36	22	AldWste	20½	+⅞
		AlpMic	14 5/64	-1/64
26		AltaGld	13⅜	
		Altaon	11 9/16	+7/16
28	22	Altera	37 11/16	-1⅞
26	18	AltResc	23	-⅜
		Amazon nu	64⅞	
		AmChmp n	9 5/16	+11/16
		ACOmS	11¼	+1/4
		AminPt wt	27/32	-1/16
		AminPt	32 1/32	-3/32
36	24	AMS	26⅜	-5/16
61	11	AmOilDv	11	+⅜
34	24	AOncol	16¼	
23	18	APwrCnv	28 15/16	-13/16
27		ASoft	7 5/16	-3/16
16	9	AmesDS	15½	+¾
23	18	**Amgen**	53	-
1	7/16			
	16	Amnex	23⅜	-1/8
21	14	Amresco	31 11/16	+1 1/16
		Amylin	5	-1/16
15	38	Anadigc	15 9/32	-1 1/16
41	30	Analysts s	33 7/8	-1/8
27	19	Andrew s	28	-1 7/32
	43	AndrxCp	31 5/8	+15/16
		Angelon	2 9/16	-1/32
26		AnikaTh	9¼	+1/8
34	27	ApexPC	27 7/16	+13/16
60	44	ApolloG	41 13/16	-3/16
	19	AppleC	21 5/16	+1/16
19	20	AppISou	13⅞	-1/16
15	13	Applebee	22 1/16	+⅜
73	37	AppGrph	60 1/4	+2 3/32

20	22	ApldMat s	36	-
1	5/16			
	60	ArQule	22⅛	-⅞
36	32	ArbrDrg s	23⅜	-⅛
	33	ArtVasc	7⅜	+⅜
		Artsft	2¼	
	29	Ascend	35 11/16	-1 1/16
		AshtnT	2	+⅛
	55	AspctDev	45 5/16	-25/32
38	27	AspenTc s	41	-1¼
18	16	AstoriaF	54½	-1⅜
		Astrpwr n	7 3/16	-1/16
	16	AsystTch s	27 5/16	-
1	7/32			
		AtHome nu	36 5/16	
+2	3/8			
	14	Atmel	16⅞	-3/16
58	34	AtriaCo	u20⅞	+7/16
		AuraSy	3 1/32	-1/16
		AurorBio n	10¾	+1/8
	22	Auspex	9 15/16	+3/16
	21	Autodesk	43⅜	-7/16
		Autoimu	2 13/16	+5/16
59	10	Avanti	14 3/16	+9/32
30	21	AvndTch	32⅞	+1/8
15	13	Avndle	27 15/16	-1/16
16	12	AwrdSft	9¾	+1/16
		Aware	13	
	27	AxentT	21 1/16	-1/2
		AxySPhm	9	
21	14	BE Aero	28 15/16	-9/16
	65	BEA Sys	n23 9/16	
1	21/32			
53	29	BMC Soft	74½	-2
		BOSLtd	5 7/16	-1/16
		Baan s	44 7/16	-3/8
	74	BallyTot	n26 13/16	-1/4
20	13	BankPlus	13½	-3/8
28		BnkUtd	14⅝	+1/4
45	34	BedBath	42 5/16	-9/16
	20	BellSpt	8⅞	-3/16
22	17	Bellweth	9⅜	+1/8
	29	Bill Info s	28⅞	-13/16
		BioPhar s	21 9/16	-9/16
		Biocrtrl	5 3/32	
37	24	Biogen	43¾	-⅜
30		Biomatr	33	-1¼
29	24	Biomet	29¾	
30	21	BioToG	8 7/16	+1/16
	25	Borlnd	9 1/16	+1/16
		BostChk	7 15/16	+7/32
	43	BostnCom	84 3/64	+4 5/64
		Boundless	5 5/64	+1 1/64
20		BradPhm	27 1/16	+9/32
		BrassieG	½	-1/16
6	9	Brauns	10⅝	+1/2
35	24	Brightpt s	18½	-1 1/16
		BroadVis	13⅞	-13/16
	25	BrodSft	25¼	-¾
68	27	Brooktrl	15 9/16	+⅜
44	**39**	**BrownTom**	**18½**	**-1/8**
17	14	Buffets	10 15/16	-⅜
32	23	BurrBr su	40 15/16	-1 1/16
76		BusnObj	12 15/16	-9/16
18	16	C-CUBE	20 11/16	-1 1/16
		C2i Sol n	6⅛	
		C2i Sol wt	1⅜	
		CDnow n	20	-1½
15	15	CHS El s	19⅜	
		CNET	37⅞	+1
14	**11**	**CNS**	6⅛	
	22	CalMic	20 9/16	+5/16
		Calypte	5	+1/16
79	44	CambTch	45⅛	-1
16	14	Candies	6¾	+3/32
		CapAuto n	17	
		CptlBcv wt	1	-1/16
54	10	CarGrpt	30⅝	-1/16
		CasMagic	1 15/16	-1/32
		Casmyn n	9/32	-1/32
11		CastleEn u	16⅜	+7/16
		CellNet	8¾	-1/16
		CellexB	1 9/16	-1/16

17	12	Cellstar s	29 9/32	+1/16
	8	CellTch	21/32	
47	17	CentHlth n	22 1/2	-1/2
	64	Centocor	36 15/16	-1/16
29	24	CenGardn	34	+1/16
		CentraSft	h1 9/32	-1/16
		Cephlin	11⅝	+3/16
45	30	Cerner	20¼	
		ChancMd	s42	
		Chantal	1/16	+1/32
27	14	ChtOneF	60 11/16	-⅜
		ChatCom	15/32	-3/32
32	22	Chattm	u20⅝	+1
39		ChkPnt n	41¾	-1/2
		Checkers	1 1/32	-1/32
		ChkFree	24 3/16	-⅜
	22	ChkRex	14 15/16	-⅜
43	26	ChkMint	u47	+1¾
48	35	Chiron	19¼	-⅜
		ChromCS	su16	-1/16
	24	ChronCp	37⅞	-2¼
42	34	Cintas s	44	-1 1/2
	20	Cirrus	10⅝	+1/16
53	33	Cisco s	u64¾	-⅞
		DeepTech	12 15/16	+3/16
43	18	CitrixSy s	41	-
1	21/32			
74	40	Clarify	13⅝	-⅜
7	**10**	**ClayEng**	**d9½**	**-1/2**
		Clearnet	13½	+⅜
		CstFedL	rtu15½	+1/4
		Cgnicse	gnu20⅛	
+1	1/16			
44	33	CoherC	39 1/2	-15/16
16	**14**	**Cohernt**	**46 13/16**	**-3/16**
23	15	CohoEn	7⅞	+1/16
		Coinstar n	8 7/16	-3/16
		ColoCas	2½	+1/16
32	21	ColoMED	8⅞	-⅜
19	17	Comair s	27⅛	-3/16
		Comcast	33 1/16	+1 1/16
		Comc sp	33 5/16	+1
		CmcstUK	10½	-1/16
21	18	CmcBMOu	70 1/16	+1 3/16
		CmtyCr wt	1 7/16	+1/16
		CmpWll wt	1⅜	+1/16
		Comptch n	2⅜	-1/16
	18	CmpScript	4 1/32	+1/32
		CmpuMed	1 5/32	-3/16
13	11	Cmpcm	8¾	+3/16
		CptConc	3⅜	
57	38	CmptHz	s47 11/16	-
1	13/16			
69	**48**	CptrLrn s	35⅞	-1/32
43	32	CompMS	u26	+1/4
32	18	CmpPr	23 13/16	-1 3/16
43	33	Compwr s	42 11/16	-
1	1/16			
28	22	Comvers	44⅝	+⅜
	28	ConcMngd	32¾	+1/32
		ConcNet n	13⅞	-1/16
44	31	CncEFS	30	+1/16
11		ConcCm	13 1/32	-1/32
		Connect	d6 5/32	
		Conolog n	5	+1/4
		ConsCap	nu23¾	+⅜
9	8	ConPort	10⅝	-1/16
		CorTher	12 11/16	-5/16
		CoreUCp	g 2⅜	
38	23	CoreStaff	30¾	-⅜
39	17	CorpExp	9 23/32	+3/32
	33	Corsair n	21 1/16	+1/16
28	24	Costco	u49⅜	+1/2
	23	CostEner	10	-1/16
		Cott Cp	8 9/32	-9/32
	22	Coventry	16 5/16	-⅞
		CoverAll	3¼	-5/16
24	**20**	**CrkrBrl**	**37 5/16**	**-⅜**
		CrBioMol	9 11/16	+1/16
		CreTcLtd	23⅛	+1/4
35	13	CredSys	30⅛	-1/16
52	22	CreeResh	14 15/16	-
17	5/32			
		CybrCsh	12⅜	-1/16

	13	CyberMd	7 1/16	+3/64
		CyberGrd	8⅜	-⅛
		Cyberonic	24⅜	-1/2
		Cygnus	17⅝	+21/32
22	39	Cymer s	19 9/32	-⅛
		CyprBio	2⅜	
		Cytogn	1½	-1/32
	54	Cytyc	20 7/16	-5/16

D-E-F

10		DEP	u3 9/32	+9/32
25	19	DM Mgt	17⅜	-1/8
25	19	DSC	17⅞	-⅞
23	18	DSP Gp	24 5/16	+5/16
19		Danka	18	-3/16
	40	DaouSys	26 11/16	-11/16
	11	DtaDimn	sd12 1/8	-5/16
		DataSyst	5 5/16	+3/16
	11	Datatec	4 7/16	+9/16
22	23	Davox s	31 29/32	+3/32
14	**12**	**Dawson**	**17**	**-1/16**
19	**11**	**DawsnP**	**12½**	**+1/16**
10		DBeer	19¾	-9/16
		DeepTech	12 15/16	+3/16
	13	DekGlobal	10 3/16	+1/16
50	35	DellCpt	su126⅞	-
2	1/32			
22	18	Dentsply s	30 1/4	-1 1/32
28	31	DesktopDt	10 7/8	+1/16
10	8	DetSys	d8 9/16	-1 3/16
16	19	Devon	64 1/2	+1/4
	18	DiamM	12 5/16	+3/16
	18	DigiIntl	22 17/32	+19/32
	8	DigLght	37/8	-15/32
27	23	DigMic s	18¾	-1/4
		DrSolomu	39 11/16	
+1	3/16			
89	52	Documntu	43 9/16	-3
		DomBrdge	127/32	+9/32
		DbleClick	n29 1/2	-1/2
19	16	DresB	28 3/16	-3/16
11	18	DuPont	71 1/4	+2 1/2
	26	DuraPh	38 1/16	-9/16
		Dynagn	1/16	
57	34	ETrade	25 11/16	-15/32
16		EGI Tel	28 1/16	+5/16
32		ESCMed	34 3/8	-7/8
		EV Env	5/32	+3/32
19	16	EgtHrd	18¾	-1/4
		EarthSc	1 9/32	-9/32
		Erthlink n	51 1/2	-1 1/2
	7	Eastwind	2 13/16	+3/8
		EchoStar	20	+1/2
70	43	EdifyCp	15 5/16	-7/16
		Egghead	**9 7/16**	**+1/8**
		Eidos	17 9/16	+1/16
		800 Trv wt	9 15/64	-1/64
		EinstnN	5	-1/16
		ElbitLtd	3 15/16	-1/32
		ElbitMd n	7 3/16	-1/16
16	11	Elcom n	5 11/16	-1/16
		Elntech	1 7/16	
		Elxsi	1 3/16	
37	28	ExpScpt	u75	-2 1/2

24	18	HuntBnk	36 1/4	+1/32
		HrronsH n	7 1/16	+7/16
23	18	HutchT	24	-1
		HybridN n	5 1/16	+9/32
53	26	HyprSf	41 1/2	-⅜
		ICG Com	27 3/4	+1 3/16
		ICOS	14	-⅜
20	18	ICU Med	14¼	+1/8
		IDEC	41 13/16	-
1	11/16			
27	24	IdexxLb	15	-13/16
		IDM Env	4¼	-3/16
	48	IDTCorp	31½	-1/2
		IIS	1 9/32	
	6	IMC Mt	11¼	+⅜
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+4	5/16			
		Icn CMT	nu10 7/8	+⅜
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		Imungn	1 5/16	-5/32
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22	17	InFocu	39 9/16	-2 3/8
		IndigoNV	4 13/16	+9/32
	15	IndusIntl n	10¼	-1/8
	63	IndusMate	32¾	-1/4
14		Infernce	d3 9/16	+5/16
87	52	InfMgeR	45⅜	+1 3/8
	87	Informix	727/32	-9/32
		Infoseek	u14 1/4	-15/32
	55	Innerdyn	2¾	+1/8
68		InnovT	3⅜	-1/4
10	**10**	**Innovex**	**22 15/32**	**-15/16**
		Innovo	5/16	+1/32
		InSiteVis	3 5/16	-1/32
		InspecAm	n54 22	-⅞
36	25	GenNutr	u38¾	+1/4
		GenMicr	n14 3/16	
19	10	Genicm	12	-5/16
	16	Gensia	5¾	-5/32
	85	Genus	2 9/16	+1/16
	19	Genzym	28⅞	-⅜
49	56	GeoTelCm	21 15/16	-
5/16				
		GeoTk	1 3/16	-1/16
		GeronCp	11⅞	-3/16
		Gettylm	nu22 1/4	+2 1/16
	13	Glenayre	11 3/16	-1/32
28	17	Globlind s	16¾	+⅛
		GlbITie n	u31 1/16	+1 3/16
		Globalstr	su66 5/16	
+1	1/16			
		GolfTSy	**15 3/32**	**-1/32**
	20	GothicEn	2¼	
		Greenman	3/16	-1/16
		GulfrdPh	21 1/16	+2 1/16
		GumTch	7 5/16	+1 1/16
19	15	Gymbree	27⅜	
78	39	HBO s	52–2	9/16
7	6	HMTTch	10¾	-1/16
47	35	HNC Sft	32 1/16	+1/16
	35	Harbngr	32⅞	-1
		HwkrPc n	8⅞	
35	28	HthMSys	8⅝	+1/4
42	30	HithCFP	40½	-1/4
55	26	HithcrRc n	20½	+1/4
	26	**HrstArT n**	**31½**	**+⅜**
		HrtWire	1	-1/16
		Heartprt	14 1/16	+3/16
20	15	HelenTr s	15 15/16	
	25	HSchein	38⅞	+3/16
18	8	HsPlains	27⅜	-1/16
9	7	Hirsch	d10⅞	-1/32
20	13	Hologic	22½	-1/16
	8	HmeHlth	n3 5/16	-1/32
81	24	HuntJB	25⅛	-⅞

22	12	Kemet	20⅜	-⅞
73	38	Kendle n	24⅛	-⅜
	67	Komag	13⅜	-9/16
		KookKA	1 11/16	+1/16
13	15	Kulcke	27	-⅞
28	19	LCC Intl	13⅛	-1/16
44	10	LTX	4 15/16	
		LaJollPh	d3⅜	-3/16
		LaTeko	**3⅜**	**+3/32**
83	38	LabrRdy s	u27	
+1	11/16			
	47	LamRsch	27⅞	-1⅞
	20	Landrys	27¼	-1/4
	30	MotexAs	29⅛	+1/4
		N2K Inc n	24	-1 1/16
52	27	NBTY	48 7/16	-1 5/16
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		NatlReg	23/32	-1/32
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	18	NtwkCn	6⅜	-⅜
		Nwkimg	29 1/2	-1/32
		Neurex	19 31/32	-9/32
		NewCom n	14 1/16	+⅛
		NextelCm	27 1/16	+7/16
		NoiseCT	1 1/16	-
24	21	Nordst	57 5/16	+4 1/16
28	24	NorTrst	73¾	-⅝
11	10	NwstAirl	58⅜	-2⅞
4		NortonDril	1 1/16	-3/32
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		Omnipoint	27	+5/16
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		OpenMkt	15⅞	+⅜
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	12	**OptnCr**	**4 15/16**	**+5/16**
	37	Oracle s	26⅜	-⅜
	54	OrbSci	37⅛	+1/8
	15	Orbotch	37¼	+⅛
	18	OregMt	u33⅝	-1/8
		OnionNS	17 1/16	-1/16
	6	Osicom	5 15/16	+5/16
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27	17	OutbkStk	34¼	+3/16
	68	OxfordHlt	18 7/16	-1 1/2
		OzEmail	10 7/16	-1 1/16

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34	32	PMC Sra	35 1/2	-1 1/2
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		PSINet	7 15/16	+1/32
	18	Paccar s	65 1/4	-1/2
	25	PacA&E	6	+1/16
	19	PacfCB	59⅞	-1/16
		PacfCr pf	24 13/16	+9/16
		PaginqN	12 1/4	-1/16
31	23	PairgTch	19 1/16	-1

15	9	MicroAge	12¼	-⅛
		Microcln n	63 1/4	+1 5/16
21	18	Microchp	25	-⅜
19	17	MicronEl	12 9/16	-⅛
56	22	Microsft	su82 1/8	+7/32
	23	MicPwr	6⅜	+1/16
		MdwstBn	17⅜	
30		MilestnSci	24	+5/16
		MillPhar	20⅜	-1
29	22	MillHrSe s	59⅞	+1
	52	MindSpr	48	-1/32
18	11	Mitcham	16 3/16	+⅜
		MblTel	23¼	+⅜
30		MolexAs	29¼	+1/4
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23	17	**PalmEx n**	**14⅛**	**+1**
		PalmyMd	1 15/16	-1/16
	43	ParAmSatu	s11⅛	-⅛
		Pardgm	1/2	-1/16
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33	25	ParmTch	58 3/16	-
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24	21	**PenskeM**	**28 9/16**	**-⅜**
25	21	PeopCT s	37 1/16	-9/16
18	15	PeopHrt	45⅝	-1/4
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	36	Peregrne	17	+1/4
21	18	Perphn	12 9/16	+3/16
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	10	PetcoAn	q14	-3 1/2
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23	19	PharM	12 7/16	-1/16
	34	Pharmos	2 1/32	-1/32
27	21	PhotrIn s	28⅝	-1/16
	21	PhyCor	24 11/16	
	22	**PhysRell**	**12**	**+1/16**
70	21	PhySale	19⅝	-1/16
	36	PicTel	7 1/2	-1/16
74		Pixar	34 7/32	-27/32
	27	PlatSoft	17	-1/2
	25	PlatTc	25⅛	-11/16
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		PrefNet	1 5/16	+1/16
		PrmLasr	10⅛	-1/4
	23	PremT	30 15/16	-1/4
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17	15	PrmeMd	12 5/16	+1/4
11	9	ProcmT	9	-1 1/16
	27	PrgSoft	u26	
+1	15/16			
		Proctysn	d23 3/32	-1/16
27	21	ProtSy	9⅞	+1/16
		Proxymd	7⅛	+3/16
34		PumaT n	6⅛	+3/16
		PureTec	u3 7/32	+1/32
26	21	Qlogic	39⅛	-1/2
58	36	Quadrmd	29 25/32	+5/32
28	25	Qualcom	50 3/16	-1 3/16
13	12	Quantum	s24⅜	-1
		Quartrdk	27 3/32	-3/32
9	8	Quigley n	12 7/16	-⅞
64	45	Quintiles s	47⅜	-7/16
		QwestCo	n71 1/2	+3⅞
	36	RF MicD n	12¾	+9/16
20	18	RPM s	16 13/16	+1/16
		RSL Cm n	23⅛	
		RadaElc	25 5/32	-1/32
	26	RdntSys	17⅞	+1/32
13		RadicaG	17 7/16	+⅞
6		Radius	5/16	
33	19	RainCfe s	15⅛	+1/8
		Rambus	n46 15/16	-
13	16			
		Ramtron	5⅛	-1/16
	25	RatnSft	13⅜	-5/16
		ReadRt	13 1/2	-⅜
	16	Recycling	5 15/16	-1/16
	18	RegCin	29 5/16	-9/32
18	16	RegnFn s	39 5/16	+⅜
22	20	Remedy	19 9/16	-1/16

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Tobacco chiefs say they won't drop ads without liability limit

By Judy Holland
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Executives of five major tobacco companies, adopting a confrontational tone, warned a Senate panel Tuesday that their companies would not agree to curtail advertising unless Congress grants some protection against lawsuits.

Steven F. Goldstone, chief executive officer of RJR Nabisco Inc., parent company of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., said communicating to customers through advertising was "critical" and "invaluable" and that he would have to "assert my First Amendment right" to advertise unless Congress agrees to shield the industry from legal liability.

Legal experts say Congress cannot force the tobacco industry to limit its advertising because such restrictions, indeed, would violate free speech rights guaranteed under the First Amendment. To overcome that constitutional bar, Congress is weighing whether to offer liability protection as a sweetener to induce the tobacco firms to waive those rights.

In return for waiving their constitutional protections, the tobacco companies want Congress to protect them from past punitive damages and future class action lawsuits filed by sick smokers.

Geoffrey C. Bible, chief executive officer of Philip Morris Companies Inc., the nation's largest tobacco company, testified that he would be "obliged out of responsibility to stockholders" to continue cigarette advertising unless Congress grants liability protection.

The tobacco company CEOs were responding to a question by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee, who asked whether they would mount legal challenges if Congress enacted tobacco legislation that doesn't include liability protection.

The major tobacco companies agreed in a June settlement with 40 state attorneys general, public health organizations and plantiffs' lawyers to restrict cigarette advertising attractive to teens if Congress settled existing lawsuits and shielded them from future class-action lawsuits. Under the settlement, which McCain has cast into legislation, tobacco companies would also pay $368.5 billion to reimburse states' costs of treating sick smokers and fund anti-smoking programs.

The tobacco executives urged Congress to approve the settlement and promised to turn over a new leaf.

Bible acknowledged tobacco "is a risky product" that should be limited to adults. He said Philip Morris has a plan to curb youth smoking worldwide.

Goldstone said R.J. Reynolds Tobacco wants to cooperate rather than fight with government and he reiterated that the company's previous marketing to teens was "immoral, unethical and illegal."

However, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said many lawmakers have reason to doubt the industry's word.

"It is the tobacco industry's track record on truth telling that makes your eagerness so suspect," Wyden said.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said the companies could prove their professed good intentions by voluntarily pledging to curb cigarette advertising that appeals to teens. Kerry said current ads that include slogans such as "Be Kool," or show tattoos or race cars or seductive women are designed to appeal to teens.

"It seems to me you've got a responsibility to accept a voluntary set of standards," Kerry said.

But Goldstone said it is impossible to separate advertising that would appeal to adults — such as an attractive woman model — from that attractive to teens.

"It's our constitutional right and if we stop doing it, our business is going to go like that," Goldstone said.

The tobacco executives also balked when McCain pressed them to state whether nicotine is addictive.

Nick Brookes, the chief executive officer of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., argued that the term addictive is "too inclusive" to apply to cigarettes. They aren't addictive in the sense that hard drugs are, he said.

"Quitting smoking is something people can do with a little bit of resolve," Brookes said.

Vincent A. Gierer Jr., chief executive officer of United States Tobacco, which makes chewing tobacco, said he would consider cigarette smoking "more of a habit that I would consider it addictive."

Bible would only acknowledge that tobacco has "mild pharmacological effects and under some definitions is addictive."

Goldstone acknowledged he "always thought cigarette smoking is habit forming."

The cigarette company executives appeared markedly less humble than when they testified last month before a house panel shortly after newly released company documents revealed tobacco industry attempts to target youths in their marketing.

McCain said in an interview after the hearing that the testimony of the tobacco executives was "disappointing because we all know that smoking is addictive."

McCain said he plans to move forward with tobacco legislation and intends to have his committee act on a bill by March 12.

"The American people would not look kindly on us if at the end of this year we had not done anything to reduce teen smoking," McCain said.

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Former Senate candidate will claim insanity in murder plot

BALTIMORE (AP) — After her arrest last June, Ruthann Aron blurted out: "Maybe I just lost it."

There she was, a former GOP rising star and one-time candidate for U.S. Senate, arrested for allegedly trying to hire a hitman for $20,000 to kill both her husband and a lawyer who had opposed her in court.

This week, Ms. Aron will offer the legal version of the "maybe-I-just-lost-it" defense when she goes on trial.

The wealthy developer has pleaded not criminally responsible — the equivalent of an insanity defense — in the alleged plot to kill Dr. Barry Aron, who was planning to divorce her, and Arthur Kahn. Among other things, her lawyers are expected to argue she was a victim of child abuse.

Ms. Aron, 55, could get life in prison if found guilty of solicitation to commit murder.

Prosecutors said they have tapes of Ms. Aron telling an acquaintance to find a contract killer because she wanted two people "eliminated." The acquaintance went to the police.

Investigators have said they also found:

— The trench coat, wig, dark glasses and floppy hat she wore when she allegedly left a $500 down payment for the murders at a hotel desk.

— Books on how to make a silencer and the items required: empty plastic bottles, plastic foam pellets and a pair of lawn mower mufflers.

— A list of her intended victims' names and identifying information.

"If I'm on a jury I'm thinking, 'Hey, this is not a crazy person. She ran for the Senate,'" said Byron L. Warnken, professor of criminal and constitutional law at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

On the other hand, he said, the jury might think "this behavior is so bizarre, she must be crazy."

Before Ms. Aron was arrested there was little outward evidence of anything wrong.

She and her husband of 32 years lived in a $700,000 brick home in Potomac. Ms. Aron, who had a law degree from Catholic University, started a development company in 1984 and got involved in local politics, joining the county planning board in 1992.

In 1994, she took her shot at the big time and ran in the Maryland Republican primary, but lost to former Tennessee Sen. William E. Brock. Brock went on to lose to Sen. Paul Sarbanes.

After the campaign, Ms. Aron sued Brock, claiming he defamed her by saying, incorrectly, that she had been convicted of fraud. Ms. Aron had reached out-of-court settlements with former business partners after civil juries ruled against her, but she had never been convicted of a crime.

She lost the defamation suit. When a judge dismissed her request for a new trial, one of Brock's lawyers commented: "I've never seen such a disgruntled loser in all my life."

Kahn had represented one of her former business partners and had also testified against her in the Brock case.

According to investigators, she wanted the attorney's killing to look like a robbery and her husband's slaying to look like an accident.

Her lawyers are expected to call nine doctors and psychologists to establish her mental state.

"Ms. Aron's mental illness is probably one of the most complicated I have seen," said defense attorney Judith Catterton. "She has brain damage and some biological problems. On top of that an acute episode of depression. There is not any way to talk about her without coming to understand really her whole life, in particular her childhood, which was horrible."

Prosecutors also contend Ms. Aron tried to kill her husband in April by lacing his chili with drugs. That case will be tried separately.

Cheesesteak comes fresh from Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pat Borden's 20-year quest for a decent Philly cheesesteak in Florida yielded little more than heartburn.

So now she buys the real thing.

The Clearwater, Fla., woman calls up the DellaBarba family back in her hometown of Philadelphia, and a delivery person is knocking at her door the next day with a cheesesteak — plus some other Philly treats — for $54.95.

"My kids think I'm nuts, but they were born in Florida and just don't get it at all that I'm so happy to get food that tastes like home," she says.

With many people in this mobile society living hundreds or thousands of miles away from where they grew up, businesses have found a niche satisfying folks' cravings for food from home.

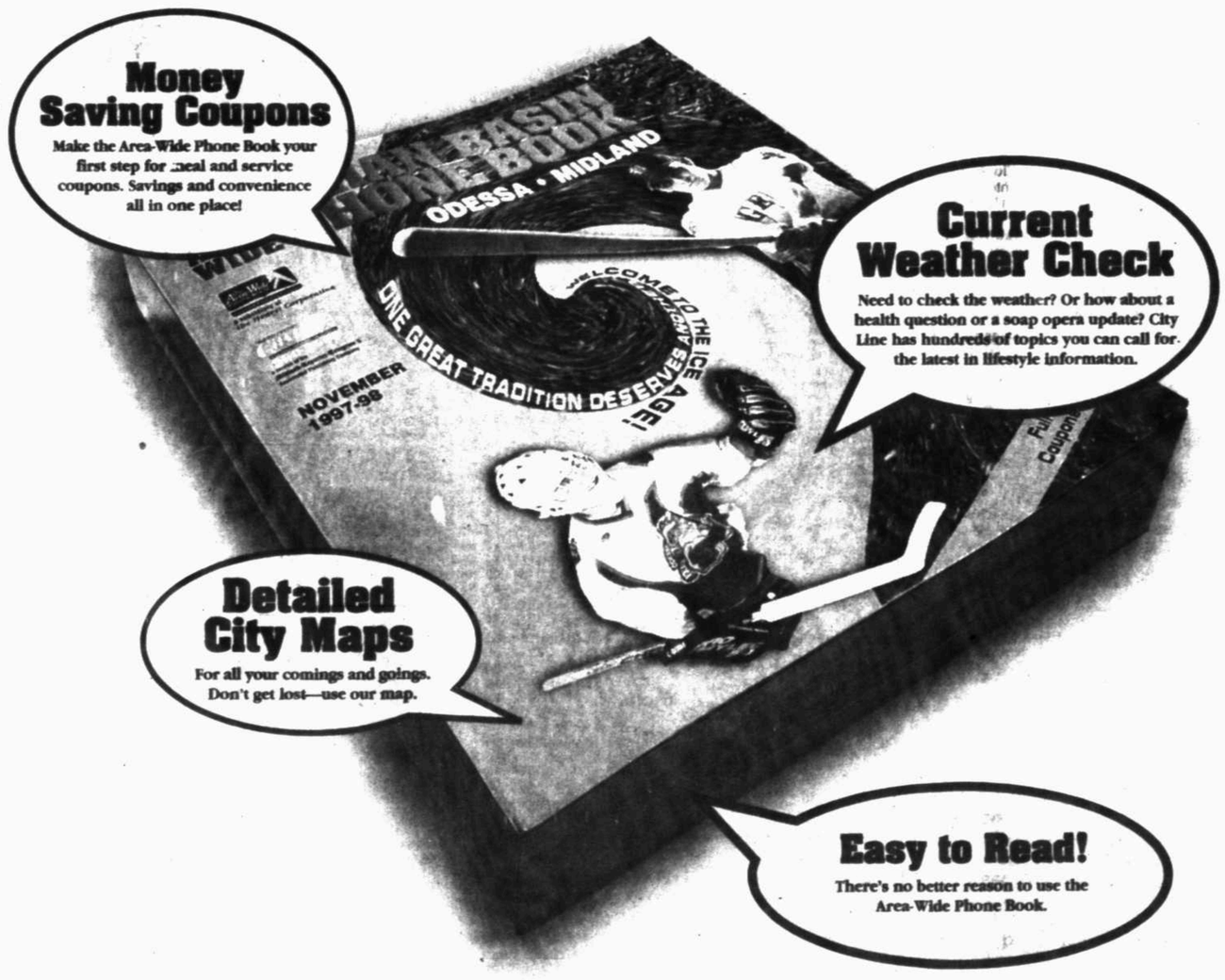
Ms. Borden gets her care package from a family-owned company called A Taste of Philadelphia. For the last 20 years, it has been sending out hoagies, soft pretzels, Tastykake cupcakes, Goldenberg's Original Peanut Chews and Frank's Black Cherry Wishniak (it's soda). It mails 4,000 to 5,000 packaged lunches a year.

"We've been everywhere now, sending packages to New Zealand, Africa, Australia, Italy, Sweden and Ireland," said employee Nancy Armstrong

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Region V tickets

The NJCAA Women's Region V basketball tournament is March 3-5 at Midland's Chaparral Center.
Tournament passes are available at the Chap office for $10. There is no reserved seating available. Tickets will also be available at the door. Day passes will cost $5 and $3.

District 7 Soccer

BOYS

	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
x-Midland Lee	14	4	8	1
x-Abilene High	11	3	8	1
San Angelo	14	2	6	2
Odessa Permian	12	7	4	5
Midland High	6	9	2	7
Odessa High	7	10	1	7
Abilene Cooper	2	10	1	7

x-clinched a playoff spot
Tuesday's Results
Abilene High 3, Midland High 1; Midland Lee 2, Abilene Cooper 0; San Angelo Central 4, Odessa Permian 0. Odessa High was open.
Saturday's Games
San Angelo Central at Midland High; Abilene High at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper. Midland Lee is open.

GIRLS

	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
x-Midland Lee	14	3	9	0
Midland High	15	3	7	2
San Angelo*	10	6	5	3
Abilene Cooper	7	7	4	4
Odessa Permian	10	6	3	6
Odessa High	2	13	1	7
Abilene High	6	10	1	8

*Record includes a tie
x-clinches a playoff spot.
Tuesday's Games
Midland Lee 2, Abilene Cooper 1; Midland High 5, Abilene High 1; San Angelo Central 1, Odessa Permian 0 (SO 3-1). Odessa High is off.
Saturday's Games
Midland High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Abilene High. Midland Lee is open.

4-5A Softball

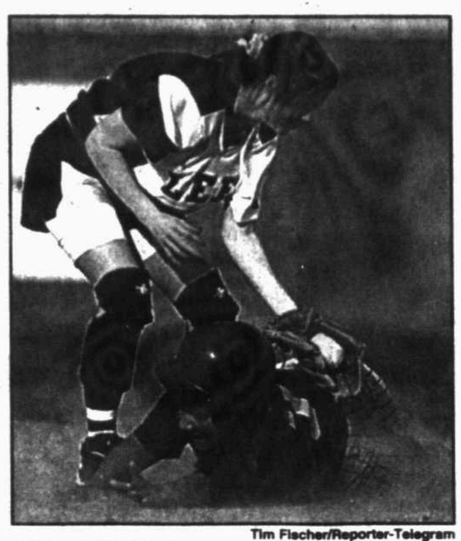
	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Abilene High	1	0	9	0
Odessa Permian	1	0	4	2
Midland Lee	1	0	4	5
San Angelo	0	0	3	2
Midland High	0	1	5	2
Abilene Cooper	0	1	6	3
Odessa High	0	1	4	2

Tuesday's Games
Midland Lee 2, Midland High 1; Odessa Permian 11, Odessa High 0; Abilene High 6, Abilene Cooper 3; San Angelo 5, Midland Christian 4 (non-conference).

