SPORTS

Ram wins Racquet Club singles title./**1C**

MONDAY MORNING

Jimmy Patterson goes Person to Person with Eve Little./**1B**

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Partly cloudy skies, high of 78, winds 10-25 mph./**7C**

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Fire causes evacuation of Holiday Inn

By Ryan Myers
Staff Writer

Fire destroyed the housekeeping supply and laundry facility at the Holiday Inn on West Wall Street Sunday, sending flames above the roof of the two story building, filling the hotel with smoke and forcing the evacuation and relocation of all guests.

Guest Sarah Kammerr said she was playing miniature golf in the hotel's central atrium when she sensed increasing heat and returned to the second level of the building, where she found the hallway to her room filling with smoke.

"We decided it was time to get out," Kammerr said.

Bellman Trinard Woodard said he entered the hotel kitchen when he noticed smoke pouring from the ventilation gates near the ceiling.

"I ran to the front desk and told them there was a fire and to get everybody out," Woodard said.

Woodard said the fire alarm sounded shortly before he entered the kitchen, but he initially disregarded the alarm because it immediately ceased.

Woodard said the hotel had 30 to 40 guests at the time of the fire.

Assistant Midland County Fire Marshall Jeff Meiner said the laundry facility, where bedding supplies and toiletries are stored, was extensively damaged.

A large amount of smoke spread from the supply room, filled the indoor atrium of the hotel and reached into nearby guest rooms. Meiner said smoke was carried throughout the building by the ventilation system.

The extent of smoke damage was unknown late Sunday.

Flames did not penetrate the ceiling of the housekeeping room, but escaped through a window, scarring the hotel's exterior and melting an electric meter.

Midland Fire Department firefighters extinguished exposed flames within 10 minutes of their arrival shortly before 4 p.m., but firefighters remained in the building for more than an hour, soaking smoldering laundry and using large fans to remove smoke from the building's interior.

Meiner said the cause of the fire was unknown but speculated its source to be within the laundry facility.

Industrial laundry dryers used at the hotel are gas powered, Trinard said, and use a flame-based heat source.

Meiner said the hotel probably would not be reopened before today, noting the extent of smoke penetration and the need to reset the hotel's fire alarm before the building could be reoccupied.

Guests were relocated to other area hotels.

No injuries were reported Sunday.

UNDER CONTROL It took only a few minutes for Midland firefighters, above, to respond and contain Sunday's fire at the Holiday Inn on Wall Street after flames came through the west side of the hotel. LEFT: A group of housekeepers waits outside the Holiday Inn as Midland firefighters bring the fire under control Sunday afternoon. RIGHT: A Midland firefighter carries a hose past a hotel room located next to where a fire occurred on the west side of the hotel. Smoke was carried throughout the Holiday Inn by the hotel's ventilation system. The extent of the damage had not been determined Sunday. No one was injured in the afternoon blaze, but all the hotel's guests had to be relocated to other hotels and motels in town.

Photos by Alec Richards Reporter-Telegram

MISD to consider changing program for expelled students

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District board of trustees will discuss Tuesday overhauling an education program for expelled students and moving it from the grounds of the Culver Youth Home where it has been housed for over a decade.

Expelled students will take more classes and better keep up with their peers by changing the program, which eventually will result in higher graduation rates, said MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks.

"What we've been looking at for the last two years is the fact that we're losing more and more young people who are making poor choices, bad decisions, but those decisions were leading them down a path of dropping out of school," Nicks said.

Students who violate rules in the student handbook, such as bringing weapons or drugs to school, go before an expulsion committee that decides where students are placed, said Melissa Hendrix-Beach, MISD director of communications.

Depending on the severity of an offense, students either can remain on campus in a setting separate from mainstream students, attend classes at Culver or be expelled without the option of continuing education from MISD, Hendrix-Beach said.

In 1994, Midland County Commissioners allowed MISD to move a portable building onto Culver grounds to instruct more expelled students. These students do not spend nights in the juvenile detention center because they have not been convicted in a court of law for their offenses.

About 90 students were expelled from MISD this year who are continuing to take classes at Culver, and 19 students were expelled without the option of Culver education, Hendrix-Beach said.

Students who take classes at Culver generally are educated only half of the day by an instructor who teaches all subject areas, said Nicks, who estimated the district typically expels between 125 and 150 students each year.

With a new program in a new location, students would be able to take courses throughout an entire day from teachers certified in specific subjects, which would allow them to resume regular classes when their expulsion expires, Nicks said.

The location and specific details of the program will not be disclosed until the board of trustees discusses the issue in a special meeting Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the

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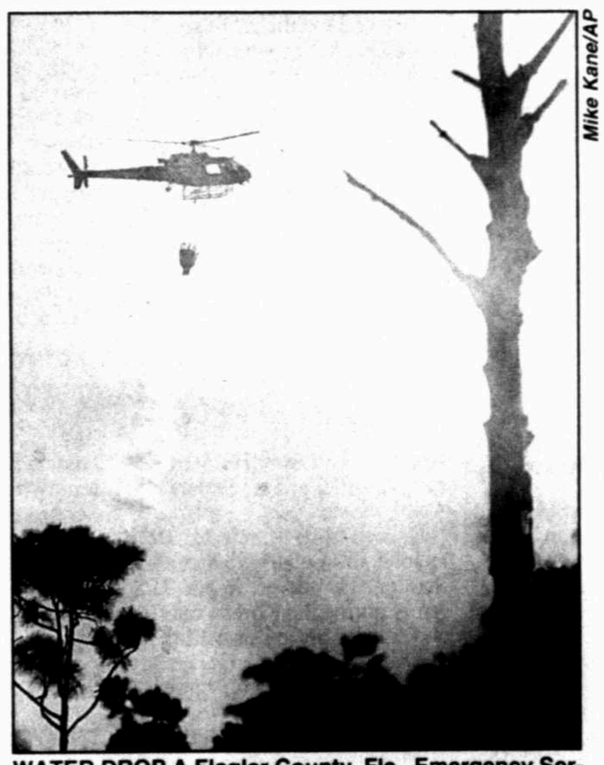

Mike Kane/AP

WATER DROP A Flagler County, Fla., Emergency Services helicopter douses a fast-moving brush fire Sunday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Fugitive gets attention from Bermuda media

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

The revelation of a former Big Spring college dean's indictment following an alleged on-campus sexual assault has captured the attention of a Bermuda newspaper, where he is thought to be hiding.

A reporter with the Royal Gazette said charges pending against Franklin Wellington Fahnbulleh III, former dean of students at Howard College in Big Spring, would be publicized today on the island where Fahnbulleh is believed to be hiding. The paper contacted the Reporter-Telegram after seeing an online story from Sunday's edition.

The citizenship status of the fugitive, reportedly living in Southampton, Bermuda, 20 miles west of Hamilton, would be a major focus of the story, the reporter said.

Fahnbulleh was indicted on two third-degree felony charges in March 2003, having fled the United States before a 118th District Court grand jury issued its indictments on two counts of official restraint.

In the criminal charges and in a civil lawsuit pending in U.S. District Court in Midland, Fahnbulleh is accused of grabbing a female accounts payable clerk by her shoulders and pulling her out of her chair, injuring her back by jerking her head back by her hair, French kissing her, biting her on her breast and attempting to remove her pants.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilk-

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SHOESHINE BUFF Lonnie Wells has been shining shoes at the same location downtown on Wall Street for 15 years.

Midland shoeshine man offers wisdom of his 82 years

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

Downtown barber shop shoeshine man Lonnie Wells has learned a lot during his half-century in Midland and applied it to his life.

A non-drinker and non-smoker who still puts in full days as he nears his 82nd birthday May 1, Wells says, "I feel like coming to work and don't see any reason not to.

"The more I work, the better I feel. I work in the yard and garden, and everything just goes great."

Wells and his wife of 47 years, the former Cardrine Aston of Houston, attend New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Each October they vacation in his Central Texas hometown of Hearne. Life had been good since Wells started work in 1989 at Lone Star Barber Shop at 113 E. Wall St.

But at 1 p.m. Dec. 8, Wells got some disturbing news. His friend and colleague, Carl Berneathy, who had known and given haircuts to two future presidents, a famous congressman and several federal judges, suffered a fatal heart attack.

'The more I work, the better I feel. I work in the yard and garden, and everything goes great.'

Lonnie Wells, shoeshine man

"His wife had called and asked me, 'If Carl wants to come down there after I feed him, will you come pick him up?'" Wells said. "I said 'yes,' but she never did.

"Carl treated everybody right. If they wanted to use the restroom or telephone or get change, they could. And he was always here on time."

Berneathy opened the shop with the now-chipped Texas flag in the painted sign out front in 1973, trimming up affable Congressman George Mahon, for whom the federal building across the street is named, the personable Bushes, George H.W. and George W., U.S. District Judges Lucius Bunton, Royal Ferguson and Robert Junell and other prominent Midlanders.

Barber C.H. Hernandez, now at Shear Talent Barber Hair Designs at 410 N. Terrell St., was at the two-chair shop when Wells arrived.

Wells has soldiered on by himself since Berneathy's death, polishing the shoes and boots of an average 25 men a day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 to 11 Saturday mornings. Like Frank Stahl, Bob Hicks and Frank Weber, many have been coming in since Wells left a waiter's job at the Ramada Inn to replace shoeshine man Dave Van Dyke, who had died.

Now things are looking up again with the agreement of hair stylist Teri Rubio of Expert Cuts on North Midkiff Road to start work after remodeling of the shop, owned by Frank Cow-

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OBITUARIES

Clyde W. Turner

Clyde W. Turner, of Midland, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2005.

He was born February 26, 1916 to Robert Samuel Turner and Myrtle Elizabeth Harrell Turner in Jones County, Texas. After graduating from Anson High School, he continued his education at the University of Texas in Austin graduating with a degree in Geology. Clyde was an avid Longhorn fan and enjoyed every aspect of his beloved school. He was employed with Gulf Oil Company in Fort Worth for several years. In the 1940's, he and his good friend, Harold Y. McClure, moved to Midland and founded McClure-Turner Oil & Gas Company which they operated until their retirements.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Roy Harrell Turner, his good friend and business partner, Harold Y. McClure, and his good friend and neighbor, Morris E. Hays.

Clyde is survived by his two brothers, Robert Irvin Turner and his wife, Mary Katherine, of Mize, MS; Donald Walter Turner and his wife, Theresa, of Amarillo, TX; two nieces and their families, Caron Weil and husband, Roger, of Amarillo, TX; Lisa Frierson and husband, Nathan, of Haskell, TX.

Mr. Turner's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Mary Costilla and her family for their love and care given to him over the years.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, April 25, 2005 at Bethel Cemetery in Funston, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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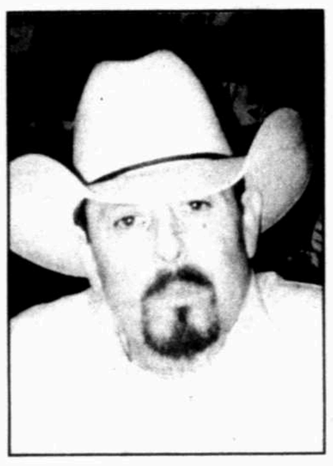

Jose 'Joe' Luis Cevallos, Jr.

Jose "Joe" Luis Cevallos, Jr., of Midland, went to be with our Heavenly Father Jesus Christ, Friday, April 22, 2005 following a two year courageous battle with cancer.

He was born May 6, 1956 to Jose Luis Ceballos and Elosia Subia Ceballos in Big Spring, Texas. Joe was raised and educated in Midland, Texas. On March 25, 1976, he married Sylvia Gonzales. He had been employed as a painter with MISD for 22 years. Joe played baseball for Los Potrillos and also on the national leagues for numerous softball teams. He won numerous trophies for most valuable player and for most home runs. Joe was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jose Luis Ceballos, father-in-law, Margarito "Rasco" Gonzales, grandparents, Juan and Genoveva Cevallos and Pio Subia, and a cousin, Danny Marquez.

Joe is survived by his wife, Sylvia Gonzales Cevallos of Midland, TX; two daughters, Leslie Cevallos and Holly Cevallos, and one son, Kirk Cevallos, all of Midland, TX; four grandchildren, Dylan Benavidez, Kasidee Rodriguez, Nicolas and Nolan Gonzales; two brothers, Johnny Ceballos and his wife, Cynthia, of Midland, TX; Felix Ceballos and his wife, Margaret, also of Midland, TX; two sisters, Irene Navarro and her husband, Stephen, of San Angelo, TX; Mary Ellen Ceballos of Midland, TX; three nieces, Amanda and Stephanie Navarro of San Angelo, TX; Erin Ceballos of Midland, TX; five nephews, Joey Ceballos, Sean Patterson and Evan Ceballos of Midland, TX; Kaden and Ryan Navarro of San Angelo, TX.

Joe was very charismatic and charming, and made many friends throughout his life. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Monday, April 25, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Monsignor Larry Droll officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

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Jill McDaniel

Stephanie Jill Hellinghausen McDaniel, 53, went to be with her Savior April 24, 2005 after a valiant 11-year battle against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Jill was born October 18, 1951 to Robert S. and Su Hellinghausen of Monahans, Texas. She moved with her family to Midland in 1968. She graduated from MHS in 1970. She married Larry Carlisle, and they had two daughters, Camilla and Kimberly.

In April 1978, she married B. John McDaniel. Jill worked for Mitchell Energy as a land secretary for many years and on special occasions at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

Her grandchildren were the love of her life. She loved babies, children, her turtles, cat, and feeding the birds and squirrels, and working in her yard.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert F. "Bob" Hellinghausen; her grandparents, William G. "Peck" and Kathleen B. Hellinghausen, and Otis and Alton "Mimi" Mercer; and a cousin, Lonnie Bellomy.

Survivors include her mother, Su Hellinghausen of Midland; her daughters, Camilla Davis of Midland and Kimberly Parnell of Camden, Alabama; her grandchildren, Andrew and Paige Parnell, and Ashlyn, Hannah and Gavin Davis; her brothers and sisters, Greg Hellinghausen of Belton, Sonia Belcher, Hillary Hellinghausen, and Sidonie Crouch, all of Midland; Marc Hellinghausen of Temple, TX; aunts, uncles, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jill's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to those who helped send her to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and also to her many caregivers.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7:00 P.M. Monday, April 25, 2005 at Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Monsignor Larry Droll officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Vincent De Paul Foundation or the ALS Foundation.

Jill had a zest for life like no other. She was brave throughout her illness. She was always happy to receive visitors. She was an amazing lady. She is free now. She was our hero. We love you and miss you, Jill. Go with God!

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Hazel E. Horn

Hazel E. Horn was born in Jonesville, Louisiana to Clyde and Bessie Smith on January 9, 1921, where she spent her childhood through high school days. While living in San Angelo, Texas, she married Victor M. Horn on May 13, 1939. They have celebrated 65 years of marriage. Hazel passed peacefully on April 24, 2005, following her valiant struggle for several years with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, and is survived by her husband Victor, and four children: Ronda Espy and husband Kim, of Bastrop, Texas; David Horn and wife Linda of Austin, Texas; Vicki Beeson and husband Dave of Austin, Texas; and Doug Horn and wife Teresa of Maryville, Tennessee. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Mindy Espy-Reyes and husband Carl of Van Neys, California, and Rachel Mullis and husband Matthew of Del Valle, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of many friends.

Hazel was active in the Myrtle Class of the First Baptist Church of Midland, where she and her husband have been members and faithfully served in the church since 1945, where she gave her time as a teacher and with many other activities and church projects. She was very active in the Midland Downtown Lions Club activities and as a Lion Tamers, serving as an officer. She spent many years as a homemaker and loving mother, including her time working with PTA and other support for her children's school activities. Hazel was a Realtor Broker for several years, and also enjoyed reading, travel and visiting with her family. Hazel's loving spirit touched many lives and her memory is cherished by many who will miss her beautiful smile and twinkling eyes.

Hazel's family wants to express their gratitude to Dr. Gregory Bartha for his caring support throughout her illness; also to Dr. Roger Belizaire, Dr. David Watkins, and to Dr. Don McLarey and Home Hospice for their loving care in recent months.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at First Baptist Church of Midland with Reverend Bob Hopkins officiating. A private graveside service was held. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705 or First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Leon Lowry

Leon Lowry, 80, of Midland died at 7:35 PM Friday, April 22, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. Graveside Services will be at 10:30 AM Tuesday at Fair Lawn Cemetery in Elk City, Oklahoma with Dale Shelton of Altus, Oklahoma officiating.

He was born November 25, 1924, in Erick, Oklahoma to Walter Alden Lowry and Mary Cleo Scott Lowry. He married Eddie Colleen Duncan, December 26, 1946, in Mangum, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death in 1993. Mr. Lowry lived in Elk City from 1957 until 1994 when moving to Midland. He owned and operated the first Sonic Drive-In in Elk City, which was the fourth Sonic Drive-In in the nation. He also owned and operated the City Grill in Elk City. After retiring from the restaurant business, he worked at Atwood Hardware in Elk City. Mr. Lowry was a Baptist and a Veteran of World War II, serving in the Army in the Pacific.

He is survived by 2 daughters and 2 sons-in-law: Tricia McCain and her husband Herb of Midland, Shirleen Brown of Big Spring, and Jim Boswell of Los Alamos, New Mexico; 5 grandchildren: Tammy Ream and her husband Stacey of Midland, David Brown of Euless, Larry Lowry of Lewisville, J.W. Heath, of Vernon, and Jennifer Heath of Knox City; 4 great grandchildren: Forrest Ream and Reagan Ream of Midland, Levi Heath, Travis Heath, and Cassidy Nava, all of Vernon; 1 sister: Loretta Quindt of Midland; 1 sister-in-law: Jean Thomason of Big Spring; 1 niece: Cheryl Clifton of Oklahoma City.

In addition to his parents and wife he is preceded in death by 1 son: Rodney Wayne Lowry and 1 daughter: Gayla Boswell.

Pallbearers will be Herb McCain, David Brown, Larry Lowry, J.W. Heath, Dale Shelton, and Stacey Ream.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Harold Nelson Dagg Jr.

Harold Nelson Dagg Jr., 72, of Midland, died Wednesday, April 20 at Midland Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be held in his home town of Dallas at a futuer date.

He was born on January 9th, 1933, in Dallas, TX. Nelson was raised in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas and attended Sunset High School. He worked at Sun Oil Company for most of his working life, and retired in 1987. He was also a member of the National Guard. Nelson moved to East Texas (Holly Lake Ranch) to enjoy his retirement. In 2003, Nelson moved to Midland.

He is survived by his daughters, Lisa Lossin of Odessa, Kristina Dagg of Dallas; sister, Edith Johnson of Dallas; grandchildren, Graham Lossin, Lauren Lossin and Zoe Dagg; nephew, Mike Johnson Jr.; and dear friend, Sandy Gomez of Midland.

OBITUARY & DEATH NOTICE POLICY

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

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge.

DEATH NOTICES

Thomas Ingram

Thomas P. Ingram of Midland died Saturday, April 23. A prayer vigil will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 at Ellis Funeral Home. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 27 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Elmer Stroud

ANDREWS — Services for Elmer Lee Stroud, 73, of Andrews will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews with the Rev. Phil Stroud officiating. Military graveside services will follow in the Andrews West Cemetery. Services are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews. He died Friday, April 22 at his residence in Andrews.

He was born March 21, 1932 to John and Lena Mae Stroud in Stanton. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and married Susie Darcy May 29, 1968 in Andrews. He retired from Amoco as a pumper after 25 years, and had been involved in oil and gas production for the last 17 years. He was a member of Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Phil Stroud of Midland, Glenn Stroud of Denver City and Jim Stroud of Andrews; three daughters, Christal Wortham of Andrews, Dianna O'Bannon of Houston and Donna Maynard of Midland; two brothers, Donald Stroud of Midland and Wayne Stroud of Stanton; two sisters, Madge Soule of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Ruth Hollaway of Orlando, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to Star Hospice, 620 N. Grant, Suite 100, Odessa, 79760.

Bill Derrington

Bill Derrington, 70, of Midland, died Saturday, April 23 at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland.

Virgil Prim

Virgil Prim, 74, died Saturday, April 23. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Violation of probation:
Veronica Ann Dalbert, 24, of Midland was arrested Saturday by Midland Police Department officers in the 900 block of West Cuthbert Avenue on a charge of violation of probation. Bond: $10,000.

Engaging in organized crime:
Joanna Beth Hoffman, 21, of Midland was arrested Saturday by Midland Police Department officers in the 1900 block of Midland Drive on a charge of engaging in organized crime. Bond not set.

Violation of probation:
Arthur Lane Jr. III of Crane was arrested Saturday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies at the Crane County Jail. Bond: $10,000.

Engaging in organized crime:
Jason Glenn Littlefield, 22, of Midland was arrested Saturday by Midland Police Department officers in the 1900 block of Midland Drive on a charge of engaging in organized crime. Bond not set.

Driving while intoxicated with a child under 15:
Enrique Olivas Martinez, 35, of Odessa was arrested Saturday by Department of Public Safety troopers in near mile marker 147 of Interstate Highway 20 on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15. Bond not set.

Possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams:
Gonzala Mato, 22, of Midland was arrested Saturday by Midland Police Department officers in the 2200 block of Garden City Highway on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams. Bond: $15,000.

Driving while intoxicated:
Michael David White, 31, of Abilene was arrested Saturday by Department of Public Safety troopers on Interstate Highway 20 on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Bond not set.

Women claim murder suspect attacked them in their homes

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Two more women say they were beaten in their homes by a man suspected of killing three elderly women and stuffing their bodies in their closets.

Gary Sinegal, 40, was arrested Friday and charged with violating his parole and burglary in the attack of a woman who fought him off and identified him in a lineup.

He is the lead suspect in the deaths of a woman whose body was found April 18 and two others found in their homes Thursday, police said. All three died of blunt force trauma and lived within a few streets of each other in the same neighborhood as Sinegal.

Sinegal has denied involvement in the four attacks.

Now Benie Miller and Karon Benton say they believe Sinegal was the man who attacked them in their homes in separate incidents in March and April. Both reported the attacks to police and say if more had been done to investigate their cases, the three murders may have been prevented.

"If (the police) would have listened to me, those people would have been living," Benton said, adding officers didn't follow up on her case until Thursday's double murder.

The Port Arthur Police Department has an offense report citing the assault on Miller and a burglary of Benton's home.

A police supervisor reached Sunday referred questions to detectives, who he said would be back in the office today.

Miller, 61, says she was attacked on the night of March 22 when she went outside to investigate after hearing a strange noise.

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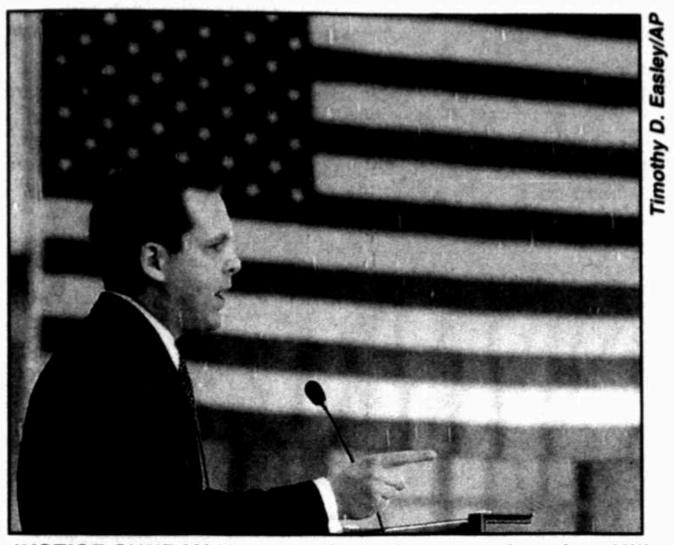

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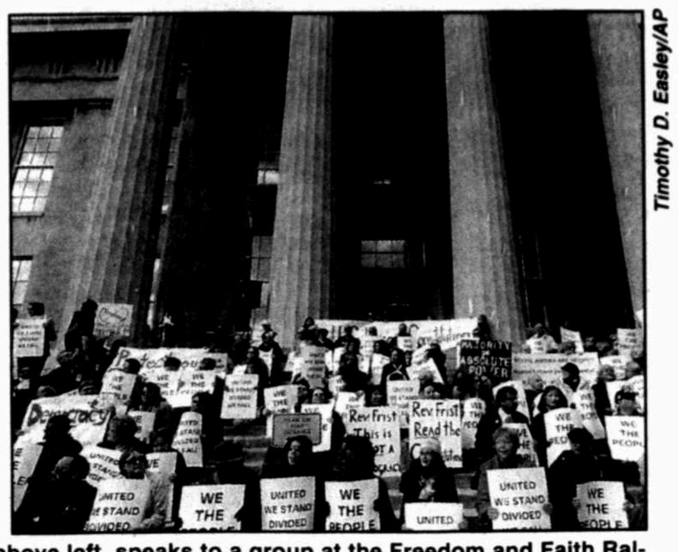

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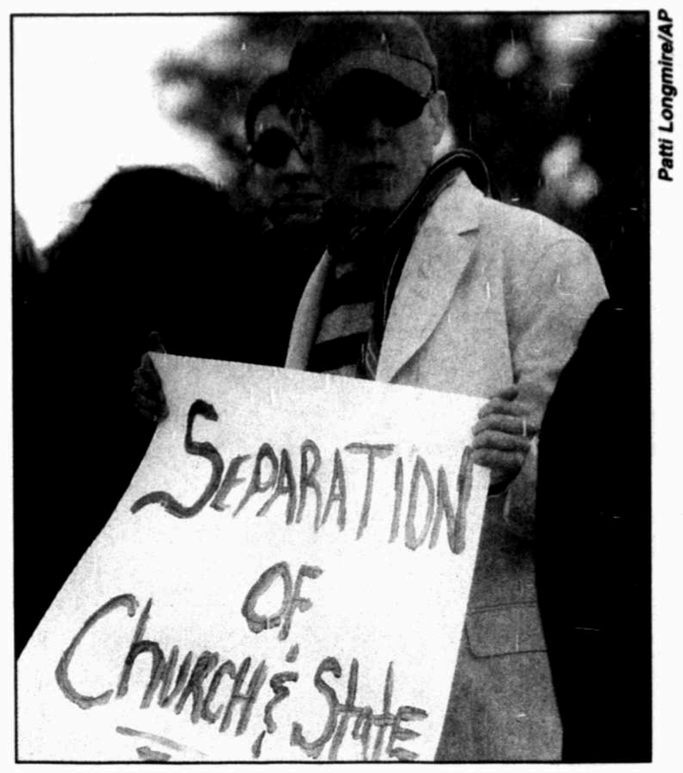

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JUSTICE SUNDAY Kentucky State Treasurer Jonathon Miller, above left, speaks to a group at the Freedom and Faith Rally held at the Central Presbyterian Church Sunday in Louisville, Ky. The rally was held to counter Justice Sunday rallies. ABOVE CENTER: Protesters gather on the steps of the old Jefferson County Courthouse during the rally Sunday. RIGHT: David McGuire protests outside Highview Baptist Church, Sunday in Louisville. McGuire and others protested against a rally at the church, aimed at getting churchgoers to protest the filibuster of nominees for the federal judiciary. Justice Sunday, organized by the conservative Family Research Council, was scheduled to feature a videotaped speech by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist rallying churchgoers to protest the filibuster tactic.

Frist defends anti-filibuster effort, says judges deserve 'respect, not retaliation'

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Majority Leader Bill Frist said Sunday it was not "radical" to ask senators to vote on judicial nominees as he hardened his effort to strip Democrats of their power to stall President Bush's picks for the federal court.

Frist, speaking at an event organized by Christian groups trying to rally churchgoers to support an end to judicial filibusters, also said judges deserve "respect, not retaliation," no matter how they rule.

A potential candidate for the White House in 2008, the Tennessee Republican made no overt mention of religion in the brief address, according to a text of his videotaped remarks released before the event in Louisville, Ky.

Instead, Frist seemed intent on steering clear of the views expressed by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and other conservatives in and out of Congress who have urged investigations and even possible impeachment of judges they describe as activists.

"Our judiciary must be independent, impartial and fair," Frist said.

"When we think judicial decisions are outside mainstream American values, we will say so. But we must also be clear that the balance of power among all three branches requires respect — not retaliation. I won't go along with that," Frist said.

For months, Frist has threatened to take action that would shut down the Democrats' practice of subjecting a small number of judicial appointees to filibusters. Barring a last-minute compromise, a showdown is expected this spring or summer.

"I don't think it's radical to ask senators to vote. I don't think it's radical to expect senators to fulfill their constitutional responsibilities," said Frist, whom Democrats have accused of engaging in "radical Republican" politics.

While a majority of the Senate is sufficient to confirm a judge, it takes 60 votes under Senate rules to overcome a filibuster and force a final vote.

Rather than change the rules directly, Frist and other Republicans have threatened to seek an internal Senate ruling that would declare filibusters are not permitted against judicial nominees.

'I don't think it's radical to ask senators to vote. I don't think it's radical to expect senators to fulfill their constitutional responsibilities.'

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Because such a ruling can be enforced by majority vote, and Republicans have 55 seats in the 100-member Senate, GOP leaders have said they expect to prevail if they put the issue to the test.

Democrats blocked 10 appointments in Bush's first term. The president has renominated seven of the 10 since he won re-election, and Democrats have threatened to filibuster them again.

Republicans pushed two of the nominees — including Texas Supreme Court Judge Priscilla Owen — from the Senate Judiciary Committee last week on party-line votes.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., raised the possibility of a deal. "I think we should compromise and say to them that ... we'll let a number" of the seven judges "go through, the two most extreme not go through and put off this vote and compromise," he said on ABC's "This Week."

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is open to compromise, his spokesman said Sunday. "There's lot of concern among Republicans about the road Senator Frist is leading the Senate down," Jim Manley said.

In his remarks, Frist singled out Owen for praise, possibly indicating she will become the test case for the expected showdown. She has been nominated for the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Frist said that "even though a majority of senators support her, she has been denied an up-or-down vote on the floor of the Senate. ... Justice Owen deserves better. She deserves a vote."

The majority leader noted some Republicans are opposed to ending judicial filibusters, fearing the GOP may someday want to use the same tactics against appointments made by a Democratic president.

"That may be true. But if what Democrats are doing is wrong today, it won't be right for Republicans to do the same thing tomorrow," Frist said.

Republicans held a Senate majority for six of President Clinton's eight years in office and frequently prevented votes on his court appointments by bottling them up in the committee, knowing the nominees would be confirmed if allowed to go to a vote by the full Senate.

One nominee, Richard Paez, a district court judge when he was nominated, waited more than four years before being confirmed to the appeals court. Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said Frist supported a filibuster of Paez's nomination. "I guess Senator Frist wasn't running for president then," Leahy told CNN's "Late Edition."

The Louisville event — "Justice Sunday: Stop the Filibuster Against People of Faith" — was held in a church and was sponsored by the Family Research Council.

Critics, including a number of ministers and Democratic politicians, said holding the event in a church was inappropriate.

At one of several rallies in the city Sunday afternoon, about 100 protesters sat on the steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse as public officials voiced their dissent.

During another protest, several hundred people gathered at a Presbyterian church where progressive religious leaders condemned Frist and others for using the pulpit to spread a political message.

But Tony Perkins, president of the group organizing the event, told Fox that "what this boils down to is that the philosophy of that minority of liberal senators in the United States Senate has been repudiated in almost election after election, almost every recent election."

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, second-ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said, "I think what this group has done has become unfortunately entirely too political." Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said the council should not question Democrats' faith or call them religious bigots.

"I don't think that helps the country and I don't think it's fair," Graham said.

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SPRING SNOW Tulips,far left, growing in a front yard garden in South Vienna, Ohio, are bent over from the weight of the snow that fell across Southwestern Ohio Saturday. LEFT: A dedicated jogger makes his way down a country lane in Bainbridge, Ohio during a spring snow storm that struck northeastern Ohio Sunday morning.

Snow falls across parts of Midwest; thousands without power

By Andy Resnik
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A rare late spring snowstorm dumped up to a foot of snow on parts of the Midwest Sunday, knocking out power to thousands of customers and postponing a Major League Baseball game for the second day in a row.

Slippery pavement caused spinouts but no injuries were reported, officials said.

The two-day storm brought temperatures 25 degrees below the normal of around 60 as snow fell across parts of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

"My wife is livid because this was a long winter. ... Even people who normally don't complain about it are at the end of their wits," said Frank Hanley, who said he had a foot of heavy, wet snow on his deck in the northeastern Ohio town of Chardon.

Total accumulations of up to 18 inches were possible in parts of eastern Michigan, while Detroit's northern suburbs were expected to receive 5 to 11 inches, meteorologists said. In Ohio, suburbs east of Cleveland were to get about 8 inches.

By midday Sunday, about 5 inches of snow had fallen on Grandfather Mountain in western North Carolina and accumulations reached half a foot near the northern Tennessee line, the National Weather Service reported.

The low on Grandfather Mountain dropped to 16 degrees overnight and winds reached 139 mph, meteorologists said.

The storm was expected to taper off late Sunday, and temperatures in the region were expected climb to about 50 degrees today.

The Detroit Tigers postponed a home game against the Minnesota Twins for the second straight day. A makeup date for Sunday's game was not immediately announced. The teams were scheduled to make up the first game Monday afternoon.

Misti Hunt, a bartender in Bad Axe, Mich., said business was slow Sunday evening as the snow made the roads treacherous and some even totally impassable.

"A week ago we were wearing shorts and tank tops," she said.

The wet, heavy snow snapped tree branches and power lines and about 18,000 FirstEnergy customers in the Cleveland area lost power Sunday. Some might not have their electricity restored until Monday, said Mark Durbin, a spokesman for the utility.

"The snow is clinging to the buds on those trees and it's really pulling stuff down" onto the power lines, Durbin said.

Kathy Carney, a waitress at the Maple Leaf Restaurant in Chardon, said it was busier than usual at breakfast Sunday.

"It's extra busy because people don't have power. It's like a blizzard out there. It's snowing like crazy," she said.

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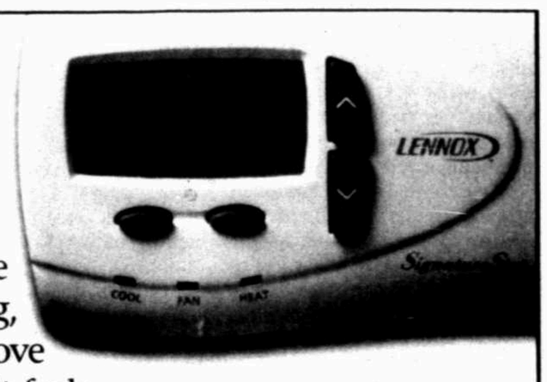

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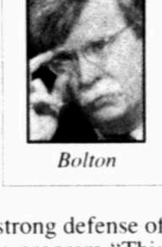
SANDY FUN Same Spinks, 9, of Midland plays in a sand pit Friday afternoon at the Racquet Club.

