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Stars win

Dallas Stars beat the San Jose Sharks 4-1 to advance to the conference finals against the Colorado Avalanche./**1C**



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James Draper, director of MC's Department of Information Technologies, drives department to new heights./**4B**

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'I live in a garden of girls and boys; fresh young faces and daily joys.'
— Bertie Piatt



Bertie Piatt, left, cares for and home-schools her seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sitting next to Mrs. Piatt is her granddaughter, Natasha Plaag, 13, and her twin sister, Lucretia. Playing on the floor are her great-grandchildren: Esteen Geneva, 20 months old; Mariah Farmer, 7, and Kyle Farmer, 8, forefront. Sitting at the far right is Mrs. Piatt's great-grandson, Morgan Farmer, 10.



Zack Plaag, 15, the oldest of Bertie Piatt's grandchildren, plays with 20-month-old Esteen Geneva, the youngest great-grandchild.

Story by Ed Todd | Photos by Tim Fischer

High school dropout home-schools her grandchildren, great-grandchildren



Christmas in April Volunteers, including Steve Merrill, background, worked Saturday on Mrs. Piatt's house. Merrill is assisted by Kyle Farmer, 8, and his stepsister, Lucretia Plaag, 13.

Bertie Piatt has at least seven causes to be spirited, happy, joyful, and grateful. And she is. But, save for her loving and accepting attitude, she could be going through life carrying burdens. Instead, she is taking on blessings.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who call her "Ma'-maw," are the joy of her life.

"She takes care of us," said Lucretia Plaag, her older — by one minute — 13-year-old twin granddaughter.

Dutifully and happily, Mrs. Piatt is provider, teacher, counselor, comforter, disciplinarian, and friend to seven children — three grandchildren, including the twins, and four great-grandchildren. They range in age from 15 years to 20 months.

They all live with her in a 1,500-square-foot, snow-white stucco house of 1944 vintage and Spanish flair on Midland's east side. She home-schools the children.

She is both jolly and plump and ambles her almost 5-foot-2-frame around with aid of her grandmother's old walking cane.

"Isn't she just like Santa Claus?" asked Lori VanHoozer, a Midland Christmas-in-April volunteer and board member who last weekend was among CIA volunteers who painted, repaired, and spruced up the old house that, with its thick walls and white exterior, is relatively cool on hot days and comfortable inside.

The Piatt house is one of about 350 low-income senior-citizens' houses that 3,000 CIA volunteers have repaired in the past year and is among the 5,300-plus Midland houses that CIA volunteers have repaired and renovated since CIA's beginning in Midland in 1973.

"She's got a row to hoe — raising that many kids and being 64 years old," CIA President-founder Bobby Trimble said of Mrs. Piatt. "There's a lot of elderly people who raise grandkids. We will continue to do maintenance on the (Piatt) house."

CIA volunteer Steve Merrill, occasionally aided by the children, was taking care of some painting chores on the Piatt

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City to spend $100,000 on TIF research

■ Council to consider helping fund research into feasibility of establishing tax district.

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council on Tuesday will consider a resolution to contract with Downtown Midland Inc., to research the feasibility of establishing a tax district to promote downtown development.

If approved by the City Council, Downtown Midland Inc. (DMI) will have the responsibility of hiring a consulting firm to research the full effects of establishing a downtown tax increment financing (TIF) district. As part of the deal, the city would pay no more than $100,000 on research, reimbursing DMI for any costs incurred, said Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler.

DMI leaders contend the best way to revitalize downtown is through a TIF.

With the implementation of a TIF, only new tax revenues — resulting from increased downtown property values over time — would be retained for downtown development. The original property tax income would still be shared with the other taxing entities — but anything above and beyond that original number would be retained for investment in downtown Midland.

The plan would need the support of all five taxing entities: The city, Midland County, Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland College and Midland Independent School District.

Hackler said there will not be a request for proposal or request for qualification process in hiring a consulting firm, as there is when a city awards a contract for a project.