Stevens chooses

ARCADIA, Calif. — Gary Stevens has decided to ride 1997 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Silver Charm in the $1 million Santa Anita Handicap on March 7.
Stevens is the regular rider of both Silver Charm and Gentlemen, who scored impressive victories Feb. 7 in tuning up for the upcoming 1 1/4-mile race for 4-year-olds and up.
Silver Charm is a 4-year-old who has won seven of 12 lifetime starts and earned over $2 million, while Gentlemen is a 6-year-old who has won 13 of 18 starts and earned nearly $3 million.
Stevens said he has been told that Pat Day, who generally rides in the East and South, will ride Gentlemen in the Santa Anita Handicap.
"It was probably the most difficult decision of my career," Stevens said Tuesday. "But I feel good about it, and have no apprehension. I also think they made a great choice in getting Pat Day to ride Gentlemen. He fits Gentlemen like a glove."

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Midland High's Francesca Salcido slides into second just before the tag was applied by Lee's Crista Hargrove. The Lady Rebels took a 2-1 victory Tuesday at the MUGS Complex.

Lady Rebels snuff out Midland High rally in District 4-5A softball opener

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

In a game dripping with drama and possessing some odd twists and turns, the Midland Lee softball team escaped with a 2-1 District 4-5A softball opening win over the Midland High Lady Bulldogs Tuesday at the MUGS Complex in Ulmer Park.

The final chapter of this heart-wrenching novel wasn't completed until the last sentence — and what a sentence it was.

With Lee holding a 2-1 lead since the fifth inning, MHS had runners at first and third with only one out and designated hitter Dana Pope at the plate. You just knew this was the point where one of the teams would make or break this game

With freshman pitcher Brandie Row on the mound in her first District 4-5A game, and coming against cross-town rival Midland High, Lee got the break which decided the outcome. Pope, trying to bunt for a base hit with Lee third baseman Andrea Rodriguez playing deep, popped up to Lee catcher Nicole Pullen, who in turn rifled a throw to first base to catch Crystal Shelton for a double play. Game over.

"When I caught the bunt, I saw the girl (Shelton) with a big lead and I knew we had a chance to get her," Pullen said.

MHS coach Rich Wieligman said, "This was really a tough one. It should have been a tie game and us still playing. It was a well played game, and unfortunately, one team has to lose. That doesn't make it any easier to take though. Both teams made one error. They took advantage of the one they got and we didn't take advantage of the one we got."

The Lee error came in the seventh when Shelton reached when Lee first baseman Sarah Dzubinski couldn't handle a throw from Row, giving MHS two runners with only one out.

A year ago, MHS stunned Lee 4-2 in eight innings in the district opener at Lee. The Lady Rebels went on to win 11 games in a row. When Lee coach Perry Young was informed that he was ahead of last year's pace of an 11-1 dis-

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Balmorhea bounces Red Devils

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

IMPERIAL — Unfortunately for the Rankin boys basketball team, the records didn't lie Tuesday night.

The Red Devils found out why Balmorhea, the District 29-A champion, suffered only two losses during the regular season in a Class A bi-district playoff game. Showing their superiority in practically every phase of the game, the Bears ended Rankin's season with an 84-68 victory at Buena Vista High in Imperial.

Although the game wasn't quite as one-sided as the final score might indicate, Balmorhea seemed to be exerting a pull during the second half which ultimately tugged the game in its favor. The Bears led almost the entire second half even though they never had an advantage of more than eight points during the first three quarters. Rankin (18-12) cut the lead to three early in the fourth quarter, but that only seemed to make Balmorhea (23-2) respond.

"We came out with a lot fire," said Rankin coach Shannon Hooker. "We scouted them and saw they were a legitimate playoff team."

As Rankin now sorely knows, Balmorhea emphasized quality over quantity in its rotation, using only eight players, but had five of them score in double figures. The Red Devils had three players score in double digits, including two who came off the bench while substituting five at a time, but they couldn't quite keep up with Balmorhea's pace or superior size in the most key area where it counts.

Quite simply, the Red Devils couldn't counter Balmorhea's 6-foot-5 center Zane Rhyne, who led everybody with 18 points and 15 rebounds. Rhyne scored five of his seven field goals on putbacks and spearheaded Balmorhea's 35-20 rebounding advantage.

"We've faced that all year," said Hooker of the problem his team had with overcoming a size deficit. "We don't have anybody over 6-2, so we're bound to be on the short end of the (rebounding) count. We still won 18 games like we were."

Despite being outsized, the Red Devils still made it interesting for most of the

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Menard rally knocks out Garden City

By Amy McDaniel
MRT Correspondent

ROBERT LEE - The song echoing from the Menard High School bus as jubilant girls basketball players celebrated said it all: "We got knocked down, but we got up again."

With a chance to qualify for the regional tournament for the first time in the history of its girls basketball program, Menard climbed back from a seven-point first-half deficit and stormed past Garden City, outscoring the Lady Bearkats 31-12 in the second half to come away with a 55-43 regional quarterfinal victory Tuesday night in the Rober Lee High School gym.

That victory brought the Lady Jackets one more step down their school history-making road as they advanced to the Region II-1A Tournament this weekend in Abilene. In the regional semifinals Friday night, Menard will face the winner of the Ponder-Cross Plains contest. The winner of that game then gets a chance to play for a berth in the state tournament.

The Lady Bearkats, who lost in the regional final game last year, will not return to Abilene and ended the season with a 27-5 record.

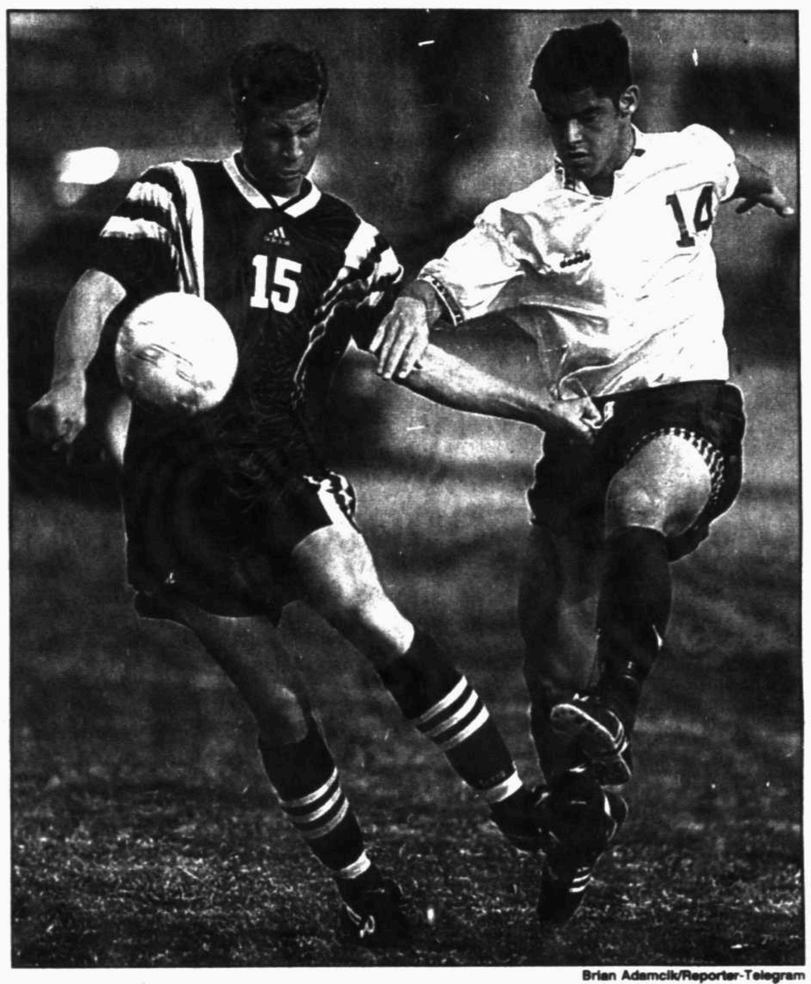
The third quarter made all the difference for the Lady Jackets.

"We got out to an early lead and then

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DISTRICT 7 SOCCER

Rebs clinch playoff berth with 2-0 win



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Abilene Cooper's Jonathan Baum (15) and Lee's Troy Henry battle for the ball during the Rebels' 2-0 victory Tuesday at Lee Soccer Field. The Rebels clinched a playoff spot and remained tied with Abilene High for the District 7 lead.

Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland Lee Rebels have a habit of scoring their goals in bunches.

On a windy afternoon at the Lee High School soccer field, the Rebels provided a few anxious moments before finally finding the mark with a pair of goals in a 2-0 win over Abilene Cooper.

The win combined with Odessa Permian's 4-1 loss to Central secures Lee a UIL playoff spot.

The Rebels, which improved to 14-4 overall and 8-1 in District 7 soccer play, dominated throughout much of the game, keeping the ball on the Cougars' side of the field for the majority of the 80 minutes of action. The only problem was that Lee couldn't find the back of the net.

It wasn't until the 64th minute when Matt Dickinson connected on a beautiful header off a Josh Pressler corner kick that Lee got on the board. Troy Henry connected 11 minutes later when he broke away from Cougar defenders and punched the ball past Cooper goal keeper Brad Evrett, who had fallen down.

Even though the final score didn't show it, the game was a good offensive showing by the Rebels as they out-shot Cooper 21-4 and put on nice display of passing.

"It was a pretty game to watch as far as our passing game," said Lee coach John McCulloch. "Overall we played really well today. The guys really wanted to score some goals today. I think they just got a little overanxious at times. Their coach (Eric Bengs) said this was the best game they played all year."

The lack of scoring showed the Cougar team, which fell to 2-10 overall

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Lady Bulldogs come alive with 5 goals in second half, blow out Abilene High

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

After one half of its game with Abilene High, the Midland High girls soccer team looked about as intimidating as a three-legged dog.

Three starters were injured, another absent on a trip and MHS looked crippled.

In the second half, "tripod" turned into Cujo as MHS exploded for five goals and dominated Abilene High 5-1 in District 7 action Tuesday.

"The first half was frustrating," said MHS forward Jodie Mitchell, who scored two goals, dished out one assist and trails Lee's Ritha Belizaire in the district's scoring race by one goal.

"(In the second half) We came out with a different attitude, and once we got a goal, we got going."

Mitchell, who has 15 goals this season, got things started in the second minute of the second half. The senior, who had been denied on an opportunity just moments earlier, took a lob pass into the penalty box from Mary Elizabeth Prentice and headed it past AHS keeper Brittney McCollough. Two minutes later, Shelby Berry scored her first goal of the season, rifling a right-footed shot into the goal's upper right corner.

"We were frustrated because it was 0-0 at the half," Berry said. "We didn't want to go to a shootout with them.

"We talked about different things we could do to pick up our game and we played more as a team."

In the second half, it looked as though MHS was out to prove something. The Lady Bulldogs are 15-3 and 7-2, although the good things the team has done has been overshadowed by two losses to Midland Lee. With every goal scored, their confidence went up and it seemed as if they were sending a message that this is still a team to be reckoned with.

"We have to prove to people that we can play," said Carin Vadala, who scored her third goal of the year by beating the keeper with a nice touch on a crossing pass from Kim Elger.

"Not many have had faith in us since the loss to Lee. We don't have to take that. We are better than that. Today, we came together as a team."

Midland High did so under more adversity. The Lady

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Hull wants U.S. players responsible for room-trashing to come forward

By R.B. Fallstrom
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Brett Hull wants confessions.

The St. Louis Blues star says the U.S. players who trashed a suite at the Olympic village should step forward and apologize for a "deplorable" act. Otherwise, he said, all the players are tainted.

"There comes a point in time where you have to stand up and be a man," Hull said. "It's up to the people who did it ... to come forward and have respect for the other players and say, 'It was me. I apologize. It was a stupid thing to do.' There's nothing that can be harder, but bigger, to do."

U.S. coach Ron Wilson, who coaches the Washington Capitals, also called for the guilty players to come forward. He also said those players should never again be involved in international play.



Hull

"It is an unfortunate incident and I'm embarrassed by it," Wilson told the Washington Post. "It is inexcusable what they did. It shows no class at all. Unfortunately, everybody is guilty by association."

Hull was blamed in initial reports, along with suitemates Chris Chelios, Gary Suter and Joel Otto. Upon returning from Nagano, Japan, Hull angrily denied it, vouched for his suitemates and threatened to sue those "slandering" him.

On Tuesday, he blamed media in Canada, contending they resent his decision to play for the United States and not Canada in international competition. Hull, who has dual citizenship, said there will be no problem for the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

"We don't have to worry about that anymore because I'm finished," said Hull, 33. "There won't be any more Olympics for me. I don't even know if I'll be playing then."

Hull said he has a "pretty good" idea which players caused $3,000 in damage to rooms and furniture. The suite in question was on his floor.

Hull said an NHL official gave him the names. But league spokesman Arthur Pincus said Tuesday the league has not finished its investigation and does not know which players are involved.

Hull isn't sure how the guilty parties should be punished.

"That's not up to me," he said. "But I think the humiliation or whatever comes with that is probably enough."

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Perfect pitcher sets sights on raising batting average

By Tom Saladino
AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Greg Maddux has won four NL Cy Young Awards, played in six All-Star games, won 20 games twice and 15 or more in 10 consecutive seasons. He's running out of goals.

Still, he managed to find one for this season.

"Have a higher batting average than ERA," said Maddux, who's done that only once in his previous 11 seasons.

"I would love to win 20 games," he said. "I think that's every pitcher's goal. Win a Cy Young — I mean there's always things you try to accomplish."

But hitting well is something he would treasure. The 31-year-old right-hander had a .173 career average. He managed to hit .222 in 1994, surpassing his ERA of 1.56.

Maddux's average dropped to a career-low .104 last season, and his 2.20 ERA was second in the league behind Montreal's Pedro Martinez (1.90).

Maddux, who went 19-4, finished second behind Martinez in last year's Cy Young voting. He starts a $57.5 million, five-year contract this season and has a chance to add more Cy Youngs to his collection.

"It's being lucky and staying healthy," he said. "I think that's the biggest thing."

Maddux is 184-108 in 11 seasons with a 2.81 ERA. In five years with the Braves, he is 89-33. Since June 1991, he is 67-1 when his team scores five runs or more.

"I understand myself. I think I have a pretty good idea who I am — what I can and can't do — and I don't vary from it," Maddux said. "If you throw a good game, it makes you smart? It's not true. ... You go out there and make good pitches, period. You're going to get guys out."

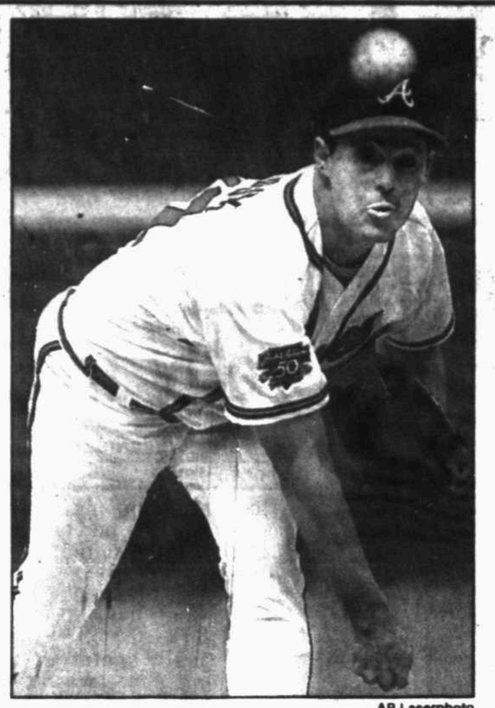
Maddux averaged 86 pitches and seven innings per start last season, walking only 20 batters — six intentionally — in 232 2-3 innings, an average of 0.774 walks per nine innings. Only seven pitchers this century who qualified for the ERA title walked fewer per nine innings.

Maddux had streaks of 38 and 36 innings with no walks and went into his final start with a chance to finish with more wins and walks. But he got a no-decision and issued an intentional pass.

"The one thing I can control are the pitches I make," he said. "I can't necessarily control the results or the outcome of the game. I know if I make a lot of good pitches that's going to increase my chances of winning. Everybody says they'd rather be lucky than good. I'd rather be good than lucky. I'm the other way around."

Maddux might be a little of each, but it doesn't matter to Atlanta manager Bobby Cox.

"All I want him to do is throw the way he has in the past," Cox said. "That's all I ask."



AP Laserphoto

Four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux has a new goal for 1998: he wants to finish the season with a batting average that is higher than his ERA.

Cowboys cut Wilson

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys released backup quarterback Wade Wilson on Tuesday to clear room under the salary cap, but hinted he might be re-signed later.

Wilson, 39, still has one season left under his contract, but Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones said the team wanted to create more flexibility to sign free agents.

"There were salary cap implications involved in this move," Jones said. 'We are going to keep all of our options in regard to Wade open, and we know he will keep his options as far as we're concerned open as well."

Wilson, a 17-year NFL veteran, has seen little duty during his two seasons as Troy Aikman's backup.

The alumnus of East Texas State, now Texas A&M-Commerce, has completed 57.2 percent of his 2,340 passes for 16,720 yards, 92 touchdowns and 98 interceptions over his career. Last season, he was 12-of-21 for 115 yards with no touchdowns and no interceptions.

Taken by the Minnesota Vikings in the eighth round of the 1981 NFL draft. In 11 seasons with the Vikings, he led the team to the playoffs three years in a row (1987-89).

Released by the Vikings before the 1991 training camp, he played 1992 with the Atlanta Falcons and 1993-94 with the New Orleans Saints before signing with the Cowboys as Aikman's backup.

Oilers seek to skip town for second straight year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Oilers' days in Memphis may be nearing an end.

The team with the NFL's worst attendance last year was waiting for a vote today by the 11-member Memphis and Shelby County Sports Authority on a proposal to let the Oilers buy their way out of a two-year contract to play at the Liberty Bowl. It was expected to be approved.

John Ryder, a lawyer who spent much of the weekend talking with Oilers officials, told The Associated Press terms of the agreement were being finalized Monday night in anticipation of the authority's meeting.

"I expect to have a document to present to the authority (this) afternoon," said Ryder, who refused to discuss details.

Oilers spokesman Dave Pearson declined to comment when asked about the proposal.

Last week, authority member Reggie Barnes estimated it would cost the Oilers $1,466,000 to end the contract a year early. The price included a $500,000 penalty.

The Tennessean, quoting an unidentified source, reported today that the settlement figure would be $1.2 million, plus the team would forgive a small debt on Liberty Bowl improvements.

The agreement also will include a clause allowing the team to stay at the Liberty Bowl if it is unable to negotiate a deal to play next season at Vanderbilt in Nashville, the newspaper reported.

The Oilers moved to Tennessee from Houston last year after paying $4.1 million to break the final year of a lease to play at the Astrodome.

The team signed a two-year contract to play at the Liberty Bowl while a new stadium is built in Nashville. It will be ready for the 1999 season.

The Oilers received a lukewarm reception in Memphis, where many fans still were angry the NFL did not pick the city for an expansion franchise. The team averaged 28,028 fans per game.

Meares becomes Twins' senior citizen

By Ron Lesko
AP Sports Writer

FORT MYERS, Fla. — He's the self-confident kid Kirby Puckett called "Cool Breeze," the raw talent Chuck Knoblauch tutored for five seasons.

It seems hard to believe shortstop Pat Meares has spent more time on the Twins than any other player on Minnesota's roster.

Heading into his sixth season, Meares has become a key figure in a clubhouse filled with aging players from other teams and young players making their way up through the organization.

"I don't see myself as an elder statesman by any means," Meares said Monday. "The only reason people are saying that is because Knobby's gone and we've got a new second baseman in (Todd) Walker this year and we're trying to get working together."

Minnesota has 12 players in camp older than Meares, including six 35 and over. But none has been with the Twins longer without interruption.

Meares wasn't around for Minnesota's last World Series title in 1991. Closer Rick Aguilera is the only player left from that team, but his Minnesota service was broken up by a half-season in Boston.

But Meares played with Puckett, Knoblauch, Kent Hrbek and the other veterans who led the Twins when they were among the AL's best teams. His importance as a leader has risen sharply this year because of Knoblauch's trade to the Yankees.

Knoblauch was the take-charge guy in the Twins' infield. Now that role falls to Meares. He is spending most of his time in camp trying to get comfortable with Walker, back at second base after a disappointing rookie season at third.

"I definitely need to be more vocal in the middle, especially since Todd and I are working together for the first time," Meares said. "It took Knobby and I, chemistry-wise, the better part of five years to get where we were at. It's not going to happen overnight with Todd and I. We're not going to find it in spring training."

They'll find it by working together over time, with the veteran helping nurture the youngster. That's how Knoblauch worked with Meares when Meares first came to the Twins in 1993, and Meares thinks he can share all that he learned with his younger teammates.

"Pat's ready to assume that role," manager Tom Kelly said. "Taking charge of the game, making sure everybody's in position. Little things."

Meares, who last week received a $1,075,000 raise to $2.5 million, has been especially consistent in the last three years, hitting between .267 and .276, hitting 8-to-12 homers and driving in 49-to-67 runs.

He also has improved steadily at shortstop, a position he didn't start playing until 1992, the season before he came to the majors. But Meares chafes at his reputation as merely a consistent player.

"I guess I'm getting pretty tired of it," he said. "I'm waiting for a career year to show up. You never want to be complacent about things, and I've never been like that. I certainly don't have a problem with being consistent as long as I'm still improving, and I still feel like I'm doing that."

McCracken glad to get opportunity in Tampa

By Fred Goodall
AP Sports Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Quinton McCracken made his point, then drove it home.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays don't seem like an expansion team, he said, and there's no reason to expect them to play like one.

The projected leadoff batter and center fielder for the new AL team should know. He spent the past six years in the Colorado Rockies organization and witnessed first-hand how fast a club can become competitive.

Although he's not making any bold predictions about the Devil Rays' first season, he does believe they'll be better than most people imagine because of a good combination of youth and experience acquired through free agency, trades and the expansion draft.

"You have veterans like Dave Martinez. You have the legend over there in Wade Boggs. Fred McGriff. Paul Sorrento, younger major leaguers like myself and Kevin Stocker. And then there's some nice young talent. So it's a good mix," McCracken said Tuesday.

"As far as the expansion label, I think we're going to try to drop that by going out and playing hard. I don't know if we're going to necessarily surprise anybody, but I think we're going to be very competitive real soon."

A spare part in Colorado — where he was the fourth outfielder behind a starting trio of Larry Walker, Ellis Burks and Dante Bichette — McCracken is expected to be a vital cog for the Devil Rays.

Larry Rothschild penciled him into the top spot in Tampa Bay's batting order before spring training began. Ten days into camp, the manager hasn't seen anything to make him to believe he should reconsider.

"I expect him to be a catalyst," Rothschild said. "He talks a lot about on-base percentage, which at this stage of his career tells me he knows what it takes to be a leadoff hitter."

In two seasons with Colorado, McCracken hit .291 with six homers, 76 RBIs and 45 stolen bases. He was batting .265 on Aug. 1 last year, then went 27-for-68 (.397) in August and September to finish at .292.

Despite strong numbers in 1997, the Rockies left him unprotected in the expansion draft. The Devil Rays took him with their second pick (No. 4 overall).

McCracken, who started 71 games for Colorado in 1997, is grateful for the opportunity to become an everyday player. Mostly a No. 2, No. 8 or No. 9 (in interleague games) with the Rockies, he's confident he can make the transition to leadoff man.

"I think it's something I'm getting more comfortable with each and every day that I get out there," said McCracken, a four-sport athlete in high school who played football and baseball in college at Duke.

"It's not totally new to me. I got accustomed to it in the minors, so I know I'm more than capable," he added. "I just want to go out, give it my all and see what happens."

Boston's Frye injures knee in rundown drill

Associated Press

■ Spring Training

Jeff Frye's knee punctuated Boston's spring training camp with a big, loud pop Tuesday.

In the middle of a rundown drill, the second baseman fell to the ground, his left knee apparently damaged.

"I heard something pop," said Darren Bragg, the runner on the play. "It definitely didn't sound good. It definitely didn't look good."

Frye, coming off his best season and signed to a $7 million, three-year contract, was driven off the field on a golf cart. About a half hour later, he left the clubhouse on crutches and was driven away to undergo X-rays and an MRI.

"I saw him go down and grimace. He didn't get right back up," manager Jimy Williams said. "I knew it wasn't good."

Even before the test results, which probably will be announced Wednesday, speculation began on replacements.

Mike Gallego and Mike Benjamin are in camp, and Triple A players Lou Merloni and Donnie Sadler could be given chances. John Valentin began last season as the second baseman but was shifted to third, where Williams wants to keep him.

"It's going to be a great loss," Mo Vaughn said. "We were really looking forward to him getting on base for us and starting the whole thing off."

Other teams had intrasquad games, getting ready for the start of the exhibition season later this week.

Although struggling with his curveball, Hideki Irabu did not allow a hit over two scoreless innings at Tampa, Fla., against a lineup featuring the New York regulars. Irabu walked two during a 31-pitch, throwing 17 strikes.

"I was a little wild today," Irabu said through a translator. "I'm trying to be very cautious when I throw the curveball. The pitching coach (Mel Stottlemyre) spoke to me about it."

Irabu is developing a two-seam fastball that he hopes will keep his home-run totals down from last year.

"I definitely want to use it more because last year there were a lot of home runs hit off me," a smiling Irabu said through an interpreter.

Andy Pettitte also went two innings, allowing one run and three hits. The lefty, who had experienced back pain late last season, sailed through his 34-pitch, 22-strike performance.

At Clearwater, Fla., the Phillies made a little more room in their outfield by releasing Midre Cummings.

Cummings, 26, was the Phillies' center fielder for the second half of last season after Philadelphia claimed him off waivers from Pittsburgh on July 8.

While he hit .303 in 63 games for the Phillies, manager Terry Francona said he didn't do the two things he's looking for from a center fielder.

"We were looking for good defense and a base-stealing threat," he said. "We really didn't get either of those out of him."

At Tampa, the Devils scheduled an intrasquad game for Wednesday, a day before the franchise plays its first exhibition game, against Florida State.

Matt Ruebel, Jose Garcia, Santos Hernandez, Brad Pennington, Scott Aldred, Dave Eiland, Maximo Nunez, Rick White and Mark Eichhorn are scheduled to pitch during the intrasquad game.

THE QUIZ

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1) El Niño storms coming off the Pacific Ocean battered the coast of ..?.., sending these Malibu homes into the water.

2) The nation of ..?.. announced it will free 200 "prisoners of conscience" in the wake of a visit by Pope John Paul II in January.

3) Independent counsel Kenneth Starr is attempting to question (CHOOSE ONE: Secret Service, FBI) agents assigned to President Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky case.

4) The U.S. military has given the name "Desert (CHOOSE ONE: Thunder, Lightning)" to its proposed plan of attack against Iraq.

5) The president has proposed a rise of (CHOOSE ONE: 50 cents, one dollar) over two years in the minimum wage.

MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

1-slink	a-bond
2-rink	b-glide
3-sink	c-arena
4-link	d-submerge
5-wink	e-sparkle

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) At the Winter Olympics, American skier ..?.. won the women's super G.

2) Chan Gailey, the offensive coordinator of the Pittsburgh Steelers, has been named head coach of the NFL's ..?...

3) The film "Titanic" received 14 Oscar nominations, tying with the early 1950s film (CHOOSE ONE: "African Queen," "All About Eve") for gathering the most nominations.

4) Oddsmakers in Hollywood have made ..?.., the star of "Ulee's Gold," the early favorite to win the Best Actor Oscar.

5) Actor ..?.., star of "As Good As It Gets," was nominated for a record 11th time by the Motion Picture Academy.

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer or answers)



I was recently confirmed as the nation's surgeon general. Who am I?

YOUR SCORE:
91 to 100 points — TOP SCORE!
81 to 90 points — Excellent
71 to 80 points — Good
61 to 70 points — Fair
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(10 points for each question answered correctly)

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

WORLDSCOPE: 1-California; 2-Cuba; 3-Secret Service;
4-Thunder; 5-one dollar.
NEWSNAME: David Satcher.
MATCHWORDS: 1-b; 2-c; 3-d; 4-a; 5-e.
PEOPLE & SPORTS: 1-Picabo Street; 2-Dallas Cowboys;
3- "All About Eve"; 4-Peter Fonda; 5-Jack Nicholson.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Signed RHP Aaron Small to a one-year contract.

National League

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Released OF Midre Cummings.

Pacific Coast League

LAS VEGAS STARS—Named Steven Solomon public relations manager.

Northeast League

ALBANY-COLONIE DIAMOND DOGS—Signed 3B Dan Kopriva and named him hitting instructor.

CATSKILL COUGARS—Signed OF Earl Cunningham.

Western Baseball League

CHICO HEAT—Signed Chris Catanoso, coach, LHP Hank Sprinkle, LHP Jared Ewen. Re-signed LHP Scott Navarro, OF Terrel Hansen.

SONOMA COUNTY CRUSHERS—Re-signed RHP John Patton, INF John Casey, OF Cy-Leon Simonton. Signed RHP Tim Gower.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Placed F Tom Gugliotta on the injured list. Activated G Chris Carr from the injured list.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed G-F Willie Burton to a 10-day contract.

UTAH JAZZ—Signed C William Cunningham to a second 10-day contract.

American Basketball League

ABL—Fired Lisa Boyer, Philadelphia Rage coach.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed TE Chris Gedney to a three-year contract.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released QB Wade Wilson.

DENVER BRONCOS—Signed WR Justin Armour and CB Carl Kidd.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Antonio London, S Roger Harper and TE Kyle Wachholtz.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed C Quentin Neujahr to an offer sheet.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-signed OG Todd Rucci.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Gary Stevens quarterbacks coach.

Arena Football League

NASHVILLE KATS—Named Mike Neu and Jeff Mayes co-offensive coordinators and Pat Sperduto assistant head coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled LW Barry Nieckar from Cincinnati of the AHL and C-LW Kevin Todd from Long Beach of the IHL. Reassigned D Dan Trebil to Cincinnati.

DALLAS STARS—Activated LW Greg Adams and D Richard Matvichuk from injured reserve.

EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled C Boyd Devereaux, D Terran Sandwith and RW Scott Fraser from Hamilton of the AHL.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Assigned D Jason Holland to Kentucky of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled D Ricard Persson from Worcester of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Agreed to terms with C Mats Sundin on a four-year contract.

International Hockey League

FORT WAYNE KOMETS—Acquired G Scott LaGrand on loan from Orlando. Assigned G Judd Lambert to Dayton of the ECHL.

Central Hockey League

CHL—Awarded an expansion franchise to Topeka to begin with the 1998-99 season.

East Coast Hockey League

COLUMBUS CHILL—Placed F Justin McPolin on the 14-day injured list.

JOHNSTOWN CHIEFS—Signed G Dana Heinze.

TALLAHASSEE TIGER SHARKS—Traded F Ryan Haggerty to Jacksonville for D Eric Landry.

West Coast Hockey League

PHOENIX MUSTANGS—Acquired D Bruce Bell from the Reno Rage for D Mark Costea.

OLYMPICS

U.S. SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING—Named Chris Carver and Gail Emery co-coaches of the 1998 Goodwill Games teams; Julie Thaden and Becky Dyroen-Lancer coaches of the National Team II; and Gail Pucci and Nathalie Schneyder-Bartleson coaches of the National Junior team.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS—Signed F Jamar Beasley to Project-40 and assigned him to the New England Revolution.

LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Signed MF Clint Mathis.

National Professional Soccer League

CLEVELAND CRUNCH—Signed D Bill Crook.

A-League

ROCHESTER RHINOS—Signed D Bill Sedgewick to a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with D Craig Demmin.

Eastern Indoor Soccer League

MISSISSIPPI BEACH KINGS—Named Gary Hindley head coach and assistant general manager.

COLLEGE

ATLANTIC 10—Named Charles J. Kalis supervisor of football officials.

ECAC—Announced that the Niagara women's hockey team has been accepted into the conference.

SEC—Suspended South Carolina junior G BJ McKie for the first half of the Feb. 24 Georgia-South Carolina men's basketball game for intentional and flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct on Feb. 21 against Florida. Reprimanded Florida's Brent Wright for unsportsmanlike conduct at the end of the Feb. 21 game.

AIR FORCE—Announced the resignation of Marti Gasser, women's basketball coach, effective June 30.

CENTRAL, IOWA—Named Mike Gruver women's cross country coach.

CLEMSON—Named Brenda Rabon assistant sports information director and athletic department sales director.

COLGATE—Named Dorinda von Tersch women's volleyball coach.

DELAWARE—Named Dave Scott volunteer assistant football coach.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN—Announced that basketball F Quincy Wright has been dismissed from the team.

MORAVIAN—Named Richard M. Dull athletic director.

RUTGERS-NEWARK—Named Lon De Luca women's softball coach.

ST. PETER'S—Named John Calcaterra men's soccer coach.

VANDERBILT—Named Steve Crosby offensive coordinator and Dino Folino secondary coach. Promoted offensive coordinator Ed Lambert to assistant head coach. Added duties as special teams coach to recruiting coordinator Ray Zingler, and linebackers coach to defensive coordinator Norm Parker.