Republican senator says vote on Bolton 'too close to call'

By Douglas Jehl
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — In contrast to optimistic statements from the White House, a top Republican senator said Sunday that John R. Bolton's prospects of winning Senate confirmation as ambassador to the United Nations were "too close to call."

The doubts expressed by the Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who spoke on the CNN program "Late Edition," came as Democratic critics sharpened attacks aimed at portraying Bolton as someone who sought to politicize intelligence judgments. Four of 10 Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee have now expressed concern about Bolton, on a panel where a single Republican vote against him could keep the nomination from reaching the Senate floor.



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As new complaints emerged from several quarters about Bolton and his harsh treatment of subordinates and colleagues, Sen. John Kyl, R-Ariz., issued a strong defense of Bolton, saying on the ABC News program "This Week" that the nominee had attracted Democratic criticism "because he's a tough guy who supports the president's policy." But leaders of the Democratic opposition to the nomination made clear that they intended to turn the focus back to what they have portrayed as their stronger case. They said Bolton's nomination should be judged on whether he inappropriately sought to use or shape intelligence reports to bolster his political views on Cuba, Syria, Iran and other issues.

The issue is "not whether he's a nice guy or not," Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware, the top Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, said of Bolton in an appearance on the ABC News program "This Week." Biden added, "This is about whether or not you try to alter intelligence data, alter what intelligence data says, or intimidate experts in the intelligence community to say something different than you want said."

Biden and Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., in a separate television appearance, called renewed attention to Bolton's repeated attempts in 2002 to seek the transfer of intelligence officials with whom he had clashed over his attempts to make public a hard-line view of Cuba and its possible attempts to acquire biological weapons.

Dodd and Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the top Democrat on the Intelligence Committee, have also asked the National Security Agency to allow the Senate's Foreign Relations and Intelligence committees to review highly classified, unedited transcripts of intercepted communications mentioning U.S. officials that Bolton obtained as a State Department official.

The new requests are intended to allow the committees to determine whether Bolton had a legitimate reason for seeking to learn the names of U.S. officials mentioned in the intercepted communications. Such names are normally deleted from NSA intelligence reports.

While the agency is prohibited from targeting U.S. citizens in its intelligence gathering, its vast eavesdropping network does frequently intercept telephone calls, e-mail messages and other communications to, from and about U.S. citizens.

The senators' requests for the intelligence information comes as the Foreign Relations Committee works to meet a May 6 deadline for completion of an inquiry into allegations against Bolton. The panel has scheduled a May 12 vote.

All eight of the committee's Democrats are opposed to Bolton's confirmation. Among the 10 Republicans, Sens. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, and George V. Voinovich of Ohio expressed reservations about Bolton during a meeting on April 18, forcing Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., the committee chairman, to postpone a planned vote. Since then, Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska has said she favored the postponement, and her spokeswoman has said she could not predict how Murkowski might vote.

President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice have all defended the Bolton nomination forcefully in recent days, and have shown no indication that the administration might be tempted to withdraw its choice in the face of opposition.

In a television interview on Sunday, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican whip, sounded more confident than Specter, saying he believed all 10 Republicans on the Foreign Relations Committee would ultimately vote for Bolton and send the nomination to the Senate floor.

"We're not nominating someone here for Miss Congeniality," McConnell said on the CBS News program "Face the Nation." He said he believed Democrats were "simply uncomfortable sending someone to the U.N. who would challenge business as usual."

Dodd, interviewed Sunday on "Face the Nation," called on the State Department, the CIA and the NSA to respond promptly to requests by the Senate for documents that might bear on the Bolton nomination. But Dodd did not specifically describe his request to the NSA, which touches on one of the most politically sensitive aspects of the agency's work.

The State Department has said that Bolton made 10 such requests for identifying information about U.S. officials mentioned in NSA intercepts, during nearly four years as undersecretary of state for arms control. During the same period, State Department officials have said, the department made a total of about 400 requests to the NSA for the same kind of information. Intelligence officials have said that all of Bolton's requests were approved under NSA procedures that allow the information to be released only when necessary for official purposes.

To date, however, the State Department and the NSA have both refused to describe the dates or subject matter, or to identify officials mentioned in the intercepted communications about which Bolton sought more information. The State Department has also declined to say how many of the department's requests came from policymakers Bolton, as opposed to career intelligence officials.

In a letter sent Friday to the NSA's acting director, William Black, Dodd said it was his understanding "that such requests are infrequently made by non-career political appointees such as Mr. Bolton."

Dodd said it was important that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is studying allegations that Bolton sought to intimidate career government officials, be able to determine "whether his requests for the names of U.S. officials were solely for appropriate policy purposes."

A copy of Dodd's letter was provided to The New York Times by a congressional official. Rockefeller has submitted a similar written request, one of his aides said over the weekend.

Dodd's request asked only that the agency permit members of the committee as well as "committee staff with appropriate security clearances" to review the 10 NSA intercepts that were made available to Bolton. In his public testimony, Bolton had acknowledged requesting such intercepts on "a couple occasions, maybe a few more," but he later told that panel that he had done so 10 times.

House struggles to revive ethics panel

By Carl Hulse and Phil Shenon
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — House Republicans said Sunday they intended to double their efforts this week to resolve a partisan impasse over the ethics committee as Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the majority leader, faced new disclosures regarding his overseas travel.

"We need a functioning ethics committee," a senior Republican leadership aide said Sunday. He said Speaker J. Dennis Hastert was increasingly determined to find a resolution to the dispute keeping the panel that enforces House rules from beginning operations this session. The official said that Hastert is being driven more by institutional concerns than the furor engulfing DeLay.

DeLay himself has called for the panel to review trips that have come under scrutiny, especially ones involving the lobbyist Jack Abramoff. Abramoff played a role in arranging a trip to Britain for DeLay, his wife and members of his staff in May 2000, a trip that included stops in London and at the fabled St. Andrews golf course in Scotland.

The Washington Post reported Sunday it had obtained travel receipts showing that Abramoff's personal credit card had been used to pay for $6,938 in airfare for DeLay between the United States and Britain, suggesting a possible violation of House ethics rules, which bar lobbyists from paying for a lawmaker's travels. It had been previously disclosed that Abramoff had paid for part of DeLay's hotel bill.

Democrats said the latest disclosures about DeLay's travel were another illustration of why the Republican majority should undo rules that are the center of the feud that has paralyzed the ethics committee and left it unable to look into the activities of any House member.

Democrats have blocked the committee from beginning work this year, asserting that rules changes forced through by the Republican majority at the start of the session undermine the panel.

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(From 1A)

administration building.

When asked whether the district would buy more property or a facility to house the education program, Nicks said, "We would look first to facilities and property that we already have."

It's also unclear where the employees who work in MISD's Culver education unit will be placed. Employees with contracts will likely be reassigned elsewhere in the district, Nicks said, but it is unclear where aides who work at the center — who do not have contracts with the district — will move.

"It is not the district's intention to reduce staff due to changing or potentially changing programs," Nicks said.

Mary Rowland, a retired teacher who formerly worked in MISD's Culver education program, said moving from the juvenile detention center grounds will provide more safety for teachers and aides.

"So help me God that nothing really ever happened, considering these were the worst of the worst kids of the bunch," Rowland said, adding that teachers and aides used the same restrooms as their students while she worked there.

But some of Rowland's former students recognize her in local stores and tell her about attending Midland College or having children.

Rowland said having teachers certified in subject areas will help students and pointed to herself as an example.

"I was a social science and English major," Rowland said. "I sure wasn't any cracker jack when it came to math."

FUGITIVE

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erson confirmed Sunday warrants are outstanding for Fahnbulleh, but was not for certain of his whereabouts.

"I don't know if we have a definitive location," Wilkerson said. "And we're concerned about it, obviously, how expensive it would be to bring him back."

Normally, he said, the county would pay for extradition, which in this case Wilkerson suspects would be very costly.

Meanwhile, Houston attorney Kenneth McGuire, seeking monetary damages, also is wanting Fahnbulleh on U.S. soil to pursue civil litigation brought by the 56-year-old Howard College accounts payable clerk.

"We've got a lot of activity from the Houston lawyer," Wilkerson said of McGuire.

The civil lawsuit claims the woman suffered physical injuries in the alleged assault.

Fahnbulleh worked at the Howard College-affiliated Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

SHOESHINE

(From 1A)

den Jr., next door to Wall Street Bar & Grill. The somewhat roughhewn masculine atmosphere will change, he admitted, but Wells said he will be glad for the brightening-up and increased clientele.

One of six children, Wells dropped out of school in the sixth grade and went to work at the hotel where his father was a porter. His surviving siblings are Lillian Dorsey of Houston and Leola Cooper of Arcola.

Wells' only child is stepson Henry Mitchell of Abilene, who once told his stepfather he admired Wells' habits and wanted to emulate them.

"Some people go wrong from home," Wells said. "You can set a good example or a bad example. Most of the kids in the pen were sent by their own mother and father."

He said some parents wrongly try to motivate their children to do well in school by promising rewards like new cars rather than instilling the value of education for its own sake.

Wells came here in 1955 from working as a waiter and shining shoes at a Corpus Christi country club after hearing a man recommend employment at Midland Country Club. Over the decades he also worked at Odessa Country Club, the now-defunct Downtowner Hotel at Missouri Avenue and Big Spring Street and Ranchland Hills Golf Club, going about his work and living by his own standards while many others pursued topsy-turvy lives and suffered the consequences.

Mohammed Hato/AP

CAR BOMB A man attends to his daughter Sunday, injured in a car bomb explosion, at the al-Hakim Local Hospital in Baghdad, Iraq. Two suicide car bombs exploded in quick succession, killing 15 people and injuring 40, Iraqi police said.

Iraq insurgents launch new attacks

By Thomas Wagner
Associated Press

Militant violence over the weekend took at least 38 lives, including those of three Americans.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An emboldened Iraqi insurgency staged carefully coordinated dual bombings in Saddam Hussein's hometown and a Shiite neighborhood of the capital Sunday, killing at least 21 people. Lawmakers loyal to the new prime minister said he was ready to announce a Cabinet that would exclude his interim predecessor, Ayad Allawi.

An American soldier was killed in a separate attack.

Prime Minister-designate Ibrahim al-Jaafari had decided, some members of his political bloc said, to shun further attempts to include members of the party headed by Allawi, the secular Shiite politician who had served as prime minister as the country prepared for elections Jan. 30.

Members of Allawi's Iraqi List, which controls 40 seats in the National Assembly, said his party had not been officially informed of the development. Allawi loyalists were bidding for at least four ministries, including a senior government post and a deputy premiership.

"I heard from the media, and some of the other assembly members told me about it," lawmaker Hussein Shaalan told the Associated Press late Sunday. But he said the party would continue to support the government even if excluded from the Cabinet.

Al-Jaafari's list could be put to parliament as early as today, some of his bloc said. Others indicated the Cabinet announcement would be made Tuesday. Many such forecasts have proven wrong so far.

Many Shiites have long resented the secular Allawi, accusing his outgoing administration of having included former members of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, which brutally repressed the majority Shiites and Kurds.

There had been intense pressure to end the political bickering after a marked recent uptick in insurgent violence that many in Iraq blamed on the continuing political turmoil nearly three months after the country's historic Jan. 30 elections, the first democratic balloting in a half century.

Insurgent attacks had dropped dramatically shortly after the vote, but spiraled upward in recent weeks as the politicians failed to name a government.

Militant violence over the weekend took at least 38 lives, including those of three Americans.

Also Sunday, the U.S. military said it had detained four more suspects in the downing of a civilian Mi-8 helicopter on Thursday. All 11 passengers and crew were killed, including a survivor gunned down by insurgents. Ten suspects have been apprehended in all, the military said.

A vehicle packed with explosives was driven into a crowd gathered in front of a popular ice cream shop in Baghdad's western al-Shoulah neighborhood Sunday, police Maj. Mousa Abdul Karim said. Minutes later, as police and residents rushed to help the victims, a second suicide car bomber plowed into the crowd. At least 15 people were killed and 40 wounded.

Shattered glass, pools of blood, and pieces of flesh littered the scene.

Members of Iraq's Shiite majority have become a frequent target of Sunni-led insurgents. On Friday, a car bomb ripped through a crowded Shiite mosque in eastern Baghdad during midday prayers, killing 12 people and wounding 22.

In Saddam's hometown of Tikrit on Sunday, two remotely detonated car bombs exploded in quick succession outside a police academy, killing at least six Iraqis and wounding 33, police and a hospital official said. The blasts occurred as recruits were about to leave the station and travel to Jordan for a training, said police Lt. Shalan Allawi.

Insurgents also attacked U.S. forces. A roadside bomb hit one convoy in eastern Baghdad, killing one American soldier and wounding two, the U.S. military said. Iraqi police said two civilians also were wounded in the attack.

An American sailor was killed Saturday when the Marine convoy he was traveling with was hit by a roadside bomb in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

At least 1,568 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, the country's most feared militant group, claimed responsibility for the Tikrit and eastern Baghdad attacks in statements posted on militant Web sites.

The group also claimed responsibility for a roadside bomb targeting a U.S. patrol near the Abu Ghraib prison, west of Baghdad. The U.S. military said no one was hurt in that attack.

South of the capital, three insurgents were killed Sunday as the roadside bomb they were trying to plant in the town of Mahawil exploded, said police in nearby Hillah.

In Pakistan, a government spokesman said a Pakistan embassy official who was kidnapped in Iraq two weeks ago was freed Sunday. Malik Mohammed Javed was abducted April 9 after he left his residence in Baghdad to attend prayers at a mosque. The Pakistani government said after his abduction he was in the custody of a previously unknown Islamic militant group, Omar bin al-Khattab that had demanded a ransom for Javed's release.

Associated Press Writer Qasim Abdul-Zahra contributed to this report from Baghdad.

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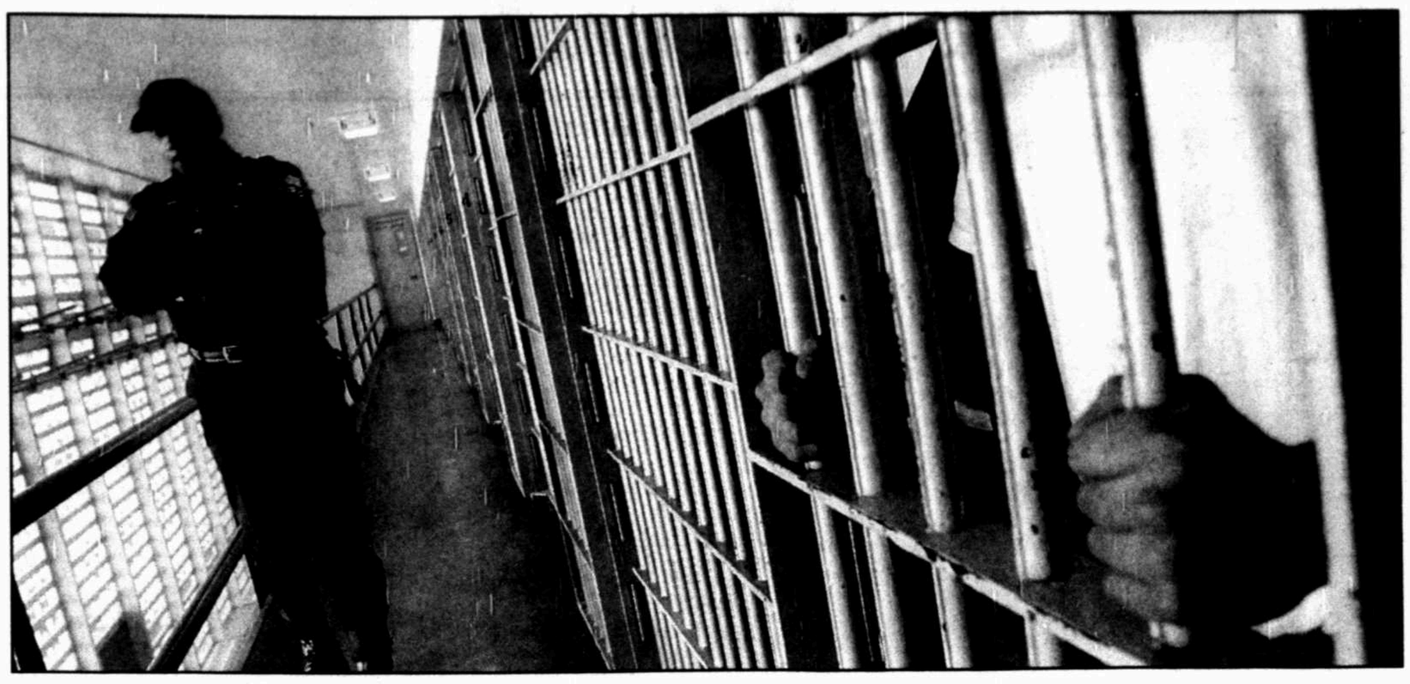

STANDING GUARD Washington state prisons Lt. Clan Jacobs walks through a block of cells at the Washington Corrections Center in Shelton, Wash. in this Feb. 2 file photo. Nationwide, U.S. prisons and jails added nearly 1,000 inmates a week in the last year, according to a Bureau of Justice Statistics report.

AP file photo

U.S. prisons swell by nearly 900 inmates per week in 2004

By Siobhan McDonough
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Growing at a rate of about 900 inmates each week between mid-2003 and mid-2004, the nation's prisons and jails held 2.1 million people, or one in every 138 U.S. residents, the government reported Sunday.

By last June 30, there were 48,000 more inmates, or 2.3 percent, more than the year before, according to the latest figures from the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The total inmate population has hovered around 2 million for the past few years, reaching 2.1 million on June 30, 2002, and just below that mark a year later.

While the crime rate has fallen over the past decade, the number of people in prison and jail is outpacing the number of inmates released, said the report's co-author, Paige Harrison. For example, the number of admissions to federal prisons in 2004 exceeded releases by more than 8,000, the study found.

Harrison said the increase can be attributed largely to get-tough policies enacted in the 1980s and 1990s. Among them are mandatory drug sentences, "three-strikes-and-you're-out" laws for repeat offenders, and "truth-in-sentencing" laws that restrict early releases.

"As a whole most of these policies remain in place," she said. "These policies were a reaction to the rise in crime in the '80s and early '90s."

Added Malcolm Young, executive director of the Sentencing Project, which promotes alternatives to prison: "We're working under the burden of laws and practices that have developed over 30 years that have focused on punishment and prison as our primary response to crime."

He said many of those incarcerated are not serious or violent offenders, but are low-level drug offenders. Young said one way to help lower the number is to introduce drug treatment programs that offer effective ways of changing behavior and to provide appropriate assistance for the mentally ill.

According to the Justice Policy Institute, which advocates a more lenient system of punishment, the United States has a higher rate of incarceration than any other country, followed by Britain, China, France, Japan and Nigeria.

There were 726 inmates for every 100,000 U.S. residents by June 30, 2004, compared with 716 a year earlier, according to the report by the Justice Department agency. In 2004, one in every 138 U.S. residents was in prison or jail; the previous year it was one in every 140.

In 2004, 61 percent of prison and jail inmates were of racial or ethnic minorities, the government said. An estimated 12.6 percent of all black men in their late 20s were in jails or prisons, as were 3.6 percent of Hispanic men and 1.7 percent of white men in that age group, the report said.

Other findings include:

- State prisons held about 2,500 youths under 18 in 2004. That compares with a peak, in 1995, of about 5,300. Local jails held about 7,000 youths, down from 7,800 in 1995.
- In the year ending last June 30, 13 states reported an increase of at least 5 percent in the federal system, led by Minnesota, at about 13 percent; Montana at 10.5 percent; Arkansas at 9 percent.

Among the 12 states that reported a decline in the inmate population were Alabama, 7 percent; Connecticut, 2.5 percent; and Ohio, 2 percent.

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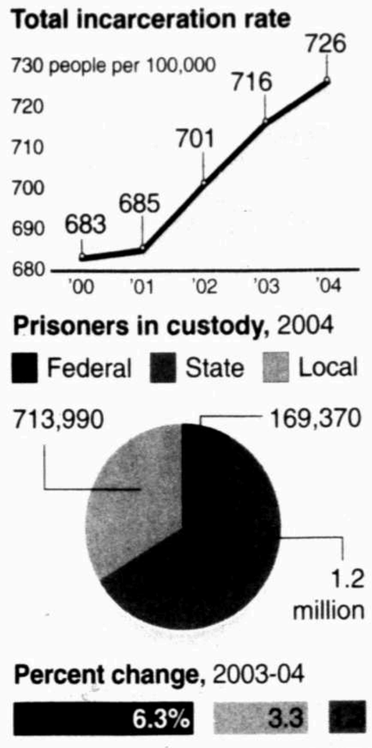
Prisoner rates rise

The rate of people incarcerated in the U.S. has steadily increased since 2000. Federal prisoners increased in population by 6.3 percent in 2004.



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President's tax commission: Too many tax breaks

By Mary Dalrymple
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As taxpayers recover from finishing their annual filing chores, a presidential commission studying the tax laws has reached the conclusion there are just too many deductions and credits.

To help taxpayers deal with college costs there are — depending on which applies to a particular individual — two different kinds of tax credits, a deduction for student loan interest and special tax-advantaged savings plans. Special urban and rural tax zones encourage investment and job creation. Dozens of other tax benefits help families raise children and save for retirement, encourage adoption, nudge drivers toward hybrid cars and push businesses to invest in new equipment.

"We have lost sight of the fact that the fundamental purpose of our tax system is to raise revenues to fund government," according to President Bush's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform.

The commission's chairman, former Florida Sen. Connie Mack, said its nine members have been surprised at the number of tax deductions and credits.

"It wasn't until we really had the opportunity to listen to so many different people talk about so many different aspects of the code that it really sunk in about how much and how often the code is being used these days to either create incentives or disincentives for either investment or behavior," Mack said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The White House budget office ranks the cost of a deduction for businesses that provide health insurance to employees as the top tax break, worth $126 billion next year. Also high on the list are the popular mortgage interest deduction, a capital gains break for home sales, a deduction for charitable contributions and the child tax credit.

The list includes many tiny tax breaks. Among them are ones that encourage biodiesel fuel, help the elderly and disabled, make interest on educational bonds tax-free and allow teachers to deduct the cost of school supplies.

The problem comes when taxpayers try to decipher the rules that govern those credits and deductions. The tax breaks often overlap and typically come with pages of instructions and qualifications.

"It was clearly stated that the level of complication has become so great that in many cases it ends up deterring the activity that you're trying to encourage," Mack said.

Bush has asked the panel to preserve tax breaks that promote homeownership and charitable giving.

Tax breaks started proliferating in the 1990s for two reasons, said Eugene Steuerle, a former Treasury Department official and co-director of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

"There's always been this political reward for claiming to do something new rather than merely cleaning up or slightly expanding something that already exists," Steuerle said.

Lawmakers want to brand their own education tax breaks, for example, which means there are multiple deductions, credits and special savings accounts instead of one tax break everyone can use.

Tax breaks also provide benefits without creating a government spending program. But the proliferation of tax breaks end up costing the public because they mean lawmakers cannot lower income tax rates, Steuerle said.

"They make it look like smaller government, when in fact it's actually bigger government," he said.

The tax breaks amount to billions of dollars.

Tax benefits that provide indirect subsidies to homeowners add up to more than the entire budget of the Housing and Urban Development Department.

The earned income tax credit for low wage workers is bigger than any welfare program, including food stamps.

The tax break for businesses that provide health insurance is growing faster than almost all other domestic programs.

Some critics say no one tracks the tax breaks to find out if they succeed in promoting the behavior lawmakers want to encourage. Limitations often mean that some breaks are not available to wealthier taxpayers or poorer ones.

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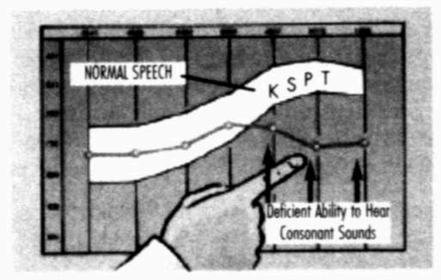

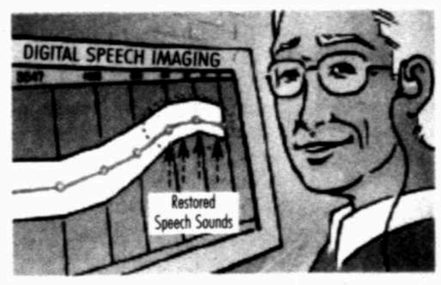

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State leaders need to look at tuition rates

It looks like the Texas Senate is playing hardball with the state's universities as tuition rates rise at a rate that has most families with college students reeling.

Public universities that increase tuition rates too much would see state funding reduced under legislation approved recently by a Senate committee. Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, is the bill's author, and his proposal, which works in conjunction with a measure included in the $139 billion Senate budget passed three weeks ago, immediately would affect only the University of Texas at Austin, where his two sons are students.

But we see this problem as an immediate concern across the state, and Texas lawmakers did us no favors in 2003 when they gave universities authority over a portion of tuition rates at public schools.

In the year after deregulation, tuition increased about 16 percent statewide. Some lawmakers, including Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, expressed disappointment with those jumps, and worried more Texans would be priced out of higher education.

That has been our concern all along and we feel most colleges have taken advantage of the loose reign given by our legislators.

The University of Texas at Austin is a prime example of what we are talking about. Tuition increases there have been the highest in the state at 37 percent in two years. UT is the only public university that already charges $94 per credit hour. And UT System regents last month approved another 4.75 percent increase at UT.

We warned editorially in 2003 that legislators would need to back off of this policy because it left the barn door open. Giving universities carte blanche control over tuition is dangerous and ill-conceived.

We obviously don't approve of Sen. Williams' proposal that seems more like a single stick in the eye of UT, but we would approve a much more serious look at a plan that will keep Texas kids in school without jeopardizing the rest of their future in loans.

Williams' bill still must pass the full Senate and House, where it likely is to receive staunch opposition from Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick of Midland. He fought hard for deregulation two years ago.

Still, it is time to take another look because it's getting to the point where Texas families can't afford the price of education.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 25, the 115th day of 2005. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 25, 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

On this date:

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Turkish Empire out of the war.

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov invited Samantha Smith to visit his country after receiving a letter in which the Manchester, Maine, schoolgirl expressed fears about nuclear war.

In 1983, the Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

In 1990, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua, ending 11 years of leftist Sandinista rule.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle Discovery.

Ten years ago: Show business legend Ginger Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 83.

Five years ago: Assailants shot and killed Zika Petrovic, an ally of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Broadway producer David Merrick died in London at age 88.

One year ago: Hundreds of thousands of abortion-rights supporters marched in Washington, D.C., to protest Bush administration policies. Cosmetics queen Estee Lauder died in New York at age 97.

Thought for Today: "There are two great rules of life, the one general and the other particular. The first is that everyone can, in the end, get what he wants if he only tries. This is the general rule. The particular rule is that every individual is more or less an exception to the general rule." — Samuel Butler, English author (1835-1902).

THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Blair proves 'men of principle' can succeed

New York Times columnists are not allowed to endorse U.S. presidential candidates. Only the editorial page does that. But in checking the columnist rule book, I couldn't find any ban on endorsing a candidate for prime minister of Britain. So I'm officially rooting for Tony Blair.

I've never met Blair. But reading the British press, it strikes me that he's not much loved by Fleet Street. He's not much loved by the left wing of his own Labor Party either, and he certainly doesn't have any supporters on the Conservative benches. Yet he seems to be heading for re-election to a third term on May 5.

Indeed, I believe history will rank Blair as one of the most important British prime ministers ever — both for what he has accomplished at home and for what he has dared to do abroad. There is much the U.S. Democratic Party could learn from Blair.

First, you don't have to be a conservative to be a conviction politician. For years Blair was derided by the press as "Tony Blur" — a man of no fixed principles, all sizzle and no beef, who dressed up the Labor Party as "New Labor," like putting lipstick on a pig, but never really made the hard choices or changes. The reality is quite different.

In deciding to throw in Britain's lot with President Bush on the Iraq war, Blair not only defied the overwhelming anti-war sentiment of his own party, but public opinion in Britain generally. "Blair risked complete self-immolation on a principle," noted Will Marshall, president of the Progressive Policy Institute, a pro-Democratic U.S. think tank.

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Remember, in the darkest hours of the Iraq drama, when things were looking disastrous (and there have been many such hours), Bush always could count on the embrace of his own party and the U.S. conservative media machine and think tanks. Tony Blair, by contrast, dined alone. He had no real support group to fall back on. I'm not even sure his wife supported him on the Iraq war. (I know the feeling!)

Nevertheless, Blair took a principled position to depose Saddam and keep Britain tightly aligned with America. He did so, among other reasons, because he believed the advance of freedom and the defeat of fascism — whether Islamo-fascism or Nazi fascism — were quintessential and indispensable "liberal" foreign policy goals.

The other very real thing Blair has done is to get the Labor Party in Britain to firmly embrace the free market and globalization — sometimes kicking and screaming. He has reconfigured Labor politics around a set of policies designed to get the most out of globalization and privatization for British workers, while cushioning the harshest side effects, rather than trying to hold onto bankrupt Socialist ideas or wallowing in the knee-jerk anti-globalism of the reactionary left.

The strong British economy Blair and his deft finance minister, Gordon Brown, have engineered has led to spending on health and education — as well as on transportation and law and order — that has increased "much faster than under the Conservatives," The Financial Times noted last Wednesday. "The result has been numerous new and refurbished schools, dozens of new hospitals, tens of thousands of extra staff and much new equipment."

And these improvements, which still have a way to go, all have been accomplished so far with few tax increases. The vibrant British economy and welfare-to-work programs have, in turn, resulted in the lowest unemployment in Britain in 30 years. This has led to higher tax receipts and helped the government pay down its national debt. This, in turn, has saved money on both interest and welfare benefits — money that has been plowed back into services, The Financial Times explained.

In sum, Tony Blair has redefined British liberalism. He has made liberalism about embracing, managing and cushioning globalization, about embracing and expanding freedom — through muscular diplomacy where possible and force where necessary — and about embracing fiscal discipline.

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Corporate salaries can boggle the mind

Every 10 years I quote the same adage from the late Austrian analyst Willi Schlamm, and I hope 10 years from now someone will remember to quote it in my memory. It goes: "The trouble with socialism is socialism. The trouble with capitalism is capitalists." What brought this on this time around was the published recapitulation of executive plunder featuring, but hardly limited to, Viacom. The top three executives at Viacom received total compensation last year valued at about $52 million to $56 million each in salary, bonus and stock options.

We got, in one story of these goings-on — by Geraldine Fabrikant in The New York Times — a whiff of sobriety, as from someone hanging onto a tree limb in a landslide. Fabrikant quotes Brian Foley, "a longtime compensation specialist," and what he said was, "The compensation is beyond breathtaking." Viacom's share price, in the year of the gold rush for its managers, decreased by 18 percent.

We learn from Viacom's SEC filing that its chief executive, Sumner Redstone, who is 81 years old, presumably is guarding against the hazards of senior-citizen penury. His salary was $4.97 million, and he received a bonus of $16.5 million. We think we see traces of sibling rivalry in the picture, because one of Viacom's co-presidents, Tom Freston, received only $16 million in bonus. Viacom's other co-president, Leslie Moonves, has got to have done something truly humiliating, because his bonus was only $14 million. (However, all three received more than $30 million in stock options.)

Why does capitalism tolerate such institutional embarrassments? The answer has to be that embarrassment simply isn't being felt. Consider excruciating, but apparently tolerable, incidentals. Freston is based in New York. But from time to time, business requires him to be in Los Angeles — where, as it happens, he also has a home. On those nights does he take hotel rooms? Ample hotel rooms, understand. No. He just charges the company what he thinks is appropriate to pay him for using his own home. In 2004, this amounted to $43,000.

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Freston is evidently a man with simpler habits than the Los Angeles-based Moonves. He does the same kind of thing; he has his own home in New York, but what he charged the company for the nights he spent in New York was $105,000.

Once again, there is a muted reproach from the corporate world in assessing this kind of thing. It is the voice of Graef Crystal, another compensation expert. Crystal says of Sumner Redstone he "certainly qualifies for the 'unclear on the concept award' contest for paying himself $55.9 million in a year when the company lost $17.5 billion."

Here and there efforts are being made to impose correlations of some sort between executives' compensation and stock performance. "The secret to linking pay to performance remains elusive," writes Claudia Deutsch of The New York Times. "Net income at Eli Lilly fell 29 percent and its return to shareholders dropped 17 percent last year, but its chief executive, Sidney Taurel, saw his pay go up 41 percent, to $12.5 million." There doesn't seem to be anything elusive about that: the boss aggrandizes.

One does have to allow, in the mind's eye, for the truly unique person. If Thomas A. Edison were alive today, his genius intact, it would be unwise to cavil at any arrangement whatever made by a company seeking his services exclusively. Bill Gates is not a genius on that order, though his gifts are complementary to Edison's — Gates knows how to exploit a technological epiphany. Edison had the epiphanies, but was no good at all at exploiting them. Imagine if Gates had come up with the patent to the light bulb.

CLIFT & COHN

Americans should strive to end OPEC

WASHINGTON — What do Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela have in common? Oil. They are the member nations of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the world's most powerful cartel. Founded in Baghdad in 1960, by 1973 it played a primary role in the quadrupling of world oil prices, which led to significant inflation and a 21.5 percent prime lending rate in the United States. It was called the largest peaceful transfer of wealth in history.

Yet, where does most of that OPEC oil go? Asia — primarily Japan and China — consumes more of it than Europe and North America combined. Where does most of the money go? Clearly, the average OPEC country citizen sees very little of it. The money mostly ends up in the pockets of the OPEC nations' political class. As a result, despite the enormous oil revenue, not one of the OPEC nations has become a modern industrialized nation.

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Competition from North Sea and Russian oil helps keep oil prices in check, but the real brake is fear. The leaders of the OPEC nations know they can push too far. At some point oil pricing can become oil extortion, and the consuming nations will have to act. It is this fear that caused most of the Arab-speaking world to believe the U.S.-led coalition invaded OPEC member Iraq to gain control of its oil. After all, will the consuming nations stand for $100 per barrel? $200 per barrel? There is a breaking point.

From the start, oil pricing was the raison d'etre of OPEC. How far could the countries push? It turned out the oil hawks were right because the OPEC countries were able to raise prices higher and faster than almost anyone believed was possible. A docile world stood by and allowed it to happen.