Hackler said it is not unusual to have an outside group take on responsibilities in a project it is knowledgeable about.

"Rather than proposing a grant, we would prefer to handle it on an invoice basis so we're involved," Hackler said. "The city will be the one that ultimately initiates the TIF, as required by law."

Mike Canon, immediate past chairman for Downtown Midland Inc. and a newly elected councilman, said DMI is reviewing proposals from three consulting firms.

Hackler said he has offered input into preliminary discussions with DMI regarding requests for proposals from consulting firms.

"We should contract with someone who is proven and puts forth a good, finished product," Hackler said. "We requested of those that submitted proposals to Downtown Midland to include samples of completed projects and reference information. One or two firms could be interviewed before a decision is made."

But, that final decision will be made by the Downtown Midland executive committee, Hackler said. Councilman Dale Brown, director of Planning, Cameron Walker and Hackler are ex-officio members from the city serving on the committee.

Ted Jones, chairman of DMI, said a TIF consultant would determine the feasibility of a TIF district and a plan for implementing one.

After the consultant's study, Jones said, DMI will discuss the plan with the taxing entities. Jones said he is hopeful that all five entities will agree to participate.

Currently, all property tax rev-

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Lee wins UIL literary top prize

By Matt Josefy
Staff Writer

AUSTIN – The Midland Lee Rebels brought home the Literary Criticism title to the trophy case when they returned from the University Interscholastic League State Academic Meet in Austin, and Midland High Bulldog Ryan Pai finished off a successful U.I.L. career with two medal-winning performances.

"Going in there, we knew it was going to be hard competition," Robert Domingo said.

Domingo finished fourth teamed with fellow Lee senior Chantel Dawson, who earned fifth place, and junior Bonnie Meinke to take the Literary Criticism championship for all of Division 5A.

"I wasn't sure how we would do, but the whole time our coach (Lily Goodin) had told us we could do it. We had to make it count and bring something back to her," Miss Meinke said. "The test was pretty hard, but we went on a tour of the Capitol and when we came back we found out we'd won. I'm overjoyed with our performance."

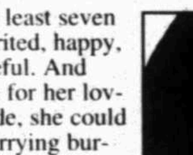
"I think this is going to be a good encouragement to keep on studying. It's a good motivator to persevere in developing my Eng-

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What's going on this summer? Find out Thursday

From Staff Reports

What are your children doing this summer?
Sitting at home watching television?
Playing video games?
Getting into all kinds of shenanigans?
What if you could sign up all your kids for all kinds of summer activities at one place and get free food to boot?

Sound like a dream? Well, pinch yourself and come on over to "Get Set for Summer," an event co-sponsored by the city of Midland and the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

The event will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Midland Community Center (the former Northwest YMCA).

The following are a list of groups that will be at the event ready to sign up children, discuss programs with parents and answer questions about possible scholarships for those who cannot afford some of the programs.

■ D-FY-IT: Camp sign up.
■ Teen Court: Volunteer sign up.
■ Girl Scouts: Sign up booth.
■ Midland Police Department Community Relations Unit: A booth about the youth programs, as well as Safe Kid Identification Disc Pro-

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Teens, alcohol, drugs in spotlight

From Staff Reports

The first step in solving a problem is acknowledging that it is one. A forum scheduled for Tuesday aims to shed some light on drug and alcohol use and abuse by local teens.

"Wake Up and Speak Out — Be a Part of the Solution" is the title of a roundtable community forum to be held at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Center for Energy and Economic Development, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The forum will be broadcast live on KWES-TV and will include opinions and the young people who face the problems everyday. NewsWest 9 anchors Jay Hendricks and Melissa Hendrix will moderate the forum.

Among the panelists will be Eric Setzler, regularly featured Reporter-Telegram columnist and Midland Independent School District teacher.

The forum will be in a question-and-answer format and all parents, children, young people and families are encouraged to attend.