NBA Results

Standings
By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	38	18	.679	—
New York	31	23	.574	6
New Jersey	32	24	.571	6
Orlando	28	27	.509	9 1/2
Washington	28	28	.500	10
Boston	25	30	.455	12 1/2
Philadelphia	18	35	.340	18 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	42	15	.737	—
Indiana	38	16	.704	2 1/2
Atlanta	32	23	.582	9
Charlotte	32	23	.582	9
Cleveland	29	26	.527	12
Milwaukee	28	27	.509	13
Detroit	25	29	.463	15 1/2
Toronto	12	42	.222	28 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	37	16	.698	—
San Antonio	37	18	.673	1
Minnesota	30	24	.556	7 1/2
Houston	27	28	.491	11
Vancouver	14	41	.255	24
Dallas	10	44	.185	27 1/2
Denver	5	50	.091	33

Pacific Division

Seattle	42	13	.764	—
L.A. Lakers	37	16	.698	4
Phoenix	37	17	.685	4 1/2
Portland	32	22	.593	9 1/2
Sacramento	24	32	.429	18 1/2
Golden State	12	42	.222	29 1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	44	.200	31

Tuesday's Games

Washington 124, Houston 112
Golden State 87, New York 82
New Jersey 110, Vancouver 101
Miami 104, Utah 102
L.A. Lakers 98, Milwaukee 81
San Antonio 105, Minnesota 99
Philadelphia 85, Phoenix 84

Wednesday's Games

Sacramento at Boston, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Wizards 124, Rockets 112

HOUSTON (112): Bullard 4-4 0-0 10, Willis 8-13 4-4 20, Olajuwon 5-8 9-11 19, Drexler 7-17 1-2 17, Maloney 0-8 0-0 0, Barkley 6-11 4-6 16, Price 3-5 0-0 8, Elie 2-3 1-1 5, Johnson 4-8 7-8 17. Totals 39-77 26-32 112.

WASHINGTON (124): Murray 11-15 1-2 27, Webber 13-24 9-13 36, Davis 2-3 3-4 7, Cheaney 6-20 4-6 16, Strickland 10-16 9-11 31, Wallace 1-1 1-3 3, Grant 0-3 0-2 0, Whitney 0-2 2-2 2, Ham 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 44-86 29-43 124.

Houston 29 21 27 35 — 112
Washington27 31 33 33 — 124

3-Point goals—Houston 8-21 (Bullard 2-2, Price 2-2, Johnson 2-4, Drexler 2-6, Barkley 0-2, Maloney 0-5), Washington 7-16 (Murray 4-5, Strickland 2-3, Webber 1-4, Cheaney 0-4). Fouled out—Barkley. Rebounds—Houston 49 (Willis 12), Washington 51 (Webber 13) Assists—Houston 24 (Olajuwon, Maloney, Price), Washington 23 (Strickland 15). Total fouls—Houston 29, Washington 21. Technicals—Barkley 2, Washington illegal defense, Ejections—Barkley. A—19,401 (20,674).

Warriors 87, Knicks 82

GOLDEN STATE (87): Marshall 8-17 3-3 19, Weatherspoon 5-9 3-4 13, Dampier 7-14 1-2 15, Jackson 3-14 4-4 10, Bogues 3-5 2-2 8, Caffey 4-7 2-2 10, Delk 3-11 0-0 7, Coles 1-4 0-0 2, Fuller 0-3 0-0 0, Spencer 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 35-86 16-18 87.

NEW YORK (82): Johnson 7-17 4-5 19, Oakley 5-10 0-0 10, Dudley 1-2 1-2 3, Houston 10-22 3-5 25, Ward 0-4 2-2 2, Mills 5-7 0-0 11, Starks 4-14 2-2 12, Cummings 0-3 0-0 0, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-79 12-16 82.

Golden St. 20 18 24 25 — 87
New York 16 14 29 23 — 82

3-Point goals—Golden State 1-9 (Delk 1-3, Jackson 0-2, Marshall 0-4), New York 6-20 (Houston 2-6, Starks 2-9, Johnson 1-1, Mills 1-2, Ward 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 53 (Marshall 12), New York 51 (Johnson 14). Assists—Golden State 18 (Bogues 6), New York 19 (Ward 6). Total fouls—Golden State 14, New York 22. A—19,763 (19,763).

Nets 110, Grizzlies 101

VANCOUVER (101): Abdur-Rahim 10-24 6-8 26, Smith 5-11 2-3 12, Reeves 12-19 7-9 31, Edwards 3-16 3-3 9, Mayberry 1-4 0-0 3, Chilcutt 3-4 0-0 8, Daniels 0-4 0-0 0, Hurley 2-6 0-0 4, Lynch 3-6 0-0 6, Massenburg 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 40-95 18-23 101.

NEW JERSEY (110): Evans 2-7 0-0 4, Van Horn 5-15 2-4 13, Williams 8-14 2-4 18, Kittles 11-20 4-4 29, Cassell 10-16 8-9 28, Gatling 2-6 3-4 7, MacLean 0-0 0-0 0, Douglas 2-6 3-4 7, Harris 1-2 0-0 2, Cage 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 42-87 22-29 110.

Vancouver25 25 26 25 — 101
New Jersey26 24 25 35 — 110

3-Point goals—Vancouver 3-8 (Chilcutt 2-3, Mayberry 1-2, Lynch 0-1, Edwards 0-2), New Jersey 4-6 (Kittles 3-3, Van Horn 1-1, Evans 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Vancouver 53 (Reeves 15), New Jersey 59 (Williams 15). Assists—Vancouver 21 (Mayberry 7), New Jersey 24 (Cassell, Douglas 8). Total fouls—Vancouver 20, New Jersey 22. Technical—Gatling. A—13,335 (20,049).

Heat 104, Jazz 102

MIAMI (104): Askins 1-3 0-0 3, Brown 3-7 4-4 10, Mourning 7-11 6-9 20, Lenard 7-10 1-3 20, Hardaway 6-16 4-5 18, Majerle 6-10 3-3 18, Murdock 4-7 2-2 11, Causwell 0-3 0-2 0, Strickland 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 36-72 20-28 104.

UTAH (102): Keefe 3-6 2-4 8, Malone 10-21 6-9 26, Foster 3-7 0-0 6, Hornacek 6-12 1-1 14, Stockton 4-10 0-0 12, Cunningham 1-1 0-0 2, Carr 3-6 2-4 8, Eisley 2-4 2-2 6, Russell 2-7 4-6 8, Anderson 4-9 4-4 12. Totals 38-83 21-30 102.

Miami 27 26 24 27 — 104
Utah 23 27 17 35 — 102

3-Point goals—Miami 12-27 (Lenard 5-7, Majerle 3-7, Hardaway 2-8, Murdock 1-2, Askins 1-3), Utah 5-14 (Stockton 4-5, Hornacek 1-2, Foster 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Russell 0-5). Fouled out—Brown. Rebounds—Miami 50 (Brown, Mourning 9), Utah 48 (Malone 11). Assists—Miami 25 (Murdock 6), Utah 26 (Stockton 10). Total fouls—Miami 26, Utah 23. Technicals—Hornacek, Utah coach Sloan. A—19,911 (19,911).

Lakers 98, Bucks 81

L.A. LAKERS (98): Fox 5-9 0-0 13, Horry 5-9 3-4 13, O'Neal 8-16 5-12 21, Fisher 4-7 1-2 9, Jones 8-14 4-5 20, Campbell 2-6 2-2 6, Bryant 3-12 5-5 12, Bennett 1-2 0-0 2, Blount 1-1 0-0 2, Barry 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-78 20-30 98.

MILWAUKEE (81): Hill 5-14 0-0 10, Robinson 7-19 2-5 16, Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, Allen 7-21 1-2 19, Perry 1-5 0-0 2, Lang 1-4 0-0 2, Green 1-2 0-0 2, Curry 7-11 3-4 17, Gilliam 3-8 1-2 7, Pierce 0-3 0-0 0, Honeycutt 1-2 0-0 2, Feick 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-93 7-13 81.

L.A. Lakers21 26 28 23 — 98
Milwaukee17 21 20 23 — 81

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 4-10 (Fox 3-5, Bryant 1-1, Horry 0-1, Jones 0-3), Milwaukee 4-12 (Allen 4-6, Green 0-1, Pierce 0-1, Honeycutt 0-1, Robinson 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 58 (O'Neal 12), Milwaukee 57 (Hill 20). Assists—Los Angeles 20 (Fisher 6), Milwaukee 25 (Allen 13). Total fouls—Los Angeles 16, Milwaukee 22. A—18,717 (18,717).

76ers 85, Suns 84

PHILADELPHIA (85): Coleman 8-21 2-3 18, Thomas 2-8 2-4 7, Ratliff 3-6 2-5 8, Iverson 8-20 10-11 27, McKie 6-10 0-0 12, Smith 3-8 2-2 8, Snow 1-3 0-0 2, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Shaw 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 32-83 18-25 85.

PHOENIX (84): McDyess 5-9 1-2 11, Bryant 0-4 2-2 2, Robinson 8-19 5-8 21, Kidd 2-7 2-2 6, Chapman 3-7 0-1 8, Johnson 3-5 2-2 8, Manning 4-9 7-8 15, McCloud 1-1 0-0 3, Nash 4-6 0-0 8, Scott 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 31-71 19-25 84.

Philadelphia24 15 20 26 — 85
Phoenix 31 26 14 13 — 84

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 3-13 (Shaw 1-1, Thomas 1-3, Iverson 1-5, McKie 0-1, Coleman 0-3), Phoenix 3-13 (Chapman 2-4, McCloud 1-1, Nash 0-1, Kidd 0-2, Scott 0-2, Robinson 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 53 (Coleman, Ratliff 10), Phoenix 51 (Bryant 12). Assists—Philadelphia 21 (McKie 7), Phoenix 26 (Kidd 10). Total fouls—Philadelphia 26, Phoenix 22. Technicals—Coleman. A—19,023 (19,023).

Fight Schedule

By The Associated Press
National TV in parentheses

Feb. 27

At The Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City, Calif., (FOX SN), Robert McCracken, England, vs. Lonny Beasley, Detroit, 10, middleweights. Adan Vargas, Mexico, vs. Narcisco Rodriguez, Dominican Republic, 12, for the vacant NABF bantamweight title. Lance Whitaker, Los Angeles, vs. Everett Martin, Tyler, Texas, 8, heavyweights. Anthony Green, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Louis Monaco, Denver, 8, heavyweights. Effi Schneider, Los Angeles, vs. Stanley Longstreet, Los Angeles, 8, junior welterweights.

Feb. 28

At Bally's Park Place, Atlantic City, N.J. (ABC), Steve Johnston, Denver, vs. George Scott, Sweden, 12, for Johnson's WBC lightweight title. Lamon Brewster, Los Angeles, vs. Val Smith, Detroit, 8, heavyweights. Floyd Mayweather, Las Vegas, vs. Sammy Girard, Providence, R.I., 8, super featherweights. Paolo Roberto, Sweden, vs. Darryle Ruffins, Bronx, N.Y., 8, junior middleweights.

March 3

At Corpus Christi Memorial Coliseum, Texas (USA), David Reid, Philadelphia, vs. Fidel Avendano, Los Angeles, 8, junior middleweights. Marquis Sosa, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Ken Bowman, Chicago, 12, for the vacant NABF light heavyweight title.

March 6

At The Capitol, Port Chester, N.Y., David Telesco, Port Chester, N.Y. vs. Jay Snyder, Spartansburg, S.C., 10, light heavyweights. Richie Melito, Queens, N.Y., vs. Melton Bowen, Jamaica, 10, heavyweights.

March 7

At Plaza De Toros, Mexico City (PPV), Julio Cesar Chavez, Mexico, vs. Miguel Angel Gonzalez, Mexico, 12, for the vacant WBC super lightweight title. Ricardo Lopez, Mexico, vs. Rosendo Alvarez, Nicaragua, 12, for Lopez's WBC strawweight and Alvarez's WBA minimum weight titles.

March 10

At Pikesville Armory, Pikesville, Md. (USA), Derrell Coley, Capitol Heights, Md., vs. Willy Wise, Westbury, N.Y., 12, for Coley's NABF welterweight title. David Tua, New Zealand, vs. Jeff Wooden, Fort Bragg, N.C., 10, heavyweights.

March 14

At Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO), Vince Phillips, Las Vegas, vs. Alfonso Sanchez, Mexico, 12, for Phillips' IBF junior welterweight title. Keith Mullings, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Davide Ciarlante, Italy, 12, for Mullings' WBC super welterweight title. Vassiliy Jirov, Scottsdale, Ariz., vs. Chavez Francisco, Portsmouth, Va., 10, cruiserweights.

March 21

At Max Schmeling Halle, Berlin, Michael Nunn, Los Angeles, vs. Graciano Rocchigiani, Germany, 12, for vacant WBC light heavyweight title.

March 23

At Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket, Conn., Yory Boy Campas, Mexico, vs. Anthony Stephens, Metarie, La., 12, for Campas' IBF junior middleweight title. Lucia Rijker, Los Angeles, vs. Mary Ann Almager, New Mexico, 10, super lightweights. Floyd Mayweather, Las Vegas, vs. Manny Casillas, Mexico, 8, super featherweights.

March 24

At Grand Casino, Tunica, Miss. (USA), Verno Phillips, Troy, N.Y., vs. Kenny Ellis, Seattle, 12, for Phillips' WBU junior middleweight title.

March 27

At Trump Marina Casino and Resort, Atlantic City, N.J., Lawrence Clay-Bey, Hartford, Conn., vs. Jose Ribalta, Cuba, 10, heavyweights. Monte Barrett, New York, vs. Anthony Green, Brooklyn, N.Y., 8, heavyweights. Lance Whitaker, Los Angeles, vs. Bryant Smith, Rochester, N.Y., 8, heavyweights.

At Telford Ice Rink, Telford, England, Thulane "Sugar Boy" Malinga, South Africa, vs. Richie Woodhall, England, 12, for Malinga's WBC super middleweight title.

March 28

At Convention Center, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO), Lennox Lewis, Britain, vs. Shannon Briggs, Brooklyn, N.Y., 12, for Lewis' WBC heavyweight title. Charles Brewer, Philadelphia, vs. Herol Graham, England, 12, for Brewer's IBF super middleweight title.

March 31

At Grand Casino, Biloxi, Miss. (USA), Don Diego Poeder, Netherlands, vs. Robert Daniels, Miami, 12, for Poeder's WBU cruiserweight title. Oba Carr, Detroit, vs. Santos Cardona, Puerto Rico, 10, welterweights.

April 4

At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (PPV), Genaro Hernandez, East Los Angeles, vs. Carlos Gerena, Puerto Rico, 12, for Hernandez's WBC super featherweight title. Erik Morales, Mexico, vs. Jose Luis Bueno, Mexico, 12, for Morales' WBC super bantamweight title.

April 5

At Newcastle, Australia, Kostya Tszyu, Australia, vs. Calvin Grove, Pottstown, Pa., junior welterweights.

WPHL

At A Glance
By The Associated Press

Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Worth	37	16	10	84	275	207
Shreveport	39	16	3	81	268	183
Austin	32	20	10	74	226	229
Central Texas	33	20	6	72	216	223
Lake Charles	30	24	6	66	242	244
Monroe	29	29	2	60	195	198
Waco	15	43	3	33	181	285

Western Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	37	17	4	78	280	194
El Paso	35	18	6	76	296	219
San Angelo	26	28	5	57	249	282
Amarillo	22	26	12	56	201	258
Odessa	22	34	5	49	236	332

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games

Odessa 3, Amarillo 2
San Angelo 7, El Paso 5
Monroe 6, Waco 4

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Fort Worth at Amarillo
Monroe at Odessa
New Mexico at San Angelo
Central Texas at Shreveport

McDonald's All-America

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Players selected to participate in the McDonald's All America Basketball Game, to be played March 25 at Scope in Norfolk, Va., with name, height, position, school, state, and college choice, if decided:

EAST

Ted Dupay, 5-10, G, Cape Coral, Fla., Florida

Ronald Curry, 6-2, G, Hampton, Va., Undecided

Dane Fife, 6-4, G, Clarkston, Mich., Indiana

Frank Williams, 6-4, G, Manuel, Ill., Illinois

Danny Miller, 6-7, G, Rancocas Valley, N.J., Maryland

Vincent Yarbrough, 6-7, F, Cleveland, Tenn., Tennessee

Jason Capel, 6-8, F, Prospect Hall, Md., North Carolina

Mike Miller, 6-8, F, Mitchell, S.D., Florida

Al Harrington, 6-9, F, St. Patrick, N.J., Undecided

Kevin Lyde, 6-9, C, Mouth of Wilson, Va., Temple

Kris Lang, 6-10, F, Hunter, N.C., North Carolina

Dan Gadzuric, 6-11, C, Governor Drummer, Mass., Undecided

WEST

Jeff Boschee, 6-1, G, Valley City, N.D., Kansas

Eric Barkley, 6-1, G, Pittsfield, Maine, St. John's

Ray Young, 6-4, G, St. Joe's, Calif., UCLA

Corey Maggette, 6-6, F, Fenwick, Ill., Duke

Quentin Richardson, 6-6, F, Whitney Young, Ill., DePaul

Korleone Young, 6-7, F, Hargrave Military, Va., Undecided

JaRon Rush, 6-7, F, Pembroke, Mo., Undecided

Richard Jefferson, 6-7, F, Moon Valley, Ariz., Arizona

Tayshaun Prince, 6-8, G, Dominguez, Calif., Kentucky

Stromile Swift, 6-9, C, Fair Park, La., Undecided

Rashard Lewis, 6-10, F, Alief-Elsik, Texas, Undecided

Joel Przybilla, 7-1, C, Monticello, Minn., Minnesota

Guardian Open

LONDON (AP) — Results Tuesday from the $689,250 ATP Guardian Direct Open:

Karol Kucera (7), Slovakia, def. Guillaume Raoux, France, 6-7 (7-2), 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.

Filip Dewulf, Belgium, def. Galo Blanco, Spain, 6-2, 7-5.

Cedric Pioline, France, def. Francisco Clevet, Spain, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5).

Petr Korda (1), Czech Republic, def. David Prinosil, Germany, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (7-2), 6-4.

Magnus Gustafsson, Sweden, def. Brett Steven, New Zealand, 6-7 (7-3), 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov (3), Russia, def. Thomas Johansson, Sweden, 6-3, 6-2.

Rainer Schuttler, Germany, def. Martin Damm, Czech Republic, 7-5, 7-6 (7-3).

Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, def. def. Chris Wilkinson, Britain, 6-7 (7-5), 6-4, 6-2.

Tim Henman, Britain, def. Richard Krajicek, Netherlands, 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (7-2), 7-5.

Austrian Open

LINZ, Austria (AP) — Results Tuesday of the $450,000 WTA Austrian Open:

Singles
First Round

Lisa Raymond (5), Wayne, Pa., def. Maria Antonia Sanchez Lorenzo, 6-2, 6-3.

Silvia Farina, Italy, def. Yayuk Basuki (6), Indonesia, 6-3, 6-4.

Magdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria, def. Andrea Glass, Germany, 6-1, 6-0.

Karin Kschwendt, Austria, def. Katerina Studenikova, Slovakia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Adriane Gersi, Czech Republic, def. Karina Habsudova, Slovakia, 7-6 (7-1), retired (illness).

Asa Carlsson, Sweden, def. Amelie Mauresmo, France, 6-0, 7-6 (10-8).

Barbara Rittner, Germany, def. Nathalie Dechy, France, 6-3, 6-3.

Miriam Oremans, Netherlands, def. Anne-Gaelle Sidot, France, 7-6 (12-10), 6-7 (4-7), 6-3.

Advanta Champ.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Results Tuesday from the $589,250 Advanta Championships tennis tournament:

Singles
First Round

Pete Sampras (1), Tampa, Fla., def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Tommy Haas (6), Germany, def. Vince Spadea, Boca Raton, Fla., 6-3, 6-2.

Sjeng Schalken (8), Netherlands, def. Jeff Salzenstein, Englewood, Colo., 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5).

Marcelo Craca, Germany, def. Nicolas Lapentti, Ecuador, 6-4, 6-4.

Paul Haarhuis, The Netherlands, def. Javier Sanchez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.

Richey Reneberg, Atlanta, def. Jordi Burillo, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles
First Round

Sandon Stolle, Australia, and Cyril Suk, Czech Republic (3), def. Geoff Grant, Watertown, Mass., and Mark Merklein, Coral Gables, Fla., 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Jim Couner, Orlando, Fla., and Mark Knowles, Bahamas, def. Sebastien Lareau, Canada, and Jeff Tarango, Manhattan Beach, Calif., 7-5, 6-4.

Mark Keil, Tampa, Fla., and T.J. Middleton, Atlanta, def. Julian Alonso, Spain, and Fernando Meligeni, Brazil, 6-3, 7-6 (6-4).

IGA Tennis Classic

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Results Tuesday from the IGA Tennis Classic:

Singles
First Round

Serena Williams (5), Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., def. Katrina Adams, Missouri City, Texas, 6-1, 6-2.

Amy Frazier (6), Midland, Mich., def. Kern-Anne Gusse, Australia, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Annabel Ellwood, Australia, def. Alexandra Stevens, San Diego, 6-4, 6-4.

Meredith McGrath, Midland, Mich., def. Patricia Hy-Boulais, Canada, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

Tara Snyder, Wichita, Kan., def. Sandra Cacic, Bradenton, Fla., 6-4, 7-6 (7-1).

Lea Ghirardi-Rubbi, France, def. Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Monaco, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Francesca Lubiani, Italy, def. Rika Hiraki, Japan, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

College Baseball

By The Associated Press

SOUTH

Ala.-Huntsville 19, Martin Methodist 7

Ark.-Little Rock 8, NW Louisiana 5

Auburn 12, Florida Atlantic 6

Auburn-Montgomery 7-7, Faulkner 4-0

Campbellsville 9-0, Bellarmine 7-4

Christian Brothers 9-5, Williams Baptist 0-1

Elon 11, Wake Forest 1

Embry-Riddle 15-12, Clearwater Christian 0-1

Emmanuel 3-3, North Greenville 1-7

Emory 12, Bridgewater, Va. 4

Florida 8, W. Kentucky 2

Freed-Hardeman 17, LeMoyne-Owen 6

Georgia 24, Georgia St. 12

Georgia Southern 10, Jacksonville 7

High Point 11, Pfeiffer 3

Kennesaw 6, Southern Tech 2

Lambuth 2-2, North Alabama 1-6

Liberty 15, VMI 14

Mercer 13, Georgia Tech 9

Miles 12-5, Tuskegee 7-7

Mississippi 9, Ala.-Birmingham 8

Mississippi St. 18, Alcorn St. 4

Murray St. 12, S. Indiana 11

North Carolina 10, William & Mary 3

North Greenville 7, Emmanuel 3

N.C. Wesleyan 11, Wilmington, Del. 3

SE Louisiana 8, Belhaven 1

South Alabama 14, Southern Mississippi 8

Tennessee Tech 10, E. Tennessee St. 1

Trevecca Nazarene 11-14, Lane 1-2

UNC-Greensboro 5, East Carolina 4

Vanderbilt 14, Samford 5

Virginia Tech 16, Old Dominion 11

West Alabama 9, Birmingham-Southern 7

Winthrop 6, Wofford 5

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 5, Austin Peay 0

Baylor 19, Texas-San Antonio 12

Cent. Arkansas 17, Hendrix 2

Dallas Baptist 12-12, Cameron 2-2

Oklahoma 7, Texas-Arlington 4

Oklahoma Baptist 7-13, SW Oklahoma 2-2

SW Missouri St. 4, Arkansas 2

Sam Houston St. 10, Texas A&M 7

Texas 6, Oral Roberts 4

Texas A&M-Kingsville 13-13, St. Edward's 2-9

Texas Tech 6, Howard Payne 1

Wayland Baptist 10, W. Texas A&M 0

FAR WEST

Arizona St. at Grand Canyon, ppd., rain

San Jose St. 12, Cal. St.-Hayward 1

S. Utah at Arizona, ppd., rain

Southern Cal at Pepperdine, ppd., wet grounds

PWBA Sebring

SEBRING, Fla. (AP) — Standings Tuesday after the third round of the PWBA Greater Sebring Open with total pinfalls after 18 games (top 24 advance to match play):

1. Kendra Cameron, Gambrills, Md., 4,002. 2. Kim Canady, Oakland, 3,939. 3. Kim Adler, Las Vegas, 3,847. 4. Karen Stroud, Canyon, Texas, 3,811. 5. Marianne DiRupo, Succasunna, N.J., 3,799. 6. Stacy Rider, LaHabra, Calif., 3,788.

7. Tami Elsworth, South Williamsport, Pa., 3,774. 8. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, North Richland Hills, Texas, 3,770. 9. Wendy Macpherson, Henderson, Nev., 3,764. 10. Jody Ellis, South Africa, 3,759. 11. Jackie Mitskavich, DuBois, Pa., 3,754. 12. Debbie Rudd, Jacksonville, Fla., 3,745.

College Basketball

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 71, Tarleton St. 68

Oklahoma St. 80, Texas 58

Philander Smith 95, Ark.-Pine Bluff 88

Texas A&M Commerce 87, Cameron 62

Texas Lutheran 90, Schreiner 76

Wiley 108, LeTourneau 100

FAR WEST

Air Force 74, Denver 63

S. Colorado 99, Regis 74

MIDWEST

Cedarville 115, Wilberforce 82

Defiance 124, Lake Erie 98

Illinois 82, Indiana 72

Kansas Wesleyn 81, Ottawa, Kan. 58

Mo. Western 68, SW Baptist 45

Mount St. Clare 88, Iowa Wesleyn 84

NW Missouri St. 79, Missouri-Rolla 67

Nebraska-Kearney 96, Colo.-Colo. Springs 68

Pittsburg St. 85, Cent. Missouri 67

S. Indiana 102, Bellarmine 76

St. Ambrose 79, Mount Mercy 78

Sterling 75, Bethel, Kan. 74

Washburn 63, Truman St. 52

SOUTH

Alice Lloyd 67, Covenant 57

Brewton Parker 97, Emmanuel 88

Drury 78, Alabama A&M 70

Freed-Hardeman 102, Campbellsville 81

Lane 89, Tougaloo 86

Life 89, Auburn-Montgomery 74

Maryland 74, Virginia 66

North Carolina 72, Wake Forest 53

Seton Hall 76, Miami 71

South Carolina 78, Georgia 76

Transylvania 99, Asbury 76

EAST

Buffalo 110, Chicago St. 100

Coast Guard 76, Norwich 53

Colby 81, Bates 58

Colby-Sawyer 84, Curry 70

College of West Va. 83, Rio Grande 81

Edinboro 77, Clarion 67

Hamilton 94, Middlebury 78

Keene St. 99, Mass.-Boston 98

Newberry 84, Dean 78

Pittsburgh 65, Villanova 61

Rhode Island 69, Xavier 68

Roger Williams 90, Anna Maria 64

St. John's 67, Syracuse 65

Trinity, Conn. 96, Wesleyan, Conn. 73

Utica 62, Skidmore 53

Wentworth Tech 96, Nichols 57

TOURNAMENTS

CUNY Athletic Conference
Semifinals

Hunter 83, Staten Island 62

York, N.Y. 79, Baruch 74

Constitution Athletic Conference
First Round

Worcester Tech 68, MIT 66

Great Lakes Valley Conference
First Round

N. Kentucky 85, Indianapolis 76

Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament
First Round

SIU-Edwardsville 85, Lewis 80

Middle Atlantic Conference
First Round

Albright 90, FDU-Madison 79

Lebanon Val. 80, Allentown 68

Scranton 82, Elizabethtown 63

Wilkes 80, Susquehanna 78

Nebraska and Iowa Athletic Conference
First Round

Hastings 92, Doane 72

Midland 75, Dana 61

New York Collegiate Athletic Conference
First Round

Molloy 74, Dowling 73

Phila. Textile 70, Queens Coll. 62

St. Rose 79, N.J. Tech 68

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LOCAL SPORTS

Eastwood next for Bulldogs

EL PASO — El Paso Eastwood defeated El Paso Franklin 67-61 in overtime here Tuesday night in a Class 5A bi-district playoff and the Troopers will next meet Midland High in the area round.

MHS coach Jack Stephenson said Tuesday that Eastwood and his No. 2 state-ranked Bulldogs (30-2) will square off in the area round at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Pecos. The Bulldogs defeated Eastwood in the region quarterfinals a year ago in Pecos.

Eastwood (23-10) built a 17-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, but blew the lead to Franklin and had to win it in overtime.

Permian, AHS win bi-district

District 4-5A is alive and well in the Class 5A boys state basketball playoffs as both Odessa Permian and Abilene High won bi-district matches Tuesday night.

In Big Spring, the Odessa Permian Panthers, making their first playoff run in 10 years, won a 52-47 victory over Lubbock High while Abilene High survived Amarillo Tascosa in Lubbock by a narrow 77-74 margin.

The Panthers kept the lead against Lubbock High most of the game and once led by as many as 10 points. E.J. Miller fueled the Panthers in the second half, leading Permian in scoring with 16 points. He was held to only two points in the first half, but carried a big stick in the second half. Miller was the only player in double figures. Sophomore Roy Williams had nine, including a big slam dunk. Bradley Randle had 15 points for Lubbock (20-13) and Marc Chavez added 14.

Permian (20-12) will now meet District 1-5A winner El Paso Jefferson (22-9) either Friday or Saturday at a place still to be determined.

Abilene High (22-13) had a comfortable 14-point lead in the second half, but ended up holding its breath before victory came. Tascosa (26-7) had a three-point shot at the buzzer to tie the game, but missed.

AHS advances to the area round against District 2-5A winner El Paso Hanks (25-2) either Friday or Saturday at a site to be determined.

Ozona survives Sundown, 45-36

The Ozona Lady Lions advaced to the Region I Class 2A state basketball tournament Tuesday night at Chaparral Center with a 45-36 area playoff win over Sundown.

Sundown falls from the state playoffs with a 19-12 mark, but gave the 34-1 Lady Lions a tussell, closing to within six points in the last minute of play.

Amber Tarr paced the victory for Ozona with a game-high 22 points and no other Ozona player was in double figures. Sundown got 14 points from Vicki Castillo and 12 from Kenda Fort to stay in the game.

Sundown scored only 10 points in the first half as Ozona took a 17-10 lead in the low scoring half. Sundown trailed 33-21 after three periods, but closed the gap in the fourth quarter. Ozona hit 21 of 30 free throw attempts to preserve the win.

Wolfe aces

Jim Wolfe recorded a hole-in-one Tuesday at Ranchland Hills Country Club, acing the 194-yard, No. 12 hole with a 9-iron.

Wolfe was playing with Boyce Holder, Frank Curry, Don Clemmer and Roger Gray.

MC puts two on all-district team

The Midland Christian girls basketball team put two players on the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools District 1-4A first team.

Junior Bethany Spradlin and junior Sarah Koss made the 8-player team, joining four players from Lubbock Christian and two from Lubbock Trinity. Lubbock Christian's Kristy Steven was named the district's MVP.

MC sophomore Garen Classcock, junior Kristi Cosner and Kim Spradlin were second-team performers.

TAPPS District 1-4A First team: Kristy Stevens, Lubbock Christian, sr. (MVP); Tabitha Qubty, Lub Christian, soph.; Bethany Spradlin, MC, Jr.; Alyssa Bromley, Lub. Trinity, sr.; Jocelyn Qubty, Lub. Christian, Jr.; Amber Davis, Lub. Trinity, sr.; Sarah Koss, MC, Jr.; Lacy Richards, Lub. Christian, sr.

Lee's Taylor wins JV tourney

SAN ANGELO — Freshman Jennifer Taylor, playing in her first ever tournament for the Midland Lee junior varsity, took first place in the medalist's category with an 87 score at the San Angelo JV Tournament on Tuesday.

The Lady Rebels finished in the middle of the pack in the tourney won by Snyder. Odessa Permian placed second.

Four out of five Lady Rebels played in their first tournament.

Medalists — 1. Jennifer Taylor, Lee, 87; 2. Amber Rich, Snyder, 89; 3. Jenny Chandler, Snyder, 97.
Lee JV results — Courtney Feavel 106, Korah Mehaffey 109, Jennifer Taylor 87, Jessica Soltis 117, Chaney Stanridge 139.

Giles qualifies for Super Champs

WICHITA FALLS — Midlander Dana Giles qualified for the Girls' 16 Super Tennis Championship this past wekend at the Champioship Major Zone Tournament.

Other area participants reaching the finals were Meryl McClung, Sonia Valdez, Marlin Geib, and Justin Brammer of Midland. Reaching the semifinals were Lindsay Hanlon and Ryan May, both of Midland. In the quarterfinals were Lilli Vo and Amber Raindl of Midland, and Adam Carson of Odessa.

Lady Mustangs fall to SA Central

The Midland Christian softball team lost 5-4 to San Angelo Central Tuesday, dropping the Lady Mustansg to 0-2 on the season.

Midland Christian scored all four runs in the second inning and led until the sixth inning when the Lady Bobcats roared back. MC's Mindy Sheppard had eight strikeouts in the loss.

The Lady Mustangs next play Coahoma in the first round of the West Texas Classic on Thursday.

MHS Purple wins in softball

Tiffany Robinson threw no-hit ball through 18 batters and Colleen Lange finished up the no-hitter as the Midland High Purple junior varsity softball team defeated Midland Lee Maroon 5-0 at the MUGS Complex Tuesday.

Robinson Kristen Harris and Kim Combs each had two hits and an RBI in the game for the 2-0 Purple.

MHS sophomore sluggers romp

The Midland High sophomore baseball team romped Midland Christian JV 22-1 in the season opener. Tye Orr got the win for the Bulldogs as he allowed one run on two hits. MHS had 14 hits including a double by Jason South and a triple by Madison Edwards.

Junior high tennis action

Goddard stormed through Alamo and San Jacinto defeated Abell in junior high tennis action Tuesday in Midland.

Goddard dominated the boys action en route to a 18-4 win. San Jacinto also keyed on a a strong performance from the boys who won 4-of-6 singles matches and 3-of-4 doubles matches to win 11-7 over Abell.