Monopolies are the enemies of free markets and free enterprise, which is why the dismantling of OPEC should be a primary U.S. foreign policy goal. We could start by pressuring Iraq to drop out of OPEC. True, this would feed the myth that oil was behind the invasion, but those thoughts will fade as time passes and truth emerges. Next, similar pressure should be placed on Kuwait, the nation saved by the 1990-91 U.S.-led coalition. Then, there is Qatar, site of a substantial U.S. military base. And, if we could coerce Libya to discontinue its nuclear program, surely we could convince it to discontinue its OPEC membership.

Strangest of all is Iran, a nation hostile to its neighbors and to the United States and its allies. It is using its OPEC-priced oil revenues to develop nuclear weapons. Undermining OPEC cannot but help to undermine Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Saudi Arabia, America's two-faced friend, is at the root of much trouble in the world today. Saudi OPEC oil revenue has found its way into terrorist hands from al Qaida to Hamas. And at a time when the Unied States is pushing democracy and human rights, Saudi Arabia adheres to the Taliban view of women.

These are the countries we allow to set world oil prices that are nothing more than an OPEC tax, and it is time we put a stop to it.

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Pope formally assumes role with hand outstretched to Jews, other Christians

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — On a day when the mantle of the papacy was formally placed on his willing shoulders, Pope Benedict XVI also made news for what he did not do.

The new pontiff reached out to Jews and Christians, and promised the world's 1.1 billion Roman Catholics he would not ignore their voices as he led his wildly diverse flock. Yet in his first major homily in St. Peter's Square, Benedict made no mention of any current political issues Sunday or direct overtures toward Muslims, aside from paying respects "to believers and non-believers alike."

The lack of a political edge also hinted that Benedict may be more cautious than his predecessor, John Paul II, in using the Vatican's clout in international affairs.

"My real program of governance is not to do my own will, not to pursue my own ideas, but to listen, together with the whole church, to the word and the will of the Lord," the pontiff told a gallery of dignitaries, spiritual leaders and more than 350,000 pilgrims in his German-accented Italian.

The pope did not elaborate, but it suggested his papacy could study some pressing issues such as greater social activism and ways to reverse the decline of church attendance and vocations in the West. As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — before his election as pope — he clearly opposed any fundamental changes such as ending bans on contraception or women priests.

The 78-year-old pontiff appeared tired and coughed several times into a handkerchief that he pulled from within a sleeve of his golden vestments. But he looked invigorated — smiling and waving — while being driven over the square's cobblestones on an open-air vehicle after the Mass to formally invest him with the papacy.

"At first I though he'd be stern and scolding," said Walter Bonner, who traveled from Italy's German-speaking Alpine region. "But he turns out to be more like a grandfather."

One of Benedict's first acts after being elected on Tuesday was a personal greeting to the head of Rome's Jewish community. Sunday, he noted "a great shared spiritual heritage" with Jews.

Benedict's effort to reach out to Jews carries an added dimension because of his membership in the Hitler Youth and later as a conscript into the German army during World War II. He said he was forced into both roles.

In Israel, Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said the pope's words shows his desire to continue John Paul's interfaith efforts and "forge even stronger ties between Israel and the Vatican and between Jews and Christians." Most Jewish leaders could not attend the Mass because it coincided with the weeklong Passover holiday.

The pope also extended a hand to all Christians, quoting Scriptures with images of a separated flock. "Let us do all we can to pursue the path toward unity," he said.

"Finally, like a wave gathering force," he added at another point in the 30-minute homily, "my thoughts go out to all men and women today, to believers and non-believers alike."

Here, too, the pope stepped gently onto sensitive ground. In 2000, while serving at the Vatican's powerful office that guides doctrine, he issued a document that angered other Christians and faiths by framing salvation in only Catholic terms.

But he went no further into church doctrine in his homily — unlike his pre-conclave comments that stressed obedience to absolute truths of morality and faith. Instead, he proclaimed humility at facing "this enormous task, which truly exceeds all human capacity."

"Pray for me," he said several times.

The Mass — known as the Ceremony of Investiture — brought Benedict back to the steps of St. Peter's Basilica where he led the funeral rites for John Paul on April 8. Both events brought huge crowds and required sweeping security measures, including anti-missile batteries on alert, no-fly zones over central Rome and police boats patrolling the rain-swollen Tiber River.

The list of dignitaries included German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Prince Albert II of Monaco, Queen Sofia of Spain, and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother.

Among the religious leaders: Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams; Metropolitan Chrisostomos, a top envoy for Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the spiritual leader of the world's Christian Orthodox, and a senior representative of the Russian Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Kirill.

Benedict's brother, the Rev. Georg Ratzinger, had a prominent seat on the basilica esplanade. It was "different" seeing his brother after his papal election, Ratzinger said.

"But soon we were back to normal," he said.

Clutching his pastoral staff, Benedict began the ceremony by walking into the area under the basilica where St. Peter is believed to be buried, paying homage to the first pope and blessing the tomb with incense as a choir chanted.

He emerged and looked out over the square. Pilgrims hoisted flags from every continent, including many from John Paul's native Poland. Fathers held their children aloft for a better look. The crush of followers presented snapshots of stunning variety: Nigerian women in flower-print dresses, Bavarian Germans in traditional felt hats, American seminarians in clerical garb and baseball caps.

"We don't know much about him, but he seems good," said Enrico Protti, an artisan from Asti, near the northern city of Turin. "If we can, we'll bring a flower also to (the tomb of) John Paul."

Two attendants carrying trays presented Benedict with the symbols of the papacy.

On his left hand, he slipped on the Fisherman's Ring, which is emblazoned with an image of Peter casting his fishing nets. Over his vestments, he draped the woolen pallium or shawl — a narrow shawl of white lamb and sheep's wool embroidered with five silk crosses that symbolize the pope's role as a shepherd taking care of his flock.

The pallium was pierced by three golden pins to symbolize the nails driven into the cross on which Christ was crucified, and the red color of the crosses is for Christ's blood.

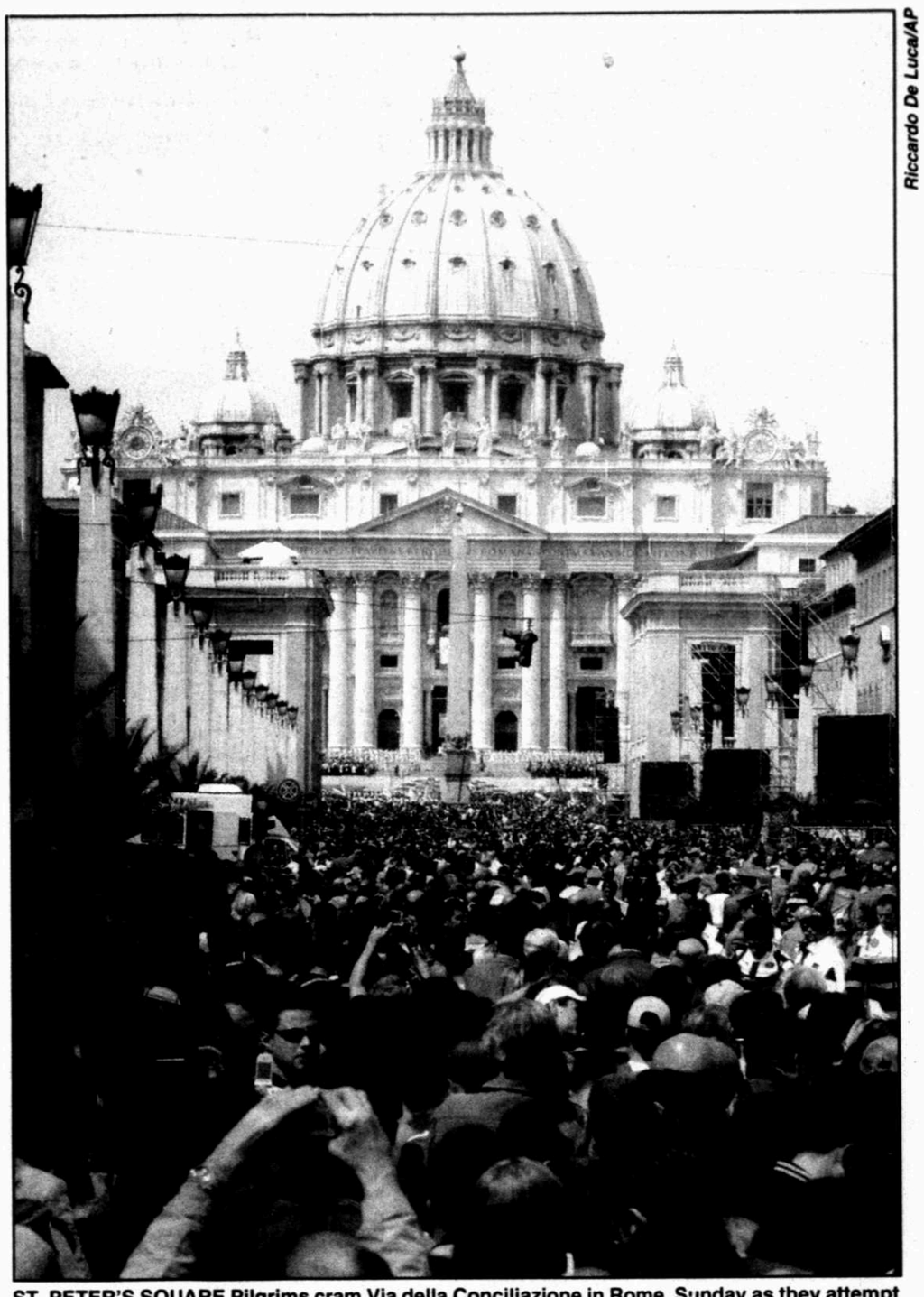
Then 12 followers — symbolizing Christ's 12 disciples — lined up and pledged loyalty to Benedict, kneeling before him and kissing his golden ring. The first in the procession were three cardinals. The last were two young Catholics from Sri Lanka and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The aura of John Paul was strong.

Some pilgrims carried portraits of the late pontiff. Even Benedict referred often to him often and echoed the words John Paul gave at his 1978 installation Mass: "Do not be afraid."

He also drew long sustained cheers — one of more than a dozen ovations — when he said John Paul was now "truly at home" among the saints. Many Catholics have urged for swift sainthood for John Paul.

The two-hour ceremony closed with Benedict traveling through St. Peter's Square in a white, uncovered vehicle. He stood and greeting the crowd as an aide held down his robes. Despite the security worries, there was no protective covering around the pope.



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ST. PETER'S SQUARE Pilgrims cram Via della Conciliazione in Rome, Sunday as they attempt to attend the installation Mass of Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Dignitaries and an estimated 500,000 pilgrims, many of them from the pontiff's native Germany, arrived in Rome for the ceremony to formally install Pope Benedict XVI and offer the pontiff a major chance to set the tone for his papacy.

Last Syrian units prepare to pull out from Lebanon

By Hassan M. Fattah
N.Y. Times News Service

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Syrian troops packed up their remaining equipment in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley on Sunday, nearing a complete withdrawal days before a formal ceremony in Lebanon Tuesday.

Witnesses said the soldiers were painting over Syrian graffiti, destroying documents and packing their belongings in some places the Syrian military had held for almost 30 years.

Late Saturday night, hundreds of troops pulled out of Baalbek, a Hezbollah stronghold. Sunday, Syrian intelligence officers abandoned a checkpoint in the Bekaa region set up shortly after Lebanon's civil war broke out in 1976.

Residents of the region said trucks, equipment and materiel were rumbling toward the border all day long, and the Lebanese army took up positions abandoned by the Syrians.

"Within the next few hours, all the troops will be out of Lebanon," The Associated Press quoted a Syrian official as saying Sunday.

But a Lebanese military official said 750 to 1,000 Syrian soldiers, along with Syria's intelligence chief in Lebanon, Rustum Ghazaleh, would remain until Tuesday.

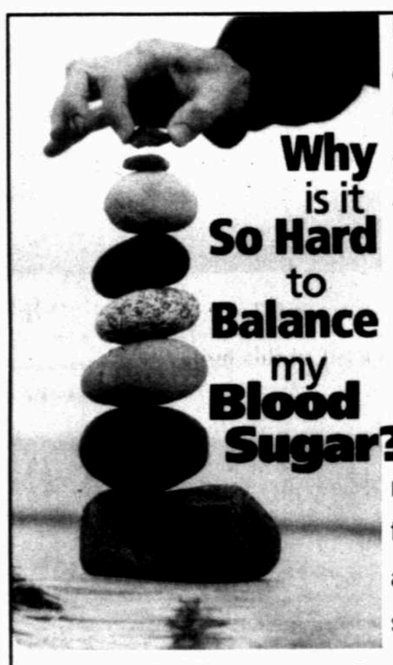
"This is a victory for all Lebanese," said Jibran Tueini, a Lebanese opposition leader. "Most of the Syrian story is now over."

Syria promised three weeks ago to complete its withdrawal from the country by month's end. International pressure for a full withdrawal has risen steadily since the assassination in February of Lebanon's former prime minister, Rafik Hariri, in an attack that Syria was widely accused of aiding and that galvanized Lebanon's opposition movement.

In towns throughout the Bekaa, residents reclaimed homes used by Syrian troops and noted a different air to their villages. "People used to be afraid to say anything here," said Abbas al-Masri, a resident of Baalbek, in a telephone interview on Sunday. "People seemed to be opening up more today, and feeling more comfortable to speak their mind."

Yet even as some celebrated the seeming end of Syria's occupation of Lebanon, political analysts warned that its influence would remain, but in more subtle forms.

With the departure of all its official security channels, Syria is more likely to engage underground channels in Lebanon's security forces, groups in Palestinian refugee camps and elsewhere, said Waddah Sharara, a sociology professor at the Lebanese University and a columnist for the London-based Arabic newspaper Al-Hayat. "Syria's role will change completely from an open political one to one led by proxies," he said. "We are certainly not done yet, and the conclusion is still years away."



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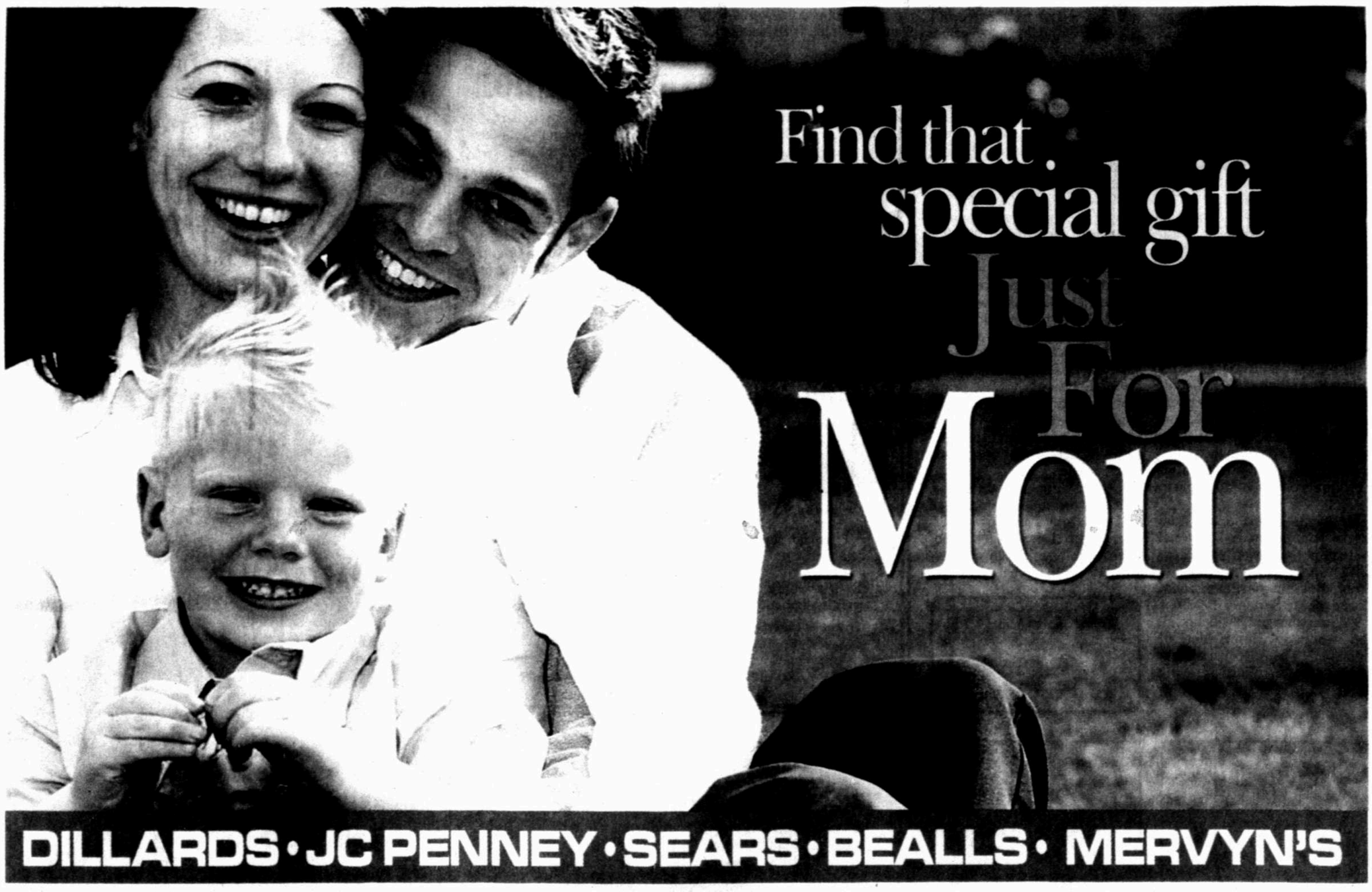

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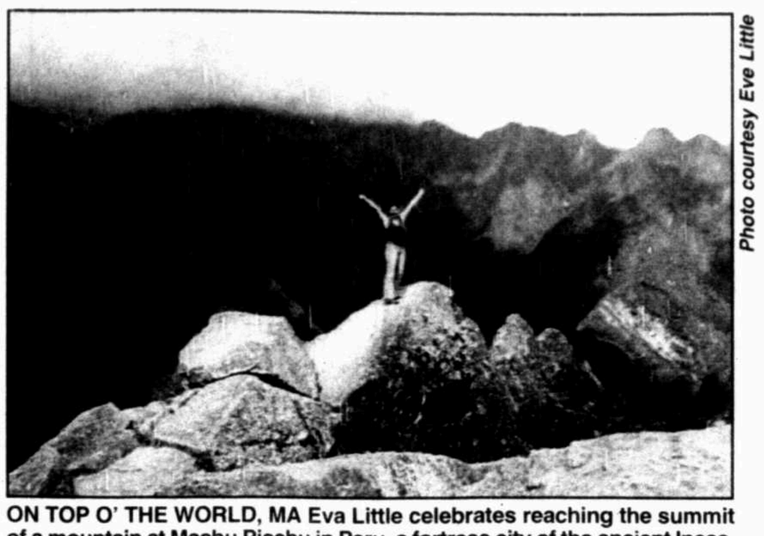

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ON TOP O' THE WORLD, MA Eva Little celebrates reaching the summit of a mountain at Machu Picchu in Peru, a fortress city of the ancient Incas.

Eve Little: Woman overcomes brain tumor, travels the globe

Person to Person with Jimmy Patterson

There are stretches of time, glimpses of the past before graduating from Trinity School that Eve Little can't remember. She had a good childhood. She was a top-ranked student, took a trip to Hawaii as a teenager and had her own car. Eve Little was a typical, normal and very intelligent teenager. But she also had something other kids her age didn't have: a tumor the size of an apricot in her brain.

A benign growth that could've grown into a malignancy if left untreated, it began with small seizures, moments when she would do nothing but stare straight ahead. Then the tumor grew and with that growth came the severity of her seizures that included those of the grand mal variety. She had a seizure one afternoon while pulling out of the parking lot at Trinity and hit six cars. She would not drive again for four years.

Doctors told Little there was a 30 percent survivability rate with the kind of surgery she needed. They told her if she survived the surgery, she could end up blind, a couch potato, or worse.

But she had it anyway and today she is bright-eyed and anything but a couch potato. Little, daughter of Patricia Little and Glen Little has, shall we say, made the most of life in its second manifestation.

A graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in international studies (a major in Spanish and a minor in cultural anthropology), Little is Midland's own Carmen Sandiego. She, frankly, can't be stopped. She has a zest for life not frequently equaled and a desire to learn as much about as many cultures as possible. And she could have so easily quit.

Her second chance at life has taken her to 22 countries: Ger-

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Former Guns N' Roses, Stone Temple Pilots rockers score old-fashioned way

By Jon Bream
Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Scott Weiland is the perfect candidate for a reality TV show.

Known for his drug-addled decadence while leading Stone Temple Pilots to the top of the grunge world in the mid-1990s, he is getting a second chance now. After multiple arrests and stints in rehab, Weiland is back as lead singer of the Grammy-winning Velvet Revolver, the hottest hard rock band to emerge in years.

What would reality cameras discover about this rock star on the rebound?

"People would find out that I'm actually a fairly normal guy," Weiland said by phone on a recent morning from Los Angeles, with his two children audible in the background. "My wife and I, we don't have a staff of people. We take care of our kids ourselves. We don't have a nanny; we have a babysitter or family when we need to take care of things. I don't have a regular assistant; I have a friend who helps me out.

"I am a snob about some things when I'm on tour. I like staying in comfortable hotels, and I like nice sheets. Otherwise, I'm a pretty normal individual, and it doesn't take a lot to make me happy and pleased these days other than my wife by my side at night — and to be sexually satisfied by the woman beside me."

That might be more reality than we want to know.

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CLASSIC DAVE BARRY

Eating sushi with wasabi part of sinister plot to impair unsuspecting diners

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Dave Barry is taking the year off. This best-of series will run while he's gone. His column is distributed by Tribune Media Services, Inc.

Today's culinary topic is: How to make sushi. I happen to be an expert on this topic because I recently put in a stint as a chef at an actual sushi restaurant. (One of the first things you learn, as a sushi chef, is how to put in a stint.)

Before I give you the details, I should explain, for the benefit of those of you who live in remote wilderness regions such as Iowa, what sushi is. Basically, it is a type of cuisine developed by the Japanese as part of an ancient tradition of seeing what is the scariest thing they can get you to eat raw.

The way they do this is, they start out by serving you a nice, non-threatening piece of fish, from which all the identifying fish parts have been removed. This fish is safe to eat and tasty. But the trick is that it's served with a green condiment called "wasabi," which is the Japanese word for "nuclear horseradish." This is an extremely spicy substance, the formula for which must never be allowed to fall into the hands of Saddam Hussein. If you put more than two wasabi molecules on your sushi and eat it, your hair will burst into flames.

So, after consuming some wasabi, you naturally order a cool, refreshing Japanese beer to pour on your head and perhaps, because you have the bottle in your hand anyway, wet your whistle with. The result is that your judgment becomes impaired, which is when they start trying to get you to eat prank food, such as sea-urchin eggs.

Sea urchins are vicious, golf-ball shaped, poison-spined sea creatures whose sole ecological purpose is to ruin your tropical vacation by deliberately not getting out of your way when you are wading barefoot. If you eat the eggs of this animal, and fail to chew them thoroughly, you could develop an alarming medical condition that doctors call "baby sea urchins walking around inside your body poking holes in your spleen."

Other prank foods that they will try to get you to eat at sushi bars include eels, clam parts, jellyfish, tentacles with flagrant suckers and shrimps with their eyeballs still waving around on stalks. If you eat those, the waiter will become brazen and start bringing out chunks of coral and live electric eels.

My point is that, in a sushi restaurant, you must watch carefully what you eat. (This is exactly what "The Star-Spangled Banner" is referring to when it says, "o'er the clam parts we watched.")

Despite this, I happen to be a big fan of non-prank sushi. And so when Bok An, the proprietor of Sakura, my local sushi restaurant in Coral Gables, Fla., invited me to be a guest sushi chef, I enthusiastically answered: "No!" I was afraid that I'd have to touch an eel. I am 51 years old, and I did not get this far by touching eels. But Bok assured me that we would stick to basic fish species such as tuna, salmon and cucumber.

And thus I found myself one Tuesday night, wearing a samurai-style headband and standing behind the sushi bar, blending in perfectly with the other sushi chefs, except that my headband was actually the belt of my bathrobe. Bok stood next to me and prepared various sushi items, and I attempted to imitate him.

Here's the recipe: You start with a little rectangle made of dried seaweed (I asked Bok where the seaweed comes from, thinking he would name some ancient Japanese seaside village, and he said, "a distributor"). Then you pick up a glob of special sticky rice and spread it evenly on the seaweed. At least Bok did. The majority of my rice remained firmly stuck to my hands and started migrating to other parts of my body. I may have to have it removed surgically.

Next, you cut up your ingredients using a lethal-looking, extremely sharp sushi knife that causes professional sushi chefs to become very nervous when it is being wielded by a professional humor columnist. Then you put these ingredients on the rice and execute the secret sushi-rolling technique, which is difficult to describe in English words, as we can see by this actual transcript of Bok explaining it to me: "OK, you go like this, Boom! Then you go, Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The thing was, when Bok went boom, he produced this attractive, appetizing cylinder of sushi. Whereas when I went boom, I produced this mutant food unit leaking random seafood parts. I also had a problem with my sizing: Sushi rolls are supposed to be small, bite-size morsels; mine were more along the lines of seaweed-covered hams. But I kept trying.

Remember the movie "Karate Kid," where the mean bully beats up Ralph Macchio, but then Ralph studies karate under Mr. Miyagi, and then finally, in the big tournament, with everybody watching, Ralph stuns the bully by rolling a reasonably tight cucumber roll? Well, that's what I did. In fact, I may have a knack for it.

So if one day you walk into a Japanese restaurant and you see, standing behind the sushi bar, what appears to be a man-size blob of rice wearing a blue bathrobe belt on its head, feel free to say hi. But keep your distance if I'm holding a knife.

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TALKIN' TEXAS

People flock to Nebraska to see bird's journey north

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

They came in waves. Hundreds of them. Thousands. Half a million.

We were at the Rowe Sanctuary near Kearney, Neb., watching the sandhill cranes come in for a night's stay on the Platte River. It's a shallow stream where cranes have been gathering for centuries. They come here in mid-March and stay about three weeks. It's a stopping point on their way from Texas to their summer breeding grounds in Canada, Alaska and Siberia.

The big birds spend time here to gain weight and rest for the trip north. They feed on waste corn and other grains left from last fall's harvest. Between Grand Island and Kearney, traveling along Interstate 80, you see cranes in the fields — so many of them the ground looked gray.

Sandhill cranes are one of two crane species found in North America. The other is the whooping crane, which also flies north in the spring.

The sandhill crane weighs between eight and 12 pounds, stands 4 feet tall and has a wingspan of six feet. A red crown and orange eyes highlight its gray color. The long black beak can poke a hole in a coyote's skull. They've been around for 9 million years and have a life span of 25 to 30 years. In flight, the sandhill crane glides along at 38 miles an hour and can fly 300 miles in a single day. The sandhill crane is the most abundant of the world's 15 crane species.

Rowe Sanctuary is 1,250 acres of wildlife habitat and agricultural lands. It is the top crane viewing area, attracting more cranes than anywhere else in the world. Conservation organizations, private citizens, local businesses and industries work together to protect and preserve the crane's springtime retreat. Thousands of people go to central Nebraska every spring to see this natural phenomenon.

Paul Tebbel, director of Rowe, took about 30 of us to a blind on the Platte. We were told to be very quiet so we wouldn't disturb the birds. We watched the birds darken the sky as they came in for the night. The Nebraska sunset provided a colorful backdrop, and it was difficult to distinguish the cranes from clouds. The blind put us within 20 feet of the cranes, which presented a cacophony of sight and sound so powerful it made our heads spin. We heard their clucks, chirps, screams and chatter, some sounding like a triple tonguing trumpet. Some of the cranes leaped and danced in the shallow water, fluttering their wings.

We observed the cranes between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. and returned to the blind at 6 a.m. the next day. More cranes had come in overnight. Soon they spread their wings and exploded into flight, on their way to spend a day dining in the fields.

Jim Cooper/AP

UNUSUAL HYBRID Orthodox Jewish reggae star Matisyahu is photographed in the Crown Heights neighborhood of the Brooklyn borough of New York April 15.

Hasidic reggae star proving to be more than just novelty

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the insular, Orthodox Jewish neighborhood of Crown Heights in Brooklyn, members of the Hasidic religious group rarely mingle with outsiders.

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So it's understandable that a young Hasidic woman grows alarmed when she happens by an unusual scene — a solemn Hasidic man being photographed by a secular group of people. But the woman breaks out into a smile when she learns the name of the man before the camera.

"Oh, Matisyahu," she says. "Everybody knows who he is."

Well, not yet. But the Hasidic reggae star — yes, reggae star — is gaining fans, respect and attention for his unusual hybrid of music and religion.

At a recent sold-out concert at a New York City club, Matisyahu emerged on the stage sporting a long beard, glasses and the black pants, white shirt and yarmulke worn by male Hasids. Standing against a backdrop that featured the star of David, he looked more rabbi than reggae artist.

But as his band began to play intoxicating rhythms, Matisyahu began to groove with the beat, singing and chanting in a Caribbean lilt so convincing one might think he was island-born. Halfway through the first song, the crowd — which included Jewish kids, Birkenstock-type music fanatics and black faces — was jumping up and down to the beat with Matisyahu, who held his hand to his head so his yarmulke wouldn't fall off.

"There is a lot of very good in the music in the music business, and there is a lot of very bad, and it is very rare to find something truly great and extraordinary. We have found that in Matisyahu," says Larry Miller, founder of Or Music, which released Matisyahu's "Live at Stubb's" album last Tuesday with jdub records, which originally signed the singer. (Matisyahu's first album, "Shake Off the Dust ... Arise," was released last year.)

Extraordinary may be the best way to describe how Matthew Miller transformed into Matisyahu (Hebrew for Matthew).

Though Miller was Jewish, he was not born into the ultraconservative Jewish branch of Hasidism. Growing up in the New York City suburb of White Plains, Miller resisted any specific religious doctrine.

By the time he was a teen, he was a slacking off in school and squabbling with his parents. At age 17, he left home to follow jambands like Phish and search for a purpose in life. Even then, however, he says he knew there was a spiritual being that guided him: "I would always feel that God was with me."

Eventually, he finished his high school studies at a wilderness school in Oregon for troubled teens, returned to New York and studied arts at the New School University. It was around that time he also became entranced with the music of reggae stars like Capelton, Sizzla and Buju Banton.

"That's what really inspired me the most, the message and the method that I connected to," says Matisyahu, 25. "The message was like some kind of connecting to your roots, going against the mainstream flow, searching for truth, believing in God and the unity of the world and the universe, and just a certain strength, a certain passion and a certain fire."

He began playing in bands and

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Her second chance at life has taken her to 22 countries: Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Italy, France, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, Peru, Chili, Argentina, Bolivia, China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia.

Little lives cheaply in hostels and bungalows and works to earn her living wherever she goes. She favors Indonesia for its natural beauty and said the people of Peru are the nicest you'll meet in the world.

Now 23, as most anyone with a second lease on life will do, she has made a list of things she wants to do before she dies, and she has already accomplished what had been tops on that list.

"By the time I turned 21, I wanted to have visited the three Indian sites of the Aztecs, the Mayans and the Incas," Little said.

Little crossed that not-so-little feat off her list when she was 20. But there were other items still to do.

"I wanted to go scuba diving with the sea lions in the Galapagos Islands, I did that; I wanted to take a meditation class in India for a month, I did that," she said proudly.

A goal still left: to visit the sites that house all the world's most famous mummies. It's unknown if that will come before, after or during her studies to achieve a degree in funerary archaeology from Sheffield University in England. That degree, though, will have to wait; she starts studying for a master's in hospitality and management at the University of Houston next.

Her work toward a master's in that field is not just because of her desire to one day open a hotel that caters to seniors, but also to learn even more.

"Different cultures like to be treated different ways," Little said "And one of the reasons I went on all my trips is to see how people like to be treated when they travel. Asian people like to have little slippers in their rooms when they travel. Japanese like tubs; Koreans like holes in the ground, not really a shower stall, but just places where the water runs into a hole in the ground."

Photo courtesy Eve Little

ANCHORS AWEIGH Eve Little smiles for the camera during a diving expedition to the Galapagos Islands.

Those differences even extend to toilets where in the West toilets are first class compared to those in, say, Asia, she said.

Little said she sees too many attempts by other cultures around the world to become like the West.

"I was sitting in the Amazon rain forest in Peru, and there were macaws sitting and monkeys running around, and all of a sudden, I hear Eminem singing 'Slim Shady.' One of the hotel workers had brought his stereo. In China, I saw little girls there singing Britney Spears' 'Oops, I Did It Again.'"

In Asia, Little said there are "two Starbucks on ever corner, Burger Kings everywhere.

"Everywhere I travel, everyone likes to be like us. It's like in high school, everyone hates the most popular girl, but everyone wants to be like her."

Little, in fact, wrote a paper while at Texas A&M on people losing their cultural identities because of the desire to be westernized.

That she is even able to debate such topics is a miracle itself.

"When I was 14, 15 years old, I started having benign seizures. I would be talking and then just start staring. I'd crinkle whatever I was holding in my hand. People thought it was just me being goofy until I was 16 when I crashed my car into six teachers' cars. Then people avoided me. I kept getting sicker and sicker.

"No doctor could figure out what was wrong. It hurt so badly. For my freshman year in college, all my friends were going off to Tech or to A&M, and I stayed at Midland College, but I fell in love with those professors and teachers."

So given all she was put through, how is it that she emerged with such a lust for life?

"I attribute it to learning," she said. "I think a lot of it comes from my mom and dad. My mother is a Hispanic Catholic, my dad is an American Protestant. I am 100 percent Texan. When I was growing up I kept noticing the differences between them. And it got me interested in the different cultures."

It should come as no surprise that Little's learning process and world travel experiences are not over. There's at least one immediate trip she has on her short-term to-do list:

"Next summer, me and my girlfriends who went to China with me, we're going to fly into Egypt and then hike back down the eastern coast of Africa. Through Somalia, Kenya, into South Africa."

VELVET

(From 1B)

What might please him almost as much is Velvet Revolver's success in connecting with two distinct constituencies: Young rock fans, who helped push the band's 2004 debut CD, "Contraband," to No. 1, and older Grammy voters, who honored the group for best hard-rock performance.

The band's lead guitarist, Slash, knows a thing or two about druggy decadence from his years with Guns N' Roses, which sold more than 20 million albums before falling apart a decade ago. But he also sees something pretty normal in Velvet Revolver's success.

"We all get along," he said — no small feat for musicians whose history reads like a textbook in dysfunction.

The magic of Velvet Revolver, according to Slash, is five guys with similar goals and musical tastes, and a creative connection: "When it comes to writing or recording or performing, it's pretty seamless. We don't discuss that much about it. We just fall in line and pretty much have it."