San Jacinto 11, Abell 7
San Jacinto winners: Boys Singles: Paul Barber, Jake Davis, Chris Woodside, Clayton Knight. Boys Doubles: Barber-Ryan Leeton, Davis-Branum, Nick Vascocu-Chris Woodside. Girls Singles: Hilary Knight, April Smith. Girls Doubles: April Smith-Parks, Ashley Shannon-Katherine Ramsey.
Abell Winners: Boys Singles: Ben Richmond, Justin Sammons. Boys Doubles: Kevin Burke-Tolbert. Girls Singles: Lillian Vo, Katy Cariens, Landen Viney, Lexi Bingohi. Girls Doubles: Vo-Cariens, Megan Boyd-Caroline Cortee.

Goddard 18, Alamo 4
Alamo Winners: Boys Singles: Kenneth Fletcher. Girls Singles: Amber Raindl, Maegen Golden. Girls Doubles: Stacey Moore and Raindl.
Goddard winners: Boys singles - Marcos Valdez, Anthony Kent, Ryan Moody, Aaron Kahler, David Drennon, Tim Gooding, James Jo as. Girls singles: Hayley McClung, Leah Robison, Casey Hanlan, Amnda Young, Lori Barrera.
Boys Doubles: Valdez-Kent , Gooding-Taylor, Moody-Drennon. Jeremy Fain-Jones. Girls Doubles: Hanlon-Young, Reeves-Robinson.

Lady Rebs claim spot in soccer playoffs

ABILENE — The Midland Lee Lady Rebel soccer team clinched a spot in the UIL playoffs and took another big step to sealing a district title a 2-1 win over Abilene Cooper Tuesday at Hardin Simmons University.

It was the first time that any Lee girls soccer team came away from Abilene with a win over Cooper.

"They will probably say that we haven't beat them here because we beat them at Hardin Simmons," said a happy Mike Simpson refering to Cooper usually playing its home games at the Lee Athletic Complex.

"We are glad that one is behind us. We just feel really proud to be here in the position that we are in. The focus is still that we have three tough games ahead of us and we have to take them one at a time. We have looked at the brackets and we want to be in the first playoff spot."

Cooper scored first in this game as Carolyn Poyner converted on a penalty kick conversion. Lee had a penalty kick opportunity of its own later in the half but Ritha Belizaire's shot was smothered by Cooper keeper Jenny Breed.

Belizaire made up for that with her 17th goal of the season goal in the game's 57th minute. The senior and district's leading scorer nailed a 24-yard shot from the right flank to give Lee (14-3 and 9-0) a lead. Three minutes later, Linsey Johnson scored her 11th goal of the season in the game's 60th minute. Cassie Taylor had an assist.

"Cooper is always a tough game. History proves that," Simpson said. "This team focuses pretty good. We regrouped at the half and cranked it up. It was a totally different team in the second half. They know how they are as far as how they are playing and what need to do."

Abilene High 3, Midland High 1

ABILENE — The Abilene High Eagles defeated Midland High to remain in a tie for first in the boys standings with Midland Lee.

Abilene High (11-3 overall) improves to 8-1 in district. MHS falls to 6-9 and 2-7.

For the Bulldogs, Greg Hunter scored his 11th goal of the season on a penalty kick.

The MHS JV also lost 3-1. Justin Booth scored for the Bulldogs.

Rebels take two from Coronado

Staff Report

The Midland Lee Rebels opened the 1998 baseball season at Christensen Stadium Tuesday with a doubleheader sweep of Lubbock Coronado.

Lee won the first game 13-4 and then came from behind in the second game for a 6-4 verdict.

In the first game, Matt Watson had three hits, including a double, and drove in three runs while Brian Bagwell had three hits, including a double, scored three runs and knocked in two runs. Matt Whitaker doubled and tripled in his three-hit night and Stacy Jones had a double as the Rebels ignited for 16 hits.

Jamie Lapshaw got the victory, pitching the first three innings while Aaron Erdwurm (three innings) and Nate Brignon finished up.

In the second game, Lee smashed out 10 more hits, but still had to come from behind in the fifth inning to win. With the score tied at 2-2 in the fifth, Lee got a run scoring squeeze from T.J. Sanchez to go ahead and never trailed again.

Michael Burleson hit a two-run homer in the game. Charles Whittle and Cody Marcum both had two hits.

Josh Ramos got the win in relief of starter Eric Clodfelter. Matt Watson pitched the last inning.

The Rebels now travel to Lewisville Thursday to compete in a three-day tournament where Lee will get three or four more games in for their first week of play.

Jackalopes slip by Rattlers, 3-2

Staff Report

AMARILLO — The Odessa Jackalopes beat the Amarillo Rattlers 3-2 Tuesday night in a game that had more story lines than "General Hospital" usually has in a week.

With eight games to go on the schedule, the Jacks (22-34-5) are playing some of their best hockey, even though it's a little late in the season. Nick Lamia, Dan Lavergne and Jacque Rodrigue scored for the Jacks but it was one Rattler goal that caused the most noise.

Tied at 1-1 in the second period, Amarillo took the lead on the first of two controversial calls on the night. The puck apparently hit the cross bar and bounced in front of the goal, and as Jack goal keeper Billy Pye turned to clear it, the referee called it a goal. Pye simply went bezerk and got a 10 minute misconduct period. Other than that controversial call, Pye had a solid game with 32 saves.

The second strange event happened in the third period. Odessa's Sami Laine was called for a two-minute high stick penalty, giving the Rattlers a power play opportunity. Odessa coach Joe Clark then challenged that an Amarillo Rattler had an "illegal stick." The officials checked Rob Hutson's stick and it was ruled his stick had "too much curvature." It was ruled a penalty and it offset's Laine's penalty.

The Jacks return to the "Jack Shack" Thursday to face the Monroe, La., Moccasins and hope to return to normalcy.

Odessa Jackalopes 3, Amarillo Rattlers 2

Odessa	1	0	2	—3
Amarillo	1	1	0	—2

First Period — 1. Am. Karduk (Meek), 10.01. 2. Od. Lamia (Lavergne, Lampron), 13.44
Second Period — 3. Am. Whitton (Ordoff, Stevens) 8.17
Third Period — 4. Od. Lavergne (Lamia, Triano), 1.48. 5. Od. Rodrigue (Hern, Fiorini), 11.59
Shots on goal: Odessa 12-10-9—31. Amarillo 10-14-10—34. Power Play Opportunities: Odessa 0 for 5. Amarillo 1 for 4. Penalties/Minutes: Odessa 13 for 51. Amarillo 12 for 33. A — 2,627.

Prep Results, Pairings

Girls Region I Playoffs
Class 5A Area
Regional Round
Amarillo Palo Duro 64, San Angelo Central 47
Duncanville 42, Arlington Martin 39
Lubbock Coronado 90, Amarillo High 73
Flower Mound Marcus 49, Mansfield 38

Regional Semifinals
(at Midland's Chaparral Center)
Amarillo Palo Duro (29-4) vs. Duncanville (31-3), 6 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado (27-7) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (27-6), 7:30 p.m.

Class 4A Regional Quarterfinals
Region Semifinals
Canyon Randall 50, Stephenville 46
Granbury 58, Canyon 57
Final
(at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum)
Granbury (31-3) vs. Canyon Randall (26-6), Saturday, 2 p.m.

Class 3A
Area Round
Dimmitt 61, Reagan County 59
Aledo 65, Bowie 51
Slaton 52, Colorado City 41
Comanche 42, Henrietta 38
Regional Round
Dimmitt (22-11) vs. Aledo (23-9)
Slaton (25-5) vs. Comanche (29-5)

Class 2A
Area Round
Abernathy 43, Stratford 41
Shallowater 85, Albany 57
Panhandle 51, Hart 42
Ozona 45, Sundown 36

Region Tournament
at Tarleton State
Semifinals
Abernathy (12-19) vs. Shallowater (29-5)
Panhandle (28-5) vs. Ozona (34-1)

Class A Region II
Regional Round
Brock 50, Slidell 43
Sands 59, Iron County 45
Ponder 48, Cross Plains 46
Menard 55, Garden City 43

Region Tournament
in Abilene's Moody Coleslum
Semifinals
Sands (25-5) vs. Brock (27-6)
Ponder (29-4) vs. Menard (26-3).
TBA

Boys Region I Playoffs
Class 5A
Bi-District
El Paso Eastwood 67, El Paso Franklin 61, OT
Midland High (30-2) draws bye.
Abilene High 77, Amarillo Tascosa 74
El Paso Hanks (25-2) draws bye.
Carrollton Newman Smith 59, Lewisville 50
Arlington Martin (16-13) draws bye.
Fort Worth Dunbar 76, Arlington High 52
Duncanville (26-5) draws bye.
El Paso Bel Air 66, El Paso Irvin 59
Amarillo High (24-7) draws bye.
Odessa Permian 52, Lubbock High 47
El Paso Jefferson (22-9) draws bye.
Arlington Bowie 60, Fort Worth Southwest 76
Flower Mound Marcus (26-4) draws bye.
Irving MacArthur 58, Keller 45, Crowley (24-6) draws bye.
Area Round
El Paso Eastwood (23-10) vs. Midland High (30-2), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Pecos.
Abilene High (22-13) vs. El Paso Hanks (25-2).
Carrollton Newman Smith (26-6) vs. Arlington Martin (16-13)
Fort Worth Dunbar (23-10) vs. Duncanville (26-5)
El Paso Bel Air (23-11) vs. Amarillo High (24-7)
Permian (20-12) vs. El Paso Jefferson (22-9)
Arlington Bowie (19-13) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (26-4).
Irving MacArthur (26-7) vs. Crowley (24-6)

Class 4A
Area Round
Sweetwater 68, Hereford 58
Lamesa 71, El Paso Parkland 70
FW Eastern Hills 69, Justin Northwest 64 OT
FW Western Hills H 49, Sherman 42
El Paso Riverside 61, Plainview 53
Canyon Randall 56, El Paso Bowie 37
FW Polytechnic 67, Wichita Falls High 64 OT
Graham 44, Burkburnett 35
Regional Round
Sweetwater (20-10) Lamesa (29-2)
FW Eastern Hills (14-15) vs. Western Hills
El Paso Riverside 27-3) vs. Randall (22-7)
FW Polytechnic (27-6) vs. Graham (24-7)

Class 3A
Region I Bi-District
Tulia (31-0) vs. Lubbock Cooper (20-11), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Frenship High in Wolfforth.
Mountain View (21-11) vs. Greenwood (18-12), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sul Ross State in Alpine.
Vernon (19-9) vs. Markel (24-6), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Wichita Falls Rider.
Fort Worth Diamond Hill-Jarvis (18-7) vs. Clifton (21-8), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Burleson.
Dimmitt vs. Seminole (27-5); TBA.
Sonora (21-7) vs. Clint (18-11, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Odessa College.
Childress (24-7) vs. Clyde (30-2), 8 p.m., Friday, Midwestern State in Wichita Falls.
Bridgeport (18-10) vs. Glen Rose (18-11), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Crowley.

Class 2A
Region I Bi-District
Canadian (22-7) vs. Wellington (14-11), 7 p.m., Friday, Amarillo High.
New Deal (18-13) vs. Hale Center (24-4), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Hutcherson Center in Plainview.
Shallowater (22-9) vs. Iraan (14-12), 7 p.m., Thursday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.
Eula (26-6) vs. Eldorado (17-12), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Robert Lee.
West Texas High (20-10) vs. Clarendon (23-7), 7 p.m., Thursday, Pampa.
Lockney (16-6) vs. Idalou (18-10), 7 p.m., Thursday, Frenship High in Wolfforth.
Stanton (17-1) vs. Tahoka, 7 p.m., Friday, Lamesa Middle School.
Jim Ned (22-6) vs. Coahoma (21-9), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.
Class A
Region II Bi-District
Henrietta Midway 61, Saint Jo 60
Trent, District 23 winner, vs. Evant, District 24 runner-up, late
Bronte 50, Hermleigh 34
Eden 67, Grady 60 OT
Balmorhea 84, Rankin 68
Valentine (23-5), District 31 winner, vs. Fort Davis (13-11), District 32 runner-up, late
Ponder 73, Byers 54
Windthorst (17-7), District 20 winner, vs. Forestburg, District 19 runner-up, late
Brock 99, Bryson 60
Cross Plains 65, Lueders-Avoca 71
Sterling City 69, Blackwell 42
Christoval 70, Sands 45
Irion County 67, Grandfalls 45
Wink 66, Dell City 62

Area Round
Henrietta Midway vs Evant/Trent winner
Bronte (18-10) vs. Eden
Balmorhea (23-2) vs. Valentine/Fort Davis winner
Ponder vs. Windthorst/Forestburg winner
Brock (29-5) vs. Cross Plains (22-3)
Sterling City (20-7) vs. Christoval (18-6)
Irion County (18-9) vs. Wink (15-7)

RANKIN: Red Devils finish up at 18-12

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first half. The game was tied at 15-15 at the end of the first quarter and Rankin took a 19-17 lead (its biggest of the game as it turned out) on a layup by Thomas Castillo. Balmorhea then responded by scoring 10 straight points to go up 27-19, the biggest lead it had to to that point.

The Red Devils appeared to have some momentum late in the first half when they chipped away at the lead, and when Frankie Rodriguez hit a fallaway jumper in the final seconds of the second quarter, they cut the deficit to 35-33 at halftime. However, Balmorhea had been establishing an offensive pattern which it would keep returning to.

When they weren't putting back misses of their own shots they were converting easy backdoor layups when it appeared that Rankin was over playing the ballhandlers on the strong side. Added to some transition baskets late in the game, and Balmorhea didn't have to work to hard for a lot of its offense.

"We didn't communicate on the screens (defensively) like we should have," Hooker said.

Rankin came out and took the lead at the start of the fourth quarter when Brandon Smith, who led the Red Devils with 12 points, hit a 3-pointer to make it 36-35. But that was Rankin's last lead, although the game stayed tight for over a quarter.

Balmorhea had gone up by seven at the start of the fourth quarter, but Rankin got consecutive baskets from Ricky Guadarrama and Smith following a steal which made it 53-50. Kevin Castillo, who had 16 points, connected on a 3-pointer which stretched Balmorhea's lead to 60-52 and after that the Red Devils never got closer than six points.

"I think that last three that Castillo hit started that run at us which decided the game," Hooker said.

Another 3-pointer, by Manny Mendoza, inflated Balmorhea's lead to 70-57 with 3:23 remaining and although Rankin scored the next two baskets, the deficit was too large to overcome. The Bears erupted for 33 points in the fourth quarter and the lead reached its apex with the final margin when Arturo Miranda scored in the final seconds on — naturally — an offensive rebound.

Rodriguez had 11 points for Rankin off the bench while another sub, Scott Alaniz, added 10. Miranda and Debiasie Mendoz each had 15 for Balmorhea while Travis Woodruff added 11 off the bench.

The season isn't continuing for the Red Devils but Hooker still finds the results quite gratifying after missing the playoffs last season.

"It was very successful after bottoming out last year," Hooker said. "This was step one and step two will have to be taking it to the next level. We have a bright future with the kids we've got coming back."

Balmorhea 84, Rankin 68
Rankin (18-12): Ricky Guadarrama 3-7 0-0 6; Brandon Smith 5-9 0-2 12; Eric Sifuentez 3-8 0-1 6; Thomas Castillo 2-3 2-3 6; James Gaines 1-4 3-4 5; Brandon Watson 1-2 0-0 2; Frankie Rodriguez 5-8 1-2 11; Heath Loftin 3-6 2-4 8; Scott Alaniz 4-6 2-2 10; Robbie Alexander 1-1 0-0 2; Raul Sanchez 0-0 0-0; Robert Stanaland 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals: 28-54 10-20 68**
Balmorhea (23-2): Arturo Miranda 5-11 5-6 15; Manny Mendoza 3-4 1-2 8; Debiase Mendoza 6-10 2-2 15; Kevin Castillo 7-11 0-0 16; Zane Rhyne 7-12 4-7 18; Travis Woodruff 5-12 1-4 11; Kevin Rodriguez 0-0 0-0 0; Gerald Scripps 0-1 1-2 1. **Totals: 33-61 14-23 84.**

Rankin	**15**	**18**	**13**	**22**	**—68**
Balmorhea	**15**	**20**	**16**	**33**	**—84**

3-Point Goals: R 2 (Smith 2), B 4 (Castillo 2, Mendoza 1, Castillo 1). **Rebounds:** R 20 (Guadarrama 5), B 35 (Rhyne 15). **Turnovers:** R 23, B 17. **Total Fouls:** R 21, B 19. **Fouled Out:** None.

CITY: Lady Bearkats end season at 27-5

(From 1C)

we lost our heads," said Menard guard Kami Williamson, describing the second quarter when Garden City rallied to take 31-24 halftime lead. "But we said, 'We can't worry about that,' and we came out focused and mentally prepared to play the second half."

The Lady Jackets came out on fire, scoring the first nine points of the second half to take a 33-31 lead with 5:11 left in the third quarter.

Garden City finally countered with a jumper from Misti Batla, but then Menard ripped off eight more unanswered points to take a 41-33 lead at the 1:37 mark of the third quarter, a lead which was never threatened.

Most of the Lady Jackets' points came following strong defensive plays. Williamson picked apart the Garden City ball handlers, swiping three balls during the third quarter and turning those into three layups. She scored all but five of her game-high 23 points in the second half.

"We picked it up and stepped up our defense," said Menard coach Ken Fowler. "We caused some turnovers, got some steals and got some easy layups and baskets, and that seemed to be when the momentum changed. I told the girls they were going to have to play defense to get to Austin and they played great defense tonight."

After giving up eight consecutive points to start the first quarter, the Lady Bearkats finally got on the scoreboard with a free throw from Stormi Chandler. From there, Garden City exploded — offensively and defensively.

From 3:22 remaining in the first quarter, the Lady Bearkats held the Menard offense to just four points. Meanwhile, Garden City finally started getting good looks at shots. After missing her first attempt from long range, Misti Batla hit her next three 3-point goals and Garden City took a 14-12 first-quarter lead.

The Lady Bearkats continued the hot play into the second quarter and took a 19-12 lead. But missed free throws during a barrage of Menard fouls hurt Garden City. The Lady Bearkats missed nine of their 16 free-throw attempts in the second quarter and lost an opportunity to build on their lead.

Then came the disastrous third quarter.

"I felt like the third quarter really told the tale," said Garden City coach Mike Meek. They had a seven-point lead before the fourth quarter and we just couldn't make that up. I don't think it was as much tired as mental and emotional stress. It really drains you. They've been through a lot, losing Tiffany (Maxie, for the season to a knee injury) and they played an emotional game against their former coach (Wink's Phil Swenson) last week."

Garden City was forced to return to the playoffs without the help of its leading scorer when Maxie was lost for the season. But Meek did not want to blame Tuesday's loss on Garden City's recent problems.

"These girls, after Tiffany went down, they gave it their all. I can't really say if we'd had her we would have won the game," Meek said. "I don't want to take anything away from her or from these girls."

Menard girls 55, Garden City 43
Garden City (27-5): Kina Lankford 0-0 0-0 0; April Bryant 0-2 0-0 0; Tiffany Kujawski 0-0 0-0 0; Paula Braden 0-2 1-2 1; Meagan Goodwin 0-1 0-2 0; M'Lynn Niehues 4-6 3-6 11; Stormi Chandler 1-2 3-6 5; J'Layne Niehues 2-8 0-0 4; Kyndra Batla 1-4 1-2 3; Misti Batla 6-8 3-5 19. **Totals 14-32 11-23 43.**
Menard (26-3): Lizzy Ortega 2-8 1-2 5; Melissa Tanner 1-3 0-0 2; Lynsie Blau 6-11 2-4 14; Meredith Hooten 0-0 0-0 0; Nikki Lopez 1-2 1-2 3; Kami Jo Williamson 10-16 2-2 23; Darby Stovall 0-3 0-0 0; Cara Conley 3-9 0-1 6; Megan Cordes 1-3 0-2 2; Lindsey Austin 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 24-55 6-13 55.**

Garden City	**14**	**17**	**7**	**5**	**—43**
Menard	**12**	**12**	**19**	**12**	**—55**

3-Point Goals - Garden City 4-11 (M. Batla 4-6, Bryant 0-2, Goodwin 0-1, K. Batla 0-2); Menard 1-6 (Williamson 1-3, Conley 0-3). Total Fouls - Garden City 15, Menard 21. Fouled Out - None. Technicals - None. Rebounds - Garden City 26 (M. Niehues 8), Menard 30 (Blau 12). Turnovers - Garden City 20, Menard 11.

Bulldogs sweep Lake View

Staff Report

The Midland High Bulldogs opened the 1998 baseball season Monday at Christensen Stadium with a doubleheader sweep of the San Angelo Lake View Chiefs.

The Bulldogs won the first game 13-8 and completed the sweep with a 9-3 win in the second game.

Laynce Nix had a huge first game for MHS with his arm and bat. Hix got the win, pitching 5 2/3 innings. He survived a shaky start, giving up four unearned runs in the first inning, but he ended up surrendering only five hits and struck out 10 Chiefs.

Nix also got two hits, including a two-run home run and had four RBIs. Morgan Leak had two hits including a double.

In the second game, Joey Schlaffer went six innings to pick up the win, allowing Lake View only five hits and three runs. He had 11 strikeouts.

MHS won the game thanks to a bizarre fourth inning. With the score tied at 3-3, Tyler Nobles was called for a bases loaded squeeze play. Lake View threw the ball away and three runs scored for a 6-3 MHS lead.

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Blacks' dwindling presence in golf has Sifford worried

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

A young boy at the B.C. Open in Endicott, N.Y., pushed his way to the gallery ropes and called to Tiger Woods. When he got a high-five, he yelled, "Anyone want to touch the hand that touched Tiger Woods?"

In Tulsa, Okla., at the Tour Championship, kids on a class trip had only one thing on their minds. "Where's Tiger?" they asked almost as one voice.

A preteen girl at the Byron Nelson Classic near Dallas clutched her stuffed Tiger doll and shuffled shyly toward Woods, mumbling her request for an autograph without mustering the courage to lift her gaze from the ground.

These scenes, repeated in endless variations everywhere Woods has played, were startling because of the age of the fans and one other reason: All of the youngsters were white.

In a way few have managed, Tiger Woods has transcended race, lifting his celebrity status above his ethnic background.

It is quite possible that for the boy in Endicott, the class in Tulsa and the girl in Dallas, Woods was the first black person they had met.

There was in their young eyes an unconditional acceptance that was not wrapped in a caveat like "... for a black person."

It was not always that way. Ask Charlie Sifford, the first black on tour after the whites-only clause was lifted in 1961.

When Sifford played, the white fans straining to get near the ropes were shouting the ugliest of words to remind him of his race.

"It was a shame, it was a damn shame," Sifford said Monday from his home near Houston.

Sifford was 39 before blacks were allowed on the tour, but for the next 10 years he kept his playing card by finishing in the top 60 on the money list.

He won the Greater Hartford Open in 1967 — the first victory by a black tour member — and the Los Angeles Open in 1969. He will be honored for that win this weekend at what is now the Nissan Open.

Still, the good memories for Sifford, who will be 76 in June, come with scars so deep not even time can heal them.

"It was in the early '60s," Sifford said in a slow, careful manner that conjured up images of the deliberate way he puffed on a cigar while he played.

"It took them 16 holes to lock up 24 white guys in Greensboro that were following me yelling things," he said, well aware of the irony that it was just down the road in Charlotte, N.C., that he learned the game as a 13-year-old caddie.

"It's just a damn shame that in this country when a black man stands up for his rights you'll be penalized," Sifford said.

Sifford knows from experience that racial acceptance can be fleeting. He views the emergence of Woods with concern.

"There ain't nobody out there can play but Tiger," Sifford said, noting the lack of blacks in tournament golf.

"The game is going backward, not forward. I had eight or nine out there when I was playing," he said, ticking off names like Ted Rhodes, Bill Spiller, Pete Brown, Lee Elder, Jim Dent, Calvin Peete and Jim Thorpe.

There are 269 players on the PGA Tour. Three are black: Woods, who is part Thai; Vijay Singh, who is from Fiji and is Indian; and Thorpe.

Where is the lost generation of black players between the 49-year-old Thorpe and the 22-year-old Woods? Who will join Woods in knocking down the racial barriers to the game?

"There ain't but so much Tiger can do," Sifford said.

"I'm proud of him. But he has a tough job ahead of him. There are a lot of white people out there who don't want him to succeed."

Sifford never got to play in the Masters because when he won a tour event qualifying rules were manipulated to exclude him. Eventually, Lee Elder broke the color barrier at Augusta National in 1975.

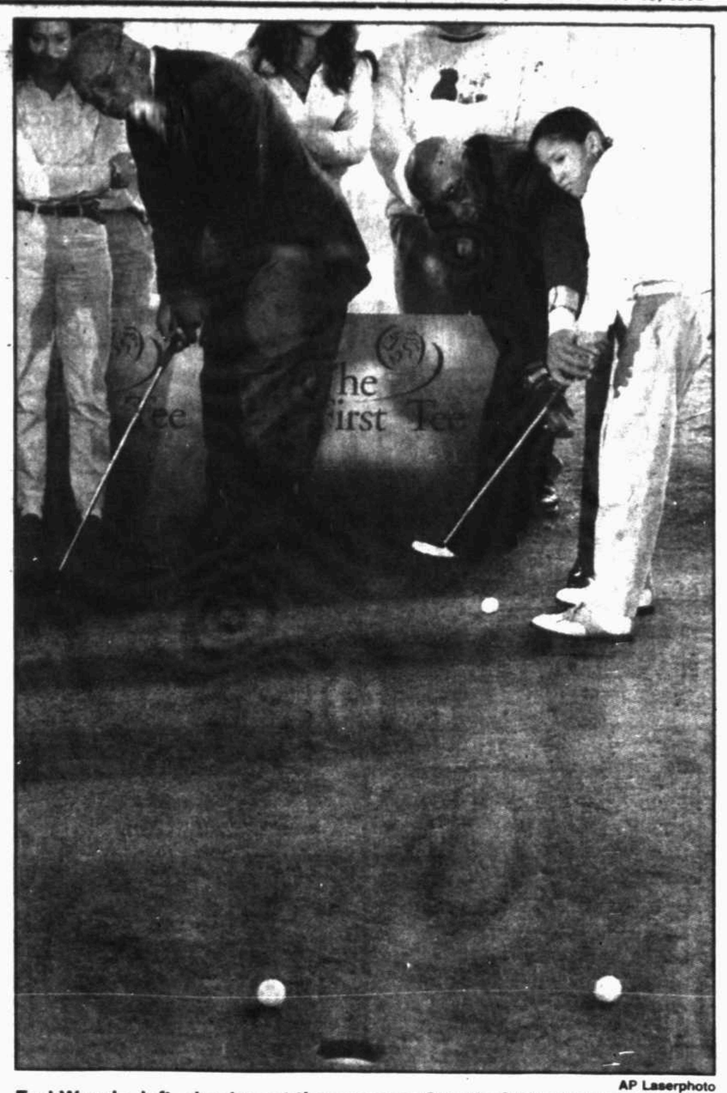
"If it hadn't had been for Charlie Sifford, Tiger Woods never would have played in that Masters," Sifford said about Woods' record victory last year.

"But I told them that one day a black man would come along and play the game as well as anyone."

Sifford did not have the ability of Woods. But he was first. And he was never afraid to speak his mind.

"Tell them," he said, "I meant everything I said."

For that, the game owes Charlie Sifford greatly.



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Earl Woods, left, checks out the green as Charlie Sifford gives a putting tip to Maggie Noel, 10, at the announcement of a pilot program to benefit inner-city golf programs for youngsters in Houston. Sifford was the first black player on tour after the whites-only clause was lifted in 1961. Woods is the father of current PGA superstar Tiger Woods.

More Sports/8C

Sampras survives upset bid by teen

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Seventeen-year-old Xavier Malisse nearly turned his professional debut into one of tennis' all-time upsets, pushing Pete Sampras to three sets before the world's No.1-ranked player prevailed 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 Tuesday night in the Advanta Championships.

Malisse, from Belgium, was ranked 851st on the ATP Tour computer when he came through qualifying to gain his first tour main draw spot.

Malisse broke Sampras' serve in the first game, then closed out the first set by winning 12 of 13 points in the final three games.

"I didn't care if it was Sampras or a junior match," said Malisse, who will turn 18 in July. "I had to play my game and go for it. I wasn't playing against No. 1, I was just playing my game."

Malisse fought off break points in the third and fifth games of the third set to hold serve, taking a 5-4 lead. He then took Sampras to deuce twice before Sampras finally held for 5-5.

Sampras finally broke Malisse's serve at love in the 11th game. With Sampras serving for the match, Malisse survived one match point as Sampras netted a forehand. But Malisse's next service return was long and Sampras finally put him away with a drop volley.

"Before the match I had nothing to lose; match point was the same as the first point," Malisse said. "It makes me feel a little bit bad because I was so close (to winning), but I'm 17 and I'll learn from it."

Sampras, 26, was returning to the site of his first tour victory in 1990. Malisse's 1 hour, 36-minute debut impressed him.

"I got off to a bad start and let him into the match," said Sampras. "He was swinging from the hip, and once he won the first set, he was loosened up. He came up with some unbelievable shots that really surprised me. He's going to be around; you'll see a lot of him."

The defending Advanta champion and a three-time winner of the event, Sampras looked vulnerable coming into the tournament. Longtime rival Andre Agassi, who slipped to 141st in the rankings last year, beat him in the final of the Sybase Open in San Jose, Calif., earlier this month. And Karol Kucera upset him in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open last month.

Sampras' reign over men's tennis is nearing the longest domination in the sport's history. By finishing as the No. 1 player last year for the fifth consecutive season, he tied Jimmy Connors (1974-78) in that accomplishment.

■ Top 25 Roundup

Williams breezes in first round of IGA

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Serena Williams needed just 44 minutes to polish off Katrina Adams 6-1, 6-2 in a first-round match Tuesday in the IGA Tennis Classic.

The fifth-seeded Williams had two service breaks in each set in posting the lopsided win.

Venus Williams, Serena's sister and the No. 3 seed in the tournament, played Japan's Nana Miyagi in a late match Tuesday night.

The only other seeded singles player in action Tuesday was No. 6 Amy Frazier, and she had a tough time with Kerri-Anne Guse of Australia.

Frazier, from Midland, Mich., posted a 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 win.

Korda survives first-round scare

LONDON — Australian Open champion Petr Korda survived a slow start to finally overpower David Prinosil 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (7-2), 6-4 Tuesday in his opening match of the ATP Guardian Direct Open.

Korda, the No. 1 seed from the Czech Republic, lost the first three games of the match and was down 30-0 to the German qualifier before rallying to win the opening set.

Korda had leads of 5-3 and 6-5 with two match points in the second set, before Prinosil came back to tie the match.

Prinosil, who has beaten Korda the last two times they had met, looked like doing it again before 3,000 fans at the indoor arena at Battersea Park.

But Korda, who is playing the best tennis of his career, came up with big shots at key moments of the third set to advance to the final 16.

"I should have won in straight sets," Korda said. "I served for the match at 5-3 in the second set and had two match points at 6-5. But he always plays well against me."

Third-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia crushed Sweden's Thomas Johansson 6-3, 6-2 to gain the second round.

Golfers start to abandon metal spikes

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

Shhhh. That sound you don't hear is the staccato crunching of metal spikes on cement as players walk to the first tee.

Motivated at first by concerns for the condition of greens, won over by comfort and finally locked in by advances in traction, the slow trickle of golfers using alternative cleats has swollen in five years into a tidal wave.

More than half of all golfers in this country are wearing some form of alternative to metal spikes, about two-thirds of all private facilities have banned spikes and — perhaps most surprisingly — four of 10 PGA Tour players this year have switched.

"The product performs for these guys," said Kelly Elbin, vice president for marketing at Softspikes, Inc.

In the first six PGA Tour events this year, 90 percent of the alternative cleats had spikes made by Elbin's company.

"And as much as they walk," Elbin said about the pros, "once they see there is no loss in traction and the fact that they walk for a living, why would they go back to metal spikes?"

When Softspikes came into existence late in 1993, winning over those guys who make a living playing golf was the farthest thing from their minds.

"The whole emphasis of our company was to push it up from the grassroots," Elbin said. "The tour players were the last group we wanted to focus in on. But in '97, it progressed a little faster than we thought it would."

At the U.S. Open in June, 21 players wore Softspikes cleats, Elbin said. By the Michelob tournament in October it was 66.

A key to that growth likely was the victory by Davis Love III in the PGA Championship at Winged Foot in August. He played the final few holes in pouring rain with nary a slip.

"I think that is critical," Elbin said. "Traction has come a long way. Our cleats have actually been rated better than metal spikes."

Softspikes, which aligned with MacNeill Engineering last August, has grabbed an overwhelming share of the alternative cleat market.

Beginning this year, all Foot-Joy shoes will be shipped with Softspike-brand cleats as original equipment. And the innovative CHAMP Q-LOK System — an easy in, easy out system developed by MacNeill — will be in Nike and Etonic footwear beginning late this year.

"We believe the spike debate is over," said Rod Tallman, director of marketing for Nike golf. "Metal spikes are dead."

The numbers back that up.

Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington, Ill., became the first U.S. course to ban metal spikes in 1994 and at the end of 1995 only 66 other courses had joined it.

Two key events happened in 1996. First, MacNeill developed a cleat that was easier to install, then Raymond Floyd won the Senior Players Championship wearing plastic cleats.

By the end of 1996, 350 courses had banned spikes. The number hit 1,500 last year and is now at 3,500 of "the 9,000 18-hole facilities that really matter," Elbin said.

"We want to give our guests the ultimate golfing experience," said Steve Friedlander, director of golf at the Doral Resort in Miami. "And spikeless golf shoes is a feature which will contribute to our guest experience."

A survey conducted during the first five full-field PGA Tour events of this year showed the number of pros using alternative cleats ranged from 35 percent to 47 percent and averaged 41 percent.

On the LPGA Tour, 78 percent are wearing alternative cleats, as are 60 percent of senior tour members. So far this year, players wearing alternative spikes have won three times on the PGA and LPGA tours and twice on the senior tour.

The alternative cleats are slightly more expensive than metal spikes, costing about $7.99 to $8.99 for a set compared with about half that for metal spikes and they last about 30 18-hole rounds compared with about 35 for metal spikes.

Harris MacNeill, president of MacNeill Engineering, said nonmetal spikes originally were developed for winter play when metal spikes could not penetrate frozen ground.

His company, which sells steel spikes under the names Champ, Proshop, Prostyle and Country Club, has been making cleats since 1931.

"Several years ago the popularity of soft golf spikes was because the greens putted better and were more resistant to disease," MacNeill said.

"Now greens are becoming less and less the issue," he said. "The real issue now is people feel better. Their feet and their backs don't hurt as much because of the nonmetal spikes."

If Big Bertha is the biggest name in golf club innovation in the 1990s, Softspikes is doing the same for the entire alternative cleat movement.

"The word 'trial' is one we use a lot," Elbin said. "Once you try our product, then tell us what you think."

So far, the response has been overwhelming. The public is in love with alternative spikes.

"By the start of 1999, metal spikes will be a dying breed," Elbin said.

CSSS criticizes minority hiring in college sports

By Bill Porter
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — The grades are in for minority hiring in college sports, and they're lousy.

A new study released Tuesday by Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society found that while the record for minority hiring in pro basketball, football and baseball is poor, it's even worse at the college level.

The "Racial Report Card" covering the 1995-96 academic year showed that college sports have the worst record for hiring women and minorities; the percentage of black players decreased in college and pro sports; and that majority ownership in sports for minorities does not exist.

"There has been very little progress in the patterns of hiring people of color and women in pro and college sport," said Richard Lapchick, author of the report and director of the center.

The center conducts an annual study of the racial composition of players, coaches and front office employees in pro basketball, football and baseball. This year, it widened its focus to include colleges.

"Despite well intentioned efforts, white males still control most of our teams, front offices and athletic departments," Lapchick said.

The center found that in 1996, 71.4 percent of the NCAA's top executives were white and about 21 percent were black. About 92.1 percent of the organization's chief aides were white; 5.3 percent were black and 2.6 percent were Latino.

More than 80 percent of the NCAA's office managers were white; 9.4 percent were black; and 1.9 percent were Latino.

In pro sports, the NBA was given the highest grade in opportunities for minorities for the ninth straight year. The NFL was next, and major league baseball was given a conditional grade because it did not provide data for the second straight year.

In the NBA, 77 percent of league office employees were white, and 17 percent black. Eighty percent of NFL league office staff were white, and 15 percent black. The latest numbers available for baseball, 1995-96, showed that 79 percent were white and 19 percent black.

The NBA had the highest percentage of women in league office jobs — 44 percent. The NFL had 26 percent, and baseball 21 percent. In the NCAA, 14.3 percent of top administrators were women.

Coaching jobs for blacks in NCAA Division I football, basketball and baseball rank behind their pro counterparts in the NFL, NBA and major league baseball. Only three of 30 NFL coaches were minorities, followed by three of 28 in baseball and seven of 29 in the NBA.

At the college ranks, 81.5 percent of Division I basketball coaches were white, along with 92.8 percent of I-A football coaches and 97.6 percent of baseball coaches.

Martin's PGA debut may not come this year

Associated Press

Casey Martin will return from the courtroom to the golf course next week at the Greater Austin Open and will play Nike Tour events in four of the next five weeks. Martin's debut on the PGA Tour may not come this year, according to his agent.

"We got together last week and put together the schedule for the whole year," Chris Murray of Signature Sports said Monday.

The Mexico City event, the week after Austin, was canceled. Martin will then play in the Monterrey Open from March 19-22, the Louisiana Open from March 26-29 and the Shreveport Open from April 9-12.

"That's as far ahead as we want to announce right now," Murray said. "We don't want tournament directors to count on us being there and then have to change our plans."

Martin has been offered several sponsor invitations to PGA Tour events since winning his court case allowing him to ride a cart because of a circulatory problem in his right leg. He seems happy to play the Nike Tour for now.

Asked when this year Martin would accept a sponsor's exemption to a PGA Tour event, Murray said: "We may not." Murray also said Martin, who has signed an endorsement deal with Nike, will announce at least one more endorsement next Tuesday in Austin.

Martin, who won the first Nike Tour event of the year, would receive an immediate PGA Tour playing card if he wins two more Nike tournaments this year.

The PGA Tour is appealing Martin's legal victory but is not pursuing it aggressively, meaning it could languish in the courts for another two years.

■ Golf Notes

DESERT STORM: Colin Montgomerie, who hasn't competed since winning $1 million in the Andersen Consulting World Championship on Jan. 4, returns to action at the Dubai Desert Classic this week. As always, his goals are high.

"There's one reason why I've won the Order of Merit for five years in a row and done what I have: because I'm as ambitious as I am," Montgomerie said Tuesday in Dubai about his domination of the European Tour.

"That will to win has never, ever diminished," Montgomerie said. "I've always wanted to win and it's even stronger now because people are expecting it."

Montgomerie faces stiff competition this week in the tournament known for its lavish appearance fees. Greg Norman, Ernie Els, Ian Woosnam, Lee Westwood and Jose Maria Olazabal are in the field.

Els already is more than $370,000 ahead of Montgomerie in the European money list race after just four events, having won the South African Open, finished second in the Johnnie Walker Classic and South African PGA and third in the Heineken Classic.

Montgomerie, who will make his debut on the American tour next week at the Doral-Ryder Open, said he never considered skipping the Dubai event because of the tensions with Iraq.

"We're 800 miles from Baghdad," Montgomerie said. "If there was something on in the south of France you wouldn't move your house to the north of Scotland, would you?"

SHARK ATTACK: Greg Norman said Tuesday he was "absolutely disgusted" with the criticism that followed his decision two weeks ago to quit the South African PGA championship with nine holes to play and Norman in third place.

The event went to a fifth day because of rain, and Norman told the sponsors he could not stay because he was committed to a fund-raising function for former President Bush's son Jeb, who is running for governor of Florida.

Norman was fined about $200 by South African PGA commissioner Arnold Mentz, who called Norman's departure "injurious to the tour."

"I was absolutely disgusted with the way I was treated by the media down there," Norman said as he arrived for the Dubai Desert Classic. "I got a copy of all the reports that came out and the comments made by certain players and I was just appalled."

The incident could influence whether he plays in South Africa again.

"It did cross my mind," Norman said. "Not for the South African people, but because of the way individuals handled it."

DIVOTS: The Buick Classic at Westchester Country Club on June 11-14 raised its purse $300,000 for the second consecutive year and is now at $1.8 million, with $324,000 going to the winner. ... The Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth, England from May 22-25 will offer a purse of just under $2 million, with about $330,000 going to the winner. Both are records for the European Tour. ... Lee Westwood of England and Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland were in Malaysia last week and saw an advertisement pleading for help for a 12-year-old Malaysian boy unable to pay for an operation to save his leg. "About seven of us decided to donate about 500 pounds each," Westwood said Tuesday. That's about $825. "It means more to him than it does to us," Westwood said.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998:
Much is going on behind the scenes. Others value your perspective, though you might be better off saying less and resorting to innuendo instead. Those who want to get your message will. Make an effort to consolidate and build more structure in your finances. Occasional timeouts will refresh your mind and emotions. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone special this year. Be open to the sharing that is possible. If attached, work on a common cause. Share your opinions and thoughts with your significant other, who finds you a bit aloof. AQUARIUS reads you cold.

BORN TODAY
Writer-producer Larry Gelbart (1928), musician George Harrison (1943), singer Faron Young (1932)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You are serious and need to aim high to get what you want done. Others seek you out for advice. Make time for a group presentation. This could be an excellent opportunity to network and establish yourself as even bigger player in your field. Tonight: Be with friends.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are in the limelight. Others come to you for answers, direction and ideas. It seems natural to assume responsibility. Realize the other side of the coin: Resentment builds more easily when you are a leader. Set a pace, and stick to it. Tonight: Push papers.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are determined to get exactly what you want. A friend waves a red flag. Remember, this is your call. Make calls, and reach out for others. Consult with experts to help you make a decision. News from a distance is worth relaxing over. Tonight: Rent a movie.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Work pressure forces your hand. On some level, you wonder how much you can handle. Establish limits, and be direct. An associate who is tied to you financially has lots of ideas. Don't get stuck; brainstorm together. Tonight: Talk over dinner.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ A decision comes after enormous forethought. You aren't likely to go along with a partner who has been flaky lately. Carefully evaluate discussions about a trip. You might not be in the mood to deal with this person. Tonight: Make dinner plans.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others demand financial clarity, though you cannot seem to get the information you seek. Somehow, someone's perspective doesn't work for you. Explain to a co-worker how you are stymied. Concentrate on improving your effectiveness. Tonight: Initiate a conversation.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You need to let go of a difficult partner. It is time to realize that you can't change him. A loved one opens up to you. Creativity and happiness mix as you take a step into a brand-new world. It's time to start taking care of yourself. Take time for a favorite hobby. Tonight: Fun and games.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Deal with family. Day-to-day matters are difficult, and somewhat strained. Listen carefully to another, and open up to new possibilities. Your energy could be a bit low. Try not to take on more than you can handle. Eliminate the superfluous. Tonight: Put your feet up.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A loved one has something serious on his mind. Listen carefully to what he says; he means it. Communications flow, when you open up and have a much-needed conversation. Clear your desk, and catch up on news. Tonight: At a favorite spot.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Handle a difficult security-related issue. Others aren't as comfortable as you are dealing with funds. Check out an investment. In some way, you are a bit of a stick in the mud. Examine your response. You might be responding to "shoulds." Tonight: Treat yourself.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You move through a tense discussion; someone doesn't want to reveal what is on his mind. Your charm can help with a difficult situation. Keep smiling, knowing clearly where you are heading. Another cares more than you know. Tonight: Your wish is another's pleasure.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Detach yourself when it comes to money. Right now, a situation has you down; actually, you can turn it around. Seek out more information, but give yourself time to make a decision. Talk to a friend who really cares. Tonight: Take a night off.

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♡ A K Q J 9
◇ 9 4
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♠ Q 8 6 5
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◇ A K Q 3
♣ K 10 8

EAST
♠ 7
♡ 10 8 5 4
◇ 10 6 5 2
♣ Q 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 9
♡ 6 3
◇ J 8 7
♣ A J 9 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	1◇	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ◇

Just because a finesse works does not mean it has succeeded. Defenders have been known to refuse a trick in an effort to make you lose control.

Note West's one-diamond overcall. With only a doubleton heart, a takeout double was out of the question, and an overcall in the good four-card suit at the one-level was safe. North's raise to four spades has this department's approval.

West started with the king and queen of diamonds, and a shift to a club would have settled matters in favor of the defense as the cards lie. But it was too risky for West to lead from the king of clubs into the opening bid, and the diamond continuation seemed a better bet, since it weakened dummy's trump holding. Declarer ruffed on the table and led a trump to the nine, which was allowed to hold.

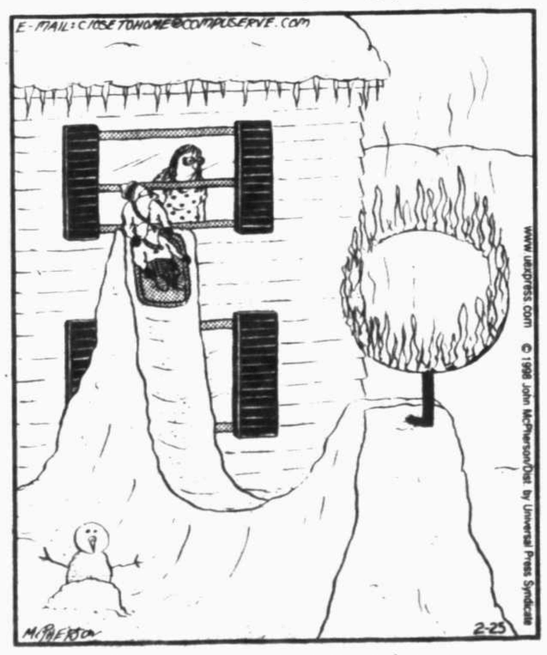
It was now very tempting for declarer to cross to dummy with a heart to repeat the finesse, but that would have been fatal. When East shows out on the second trump, the best declarer can do is draw the ace and king and, leaving the queen of spades outstanding, revert to hearts. But West ruffs the third heart, and declarer must still concede two club tricks — down two.

Declarer foresaw this problem and overcame it quite simply. After the nine of spades won, declarer continued with the jack from hand! West was forced to win and, since there was still a trump in dummy should the defender persist with another diamond lead, the contract romped home in comfort three trump tricks and a ruff, one club and five hearts.

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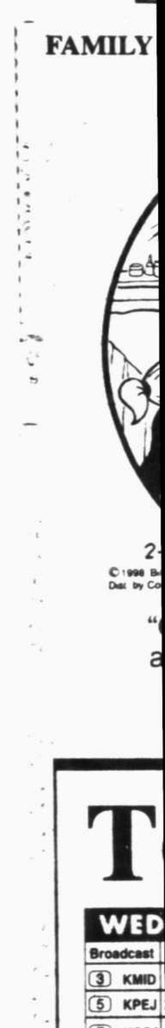
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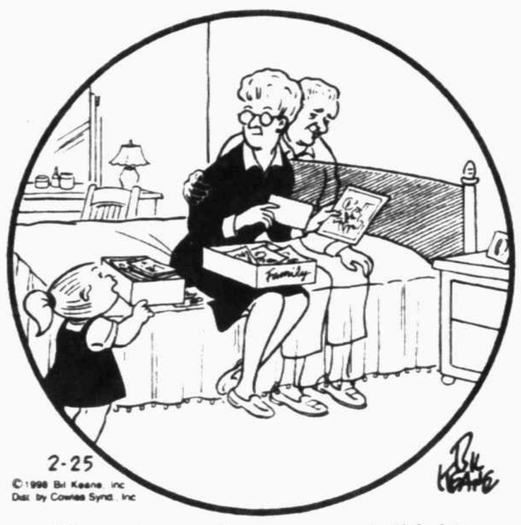
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"Grandma, who are you talkin' to about those old family pictures?"

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY EVENING — February 25, 1998 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 380	Wheel of Fortune	Spin City 8038	Dharma & Greg	Drew Carey Show	Ellen 6293 (TY14)	PrimeTime Live 9090		News 19816	Cheers 28564	Nightline 5922	Keenen I Wayans
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Beverly Hills, 90210 91390		Party of Five: True or False 20938 (TVPG)		Star Trek: Voyager: Retrospect 91354 (TVPG)		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 37564	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 3800	Grace Under Fire	The 40th Annual Grammy Awards 217854						News 6013485	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 8564	Seinfeld 9816	Sea Monsters: Search for the Giant Squid		3rd Rock From Sun	Working 8075	Law & Order: Faccia a Faccia 68632 (TVPG)		News 8597545	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Israel Tour	J. Hagee	The Light of the Southwest: Israel 13922				Eve. News	J. Meyer	Richard Roberts 85903		Kendalls	G. Smith
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 829729		America in the '40s 916816 (TVPG)						Telecourse 936274			
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Great Stuff	Equal Time W/Bay	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live 2061477		The News With Brian Williams 2074941		Charles Grodin 2971800		Rivera Live 3327800	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 721309	Sister, Sister	Smart Guy 710293	The Wayans Bros.	Steve Harvey Show	News 976922		Beverly Hills, 90210 986309 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 501767 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Indiana Pacers 330212					Inside the NBA	The Serpent and the Rainbow (R, '88) ** (Bill Pullman, Cathy Tyson) 112816			
(14) FAM		14	The Waltons: The Boondoggle 658293 (TVG)		Rescue 911 286090 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 202038 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0 282274 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 285361		Bonanza 831699 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	Marsalis on Music		Killing Zoe (R, '94) ** (Eric Stoltz) 585729				Junket Whores 989496		New Year's Day (R, '89) ** 766767			Redbone
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove 517293				Hit List 518922		Comicview 505458		BET Tonight 508545		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	First Kid (PG, '96) ** (Sinbad, Brock Pierce) 4696309				Highlights (7:45) (PG-13, '96) ** (Carl Lumbly, Rene Brideau) 2850288			Growing Pains	Weekend Ho the Wagons! (Part 1) 994941		Zorro 234458	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 840187		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(29) ESPN		29	College Basketball: Duke at Georgia Tech 669274				College Basketball: Georgetown at Notre Dame 671019				SportsCenter 683854		College Gymnastics: Ala. at Georgia 286651	
(30) USA		30	Highlander 304403 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 859835 (TVPG)		A Prayer in the Dark (PG-13, '97) ** (Lynda Carter, Tori Pola) 979999				Silk Stalkings: Dark Heart 858106 (TV14-S)		Highlander: Prophecy 282309 (TVPG)	
(31) FX		31	Miami Vice 8209496		The X-Files 1872854		NYPD Blue 1858274		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 1871125		NYPD Blue 5229564	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Kids 478019 (TVPG)		Biography 211651 (TVPG)		American Justice 237699 (TVPG)		Foot Soldier: The Yankees 217835 (TVPG)		Law & Order: Prisoner of Love 210922 (TVPG)		Biography 628187 (TVPG)	
(33) TLC		33	Vila's Home Again	Vila's Home Again	Ultrascience	SeaTek 161903	Rudolph Hess: Odessa 521381 (TVG)		The Heat Within 541125 (TVG)		Ultrascience	SeaTek 551924	Rudolph Hess: Odessa 961125 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 752926	Rugrats 323478	Hey Arnold!	Happy Days	The Wonder Years	The Wonder Years	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 731090	Newhart 757038	Dick Van Dyke	Bewitched 998458
(36) LIFE		36	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Little Man Tate (PG, '91) *** 109890				Perfect	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Return to the Jade Sea 5753748		To the Edge	High Country Climb	Bush Tucker Man	Classic Adventure	Return to the Jade Sea 5752019		To the Edge	High Country Climb
(42) UNI		42	Esmeralda 56564 (TVPG)		Maria Isabel 99106 (TVPG)		Alguna Vez Tendremos Alas 55534 (TVPG)		Fuera de Serie	Lente Loco 68309	Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 415854 (TV14)	
(43) FSN		43	Sports Tonight	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at New York Islanders 513361						Fox Sports News	Fox Sports News 70019		Fox Sports News 86729	
(44) COM		44	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG, '88) ** (Steve Martin, Michael Caine) 8011839				South Park	Pulp Comics	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live: Sting 8087019 (TV14-L)	
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(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 476651 (TVG)		Wild Discovery: Wild Boars 226583 (TVG)		Discover Magazine: Security 202903		Spy Planes 222767 (TVG)		Justice Files: Kids Who Kill 225854		Wild Discovery: Wild Boars 633019 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	The Five Pennies (5)		Robin and the Seven Hoods ('64) *** 1001564				WENN	No Highway in the Sky (8:20) ('51) 55503822				Movie
(22) TNN		22	Dallas 793651 (TVPG)		Times of Marty Stuart		Prime Time Country		Conver. With Burt		Dallas 526816 (TVPG)		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	Babylon 5 786361		Uncommon Valor (R, '83) ** 963085				Babylon 5 549767		Rough Cut	Capitown One (PG, '76) 859851		
(46) HBO		46	Vice Versa (8:15) (PG, '88) *** 24279983		Feeling Minnesota (R, '96) ** (Keanu Reeves, Vincent D'Onofrio) 4780635				William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet (8:45) (PG-13, '96) ** (Leonardo DiCaprio) 82005187				Poetic Justice (10:50) (PG-13, '93) 87282254	
(47) MAX		47	Bogus (5) (PG, '96) ** 917458		Eight Men Out (PG, '88) *** (John Cusack, Clifton James) 817019				Mother (PG-13, '98) *** (Albert Brooks, Debbie Reynolds) 787739				Bye Bye (10) ** (Emil Breault) 77-78740	
(48) SHOW		48	Alaska (5) (PG, '96) ** (Thora Birch) 393854		Pick-A-Flick 312816					Dead Man's Gun	Fast Track (10:15) 57540038 (TV14)		Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song (11:35)	
(49) TMC		49	Vibes (4:45)	Chasing Sodden (5:25) (R, '74) *** (Cleavon Little) 7981458			Falling Fire (R, '97) (Michael Pare, Cedric Turner) 573859			Nightlife (R, '90) ** (Shannon Tweed, John Leguizamo) 2103019			Daniel Pearson (11:05) (AO, '93) 54481197	
(50) VC1		50	Con Air (5) 2140502		Hoodlum (R, '97) ** (Laurence Fishburne, Tim Roth) 6992064					Con Air (R, '97) *** (Nicolas Cage) 3036269				Hoodlum
(51) VC4		51	Spawn (5:30) (PG-13, '97) * (John Leguizamo, Michael Jai White)				Spawn (PG-13, '97) * (John Leguizamo, Michael Jai White)			Spawn (PG-13, '97) * (John Leguizamo, Michael Jai White)				Spawn (PG-13, '97)
(88) PLAY		88	Bad Girls 5: Maximum Babes (AO, '96)					Farrah Fawcett: All	Strip Search (TVMA)		Bad Girls 10: In the Cage (AO, '97)			
(89) HC		89	Movie		Fast Times at Ridgemont ... (6:25)				Face/Off (R, '97) *** (John Travolta, Nicolas Cage) 6501298				Con Air (R, '97) *** 4679832	



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PEOPLE

DeNiro said he'd never return to France and would send back Legion of Honor

PARIS — **Robert De Niro** has a love-hate relationship with France.

Furious about being questioned by a French judge over a prostitution ring, De Niro said in a newspaper interview published Tuesday that he would never return to France and would tell his friends to stay away, too.



Robert DeNiro was questioned by a judge about a prostitution ring.

In the interview with Le Monde, he also said he would boycott the Cannes Film Festival and send back the Legion of Honor.

But on a television talk show Tuesday, De Niro said he would return to France this fall for an exhibit of his father's paintings.

His comment came after the host of "Nulle Part Ailleurs," **Guillaume Durand**, called De Niro "one of the greatest actors in the world" and apologized, in the name of France, for the "difficult incident."

De Niro's name was found in an address book seized in the prostitution inquiry.

De Niro first became a star in France in 1976 when "Taxi Driver" won honors at the Cannes Film Festival. Last year at the festival he was awarded the Legion of Honor, one of France's highest civilian decorations.

"I never paid for a woman in my life," De Niro said.

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NEW YORK — **Katie Couric** returned to the "Today" show Tuesday, a month after her husband died of colon cancer, and thanked viewers for their support.

"The heartfelt and compassionate letters and cards that so many of you have sent to me were enormously comforting, and I'm so grateful," she said.

The she quickly went back to work, interviewing former **Secretary of State James Baker** on the showdown with Iraq.

Couric had been out as co-host of the top-rated morning news program since Jan. 24, when **Jay Monahan**, a lawyer and NBC legal analyst, died at 42.

Viewers have sent in more than 10,000 condolence cards and letters, "Today" spokeswoman **Erica Proto** said.

"For all of you who may be struggling with a life-threatening illness right now and are wondering how the world keeps going, business as usual, just know that my heart goes out to you," Couric said on the show.

Monahan and Couric had two daughters, ages 2 and 6.

Couric's co-host, **Matt Lauer**, said it was "great to have you back." Couric thanked him and gripped his hand.

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OKLAHOMA CITY — More water please, er, governor?

After realizing he had forgotten his tuxedo 30 minutes before he was supposed to be at a formal dinner at the White House, **Gov. Frank Keating** made a frantic call to the hotel concierge. The governor managed to score a jacket from one waiter and pants from another.

"I was beyond desperation" and would have worn anything "as long as it didn't have a critter in the pocket," said Keating, who was in Washington Sunday night for a National Governors Association meeting.

Keating said he noticed a stain that looked like meringue on the pants and what looked like a coffee spot on the coat. But he wasn't complaining.

His wife, **Cathy Keating**, who had told him to pack the tuxedo the day before, spread the word at dinner, and the governor took a bit of ribbing from the other governors.

They kept asking him for more coffee.

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BERLIN — The comeback kid is coming back again — for Mercedes-Benz.

The luxury automaker, embarrassed last fall when its new compact was shown to be unsafe, it putting tennis star **Boris Becker** in advertisements announcing the return of its A-Class models on Saturday.

"Strong is he who makes no mistakes. Stronger, he who learns from his mistakes," Becker is quoted as saying in one ad for the revamped "Baby Benz."

"I've often learned more from my setbacks than my successes," says another.

Mercedes stopped delivery of the egg-shaped A-Class in November after it was shown to be prone to tipping over during a high-speed swerves. The retooled version has an electronic stabilizing system and improved suspension.

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INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Kansas City Chiefs running back **Marcus Allen** has been released from jury duty so the court could focus on the case — not the star in the jury box.

Allen took a 1 a.m. flight from his winter home in California on Monday and drew a frenzy of autograph seekers and Chiefs fans as he walked through the Jackson County Courthouse.

He asked Circuit **Judge Jack E. Gant** to be excused because of obligations in California, and Gant agreed, but for a better reason.

"No one would have paid attention to what was being said in court" if Allen was on the jury, Gant said.

Before the football star left, the judge got autographs for himself and his two grandsons.

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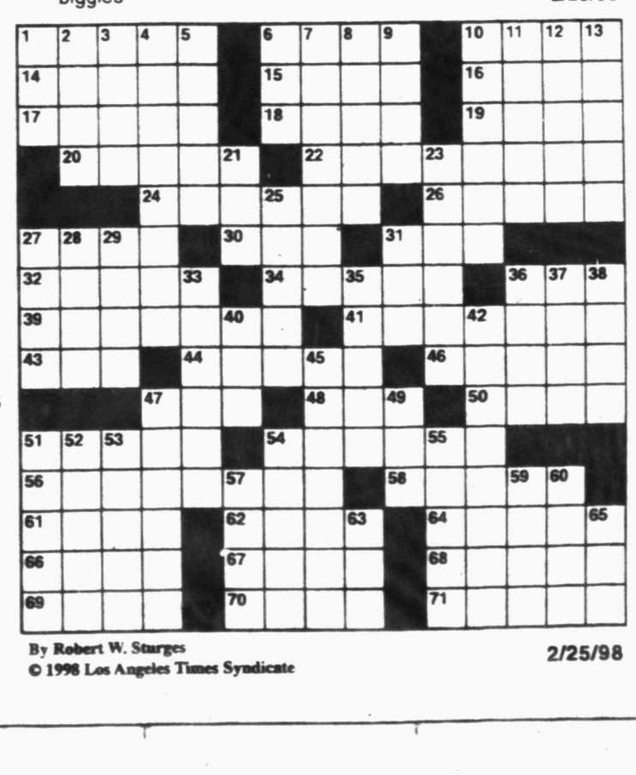
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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster club will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library....

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria...

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April...

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library...

Golf...

Masters Golf will offer a junior golf clinic during spring break beginning March 10-12. Times are 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for golfers age 9-11 and 11 a.m. to noon for those 12-15. The cost is $39 and clubs are available if needed. The clinic is limited to the first paid entries per age group. For more information or to sign up, please call 570-4499...

Hogan Park is holding a two-person tournament Mar. 14. The tournament is 27 holes with a nine-hole scramble, nine-hole low ball and a nine-hole alternate shot format. Tee times will begin at 10 a.m. All partners handicaps must be within six strokes of each other. The entry fee is $40 per person and entries are limited to the first 40 paid teams. Deadline to enter is Mar. 11 at 6 p.m...

The Ladies Golf League is being conducted April 9 through June 25 at Hogan Park Golf Course, with nine holes being played each Thursday evening. There will be one tournament each month with a fee of $36 for the full three months or by paying $8.50 for each Thursday played. Registration can be made by calling 685-7360 or faxing 686-1624 by 6 p.m. each Wednesday...

Midland Lee Youth Center is holding its first fundraising two-person scramble tournament Monday, March 23 at the Club at Mission Dorado. There will be an 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. tee time with an entry fee of $100 per player. Deadline to enter is March 18. For more information, call Mark Smith at 689-1675 or fax 689-1676...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school excercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving progran also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information 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...

Volleyball...

Registration for **YMCA youth volleyball** for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551...

Basketball...

The **Boys & Girls Club** of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start this month. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A $15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call one of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily — Halff Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050, NE/YMCA Unit, 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions...

St. Mary Central Catholic School in Odessa will conduct the **SMCCS Indoor 3-on-3 Tournament** on March 21. The entry fee is $80 per team and the deadline is March 14 and limited to the first 16 teams to play. Call Manny Salazar at 580-5704 or 557-2833...

The **Midland Lee Youth Center** is holding midnight basketball for boys and girls in grades 4-12 this summer June 23-August 1, Monday-Friday from 6-11 p.m. All adults interested in coaching should attend a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Midland Youth Center. The entry fee for the program, sponsored by the City of Midland, is $100 for college age players forming their own teams, free for everybody else. For more information, call Barbara Phillip at 689-1175...

Mike Kunstadt's Seventh Annual Nike Great American Spring Weekend Shootout will be held for boys to play in front of coaches and scouts. The shootout will be held on March 22 at Coppell High School, April 4 at Spring H.S., April 5 at Clear Creek H.S., April 11 at Arlington Martin H.S., April 26 at Lubbock Monterey and May 3 in San Antonio. For more information, call 972-254-3657...

The **Mt. Zion Youth Tournament** is scheduled Feb. 28 at Crane Middle School for fifth and sixth graders. Deadline for entry is Feb. 26 by 8:30 p.m. Fee is $80 per team with a limit of eight teams of 10 players each. For more information, call B.J. Neal at 558-2683 or Fred Zimmerman at 558-2621...

Softball...

The **West Texas Heat 11 and under girls fastpitch team** is holding spring tryouts this month to fill openings for the upcoming season. The team will be participating in the B division during the upcoming season and playing in the competitive division of the Midland Odessa Competitive League. For more information, call Murray Hambrick at 570-7914 or 687-4018...

The **West Texas Wind Fundraiser Tournament** is scheduled March 13-15 at Hidalgo Park. The men's tournament is a double elimination format with a three home run limit. There will be a home run derby Saturday, March 14 at noon. The entry fee is $125 with a March 11 deadline. For more information, call Terry Legendre at 694-1501 after 5 p.m...

The Midland Softball Association will host the **A-1 Embroidery Classic Softball Tournament** March 20-22. The tournament has a two-game guarantee with a $110 entry fee. Class C and D rule will apply. Entry deadline is March 18. For more information, call 683-8741 or 520-8409...

M.U.G.S. is looking for fastpitch umpires for league play, which begins in April. Anyone wishing to umpire should contact Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or come to a meeting in the umpire building inside the Bill Williams Complex at Hogan Park each Wednesday at 7 p.m...

The **14th Annual Merchants/T.P.C. Spring Classic Mens Class C Softball Tournament** will be held in Andrews on March 13-15. For more information, call James at 570-7371, Marvin at 523-3014 and Nick at 367-0230...

The **Easter Seals Slowpitch Softball Tournament** is scheduled for Feb. 28 at the UTPB Softball Complex. The entry fee is $100 plus a $6 ASA registration fee. The deadline in Feb. 25. For more information, call Fred Vestal at 550-5761 or Billy Feeler at 550-3708...

Baseball...

The **Midland Junior Baseball Association** will hold signups for all area players. The signup includes T-Ball (ages 5-6), M-Ball (age 7), Little League (8-12), Junior League (age 13), Senior League (14-15) and Big League (16-18). Signups will be at Crestview Baptist Church Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Applications will be available at Stadium Sports and Play It Again Sports for late signup through the end of February. For more information, call Bill Rigney at 687-3133. Please, do not call Crestview Baptist Church...

Football...

Quanah High School needs a varsity opponent in football for the fourth game next year. Interested parties can contact coach Jim Wood at Quanah High School at 940-663-2791...

The Midland Gunslingers semi-pro football team is holding a football camp for 3rd through 8th graders Saturday, Feb. 28 from 1-5 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. Kids will be taught the fundamentals of football and there is no cost to participate, but space is limited. Kids can register at Toys "R" Us, Adventures Travel/The Athletes Foot, and Discovery Zone. Deadline to register is Friday, Feb. 27. KPEJ Fox 24 Kids Club will on hand for the event plus pizza courtesy of Papa Johns, and give-aways compliments of Adventure Travel and Putt-Putt Golf & Games...

The **Midland Colts Semi-Pro** football team will be practicing at Alamo High Junior High every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Spectators are welcome...

Tennis...

The **Spring Break Tennis Camp** will take place March 9-13 at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. The deadline for entry is March 5. Call 689-2237 or 683-5360. The cost is only $4 an hour for all beginner classes. Advanced groups also available.

Spring Break Tennis Camp begins March 10 and runs through the 13th. The camp is separated into four divisions: Munchkins (ages 4-6) at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for $40; Tiny Tots (ages 6-8) from 10:30 a.m. to noon for $60; Hot Shots (ages 8-12) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for $80 and tournament trainers from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for $80. For more information call David Mendez at 682-0022...

Miscellaneous...

The **Flatlanders Ski Club** is planning the following trips: Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1...

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

The **Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program** is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

Hurricanes remain confident that they can land Fedorov

More Sports/1D

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Carolina Hurricanes insist their offer sheet to Detroit Red Wings center Sergei Fedorov is valid and Wednesday's arbitration hearing is a formality.

The NHL on Monday disallowed the six-year, $38 million offer sheet, contending it did not comply with the collective bargaining agreement.

But Hurricanes owner Peter Karmanos said Tuesday the offer sheet does indeed comply and the only question is whether a $12 million bonus clause will be included.

Fedorov, a restricted free agent who has not played this season, last week agreed to a contract with the Hurricanes that would pay him a $14 million signing bonus, $2 million in salary and $12 million if his team makes it to the conference finals this year. That means he could receive $28 million in four months.