CHEMISTRY 'CLICKED IMMEDIATELY'

After getting fired by mercurial GNR frontman Axl Rose and trying various projects for a few years, Slash and drummer Matt Sorum started jamming in 2002 with bassist Duff McKagan, who had quit GNR and gone to college to study finance. Adding guitarist Dave Kushner (from Dave Navarro's band), they started auditioning for a singer.

The players listened to more than 200 tapes over nearly 11 months before STP imploded and Weiland became available.

"I'd never seen Stone Temple Pilots," Slash said. "I'd never met Scott. I only knew his voice from the radio. And that was the first guy I thought of when the band first started."

McKagan, whose girlfriend knew Weiland's wife, invited him to audition. The singer, who said he was "about to back out of rock completely," and the musicians clicked immediately.

Velvet Revolver's "Contraband" debuted at No. 1 and has sold more than 3 million copies worldwide.

"The biggest surprise hasn't been all the critical acclaim, not the amount of records we've sold, not the awards we've been garnished with, not all the accoutrements," Weiland said. "The fan base — our audience is mostly 16- to 25-year-olds — is the biggest surprise."

He attributes the quintet's quick success to its Grammy-winning hit "Slither" being "the perfect marriage" between GNR and STP. But he's proud of the album, as well.

"The album as a whole is a vicious, streamlined, real rock 'n' roll record with lots of singles on it," he said. "We're getting ready to put out the fourth single. A lot of bands nowadays put out one hit single and then they're done. We won't be done touring 'til the end of summer."

For Slash, the Grammy recognition was sweet — especially considering that GNR never got one. (STP did.)

"When we actually got the award, I was in the parking lot of the hotel, so I didn't have that 'it hit you like a ton of bricks' effect," he said. "The initial call that we got nominated for three Grammys was more overwhelming. No one expected that."

Even more important, Slash said, was Grammy officials tapping Velvet Revolver to be the backup band for an all-star rendition of the Beatles' "Across the Universe," featuring Weiland with U2's Bono, Stevie Wonder, Brian Wilson, Norah Jones, Alicia Keys, Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong, Tim McGraw and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler.

"That was memorable," Weiland said in an understatement.

STAYING CLEAN BY STAYING HAPPY

Weiland's first gig with his new band was at a June 2003 press conference to announce the group. Velvet Revolver performed one new song plus some covers and a couple of GNR and STP numbers.

Just a month before, the singer had been busted for possession of heroin and cocaine and sentenced to three years' probation. Then in October 2003, he was arrested and charged with DUI and ordered to go to detox and then a group home for six months. In fact, during last year's tour, he had to fly back to Los Angeles once a week to spend a night in the group home.

Weiland, 37, says he focuses on being clean and sober by trying to stay happy.

"It's been two years since I put a rig in my arm," he said, "and a year and a half since I've been clean. The incentive for being clean is just being happy and liking my life a hell of a lot more than I liked it in the past. I was just ... miserable ... for so many years.

"Being in control of every aspect — musically, financially, emotionally, just in every way — that's my incentive to never go back to that style of living. After having so much time away from it, there's nothing enticing about it anymore."

Weiland is doing so well that his three-year probation will be over in a couple of months — "a year and a half early for good behavior," he boasted, "for being a nice boy."

He talks slowly and haltingly, as if he's spaced out, or just measuring his words. His publicist warned that Weiland gives long-winded but thoughtful answers. By contrast, Slash, calling three hours later, talks fast, with more animation and the kind of energy that reflects the band's music.

A former heroin addict, Slash confirms that Weiland has been on his best behavior.

"We don't help him do anything; he does it on his own," he said. "He's doing great."

Pointing out that he and two other Velvets had cleaned up their acts, Slash said, "We just rallied around Scott, and he made up his own mind what he wanted to do.

"I was 37 when I stopped screwing around with real heavy stuff. He's 39 now. I had these moments where I'd fall into the abyss and come back up, and it just got boring. It becomes so self-destructive."

After having to deal with Axl Rose — who has been working on a new GNR album for more than 10 years — Slash was willing to put up with Weiland.

What's the difference?

"One guy Weiland wants to work and go onstage, and one person doesn't want to do anything," the guitarist said. "There's really no similarities except that they're both great frontmen."

The chameleonlike Weiland feels that Velvet Revolver is a different experience for him.

"With STP, we played together so long it got to the point where you could anticipate what every individual was going to do at every time. It was like telepathy, which is kind of a nice thing," Weiland said. "With Velvet Revolver, it's explosive; it's very sexual; it's pure rock 'n' roll for what rock 'n' roll is supposed to be."

Sounds like a reality that could keep Weiland happy.

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It's a good time… gamer.

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"Jade Empire"
Rated M (mature)
Genre: role playing
for Xbox from Microsoft Software
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★★★½

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FOR GAMERS ONLY

'Jade Empire' for Xbox nearly a flawless jewel

By Marc Saltzman
Gannett News Service

It's a good time to be an Xbox gamer.

Canada's BioWare, continuing a recent spate of excellent titles, gives the Microsoft Xbox console another winner with the role-playing game "Jade Empire."

"Jade Empire"
Rated M (mature)
Genre: role playing
for Xbox from Microsoft Software
$44.95 list price

★★★½

This ambitious title is not only one of the best games of 2005, but also ranks as one of the finest Xbox games to date.

Published by Microsoft Game Studios, "Jade Empire" takes place in a mythical China where magic, wicked demons and flying contraptions abound.

At the start of the adventure, you choose from one of six characters, each of which has special traits and skills. For example, Tiger Shen is strong, but Furious Ming is fast. Each character also has special magic skills and weapons preferences. You can upgrade your character's abilities in three areas — body, mind and spirit — throughout the game. Improving your character's spirit can be especially helpful because it's tied to his or her Chi, an important, but limited, resource used to heal your character during battle or to unleash a power strike on an enemy.

The story, which is fleshed out well with dozens of interesting characters, intertwining plots and tens of thousands of lines of dialogue, revolves around your character as a 20-year-old orphan and student at the Twin Rivers training academy. When a ruthless army attacks the academy, most of your character's peers are killed and your character's mentor, Master Li, is kidnapped.

Your character must find out who is responsible for the attack and kidnapping, while unraveling your character's mysterious past and ancestry.

As in most role-playing games, you lead your character and other non-player characters to explore dangerous lands, use all kinds of swords and sorcery to defeat enemies, accomplish primary and secondary missions, open treasure chests and barrels to find coins (used to buy new equipment) and "level up" to grow stronger in various areas.

"Jade Empire" picks up its pace about three hours into play — during chapter 2 — as you begin to make your way to Imperial City. The game spans seven lengthy chapters.

"Jade Empire" emphasizes martial arts fighting with real-time combat that includes all kinds of strikes, blocks and wild acrobatic moves.

Depending on the foes your character faces, you'll frequently need to change his or her fighting style. For instance, your character can take down cave-dwelling ogres with a staff, sword or a few well-timed kicks, but undead spirits are invulnerable to such attacks so using magic is necessary to win skirmishes with them.

Like BioWare's last game, 2003's "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic," and Microsoft Game Studios' 2004 RPG, "Fable," you make decisions throughout the game that shape your character into a benevolent hero or a nasty and selfish warrior. Special abilities become available depending on whether you choose "The Way of the Open Palm" (good) or "The Way of the Closed Fist" (evil).

Despite the game's epic story and serious fighting sequences, the developers have added some levity such as a farmer who begs you to find his beloved "Fen the Flower," who was taken by bandits. As it turns out, "Fen" is his prized ox, which pulls his plow. The farmer's wife, who also was kidnapped, gives him an earful when she finds out her husband was more concerned about the ox than about her.

Some of this silliness, however, seems out of place and can ruin the suspension of disbelief, such as a minigame in which our character must command an aircraft and shoot down enemy flyers. The camera switches to a top-down view that resembles the 1980s arcade game "1942."

"Jade Empire" is gorgeous thanks to its high-resolution graphics, smooth animation, rich colors and realistic lighting. Dramatic touches, such as slow motion fighting sequences and plenty of cut scenes, help contribute to the game's cinematic flare.

Overall "Jade Empire" is a gripping and intense single-player magnum opus. Its rich story, memorable characters and clever combat system make this title a must-have for your Xbox collection.

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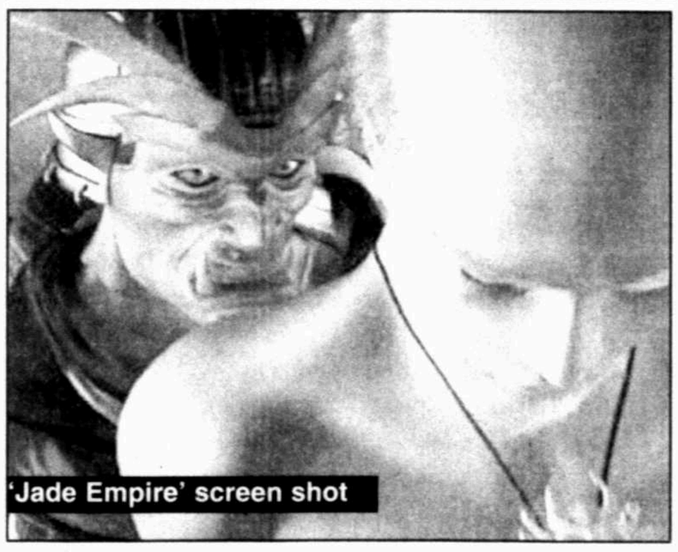
'Jade Empire' screen shot

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making demos. But he also became entranced with Judaism, specifically the Chabad-Lubavitch branch of Hasidism. Eventually, he abandoned the secular lifestyle and became a member, and studied for two years in a yeshiva. At that time, he stopped listening to music, concentrated on his studies and got married. But after he finished his studies, the desire to perform music, specifically reggae, remained.

Still, he had hurdles before he could embark on a singing career — specifically, his religious advisers, who were bewildered by his plans.

"The rabbis at first were like, 'You're in yeshiva — why would you want to go to these clubs and go to these bars and go back to this lifestyle that you used to be a part of?'" he remembers them saying.

But a performance before a group of young Hasidic boys at a community center won his rabbis over.

"I closed my eyes and sang the song, and afterwards I looked up, the two rabbis from the yeshiva were right next to me, and I looked up at them and they like had huge smiles," he says. "Ever since then, they got it, and the whole community is totally supportive."

He's since gained plenty of attention for his late-night TV performances on shows like "Jimmy Kimmel Live," and even reggae aficionados have given him the seal of authenticity — he's the only white act slated to perform at an annual reggae event this summer on New York's Randalls Island.

"His style, you can't put it into a single category. He falls into like three different categories," says Joel Chin, the director of A&R at VP Records, which has made reggae stars out of artists like Sean Paul and Beenie Man.

"I would love to hear some more stuff from him to hear how diverse he can be."

Besides his unique delivery — which combines hip-hop beatboxing and reggae chanting and singing — Matisyahu's music references spirituality and Judaism heavily. One of his song titles is "Tzama L'cha Nafshi (Psalm 63:2-3)."

But Miller says he's not trying to convert anyone — he just wants people to feel the same spiritual high that his religion, and his music, has given him.

"I'm just trying to put my music out there, and at the end of the day, I hope people take away from it what I took away from music growing up, that it gave me a sense of strength and hope and peace, and stability and inspiration."

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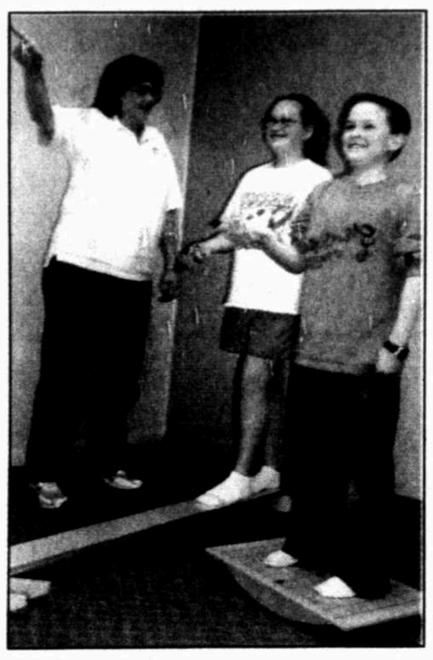

In Balance's Missy Dwyer helps Elizabeth and Toby with a session on the Belgau Balance Beam. In Balance's program helps with dyslexia, reading difficulties, ADD and many other problems.

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While the process itself is important, the personal touch from Missy Dwyer is the active ingredient. "I feel this is my calling," says the 17-year teaching veteran. After growing up with a reading comprehension disorder and seeing many of her students struggle in various ways, Missy heard about this program and spent many hours researching Dr. Belgau's system. She went to classes to learn how to perform the procedure, based around the Belgau program, and then opened In Balance Learning Center about a year ago.

The results have been very exciting, to say the least.

"I get such a thrill when the parents tell me what a radical change they've seen," she relates.

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A parent named Cristy wrote, "…I feel that he (her son) is alive for the first time in a long time. He is reading like crazy, his manners are back, he is happy, back to wanting to go to school, and he is just overall GREAT!" She further stated, "I was soooo unbelieving of the program, and it may have just been because so many others failed. But…with your care and devotion to his success, you brought my son back to me!"

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There is virtually no age limit—clients range in age from three to 70. This program helps victims of brain injury such as stroke, it helps athletic performance, reading, handwriting, autism, visual acuity and many other conditions. Missy has yet to see anyone who this program doesn't help.

Call her today to learn more about how she can help you or your child.

In Balance Learning Center is located at 1909 West Wall, Suite D. The phone number is 685-3556.

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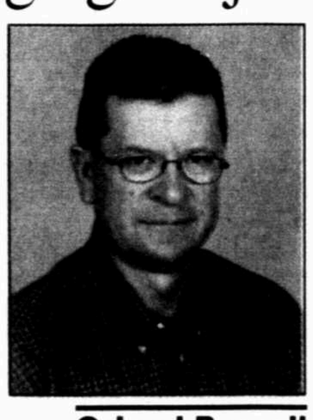
Audio Acoustics

Myths about aging are just that—myths

A recent article in the magazine *Advance for Audiologists* written by Heather Shenk, AuD and Jess Dancer, EdD, listed 10 myths of aging, and what the facts really are for each situation. Because at Audio Acoustics we work with lots of senior citizens each day, and enjoy our work greatly, I wanted to share some of the myths and how we work with our elderly clients in these areas.



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This time, we'll list the first five myths and in our next article we'll deal with the other five.

Myth 1: Elderly adults are incapable of learning new information. "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

Fact: Nothing could be further from the truth. Older adults can learn plenty of new things, including how to use a computer. Those who regularly practice their learning skills maintain their learning efficiency over time.

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Myth 2: Elderly adults are angry or irritated.

Fact: Shenk and Dancer quote a recent study reporting that about half of a sample of older adults stated they were either as happy as or happier than they had been at younger ages.

The answer to this one is much like that of number four. If hearing loss is part of what's creating a challenge, we can usually help with that. Besides, everyone is irritated at some time, and we take that into account if someone comes in while they're having a bad day.

Myth 3: Elderly adults are depressed.

Fact: Shenk and Dancer point out that depression is not a normal part of aging, nor does it occur more often in seniors than in younger groups. While it is true that depression occurs twice as often in adults with hearing loss as in those with normal hearing, the good news is that we can usually remedy that situation. That's why we're here!

We do our best to show our senior patients the satisfaction hearing aids bring—how hearing aids can re-connect patients with a part of the world from which they've felt cut off. We can celebrate with them in their successes.

Myth 4: Elderly adults live in nursing homes.

Fact: Elderly adults are in good health and usually live in their own or with family rather than in nursing homes. Shenk and Dancer note that just five percent of those over 65 live in long-term care institutions at any point in time.

For someone with hearing loss, a hearing aid makes living on their own a safer proposition, helping them hear the smoke alarm, telephone and other important sounds. We like to stress that healthy eating, regular exercise, mental activity and a strong social life are the keys to maintaining good health.

Myth 5: Elderly adults are crabby, cantankerous, grouchy and rigid.

Fact: Unlike many other things, personality is usually a lifelong constant. If they're grouchy now, they were probably grouchy years ago. Fortunately, most of us maintain an optimistic attitude throughout life.

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Christine D. deSocarraz, M.D.

Bone densitometer measures fracture risk

If you are a woman who is 65 or older, you are more at risk of a hip fracture than for stroke, breast cancer or diabetes. Plus, your risk of an osteoporotic fracture is greater than your risk of breast, ovarian and uterine cancer combined.

Hip fracture is actually the second most common osteoporotic fracture. The most common type is a vertebral or compression fracture.

Osteoporosis is a skeletal disorder characterized by low bone mass that can lead to fractures. Women lose more bone than men and develop lower bone mass than men. Women start losing bone mass as early as their late 20s.

Some of the risk factors for osteoporosis include heredity, menopause, advanced age, smoking, sedentary lifestyle, low calcium and vitamin D intake and being Caucasian or Asian.

To diagnose possible osteoporosis, we use a bone densitometer, which we have in our office. This device measures the density of the bone in the hip and the lower back. This is a painless x-ray that takes less than 30 minutes to perform.

If osteoporosis is diagnosed, it is treated with calcium and vitamin D supplements along with weight-bearing exercise. Medications are also often helpful. They include Evista, Actonel, Fosamax Miacalcin and hormones.

With proper diagnosis, osteoporosis can be treated in most cases.

Christine D. deSocarraz, M. D. is a primary care physician. Her office is located at 2501 W. Illinois, Suite D. The phone number is 620-9919.

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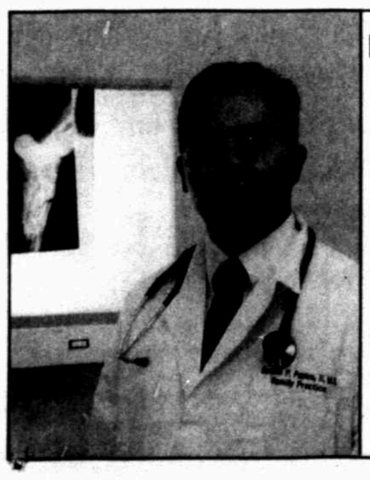

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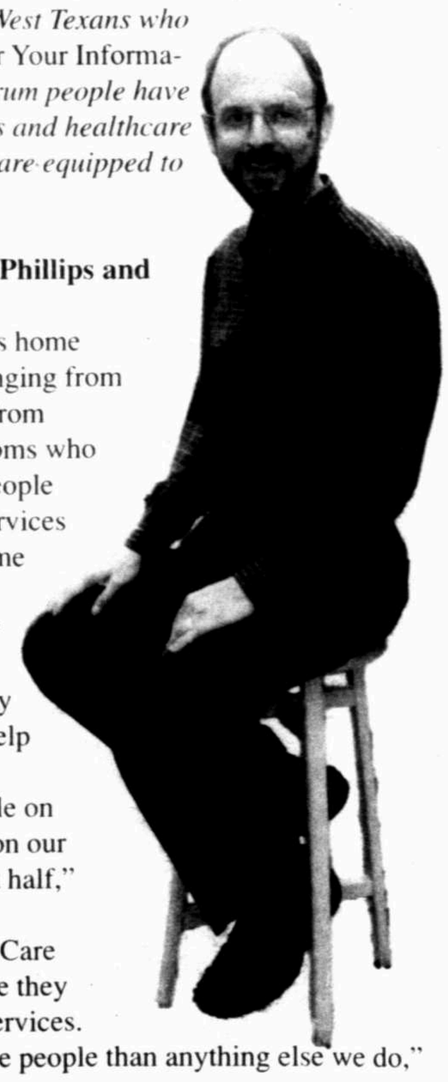

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Ram wins Racquet Club singles title

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Sunday's championship match of the fourth annual Racquet Club Invitational looked as if the momentum had shifted at the end of the second set, as Robert Yim had broken the serve of Rajeev Ram to even the match at one set apiece, forcing a decisive third set.

Anybody who'd paid attention to Saturday's action could confirm that the championship match was about to take a dramatic turn. And despite appearances, it was only natural that it would turn in Ram's direction.

Ram didn't lose another game after dropping the second set, as he stormed back to sweep the third set and defeat Yim 7-6, 3-6, 6-0 to win the championship at The Racquet Club. It was typical of the weekend for Ram, who also won a grueling three-setter on Saturday and won a tiebreaker game in each of his last three matches.

It seemed as if the tougher things got for Ram in the tournament, the better he responded, and he saved his best for last against the left-hander Yim.

"Robert's a tough guy to play against," Ram said. "He can put you on the defensive real quickly."

That was the position Ram seemed to find himself in after the second set. Yim broke Ram's serve to go up 3-2 in the second set, then scored a second break to claim the set, setting up a potentially compelling final set.

Ram felt that the break between sets gave him a chance to regroup.

"I was hanging my head a little in the second set," Ram said. "I had to pick it up in the third set just to save face."

Yim had the first service game of the third set, which was a perfect opportunity for him to take the momentum of the match and run away with it. And that happened — only Ram took the momentum by breaking Yim and never looked back.

"There was that break between the second and third sets and I lost my rhythm," Yim said. "My serving percentage in spots wasn't very good."

It was clinched that Ram had taken over the match when he broke Yim again to go up 3-0. In what would turn out to be Yim's final service game, Ram won all four points in the game for a 5-0 lead, then he easily held serve to clinch the match in anticlimactic fashion.

When Ram's serve was on he was especially effective, as evidenced in Saturday's semifinal win over Travis Rettenmaier, when he won his final service game by scoring all four points on aces. Ram was a little more hit-and-miss serving against Yim.

"At times it was where I wanted it to be in the tiebreaker and the third set," Ram said.

The first set was serving dominated, as Ram and Yim both scored a break apiece, forcing a tiebreaker with a 6-6

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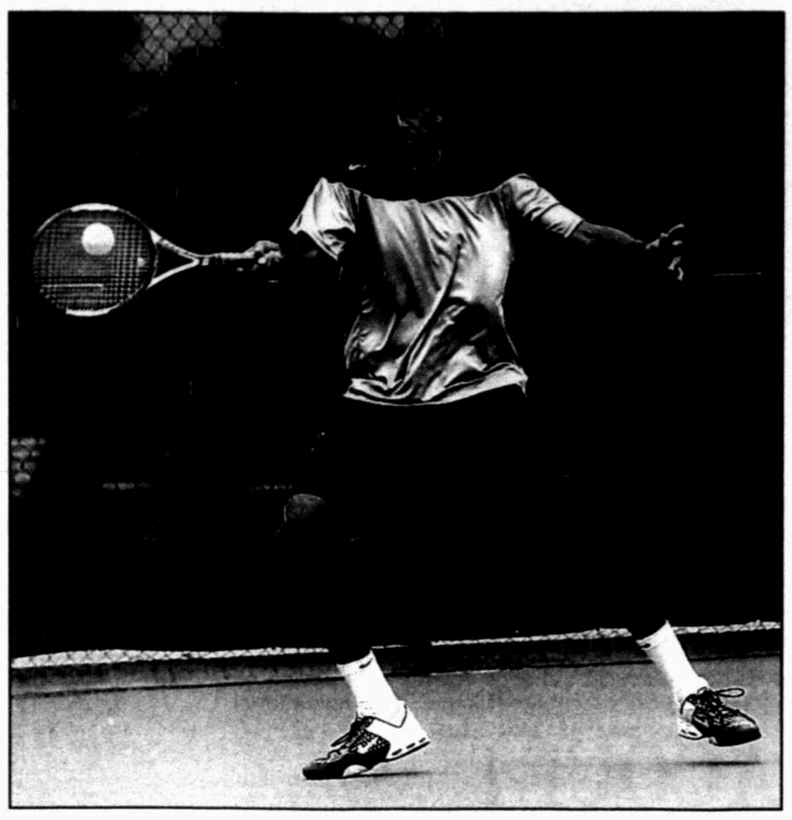

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FOREHAND Rajeev Ram returns a shot against Robert Yim on Sunday during the finals of the Racquet Club Invitational.

Region I-5A Golf Tournament

Driving for State

Midland High's Sikes seeks a place in Austin

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

There's an old adage that goes: "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades." Everything else means nothing.

That's especially true for Midland High junior golfer Tommy Sikes.

Sikes finished third in last year's Region I-5A Golf Tournament in Lubbock, one stroke away from going to the state tournament. But Sikes wasn't happy with making it to regionals as a sophomore and winning third place. He wanted to go to Austin.

Sikes used last year's disappointment to dominate all of District 3-5A and will get his opportunity to play for that trip to state beginning today at Texas Tech's Rawls Course in Lubbock. Sikes, along with the Lee boys golf team, make their second consecutive trip to the regional tournament. The 36-hole tournament will conclude Tuesday with the girls playing Wednesday and Thursday.

The top two teams and top two individuals not on those teams will advance to the state tournament.

"Yeah, there's a lot of motivation," Sikes said. "I just practiced my hardest to get to state this year. I was a lot more determined after missing state by one shot. My goal is to get to state. Finish in the top two at regionals."

Sikes beat Odessa Permian's Mark Jones by four strokes in the four-round district tournament. Jones will be going to regionals as an individual medalist as well, as the Rebels and San Angelo Central were the top two teams in 3-5A.

"This year was a lot easier because I was more experienced at being in contention," Sikes said. "Last year I was in contention a couple of times but this year was a lot easier to finish than last year was."

His dominance this year has led Sikes to being the leader of the golf team although there are two seniors (Chase Sammons and Kale

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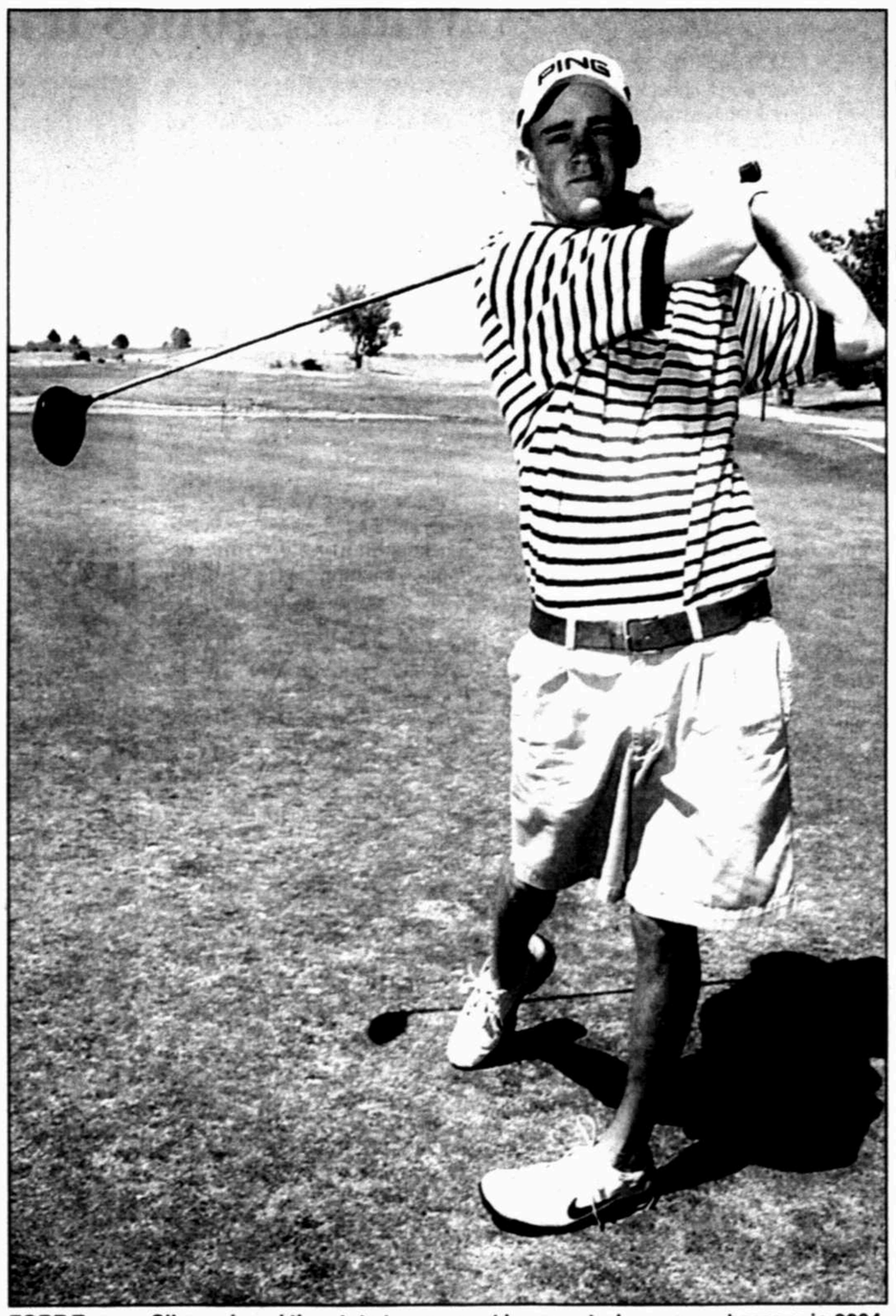

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FORE Tommy Sikes missed the state tournament by one stroke as a sophomore in 2004. Today and Tuesday he has another opportunity to advance to Austin at the Region I-5A Golf Tournament at the Rawls Course in Lubbock.

States consider steroid testing at high schools

By Brent Kallestad
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — As professional athletes like Jason Giambi and Jose Canseco admit using steroids, state lawmakers around the country are looking for ways to dissuade high school students from following the examples of their bulging heroes.

"You begin to worry about how widespread the problem is at the professional level," said John Stewart, commissioner of the Florida High School Athletic Association. "You know that there has to be a trickle-down effect when it comes to that and that would be to the colleges and high schools."

Steroid use more than doubled among high school students from 1991 to 2003, with more than 6 percent of 15,000 students questioned by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2003 acknowledging they tried steroid pills or shots at least once.

Florida lawmakers are considering a bill that could create the nation's first statewide steroid testing program for high school athletes. Minnesota, Michigan and Texas are among the states where lawmakers also are considering new laws and policies.

"Young people do not comprehend the consequences of steroid use on their health," said the Florida House sponsor, state Rep. Marcelo Llorente, a former high school and college baseball player. Steroid use has been linked to severe acne, stunted growth, withered testicles, stroke and cancer.

Llorente's bill and a similar Senate measure would create a pilot program to test students in a sport to be selected in the 2006-07 school year by the state's governing body for prep sports. The bill would also require high schools to adopt anti-steroid policies.

Less than 4 percent of the nation's high schools test students for steroids, according to a 2003 survey of athletic directors by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Texas lawmakers are calling for random steroid tests for public high school athletes during playoffs.

"The objective is to make sure every kid playing sports knows there is a high probability they'll be tested and if tested (positive) they will not play," said the sponsor, state Rep. Phil King.

Texas law prohibits the use of anabolic steroids without supervision by a doctor. The high school governing body in Texas does not ban steroids or dole out punishment, leaving that to the individual school districts.

Nine students at a high school in suburban Fort Worth, Texas, admitted using muscle building drugs in spring 2004, making it one of the largest cases of confirmed steroid use at a U.S. high school. They weren't disciplined because none of the violations occurred on school property.

In Michigan, House Republicans want schools

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Spurs falter late, lose playoff opener

By T.A. Badger
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A fourth quarter that started with so much promise for the San Antonio Spurs turned into an exercise in futility. After making their first three shots, the Spurs missed their next 17.

The Denver Nuggets didn't shoot much better down the stretch but frustrated San Antonio by playing physical defense while rallying for a 93-87 victory Sunday.

"We're not a great defensive team for 48 minutes most nights," Denver coach George Karl said. "But we have learned somehow this year to play defense in the fourth quarter."

A 14-footer by Glenn Robinson with 10:20 left gave the Spurs an 81-76 lead in the opening game of the first-round playoff series. But after that, San Antonio's drought lasted until Robert Horry made a 3-pointer with 9 seconds left. The Spurs went 4-for-21 in the fourth, while the Nuggets were 6-for-19.

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"We had some great looks," said Tim Duncan, who went 0-for-7 in the fourth quarter, all the shots coming from 8 feet or closer. "There were a lot of shots around the basket that I should have made."

Despite the offensive troubles, the Spurs stayed ahead until Earl Boykins made a high-arching jumper over 6-foot-10 Nazr Mohammed

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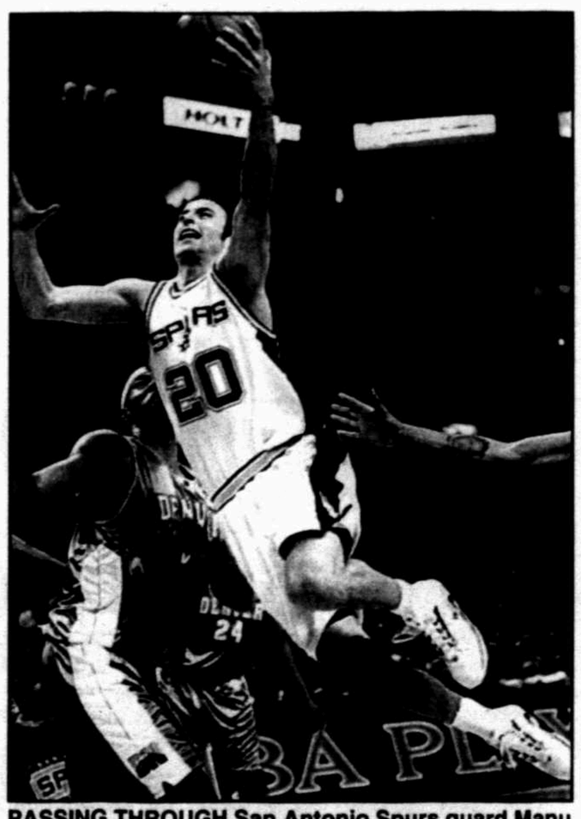

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PASSING THROUGH San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, right, drives to the basket past Denver Nuggets forward Kenyon Martin during the first quarter of their first-round playoff game in San Antonio on Sunday.

Singh beats Daly in playoff

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUMBLE — Vijay Singh waited patiently for a break in the final round of the Shell Houston Open. John Daly finally gave him a big one on the first extra hole.

Taking advantage of Daly's playoff drive that skipped into the water, Singh overcome putting problems and a long birdie drought to win the tournament for the second straight year and third time in four years.

"I'm really pleased with the way I hung in there and never gave up," Singh said. "Fortunately for me nobody came out of the pack except for John and kind of made a run at it. It was a good way to finish."

Daly, who birdied the final two holes for a 5-under 67 to match Singh at 13-under 275, sent his drive on the first extra hole, the par-4 18th, into the water. Then, after a drop, Daly sent his third over the green.

"I'm proud of myself for coming back like that and hitting some shots when I needed to," Daly said. "I wished I could have done better in the playoff."

Singh, who had only two birdies in his closing 70, calmly made a par for his 26th PGA Tour victory and second of the year.