Karmanos said Fedorov would be paid the $12 million over the next three years if Carolina doesn't reach the conference finals this season.

Arbitrator John Sands is to review the offer sheet during a conference call Wednesday.

"If the arbitrator decides the acceleration was within the collective bargaining agreement, our offer sheet will stand," Karmanos told The Associated Press. "If he says no, we still have an offer sheet Detroit must match just without the acceleration."

The Red Wings had no comment Tuesday.

Jim Rutherford, president and general manager of the Hurricanes, is optimistic about the ruling.

"I don't think hearings are necessarily formalities, but based on the guidelines of the collective bargaining agreement, we feel confident in our position," Rutherford said. "When it goes to an arbitrator, it basically comes down to his opinion."

If the NHL had ruled the contract valid, the Red Wings would have had until 10:30 p.m. EST Wednesday to match it, work out a trade or decline to match it and accept five first-round draft picks.

Rutherford said the Red Wings cannot do anything before Wednesday's hearing, scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. EST. He said Detroit would have about two days to match the offer sheet after the arbitrator rules.

Fedorov, who won a silver medal with Russia at the Olympics, returned to Detroit on Monday, but declined comment on his status.

Karmanos said the Russian star would be the franchise player Carolina desperately needs. The Hurricanes have averaged fewer than 9,000 fans at home this season and plan to move to a 21,000-seat arena by the 1999-2000 season.

"Fedorov would bring instant credibility to our program," Karmanos said. "It would say we're trying to establish a world-class professional franchise in the Carolinas. It would enormously change the makeup of our team and we would become, if not a contender, very close to a contender."

Sabres fans cheer Hasek's return

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. (AP) — Dominik Hasek circled the world over the last two weeks and never bumped into a goaltender better than himself. On Tuesday, he was reminded once again.

Hasek and Buffalo Sabres teammate Richard Smehlik, both wearing their gold medals and big smiles after helping the Czech Republic to the Olympic title, were greeted by about 350 fans who cheered loudly and long at Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

"We beat the best three teams — well, they used to be the best three teams," Hasek said of the United States, Canada and Russia at the Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

Hasek and Smehlik made a one-day stop Monday for a rally in Prague that drew more than 100,000 people to Old Town Square — the biggest celebration in the Czech Republic since the revolution in 1989. They then went on to Amsterdam, Detroit and Buffalo.

"The same (party) is going on here in Buffalo," Hasek told the group. "The whole team had a dream. I'm glad to be here with you to show you this gold medal."

Hasek plans to be in goal Wednesday night against the Toronto Maple Leafs despite having little sleep over the previous two days.

"I think that's great, that he's in that frame of mind that he's thinking ahead to Wednesday's game," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said. "He's putting our team first. He mentioned that was the first thing on his mind (after winning the gold medal), that he would be ready to play."

Going into the Olympic break, the Sabres were unbeaten in their last nine games, largely because Hasek had been playing so well.

SOFTBALL: Lee claims district opener

(From 1C)

trict campaign of a year ago, he was thinking in different terms.

"Yeah, I guess we are ahead of last year at this point, but I was thinking that this is the first time we've beaten Midland High in the opener," Young said. "This is a monkey off my back because they have beaten us in the opener two years in a row. I had never won an opener."

Lee scored its only two runs in the fifth inning off Midland High's Megan Clingman, who allowed only one earned run in the game. In the fifth, Pullen walked to lead off the inning, moved to second on a grounder by Ceresa Mays and scored on an overthrow to first by MHS second baseman Amberleigh Berry, who was trying to nail Rodriguez at first.

"I was just watching the coach (Young) at third and I never stopped running from second," said Pullen, who just beat the throw home for the first run of the game.

Later in the inning, Rodriguez scored from third on an RBI grounder by Patricia Carrasco for what proved to be the game winner.

"This game was a heart beater," was the way Carrasco put it, but it pretty well summed up this one.

MHS got one run back in the bottom of the fifth when Rene Gonzalez walked, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Shelton and scored on Francesca Salcido's double to right center. That was the only extra base hit of the game.

Row hurled a three-hitter at the Lady Bulldogs, but walked five batters. She battled nerves and the cross-town rivalry pressure, but came out on top.

"I was really nervous before the game, but I felt really good out there," the freshman Row said. "I was nervous again before that final play (in the seventh). I didn't know what to expect coming over here as a freshman, but they (teammates) have accepted me a lot."

Young seemed to have no qualms about going with the freshman.

"The cross-town rivalry is added pressure, but she (Row) has been throwing since she was 10 and has been in a lot of situations like this before in summer ball. I trust all my kids. I was a little worried after the error and they had two runners on base in the seventh, but they came through."

MHS' Clingman was also tough on the mound. Clingman is a junior move-in from Clyde, so she, too, was making her 4-5A debut. She gave up six hits, two to Lee's Maressa Underwood, the only player in the game with more than one hit. Lee, however, had no extra base hits.

Pitching was considered to be an unknown factor for both teams coming into this new season, but if Tuesday is any indication of the future, you can expect more games like this one.

Midland Lee 2, Midland High 1

Midland Lee	000	020	0	—2
Midland High	000	010	0	—1

Brandie Row and Nicole Pullen, Megan Clingman and Francesca Salcido. W-Row. L-Clingman (2-2). E-Sarah Dzubinski (L), Amberleigh Berry (M). DP-Lee 1. LOB-Lee 5, MHS 7. 2B-Salcido (M). Hits: Patrica Carrasco, Crista Hargrove, Dzubinski, Rodriquez, Underwood 2 (L), Salcido, Kristi Heard, Rene Gonzalez (M). RBIs: Carrasco (L), Salcido (M). Records: Lee 4-5, 1-0; MHS 5-2, 0-1.

LEE: Rebels stay on top of District 7

(From 1C)

and 1-7 in district, could indeed hang with the Rebs.

"I don't know what it is about Cooper but we never seem to have a good game against them," said junior midfielder Dickinson. "We passed the ball pretty well, we just couldn't get the ball in the net."

So when Dickinson found the net for the Rebels, his fifth goal of the season, it was more relief than celebration.

"Josh and I have this thing going where we try to assist each other in goals because Troy (Henry) is leading in the stats," said Dickinson, who trails Henry by three goals. "Josh just hit me on a good cross and when I looked up I was just relieved that the ball went in the net. I didn't want to lose this game to Cooper."

The Rebs also didn't want to go into a shootout with the Coogs even though they have plenty of confidence in goalkeeper Shane Fisher.

"Cooper played some good defense and they kept Troy at bay throughout the game. I'm glad Troy finally scored," McCulloch said of Henry who scored his eighth goal of the season. "At times Cooper looked like they held back their fullbacks a little and played defense in the second half, and we were having trouble getting to the 18 to get a shot off."

The win was satisfying for the playoff-bound Rebels.

"We feel pretty good about getting into the playoffs," Dickinson said. "Ever since the start of the season we've never had our full team together because of injuries, so we've yet to play our best game. We've also got (San Angelo) Central coming up so that should be a tough one."

The meeting against the Bobcats, who so far has been the only team to defeat the Rebels in district (1-0 on Feb. 14), comes at the end of the regular season on March 10. Before that rematch, the Rebels face Abilene High on March 5 and Odessa Permian March 7.

In JV action: Cooper defeated Lee 3-2. Scoring for the Rebels were Eric Mora and Jeremy Brown. Steven Bowan got both assists for the Rebs. Lee fell to 6-3 on the year.

Midland Lee 2, Abilene Cooper 0

Cooper	0	0	—0
Lee	0	2	—2

Second Half — 1. Lee, Matt Dickinson (Josh Pressler), 64th minute. 2. Lee, Troy Henry (unassisted), 75th minute. Shots: Cooper 4, Lee 21. Corner kicks: Cooper 2, Lee 5. Goalie Saves: Cooper 3 (Brad Evrett 3), Lee 1 (Shane Fisher 1). Fouls: Cooper 18, Lee 6. Offsides: Cooper 1, Lee 5.

MHS: Lady Bulldogs run all over Abilene High

(From 1C)

Bulldogs, who were playing without Melinda Baca (fractured ankle) and sweeper Meg Bennett (who was on a trip in Louisiana), saw defender Marri Hill go down to injury in the first half. Then minutes later, Jill Knottek, who moved back from halfback to play sweeper for Bennett, left the game with a knee injury. Suddenly, MHS was playing without two all-district defenders, two of their top four scorers and playing Kathleen Coleman at sweeper. Coleman was fourth on the team's depth chart a week ago, although she played a top-notch game in relief.

"We talked about the same things we normally talk about at the half," MHS coach Scott Hodkinson said. "They knew what they had to do. We talked a lot about relaxing, settling down and putting the ball in the goal when it counted."

Abilene High did make the score 3-1 as Nicole Day got the Lady Eagles (6-10, 1-8) on the board with a conversion of a direct kick from 25 yards.

Midland High countered with two more goals as Elger and Mitchell scored in the 73rd and 75th minutes. For the game, Elger had one goal and two assists as one of many players who came up big.

"It is nice," Mitchell said. "We have had people stepping up, doing their job and taking care of things. We need to keep up with what we are doing the rest of the games out."

The Lady Bulldogs hold a one-game lead over San Angelo Central in the loss column for second place in the district.

MHS JV WINS: The Lady Bulldog junior varsity improved to 10-0 on the season with a 4-0 win over Abilene High. Jessica Salgado scored two goals for MHS. Rachel Hudson and Ashlee Winkler also scored. Catherine Wade recorded the shutout.

Midland High girls 5, Abilene High 1

Abilene High	0	1	—1
Midland High	0	5	—5

Scoring

First Half: None. Second Half: 1. MHS, Jodie Mitchell (Mary Elizabeth Prentice), 42nd minute. 2. MHS, Shelby Berry (unassisted), 44th minute. 3. MHS, Carin Vadala (Kim Elger), 58th minute. 4. AHS, Nicole Day (unassisted), 65th minute. 5. MHS, Elger (Mitchell), 73rd minute. 6. MHS, Mitchell (Elger), 75th minute.

Shots: AHS 5, MHS 16. Corners: AHS 0, MHS 4. Saves: AHS 6 (Brittney McCollough 5, Jennifer Zaboudil 1); MHS (Tori Watson). Fouls: AHS 9, MHS 10. Offsides: AHS 2, MHS 1. Cards: None.





AROUND TOWN

Permian Basin Master Gardeners will present a program on garden color at 7 p.m. March 3 at the Confederate Air Force Museum's auditorium. William C. Welch, Ph.D., of Texas A&M University, will be guest speaker.

Welch is the author of "Perennial Garden Color," "Antique Roses for the South," "A Southern Gardeners Notebook" and "The Southern Heirloom Garden."

Admission will be $5 in advance and $10 at the door (if seats are still available). To pre-register, mail admission fee to Permian Basin Master Gardeners, P.O. Box 60562, Midland, Texas 79711. Registration deadline is Feb. 27...

...WEST TEXAS Astronomers will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. March 9 at the Blakemore Planetarium of the Museum of the Southwest. All interested people are invited to attend. The club also helps faciliate public telescope viewing after the planetarium's 8 p.m. public sky show on clear Fridays. The planetarium is located on the grounds of the museum at 1705 W. Missouri. For more information call 683-2882...

...MIDLAND/PERMIAN Basin chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators Inc., (ARMA) and Division of Continuing Education , University of Texas of the Permian Basin, will present "Records Management Program: Fundamentals, Retention Scheduling and Benchmarking," 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at Center for Energy and Economic Diversification.

Registration fee is $110, and includes lunch and snacks. For more information call 687-7275, 685-7431 or 552-2449...

...PETROLEUM ENGINEERS Wives Association of Midland will have a luncheon meeting March 3 at Midland Woman's Club. Judy Guttormsen of "Crazy Stamper" will give the program. Bridge and bunco will begin at 9:30 a.m. with social to start at 11:15 a.m. and luncheon at 11:45 a.m. For more information call 697-1420...

...WEST TEXAS Storytellers Guild will host an intergenerational program and meeting 2 p.m. Feb. 28 in the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library. The program, "For the Love of Stories," will be a sharing event for grandparents, children and grandchildren. All interested people are invited to attend. For more information call 699-7820...

...PUBLIC SEMINAR on "Can We Safeguard Our Assets? Trust Fund and Estate Planning," will be presented 9:30 a.m. March 3 at Sadderidge Lodge, 1808 W. Loop 250 North. Herb Hutchins of NationsBank will be speaker...

...ORIENTATION MEETING for persons interested in becoming certified volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsmen will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Feb. 28 in the meeting room of Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair in Midland. Bob Stokes, regional ombudsman for Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, will be speaker. For more information call 563-1061 or 1-800-491-4636...

...LA LECHE League of Midland will meet 7:30 p.m. March 3 at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2810 N. Garfield. Topic of discussion will be "The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties."

For more information call 694-2018...

...PROGRAM ON "Harmony in the Church," sponsored by Black Image Civic and Social Club, and originally scheduled for Feb. 28 at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, has been cancelled...

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, chapter #256, will meet 6:30 p.m. March 2 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall.

Pot luck supper will be served. Anyone aged 50 or older who would like to join AARP or needs more information may call 684-8419 or 697-1212...

...LT. WILLIAM Brewer chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet 1:30 p.m. March 3 at Midland Woman's Club.

Dorothy Perkins will present a program on "Preservation and Renovations of the Jefferson Building, Library of Congress"...

Forget Tom Robbins' kimchi, have a muffin

By John Owen
Hearst News Service

Now we know why "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues." They're caught in a shower of explosive cabbage. The spray of chili sauce ruins their new silk Ruby Montana shirts. And from that moment on they are just "Another Roadside Attraction."

Blame it on Tom Robbins. I was the victim of similar fallout during a non-nuclear detonation in the Intermediate Eater kitchen. The mishap followed by just a couple of days the viewing of a KCTS/9 documentary on Robbins.

During that telecast Robbins suggested he does not really like to be described as "the best-selling La Conner author." That's right. The title is too restrictive. He should be better known as "The Time Bomb Terrorist." It's frightening to contemplate how many disasters he initiated during the recent TV profile.

The camera followed Robbins around his La Conner, Wash., kitchen, and he described in detail how he constructs his lunch. It begins with two slices of bread. Robbins covers the slices with about a half inch of mayonnaise, distributes canned tuna over the top and then crowns the whole thing with a layer of kimchi. That's the secret ingredient, he insists. It transforms a tuna sandwich into ... well, into something else.

Yeah. Something else.

A few days later I mimicked Robbins' culinary routine. It went OK up until the moment I opened a newly purchased jar of kimchi. I twisted the lid and then Alice, standing nearby, let out a yelp. The sauced cabbage and garlic exploded out of the jar, spraying Alice's nice clean kitchen and my favorite sweat shirt.

I looked at the jar in disbelief. There was now at least a cup more cabbage sticking out the top than the jar would hold. And the liquid remaining inside was bubbling with released gases, like Beelzebub's bathwater.

I don't think you are supposed to put this stuff in a tuna fish sandwich. If you live in La Conner, I think you are supposed to call the Mount Vernon bomb squad, which could then issue a hazardous-materials alert.

I'm partial to raw Walla Walla onion slices on my peanut butter sandwiches. My grandfather liked his apple pie topped with ketchup. But kimchi on a tuna fish sandwich? I don't think so.

The Intermediate Eater did not just drop off a turnip truck. I know about kimchi. Matter of fact, I learned at the source, during a tour of duty with the Army in Korea.

If the weather outside was foul, we occasionally viewed movies in the mess hall and often invited Republic of Korea infantrymen. When the doors were shut, and our visitors exhaled in unison, John Wayne's face melted on the screen. Thus was I introduced to kimchi, which should be sold under the brand name Death-by-Garlic.

In Korea the homemade variety is usually placed in a bucket and then half-buried in the ground to ferment. Presumably, there is a public ordinance in La Conner against hand grenades in taverns and kimchi-flavored land mines in residential back yards.

Forget the tuna sandwiches, with or without fermented cabbage. What members of the literary set should be eating for lunch is soup and muffins.

SKAGIT VALLEY SOUP
1 medium onion, chopped
2 stalks celery, sliced
2 carrots, halved and sliced
1 large potato, peeled and cubed
8 cups chicken broth
116-ounce can chopped tomatoes
1 teaspoon dried rosemary
2 14-ounce cans small white beans
Salt, pepper

Dump all the ingredients into a pot, except the salt and pepper.

You don't need to drain the tomatoes or beans. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer the soup 60 to 90 minutes or until the beans break down and thicken the soup. Add salt and pepper to taste. Makes about six medium-size bowls, which should be sufficient for the members of the Conway Literary Guild, along with a few:

LA CONNER MUFFINS
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
2/3 cup whole wheat flour
2/3 cup All-Bran
2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 cup canola oil
2/3 cup sugar
2 large eggs (or 1/2 cup egg substitute)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup milk
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
2 cups coarsely grated zucchini

In a mixing bowl combine the flours, bran, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and cloves.

In another bowl mix the canola oil with the sugar until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla and beat with an electric mixer for about a minute.

With a wooden spoon stir in the flour mixture, the milk and keep stirring until smooth.

Toss in the raisins, walnuts and zucchini and stir again. Divide the batter among 12 oiled muffin tins and bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Turn out onto rack and let cool.

That's a lunch that will wake you up, even if (like the character in Robbins' latest book) you have been "Half Asleep in Frog Pajamas."

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John Owen writes "The Intermediate Eater" weekly. His latest book, "Gluttony Without Guilt," is available for $14.95 (plus $2.25 tax and shipping). Phone 206-623-8637 or send checks to P-I Books, P.O. Box 1909, Seattle 98111.

DEAR ABBY

Husband tired of being ignored when gifts given

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I will be celebrating our 54th wedding anniversary this year, and I have had the same gripe for half a century. What on God's green earth makes women think that holidays are only for them? Let's take last year, for example:


Van Buren

On Valentine's Day, I gave my wife a lovely silver and gold choker with matching bracelet and earrings. I would have loved to have seen a bottle of champagne in the bedroom, or received an invitation to go out for dinner. Neither happened. Three months before our anniversary, I planned a weekend at a first-class resort, and for her birthday, we went on a two-week cruise. This was all booked and paid for in advance. On our anniversaries, I am lucky to get a card from her.

Abby, we live in an affluent community, and I see many wives making a fuss over their husbands. But every time I mention my feelings, my wife tells me that holidays are for wives. The topper was when she said, "I go to bed with you; what else do you want?" Her favorite is, "You have everything; I don't know what to get for you."

I could go on for days, but this is enough for one letter. Thanks for listening. — HURT HUSBAND

DEAR HURT HUSBAND: Your wife should be ashamed of herself. Although most of us of a certain age have most of the material things we need, everyone likes to be remembered on special occasions. Actions speak louder than words. Show her this column, and tell her that gift-giving should be a two-way street.

DEAR ABBY: My son "George" was 17, and his girlfriend, "Lulu," was 18 when she announced that she was pregnant with George's child. When I told him, "The first thing we'll do is have some blood tests done to be sure that's true," George insisted that he would accept the baby as his own whether it was his or not. Hearing that, his father and I agreed to accept the child as our grandchild.

Well, Lulu had the baby and everything seemed to be fine until they broke up seven months later. Lulu refused to let George, me or anyone in the family see the baby. I was so upset I called our family lawyer, who informed me that there's nothing we can do about it because Lulu didn't put George's name on the birth certificate.

The problem is, George and Lulu are back together again. When I head the news, I informed my son that Lulu was not to come near me, and I wouldn't accept the baby as my grandchild until the blood tests were taken. George told his father that he thinks I'm being immature, and I should learn to take things as they come. How can I make him see that I can't accept Lulu treating my heart like a yo-yo? Please help me. — TORN IN TUSCALOOSA

DEAR TORN: Although I don't blame you for being hurt, you will get nowhere if you take a hard-line stance. Lulu and George are both very young, and Lulu must have been furious at him to take out her wrath on the entire family.

Swallow your anger and try to make a friend of Lulu. Tell her that you were very hurt by what she did, but you'd like to put the episode behind you.

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Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed through Universal Press Syndicate

PEANUTS: Spruce up Asian chili

(From 10C)

1/3 cup sugar
2/3 cup heavy whipping cream
2 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

To make the crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine graham cracker crumbs with sugar and the melted butter. Stir until thoroughly blended. Press mixture into the bottom and sides of a 10-inch pie tin. Bake crust for 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

To make the filling: Mix cream cheese, peanut butter and sugar in a mixing bowl until blended. Whip cream until stiff, then fold into the cream cheese/peanut butter mixture. Spoon filling into cooled crust.

To make the topping:

Combine sugar and heavy cream in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 7 minutes. Remove pan from heat. Add chocolate and butter; stir until melted. Stir in vanilla. Cool until slightly thickened. Pour over pie as evenly as possible. Refrigerate 4 to 5 hours before serving. Garnish with toasted peanuts.

Makes one 10-inch pie (8-10) servings.

Nutrition per serving: 1,079 calories, 19 g pro; 83 g carb; 75 g fat; 64 percent cal from fat, 154 mg chol; 501 mg sod; 4 g fiber.

CURRIED CHILI RAGOUT
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons curry powder
3 gloves garlic, minced
1 pound boneless pork or turkey, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
2 tablespoons flour
1 (15-ounce) can turkey chili no beans
1/2 cup beer or water
3 tablespoons mango chutney
2 tablespoons raisins
1/2 cup dry roasted cashews
Hot, cooked rice

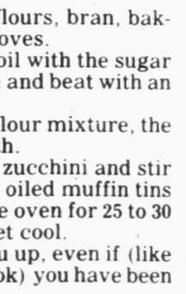
In large skillet over medium heat, heat oil and curry powder. Add garlic; saute one minute. Toss pork with flour; add to skillet and saute until browned. Stir in chili, beer, chutney, and raisins. Simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in cashews. Serve over rice. Serves 6.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

'Wholesome' cereal gets sugar coating

By Linda Anderson

One of the biggest boosts to a person's education is to take a 4-year-old to the supermarket. You can keep them captive in the seat of the cart, but they still take in an enormous amount of information — and ask a lot of questions.


Anderson

My youngest taste-tester was with me on a recent trip to my favorite store (sometimes I call it my home away from home). He was busy picking out words that began with R — Red, Ravioli, Revlon — when we spotted a new kind of cereal (taking a 4-year-old to the supermarket can cause you to buy things not on your shopping list, too) that he and I decided was a must for us to try.

Honey Frosted Wheaties is kind of an old favorite cereal with a new coat — a sugar coat (sorry, couldn't help myself). We found a 14.75-ounce box of the cereal on sale for $1.99, which is pretty cheap considering how much dry breakfast cereals can cost these days.

Label advertising on the front of the box says the "Fat Free" cereal is "Wholesome, Sweetened Two-Grain Cereal with Whole Wheat and Honey." Wait a minute — isn't Wheaties supposed to be wheat?

On the back of the box, the explanation goes on: "A healthy diet can make a difference! It starts with the wholesome, two-grain goodness of Honey Frosted Wheaties. This crunchy cereal is made with wheat and corn. It's also fat free!" Oh.

And continues: "Honey Frosted Wheaties is certified by the American Heart Association. A healthy lifestyle includes a diet that is low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol and may reduce risk factors for heart disease."

Low fat doesn't mean low sugar, though.

The first few ingredients — corn meal, sugar, whole wheat, honey, salt, brown sugar syrup, malt syrup, corn syrup and high maltose corn syrup — are mostly sugars of some kind.

Well, the youngest taste-tester and I conducted the taste-test together. (His aunt, my older young taste-tester, doesn't eat cold breakfast cereals anymore, and when she did eat them, they had to be laced with marshmallows.)

First, he said the cereal tasted like raisin bran, except it had no raisins. His final verdict was that the cereal tasted like Tony Tiger cereal.

And in some ways it does: Both are sugar-coated cereal flakes, and both are made with corn. But Honey Frosted Wheaties also has wheat, and to me the cereal tasted just like what it is — sugar-coated Wheaties. Sweet Breakfast of Champions? Breakfast of Sweet Champions? Whatever.

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Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

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Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram *staff writer.*

TREATS: Food pastes provide vibrant, fiesta colors

(From 10C)

uses.

Nutritional analysis per cookie: 102 calories, 4 grams fat, 15 grams carbohydrates, 2 grams protein, 15 milligrams cholesterol, 42 milligrams sodium, 36 percent of calories from fat.

SUGAR-BABY FROSTING
Yields about 3 cups
32-ounce package powdered sugar, sifted
1/3 cup evaporated skimmed milk
1/3 cup white corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup water, boiling
(NOTE: If making a double recipe of frosting, use a heavy-duty mixer.)

Sift powdered sugar and set aside.

Combine evaporated milk, corn syrup and vanilla in small saucepan over medium heat; then place the hot liquid in a mixing bowl. Immediately add boiling water and blend with electric mixer on low speed.

Add sifted powdered sugar and continue blending on low speed until a smooth, soft consistency is achieved. If not using immediately, tightly cover the bowl with plastic wrap to prevent crystals from forming over top of the frosting.

To check the consistency, run a spoon down the center of the frosting from one end of the bowl to the other. If the consistency is right, the frosting should hold the split for 5 or 6 seconds. Soft frosting makes spreading easier. Hold the frosting at a lukewarm temperature over a bowl of hot tap water. To soften, add boiling water 1 tablespoon at a time. To thicken, add sifted powdered sugar in small amounts until desired consistency is achieved.

Nutritional analysis per tablespoon: 82 calories, 0 fat, 21 grams carbohydrates, 0 protein, 0 cholesterol, 5 milligrams sodium. "— Wild, Wild West Cowboy Cookies by Tuda Libby Crews (Gibbs Smith, $12.95)"

FROSTING TIPS:

Use paste food colors to achieve vibrant, fiesta colors.

Remember, a little goes a long way. Paste food colorings are available where cake decorating supplies are sold.

The icing is fairly liquid. Pour "background" colors into a bowl with a wide mouth. Dip top surface of cookie into background color, hold cookie at a slant, and using a flat spatula or knife, smooth frosting over cooking, swiping off the excess. Place cookies on wax paper and allow to dry.

Maintain the lukewarm temperature of the frosting (used for background color) while you work. To do so, place the bowl of frosting in a larger bowl that has been filled with very hot water. (This step is not necessary with the colors that will be piped on as decorations and accents.)

If the bowl of frosting is left uncovered, a thin layer of crystals may form over the surface, or small lumps may appear as you are decorating a cookie. If this happens, stop decorating and dissolve crystals by gently adding 1/2 inch of very hot water to cover the entire surface of the frosting in its container. Allow the hot water to remain for 10 seconds, then pour off the entire amount. After the excess is poured off, the thin film of water at the top is often enough to stir the frosting back to the desirable consistency. As you work, stir the frosting to keep it smooth and to prevent crystals from forming.

Make the icing for the piped details thicker than the icing for the base, or background color. This gives the cookies more dimension and allows the colors to stand out.

Use disposable pastry bags for the various piping colors. No. 2 and No. 3 tips give good detail accents.

A NOTE ON COOKIE CUTTERS:

Western cookie cutters are widely available from supermarkets, discount stores, specialty kitchen stores and gift stores.

Cutters are also available from mail-order sources. Wild West Cutters offers products by mail. Cutters include a chile pepper ($3), howling coyote ($3) and a cowboy hat ($3). More esoteric cutters are a cowboy on a bronco ($19.95), buffalo ($15.95) and a boot ($14.95). Look for the company's Web page at www.wildwestcookies.com, write to their e-mail address at infowildwestcookies.com or fax a request for ordering information to (888) 277-0294.

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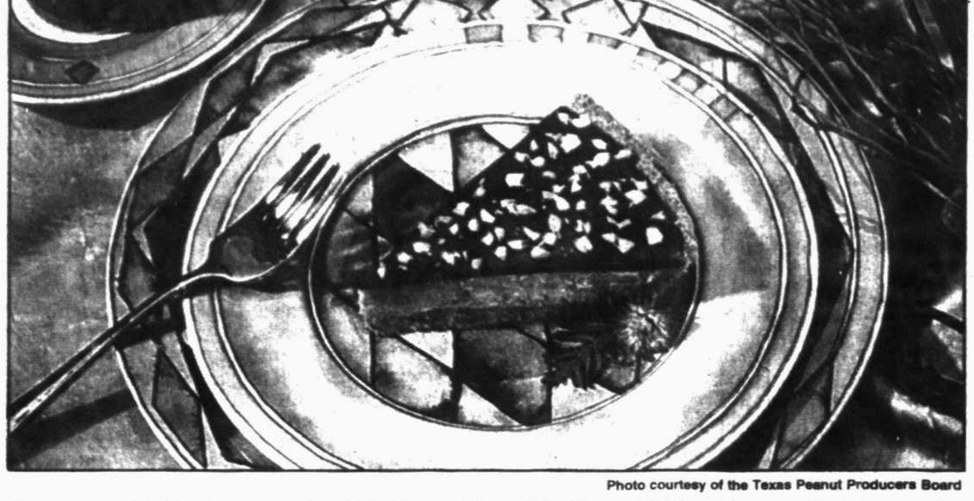


Photo courtesy of the Texas Peanut Producers Board

Pure peanut butter flavor makes this Texas Chocolate Peanut Butter pie a real indulgence for peanut lovers. If you're cutting the fat out your diet, pass this pie by. The filling includes cream cheese and heavy whipping cream and adds up to 1,079 calories and 75 grams of fat per slice.



Photo courtesy of the Texas Peanut Producers Board

Spreading the word about TEXAS PEANUTS

Staff Reports

"Man cannot live by bread alone. He must have peanut butter."

— Bill Cosby

People usually equate the Lone Star State with good Mexican food or barbecue, but Texas peanut producers want to give the home-grown legumes their due.

The Texas Peanut Producers Board is shelling our recipes in their brochure "Dang Crunchy Plumb Good Texas Peanuts" in conjunction with the first-ever Texas Peanut Week March 15-21.

The Texas peanut industry is thriving, according to the peanut board. "The 1997 Texas peanut crop set a state record," said Mary Webb, executive director of the Texas Peanut Producers Board. "Based on the current crop report, we topped 405,000 tons." The 1997 state yield places Texas as the No. 2 peanut-producing state, behind Georgia.

When adding up the total farm gate — including profits from shellers, shippers and handlers — it comes to more than $200 million, contributing to an overall economic value of around $1 billion.

Texas produces four types of peanuts: Runner (78 percent), Virginia (13 percent), Spanish (7 percent), and Valencia (2 percent).

By the time the average American finishes high school, he or she will likely have eaten 1,500 peanut butter sandwiches.

But peanuts are making their way into a host of other recipes including pies, Oriental and Thai cuisine, and even as a topper for a pot of chili.

TEXAS CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER PIE

CRUST:
1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
filling:
16 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
2 cups creamy peanut butter
1-3/4 cups sugar
1 cup heavy whipping cream
TOPPING:

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Peanuts grown in Texas. above, will be available in abundance for the month of March. The first-ever Texas Peanut Week is set for March 15-21. Cashews top Curried Chili Ragout, left, made with pork or turkey.

Photo courtesy of Hormel Chili



AP Photo

For events with cowboy themes or barbecues, serve up whimsical Texas cookies iced in fiesta colors. These treats were made using cookie cutters. These cookies were inspired by "Wild, Wild West Cowboy Cookies" — a slim volume by Wyoming baker Tuda Libby Crews.

Rustle up batch of wild west treats

By Beverly Bundy
N.Y. Times News Service

Rustle up some cutters, lasso some hands and head into the kitchen for your own brand on Rodeo and Stock Show celebrations.

These cookies were inspired by "Wild, Wild West Cowboy Cookies" (Gibbs Smith, $12.95), a slim volume by Wyoming baker Tuda Libby Crews. Critters, cacti and cowboy gear give the cookies their theme, and fiesta colors give them their snap.

For school celebrations, birthday parties or even barbecues on your own back 40, these bites of whimsy are a cut above the ordinary cookie.

COWBOY COOKIE DOUGH

Yields approximately 7 dozen
8 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
2-1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cup unsalted butter
3/4 cup butter-flavored vegetable shortening
Rind of 1 large lemon, grated
4 medium eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup evaporated milk (or whipping cream)
Extra flour for rolling out dough

(NOTE: Use a heavy-duty mixer or food processor for this large batch. The recipe is easily halved for a small electric mixer or for hand mixing.)

Sift flour and measure into a large bowl. With wire whisk, thoroughly mix together flour, cream of tartar, salt and soda. Set aside.

Cream together sugar, butter and vegetable shortening until light and fluffy. Add lemon rind and eggs, and continue mixing. Stir vanilla into evaporated milk and add to mixture, beating until smooth.

Add sifted dry ingredients 1 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition to form a stiff ball of dough.

Place dough on a floured surface. Divide into 3 parts. Place each mound on a piece of plastic wrap. Using your hands, shape each mound into a smooth, flat, 1-inch-thick circle. Wrap each flat circle with plastic and allow to chill in refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness and then cut, using a slight wiggle motion so the dough doesn't adhere to the cutter. Using a spatula, transfer cookies to baking sheet.

Set oven temperature to 350 degrees. Bake cookies on lightly greased baking sheets for 8-9 minutes, or until cookies spring back when lightly touched. The edges may appear slightly golden. Don't overbake, as the cookies tend to break.

It's best to use several cookie sheets, allowing each to cool completely between

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By Jiraporn Wo...
Associated Press

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By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

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Transvestite kickboxer moving up ranks in one of Thailand's most popular sports

By Jiraporn Wongpaithoon
Associated Press Writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — He dresses like a woman and fights like a demon. Pirinya Kaibusaba, a transvestite kickboxer who powders his nose during training, is a big hit.

Before a sellout crowd of 10,000 and despite a cut over his left eye, the 16-year-old sensation convincingly won his Bangkok debut on Tuesday night.