The 42-year-old Fijian earned $900,000 to pass Tiger Woods for second place on the money list with $3,836,413, just $6,043 behind leader Phil Mickelson. Singh also pushed his career total to $40.5 million, second only to Woods.

Jose Maria Olazabal (70) finished third at 11 under, and Darren Clarke (67) and Greg Owen (72) tied for fourth at 10 under.

Joe Oglivie (71) was next at 9 under, followed by six players at 8 under, including third-round co-leader Gavin Coles (75) and Jeff Maggert (71), who has finished second at this event three times.

Singh, recently elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame, couldn't slam the door on Daly in regulation when his birdie attempt at 18 rolled just past the cup after a brilliant approach from the far right side to 8 feet of the flag.

"I obviously thought Vijay would hit it in on 18," Daly said. "You don't ever want anybody to miss a putt, but it was nice to get in a playoff to have another chance to win."

Singh, who began the round tied with Coles for the lead at 11 under, had only two birdies in the final round — at the 14th and 15th holes.

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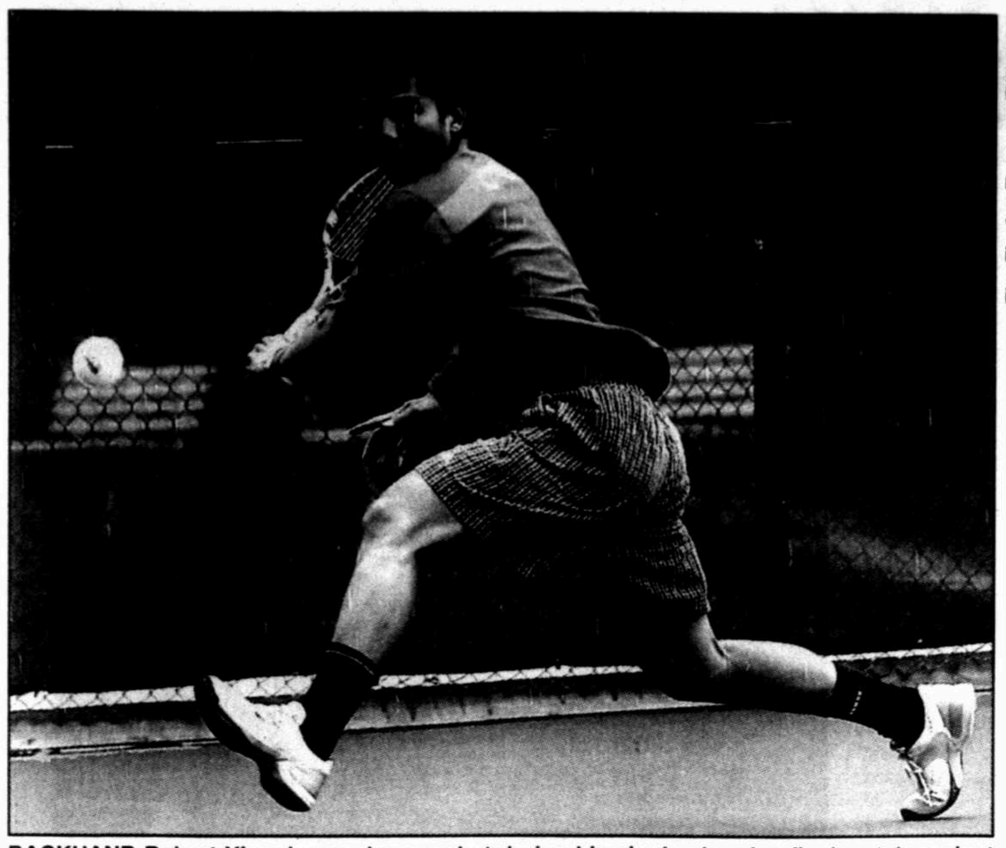

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

BACKHAND Robert Yim chases down a shot during his singles bracket final match against Rajeev Ram on Sunday at the Racquet Club Invitational.

RockHounds derailed in 11th

From staff reports

SAN ANTONIO — Ismael Castro hit a single to right field to score Jaime Bubela from second base in the 11th inning to lead San Antonio to a 7-6 victory over the Midland RockHounds on Sunday.

Midland came back from a 5-0 deficit with five runs in the seventh to force extra innings.

After San Antonio got a run in the second, Jesus Guzman gave the Missions a 3-0 lead with a two-run triple to center field in the fourth inning.

The Missions added another run in the fifth on a squeeze play bunt single by Castro and took a 5-0 lead in the sixth on a Bubela solo home run.

The RockHounds roared back in the seventh as Jason Perry led off the inning with a solo homer to right field. Later in the frame, Andrew Beattie had an RBI single, Omar Quintanilla had an RBI grounder and Brant Colamarino had a two-run single up the middle to tie the game at 5.

Midland had an opportunity to score in the ninth but left the bases loaded. Midland left 13 runners stranded in the game.

The 'Hounds delivered a run in the 10th as Beattie drove in Lloyd Turner on a single to center.

San Antonio answered in the bottom of the 10th when pinch runner T.J. Bohn scored on a sacrifice fly by Guzman, who had three RBI in the game.

Shawn Kohn (0-1) took the loss in relief. San Antonio's Jeff Harris (3-0) picked up the win.

The two teams meet in the fourth game of their five-game series at 7:05 p.m. today with Midland's Matt Lynch (1-0, 4.70) going against San Antonio's Thomas Oldham (1-1, 2.37).

San Antonio 7, Midland 6 (11 innings)

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	S. Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Stanley cf	2	0	1	0	Btncrt ss	5	0	2	0
Beattie cf	3	0	2	2	Bubela cf	5	2	2	1
Quintnilla ss	5	1	0	1	Espy 1b	6	1	3	0
Colmrino 1b	5	0	2	2	Hoorlbke dh	6	0	1	0
Stavisky dh	4	0	1	0	Nelson lf	5	0	1	0
Perry rf	6	1	2	1	Castro 2b	6	1	3	2
Myers c	4	1	1	1	Rivera c	4	1	2	0
Dickinsn pr	0	0	0	0	Bohn pr	0	1	0	0
Brown c	1	0	0	0	Moon c	0	0	0	0
Turner 3b	4	2	1	0	Harris rf	4	1	1	1
Kiger 2b	5	1	2	0	Guzman 3b	4	0	1	3
Totals	**44**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**	**47**	**7**	**16**	**7**

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San Antonio	010	211	000	11	—7

E — Turner, Kiger; Guzman, Harris. DP — SA 1. LOB — Midland 13, SA 12. 2B — Colamarino; Rivera. 3B — Guzman. HR — Perry; Bubela. SB — Bohn. CS – Betancourt.

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Midland						
Obenchain	4.1	8	4	4	2	4
Landeros	1.2	3	1	1	0	2
Garcia	3.0	2	0	0	1	4
Kohn, L 0-1	1.2	3	2	2	1	1
San Antonio						
Sandoval	5.0	3	0	0	4	3
Done	1.0	3	4	4	1	0
Rall	1.0	3	1	1	0	2
Fruto	2.0	1	0	0	1	0
Harris, W 3-0	2.0	2	1	0	1	2

Done pitched to 4 batters in the 7th.

WP — Obenchain, Rall. HBP — by Kohn (Rivera). T — 4:08. A — 4,289.

Trinity wins TCAL golf crown

From staff reports

HOUSTON — It was a different setting and a different format, but for the Trinity boys golf team it was the same result — a state championship.

Trinity won its second straight state championship Saturday at Atascocita Country Club, as the Chargers shot a 353 and swept the top five individual medalist spots to win the Texas Christian Athletic League state tournament. It was the first TCAL championship for Trinity after making the move from the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools last year, where Trinity won the Class 3A crown.

Trinity won the team championship by a whopping 42 shots over Longview Christian Heritage, although Trinity coach Chris Jauz doesn't think his team played its best.

"We didn't play the way we were capable of playing but we didn't lose either," Jauz said. "It's always nice to win a tournament but we could have played a little better. The course was playing kind of difficult."

Will Christensen took top individual medalist honors with an 85. Brent Bennett was second with an 88, Zane Riggs and Zack Roybal tied for third at 90 and Michael Rasmussen was fifth with a 92.

With Bennett and Christensen both returning from last year's TAPPS state champions, Trinity figured to have a good chance of taking a TCAL title this year.

"We figured we had a really good chance," Jauz said. "Going into it we didn't have any idea of what the competition was like. Golf's still kind of a crazy sport and you don't know how somebody's going to shoot."

Wade, Jones lead Heat to victory

Associated Press

MIAMI — Mindful of Shaquille O'Neal's playoff history, the New Jersey Nets wanted to limit his touches.

And while their plan kept O'Neal's numbers down, Dwyane Wade and Damon Jones took advantage of all the extra open space.

Wade had 32 points and Jones made seven 3-pointers and scored 30 — playoff career-highs for both — as the Heat defeated New Jersey 116-98 Sunday in the opener of their first-round series.

Wade connected on 12 of 18 shots and had eight assists, while Jones was 10-for-12 from the floor — including 7-for-9 from 3-point range — as the Heat set franchise playoff highs in scoring and field-goal percentage (.592).

"I had a conversation with D. Jones and D. Wade and told them if I wasn't 100 percent, I'd need them to give a little extra," said O'Neal, still slowed by a bruised thigh. "They both stepped up and shot the ball well. I didn't have the explosiveness I usually do. I didn't have 'The Diesel' explosiveness. Today I had 'The Firecracker' explosiveness."

O'Neal graded himself "an F" health-wise. He had 17 points and 11 rebounds in 32 minutes, well off his 27.1-point career playoff average and the 36.3-point pace he had against the Nets in the 2002 NBA finals.

"I don't think we'll see Shaq at his absolute best until probably until late in this series or into the next series," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Vince Carter had 27 points and 10 rebounds for New Jersey, which won 15 of its final 19 games to get the East's No. 8 seed but is now 0-4 against Miami this season.

"We knew they could score a lot of points if we didn't defend the 3-point shot and just left them open," Carter said. "He attracts a lot of attention. We just have to do a better job, that's all, of trying to run them off the 3 a little bit."

Jason Kidd added 18 points for the Nets, who have won just one playoff series — a first-rounder against Indiana in 2002 — after dropping a Game 1.

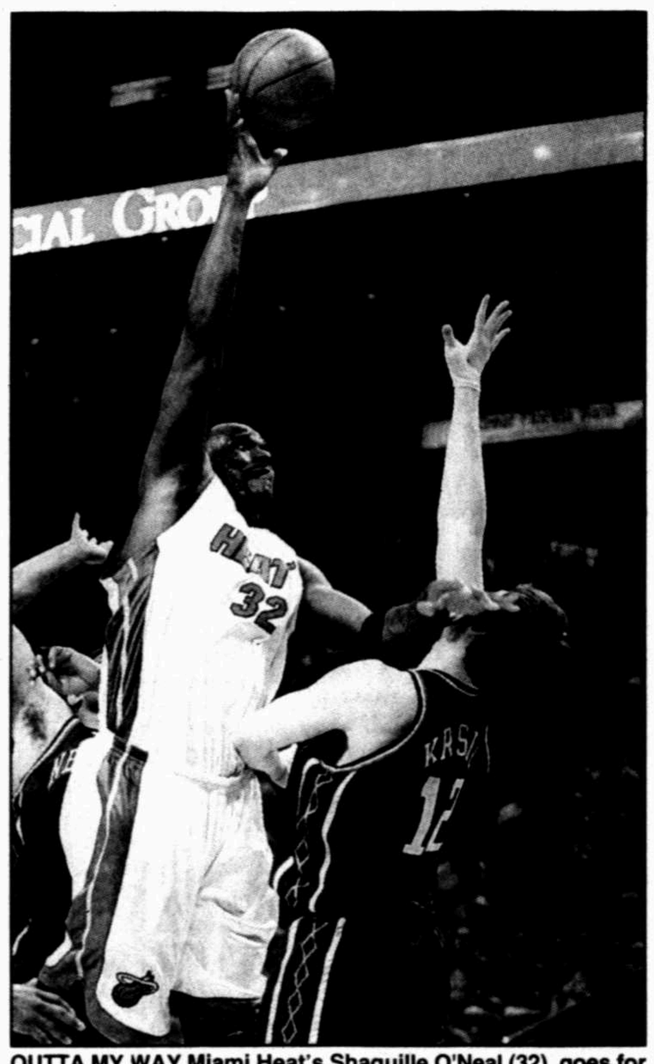
Game 2 is Tuesday night in Miami.

After Jones and Wade made consecutive jumpers to give Miami its largest lead, 20 points, with 7:48 left, Carter's deep 3-pointer with 6:37 left capped a 7-0 run that drew the Nets within 99-86. But O'Neal scored the game's next three points, the sellout crowd exhaled, and the outcome was sealed.

Travis Best, Clifford Robinson and Nenad Krstic each had 11 points for New Jersey. Udonis Haslem had 11 points and 11 rebounds for Miami.

New Jersey forward Richard Jefferson, who missed the final 49 games of the regular season with a ruptured ligament in his left wrist, returned and had nine points on 3-for-7 shooting in 23 minutes.

"I feel fine, surprisingly," Jefferson said. "I didn't have my lateral quickness. It's tough trying to guard an All-NBA player like Dwyane Wade when you don't have that."



Luis Alvarez/AP

OUTTA MY WAY Miami Heat's Shaquille O'Neal (32), goes for the basket as New Jersey Nets' Nenad Krstic (10) defends, during the fourth quarter of game one of the Eastern Conference playoffs at the American Airlines Arena in Miami, Sunday.

■ NBA Roundup

Bulls 103, Wizards 94

CHICAGO — Rookie Ben Gordon scored 12 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter Sunday, lifting the shorthanded Bulls to a 103-94 victory over the Washington Wizards and giving Chicago its first playoff victory since the dynasty days.

Fellow rookie Andres Nocioni also had a huge game, scoring 25 points and grabbing 18 rebounds while playing all 48 minutes.

Gordon scored 10 points as the Bulls opened the fourth quarter with a 13-4 run, then hit a 3 to put Chicago ahead for good, 87-84, with 8:18 to play. Antawn Jamison pulled Washington within 94-92, but Gordon was right there again, scoring on a fast-break layup. The Wizards failed to score in the last 3:21.

The loss spoiled a superb night by Larry Hughes, who scored 24 of his 31 points in the first half on 10-of-12 shooting. But the Wizards got little from the rest of their Big Three. Gilbert Arenas scored nine points — 16 below his average — on 3-of-19 shooting, and Jamison had 14 points.

RACQUET

(From 1C)

tie. Ram grabbed momentum in the tiebreaker, taking a 4-0 lead, then served an ace to close the game and claim the first set.

Yim, meanwhile, wasn't landing his serves quite as effectively as he had in his 6-2, 6-2 semifinal win over William Ward a day earlier.

"I didn't feel good," Yim said. "My shoulder never felt that loose."

On the other hand, destiny seemed to be on Ram's side throughout the tournament. Ram survived three match points in a tiebreaker to beat Tobias Clemens in a three-set quarterfinal, one of two three-set victories Ram needed for the championship, for which he won $5,000.

The competition made the trip to Midland worth it for Ram.

"Obviously winning a tournament is always a good thing but winning some tough matches is the biggest step in the right direction," Ram said.

In the pro-am doubles competition, Gary Madden and Andreas Zingman beat Al Spinks and Matias Marin in a tight three-setter, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.

SIKES

(From 1C)

Branum) on the squad.

"He's the kind of kid that let's his play do his talking," Midland High interim boys golf coach and former MHS principal David Adams said. "The other kids look to him. He was our captain — I don't know if that was official — but he was our No. 1 player, no doubt about it, and everyone always looks to your No. 1."

Adams said he thinks it's been 11 years since Midland High won the district medalist and that Sikes is not just a good golfer, he's a good person.

"He's an exceptional kid, as well as an exceptional golfer," Adams said. "I know that he's made his parents really proud of him, as well as Midland High School, for what he's done. He works very hard on his game, he keeps his grades up and he comes out and works every day on some part of his game. If he's not practicing, he's playing. He's the kind of guy that all coaches want on their team. He's the guy that's dedicated to the game."

Although the regional tournament is in Lubbock again this year, this is the first time it will be played on the Rawls Course. It's Sikes' second time to play the course as he finished second at a tournament there earlier in the year.

"I love the course," Sikes said. "The greens are real difficult to putt, a lot of undulations, but it sets my game up good because I hit it long. It's a real long course. I've just got to putt good."

And if he does, Austin here he comes.

STEROIDS

(From 1C)

to have a policy on steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs in their athletic eligibility requirements.

"Is it a problem right now?" asked state Rep. Daniel Acciavatti, a former high school athlete shepherding the proposal through the Michigan legislature.

"I think we're naive to think that it's not with the competitive nature of sports, especially among the kids who want to go on to the next level."

In Minnesota, anyone selling steroids to minors could face prison sentences of up to 20 years and fines up to $250,000 under legislation being considered.

California lawmakers passed a measure last year that would have required students to pledge not to use performance-enhancing substances, but it was vetoed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a former "Mr. Universe." He said parts of the bill mistakenly focused on dietary supplements and not the more dangerous steroids.

SPURS

(From 1C)

with 1:56 remaining to give Denver an 85-84 lead.

The Nuggets then got a short jumper from Marcus Camby and three free throws from Miller to build a nine-point lead in the final minute.

"There was a lot of energy out there," said Miller, who scored 31 to top his previous playoff high of 21 points. "The fourth quarter, we stepped it up."

Carmelo Anthony had 14 points, Camby 12 and Kenyon Martin 11 for Denver. Camby, who missed the final three games of the regular season with a hamstring strain, also had 12 rebounds.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night in San Antonio.

"The first game is hard and the second one will be harder," said Anthony, whose team finished the regular season with 25 wins in its final 29 games. "The further you go, the tougher it gets."

Manu Ginobili led the Spurs with 23 points, his career playoff high, and Duncan scored 18 with 11 rebounds. Mohammed added 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who led by as many as nine points in the first half, and Tony Parker finished with 12.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lee grad aces in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — Josh Alvarado, a Lee graduate, made a hole-in-one Friday at Shadow Hills Golf Course. Alvarado aced the No. 6 hole from 120 yards using a sand wedge. Witnesses were Cliff Brookshire, Steven Herman and Mason Moses.

2005 Couples Championship

2005 Couples Championship
at Midland Country Club
Sunday

Championship Flight: 1st Gross, Danny and Lacy Gasser, 150; 2nd Gross, Jim and Beth Brimer 151; 1st Net, Tommy Vascocu and Liz Young, 126; 2nd Net, Mike and Marjorie Locker, 135.

President's Flight: 1st Gross, Herschel and Melissa O'Kelley, 151; 2nd Gross, James Garrett and Janet Courtroul, 172; 1st Net, Word and Celia Wilson, 122; 2nd Net, Tom and Karen O'Brien, 126.

OCC Seniors Championship

Odessa Country Club
2005 Seniors Championship

Bobby Jones Flight: 1st Gross, Steve Thompson, 73-74—147; 2nd Gross, 73-77—150; 1st Net, Randy Pipkin, 70-71—141; 2nd Net, Larry Digby 69-77—146.

Walter Hagen Flight: 1st Gross, Robert Parrish, 70-76—146; 2nd Gross, Jerry Thomas, 71-78—149; 1st Net, Ronald Devoll, 67-69—136; 2nd Net, Leon Thomas, 67-69—136.

Byron Nelson Flight: 1st Gross, Tuffy Zellars, 82-76—158; 2nd Gross, Eddie Hatch, 81-85—166; 1st Net, Lanny Gortney, 73-66—139; 2nd Net, Roland Gladden, 68-74—142.

Sam Snead Flight — 1st Gross, Bob Miller, 81-89—170; 2nd Gross, Jim Howard, 85-91—176; 1st Net, Robert Porter, 63-63—126; 2nd Net, Neal Marshall, 74-70—144.

Rusty Swing results

2005 Rusty Swing
at Green Tree Country Club
Sunday's final results

Flight 1: 1. John Reinert-Will Reinert 128; 2. Andy Price-Bob Fedro, 132; 3. Bobby Welborn-Bennett Robb, 134.

Flight 2: 1. Tim Phillips-Ron Harpe, 131; 2. Den Pender-Jeff Morton, 131; 3. Brad Miller-Mike Heathington, 135.

Flight 3: 1. Bill McWhorter-Greg Pitts, 126; 2. Stephen Branton-Larry Dortch, 128; 3. Keith Moore-Mike Evans, 131.

Flight 4: 1. Rick Yadon-Randy Watson, 122; 2. Nick Maschas-Michael Murray, 124; 3. Dan Walraven-Les Opperman, 126.

Flight 5: 1. Jon Andrews-Devan Adams, 126; 2. Art Schmidt-Jim Mack, 126; 3. James Caldwell-Kinney Riley, 128.

Flight 6: 1. Logan Irvin-Chris Hanson, 126; 2. Orland Purcell-Bob McNaughton, 130; 3. Noel Villanueva-Ruben Cala, 131.

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New York	040	031

DP—Texas 1. LOB—New York 5. 2B—Jeter (5), Phillips (1). 3B—Ma HR—Jeter (2), Phillips (1). ack (2). SF—Jeter.

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Astacio L,1-2	4	2-3	9
Riley	2	2-3	3
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New York			
RJohnson W,2-1	8	3	1
Gordon	1	0	0

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MARINERS 9, INDI

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	SEAT
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Blliard 2b	3	0	1	0	Reed c
VMrtnz dh	4	0	1	0	Beltre
JHrndz 1b	4	0	0	0	Sexson
Blake rf	4	0	0	0	BBoon
Boone 3b	3	1	1	1	Ibanez
Bard c	3	0	0	0	Winn lf
Ldwick lf	3	0	0	0	Olivo c
Peralta ss	3	0	1	0	Valdez
Totals	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**Totals**

Cleveland	000	000
Seattle	100	006

E—Ludwick (1), Peralt Cleveland 1, Seattle 1. LO land 4, Seattle 5. 2B—C HR—Boone (3). SB—Cri Belliard. SF—Beltre, BBo

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Cleveland			
Elarton L,0-1	5	1-3	4
Sauerbeck		0	0
Betancourt		2-3	1
JaDavis	1	1-3	0
Riske		2-3	0
Seattle			
Moyer W,4-0	8	6	1
Guardado	1	0	0

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RED SOX 11, DEVIL

BOSTON	ab	r	h	bi	TAMP
Damon cf	5	2	4	2	Crwfrd
Nixon rf	2	1	0	0	ASnch
Payton rf	2	1	1	4	EduPr
MRmrz lf	5	1	1	2	Lugo s
DOrtiz dh	5	1	1	1	Huff rf
Millar 1b	4	0	2	1	TLee 1
McCty 1b	0	0	0	0	Cantu
Varitek c	4	1	1	0	Snglto
Rnteria ss	3	2	2	0	CJnsn
RVazqz 3b	5	1	1	1	THall
Blhorn 2b	3	1	0	0	NGree
Totals	**38**	**11**	**11**	**11**	**Totals**

Boston	210	001
Tampa Bay	000	110

E—CJohnson (2). DP Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Bost pa Bay 9. 2B—Damon (5) (2). HR—Payton (2). MF DOrtiz (7), NGreen (1) (4), Renteria (1). SF—MF

	IP	H	R
Boston			
Arroyo W,2-0	6	7	3
Mantei	1-3	0	0
MMyers	1-3	0	0
Timlin	1-3	1	0
Halama	2	3	3
Tampa Bay			
Nomo L,2-2	6	7	4
LCarter	1-3	1	1
McClung	2-3	0	2
TreMiller	1-3	1	2
RBell	1 2-3	4	2

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WHarrs 2b	3	2	2	0	Gotay
Knerko dh	4	1	1	0	MiSwy
Gload 1b	3	0	1	1	Stairs
Dye rf	1	0	0	0	Mrrero
Rwand cf	3	0	1	1	Long c
TPerez rf	3	0	0	1	Berroa
Ozuna 1b	1	0	1	1	Buck c
Uribe ss	3	0	0	0	Diaz lf
Widger c	4	0	0	0	
Crede 3b	4	0	0	0	
Totals	**32**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**Totals**

Chicago	200	000
Kansas City	000	020

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OHernandez	5	4	2
Politte	1 1-3	1	
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LVizcaino		1	0
Takatsu S,6		1	0
Kansas City			
Bautista	7	2	2
Cerda	1-3	1	
Camp L,0-2	0	1	
Sisco	2-3	2	0
MWood	1	0	

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TEXAS	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
ASrano 2b	4	1	1	0	Jeter ss	4	2	3 3
Mathws cf	4	0	1	1	BWllms cf	5	0	0 0
MYong ss	3	0	0	0	Shffield rf	5	1	2 1
Txeira 1b	4	0	0	0	Matsui lf	2	1	1 0
Mench lf	3	0	1	0	Crosby lf	1	0	0 0
Hidalgo rf	3	0	0	0	ARod 3b	4	1	2 1
CAllen dh	3	0	0	0	JaGbi dh	2	0	0 0
Brajas c	3	0	0	0	RSnchz dh	0	1	0 0
DeRosa 3b	3	0	0	0	Posada c	4	2	2 1
					Phillips 1b	4	2	2 4
					Wmack 2b	4	1	2 1
Totals	30	1	3	1	Totals	35	11	14 11
Texas			000	001	000	—		1
New York			040	031	03x	—		11

DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 3, New York 5. 2B—Jeter (5), Sheffield (5), Phillips (1). 3B—Matthews (1). HR—Jeter (2), Phillips (1). CS—Womack (2). SF—Jeter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Astacio L,1-2	4 2-3	9	7	7	1	2
Riley	2 2-3	3	4	4	2	1
Regilio	2-3	2	0	0	0	0
New York						
RJohnson W,2-1	8	3	1	1	1	7
Gordon	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Riley (JaGiambi). Balk—Astacio.

MARINERS 9, INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Crisp cf	4	0	2	0	ISuzuki rf	4	2	2 1
Blliard 2b	3	0	1	0	Reed cf	4	1	0 0
VMrtnz dh	4	0	1	0	Beltre 3b	3	1	1 2
JHrndz 1b	4	0	0	0	Sexson 1b	2	1	0 0
Blake rf	4	0	0	0	BBoone 2b	3	0	0 1
Boone 3b	3	1	1	1	Ibanez dh	2	1	0 0
Bard c	3	0	0	0	Winn lf	3	2	0 0
Ldwick lf	3	0	0	0	Olivo c	3	0	2 3
Peralta ss	3	0	1	0	Valdez ss	3	0	0 1
Totals	31	1	6	1	Totals	27	9	5 8
Cleveland			000	000	100	—		1
Seattle			100	006	02x	—		9

E—Ludwick (1), Peralta (5). DP—Cleveland 1, Seattle 1. LOB—Cleveland 4, Seattle 5. 2B—Olivo 2 (3). HR—Boone (3). SB—Crisp (2). S—Belliard. SF—Beltre, BBoone.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Elarton L,0-1	5 1-3	4	5	4	3	5
Sauerbeck	0	0	1	1	1	0
Betancourt	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
JaDavis	1 1-3	0	2	2	5	1
Riske	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle						
Moyer W,4-0	8	6	1	1	0	5
Guardado	1	0	0	0	0	0

Sauerbeck pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Balk—Elarton.

RED SOX 11, DEVIL RAYS 3

BOSTON	ab	r	h	bi	TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi
Damon cf	5	2	4	2	Crwfrd lf	5	0	0 0
Nixon rf	2	1	0	0	ASnchz dh	3	1	1 0
Payton rf	2	1	1	4	EduPrz dh	2	0	1 1
MRmrz lf	5	1	1	2	Lugo ss	5	0	0 0
DOrtiz dh	5	1	1	1	Huff rf	3	0	3 0
Millar 1b	4	0	2	1	TLee 1b	4	0	1 1
McCty 1b	0	0	0	0	Cantu 2b	4	0	1 0
Varitek c	4	1	1	0	Snglton cf	3	1	1 0
Rnteria ss	3	2	2	0	CJnson c	0	0	0 0
RVazqz 3b	5	1	1	1	THall c	3	0	0 0
Bilhorn 2b	3	1	0	0	NGreen 3b	4	1	3 1
Totals	38	11	13	11	Totals	36	3	11 3
Boston			210	001	160	—		11
Tampa Bay			000	110	100	—		3

E—CJohnson (2). DP—Boston 2, Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Boston 10, Tampa Bay 9. 2B—Damon (5), RVazquez (2). HR—Payton (2), MRamirez (6), DOrtiz (7), NGreen (1). SB—Damon (4), Renteria (1). SF—MRamirez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Arroyo W,2-0	6	7	3	3	0	2
Mantei	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
MMyers	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Timlin	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Halama	2	3	0	0	0	2
Tampa Bay						
Nomo L,2-2	6	7	4	4	3	3
LCarter	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
McClung	2-3	0	2	2	2	1
TreMiller	1-3	1	2	2	1	0
RBell	1 2-3	4	2	2	3	1

Arroyo pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. McClung pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Arroyo (Singleton), by Arroyo (Huff). WP—RBell.

WHITE SOX 4, ROYALS 3

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Pdsdnk lf	3	1	0	0	McEng 3b	5	1	2 0
WHarrs 2b	3	2	2	0	Gotay 2b	5	1	1 1
Knerko dh	4	1	1	0	MiSwy 1b	4	0	0 0
Gload 1b	3	0	1	1	Stairs dh	2	1	1 1
Dye rf	1	0	0	0	Mrrero rf	4	0	0 0
Rwand cf	3	0	1	1	Long cf	3	0	0 0
TPerez rf	3	0	0	1	Berroa ss	3	0	1 0
Ozuna 1b	1	0	1	1	Buck c	4	0	0 0
Uribe ss	3	0	0	0	Diaz lf	4	0	0 0
Widger c	4	0	0	0				
Crede 3b	4	0	0	0				
Totals	32	4	6	4	Totals	34	3	5 2
Chicago			200	000	020	—		4
Kansas City			000	020	100	—		3

E—WHarris (1), TPerez (1), Widger (1), Crede (3), Berroa (4). DP—Kansas City 2. LOB—Chicago 5, Kansas City 10. 2B—Ozuna (1), McEwing (1), Berroa (3). HR—Stairs (2). SB—McEwing (3), Berroa (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
OHernandez	5	4	2	1	6	5
Politte	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	1
Cotts W,1-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
LVizcaino	1	0	0	0	0	0
Takatsu S,6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kansas City						
Bautista	7	2	2	2	4	4
Cerda	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Camp L,0-2	0	1	1	1	0	0
Sisco	2-3	2	0	0	0	1
MWood	1	0	0	0	0	0

Camp pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. WP—Bautista.

NL Boxes

CARDINALS 8, ASTROS 5

HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi	ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi
AEvrtt ss	5	1	2	0	Eckstn ss	5	2	3 2
OPlmro lf	5	0	0	0	LWalkr rf	4	1	2 1
Bgwell 1b	5	0	2	2	Pujols 1b	4	1	1 2
Lamb 3b	3	1	1	0	Edmnd cf	3	0	0 0
Lane rf	3	1	1	0	Rolen 3b	4	1	2 1
Burke 2b	3	1	2	0	RSndrs lf	4	1	1 1
Asmus c	2	0	0	1	Tvarez p	0	0	0 0
Tveras cf	4	0	0	1	Nunez 2b	0	0	0 0
Backe p	1	1	0	0	Grdzln 2b	4	2	3 1
Biggio ph	1	0	0	0	Isrnghs p	0	0	0 0
Sprger p	0	0	0	0	YMlina c	3	0	1 0
Scott ph	1	0	0	0	Morris p	2	0	0 0
JoFrco p	0	0	0	0	Cedeno ph	1	0	0 0
Hrvlle p	0	0	0	0	Jrnell p	0	0	0 0
					King p	0	0	0 0
					Tguchi lf	1	0	0 0
Totals	33	5	8	4	Totals	35	8	13 8
Houston			101	003	000	—		5
St. Louis			412	010	00x	—		8

E—Eckstein (1). DP—St. Louis 1. LOB—Houston 7, St. Louis 8. 2B—AEverett (6), Bagwell (4), Eckstein 2 (4). LWalker (3). 3B—Rolen (1), RSanders (1). HR—Pujols (5). S—Burke, Ausmus, YMolina.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Backe L,1-1	5 1-3	8	8	8	1	3
Springer	2	0	0	0	2	1
JoFranco	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Harville	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
St. Louis						
Morris W,2-0	5	5	2	2	1	4
Journell	1	2	3	2	2	0
King	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Tavarez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Isringhausen S,7	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0

BREWERS 8, GIANTS 5

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi	SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi
BClark cf	5	0	1	0	Drham 2b	4	1	0 0
DMiller c	5	0	1	0	Vizquel ss	5	1	3 1
Turnbw p	0	0	0	0	Snow 1b	4	0	3 1
Jenkins rf	5	2	2	0	Feliz lf	4	1	1 1
CaLee lf	5	3	3	4	Alfonzo 3b	5	0	1 1
Ovrbay 1b	4	1	2	0	Alou rf	4	1	1 1
Spivey 2b	4	0	0	0	Tucker cf	2	0	0 0
la rosa p	0	0	0	0	Mtheny c	4	0	0 0
Adams p	0	0	0	0	JeWms p	1	0	0 0
Phelps p	0	0	0	0	Ellison ph	1	1	1 0
Moeller c	0	0	0	0	Fssero p	0	0	0 0
Cirillo 3b	3	1	1	2	Niekro ph	1	0	1 0
Hardy ss	3	1	1	0	Herges p	0	0	0 0
Glover p	2	0	0	0	Brower p	0	0	0 0
BHall ph	1	0	1	1	DCruz ph	0	0	0 0
Bttlco p	0	0	0	0	Chrstns p	0	0	0 0
Brnyan 3b	1	0	1	1	Grssom ph	1	0	0 0
Totals	38	8	13	8	Totals	36	5	11 5
Milwaukee			022	021	010	—		8
San Francisco			100	120	100	—		5

E—Alfonzo (3). DP—Milwaukee 1, San Francisco 1. LOB—Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 13. 2B—DMiller (4), Jenkins (3), Hardy (2), Vizquel (6), Alfonzo (6), Niekro (2). 3B—Vizquel (2), Ellison (1). HR—CaLee 2 (3), Alou (1). SB—Vizquel (6), Snow (1). S—Hardy. SF—Feliz.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Glover W,1-1	5	7	4	4	2	1
Bottalico	1	1	0	0	1	0
de la rosa	2-3	2	1	1	0	1
Adams	2-3	0	0	0	3	0
Phelps	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Turnbow S,1	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	2
San Francisco						
JeWilliams L,0-2	5	9	6	6	0	5
Fassero	1	2	1	1	0	1
Herges	1	1	0	0	1	0
Brower	1	1	1	1	1	1
Christiansen	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Turnbow (Matheny).

DIAMONDBACKS 2, PADRES 1

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	h	b	ARIZONA	ab	r	hbi
DRbrts cf	4	0	0	0	Cunsell 2b	4	0	0 0
Loretta 2b	4	0	1	0	Clayton ss	4	0	2 0
BGiles rf	4	0	1	0	LGnzlz lf	4	0	0 0
Nevin 1b	4	1	1	0	Tracy 1b	4	1	0 0
Klesko lf	2	0	0	0	ShGren rf	4	1	2 0
Otsuka p	0	0	0	0	Cintron 3b	4	0	3 2
RaHrdz c	4	0	0	1	CSnydr c	2	0	0 0
Blum ss	3	0	2	0	TClark ph	1	0	0 0
Brrghs 3b	3	0	0	0	Hill c	0	0	0 0
Peavy p	2	0	0	0	McCkn cf	3	0	0 0
MaSwy ph	1	0	0	0	Webb p	1	0	0 0
Lnbrnk p	0	0	0	0	Hrston ph	1	0	0 0
Nady lf	0	0	0	0	Kplove p	0	0	0 0
Totals	31	1	5	1	Totals	32	2	7 2
San Diego			010	000	000	—		1
Arizona			000	000	101	—		2

Two outs when winning run scored. DP—Arizona 1. LOB—San Diego 5, Arizona 5. 2B—Nevin (4), ShGreen (2), Cintron (3). SB—Loretta (6), BGiles (2). CS—Cintron (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Peavy	7	4	1	1	1	8
Linebrink	1	0	0	0	0	1
Otsuka L,0-1	2-3	3	1	1	0	0
Arizona						
Webb	8	5	1	1	1	5
Koplove W,2-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Koplove (Klesko). WP—Webb.

DODGERS 8, ROCKIES 6

LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi
Izturis ss	5	1	1	0	Miles 2b	5	0	1 0
Repko lf	3	0	0	0	Barmes ss	5	2	1 0
JDrew rf	4	1	1	0	Helton 1b	4	1	1 0
JKent 2b	3	2	2	1	PrWlsn cf	4	1	1 2
Brdley cf	5	2	4	1	Hilliday lf	4	2	2 2
Saenz 1b	4	1	1	2	Hawpe rf	4	0	2 0
JPhilps c	2	1	1	2	Rlaford 3b	4	0	1 1
Nkmra 3b	3	0	1	2	Closser c	3	0	2 1
Penny p	2	0	0	0	Francis p	2	0	0 0
Snchez p	0	0	0	0	LuGnzl ph	1	0	0 0
Choi ph	1	0	0	0	Fentes p	0	0	0 0
Carrar p	0	0	0	0	BKim p	0	0	0 0
Brzban p	0	0	0	0	Speier p	0	0	0 0
					Dhmnn p	0	0	0 0
					Sllivan ph	1	0	0 0
Totals	32	8	11	8	Totals	37	6	11 6
Los Angeles			100	002	050	—		8
Colorado			200	003	010	—		6

E—Hawpe (1). DP—Colorado 1. LOB—Los Angeles 7, Colorado 5. 2B—Bradley 2 (4), JPhillips (6). 3B—Holliday (3). HR—PrWilson (4). CS—JDrew (1). S—Carrara. SF—JKent, Saenz, JPhillips.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Penny	5	6	4	4	0	4
Sanchez	1	2	1	1	1	0
Carrara W,3-0	2	3	1	1	0	0
Brazoban S,5	1	0	0	0	0	1
Colorado						
Francis	6	6	3	3	2	2
Fuentes	1	0	1	1	0	2
BKim L,0-3	0	2	3	3	0	0
Speier	1	2	1	1	0	0
Dohmann	1	1	0	0	0	0

Penny pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. Fuentes pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. BKim pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. HBP—by BKim (JKent), by Fuentes (JDrew), by Francis (Repko 2).

NATIONALS 11, METS 4

WASHINGTON	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
Wlkrsn cf	5	3	4	2	Reyes ss	5	1	2 0
NJhnsn 1b	4	3	2	0	KMtsui 2b	4	1	1 0
Vidro 2b	4	2	2	1	Beltran cf	5	1	1 0
Carroll 2b	1	0	0	0	Piazza c	5	0	1 3
JGillen rf	3	0	1	3	Floyd lf	4	0	1 0
Church rf	0	1	0	0	Mntkw 1b	3	1	0 0
Sledge lf	4	1	1	1	Wright 3b	2	0	1 0
Eschen p	0	0	0	0	Aybar p	0	0	0 0
Mjwski p	0	0	0	0	MMtws p	0	0	0 0
Castilla 3b	5	0	4	1	Koo p	0	0	0 0
GBnntt c	5	0	2	2	Cairo ph	1	0	1 0
CGzmn ss	5	0	1	0	DeJean p	0	0	0 0
LHrndz p	3	1	0	0	Diaz rf	3	0	1 0
JDavis lf	1	0	0	0	Zmbrno p	2	0	1 0
					Wdwrd 3b	1	0	0 1
Totals	40	11	17	10	Totals	35	4	10 4
Washington			301	202	030	—		11
New York			300	000	010	—		4

E—Wright (2). DP—Washington 1, New York 1. LOB—Washington 10, New York 10. 2B—Wilkerson (8), Vidro (6), JGuillen (4), Castilla (6), Piazza (5). HR—Wilkerson (2). SB—Wilkerson (2), NJohnson (1), Castilla 2 (2). SF—JGuillen 2, Sledge, Woodward.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
LHrndz W,2-2	7	9	3	3	2	3
Eschen	1-3	0	1	1	1	0
Majewski	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
New York						
Zambrano L,1-2	5 1-3	9	8	7	3	4
Aybar	1 2-3	2	0	0	0	2
MMatthews	2-3	4	3	3	0	0
Koo	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
DeJean	1	2	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Majewski (KMatsui), by Majewski (Diaz), by Zambrano (LHernandez). WP—MMatthews.

BRAVES 4, PHILLIES 0

PHILA	ab	r	h	bi	ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi
Rollins ss	4	0	2	0	Furcal ss	3	1	0 0
Lofton cf	4	0	0	0	MGiles 2b	4	1	1 0
BAbreu rf	3	0	1	0	CJones 3b	0	1	0 0
Thome 1b	3	0	0	0	Btemit 3b	2	0	0 0
Burrell lf	2	0	0	0	Lroche 1b	3	0	0 0
Mchels lf	2	0	1	0	JEstda c	3	0	0 2
Utley 2b	3	0	1	0	BJordn lf	4	1	2 0
DaBell 3b	4	0	1	0	AJones cf	4	0	1 1
Lbrthal c	3	0	0	0	Mndesi rf	4	0	2 1
Padilla p	1	0	0	0	Thmsn p	2	0	0 0
Madson p	1	0	0	0	Ritsma p	0	0	0 0
Offrmn ph	1	0	0	0	Kolb p	0	0	0 0
Cormier p	0	0	0	0				
Adams p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	31	0	6	0	Totals	29	4	6 4
Philadelphia			000	000	000	—		0
Atlanta			103	000	00x	—		4

E—DaBell (4). DP—Philadelphia 1, Atlanta 1. LOB—Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 7. 2B—Rollins (1), MGiles (6). SB—BAbreu (7). CS—Rollins (1). S—Thomson. SF—JEstrada.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Padilla L,0-2	3	4	4	4	4	3
Madson	3	1	0	0	0	2
Cormier	1	0	0	0	0	1
Adams	1	1	0	0	0	0
Atlanta						
Thomson W,2-2	7	5	0	0	2	8
Reitsma	1	0	0	0	1	2
Kolb	1	1	0	0	0	0

WP—Padilla, Madson.

REDS 2, MARLINS 1

CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi	FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi
Freel 2b	5	2	2	0	Pierre cf	5	0	0 0
Grf Jr. cf	4	0	1	0	Easley 2b	3	0	0 0
Casey 1b	4	0	3	1	CDlgdo 1b	3	0	0 0
Randa 3b	4	0	0	0	JEcrcn rf	3	0	0 0
Dunn lf	2	0	0	0	L Duca c	3	1	2 0
Kearns rf	4	0	2	0	Lowell 3b	3	0	1 0
Aurilia ss	4	0	1	0	Conine lf	4	0	0 0
LaRue c	3	0	0	0	AGnzlz ss	2	0	0 0
Clausen p	2	0	0	0	Cbrera ph	1	0	1 1
Vlntine p	0	0	0	0	Aguila pr	0	0	0 0
JaCruz ph	1	0	0	0	Mehler p	2	0	0 0
RWgnr p	0	0	0	0	LCstillo ph	1	0	0 0
DJmnz ph	1	0	0	0	Perisho p	0	0	0 0
Graves p	0	0	0	0	TJones p	0	0	0 0
					LHarrs ph	0	0	0 0
Totals	34	2	9	1	Totals	30	1	4 1
Cincinnati			101	000	000	—		2
Florida			000	000	001	—		1

E—Easley (1). DP—Cincinnati 1, Florida 1. LOB—Cincinnati 8, Florida 9. 2B—Casey (3), Aurilia (4), Lowell (3). SB—Freel (2). S—LaRue.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Claussen W,1-1	5	1-3	3	0	0	3
Valentine		2-3	0	0	0	0
RWagner		2	0	0	0	1
Graves S,7		1	1	1	1	2
Florida						
Moehler L,1-1	7	7	2	1	1	5
Perisho	1	3	1	0	0	0
TJones	1	2-3	1	0	0	1

HBP—by Claussen (CDelgado).

CUBS 5, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Lawton rf	2	0	1	0	Hrst Jr cf	3	0	0 0
Mckwk 2b	4	0	0	0	NPerez 2b	4	1	3 2
Bay cf	4	0	0	0	DeLee 1b	4	1	1 0
Ward 1b	2	0	1	0	ARmrz 3b	3	1	1 0
Hill 3b	4	1	1	0	Dubois lf	3	0	0 0
CWilsn lf	4	0	0	0	Hlndsw lf	0	0	0 0
Cota c	4	1	1	0	Burnitz rf	4	1	1 3
Snchez ss	3	0	2	2	Barrett c	3	0	0 0
DWims p	2	0	0	0	Cedeno ss	3	0	0 0
Wggntn ph	1	0	0	0	Wuertz p	0	0	0 0
Vglsng p	0	0	0	0	CFox p	0	0	0 0
TRdmn ph	1	0	0	0	Wood p	1	0	0 0
					Rusch p	0	0	0 0
					CPttson cf	1	1	1 0
Totals	31	2	6	2	Totals	29	5	7 5
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Arizona — 1 (8) Antrel Rolle, db, Miami. 2 (44) J.J. Arrington, rb, California. 3 (75) Eric Green, db, Virginia Tech. 3 (95) Darryl Blackstock, lb, Virginia. 4 (111) Elton Brown, g, Virginia. 5 (168) Lance Mitchell, lb, Oklahoma. 7 (226) LeRon McCoy, wr, Indiana, Pa.

Atlanta — 1 (27) Roddy White, wr, UAB. 2 (59) Jonathan Babineaux, dt, Iowa. 3 (90) Jordan Beck, lb, Cal Poly-SLO. 4 (128) Chauncey Davis, de, Florida State. 5 (160) Michael Boley, lb, Southern Miss. 5 (163) Frank Omiyale, ot, Tennessee Tech. 6 (201) DeAndra Cobb, rb, Michigan State. 7 (241) Darrell Shropshire, dt, South Carolina.

Baltimore — 1 (22) Mark Clayton, wr, Oklahoma. 2 (53) Dan Cody, de, Oklahoma. 2 (64) Adam Terry, ot, Syracuse. 4 (124) Jason Brown, c, North Carolina. 5 (158) Justin Green, rb, Montana. 6 (213) Derek Anderson, qb, Oregon State. 7 (234) Mike Smith, lb, Texas Tech.

Buffalo — 2 (55) Roscoe Parrish, wr, Miami. 3 (86) Kevin Everett, te, Miami. 4 (122) Duke Preston, c, Illinois. 5 (156) Eric King, db, Wake Forest. 6 (197) Justin Geisinger, g, Vanderbilt. 7 (236) Lionel Gates, rb, Louisville.

Carolina — 1 (14) Thomas Davis, db, Georgia. 2 (54) Eric Shelton, rb, Louisville. 3 (79) Evan Mathis, g, Alabama. 3 (89) Atyyah Ellison, dt, Missouri. 4 (121) Stefan LeFors, qb, Louisville. 5 (149) Adam Seward, lb, UNLV. 5 (169) Geoff Hangartner, ot, Texas A&M. 5 (171) Ben Emanuel, db, UCLA. 6 (189) Jovan Haye, de, Vanderbilt. 6 (207) Joe Berger, ot, Michigan Tech.

Chicago — 1 (4) Cedric Benson, rb, Texas. 2 (39) Mark Bradley, wr, Oklahoma. 4 (106) Kyle Orton, qb, Purdue. 5 (140) Airese Currie, wr, Clemson. 6 (181) Chris Harris, db, Louisiana-Monroe. 7 (220) Rodriques Wilson, rb, South Carolina.

Cincinnati — 1 (17) David Pollack, lb, Georgia. 2 (48) Odell Thurman, lb, Georgia. 3 (83) Chris Henry, wr, West Virginia. 4 (119) Eric Ghiaciuc, c, Central Michigan. 5 (153) Adam Kieft, ot, Central Michigan. 6 (190) Tab Perry, wr, UCLA. 7 (233) Jonathan Fanene, de, Utah.

Cleveland — 1 (3) Braylon Edwards, wr, Michigan. 2 (34) Brodney Pool, db, Oklahoma. 3 (67) Charlie Frye, qb, Akron. 4 (103) Antonio Perkins, db, Oklahoma. 5 (139) David McMillan, lb, Kansas. 6 (176) Nick Speegle, lb, New Mexico. 6 (203) Andrew Hoffman, de, Virginia. 7 (217) Jon Dunn, ot, Virginia Tech.

Dallas — 1 (11) DeMarcus Ware, de, Troy. 1 (20) Marcus Spears, de, LSU. 2 (42) Kevin Burnett, lb, Tennessee. 4 (109) Marion Barber III, rb, Minnesota. 4 (132) Chris Canty, de, Virginia. 6 (208) Justin Beriault, db, Ball State. 6 (209) Rob Pettitt, ot, Pittsburgh. 7 (224) Jay Ratliff, dt, Auburn.

Denver — 2 (56) Darrent Williams, db, Oklahoma State. 3 (76) Karl Paymah, db, Washington State. 3 (97) Domonique Foxworth, db, Maryland. 3 (101) Maurice Clarett, rb, Ohio State. 6 (200) Chris Myers, ot, Miami. 7 (239) Paul Ernster, k, Northern Arizona.

Detroit — 1 (10) Mike Williams, wr, Southern Cal. 2 (37) Shaun Cody, dt, Southern Cal. 3 (72) Stanley Wilson, db, Stanford. 5 (145) Dan Orlovsky, qb, Connecticut. 6 (184) Bill Swancutt, de, Oregon State. 6 (206) Johnathan Goddard, lb, Marshall.

Green Bay — 1 (24) Aaron Rodgers, qb, California. 2 (51) Nick Collins, db, Bethune-Cookman. 2 (58) Terrence Murphy, wr, Texas A&M. 4 (115) Marviel Underwood, db, San Diego State. 4 (125) Brady Poppinga, de, BYU. 5 (143) Junius Coston, c, North Carolina A&T. 5 (167) Michael Hawkins, db, Oklahoma. 6 (180) Mike Montgomery, de, Texas A&M. 6 (195) Craig Bragg, wr, UCLA. 7 (245) Kurt Campbell, db, Albany, N.Y. 7 (246) William Whitticker, g, Michigan State.

Houston — 1 (16) Travis Johnson, dt, Florida State. 3 (73) Vernand Morency, rb, Oklahoma State. 4 (114) Jerome Mathis, wr, Hampton. 5 (151) Drew Hodgdon, c, Arizona State. 6 (188) C.C. Brown, db, Louisiana-Lafayette. 7 (227) Kenneth Pettway, lb, Grambling.

Indianapolis — 1 (29) Marlin Jackson, db, Michigan. 2 (60) Kelvin Hayden, db, Illinois. 3 (92) Vincent Burns, de, Kentucky. 4 (129) Dylan Gandy, g, Texas Tech. 4 (135) Matt Giordano, db, California. 5 (148) Jonathan Welsh, de, Wisconsin. 5 (165) Rob Hunt, c, North Dakota State. 5 (173) Tyjuan Hagler, lb, Cincinnati. 6 (202) Dave Raymer, k, Michigan State. 7 (243) Anthony Davis, rb, Wisconsin.

Jacksonville — 1 (21) Matt Jones, wr, Arkansas. 2 (52) Khalif Barnes, ot, Washington. 3 (87) Scott Starks, db, Wisconsin. 4 (127) Alvin Pearman, rb, Virginia. 5 (157) Gerald Sensabaugh, db, North Carolina. 6 (185) Chad Owens, wr, Hawaii. 6 (194) Pat Thomas, lb, North Carolina State. 7 (237) Chris Roberson, db, Eastern Michigan.

Kansas City — 1 (15) Derrick Johnson, lb, Texas. 3 (99) Dustin Colquitt, p, Tennessee. 4 (116) Craphonso Thorpe, wr, Florida State. 5 (138) Boomer Grigsby, lb, Illinois State. 5 (147) Alphonso Hodge, db, Miami (Ohio). 6 (187) Will Svitek, ot, Stanford. 6 (199) Khari Long, de, Baylor. 7 (229) James Killian, qb, Tulsa. 7 (238) Jeremy Parquet, ot, Southern Miss.

Miami — 1 (2) Ronnie Brown, rb, Auburn. 2 (46) Matt Roth, de, Iowa. 3 (70) Channing Crowder, lb, Florida. 4 (104) Travis Daniels, db, LSU. 5 (162) Anthony Alabi, ot, TCU. 7 (216) Kevin Vickerson, dt, Michigan State.

Minnesota — 1 (7) Troy Williamson, wr, South Carolina. 1 (18) Erasmus James, de, Wisconsin. 2 (49) Marcus Johnson, g, Mississippi. 3 (80) Dustin Fox, db, Ohio State. 4 (112) Ciatrick Fason, rb, Florida. 6 (191) C.J. Mosley, dt, Missouri. 7 (219) Adrian Ward, db, UTEP.

New England — 1 (32) Logan Mankins, g, Fresno State. 3 (84) Ellis Hobbs, db, Iowa State. 3 (100) Nick Kaczur, ot, Toledo. 4 (133) James Sanders, db, Fresno State. 5 (170) Ryan Claridge, lb, UNLV. 7 (230) Matt Cassel, qb, Southern Cal. 7 (255) Andy Stokes, te, William Penn.

New Orleans — 1 (13) Jammal Brown, ot, Oklahoma. 2 (40) Josh Bullocks, db, Nebraska. 3 (82) Alfred Fincher, lb, Connecticut. 4 (118) Chase Lyman, wr, California. 5 (152) Adrian McPherson, qb, Florida State. 6 (193) Jason Jefferson, dt, Wisconsin. 7 (232) Jimmy Verdon, de, Arizona State.

New York Giants — 2 (43) Corey Webster, db, LSU. 3 (74) Justin Tuck, de, Notre Dame. 4 (110) Brandon Jacobs, rb, Southern Illinois. 6 (186) Eric Moore, de, Florida State.

New York Jets — 2 (47) Mike Nugent, k, Ohio State. 2 (57) Justin Miller, db, Clemson. 3 (88) Sione Pouha, dt, Utah. 4 (123) Kerry Rhodes, db, Louisville. 5 (161) Andre Maddox, db, North Carolina State. 6 (182) Cedric Houston, rb, Tennessee. 6 (198) Joel Dreessen, te, Colorado State. 7 (240) Harry Williams, wr, Tuskegee.

Oakland — 1 (23) Fabian Washington, db, Nebraska. 2 (38) Stanford Routt, db, Houston. 3 (69) Andrew Walter, qb, Arizona State. 3 (78) Kirk Morrison, lb, San Diego State. 6 (175) Anttaj Hawthorne, dt, Wisconsin. 6 (212) Ryan Riddle, lb, California. 6 (214) Pete McMahon, ot, Iowa.

Philadelphia — 1 (31) Mike Patterson, dt, Southern Cal. 2 (35) Reggie Brown, wr, Georgia. 2 (63) Matt McCoy, lb, San Diego State. 3 (77) Ryan Moats, rb, Louisiana Tech. 4 (102) Sean Considine, s, Iowa. 4 (126) Todd Herremans, ot, Saginaw Valley State. 5 (146) Trent Cole, de, Cincinnati. 5 (172) Scott Young, g, BYU. 6 (211) Calvin Armstrong, ot, Washington State. 7 (247) Keyonta Marshall, dt, Grand Valley State. 7 (252) David Bergeron, lb, Stanford.

Pittsburgh — 1 (30) Heath Miller, te, Virginia. 2 (62) Bryant McFadden, db, Florida State. 3 (93) Trai Essex, ot, Northwestern. 4 (131) Fred Gibson, wr, Georgia. 5 (166) Rian Wallace, lb, Temple. 6 (204) Chris Kemoeatu, g, Utah. 7 (228) Shaun Nua, de, BYU. 7 (244) Noah Herron, rb, Northwestern.

St. Louis — 1 (19) Alex Barron, ot, Florida State. 2 (50) Ronald Bartell, db, Howard. 3 (66) Oshiomogho Atogwe, db, Stanford. 3 (81) Richard Incognito, g, Nebraska. 4 (117) Jerome Carter, db, Florida State. 4 (134) Claude Terrell, g, New Mexico. 5 (144) Jerome Collins, te, Notre Dame. 6 (192) Dante Ridgeway, wr, Ball State. 6 (210) Reggie Hodges, p, Ball State. 7 (250) Ryan Fitzpatrick, qb, Harvard. 7 (251) Madison Hedgecock, rb, North Carolina.

San Diego — 1 (12) Shawne Merriman, lb, Maryland. 1 (28) Luis Castillo, dt, Northwestern. 2 (61) Vincent Jackson, wr, Northern Colorado. 4 (130) Darren Sproles, rb, Kansas State. 5 (164) Wesley Britt, ot, Alabama. 6 (177) Wes Sims, g, Oklahoma. 7 (242) Scott Mruczkowski, c, Bowling Green.

San Francisco — 1 (1) Alex Smith, qb, Utah. 2 (33) David Baas, g, Michigan. 3 (65) Frank Gore, rb, Miami. 3 (94) Adam Snyder, ot, Oregon. 5 (137) Ronald Fields, dt, Mississippi State. 5 (174) Rasheed Marshall, wr, West Virginia. 6 (205) Derrick Johnson, db, Washington. 7 (215) Daven Holly, db, Cincinnati. 7 (223) Marcus Maxwell, wr, Oregon. 7 (248) Patrick Estes, te, Virginia. 7 (249) Billy Bajema, te, Oklahoma State.

Seattle — 1 (26) Chris Spencer, c, Mississippi. 2 (45) Lofa Tatupu, lb, Southern Cal. 3 (85) David Greene, qb, Georgia. 3 (98) LeRoy Hill, lb, Clemson. 4 (105) Ray Willis, ot, Florida State. 5 (159) Jeff Huckeba, de, Arkansas. 6 (196) Tony Jackson, rb, Iowa. 7 (235) Cornelius Wortham, lb, Alabama. 7 (254) Doug Nienhuis, ot, Oregon State.

Tampa Bay — 1 (5) Carnell Williams, rb, Auburn. 2 (36) Barrett Ruud, lb, Nebraska. 3 (71) Alex Smith, te, Stanford. 3 (91) Chris Colmer, ot, North Carolina State. 4 (107) Dan Buenning, g, Wisconsin. 5 (141) Donte Nicholson, db, Oklahoma. 5 (155) Larry Brackins, wr, Pearl River JC. 6 (178) Anthony Bryant, dt, Alabama. 7 (221) Rick Razzano, rb, Mississippi. 7 (225) Paris Warren, wr, Utah. 7 (231) Hamza Abdullah, db, Washington State. 7 (253) J.R. Russell, wr, Louisville.

Tennessee — 1 (6) Adam Jones, db, West Virginia. 2 (41) Michael Roos, ot, Eastern Washington. 3 (68) Courtney Roby, wr, Indiana. 3 (96) Brandon Jones, wr, Oklahoma. 4 (108) Vincent Fuller, db, Virginia Tech. 4 (113) David Stewart, ot, Mississippi State. 4 (136) Roydell Williams, wr, Tulane. 5 (142) Damien Nash, rb, Missouri. 5 (150) Daniel Loper, ot, Texas Tech. 6 (179) Bo Scaife, te, Texas. 7 (218) Reynaldo Hill, db, Florida.

Washington — 1 (9) Carlos Rogers, db, Auburn. 1 (25) Jason Campbell, qb, Auburn. 4 (120) Manuel White, rb, UCLA. 5 (154) Robert McCune, lb, Louisville. 6 (183) Jared Newberry, lb, Stanford. 7 (222) Nehemiah Broughton, rb, The Citadel.

Clarett looks forward to starting anew

DENVER (AP) — He sat out for two years, sued the NFL and alienated his alma mater. After being regarded as one of the best prospects in the country, he wound up as little more than an out-of-shape curiosity.

It's no wonder Maurice Clarett surprised a lot of people by getting chosen in the third round of the draft. On Sunday, he reported to his new team and his new life, wearing a smile and holding a Denver Broncos jersey.

He claimed his troubled past was now "water under the bridge." He said he would be a model citizen for the Broncos — no holdouts or attitude problems here. Most of all, he said he had been humbled after two years of unseemly turmoil and was glad to be playing football again.

"I'd like for, when people say my name, to mention me with the Denver Broncos and not with all the hoopla and everything else," Clarett said at his introductory news conference.

Nobody forgets about past misdeeds more quickly than NFL coaches and scouts in search of talent. The Broncos — especially coach Mike Shanahan and assistant Bobby Turner — were impressed with what Clarett did over his freshman year at Ohio State, along with the way he carried himself during his two years on the sideline.

Thus, the first big surprise of draft weekend: Not that Clarett was chosen, but that he was chosen so early, in the third round — pick No. 101 — after most experts had predicted he would go no earlier than in the fifth.

"Coach Turner took a gamble on me, as did coach Shanahan, and I don't want to make them look stupid," Clarett said.

Shortly after Clarett led Ohio State to the 2002 national title as a freshman, his odyssey began.

He had a minor scrape with the law. He got in trouble for accepting improper benefits and lying about it to investigators, and Ohio State suspended him for the 2003 season.

He sued the NFL, challenging the league's rule that a player must be out of high school for three years before becoming eligible for the draft. One court ruled in his favor, but a higher court overturned the ruling and two appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court failed to reverse that decision.

Another season on the sideline ensued, during which Clarett accused coach Jim Tressel and his staff of arranging for him to get passing grades, cars, and money for bogus summer jobs.

Then came the workouts, which were nothing short of disastrous. He clocked times of 4.82 and 4.72 seconds in the 40-yard run at the NFL combine two months ago and was so distraught, he quit in the middle of the workout.

At another workout, a few weeks later, he improved on the time, but his reputation was cemented — overweight, too slow and, to top it all off, maybe a quitter, too.

"In 2002, he would have been the steal of the draft and today people are surprised he went on the first day," Cleveland Browns general manager Phil Savage said when the Broncos chose Clarett. "It's a story that will be followed for a long time."

In Denver, Clarett has found the perfect place to try to make a comeback, and he has a coach who thinks his experience will work in his favor.

"Here's a guy who's got his back to the wall," Shanahan said. "He wants to prove he's not a one-year wonder and wants to come out and play at that level again."

The Broncos turned Terrell Davis into a star after he languished at Georgia and was picked in the sixth round. Mike Anderson. Olandis Gary. Reuben Droughns. All were afterthoughts in the draft, but all ran for 1,000 yards with the Broncos.

None of those players, however, carries the baggage Clarett does.

"His thing is going to be a character thing and Mike will handle that," Lions CEO Matt Millen said.

THE OPPORTUNITY HE SOUGHT Running back Maurice Clarett smiles as he holds up a Denver Broncos jersey bearing his name after a news conference at the team's headquarters in Denver on Sunday. Clarett was a third-round pick by the Broncos in this weekend's NFL draft.

Ed Andrieski/AP

Offseason work pays off for DT Johnson

HOUSTON (AP) — Travis Johnson went from a backup defensive tackle at Florida State to an NFL first-round draft pick in one year.

The Houston Texans made him the first defensive tackle taken in the draft when they snagged him with the 16th overall pick on Saturday.

The 6-foot-3, 305-pound Johnson says his work in the offseason took him from a reserve to an all-conference performer and defensive captain in his senior year.

The 22-year-old had a personal trainer and a tough conditioning program where he trained with veteran NFL linebackers Willie McGinest and Roman Phifer.

"My junior year I was kind of down," Johnson said at a Sunday news conference. "The offseason work was important. The way they worked helped me learn what it takes to be successful."

He finished the 2004 season with 50 tackles, an Atlantic Coast Conference-leading 18 tackles for loss, 2 1/2 sacks and 12 quarterback hurries.

"He's an all-around defensive lineman," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "With his size, strength and physical ability, he can play the run and rush the passer equally as well."

And a pass rushing threat is something the Texans could definitely use.

Houston's starting defensive line of Seth Payne, Gary Walker and Robaire Smith combined for only 4 1/2 sacks in 2004, a big part of the NFL's least-productive pass rush. The Texans finished last in sacks in 2004 (24) and second-to-last the year before (19).

Johnson's college career was filled with ups and downs. He played in 11 games, picking up 31 tackles and two sacks as a freshman. The next season, he had 50 tackles and four sacks after seeing action in each game.

He missed spring drills in 2003 while recovering from shoulder surgery and remained a backup as a junior while his tackles dwindled. He had 36 tackles and no solo sacks.

His problems were not all on the field, as he faced a rape accusation in February 2003. He was acquitted of the charge six months later in less than a half hour by an all-woman jury.

The Texans aren't concerned with his past, though Johnson said he was grilled about it by teams repeatedly throughout the draft process.

"People just want to know what they are investing their money in," Johnson said. "All I could do was explain the situation and tell the truth."

Capers likes Johnson's explosiveness and is happy to get a quality young player to complement aging players such as Payne (30) and Walker (32) in his 3-4 defense.

"We see him fitting into our nickel scheme right away as an inside rusher and a guy we can fit into the rotation with our front people," Capers said. "We felt he had the most speed, athletic ability and size combination of any interior lineman in the draft."

The Texans had the 13th pick, but traded it to New Orleans for the Saints' selection three spots lower and a third-rounder in the 2006 draft.

Houston gave up second- and third-round picks this year for cornerback Phillip Buchanon, a first-round pick in 2002, in a trade with Oakland on Thursday.

Houston selected running back Vernand Morency of Oklahoma State in the third round, the 73rd overall pick on Saturday.

On Sunday, they got Hampton wide receiver Jerome Mathis in the fourth round with pick 114. In the fifth round the Texans picked up Arizona State center Drew Hodgdon, with the 151st overall pick.

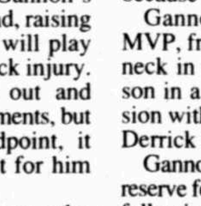
Ceandris Brown, a strong safety from Louisiana-Lafayette, was taken by Houston in the sixth round with the 188th overall pick.

Cowboys make trade, acquire more defense

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells wanted to improve the Dallas Cowboys defense, and that was obvious by their picks in the draft.

The Cowboys used six of their eight picks on defensive players, selecting Virginia defensive lineman Chris Canty, Ball State safety Justin Beriault and Auburn defensive tackle Jay Ratliff on Sunday.

That added to their three picks from Saturday, all defenders. Defensive ends Demarcus Ware from Troy and Marcus Spears from LSU were selected in the first 20 spots of the first round, and Tennessee linebacker Kevin Burnett was a second-round pick.



Still, the first Cowboys' pick Sunday was Minnesota running back Marion Barber III at 109th overall. The hope is that he could become the backup to Julius Jones.

After holding steady Saturday, despite several attempts to trade, owner Jerry Jones finally pulled off a deal on the second day. The Cowboys used the 132nd overall pick in the fourth round from Philadelphia to get Canty.

"We've been fortunate the last two days that everything has come to us," Jones said. "We didn't have to do much trading around."

To acquire Canty, the Cowboys gave the Eagles their fifth-round pick this year and a fourth-rounder next year. Dallas also received a 2006 sixth-round pick from Philadelphia.

This was very different from last year when the Cowboys traded their first-round pick to the Buffalo Bills and didn't draft until the second round — and got Julius Jones. But that also gave them the extra first-round pick this year.

Canty comes to Dallas with questions regarding his health. He is recovering from knee and eye surgery.

The 6-foot-7, 280-pounder was a second team all-Atlantic Coast Conference performer as a junior in 2003. But he missed the final eight games of his senior season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament on his left knee.

Canty also underwent surgery to reattach a retina after as a bystander he was struck by a glass bottle at an Arizona night club.

"He was just standing at the right place at the wrong time," Jones said." "It's something that's not an issue with us. In the long term, it shouldn't be a factor in his playing in the NFL."

Barber, whose father was a running back for the New York Jets, rushed for 1,269 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior for the Golden Gophers. He bypassed his senior year to enter the draft.

"He's got good size and he comes from a good football background," Jones said. "He was very productive, efficient in college and he impressed us with some of his runs."

Raiders believe Gannon finished

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Raiders coach Norv Turner hinted Sunday that Rich Gannon's career is over in Oakland, raising doubt the quarterback will play again after a serious neck injury.

"Rich hasn't come out and publicly made any statements, but from a physical standpoint, it would be very difficult for him to play," Turner said.

Turner said that Gannon, who turns 40 in December, will not attend the team's mandatory minicamp next weekend and will be the only player not to participate. Turner expects no announcement before June 1 because of salary cap constraints.

Gannon, the NFL's 2002 MVP, fractured a vertebra in his neck in the third week last season in a helmet-to-helmet collision with Tampa Bay linebacker Derrick Brooks.

Gannon, who went on injured reserve for the second straight year following consultations with four of the nation's top neck and spine specialists, still attended meetings and games, determined to help his teammates any way possible.

Run for the Arts 2005

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May 21, 2005
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5K Road Race - 5K Fitness Walk
1M Children's Fun Run

Race time

Saturday, May 21, 2005

8:30 AM 5 Kilometer Road Race & Fitness Walk
9:15 AM 1 Mile Children's Fun Run
10:30 AM Awards and Prize Drawings

You may register on race day from 7:30 AM – 8:15 AM, Saturday, May 21, 2005, at Texas & Main, Midland, or pre-register by mail.