He wore makeup and pink nail polish to the weigh-in, where he broke down in tears. Then he went on to pummel Oven So Boonya over five rounds at Lumpini Stadium, the nation's mecca of Muay Thai, or Thai kickboxing.

Pirinya is from Lamphun, about 350 miles north of Bangkok. Before his appearance in the capital, the young welterweight had already compiled a professional record of 20 wins, 2 losses and 17 knockouts in a sport where brutal kicks and elbows to the head are common.

He kissed his opponent after the decision was announced in what appeared sweet revenge for a teasing embrace delivered by Oven just before the fight.

Pirinya is prim to a fault, but the prospect of a cut eye, broken nose or cauliflower ear doesn't faze him.

"If I was afraid about my face, I wouldn't fight," he said.

Pirinya's medium-length hair is dyed to a reddish tint — as is fashionable now among Thais of both sexes — and neatly tied back, about to the nape of the neck.

The weigh-in, where he was 140 pounds, presented Pirinya with his toughest test as a kickboxer. The fighters at Lumpini Stadium must step on the scale completely nude.

When ordered to strip in front of a phalanx of Thai and foreign reporters and cameramen, Pirinya dissolved in sobs. Lumpini officials, who are all in the Thai military, eventually showed mercy and let him wear his black jockey shorts.

Although Thai boxers are generally tattooed tough guys from poor farming country or Bangkok slums with a strong sense of machismo, many readily accept Pirinya.

"I thought it was strange when I heard there was a transvestite boxer, but I like to see people who like boxing — I don't care who they are," said Pong Sudsaeng, who was also scheduled to fight Tuesday night at Lumpini.

Most Thais, in fact, accept transvestites. Locally they are called "katoeys" and are regarded as the third sex. Others have competed in sports successfully.

The two best players on Thailand's men's volleyball team were katoeys. However, the volleyball association tossed them off the team in 1996, fearing the response at international matches. Many Thais were surprised to learn not everyone is tolerant of cross-dressing.

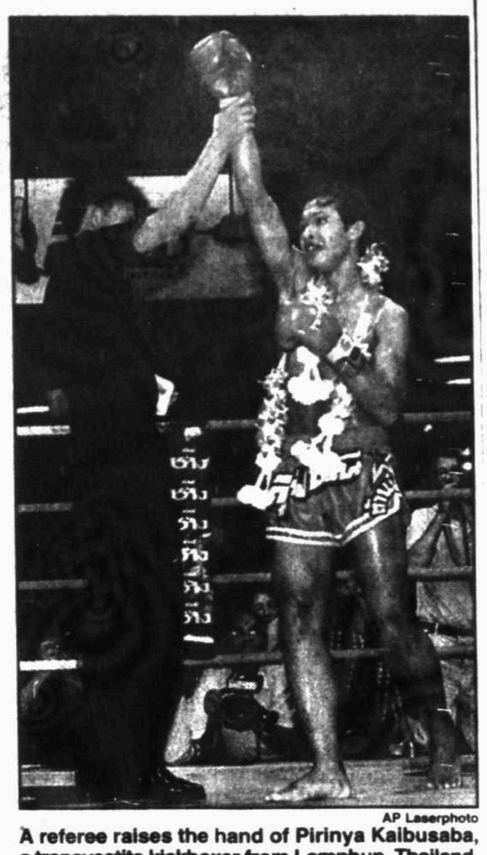
Thai kickboxers often take up the sport at 10 or 12 years old, and some headliners at Lumpini are Pirinya's age. Most fight until their late 20s.

While children's rights activists decry the violence of kickboxing, none has protested to boxing officials or the government.

Officials already have their hands full fighting rampant child labor and trying to free the 300,000 children the United Nations Children's Fund estimates are prisoners in Thai brothels.

As for Pirinya, he isn't dreaming of championships or fame. He says he fights because he likes the "strange feeling" he gets in the ring.

"I don't think I'm fighting to be famous. I'd rather have a quiet life," he said. "I'll fight until I get bored with it."



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A referee raises the hand of Pirinya Kaibusaba, a transvestite kickboxer from Lamphun, Thailand, after he won a match Tuesday in Bangkok.

Home-schooler sues UIL for right to play

By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Amy Ensminger, a 16-year-old home-school student from Corpus Christi, says not being allowed to play on a public high school softball team is hurting her chances for a college scholarship.

She is suing the Corpus Christi Independent School District and the University Interscholastic League to be a member of the Corpus Christi Miller High School team.

UIL officials say if her lawsuit — the first of its kind in Texas — is successful, extracurricular activities in the state's public schools will be forever changed.

With a nation-leading 150,000 home-school students in Texas, UIL officials say it was inevitable that such a lawsuit would be filed.

The case also comes after member schools of the UIL, which governs sports, music and academic competitions, overwhelmingly rejected allowing home-school students to participate by a margin of 38-to-1.

The problem, UIL officials say, is that students in public schools have to meet strict academic and residence requirements and are limited in the number of hours they can practice or play a sport during a season.

Home-schooled students are not.

"We are not ridiculing parents for home-schooling their children. That's their right," UIL Director Bill Farney said Tuesday. "But in order to represent a school, you must be attending that school, following the rules and passing courses as prescribed by state law."

Ensminger and her family have declined to speak about the lawsuit. Her parents say only that they have chosen to teach their daughter at home to provide a quality education in a religious environment.

They have also provided Stanford Test of Academic Skills scores showing she scored well above average in reading, math and language skills last year.

Ensminger has been a pitcher for a Corpus Christi club softball team that won regional honors and traveled to the national fast-pitch championships last year.

"Plaintiff's skills are such that if she were allowed to participate in extracurricular activities, she would have a reasonable chance of obtaining an athletic scholarship to college," Ensminger's attorneys, Kim Cox and Scott M. Ellison, wrote in their lawsuit.

Tim Lambert, president of the Texas Home School Coalition, said Ensminger should be allowed to participate in UIL softball because "extracurricular activities fall outside the academic mission of the school, and these home school families pay taxes just like every other taxpayer."

A Corpus Christi judge last week removed the case from his court and said the proper jurisdiction was Travis County, where all lawsuits against the UIL are required to be brought. The case is to be refiled in Austin later this week, Ensminger's attorneys said.

Farney said Ensminger is seeking to play for Miller High School, where a number of her teammates from a summer league team are playing, even though she lives in the attendance zone of Corpus Christi King High School.

Farney said allowing Ensminger to ignore the UIL's residency rules, which strictly prohibit students from transferring from one school to another for athletic purposes, would gut all UIL guidelines.

"If this goes through, what would keep a student who fails in public school from going to home schooling and then coming back and competing for the same public school?" Farney asked.

He said enforcing academic standards in home schools would be almost impossible.

"A lot of the UIL member schools just can't fathom a mother or father of a home-school student saying their child has failed chemistry and is not eligible to play Friday night," Farney said.

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Who's Who For Service 800

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The family of

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wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the Midland Memorial Hospital Staff, Memorial Christian Church & all the wonderful, caring people whose help, prayers & love carried us through this difficult & tragic time.

99 Legal Notices

NEW INFORMATION!
Legal Notices are now under class 590
&
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110 Lodge Notices

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Regular Stated Meeting.
2nd & 4th Tue.
at 7:30 P.M.
Bruce Milliken, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
P.O. Box 1758
Presentation of Service Awards.
Thrus. 2/26, 7:30 pm.
Tom Arnold, WM
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110 Lodge Notices

Midland Shrine Club
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Hosp. 6:30 pm,
dine 7 pm., Bus. mtng. 8 pm.
Earl Selman, Pres.
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CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1600 W. Wall
Reg.stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am.
Breakfast 7:30 am.
Terry Cowin, W/M
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

115 Announcements

HONDA CARS for $100. Seized and sold locally this month. 800-522-2730 ext 3063.

130 Personals

MARY KAY COSMETICS. Sybil Wallace, 684-5464. Kay Gilley, 520-3167. Crete Arnold, 689-7002.

130 Personals

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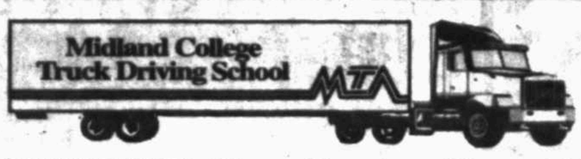
150 Lost & Found

LOST: Yellow Lab female, no collar, pink nose, 11 months old. Days 688-5868, evenings 570-7078.

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1997	TOYOTA	CAMRY LE	$18,400.00	$16,900
1997	MERCURY	GRAND MARQUIS GS	$18,900.00	$16,900
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Fairfield Inn by Marriott
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HOUSEKEEPER WANTED. 3 Days/ Week, 8 am- 3 pm. Duties to include: Laundry and Cleaning. References required. Please send resume to: PO Box 53, Midland, Texas 79702.

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LABOR Needed. Must know how to paint and some carpentry work. Reliable and dependable need only to apply. Call after 5 pm, ask for Paul- 686-0977.

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MAINTENANCE. Local branch of a major recycling company seeking to fill positions in their maintenance department. Successful applicants will posses strong knowledge of hydraulic system analysis, welding skills and bilingual a plus. Must have own hand tools. Persons seeking to aply may do so at 3501 W. 2nd (Odessa) or 1605 Garden City Hwy (Midland). Pay commensurate with experience. Equal Opportunity Employer. No Phone Calls Please.

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Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT- Hunan Garden now hiring Waitstaff and Host/ Hostess. Apply in person, 4410 N. Midkiff. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT- KD's Bar-B-Q Help needed- Cashier, Cook, and Bartender. Apply after 2 pm, 3109 Garden City Highway, 683-5013.

RESTAURANT- Luby's now accepting applications. Apply 8-10 am only. EOE.

RESTAURANT- The Bar is currently accepting applications for Cooks. Apply in person between 8- 10 am or 2- 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, 606 W. Missouri.

RETAIL. Bobs Rental is now hiring Parts Personel, Counter Clerk, Small Engine Mechanic, and Service hands. Mechanic, Apply in person, 2700 S. Rankin Hwy.

RETAIL. Seeking Location Manager, Bunnies and Helpers for Easter photo promotion at Midland Park Mall. If you love working with children, are flexible and dependable, please call Jim at 915-362-6869, leave name and telephone number.

SAFETY DIRECTOR, must have experience with D.O.T., OSHA and MSHA regulations. Send resumre to Price Construction.

TELEMARKETERS needed at Olan Mills. Call Lillian Smith at 915-694-2235, 1pm- 4pm, Monday- Friday.

TELEPHONE SALES- Full or part time, experience preferred, daytime shift. Will contact major oil companies and oil field service companies. Call for appointment 697-1185 ask for Bob.

TICKET SALES- Need people to telemarket Midland Angels tickets full and part time. Must be high school graduate. Non-smoking office. Apply in person only Monday- Friday 9- 11 am & 2- 4 pm, 10601 W. County Road 127 (near Warfield Truckstop).

TRAFFIC CONTROLLER/ Flagger. Immediate, full time position. Apply in person to MW Builders, Inc., at the Midland Airport Project.

WAITSTAFF Needed immediately. Apply in person only. Cattlemen's Steak House 3300 N. Big Spring St.

WAITSTAFF wanted with experience. Apply in person 1000 A I-20 (next to Super 8 Motel).

WAREHOUSEMAN with some moving experience need for local company. Call 580-7300 for appointment, contact Mitchell.

WELDERS. Taking applications for Single- Hand Welders/ Fabricators, experienced with MIG, TIG and Stick welding on carbon and stainless. Must pass 6-G welding test and Drug/ Alcohol test. Call Harold at 362-4666.

311 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL- Now hiring all positions, apply in person, Terrace Gardens Nursing Center, 2901 W. Ohio, Midland.

*** CNA'S ***

New healthcare Administrator Glyndon Ruth Kimbrough at Manor Park, Inc. is accepting applications for CNA's for the following shifts: 6 am- 2 pm and 2- 10 pm in the nursing home unit. The right candidate(s) must be Texas certified, dedicated to and enjoy caring for the elderly. Excellent working environment and benefits. Applications can be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 and returned to the attention of Donna Parker. EOE M/F

***FULL/ PART TIME DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT**

needed. Send resume to 2101 N. Midland Drive, #9, Midland, Texas 79707. No phone calls please.

·HOME HEALTH RN and LVN

·Current TX License
·Dependable Transportation
·One year experience
·Current CPR Certification

For more information, contact Ross Padgett at ORH Home Care in Midland at 520-5294.
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Interim Healthcare. We are presently accepting applications for an individual who has previous home health and management experience who is able to communicate and educate staff members. Please, submit resume: Fax 915-522-2256 or mail to: Interim Healthcare, 3205 West Cuthbert B-5, Midland, Texas 79701 Attn: Kay Blake, RN

CERTIFIED NURSE Aides- Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for Certified Nurse Aides on the 2-10 shift. If interested please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

DENTAL ASSISTANT needed. Send resume, references and salary requirements to: Brent Huckabay, 2101 W. Wadley Suite 44, Midland, TX 79705. No Phone Calls Please.

DENTAL- Immediate Hire we are seeking experienced, dedicated and out-going team minded individuals for the position of Dental Hygienist, Dental Receptionist/ Scheduler and Dental Assistant. We offer competitive compensation and an excellent benefit package. For personal interview, contact Marty at 570-1950 to schedule an appointment, no walk- ins.

INTELLIGENT, Compassionate and Industrious individual needed for medical receptionist. Hours are roughly 8:30- 5:30, Monday- Friday. Responsibilities include: Phone, Appointments, Insurance, & various other duties. Please mail resume to: Dr. James B. Welsh, 118 North "N", Midland, TX 79701 or fax 684-5226. Thank You.

MEDICAL SECRETARY needed immediately. Duties will include scheduling appointments, patient records management, and computer billing. Previous experience preferred. Please send your resume with references to: Medical Secretary, PO Box 3820, Midland, TX 79702.

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Responsibilities include maintaining public awareness with local physicians, hospitals, rehab centers via on- site visits, formal speaking engagements and telephone contacts. Must have knowledge of Medicare and Home Health. Must be a self- starter and must have an enthusiastic personality. Experience- preferred. Salary and benefits including advancement opportunities. Must be able to cover Permian Basin Area. For more information please come by 808 W. Indiana Avenue, Midland, Texas. No phone calls please.

312 Professional Help Wanted

·ACCOUNTANT·

Independent oil and gas company seeks experienced accountant for G/L, JIB, Revenue Distribution and Financial Statements. Previous experience with Enertech/ Questa software a plus. Please submit resume and salary requirements to: Box PJ-3017, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT
Midland, Texas

Newly-created position with a rapidly expanding oilfield service company. Excellent compensation package and work environment.

Under the supervision of the CFO and Director of Accounting, assists with the financial reporting segment of our companies. Activities include financial statement preparation, financial analysis, acquisition due diligence, working with outside auditors, and special projects.

We would prefer applicants with 3- 5 years experience in public accounting and/ or large oilfield service company environment. CPA preferred.

Please submit your resume and cover sheet to:

Reef Chemical Company, Inc.
Attn: Chief Financial Officer
P.O. Box 11347
Midland, Texas 79702-7347

SR. PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST

Immediate position available for a PICK/ UNIDATA/ UNIVERSE Programmer with 5+ years experience. Knowledge of Oil & Gas and/ or Manufacturing a plus. We maintain and develop applications on multiple IBM RS/6000s using Unidata. Knowledge of SQL, Visual Basic, Windows 95/ NT would be helpful. Salary DOE. Company offers excellent benefits package.

Forward updated resume to:

Wagner & Brown, Ltd.
Attn: Personnel
P.O. Box 1714
Midland, Texas 79702
915/686-5906
Fax #915/686-1503

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Growing oil and gas company seeks qualified accountant. Primary accounting functions include monthly analytical review and GAAP adjusting of financials, preparation of quarterly Securities and Exchange Commission and investor reports. Applicant should possess 3- 5 years experience in GAAP and oil and gas accounting. Public accounting background and/ or partnership accounting a plus. Knowledge of Excel and Word desirable. Competitive salary and benefits. Please submit resume and salary requirements to:

Personnel
PO Box 11390
Midland, TX 79702

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OFFICER

Full time position effective April 1, 1998. Salary $2,000/ Month. Activities related to the supervision of adult offenders. Responsible for enforcement of conditions of supervision imposed by Court. Bachelor's degree required. Bilingual preferred.
Apply between 8 am- 5 pm, Monday- Friday at
Midland CSCD
200 N. Main
Midland, Texas 79701
College transcripts must accompany application. All applications must be received by 5 pm, March 6, 1998.

312 Professional Help Wanted

·LANDMAN

Diversified oil & gas company with large surface and mineral holdings seeks Landman with a m minimum of 3- 5 years Land experience. Interested in various job responsibilities. Benefits & Insurance. Please send resume & compensation requirements to
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Midland, TX 79702

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CALL FOR MORE DETAILS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

Geo Tech- Salary DOE
1 month assignment- Geological experience mandatory

JIB Clerks- Salary DOE
Must have JIB experience- long term assignment

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SOUND TECH. 6:30 to 9:15 pm, Monday through Friday. Experience a must. Apply in person, 3719 South County Road 1305, Midland. 915-563-0420.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN. Fast growing communications company located in San Angelo has an immediate opening for a Technician with paging or two way radio experience. Great opportunity for the sharp individual. Please mail resume to: Western Communications, Box 5159, San Angelo, TX 76902.

PERSONAL BANKER- Big Spring. Norwest Bank seeks a candidate with dynamic sales, communication and customer service skills. Proven Sales Success a must. To apply, fax your resume to (512) 420-0179, Austin's Temporary Services. EOE.

PHARMACIST- full time staff position with Furrs. No nights or Sundays. Excellent tech support and practice setting. Call Bob Dean at 682-6652.

PROGRAMMER. America's largest lenders service company has an immediate opening at it's national headquarters in Odessa, TX for experienced Programmer. Must be able to demonstrate proficiency developing multi-user software utilizing visual basic, access & C/C++ on DOS, Win, & SOC UNIX operating systems. The preferred candidate must be a team player who thrives in a fast paced environment where the ability to spec out tasks on short notice is essential. Apply in person or send resume with salary requirements to: Brad Elliott, P.O. Box 7238, Odessa, TX 79760 or Fax 915-332-1065 for immediate.

REAL ESTATE Opportunity In Non Sales Capacity. License required with some podium experience. Resume to Box B-04027, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SHERRY OWEN, State Farm Insurance Agency has a career opportunity as a Staff Assistant for an ARTICULATE, INTELLIGENT, FRIENDLY and CARING individual with two years of college. Present your transcript and resume at: 2611B N. Midland Drive, Monday- Friday, 9- 5.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

·SECRETARY/ RECEPTIONIST

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316 Management Help Wanted

Management Career Sales/ Operations

We are looking for an energetic, self- motivated, team player to join our established Construction Equipment and Industrial Supply Company. You will direct, train and motivate outside sales team and provide general administrative oversight for the day to day operations. You will also work closely with the president to establish and implement short- term and long- term goals.

Being a self- starter with excellent people skills and a strong work ethic are a must. Successful candidate will offer dedication, flexibility and the ability to work at a fast pace with many interruptions.

Degree in management, marketing or comparable work experience preferred. Receive salary, commission, insurance, profit sharing and more.

Send resume along with salary history to President, P.O. Box 4735, Odessa, TX 79760. EOE.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY

Oil and Gas Production Landman

Aggressive, Midland-based, independent oil and gas company seeks oil and gas production landman. Candidate should have experience in road and pipeline right-of-ways, easement acquisition, seismic and well permitting, and damage settlement. A minimum of 5 + years oil and gas landman experience required.

Mail resume in confidence to:

Nearburg Producing Company
Attention: Land Department
3300 North "A" Street, Bldg. 2, Suite 120
Midland, Texas 79705

314 Clerical Help Wanted

GLOBAL PERSONNEL HAS THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS...

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Proficient computer skills required

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JIB Clerks (2) - $DOE
MUST have JIB experience

A/P Clerk - Starting $7.00/hr
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Computer skills w/Accounting exp.

Receptionist - $6.50/hr
Part-time 8 am-12 pm

Land Tech/Lease Analyst - to $20.00/hr
Major Oil Company

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CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

CLERK FOR Small Business. Needs good math and communications skills. PO Box 9821, Midland TX 79707.

DATA PROCESSING. Experience with Windows95, IBM comfortable, basic office skills needed. Full time position, 11 am -8 pm. Benefits package. Call 522-2282 for appointment.

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★ OPENING SOON- Motor City USA. We are now accepting applications for: Receptionist; Title Clerk/ Office Manager. Experience preferred. Apply in person inside Music City Mall, Odessa at Motor City USA.

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
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PART TIME Clerical help needed. Apply 602 N. Baird, Suite 200, Midland.

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682-0033 or 570-0197

RECEPTIONIST/ CLERICAL ASSISTANT

for busy, multi-line office. Responsible for scheduling and customer service in a fast paced environment. Computer experience with Microsoft Word required. Excel experience helpful. Bilingual a plus. Send resumes or pick up an application at CENTERS for Children and Families, 600 N. Marienfeld Ste. 253, Midland, Texas. CENTERS is an equal opportunity employer and a United Way member agency.

SECRETARY. Immediate opening with a fast growing company. Computer and financial background helpful. Advancement opportunities. Apply in person- BIDCO, 312 E. 2nd. St., Odessa.

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686-9722.

316 Sales Help Wanted

·INSURANCE

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP

America can depend on Farmers.

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP OF COMPANIES is expanding its agency force in the Midland-Odessa area.

If you have a degree, and a desire to succeed, we can offer you your very own business with unlimited income potential.

For details and a personal interview, please call 915-699-1876. Ask for Ben, Danny or Lloyd.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES POSITION- inside sales at busy office supply store. Apply in person, at 315 N. Colorado.

SALES- Established growing company expanding sales force. $40K plus first year unlimited potential. No travel, benefits. Big ticket retail a plus. Call Ken at Morgan Buildings & spas, 563-1860.

318 Management Help Wanted

*RETAIL

IF YOU ARE....

interested in working for a world class retailer, and would like to explore career opportunities, we would like to talk with you. We have over 300 stores in 28 states. We have full time/ part time opportunities. Please call 699-5588 or fax your resume to 699-5589.

ASSISTANT MANAGER- needed for fast- paced, growing company. Must be responsible, energetic, and a team player. Pay depending on experience, paid vacations and advancement opportunities. Apply in person, Burger King Travel Mart Exxon, 2503 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas 79706.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

ENGINEER- Financial Institution seeks Reservoir Engineer with acquisition and divestment experience. Field experience helpful. Must work well with clients, and possess good working knowledge of ARIES and Microsoft Office Programs. Send resumes to: Box B-04028, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

OIL FIELD- Growing oil field chemical company seeking delivery/ service rep. Must have clean driving record with minimum Class B CDL with Hazard endorsement. Good salary, quick raises for right person. Benefits include insurance, 401K. Applicant must be honest, dependable, drug free and have transportation to and from work. Send resume to Box T-05087, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

·MACHINIST NEEDED

Minimum 2 years experience in precision, close tolerance job shop type work. Excellent working conditions and benefits at Leamco-Ruthco, Midland, 10000 County Rd. 116 W. at Air Terminal.

DRYWALL Hangers with residential experience. Must have own tools, transportation. Call after 6 pm 520-6887.

FIELD WELDER- must be capable of all types of production and field work. Honest, dependable, drug screening required. See Terry, 1403 Garden City Highway.

★ AUTO TECHNICIAN

Needed. 5 Years Experience and Pro Tools Required. No Beginners. Apply: Ron's Engines, 600 N Weatherford.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT Operator with minimum 3 years recent experience on Bulldozer, Backhoe, Excavator or Front End Loader. Experience around pipelines a plus. Good attitude required. 682-3547.

★ WELDER. Now hiring full time MIG welders for local manufacturing company. No certification required. Will be tested. Come by 2501 E. I-20, Midland between 9- 5, Monday through Friday.

MAINTENANCE, full time, apartments- air conditioning certificate required. Call or see Chris between 3- 4 pm, Monday through Saturday at 3315 Godfrey #84, Las Colinas. 697-8784.

REFRIGERATION/ HVAC Technician. Minimum 2 years experience in low temp. Refrigerant certification required, clean driving record. Call M&M Mechanical 520-4568.

320 Skilled Trades

MECHANIC- Pride Refining, Inc., an employee-oriented company based in Abilene, Texas, seeks a Mechanic and Mechanic's Helper for our facility in Odessa. Applicants considered for this full time position must have a high school diploma or equivalent and knowledge of trucks. Mechanic must have own tools. Applicants need to apply at 1801 West Texas, Midland. Pride Refining, Inc. is an equal opportunity/ affirmative action employer.

MR. ROOTER plumbing now hiring licensed plumbers. Benefits and good pay. 570-7473

HVAC Career Opportunity. Four Seasons of Texas an established HVAC firm has an immediate opening for a residential and light commercial installer, who is willing to learn work, accept a challenge and be a team player. Competitive Salary & Benefits Package. Please send your resume, references and salary requirements to: 960 South IH 35, New Braunfels, Texas 78130. Fax (830) 609-7717.

RESIDENTIAL CARPENTERS and Carpenter Helpers. Must be experienced. Call 684-3843 for appointment/ interview.

SERVICE AGENT- with mechanical experience needed! Must be 21 years old. Drug screening required. Experience is a must. Apply at National Car Rental at the Midland International Airport.

SERVICE. CE Mobile Equipment group is looking to fill three positions: Purchasing Agent; Parts Quotations person, and a Parts Counter Sales person. Each position requires a knowledge of well servicing rigs and related parts with a minimum of 3 to 5 years experience. Must have computer experience. Positions to be filled immediately. Please send resume to: CE Mobile Equipment/ FKA Gregory Rig Service, P.O. Box 69208, Odessa, TX 79769-0208.

330 Employment Wanted

WANTED Ranch Manager job. many years experience 22 Years experience as a maintenance supervisor in heavy industry. Call (205)766-6416.

336 Adult Care Providers

24 HOUR HOME Care, have 2 rooms available. Please call Gina or leave message 699-3230.

WILL DO private duty in your home. Experienced, reasonable rates, excellent references. 697-2624 or 520-4736.

ADULT PRIVATE Home Care. Now has openings for your elderly loved one. We have 24 hour service and exceptional care for daily activity needs. Permanently, weekly or daily. Must see to appreciate. For appointments 367-8199.

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

340 Child Care Needed

I NEED Child Care in my home Monday, Wednesday and Friday's. References. Call 520-4768.

341 Child Care Providers

❤ IF YOU'RE Looking for loving individual child care for the most important little person in your life, call Norma at 699-4018. I offer your child; home cooked meals, lots of love and attention, and tons of fun. Weekdays only. Will provide references.

CHILD CARE needed for the week of Spring Break. Own transportation and references a must. Call 699-5427 after 5:30 pm.

350 Business Opportunities

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

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SEIZED CARS From $175
Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000, Ext A-1523.

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IS YOUR HOME Health Agency being affected by the BBA of 1997? Are you considering closing or selling? If so, please give United House Calls of Texas a call at 800-750-3851. We are dedicated to the people in this area and want to continue to provide them the care they need.

IMPROVE YOUR LIFE! Start a business, repair credit, money for college and much more. Recorded details and free catalog, 699-2192.

VEND SNACKS/ Sodas. High profits, local. $6,495. complete. 800-745-4156.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION! Saturday, February 28th, 1998, 10:00 am. Sharp! 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Absolutely No Minimums, No Reserves! Everything sold "As Is", "Where Is" without warranty. Items subject to change without prior notice. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. 10% Buyers premium. Vehicles subject to sellers confirmation. Preview February 27th, 1998, 10 am- 4 pm. Auction to include: Typewriters, Cash Registers, Monitors, Keyboards, Hard Drives, Copiers, Drafting Tables, Conference Tables, Desks, Credenzas, Work Tables, Fax Machines, Metal Bookcases, Phones, Rolling Files, Accent Tables, Lamps, Bronzes. Auction Conducted by: Auction Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, Auctioneer TX License #6250.

410 Misc. Sales

POOL HALL Style Brunswick Gold Crown Tournament size pool table. $1,250. Call 570-8261 after 5:30.

NICE DINING room table, waterbed and accessories, VCR and microwave. Please call 520-5753 until 4pm.

MOVING BOXES for sale $1 each, excellent condition, call 522-2529.

NEW 2" dark oak 3 Day Blinds, 69 1/2" x 50 1/2", $100. Call 684-6047.

ONE SOUTHWEST Award ticket for travel through April 7, 1998. Highest bid takes it. 689-4639.

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/ other. 570-4851.

CLUB CAR Golf Cart, $2,000, excellent condition. Please call 520-7692. 4463 Hackberry Ct.

LARGE ENTERTAINEMENT center $300, sofa & loveseat $280, Yamaha keyboard $300, Whitney piano $600, bathroom sink, mirror and light set $120. Everything in good condition. 689-0233.

MOVING SALE- 1986 Suburban & 1991 Ford 3/4 Ton 4 wheel drive. Couch, washer, for parts, portable dishwasher. 694-0725 and 694-1255.

BAR TABLE, hunter green top, no chairs, $125. Stereo rack cabinet $35. Men's 10 speed Schwinn bicycle $50. 694-6030.

TWO REFRIGERATED air units, 7,000 cfm, $200 each. Two evaporative coolers, 4200 cfm, $200 each. 520-7963.

PEGBOARD TYPE shelving, excellent condition, $10 per running foot. Great for retail business or shop. Also shopping carts & check out counters. 683-3919, after 6 684-4296.

SEARS "LIFESTYLER" System 50 ERS cross trainer, cost $350, now $150. Satellite dish, General Instruments, cost $3,600, asking $1,800. 520-9363 after 5:30 or leave message.

2 INDUSTRIAL Singer Sewing Machines; 1 heavy duty $400, 1 surger $450. Call 687-0508.

ZENITH SYSTEM 3, 19 inch, TV, not working. $40. or best offer, call 697-8376, anytime.

SALON FURNITURE- 1 styling chair, 2 hooded, chair dryers, 1 shampoo bowl & chair, 2 retail shelves and miscellaneous salon supplies. Call 915-725-8171.

WOLFF System Tanning Beds- 24 lamp commercial unit. New lamps. Call Mark at 699-6362.

HEADSTROM Swing Set, swings, slide, lawn swing, glider, trapeze/ instructions, $100. Deliver, not assembled, 689-3102.

2- SOUTHWEST AIRLINE Tickets. Roundtrip, Anywhere. $300 Each Cash. Call 682-2720.

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BUYING PECANS- Both native and improved varieties. Also public shelling, threshing poles, burlap bags, picker uppers and more! Gardendale Pecan Processing Inc. 16396 Hollyhock, Gardendale TX., 550-7609.

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432 Household Furniture

SOFA AND 2 set chairs and assorted furniture. Available to see at 2205 N. Big Spring Street. Call 699-1265.

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TRUNDLE BED- With headboard, almost new, $200. Call 520-4337.

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SLEEPER SOFA, $50. Queen waterbed, $100. Microwave, $50. VCR, $25. Computer package, $475. Call 683-5815.

TWO SOFA Couches, one queen size and one full size. Small roll- top desk. Call 697-1549 after 5pm.

BUNK BEDS- Pine bookcase, bunk beds, $100. Sleeper sofa, $75. 5 drawer armoire, $50. 4 drawer file cabinet, $25. 686-9440.

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WINTER PIANO, $150. Ranchero acoustic guitar with case $25. JB Player electric guitar with case and practice amplifier $100. 684-6047.

1966 SELMER, Mark VI, Paris model, tenor saxophone, $3,000. Reissue Fender Amp, Vibrolux, $400. 520-7963, ask for Bill.

490 Computers/ Access.

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505 Livestock & Poultry

TEXAS LONGHORN Sale. 80 head. Cows, Bulls, Heifers, Steers. February 28th, 3:30 pm. Hwy. 90 East, Alpine, Texas. For information or catalog, call David Karger at 303-604-2259.

1995 EASLEY, goose- neck trailer. 5X20 feet, including 4 X5 foot tack room. Excellent condition, $6,000. call 686-9551.

200 BALES of 5'X5' irrigated haygrazer hay for sale. $25. per bale in field, located near Loraine, TX. Call 915-682-6311, ask for Kim.

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MAGNIFICENT EXECUTIVE 84"X42" desk. Handcarved and finished by Enkobol, with 69"x21" left hand return, plus matching credenza and (2) 4 panel screens. 683-1675.

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USED 16X40 STORAGE building/ shop, 10 ft. walls, heavy duty floor, delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

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580 Farm Equipment

9N FORD TRACTOR. Runs good, new paint, $2,850. 686-8759 or 683-5003.

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Pat O'Briant, Deceased, were issued on February 11, 1998, in Docket No. 12024, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Lois Ellen O'Briant.

The residence of the independent Executor is in Midland County, Texas. The post office address is:

c/o Michael J. Canon
Canon, Short & Gaston
P.O. Box 2890
Midland, Texas 79702

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 23rd day of February, 1998.

CANON, SHORT & GASTON
By: Michael J. Canon
Attorneys for the Estate of
Pat O'Briant

NOTICE OF SALE
Of Personal Property To satisfy Landlords' Lien. Per Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. Contents of Unit(s):
10 Scott Miles
63 Georgia Johnson
62 Jesse Costaneda
#110 Gus Rameirez
At ABC Secured Storage, 3105 W. Industrial, Midland, TX. Will be sold as a closed bid Thursday, March 12th at 9:00 A.M.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Texas General Land Office, the School Land Board for Lease of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice andTexas parks and Wildlife Dept. will hold a sealed bid Oil and Gas Lease Sale for PErmanent School Fund lands at the General Land Office in Austin, Texas on April 7, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. For a list of lands call (512) 475-1512, or write to Mineral Leasing, Rm. 600, 1700 N. Congress, Austin, TX 78701.