Race entry fees

Event	Before 5-14-05	After 5-14-05
5K Road Race	$ 12.00	$ 15.00
5K Fitness Walk	$ 12.00	$ 15.00
Children's Fun Run	Free	Free

All registered (paid) runners and walkers will receive: A Celebration of the Arts T-shirt; free passes to the Celebration of the Arts; delicious post-race refreshments; and entry into the post-race drawings (including Celebration of the Arts gift certificates).
*Children (12 and under) may compete in any of the three events **AT NO CHARGE**. However, they will not receive a T-shirt.*

Race location and course

Registration and race starts are on the east side of Midland Center, Main and Texas Streets, in downtown Midland, Texas. The course is flat and fast, begins near Centennial Plaza, winds through the beautiful residential streets surrounding Wadley Baron Park, then finishes with great excitement back at Midland Center. The course is certified to be accurate by the USA T&F RRTC, No. TX96052.

Safe racing conditions?

The course will **NOT** be closed to automobile traffic. Runners and walkers are responsible to watch for vehicles and bicycles at all times. The Run for the Arts does not allow participants to compete on bicycles, skateboards, or inline skates.

What is Celebration of the Arts?

The 2005 Celebration of the Arts is a showcase for visual and performing artists hosted by the Arts Assembly of Midland. This family-oriented Celebration takes place May 21st and 22nd inside Midland Center and outside at Centennial Plaza, and features artists' booths, live performers on several stages, children's games and activities, special teenager games, and much more.

Race awards

The top male and female finishers, and the top male and female masters finishers (over 40) in the 5K road race will each receive a gift certificate redeemable at the 2005 Celebration of the Arts and a Celebration Poster.
In addition, awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in the 5K road race in the following age groups: 19-and-under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-and-over. (No duplication of awards)

Pre-registration

Mail completed and signed entries to: Run for the Arts, P.O. Box 2744, Midland, TX 79702. Make checks payable to ***Arts Assembly of Midland***. Photocopies of entry forms are acceptable.

More information

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer to help, contact Berry Simpson at 689-0646 or berry@stonefoot.org

***Run for the Arts*, May 21, 2005, Midland, Texas**

Please complete and sign waiver. Mail with check (payable to *Arts Assembly of Midland*) to: **Run for the Arts, P.O.Box 2744, Midland, TX 79702**

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Phone: _____ Age (on 5-21-05) _____

Sex (please circle): F M Event: 5K run 5K walk Children's 1M

T-shirt size requested: S M L XL

Release, Waiver, Indemnification, and Assumption of Risk

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I know that I should not enter and run unless I am medically and physically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running in the "Run for the Arts," including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, effects of weather including high heat and humidity, vehicle traffic and conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this release and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, my heirs, assigns or anyone else entitled to act on my behalf, waive, release and will hold harmless the Arts Assembly of Midland, all race sponsors, their agents, and any other persons assisting with the race, and their successors, from all claims or liabilities of any kind, including injury or death, arising out of negligence or carelessness on the part of such persons. I agree that the decisions of the race officials relating to race results and my participation in the race shall be final. I give permission for the free and unrestricted use of my name and picture as a participant in the race.

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Signature of race entrant (or guardian if under 18) *Date*

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LEAVING THE YARD New York Yankees' Andy Phillips follows through on his eighth-inning, three-run home run off Texas Rangers pitcher Matt Riley in the Yankees' 11-1 victory over the Rangers on Sunday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Yankees crush Rangers, avoid sweep

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Randy Johnson pitched eight dominant innings, Derek Jeter and Andy Phillips each homered and doubled, and the New York Yankees avoided a three-game sweep with an 11-1 rout of the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Phillips hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning and drove in four runs, and Jeter finished a triple shy of the cycle and had three RBIs for New York. A Yankees offense that mustered just 12 hits and five runs in two losses to Texas amassed 14 hits and used two big innings against Pedro Astacio to help Johnson win for the first time since he beat Boston in the season opener.

After giving up 16 runs — 14 earned — in his last three starts, Johnson pitched like the ace the Yankees expected when they traded for him in the offseason, stopping the team's two-game skid and giving a taxed bullpen some much-needed rest.

The Big Unit breezed into the sixth, allowing just a bloop single in the second to Kevin Mench that dropped between three fielders in shallow center. After getting two quick outs in the inning, though, Johnson was temporarily untracked by a timeout called by plate umpire Laz Diaz in the middle of his motion.

On the pitch after the stoppage, Alfonso Soriano ended a string of 13 straight Texas outs with a single to left. Gary Matthews Jr. followed with a triple to right-center and Michael Young walked.

But Johnson (2-1) quickly found his rhythm again, striking out two in the seventh and retiring his last seven batters. He finished with seven strikeouts to increase his career total to 4,201.

Astacio (1-2) had given up just four runs in his first three starts after spending nearly all of the past two seasons on the disabled list, but was roughed up for seven runs and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings — all the hits and runs coming in the second and fifth.

Red Sox 11, Devil Rays 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jay Payton hit a grand slam and Manny Ramirez homered one pitch after nearly being hit by a pitch as the Boston Red Sox avoided a three-game sweep with an ejection-filled 11-3 victory over the Devil Rays on Sunday.

There were six ejections in the seventh inning following a sequence of inside pitches and two bench-clearing scuffles. Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella, and Devil Rays' pitchers Lance Carter and Dewon Brazelton were all thrown out, along with Boston manager Terry Francona, starting pitcher Bronson Arroyo and outfielder Trot Nixon.

Carter threw a high-and-tight pitch in the seventh to Ramirez, one inning after Arroyo had hit Aubrey Huff with a pitch. Then he threw a 1-2 pitch near the head of the next batter, David Ortiz.

Both dugouts and bullpens emptied, with pushing and shoving taking place around the mound. Piniella, Carter, Nixon and Brazelton were all thrown out following that incident, which delayed the game nine minutes.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 1

TORONTO — Sammy Sosa homered twice, Sidney Ponson came within one out of a shutout and the Orioles completed a three-game sweep.

Sosa connected off Roy Halladay (3-1) in the fifth inning and Justin Speier in the ninth, his first multihomer game with Baltimore and the 67th of his career, tying him for third all-time with Mark McGwire. Only Barry Bonds (68) and Babe Ruth (72) have more.

Ponson (3-1) pitched a five-hitter, giving up an RBI single to Reed Johnson with two outs in the ninth.

White Sox 4, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Pinch-hitter Pablo Ozuna doubled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and the White Sox beat the Royals for their seventh straight victory.

Chicago rallied with two runs in the eighth off three Kansas City relievers. Willie Harris started it with a single off Jamie Cerda and stopped at second when Paul Konerko singled off Shawn Camp (0-2) to snap an 0-for-10 skid.

Aaron Rowand's two-out single off rookie lefthander Andrew Sisco tied the score before Ozuna's double to right.

Mariners 9, Indians 1

SEATTLE — Jamie Moyer became the AL's first four-game winner and tied Randy Johnson's franchise record for victories.

Miguel Olivo hit a three-run double for the Mariners, who snapped a three-game skid.

Moyer (4-0), who joined Seattle in 1996, has won 130 games in a Mariners uniform. Johnson posted his total from 1989-98.

■ Major League Baseball Roundup

National League

Cardinals 8, Astros 5

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols hit a two-run homer, and David Eckstein and Mark Grudzielanek each had three hits to help St. Louis complete a three-game sweep of Houston.

Matt Morris (2-0) worked five effective innings in his second start since shoulder surgery for the Cardinals, who have won their last seven home games against the Astros — including the 2004 NL championship series. The NL Central leaders have won nine of 10 overall and swept the Astros at home for the first time since May 21-23, 2002.

Manager Tony La Russa earned his 2,126th victory, breaking a tie with Joe McCarthy for fifth on the career list.

The Cardinals battered Brandon Backe (1-1), who threw eight shutout innings against them in Game 5 of the NLCS, for eight runs and 13 hits in five innings. They were on him from the start with four extra-base hits in the first six at-bats during a four-run first, including Pujols' fifth homer and consecutive triples by Scott Rolen and Reggie Sanders.

Jason Isringhausen got four outs for his seventh save in seven chances.

Cubs 5, Pirates 2

CHICAGO — Kerry Wood left early with tendinitis in his right shoulder but still got his first win of the season, leading the Chicago Cubs over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday.

Jeromy Burnitz hit a three-run shot off Dave Williams (1-2), and Neifi Perez homered and had two RBIs for the Cubs.

Wood (1-1) struck out a season-high eight but was pulled after five innings and only 76 pitches. He gave up two runs, three hits and three walks.

Dodgers 8, Rockies 6

DENVER — Milton Bradley had four hits and Los Angeles scored five times in the eighth inning, rallying past Colorado to avoid a three-game sweep.

Brad Penny came off the disabled list for the Dodgers and allowed four runs and six hits in five-plus innings. Penny, who hadn't pitched since Sept. 22 because of a nerve injury in his right biceps, threw 81 pitches. He gave up a two-run homer to Preston Wilson in the first, then settled down and retired 11 in a row during one stretch.

Braves 4, Phillies 0

ATLANTA — John Thomson pitched five-hit ball for seven innings and Atlanta beat Philadelphia to finish a three-game sweep.

Johnny Estrada drove in two runs for the Braves, who outscored the Phillies 21-3 in the series and will take a four-game winning streak into New York for a three-game set against the Mets beginning Monday night.

The Phillies have lost five of six to fall into last place in the NL East.

Reds 2, Marlins 1

MIAMI — Brandon Claussen and three relievers combined on a four-hitter to help Cincinnati snap a three-game losing streak with a victory over Florida.

Claussen (1-1) allowed three hits and walked three in 5 1-3 innings, winning for the first time since Aug. 22. He had lost his last six decisions.

Nationals 11, Mets 4

NEW YORK — Brad Wilkerson and Vinny Castilla each had four of Washington's season-high 17 hits against New York.

The win halted a three-game skid for the Nationals and ended a three-game winning streak for the Mets.

Brewers 8, Giants 5

SAN FRANCISCO — Carlos Lee homered twice, Jeff Cirillo added a two-run single and Milwaukee won a series against San Francisco for the first time in four years.

Winning pitcher Gary Glover (1-1) allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Diamondbacks 8, Padres 6

PHOENIX — Troy Glaus went 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles and Tony Clark homered in a rare start to lead Arizona over San Diego.

Shawn Estes (2-1) allowed three runs and three hits in seven innings for the Diamondbacks, who withstood a late rally by San Diego to complete their second three-game sweep of the season and record their franchise record ninth home win in April.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or e-mail your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

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To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79707.

To fax your information, send to (432) 570-7650.

Baseball

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

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For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Baseball Specific Training
For: All ages and skill levels
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 185
Cost: $25 per session
For more info: Call Scott Hillman, 352-1266

West Texas Chapter Texas Association of Sports Officials
For: Recruiting new members for the 2005 high school baseball season
For more info: Contact Danny Garcia at 432-697-8409 or danumpyrs@grandecom.net

TPX Top 96 Invitational Baseball Showcase
For: Any junior, sophomore or freshman varsity high school player and can apply at www.top96.com. Selections will be made based on stats, references and academic credentials.
When: June 4-5
Where: Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, Texas
For more info: e-mail Ken Hill at ken.hill@top96.com or call (508) 545-2660

Wayland Baptist Collegiate Summer Baseball League
What: Applications being accepted to play in league open to all 2005 high school graduates who plan on continuing their baseball careers and any 2005 college baseball player
Cost: $175
Deadline: May 18
For more info: Contact Wayland Baptist University head coach Brad Bass at 806-291-1157 or WBU assistant coach Josh Milner at 806-729-7811.

Wayland Baptist University tryout camp
For: All graduating high seniors and/or players with college eligibility remaining
Where: Wilder Field, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview
When: Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 21; tryouts to follow at 9 a.m.
For more info: Contact Wayland Baptist University head coach Brad Bass at 806-291-1157 or WBU assistant coaches Steven Quezada or Josh Milner at 806-291-1158 or 806-729-7811.

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Butch at (432) 620-8096 or Tony at (432) 620-0556

Boys and Girls Club men's basketball league
Cost: $100 per team
Where: Taylor Park
For more info: David Jones (432) 683-0050

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: (432) 682-2551

13-under boys basketball team tryouts
For more info: (432) 689-9112

Boys and Girls Club basketball
For more info: Call David Jones (432) 683-0050

Basketball Specific Training
For: All ages and skill levels
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 185
Cost: $25 per session
For more info: Call Scott Hillman, 352-1266

Midland Lee Lady Rebel Basketball Camp
When: May 31-June 3
Sessions/cost: Grades K-3 (8-9:30 a.m.), $35; Grades 4-6 (10 a.m.-noon), $40; Grades 7-9 (1:30-4:30 p.m.), $40
For more info: Call Coach Boyd at 689-1644

Midland High Lady Dawg Basketball Camp
When: June 13-16: Grades 4-6 (8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.), grades 7-9 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.)
Where: First Presbyterian Church (across Illinois Street from Midland High School)
Cost: $50 for grades 4-6; $70 for grades 7-9
For more info: Call John Loftin at Midland High at 638-4975

Sun City Summer Classic Referee Camp
When: June 2-5
Fee: $80
Entry deadline: May 27
For more info: Call Rob at 915-203-0660 or Joe at 915-241-3783

Sun City Summer Classic Basketball Tournament
When: June 3-5
Fee: $125
Entry deadline: May 27
Divisions: 18U, 16U, 14U
For more info: Call Rob at 915-203-0660 or Joe at 915-241-3783

MAYB Basketball Tournament
When: May 27-29
Where: San Antonio
Who: Boys/girls grades 4-12
Deadline: May 6
For more info: Call the National Office at 316-284-0354 or e-mail mayb@mayb.com

Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament
For: Kids age 9 through high school
Where: Sweetwater Middle School
When: May 13-15
For more info: Contact Mike Hatley at 800-658-6757 or e-mail mike@sweetwater-texas.net

Billiards

Basin Billiards Eight-Ball Leagues
When: Wednesday nights
Sign-up at: Basin Billiards or Fast Freddie's
For more info: (432) 685-5043

Booster Clubs

Lee Softball
When: 7 p.m., May 5, May 19
Where: Lee HS library
For more info: Call Sydonua Bryand at 432-528-2841.

MHS Softball
When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.
Where: Conference Room A, MHS
For more info: Call Lessie at 634-0400

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post (432) 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes (432) 694-0177

Rollin on the River Cruise League
When: Starts May 3, 7 p.m.; Meeting April 26
For more info: Call Tony at 689-9725

Camps

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

Permian Basin Area Summer Tennis Camp
When: July 11-17
Where: Odessa College Tennis Center, Midland High and Lee High tennis courts
Deadline to register: May 15
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245 or 889-2588

Hardin Simmons University Tennis Camp
When: session 1 (June 19-23) and session 2 (June 26-30)
Deadline to register: May 1
For more info: Call Shane Williford at 325-670-1446 or Luis Valdez at 570-6245 and 889-2588

Midland High Baseball Camp
When: May 31-June 3, 9-11:30 a.m. ages 7-12, 1-3:30 p.m. ages 13-15
Where: Zachery Field
Cost: $100
For more information: Call Barry Russell at 689-1337

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month.
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes (432) 699-1718

Darts

Permian Basin Dart Association League
When: 8 p.m. Tuesdays
For more info: Mark McPherson (432) 520-5675 or Brent Tyler (432) 425-2060 or stop by Fast Freddie's or Cactus Lanes

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Football

Lee Rebel Football Camp 2005
For: Athletes entering grades 5-9
When: June 6-10 (8:30-10:30 a.m.)
Where: Lee High School Football Fieldhouse
Cost: $60
To register: On site at first day of camp from 8-8:30 a.m. in the football office

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Golf

Individual Golf Training
For: All ages and handicaps
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 185
Cost: $20 per session
For more info: Call Scott Hillman 352-1266

Trans-American Junior Golf Championships
When: June 6-8
Where: Golf Course, Austin
For more info: Call Richard Arzola at 512-440-8011 or visit www.transamjuniorgolf.com

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Tuesday and Thursday, 7-9 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 770-3155 or 570-8792

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 687-8846

Motocross

West Texas Motocross Park Races
When: Every third Sunday (Gates open 9 a.m., racing starts 11 a.m.)
Where: West Texas Motocross Park, 2.1 miles east of Air Terminal on Business 20
Fee: $6 for riders and spectators (people over 60 and under 6 get in free)

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club Practice
When: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Reyes-Mashburn Park
For more info: (432) 697-6418

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Joshua (432) 661-7147

Running

Permian Basin Running Club Runs
When: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Elephant at Putt-Putt Golf on Loop 250
For more info: Visit pbrunningclub.tripod.com or call Greg Larson at (432) 620-6124

Shooting

Midland Shooters Association, Inc.
When: May 7, High Power Rifle, 8:30 a.m.; Cowboy Action, 10 a.m.; May 8, Big Bore Silhouette, 1:30 p.m.
For more info: Call Freddy Haltom, 694-3806

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell.
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Softball

Team West Texas Rip It (8-under) tryouts
For more info: Boyd Cowan (432) 556-3776

MUGS Recreational 12-under
For: Girls interested in playing competitive softball in the Midland-Odessa area. Team is looking for two pitchers and a catcher
For more info: Call Martha Perez at 699-6829

West Texas Krank It 14-under
Looking for utility players and two pitchers and a catcher
For more info: Call Bobby Perez at 699-6829

Chaos Softball 14-U tryouts
Looking to add five players to roster.
For more info: Call Frank Morin at 520-7666 (home) or 967-1517 (cell), Terry Pool at 523-4901 or Ward Williams at 570-5384

Umpires needed for Spring and Summer
When: Meeting each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Where: Freddie Ezell Softball Complex at Ulmer Park
For more info: Call Mack Gipson at 432-694-2837, umpchief@grandecom.net

Permian Basin USSSA Teams
Who: Adult slowpitch and youth fast pitch teams
For more info: Call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100 to register

Midland Softball Association Spring League signups
When: 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Where: Bill Williams Complex or on-line at www.midlandsoftball.com
Entry fee: $275 per team ($25 late fee), $10 for individual players
For more info: Call 683-8741

Bulls Brand Sotball Tournament
When: April 29, 30, May 1
Where: Washington and Hidalgo Parks, Midland
Entry fee: $150
Deadline: April 27
For more info: Call James "Bull" Henry at 432-967-0805 or 432-688-4737

MSA's 25th Coors Classic Softball Tournament
Where: Bill Williams Softball Complex
Where: May 14-15
Entry fee: $165
Deadline: Tuesday, May 10.
For more info: Call Tommy Hawkins at 432-520-6665 or www.midlandsoftball.com

Men's Arena Softball Tournament
When: May 7
Where: UTPB Softball Complex
Fee: ASA entry fee $125 ($135 unasanctioned)
Deadline: Wednesday, May 4
For more info: Contact Michelle or Gabriel at 432-552-7426

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
For more info: Jeni Wood (432) 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: 3-and-over
Note: Group lessons are available
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic diving skills for beginners then advance to Pre-Team class (ages 7 and up)
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Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
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For more info: (432) 684-7755

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What: Empahsizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: (432) 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller (432) 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller (432) 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller (432) 682-2551

Tennis

Midland Tennis Club
How Much: Adult membership dues are $50, juniors $30, family $125
Benefits: Use of Midland College Tennis Center. Participation in MTC tournaments
For more info: Call 687-4046 or 563-1333

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College (432) 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong (432) 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: (432) 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: (432) 685-4163

Junior League Tennis
Where: Midland Country Club
When: April 30, May 7 and 14 at 1 p.m. each day
Cost: $70 for eight weeks
For more info: Call tennis shop at 682-0022

Permian Basin Junior Excellence Tennis Clinnic
Where: Midland High tennis courts
When: April 30-May 1
For: Preparation for varsity tennis tryouts
Entry fee: $90 due by April 28
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245 or 889-2588

Advanced Summer Tennis Camp
Where: Midland High tennis courts and Odessa College Tennis Center
When: July 10-17
Deadline: May 19
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245 or 889-2588

Reach Out Tennis Program offering sessions of Tennis Tutor
For: Beginners (8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.) and intermediates (10-11:30 a.m.)
Sessions: (1) June 6-9; (2) June 13-16; (3) June 20-23; (4) June 27-30; (5) July 18-21; (6) July 25-28
Deadline: May 31 for session 1 or one week prior to session
For more info: Call Casa de Amigos at 682-9701 or Luis Valdez at 570-6245 or 889-2588

Advance Summer tennis clinics
When: June 6-July 28 in different sessions
Deadline: May 24 for first session
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 889-2588 or 570-6245

Texas Tech Tennis Camp
When: Day camp June 20-23. Overnight Camp 1 is June 26-30. Overnight Camp 2 is July 10-14.
Cost: $275 for day camp, overnight camps are $425 for overnight and $350 for commuter.
For more info: Contact the tennis office at 806-742-3355

Volleyball

Rebel Volleyball Camp
When: June 6-9
Where: Abell Jr. High
Cost: $35 for grades 3-6, $60 for grades 7-9
Times: 8:30-10 a.m. for grades 3-6; 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for 7-8; 1-3 p.m. for freshmen
For more info: Call Diane Sandoval at 689-1645, 520-4641 or 553-8468, or e-mail at SandovalD@aol.com

Midland High Volleyball Clinic
When: May 31-June 3
Where: First Presbyterian Church
Cost: $40 for grades 4-6, $60 for grades 7-9
Times: 8-9:30 a.m. for grades 4-6; 9:30-11:30 a.m. for 7th; 12:30-2:30 p.m. for 8th; 2:30-4:30 p.m. for freshmen
For more info: Call Terri McColloch at Midland High School, 689-1100

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Second Tueday of each month at 7 p.m.
Where: Room 201, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose (432) 687-2588

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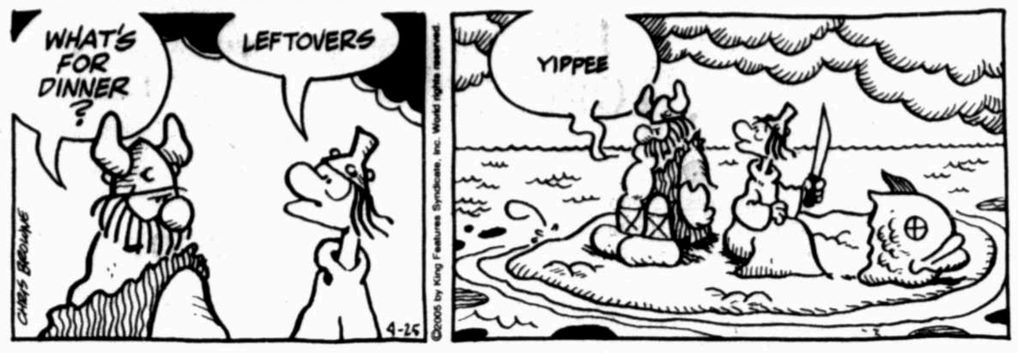

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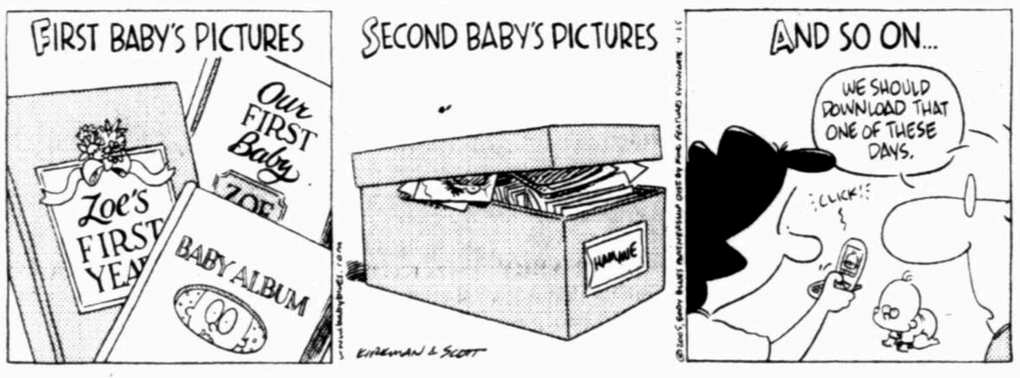

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

With the dental hygienist out of the room, Kevin entertained himself with the saliva vacuum.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"BOY, RETIREMENT IS A REALLY COOL JOB."

LOCKHORNS

"I'LL NEED A REFILL TO GET THE OTHER EYE OPEN."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I turned this umbrella on, but I don't know how to turn it off!"

LOCAL FORECAST

TODAY Partly cloudy high 78 low 45

TUESDAY Partly cloudy high 74 low 46

WEDNESDAY Partly cloudy high 86 low 54

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 78 and west winds between 10 and 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low around 45 and north winds between 10 and 25 mph.

Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 74, a low around 46 and north winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 86 and a low around 54.

The high Sunday reached 72, while the low dropped to 44. The record high for April 24 is 95 set in 1943. The record low is 37 set in 1995.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	Trace
Total for month	Trace
Total for year	2.37 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.03 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	72
Low	44
Normal high	81
Normal low	51

Sunrise ... 7:09 a.m.
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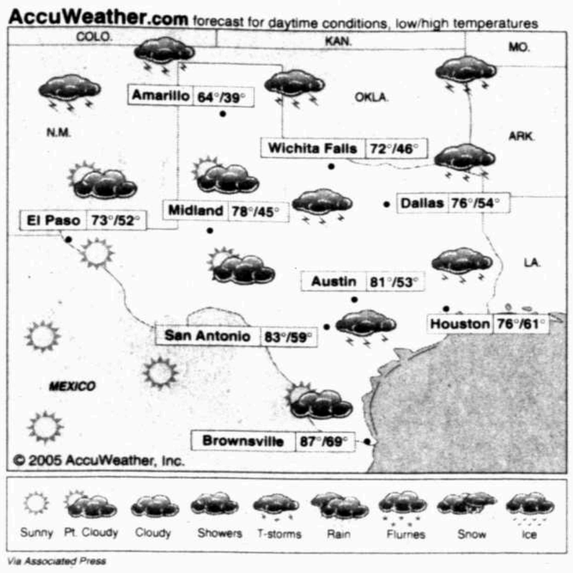

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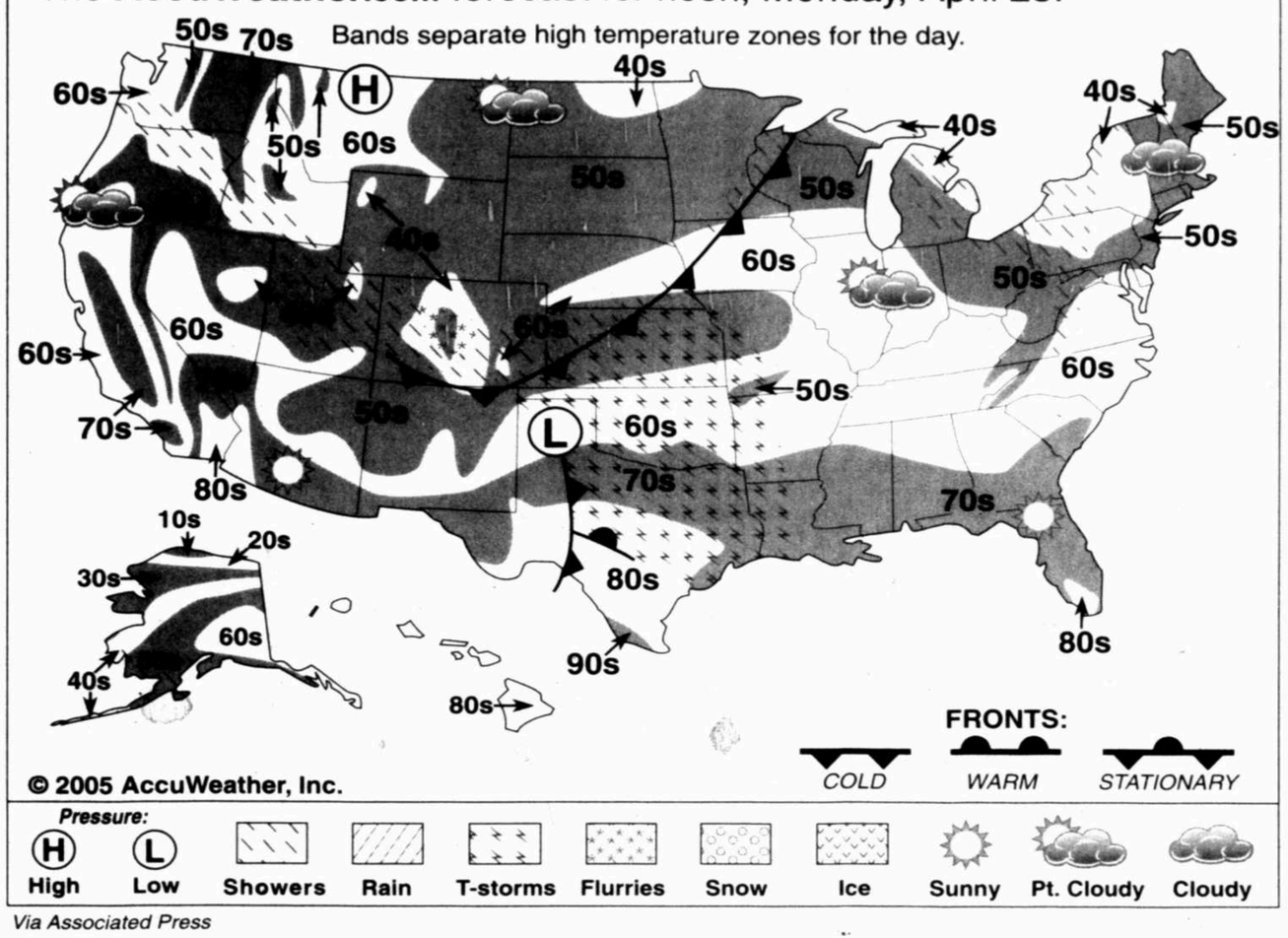
National weather

The **AccuWeather.com** forecast for noon, Monday, April 25.



Via Associated Press

DEAR ABBY

Husband's mind closed to wife's open-door policy

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 2½ years, and ever since we came home from the honeymoon we have had an ongoing argument. When no one is home, I like to bathe with the bathroom door open because that way I can listen to television while I'm in the tub.

My husband constantly complains that his married kids might walk into the house and catch me bathing. I feel that since they don't live here, they should not walk in, and if they do, it's their problem and it probably won't happen again. Please help settle this. — "BUBBLES" IN IDAHO

DEAR BUBBLES: If the situation were reversed, I'm sure your husband's "children" would be nonplussed if you walked into their homes without notice and caught them in the act of bathing — or worse. They shouldn't be entering your house without first calling to see if a visit is convenient. Settle the argument by installing deadbolt locks on your front and back doors and using them when you don't want to be interrupted.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently in a grocery store and noticed that one of the other women shopping that day was a little person. It was clear she was able to shop on her own, but she had some large items in her cart.

When we reached the check-out line, she was directly behind me. In her cart were some large cases of soda. She was able to get the cases out, but with much more effort than it would have taken me.

I wish I could have helped, but I wasn't sure how to go about it. Do little people find it offensive when a person of average height offers his or her assistance? How should I go about offering my help in the future? — WANTS TO HELP IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR WANTS TO HELP: Little people are just like big people. Some will welcome the offer; others may not. It is never rude to smile and offer someone a helping hand. The wording doesn't have to be fancy, just "Would you like some help with that?"

P.S. However, if the answer is "no," please don't take it as a personal rejection.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl, and I have a little brother, "David," who is 9. David is a real pest. He goes through my bras and underwear, and walks in when I'm taking a shower or dressing. (And yes, the door is closed.) I have tried telling him — and shouting at him — to stop and give me some privacy, but whenever I or my parents do, he doesn't get the point. He doesn't mean any harm, but it's quite childish, isn't it?

Please help me. I'm sure it'll help other readers my age, too. — FED-UP SISTER, HAIFA, ISRAEL

DEAR SISTER: Your brother isn't a baby anymore and neither are you. He may mean no harm, but at 9, he's old enough to respect other people's property and privacy.

Because neither you nor your parents can make David understand that these intrusions are rude and an invasion of privacy, ask your parents to install locks on the doors of the bathroom and your bedroom. He may be just a child, but you're a big girl now.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 25, 2005:
You might want to think carefully before you leap into action this year. If you aren't in touch with your motives, sometimes your impulsiveness matched with your strong will could cause you a problem. After the fact, you often explain yourself to the point that others close off and don't listen. Be careful when dealing with difficult authority figures. Your personal and public commitments pull you in many different directions that might not work together. If you are single, you might find that anchoring on a key person is not easy. Still, you might find doing so worthwhile. You will make excellent relationship choices after October. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish if you allow your sweetie to have a greater say in what happens. SCORPIO could challenge you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Working with others could make a difference in the outcome of projects, especially today. Don't hesitate to express your concerns. You might get bogged down with basic worries. Clear the air, if possible. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Allow others to make the first move. In fact, they must make the first move if events are to flow as necessary. Your style of communicating could be a bit heavy for some. You could push someone to express intense feelings, which later he or she might regret. Tonight: Get into some physical activity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Focus on getting the job done instead of emphasizing difficulties and problems. Use challenges to get to the root of a problem rather than fire up a situation. A positive attitude and approach goes far. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your imagination could be the source of strange ideas. Sort through what is applicable. Brainstorm with friends. A partner could be difficult at times. Let it be. He or she needs to express negative feelings in order to allow lighter feelings to emerge. Tonight: Fun and games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Take your time as you encounter many irate or touchy people. Reflect on what you are hearing rather than trigger. Others might be out of sorts, and although the blame falls on you, it might have nothing to do with you. Tonight: Race home and lock the door.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your practicality helps defuse a problem that could affect your daily life. A friend will pitch in and help you weather the storm. Don't lose your focus, or you might be accident-prone. Use that Virgo precision. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Be more playful and direct with others. You don't have to agree with them; in fact, you are unlikely to. Even though you disagree, you will find that you also have many solutions. Handle responsibilities first. Say "no" to a risk. Tonight: Look over your budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your personality could overwhelm someone. Read between the lines with a difficult family member. Information that comes forward might not be the complete story. Listen to what isn't being said. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Take a deep breath before you make any important decisions. You could flounder in dark, murky waters otherwise. Consider your priorities with a trusted adviser. Together, you can prevent a problem before it happens. Tonight: Play it very low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Sometimes you might wonder about another's intentions. A serious attitude surrounds friendships and key dealings. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you want, but don't be surprised by others' reactions either. Tonight: A key meeting or get-together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You have an abundance of energy, which could develop into anger and frustration. Listen well to an associate or someone in your daily life. Assume responsibility through strong, sound decisions. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Be willing to look behind the real issue to get answers. Visit with a friend. Get past a problem by actively claiming your side of it. Responsibility will help you ease out of this problem. Express your feelings. Tonight: Seek different opinions.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ J 10 ♡ J 7 5 4 ◇ 10 9 5 3 ♣ A 8 4
The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Dbl	3♣	?

What do you bid now?