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On Accreditation
One Renaissance Blvd.
Oakbrook, Terrace, IL 60181

PUBLIC NOTICE
BID 98-7

Midland Community College is now accepting sealed bids for a greenhouse. Specifications may be picked up in the Midland College Accounting & Business Services office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at which time they will be read aloud. The bids will be tabulated and final determination will be made at a future board meeting. Bids should be addressed to Rick Bender, Director of Accounting & Business Services, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX 79705. The College reserves Keith right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.

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Heloise Classified Hints!

HELOISE HINT: Have a $1. garage sale. Here's an idea for an unusual garage sale: Price all items at $1. Or offer boxes filled with several items and have every box priced at $1., $5., or $10. This will eliminate the need to make change! Write to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000.

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★★★★★ SPRING CLEANING Sale! 2507 Castleford (in alley). Wednesday- Saturday 8:30- 5:30. Beautiful sofa table, round antique table, stereo table, decorating items, glassware, designer wool rug, table cloths, lots of designer size 14- 3X, ladies and mens clothing, lingerie, furs, purses, shoes, jewelry, kitchen items, cookbooks, framed prints, silk plants & pots, Kirby vacuum, records, much more! Handled by Floy Maberry.

MOVING SALE: Refrigerator, entertainment center, full size bedding/ box springs, chair/ ottoman, childs desk, BBQ grill, weight system, lawnmower, edger, misc. items. Sale ends February 27th. Call Marie at 683-8808.

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GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
★2 Days
★ ■✔●♥ Stand Out Emblem
★Garage Sale Kit
(includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons. Helpful Hints. $5 Value!)
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MR. RIGHT?
Shy single Hispanic mom of two, 22, 5'3 ", long black hair, brown eyes, enjoys music, going to the beach and family outings, would like to share friendship with a dependable, single Hispanic male, 20-32. Ad# 9991

BIG HEART?
Humorous, stable single white female, 34, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys gardening, camping, the oldies, seeks communicative, honest single white male, 30-40. Ad# 8198

JOURNEY WITH ME
Single hispanic mom, 22, black hair, brown eyes, shy, reserved, honest, sincere, enjoys spending time with her children, music, seeking trustworthy, responsible single hispanic male, 22-30. Ad# 9341

STRONG BELIEFS
Single white mom, 24, 5'4", blonde hair, green eyes, full-figured, likes christian and country music, attending church, spending time with her son, seeking amiable single white male, 23-35. Ad# 8560

SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET!
Single white female, 19, 5'8", blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, concerts, pool, music, writing, playing guitar, outdoor activities, seeks handsome, responsible single whre male, 18-30. Ad# 7557

LET'S TALK IT OVER
Outgoing single white female, 51, 5'4", 145lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies and country music, in search of single white male, 45-65, with similar interests. Ad# 7274

CUDDLE UP TO ME
Full-figured single black mom, 19, 5'7", reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, smoker, enjoys dancing, basketball and music, seeking fun, educated, employed single male, 18-30, who likes kids. Ad# 8603

HEART TO HEART
Single hispanic female, 49, 5'7", medium build, light brown hair, green eyes, likes football, baseball and hockey, country-western music and more, seeks a serious single white male, 45-55, mustache a plus. Ad# 8791

WE CAN WORK IT OUT
Single white female, 19, 125lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes skiing, swimming, music, seeks friendly, family-onented single white male, 18-29, who is easy to get along with. Ad# 8344

HOW I WISH YOU WERE HERE
Professional single white mom, 40, 5'6", 135lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, camping, the outdoors, rock climbing and much more, seeks secure, spontaneous single white male, 32-44. Ad# 7069

A TASTE OF NOSTALGIA
Single white female, 45, 5'4", blonde hair, non-smoker, enjoys reading, classical music, travel and dancing, seeks loyal, content single white male, 45-60, without children please, for possible serious relationship. Ad# 7442

GET TO KNOW ME
Single white female, 54, 5'2", full-figured, brownish-blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys light reading, spring and fall seasons, movies, desires to meet a single white male, 48-65, to share interests and friendship. Ad# 9469

WEST TEXAS GIRL
Friendly single white female, 56, 5'4", full-figured, non-smoker, enjoys walking in the park, sunsets, reading, watching television, fishing, loves windmills and butterflies, seeks single white male, 55+. Ad# 2841

I CAN BE YOUR COWGIRL
Single white female, 18, 5'5", reddish-brown hair, blue eyes, who is four months pregnant, enjoys dancing, singing and having fun, seeks outgoing and friendly single white male, 18-25. Ad# 1654

COUNTRY ROMANCE
Professional single white mom of three, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys shooting pool, skiing, going to the mountains and more, seeks honest and sincere single white male, 35-55. Ad# 8996

MUTUAL TRUST & RESPECT
Single white female, 42, 5'6", 125lbs., blondish-brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, cooking, dancing and quality time at home, seeks outgoing and fun-loving single male, 38-50. Ad# 5517

VERY INTERESTING
Witty, funny single white female, 35, 5'6", 128lbs., green-eyed blonde, enjoys animals, the mountains, sports, skating, biking, rollerblading, seeking single white male, 25-45, who has goals for the future. Ad# 7978

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Divorced white mom, 39, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, sporting events, country dancing seeks single white male, 35-48, to share life's adventures with. Ad# 8822

THIS ONE RATES
Single white female, 25, 5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, animals, country-western dancing, the outdoors and more, seeking a single white male, 26-34, who has a great sense of humor. Ad# 7522

NEW BEGINNINGS
Single white female, 51, 5'3", 120lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys nature, shopping, travelling, bowling, reading, dining out, seeking single white male, 49-55, for companionship. Ad# 7227

FULL FILLING LIFE
Divorced white female, 51, 5'3", 120lbs., brown hair/eyes, slightly disabled, likes romance novels, baking, slow dancing and westerns, seeks single white male, 49-55 Ad#.8388

IS IT YOU?
Single Hispanic female, 19, tall, brown hair/eyes, enjoys biking and walking, dancing, sports and reading, would like to meet a single Hispanic male, 20-24, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 8859

GOAL-ORIENTED
Single white female, 18, 5'2", 125lbs., enjoys swimming, volleyball and going for walks, seeking a single white male, 25-28. Ad# 7261

QUALITY TIME
Single Hispanic female, 36, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, enjoys children, movies, would like to meet an sincere, understanding, SM, 35-50, to share interests and friendship. Ad# 7306

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL
Shy single white female, 40, 5'4", brown hair/eyes, enjoys music, travel, seeks single white male, 39-48, for lasting relationship. Ad# 9931

THREE TIMES A LADY
Slender, attractive single white female, 42, enjoys dining out, indoor/outdoor activities, movies, moonlit walks, friends and family, seeking a handsome single white male, 40-52. Ad# 8352

ADVENTUROUS
Crazy, fun-loving single white Christian female, 33, 5'5", red hair, brown eyes, enjoys reading, country music, horses and movies, seeking single white male, 30-40, with dark hair. Ad# 8908

LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY
Professional single white mom, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys football, rodeos, traveling, skiing, singing, dancing and quality family time, seeks a tall single white male, 35-55. Ad# 9092

WARRANTS CONSIDERATION
Single Hispanic mother of two, 34, social drinker, likes country music, dancing and going to the movies, seeks a faithful, truthful single Hispanic male, 28-36. Ad# 9772

SEEKS HER COWBOY!
Divorced white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, miniature golf, seeks single white male, 35-52. Ad# 7867

COMPLETE MY FAMILY
Nurturing, outgoing single white mom, 23, 5'8", 120lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes hunting, fishing, horseback riding, dog races, seeks honest, caring, open single white male, 22-35. Ad# 8992

SAY WHAT YOU MEAN
Single black mom, 24, 5', 135lbs., dark brown hair, black eyes, employed, loves movies, basketball, park walks, seeks fun-loving, outgoing, employed, God-fearing single black male, 28-35. Ad# 8010

LIKES THE QUIET LIFE
Personable single Hispanic female, 38, 5'7", medium weight, brown hair/eyes, loves children, seeks educated, humorous, mannerly single white male, 35-45, non-smoker, non-drinker. Ad# 7966

LOOKING AT THE STARS
Attractive single white female, 43, medium build, green-eyed blonde, professional, enjoys travel, sewing and reading, seeks a confident, assured, employed single white male, 30-55, without kids at home. Ad# 9146

WAITING FOR MR. RIGHT
Single Hispanic Christian female, 53, 5'2", 135lbs., brown hair/eyes, never married, enjoys reading, long walks and quiet evenings, seeks neat, tall, understanding single white Christian male, 47-57. Ad# 8092

CHRISTIAN VALUES
Professional single white female, 46, 5'7", 117lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys theatre, biking, walking, dining out, dancing and watching movies, seeks educated single white male, 45-54. Ad# 9719

WIN MY TRUST
Single white female, 36, 5'7", full-figured dark blonde hair, green eyes, a real people person, likes to read, music, do needle work, seeks an honest single white male, 34-43, for a committed relationship. Ad# 8202

COWBOY WANTED
Single white mom, 45, 5'7", enjoys horseback riding, shooting pool and country music, seeking tall single white male, 35-50. Ad# 9379

BREATHTAKING
Single Hispanic mom, 36, brown hair/eyes, enjoys bowling, the park, movies, dancing, times with her kids seeking nice, easygoing single Hispanic male, 30-40, that loves children. Ad# 8564

THERE'S ROOM IN MY HEART
Single divorced white mom, 34, 5'6", auburn hair, green eyes, friendly, outgoing, enjoys dancing, being outdoors, seeking dependable, sincere single white male, 28-40. Ad# 8223

KIND-HEARTED
Single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, full-figured, humorous, enjoys reading, listening to music, roller-skating, quiet times at home and more, seeking a single male, 29-45. Ad# 7359

LAID-BACK BUT STRONG
Confident single black female, 22, full-figured, hazel eyes, likes symphony, bowling, tennis and swimming, seeks a romantic, strong, healthy, hardworking, intelligent single black male, 22-35. Ad# 8173

I LOVE LIFE AND THE LORD
Single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, hunting and the outdoors, seeks honest and intelligent single white Christian male, 40-50, to be a companion. Ad# 8136

HONESTY & PATIENCE
Single Hispanic mom, 22, 5'2", 125lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys spending time with her children, dancing and socializing with friends, seeks single Hispanic male, 25-35. Ad# 7332

CANDLELIGHT DINNERS
Single white female, 43, 5'2", light brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys cooking, fishing, crafts, sports, horseback riding, singing, moonlit walks and watching movies, seeks single white male, 40-50. Ad# 9042

COUNTRY-WESTERN ROMANCE
Single white mom, 26, 6'2", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, rodeos, camping and quality family time, seeks honest and fun-loving single white male, 20-35. Ad# 9207

WIN ME OVER
Divorced black mom, 48, 5'8", brown eyes, enjoys socializing, fishing, bowling, playing cards and Bingo, seeking loving, outgoing single male, 40-69. Ad# 8674

OUTSPOKEN TWIN
Single white female, 18, 5'8", green-eyed blonde, non-smoker, employed, hobbies include dancing, dining out, movies, family time, seeks secure, honest single white male, 18-20, with a good personality. Ad# 2424

KEEP ME WARM
Attractive single white female, 38, mild-tempered, enjoys listening to music, motorcycles and hugging, desires a tall single white male, for possible relationship. Ad# 7979

NOTHING SERIOUS
Outgoing single white female, 25, 5'5", 135lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, employed, likes dancing, swimming, horseback riding, seeks nice, easygoing, fun-loving single white male 28-38. Ad# 8383

WANTS A REAL MAN
Outgoing single white mom, 18, 5'8", long hair, hazel eyes, seeking honest, secure single male 18-27. Ad# 1800

INSIDE IS WHAT COUNTS
Athletic, open-minded single black female, 39, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys the outdoors, traveling, puzzles, reading and going for walks, seeking honest, strong single black male, 32-42. Ad# 9903

SEEKING COMPASSION
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", full-figured, brown hair and eyes, smoker, enjoys movies, dining out, dancing and more, in search of a joyful single white male, 27-41, who loves children. Ad# 9334

SOCIABLE
Single white female, 25, 5'1", 105lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, likes movies, bowling, miniature golf, reading, seeks nice, expressive, respectful single white male, 25-32. Ad# 9093

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
Compassionate single white female, 51, 5'5", 135lbs., brown hair/eyes, pretty, fit, likes oil painting, gardening, reading, seeks flexible, mature, kind single white male, 50-58, non-smoker. Ad# 8829

PATIENTLY WAITING
Full-figured, shy single black mom, 19, 5'6", reddish-brown hair, smoker, employed, enjoys time with her son and her friends, basketball, seeks educated, employed single male, 20-35. Ad# 2878

NO KIDS IN HER PLAN
Funny single white female, 18, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, employed, enjoys playing football, walking, seeks fun-loving single white male 18-25. Ad# 7473

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE
Professional single white female, 47, 5'7", 115lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys going to the movies, dining out, live plays, concerts and the outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55. Ad# 8750

VERY STRONG MORALS
Single white female, 21, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, employed, enjoys bowling, playing pool and dining out, seeking nice, tall single white male, 20-26. Ad# 7232

I'M THE ONE!
Easygoing single white female, 38, 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, employed, enjoys football, shooting pool and traveling when she gets the chance, seeking nice, outgoing single white male, 37-55. Ad# 8856

THE MOON, STARS & YOU
Single white mom to be, 18, 5'5", 130lbs., reddish-brown hair, light blue eyes, personable, fun-loving, seeks easygoing single white male, 18-23. Ad# 9465

CAN YOU ACCEPT MY CHILD?
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", full figure, brown hair/eyes, a smoker, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out, traveling and family times, seeks single white male, 27-37, no head games. Ad# 7902

LET'S GROW OLD TOGETHER
Professional single white female, 42, 5'9", blonde hair, blue-green eyes, enjoys movies, music, dancing, animals and socializing with family and friends, seeks honest, single white male, 40-52. Ad# 7819

SOMEONE HONEST?
Single black female, 29, 5'8", enjoys sports, movies, music, dining out, seeks funny, spontaneous, fun single black male, 28-37. Ad# 7364

CAN'T WAIT TO MEET
Single white female, 21, 5'6", 145lbs., blue-eyed brunette, likes sports, ice skating, the internet, playing sports, swimming, seeks romantic, nice single white male, 21-25. Ad# 8063

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU
Pleasant single white female, 47, 5'7", 117lbs., compassionate, professional, enjoys live theatre, museums, travel, the lake, seeks a strong, loyal, professional single white Christian male, 43-55. Ad# 8916

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Single white Christian female, 42, 5'2", medium build, redddish-brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys travel, candlelit dinners, cooking, working with children, seeks a warm-hearted single white male, 37-47. Ad# 7919

CONSIDER MY AD
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", full-figured, brown hair/eyes, smoker, likes movies, travel and dancing, seeks open-minded, understanding, funny single white male, 28-38, who enjoys kids. Ad# 8503

MY MATE MUST LIKE KIDS
Easygoing single white mom, 22, 5', 115lbs., blonde hair, brown eyes, employed, likes candlelit dinners, reading and movies, seeks financially secure, honest, single white male, 23-28. Ad# 7096

HEART TO HEART
Single Hispanic female, 53, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, enjoys taking walks, going to movies, seeks understanding and easy-going single white male, 53-57. Ad# 7977

JUST BE YOURSELF
Fun-loving single black mom, 20, 5'6", 142lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, watching television and cuddling, seeks a single white male, 22-26. Ad# 8005

SPARKLING PERSONALITY
Single black female, 48, 5'1", 160lbs., brown eyes, enjoys traveling, dining out and watching movies, seeks single male, 47-50. Ad# 8679

AWFUL SPONTANEOUS
Single white female, 34, 5'5", 130lbs., brown hair, green eyes, professional, enjoys horseback riding, nature, the outdoors, seeks funny single white male, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 8571

MOONLIT WALKS
Single white female, 25, 5'7", medium build, hazel eyes, great personality, smokes, enjoys country music, dancing, sports, animals, seeks humorous, honest, caring, loving single white male, 26-35. Ad# 9014

MUST LOVE CHILDREN
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, smoker, employed, enjoys dining out, movies, dancing, time with her son, seeks fun-loving single white male, 29-37, with similar interests. Ad# 9094

GAMBLE ON ME?
Single white female, 36, 5', blue-eyed blonde, non-smoker, outgoing, degreed, likes travel, skiing, bowling, dancing, family activities, seeks single white male, 38-50, with similar interests. Ad# 8790

LET'S CUDDLE BY THE FIRE
Professional single white female, 27, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, non-smoker, enjoys movies, open conversation by the fire, seeks good-hearted, creative, intelligent, medium-built single white male, 25-37. Ad# 1332

LIVE IT UP
Single white female, 27, 5'6", can be shy and quiet, enjoys football, basketball, dogs, seeking single white male, 25-35 to spend time with. Ad# 2500

THE GOOD LIFE
Professional, attractive single white female, 46, 5'2", personable, smoker, enjoys traveling, the arts, seeking single white male, 40-55. Ad# 2121

READY TO GO
White mother of two, 24, 5'3", smoker, enjoys dancing, motorcycles and spending time with friends and family, seeking single white male, 21-40, for friendship first. Ad# 6069

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
Professional divorced white mom, 32, 5'8", medium build, non-smoker, enjoys dancing, watching movies and cooking, seeks medium-built single white male, over 25, non-smoker. Ad# 2431

TELL ME NO LIES!
Single Hispanic female, 23, 5', 120lbs., shy, friendly, enjoys movies, country music, bowling, dancing, seeks single white male, 21-34, to spend time with. Ad# 5088

INTERESTED IN YOU
Single white m..., 27, 5'5", slender build, fun-loving, outgoing, student, enjoys the outdoors, spending time with her daughter, summertime, seeking single white male, 33-45, with similar interests. Ad# 1206

EASY TO PLEASE
Single white female, 47, 5'2", 145lbs., a smoker, lives in Midland area, enjoys dancing, music, outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55, medium build, children welcome, for companionship. Ad# 7850

SPEND QUALITY TIME
Single black female, 20, slender-build outgoing, friendly, enjoys dancing, star gazing, seeking non-smoking, medium-built single Hispanic male, 18-23, with similar interests. Ad# 1996

STAR GAZING
Single white mom, 27, 5'7", medium-build, brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, the Internet, reading, scuba diving, seeking creative, intelligent, down-to-earth single white male, 25-37. Ad# 6123

WINING & DINING
Single black female, 35, 5'5", medium-build, outgoing, friendly, residing in Midland, enjoys movies, dining out, seeking outgoing, single white male, 25-55. Ad# 7132

SEEKS TRUE COWBOY
Single white mother, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys country dancing, rodeos, bowling, miniature golf and billiards, looking for tall single white male who likes children. Ad# 1952

SHARE YOUR LIVES
Divorced white female, 51, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, enjoys country music, slow dancing, dining out, reading, seeking single or divorced white or hispanic male, 49-55, with similar interests. Ad# 5656

WHAT'S INSIDE COUNTS
Single white female, 29, 5'6", non-smoker, enjoys dancing, long walks, children, quiet times at home and family time, seeking compatible, warm-hearted single Hispanic male, 30-45. Ad# 4275

A DREAM COME TRUE
Friendly single white mom, 41, 5'8", smoker, enjoys the outdoors, camping, the movies, seeks honest, compatible, sincere, medium-built single white male, 42-50. Ad# 2468

ONE ON ONE
Spontaneous single Hispanic female, 18, 5'7", lives in Midland, enjoys traveling, drawing, reading, writing poetry, seeks caring, compassionate single Hispanic male, 18-29, for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 1333

SWEET GIGGLES
Outgoing, friendly single Hispanic female, 18, 5'3", enjoys skating, cheerleading, seeking fun-loving, single male, 19-25. Ad# 1590

ARE YOU THERE?
Friendly single white female, 27, 5'6", from Blackwell, enjoys dancing, reading, seeking single white male under 45, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 2525

ROMANTIC LADY
Reserved single Hispanic mom, 19, 5'5", medium build, non-smoker, social drinker from Odessa, enjoys cooking, movies, walking in the park, seeks honest, sincere single Hispanic male, 18-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 1128

TREAT ME RIGHT!
Friendly single white female, 18, 5'4", medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys socializing, dancing, horseback riding, movies, seeking handsome, employed, single white male, 18-23. Ad# 3979

MUTUAL RESPECT
Single white mom, 34, 5'6", medium build, smoker, non-drinker, from Odessa, enjoys reading, fishing, hiking, romantic walks and dinners, seeks caring, genuine, truthful single white male, under 45. Ad# 1813

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Widowed white female, 68, 5'4", 160lbs., red hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, friendly, lives in Snyder, enjoys movies, seeks honest, affectionate single white/Hispanic male, 58-70. Ad# 1928

WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH
Spontaneous single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, serious, humorous, enjoys reading, dancing, outdoor sports, seeks truthful, kind, warm-hearted single male. Ad# 2362

NO HEAD GAMES
Laid-back single white mom, 41, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, taking walks, barbecues, quiet times at home, seeking sincere, honest single male. Ad# 8833

NOT A CHEAT
Single white female, 19, 5'10", full-figured, brown hair, hazel eyes, funny, likes taking walks, drives, times together, looking for tall, dependable, fun-loving, communicative single male, to share happiness with. Ad# 4117

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FAMILY VALUES
Single white dad, 20, 5'10", 160lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, likes country music, automotives, seeks single white female, 18-25 for dating. Ad# 9584

OLD-FASHIONED
Single white male, 37, 6', 220lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys volleyball, movies and more, seeking outgoing, loving single white female, 21-37. Ad# 7959

YOU AND ME
Very outgoing, affectionate single black male, 21, 5'9", 210lbs., enjoys working out and reading, seeking an honest single female, 19-26. Ad# 8911

GOOD POSSIBILITY
Competitive single Hispanic male, 18, 5'11", 190lbs., likes cross country running, sports, writing poetry, quiet dinners and volunteer work, in search of a pretty, polite, sociable single white female, 18-21. Ad# 7784

UNBREAK MY HEART
Single Hispanic dad, 45, happy-go-lucky, enjoys spending time with his children, fishing, swimming, hiking, long walks, dancing, seeking upbeat, fun-loving single white female, 30-55. Ad# 8877

MAN OF VALOR
Ambitious single white Christian male, 22, 5'8", 120lbs., brown hair/eyes, loves the Lord, warm weather, sports, Christian music, seeks loyal, committed single white Christian female, 18-22, with like interests and qualities, for friendship first. Ad# 8156

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Single Hispanic male, 25, 5'8", 160lbs., employed, loves sports and romance movies, seeks a focused, outgoing single Hispanic female, 21-27, with similar interests. Ad# 9748

FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED
Single white male, 32, 6'2", 183lbs., brown hair, green eyes, loves children, enjoys movies and music, playing bass guitar and outdoor activities, seeks an honest and sincere single Hispanic female, 20-30. Ad# 7136

SONNETS FROM THE HEART
Educated single white male, 19, 5'10", 145lbs., blond hair, green eyes, new to the area, enjoys music, poetry, the beach, ice skating and traveling, seeks a fun-loving single white female, 18-20. Ad# 8579

DON'T LOOK ANY FARTHER
Educated single black male, 40, 5'7", 170lbs., brown eyes, enjoys movies, sports, socializing, taking walks and more, seeks single female, 30-45. Ad# 7976

SPUNKY ATTITUDE
Romantic single white male, 28, 5'9", 185lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, likes movies, animals, music, seeks faithful, loyal, honest single female, 21-45, who likes going out and having fun. Ad# 9233

BIG SPORTS FAN
Spontaneous single Hispanic male, 32, 5'9", black hair, brown eyes, fun-loving, likes long walks, cooking, music, seeks single female, 20-40, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7222

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Easygoing single white dad, 41, 5'6", 165lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, smoker, likes sports, movies, seeks fun-loving single white female, 30-43, who enjoys life and likes sitting by the fire. Ad# 9359

STRIKE UP THE BAND
Fun-loving single Hispanic male, 45, 5'10", enjoys attending sporting events, playing music, the mountains and talking on the phone, seeks open-minded, communicative single female, 27-40. Ad# 9807

AFFECTION FOR YOU!
Romantic single white male, 33, 6'1", 210lbs., red hair, hazel eyes, likes most movies, writing poetry, listening to music and spending time with friends, looks for spontaneous single white female, 25-55. Ad# 7616

LADIES: HERE HE IS!
Single white male, 27, 6'1", blond hair, blue eyes, new to area, is an animal lover, enjoys sports, skiing, working out and the outdoors, seeks athletic and romantic single female, 19-35. Ad# 9026

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Funny single white male, 18, 5'11", 155lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, dining out, movies, country music, seeks humorous, personable single white female, 18-20, with similar interests. Ad# 9846

END MY SEARCH
Single white dad, 25, 6', 210lbs., blond hair, hazel eyes, enjoys good conversation, seeks caring and sincere single white female, 18-30, no head games. Ad# 8508

EMOTIONAL MATURITY
Single white male, 38, 5'11", 230lbs., brown hair, eyes, beard, enjoys oldies music, motorcycles, seeks single white female, 25-45, with similar interests. Ad# 7017

A BIG HEART TO SHARE
Single Hispanic male, 18, 5'11", 150lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, likes dancing, swimming, suspenseful movies and sports, looking for sweet single female, 18-21. Ad# 8909

HEY, YOU NEVER KNOW
Single white male, 36, 5'8", slim build, brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, miniature golf, traveling, coin collecting, dancing, walks and movies, seeking single white female, 29-49. Ad# 7898

CHASING A DREAM
Single white male, 20, 6', brown hair/eyes, enjoys the rodeo, country music, believes in love at first sight, seeking single white female, 18-26, for possible relationship. Ad# 9375

COUNTRY LIVING
Single white male, 37, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, fishing, travelling, bowling, rock music, exercising, seeking an attractive single white female, 27-35. Ad# 9317

LIVE FOR TODAY
Outgoing, single black male, 25, 5'9", 140lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, long walks, most music, seeking a fun-loving, outgoing single female, 22-30, for possible relationship. Ad# 9832

THE TIME IS RIGHT!
Single white dad, 34, 6', 165lbs., reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys traveling, working out, being outdoors, seeks happy-go-lucky, understanding single female, 18-30. Ad# 9727

CAREFREE STYLE?
Likeable single white male, 48, 6', 170lbs., salt and pepper hair, smoker, enjoys golfing, skiing, sci-fi movies, dining out, seeks honest, supportive single female, 40-70, who loves the Lord. Ad# 8364

NEW CHAPTER
Outgoing, romantic single white dad, 33, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys football, traveling, swimming and playing pool, seeking single white female, 23-35. Ad# 8089

I'M YOUR MAN...
Single hispanic male, 41, 5'9", 180lbs., salt and pepper hair, likes camping, traveling, fishing, working out, cook-outs, would like to meet single female, 35-42 for friendship and more. Ad# 9100

I'LL NEVER LIE
Shy single white male, 19, 6'1", 190lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes country music, traveling, movies, snow skiing, water sports, seeks a mature single female, 30-45 to share interests and more. Ad# 8887

CRUISE WITH ME!
Single white dad, 40, 5'9", 155lbs., light brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys comedy movies, classic rock music, dogs and rodeos, looking for a compassionate single white female, 32-42. Ad# 7195

ONE STEP AT A TIME
Educated, professional single Hispanic male, 26, 6'4", 275lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys sports, dancing, going to movies and socializing, seeks an honest single white female, 21-29. Ad# 7333

STRONG FAMILY VALUES
Divorced white dad, 20, 5'10", 160lbs., reddish-brown hair, hazel eyes, fun-loving, employed, likes working on his truck, bowling, dancing and music, seeks a sweet, caring single white female, 18-25. Ad# 8429

TOUR THE REGION
Single white male, 65, 6'3", upbeat, retired, enjoys sharing good times, country drives, dining out and dancing, sightseeing and travel, seeks a personable single white female, for companionship. Ad# 7519

VERY COSMOPOLITAN
Outgoing, witty single black male, 50, 5'7", black hair, brown eyes, professional, enjoys music, reading, long drives, travel, seeks drug/alcohol free, single professional female, 30-55, non-smoker. Ad# 8762

NEW TO TOWN
Single white Christian male, 46, 5'10", 155lbs., light brown hair, outgoing, enjoys cars, music, computers, seeks single female, 30-50, with a good personality. Ad# 9511

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE
Single white male, 18, 5'9", 170lbs., blond hair, green eyes, enjoys shooting pool, dancing, taking walks and watching movies, seeks single white female, 18-20, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8354

LOOKING FOR A GOOD HEART
Single white male, 42, 5'11", 185lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys motorcycle riding, boating, fishing and football, seeks personable single female, 25-44, who is honest, no head games. Ad# 8235

STARTING OVER
Divorced white male, 39, 5'5", 135lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, responsible, employed, likes golf, motorcycling, animals and camping, quiet times and more, seeks a humorous, compatible single white female, 30-45. Ad# 8022

HAS A LOT TO OFFER
Respectful single white male, 25, 6', 180lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, likes all types of music, sports and getting together with friends, seeks a relationship with a personable, funny single white female, 18-28. Ad# 8944

DON'T KEEP ME WAITING
Disabled single white male, 24, 5'5", 135lbs., brown hair/eyes, easygoing, sincere, enjoys reading, drawing and television, seeks honest, compassionate single female, 18-29. N/S. Ad# 7683

LOOK OUT!
Single white male, 38, 5'10", 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, self-employed, humorous, loves country music, seeks an optimistic, humorous single female, 21-43, to be his life partner. Ad# 7330

LET'S GET AQUAINTED
Single Asian male, 23, dark hair/eyes, enjoys running, travelling, seeks a friendly, slender single female, 18-41, for companionship. Ad# 8533

GOODNESS OF THE HEART
Humorous, retired single white male, 67, brown eyes, enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing, seeking sincere, outgoing single female, 55-70. Ad# 9257

CLASS ACT
Outgoing single white male, 37, 5'11", enjoys motorcycling, traveling and going for drives, seeking adventurous single Asian female, 25-49, non-smoker. Ad# 8417

SHARE YOUR TIME
Single Hispanic male, 21, 5'8", brown hair and eyes, enjoys socializing and billiards, going to movies and watching football, wishing to meet a single female, 20-27, to make his life complete. Ad# 9188

LOOKING FOR ME?
Single white male, 32, 5'9", 229lbs., brown hair, green eyes, professional, likes motorcycling, flying, scuba diving, spending time with family and friends, seeks an intelligent, sincere, faithful single Asian female, 18-30. Ad# 7594

LOOKING FOR HAPPINESS
Physically fit, employed single Hispanic male, 38, 6', 215lbs., black hair, brown eyes, easygoing, quiet, enjoys travel, sports, seeks truthful, single Hispanic female, 22-34, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8635

COMPANION FOR LIFE
Professional single white male, 45, 5'10", 205lbs., hazel eyes, enjoys fishing, hunting, golfing and traveling, seeks dependable and trustworthy single female, 25-50, who is ready to settle down. Ad# 8528

TALK OVER LUNCH?
Single Hispanic male, 44, 5'5", medium build, brown eyes, quiet, employed, likes children, seeks fun-loving, talkative single female, 25-46, for friendship first. Ad# 8769

DANCE WITH ME
Single black Christian male, 46, 5'9", 147lbs., employed, likes church, skating, cooking, bowling, quiet evenings, seeks well-mannered, intelligent single white Christian female, 40-48. Ad# 9882

NEW LOVE IN TOWN
Single Hispanic male, 38, 5'7", 155lbs., financially secure, employed, spontaneous, fun-loving, easygoing, likes rodeos, bowling, traveling, the outdoors and more, seeking single female, 25-45. Ad# 8952

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Single Hispanic male, 21, 5'6", 180lbs., black hair, hazel eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, martial arts, runnning, weightlifting, seeks understanding Single Hispanic Female. Ad# 7739

CALLING ALL COLLEGE GALS
Drug-free, reliable single white male, 20, 6', brown eyes, and hair, smoker, enjoys working on cars, long walks, seeks slender single white female, 18-23, long blonde hair preferred, for possible relationship. Ad# 7854

WISHES TO MEET YOU
Single white male, 30, 5'8", 155lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, likes walking, biking, rollerblading, walking his dog, handiwork around the house, seeks single white female, 21-33, who will listen and respond honestly. Ad# 9171

HANDSOME!
Single white male, 62, 5'6", 167 lbs, blue eyes, outgoing, non-smoker, enjoys dancing, movies, country-western music, children and more, seeks single white female, 45-55, with similar interests. Ad# 7927

EASYGOING
Single white male, 40, 6', 185 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys tennis, going to the movies, computers, seeks loving single Hispanic female, 22-38, for happiness. Ad#.8325

IN GENERAL
Divorced white dad, 30, 5'11", 165lbs., enjoys sports, dancing and socializing, seeking attractive, fit single white female, 24-34, for possible relationship. Ad# 7166

NICE
Single black male, 33, 6', 210lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies and traveling, dining out, music and more, seeking single black female, 18-36. Ad# 8087

LIKES PEOPLE
Fun-loving single white male, 48, 5'5", 140lbs., enjoys fishing, hunting, quiet walks looking for single female 35-50 who is fun to be with. Ad# 7105

MUST BE HUMOROUS
Adventurous single white male, 50, 6'4", 195lbs., blond, mustache, loves travel, books, photography, reading, arts, music, dancing, seeks trim, attractive, sincere single Hispanic female, 25-45. Ad# 7726

LIKES LIVING ON THE EDGE
Single white male, 20, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, fun-loving, likes movies, video games, computers, partying, seeks humorous, understanding single white female, 18-35. Ad# 8685

SEEKS A SPECIAL LADY
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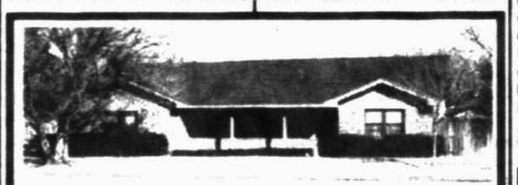
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