A — Chances are you have a 4-4 heart fit (bear in mind though, that partner might have only three cards in one of the majors), but you have only 6 points. Do you really want to bid at the three-level? Pass.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 6 5 3 ♡ A 10 9 8 5 4 ◇ J 8 7 3 ♣ Void
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — This is not the hand for a weak jump response of two hearts if you have that weapon in your armory — your fit for partner's suit makes your hand too strong for that. Bid one heart and see what develops.

Q 3 — Vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 10 7 6 ♡ Q 8 ◇ K Q 10 5 ♣ J 8 7 4
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A — It depends on whether you play four- or five-card majors. If you play four-card majors, respond one no-trump. Although you have a ruffing value, it does contain the queen and it is preferable to show your balanced hand and perhaps no eight-card fit. If you play five-card majors, the foregoing does not apply. Raise to two spades.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 7 4 ♡ A K J 7 6 2 ◇ Q 6 ♣ K 10 2
Your left-hand opponent's one diamond opening is passed round to you. What action do you take?

A — Jump to two hearts. In the balancing seat, this is not a weak bid. Rather, it shows the equivalent of a sound opening bid with a good six-card suit, exactly what you hold.

Q 5 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A 9 5 ♡ K Q 4 ◇ A Q J 10 5 ♣ 10 2
The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	Pass	1♠	?

What action do you take?

A — Your hand is too strong for a two-diamond overcall. You have a good 16 points and a source of tricks. It looks like a no-trump hand, it has the strength of a no-trump hand so why not tell partner you have a no-trump hand? Bid one no-trump.

Q 6 — Vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K 3 ♡ K J 7 ◇ A 10 7 6 4 2 ♣ K 9
What is your opening bid?

A — It might seem that the obvious bid is one diamond, but what do you do should partner respond one heart or one no-trump? Two diamonds and two no-trump are underbids, three no-trump is an overbid and you do not have the suit quality for a jump to three diamonds. Your hand is, essentially, balanced. Put a diamond in with your clubs and open one no-trump.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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6 Egg-breaking sound
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27 St. Peter's question
31 Teen's bane
32 Picnic spoilers
33 Fairy queen
36 Cincinnati team
37 Radio's Fibber __
39 Walk back and forth
40 "__ you listening?"
41 Tricky maneuver
42 Brontë's Jane
43 Editor's question
48 Strong desires, as for water
50 Freudian subjects
51 Bee or Polly
52 __ a happy note
54 Dolt
57 Hindu title of respect
58 Teacher's question
61 Little shaver
62 Without face value, as stock
63 Online letter
64 Supplement, with "out"
65 Seed covering
66 Ardent competitor

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4 View
5 Renter
6 Noisy sleeper
7 Gilpin of "Frasier"
8 "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" option
9 In the past
10 Hit-hay link
11 Kids' game similar to "Simon Says"
12 Sandwich cookies
13 Says grace, e.g.
18 Art __: geometric style
22 Grow older
23 Small bills
25 Kick in a chip
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27 Lee of cakes
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30 More wise
34 Height: Pref.
35 "How've you __?"
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38 Zoom lens shots
39 Cats and dogs
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44 Actor Carney
45 Soft felt hat
46 Musical Stravinsky
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48 Sample the food
49 Impresario Sol
53 Tidy
54 Norway's patron saint
55 Largest continent
56 Took a tumble
58 Blasting material
59 Fish eggs
60 René's friend

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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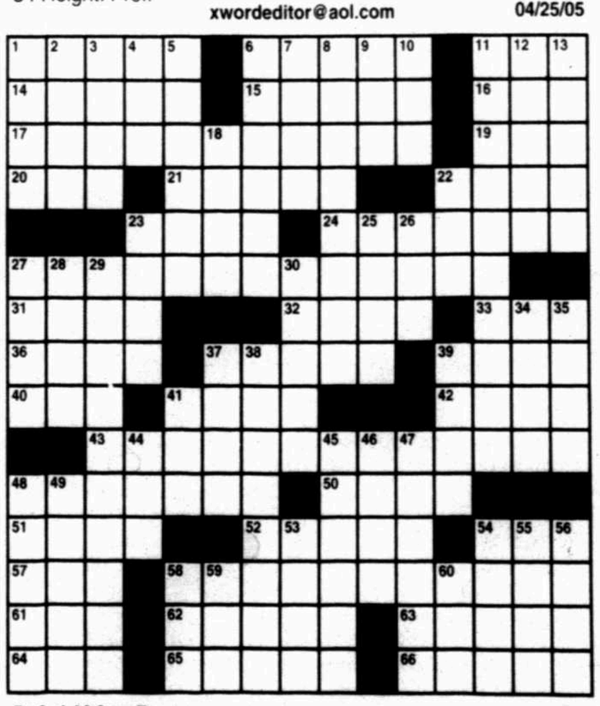

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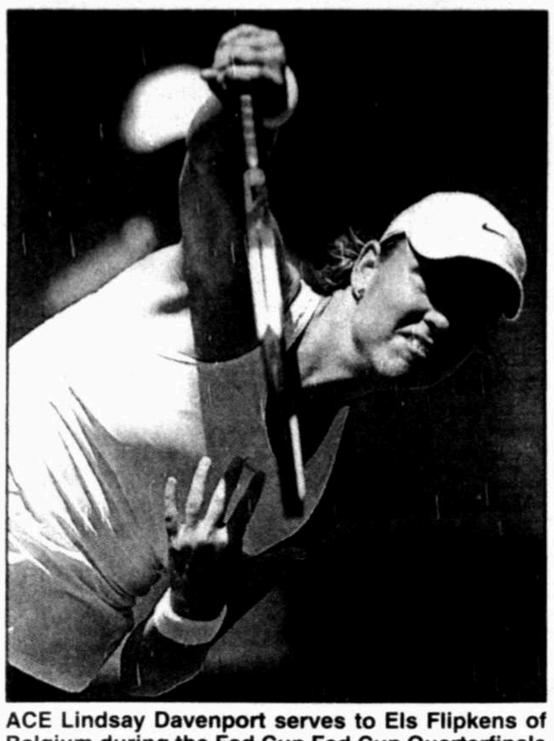

ACE Lindsay Davenport serves to Els Flipkens of Belgium during the Fed Cup Fed Cup Quarterfinals in Delray Beach, Fla., on Sunday. Davenport won, 6-4, 6-0.

Steve Mitchell/AP

U.S. advances to Fed Cup semis

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lindsay Davenport and Venus Williams won in singles and the United States claimed the doubles match to sweep Belgium on Sunday and advance to the semifinals of the Fed Cup.

Top-ranked Davenport defeated Els Callens 6-4, 6-0 to put the U.S. team ahead 3-0 in the best-of-five quarterfinal.

Williams followed by beating Leslie Butkiewicz, 6-1, 6-4, in the second match on Sunday, and Davenport and partner, Corina Morariu, posted a 6-1, 6-2 win over Kirsten Flipkens and Eveline Vanhyfte to complete the sweep.

The Americans advanced to the semifinals July 9-10 at defending champion Russia, a 4-1 winner at Italy. France will face Spain in the other semifinal. The French beat Austria 4-1 and Spain eliminated Argentina 3-2 in the other quarterfinals.

"I didn't feel I played that great in the first set," said Davenport, who has a 25-2 Fed Cup singles record. "I made some sloppy errors but I got better in the second set. What I wanted to do was go out there and seal it up 3-0 and get the tie over with."

Davenport confirmed her commitment to the U.S. Fed Cup team.

"When I talked to (U.S. captain Zina Garrison) on the phone, I told her that I wanted to play, but I wanted to play to win," Davenport said.

Davenport said she tried to get a commitment from sisters Serena and Venus Williams to play in Russia. Davenport called their response positive but not a guarantee.

Venus Williams said she would like to join the U.S. squad in Russia, but had some concerns about making the early commitment.

"Sticking points?" asked Williams, when asked why she might not play. "The only thing that I wouldn't go to Russia is the (tournament) schedule is just too tough. That's the only hard part."

The Russian squad could feature Anastasia Myskina, Elena Dementieva, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Maria Sharapova. U.S. captain Zina Garrison knows she'll need her best players.

"I have told them that I'm going to need each and every one of them," she said. "We have to have our top guns to go in there with."

The Americans hold a 4-0 lead over Russia in Fed Cup play, but they have not met since the Russian women surged to the top of the game.

The Belgians were without former No. 1 players Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters. They recently returned from injuries and want to concentrate on the Grand Slams.

Roddick cruises to clay court title

HOUSTON (AP) — Andy Roddick didn't take long to get back into winning form.

After missing three weeks with a wrist injury, Roddick easily handled weak-serving Sebastien Grosjean on Sunday, taking a quick 6-2, 6-2 victory for his 17th career title and third U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship in five years.

Roddick, playing his first tournament since the injury forced him out of the ATP tournament at Key Biscayne, needed just 70 minutes to complete a run through the tournament field without losing a set.

With his wrist in a splint for 10 days, Roddick used the time off the court to do extra training and footwork. It paid off against Grosjean.

"I've never seen Andy play like that on clay, moving well, seeing the ball," Grosjean said. "His kick serve was pretty high. Even when I returned, he was hitting so well."

It was Roddick's fifth straight appearance in the clay court final, the longest streak on the ATP tour since Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov reached the title match at Moscow from 1996-01, winning the last five.

"I feel as good as I have," Roddick said. "I hit it (training) hard. A couple of weeks that I couldn't do much. I was just focusing a lot on off-court stuff and I felt it paid dividends this week. I felt I was moving really well.

"I don't think it's an accident. Gary Player said the harder you work, the luckier you get. I definitely put in a lot of hours."

Grosjean, who upset second-seeded Andre Agassi en route to the final, struggled with his serve from the start. He had to overcome triple break point in the opening game before holding serve. Then, he won only 16 points the rest of the set.

"I served better in the second set, but then I missed some easy shots," Grosjean said.

Roddick maintained control in the second set, although Grosjean put up more of a fight. Roddick broke Grosjean in the third game, chasing down a shot near the net and driving it down the line for a break. He broke Grosjean again in the fifth game on his opponent's forehand error.

In the eighth game of the set, Roddick served a love game for the match and won it on Grosjean's forehand error at the first match point.

"I felt I controlled it with forehands," Roddick said. "I was putting constant pressure on those points with that shot. He's the kind of guy you don't want him to get his feet in the trenches. you don't want him to get confidence. Luckily, I was able to get off to a good start."

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MOTOR-MPO
Midland-Odessa Transportation Study (MOTOR)
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
2910 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport, Midland, TX 79711

MEETING OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (P.A.C.)
Thursday, April 28, 2005
5:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Announcements and introductions
3. Consider the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Consider a resolution to support for the proposed revised Federal Functional Classification Highway Maps revision within Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary (MAB).
   - Presentation of the proposed revised Federal Functional Classification Highway Maps
   - Discuss the changes of the smoothing of the 2000 UZA
5. Consider a resolution to support the FY 2006-2008 Midland- Odessa Urban Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
   - Presentation of the 2006-2008 Midland-Odessa Urban Tip
6. Hear reports on significant and ongoing projects
7. Old Business
   Discuss the 2006 Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) for Urban Mobility Funds and the modification to the MTP 2005-2030
8. New Business
   - Discuss and consider a resolution in support of the proposed contract with the Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) and both cities.
9. Executive Session
10. Adjourn

90 Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION (DIVORCE)
THE STATE OF TEXAS
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO: **HALEY L. DEHAAN**
Respondent, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Petitioner's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of the Citation, the same being Monday the 6th Day of June, 2005, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable District Court of Midland County, at the courthouse in Midland, Texas. Said Petitioner's Petition was filed on the 21st day of September 2004, in this case, numbered FM-42,674 on the docket of said court, and styled, IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF PATRICIA BELINDA DEHAAN AND HALEY L. DEHAAN. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: PATRICIA BELINDA DEHAAN is the Petitioner and HALEY L. DEHAAN, is Respondent. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: PETITIONER PRAYS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITATION AND NOTICE, THAT THE COURT GRANT PETITIONER'S DIVORCE AS REQUESTED AND FOR OTHER RELIEF REQUESTED HEREIN, as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Petition on file in this suit.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas this the 19th day of April,, 2005.

Attest: VIVIAN WOOD, Clerk 318th District Court, Midland County, Texas

By: Anease Benton, Deputy

BID ADVERTISEMENT

Greenwood Independent School District is accepting sealed bids for property/ vehicle insurance until May 18, 2005 at 2:00p.m. Specifications are available at 2700 FM 1379, Midland, Texas 79706. Contact (432)685-7803 for additional information. G.I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr
683-6222
Reg. Meeting, 3rd. Thurs. Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. meeting, 8 pm.
Bill Dormady, Pres.
Ed Hayes, Secty.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
Regular Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th, Thursdays, 7:30 pm.
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.
Paul W. Burns, WM

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tues. @7:30.
Refreshments 6:30pm.
Al Mitchell, W.M.
James L. Hawkins, Sec.

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Centennial Lodge#1448
1600 W. Wall
Reg. meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30am. Breakfast 7:30am.
570-0328.
Gary Moore W/M.
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Chapter #253
Order of Eastern Star
1600 W. Wall
Stated Meetings
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm
WM Wilma Wheat
WP Ray Stailey

115 Announcements

Monday
April 25, 2005

130 Personals

RECEIVE UP to $180 a month and give life to patients in need. Present this ad your first visit and get a $5.00 bonus! BioLife Plasma Services, 1413 E. 8th Street, Odessa, TX 79761
432-334-6178.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND MALE black brown a little white Chihuahua. 4/19/05. Vicinity of Greenbriar and McDonald. 699-0505.

LOST LONG haired miniature Chihuahua. Brown hair with tan face, 5 lbs., responds to Bruiser. Reward! If found call Amanda 770-2329, 770-2324.

REWARD. PLEASE help us find our little tea cup poodle. She is silver, 3 pounds, 8- 9" tall. Lost from 1204 North Main. Please call 682-8073.

REWARD!!!

Childs pet lost!
4-11-05. Female, blonde Chow/ Lab, brown eyes, beige collar. Vicinity of Michigan & "N" Street. Please call
(432)682-4341

FOUND YOUNG female Pit Bull in Greenwood. Call 631-1371 to identify.

LOST DOG. Maltese, female with pink collar, vicinity Garfield/ Humble, 04/19/05. Large Reward. (432)683-3682, 684-5821.

FOUND MALE Poodle. No tags. Vicinity of 700 Shell. Please call to identify 682-7047.

FEMALE 4- 6 months. Malamute Husky mix, black & white, Blue collar. Call (432)230-2568.

LOST FEMALE Chihuahua out in the county. Please call 413-7959, the cat misses her.

REWARD!!! LOST ladies gold ring with 3 stones, vicinity HEB. 03/15/05. Has sentimental value. (432)556-7360.

LOST AUSTRALIAN Shepherd. Has long white hair. Her name is "Molly". Reward. 631-9671/ 685-5739.

163 Money To Loan

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for companies doing business by phone to promise you a loan and ask you to pay for it before they deliver.
For more information, call toll-free
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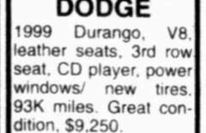

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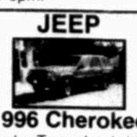

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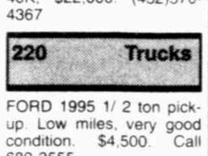

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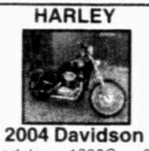

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310 General Help Wanted

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LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE helper needed. 686-0643.

310 General Help Wanted

LOOKING FOR individuals that are interested in full time positions as forklift operators, general laborers. Call for an appointment. EnergiPersonnel, 683-7277 or apply online, www.energipersonnel.com

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Fast and friendly Cashiers and Cooks wanted for high volume store. Apply in person after 4 p.m. at 3323 N. Midland Drive.

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OPHTHALMOLOGY PRACTICE looking for energetic "people" person to join our team. This educational and marketing position requires a person with a professional appearance and demeanor, good computer, organization and motivational skills. Willing to train, sales experience helpful. We offer competitive salary and benefits. Please email resume to: pam1pearson@yahoo.com

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311 Medical Help Wanted

CNA OR LVN, Busy family physician's office. Experienced, blood drawers, injections, people skills, tying mandatory. Non smoking environment. Fax resume 432-699-6012.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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40 YEAR old company needing experienced sales person. $40K+ Ask for Joe. Apply in person. Morgan Buildings, 1200 W. Business I-20 East, Odessa. (Next to Legacy Harley Shop)

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We offer $8.50/hr. plus $150 commission per unit sold!

Qualifications:

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★ Must be able to work the schedule that is required at the dealership Saturdays, evenings, holidays, etc.

★ Must have Junior status prefered.

★ Must meet Lithia's standards hiring requirement – good job history, clean motor vehicle record, valid drivers license, drug free.

Call our personnel department at (432) 522-3115

HELP WANTED

Must be at least 17 years old to work weeknights 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturday's 10 am - 7 pm. Minimum wage plus commission and weekly bonuses. Transportation can be provided.

Call

Tommy Gammage at 262-6263

316 Sales Help Wanted

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IMMEDIATE OPENING for Sales People. If you have sales experience in any field you owe it to yourself to look into an automotive sales career. Commission rates up to 35% plus bonuses. We offer paid health insurance, vacation and 401K. Apply in person at 3705 West Wall, Performance Honda Autoplex.

SALES ASSOCIATE- part time. Flexible schedule preferred. Apply at Catherine's, 3001 West Loop 250 North.

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

SEEKING RESPONSIBLE Manager for Old Mill Trade Days, Post, TX. Requires good public relation skills and energetic salesmanship. Job involves overseeing employees, facility/ grounds maintenance, creative promotion of monthly events. Send resume to Jacky Harp, Box 971, Post, TX 79356.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

BACKHOE OPERATORS

Service Company now hiring, backhoe operators. Must have class A "CDL". Competitive wages and new equipment. Please apply in person at: TCO Field Service, 3601 East Highway 158, Midland, TX.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

OILFIELD PIPE Yard Manager- Aggressive, growing, local company seeking an experienced pipe yard manager. Applicant should send resume to P.O. Box 790, Midland, Texas 79702. Salary commensurate with experience.

SMALL INDEPENDENT oil production and drilling company in need of a field supervisor for daily production as well as completion and other day to day operations. 5+ Years experience required. Send reply to Box Y-3028 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WELL SERVICE Rig Operator. Experience and CDL required. Good references showing long term employment. Lake Brownwood area. 325-752-7416.

320 Skilled Trades

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE Advisor dealership experience needed. Good working conditions and great benefits contact Steve Cole 697-3293 or come by Performance Autoplex 3705 W. Wall St., Midland, TX.

CONTRACT MAKE Ready person- Experience in carpentry, plumbing, electrical a must. Call 687-0053 or 683-9726.

DIESEL TRUCK TECHNICIAN/ FLEET MANAGER

Great opportunity for skilled person to maintain and manage a small fleet of medium duty diesel trucks. Good working conditions, regular hours, excellent salary and benefits. No major repairs. Must be qualified diesel technician. References required. Permanent position in Odessa, Texas. Call for interview. 800-588-3357.

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Hourly & piece work.

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FULL- TIME experienced production equipment welder. Can mail resume to PO Box 870, Midland, Texas 79702, fax (432)687-2001 or call (432)683-9722.

Linco- Electromatic is accepting applications for the following positions: Assembly Person: pipe-fitting, conduit, tubing experience a plus. Structural Welder: layout and blueprint reading required. Must pass stick and flux core wire test. Drug test required. (432)694-9644, 4580 West Wall, Midland, Texas, 79703

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

HSE MANAGER

Midland based well servicing company is seeking a qualified person for the position of Health, Safety and Environmental Manager to supervise a staff of 3-4 field safety supervisors, develop and implement safety policy and procedures and to be the lead in accident and case management. Qualified candidates will have two to three years of well servicing safety experience working in a supervisory role. CSP certification preferred, but not necessary to hire. A successful candidate will be required to acquire the CSP certification as a condition of employment. Salary will be commensurate with experience and the position offers excellent benefits. Interested candidates should fax resumes to 432-688-3976.

321 Truck Drivers

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320 Skilled Trades

HIRSCHFELD STEEL Co., Inc. has the following opening. Applications will be considered based on qualifications without regard for race, color, religion, creed, gender, national orgin, age, ,disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status. Position: Maintenance Tech. Qualifications: 1 year experience maintaining & repairing electrical and hydraulic mechanical equipment associated with structural steel and bridge fabrications. Location: Midland, TX. Hirschfeld Steel Co. Inc offers a competitive salary, commensurate with experience, as well as an attractive benefits package. Apply in person, #8 Industrial Loop, Midland, TX. Questions call Jeremy Black 325-486-4415. EOE M/F/D/V www.hirschfeld.com

HOMES BY Whitaker is seeking a Qualified Trim Carpenter. Must be highly experienced in custom homes, crown moldings, stair cases, wood floors, etc., and have own tools. Call 697-7900 to schedule interview.

HVAC TECHNICIAN Must have experience, ability to install and have own tools. Call 432-570-0790.

MAINTENANCE PERSON needed. HVAC certification and experience required. Large apartment home complex. 687-0053 or 683-9726.

NOW HIRING Foreman, Lead man for steel construction and experienced metal building erectors. Call 520-0820.

NOW HIRING full time vinyl installer for sign company. Must ahve ability to peel, mask and install vinyl. Willingness to work as a team. please call 683-0016 for more info.

PAINTERS, CARPENTERS & Laborers needed immediately. Must have 5 years experience and transportation. Great pay for qualified individuals. Call 570-0500.

WANTED FOR Immediate employment- Experienced sheep metal mechanics/ A/C/ duct installers. Please call 686-0002 or 570-0232 for interview.

WANTED. AUTOMOTIVE technician. Dealership experience preferred. Top pay and great benefits. Call Bill Cox 697-3293 or come by Performance Autoplex, 3705 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas.

321 Truck Drivers

MIXER DRIVERS with six months experience start at $10.25. New mixer drivers start at $9.75 and increase to $10.25 after 6 months. $300 sign on after 90 days. Ready mix drivers needed in Midland. Full time position with Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co., a leader in the ready mix industry in Texas. Full benefits package and new pay scale. 35 hours guarantee. Must have good driving record and CDL license. Experience a plus. Apply at Transit Mix Concrete: 2608 North F M 1788, Midland, TX. 432-561-8922 or 432-664-4155. Transit Mix Concrete is an EOE/ AA Employer.

DRIVER WANTED- Must have Class A CDL and flat bed experience. Good pay! Benefits! Health and dental insurance. Home most nights and week ends. Come in and fill out application at 1500 W. I-20, Odessa, TX or call (432)580-5353 to make sure we are still accepting applications. Monday-Friday, 8- 5.

OVER THE ROAD flatbed driver. Must have clean CDL, Hazardous Material Endorsement preferred. Flexible home time available. 432-218-6366.

DRIVERS WANTED. Oil field pipe experience necessary, clean driving record, CDL required. Please call (432)697-0015 for information.

TRUCK DRIVER- Local delivery. Must have good driving record, Class B or C. Apply Triangle Lumber, 5601 W. Industrial, Midland between 7:30-5:00, Monday through Friday.

Let Classified Work For You! Call 682-6222

321 Truck Drivers

AGG DRIVER starting at $9.50 increased to $10.00 after six months. $300 sign-on bonus after 90 days. Aggregate Drivers needed in Midland. Full time position with Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co., a leader in the ready mix industry in Texas. Full benefits pacake and pay scale. 35 hours guarantee. Must have good driving record and CDL license. Experience a plus. Apply at Transit Mix Concrete: 2608 North FM 1788, midland, TX. 432-561-8922 or 432-664-4155. Transit Mix Concrete is and EOE/ AA Employer.

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WRECKER DRIVER needed. Must be over 21 and have good driving record. 24 hour call, random drug testing. Apply in person. B & B Wrecker Service, 2823 S. Rankin Hwy. No Phone calls!

TRUCK DRIVER- Local Delivery. Class "A" license required. Must have good driving record and verifiable references. Apply Triangle Lumber, 5601 W. Industrial, Midland. 7:30-am to 5:00pm.

HOT SHOT service drivers wanted. CDL not required. 1 Year driving experience required. Thad 432-556-1492.

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Delivery Drivers
Local Warehouse Delivery Positions requiring good driving record. CDL Class A or B, End X
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Midland TX

HIRING DRIVERS. Local Hauling Must have CDL with Haz-Mat & Tankers. All New Pay Scale. Bonus Pay. Benefits Include: Flex Spending, Employee Assistance Program, Health, Dental, Vision, ADD, Life, Vacation and 401K Plan. Scheduled Days Off. Apply at: 5901 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79706. Contact: Ray Rangel, (432)689-6162.

ESTABLISHED OIL FIELD carrier needs qualified OTR drivers with a good driving record. Must have 2 years OTR experience and be able to pass physical & DOT drug screen. McClatchy Bros. Inc., 3901 W. Industrial, 694-9691.

GROWING OILFIELD Company- seeks qualified treating truck driver for Midland/ Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo Areas. Must have clean driving record with minimum Class B CDL with hazard endorsement. Good salary and quick raises for right person. Benefits include medical/ dental insurance and 401K retirement plan with employer matching. Must be honest, dependable, drug free and have dependable transportation to and from work. Please send resume to Endura Products Corp., P.O. Box 3394, Midland, TX 79702. Absolutely no phone calls please!!

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY with new, growing oilfield service company. Quality CDL drivers with oilfield experience. Top pay, benefits and scheduled days off. Toter drivers and tandem drivers needed, call Stallion Oilfield Services to set up an appointment at 432-687-4455.

321 Truck Drivers

START AT $12- $13/ hourly plus lots of overtime! Only Truck drivers with 2 years Class A CDL experience need apply. Physical Labor required. Good benefits. Home one week a month. Call 1-800-588-2669

336 Adult Care Providers

NOW HIRING. Amazing Grace Assisted Living is now taking applications for the night shift on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights- 6:00pm- 7:00am shift. 39 hours per week. Apply in person at 1502 W. Texas between 1:00pm and 3:00pm only.

340 Child Care Needed

CHILD CARE needed in your home: 3 year old and 9 month old. Monday-Friday, 7:00am- 5:00pm. Reliable transportation required. Please call 889-6921, leave message if no answer.

341 Child Care Providers

KIMBER CARE Child Care has opening for newborns, 3 years. Clean environment, curriculum, CPR Registration pending. 238-6997, 262-3850.

HART TO HART Day care. Looking for a caring and nurturing environment that will also prepare your toddler for school? At Hart to Hart, we will give your child the foundation for a successful academic background. Your child will be introduced to the skills needed in kindergarten by a certified educator. Inquires (432)687-4505.

350 Business Opportunities

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660 Mobile Home Space for Rent
665 Business Office Property for Rent
667 Comm'l Prop
670 Warehouses/Storage
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680 Out of Town
685 Hunting Leases
690 Oil/Gas Leases
695 Oilfield Misc.

604 Want To Rent

ROOM WANTED to rent for long term, not temporary in your home. Quiet, considerate, non- judgmental, Christian, piano tuner with regular income, 53. minor kitchen privileges. I don't smoke, drink, drugs. (OK if you drink moderately, smoke.) Pleasant looking normal guy. Good references from former landlords. All information supplied for background check. Stewart Speers, 1-432-940-9555. Leave message. Interview on telephone and in person.

605 Apartments Furnished

ALL BILLS Paid- Furnished one and two bedroom. Quiet down town complex. Must qualify credit check No HUD. To see call 682-3589.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

SAGEWOOD- One Bedroom- downstairs available 699-1693/ 520-7375.

NO CREDIT Check New Owners, new management, new tenants. 1 or 2 bedrooms, $275- $450 monthly. Renaissance, Midland Drive & Neely, (432)520-3238.

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QUALITY RENTERS wanted! $99 move in for 1 bedroom! $199 for 2 bedroom! Come by 3001 N. Midland Dr., Midland, TX 79707 or call 432-697-6039.

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1 BEDROOM available, starting at $320. Cable TV provided, covered parking. Shown by appointment only. La Fonda Apartments. call (432)686-7774.

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625 Houses Unfurnished

2- 1 BEDROOM duplex. County atmosphere. 699-4002/ 352-2252.

4412 ROOSEVELT REFERENCES required. Nonsmoking environment. Three bedroom, two bath, central air and heat, washer/ dryer connections, ceiling fans, fenced. Minimum 1 year lease. Application required. $725 monthly and $350 deposit. 685-3005 or 553-5482.

PRINTZ PROPERTY Management. 684-8202. Homes, townhomes, duplexes- All prices and sizes. Jeannie Printz, broker/ owner.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH Duplex. $395 monthly. Background check. $200 deposit. 686-2961.

VERY NICE three bedroom, two bath, double garage. Newly remodeled duplex, $650 monthly. 432-352-2088.

NICE TWO story- Four bedroom, two bath. 101 Waverly. $750 monthly/ 1st month deposit. 556-9720.

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2 BEDROOM house, take over lease $450 per month. Five months left on lease. Contact anytime (432)557-8862.

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EXECUTIVE DUPLEX, for lease $700 monthly. 2603-B Haynes. Call Dunham Property Management 432-685-3382.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

1 Bedrooms
Windsor Place/ Villa Trieste
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Professionally managed by PMC

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

THREE BEDROOM, three bath, double covered parking. $875, $800 deposit. 2100 W. Wadley, #20. 432-683-4864.

SAGEWOOD: Loft. $500 deposit, $500 monthly. Available April 18. One bedroom/ patio. 432-694-8121/ 432-425-4871.

FAIRGATE Townhomes, northwest side, 6 and 12 month leases, 2 and 3 bedrooms 1600 sq. ft. livable; all appliances, fans, fireplaces and garages. 686-2800.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurn.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH Mobile Home central heat/ air, $450/ month. First/ last months rent. (432)570-4578/ (432)683-7952.

3415 COTTONFLAT RD Space 'A', 2 bedroom, 1 bath. $275/ month, $250/ deposit. First month free. 6 month lease, WAC. 682-1608.

NOW AVAILABLE- 2/ 3 bedroom mobile homes, all appliances, fenced yards, extra clean! Deposit required. No vicious dogs. 687-6324.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

AIRLINE MOBILE HOME Park. Smooth Move! $450 to $650 savings. Call soon! 694-2534.

SPACES IN Greenwood School District- Paved roads, just 6 minutes from the mall. $59 monthly for 2 years- then $110 monthly. 432-550-7505.

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rent.

SELL/ LEASE- Owner Relocating to Loop. 1,600 sq. ft. near Hospital. Lease $800. 683-4466.

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2- 3 ROOM or 2,500 sq. ft suite, park at door. Don Roderick, Broker 349-2650.

1,000 SQUARE FOOT Warehouse/ office. Overhead door, A/C and heat, secured yard. $275. 683-5697/ 682-4789.

OFFICES single/ multiple (suites available). Executive suites optional. Rent includes utilities, custodial services, free parking. 2 Locations: 4500 W. Illinois, 600 N. Baird. 620-1500.

667 Commercial Property

1/2 ACRE LOT for rent corner of Business 20 & Fairgrounds Road Fenced & Caliche $400/ monthly. 683-6259.

OFFICE/ WAREHOUSE for lease. Approximately 1,500 sq. ft. office and 7,500 sq. ft. warehouse/ shop with 3 phase electric. Two overhead doors, 2 ton bridge crane, and fenced yard. Reception area, 3 offices, 2 clean restrooms and kitchen. Great location on Cottonflat Road. $2,200/ month. Call Don Davis, LMB, 686-2800.

FOR LEASE: all sizes and types of properties, office, warehouse, retail. 800 to 40,000 sq. ft. Some with fenced yards. 683-8681.

INVESTMENT PROPERTY. 4900 Andrews Hwy. 2 Acres, zoned PD. City sewer and water. $3.75 per foot. (254)734-2117.

55,000 FT. WAREHOUSE in south Odessa for Lease or sale by owner. 5 truck high dock doors, office with 2 restrooms, fenced yard, railroad spur, 20 ft. ceilings, new roof, 1,600 ft. utility building. 432-352-2289.

#7 EAST INDUSTRIAL Loop, 12,000 square foot building, fenced yard, and loading dock. Sell $285,000 or lease $3,000 per month. Other properties available. 683-8681.

5,000 SQ. FT. Metal building for lease. Between Midland and Odessa. $800 per month. Montevallo, Inc. 661-0013/ 683-0951.

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FOR LEASE: Commercial building, 10,000 square feet, good retail location. Lots of parking. Contact: Bob Payton (432)694-4769

667 Commercial Property

670 Warehouses/ Storage for Rent

4,500 SQUARE FOOT Warehouse. Dock high. Midland Industrial Warehouse. 2701 W. Industrial. 432-684-3838.

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690 Oil/Gas Leases

WANTED:

Minerals, royalties, overrides, working interest, operated or non-operated. Fax information and asking price to 432-682-7700. Will respond in 48 hours. All information is confidential.

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700 Mobile Homes

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH- Charlet. In good condition in established park. $12,000. Move it! 563-0223.

RENT TO Own- Two bedroom, on lot, all electric, cental heat/ air. Low payments- $275- $350. 608-358-4825.

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4100 N COUNTY 1127- Three bedroom, two bath, 1/2 acre. $43,500. Call Mike, American Realty, 352-2652.

701 Real Estate

REAL ESTATE 700

700 Manufactured Homes
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710 Open Houses
720 Homes for Sale
725 Condo/Townhouses
730 Suburban Prop
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410 Miscellaneous Sales

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MEN'S SCHWINN Frontier, 21 speed mountain bike, $100. Men's 24 speed H400 Cannodale $400. 694-4706.

FAUX MARBLE top. 21" by 60". Off white color. Great coffee table top. $40. 685-0851.

ABLOUNGE ULTIMATE with digital monitor, workout CD and accessories $175. Gazelle Edge with digital monitor $150. 634-3504.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

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413 Jewelry & Furs

BUYING MAJOR diamonds. Rolex watches, estate items, sterling flatware, gold and silver scrap, etc. Williams Jewelry Buyers Wadley and Midland, 10- 6, Monday- Friday. 689-2300.

413 Jewelry & Furs

LADIES DIAMOND ring- 1/2 carat baguettes, rounds. Yellow gold. Appraised- $800. Asking $500 negotiable. 432-889-4390.

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415 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED A love seat or sofa in red, yellow or black leather & queen size bed frame. 432-262-5402, 432-268-3533.

SOUTHWEST Rapid Reward Tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

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430 Household Goods

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CEILING FANS. Great condition, $25 each. Baby stuff, Kingsize waterbed- $125. 686-0088 ask for Trina.

432 Household Furniture

DUNCAN PHYFE table $150. 5 chairs $250. Call 682-5434.

DREXEL COFFEE table 42"X42", dark wood with smoked glass top. $50. (432)620-0799

3 PIECE SECTIONAL Sofa with dual recliners and fold out bed. Great bargain $185. (432)694-5746

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LA-Z-BOY Sleeper sofa, blue clothe- $325, two kid's recliner's $15 each. 686-7949.

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