This program is sponsored by the Midland Reporter-Telegram, KWES-TV and the Midland and Odessa Junior leagues.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Sunny	Fair
High 99	High 91	High 99
Low 64	Low 64	Low 64

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and breezy with a high in the upper 90s to 102 and a south wind at 10-20 mph.

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

Tuesday is expected to be sunny and breezy with a high in the upper 90s to 101.

After an overnight low of 70, Sunday's high reached 101, compared to the record high for that date of 106 set in 1989. The record low of 41 was set in 1984.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.	High	101
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.	Low	70
Total for month	0.00 in.	Normal high	85
Total for year	1.56 in.	Normal low	56
Normal total (year to date)	2.81 in.		

Sunrise ... 6:57 a.m.
Sunset ...8:34 p.m.

National forecast

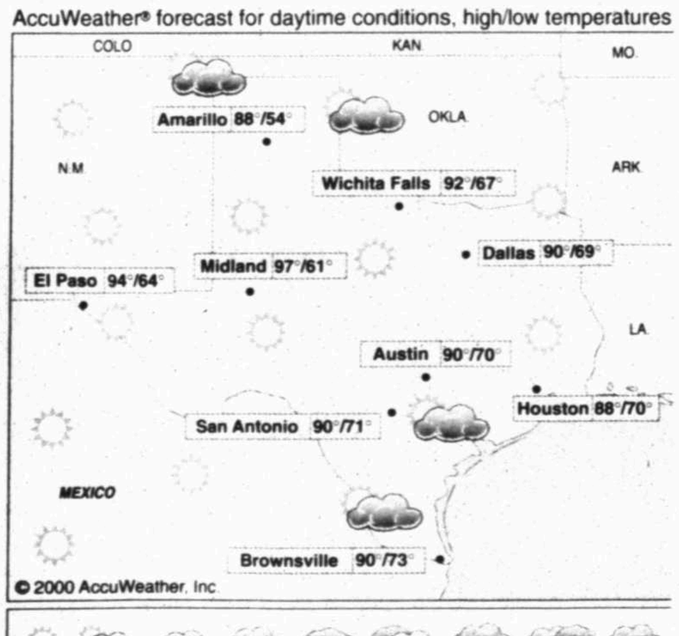
United States temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Akron,Ohio	84	63	cdy	
Albany,N.Y.	89	57	cdy	
Albuquerque	88	57	cdy	
Asheville	82	51	cdy	
Atlanta	85	61	cdy	
Atlantic City	93	66	clr	
Billings	50	44	14	cdy
Birmingham	86	63	cdy	
Bismarck	62	47	44	cdy
Boise	62	46	33	rn
Boston	91	50	cdy	
Bridgeport	87	53	cdy	
Caribou,Maine	72	47	29	clr
Casper	54	44	38	cdy
Charleston,S.C.	86	59	clr	
Charleston,W.Va.	88	59	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	85	55	cdy	
Chattanooga	86	59	cdy	
Cheyenne	73	50	03	cdy
Chicago	77	64	cdy	
Cincinnati	83	59	09	cdy
Cleveland	85	66	cdy	
Colorado Springs	82	52	cdy	
Columbia,S.C.	89	60	clr	
Columbus,Ga.	87	60	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	85	63	cdy	
Daytona Beach	80	57	cdy	
Denver	83	52	cdy	
Des Moines	86	60	rn	
Detroit	86	67	cdy	
Duluth	71	57	rn	
Fairbanks	61	30	mm	
Fargo	71	48	04	rn
Flagstaff	69	44	cdy	
Grand Junction	78	68	cdy	
Grand Rapids	82	67	01	rn
Great Falls	60	31	cdy	
Green Bay	83	64	rn	
Greensboro,N.C.	85	59	clr	
Harrisburg	93	62	cdy	
Hartford Spgfld	93	54	cdy	
Helena	62	35	cdy	
Honolulu	85	74	clr	
Jackson,Miss.	86	66	clr	
Jacksonville	81	54	cdy	
Juneau	59	43	02	mm
Kansas City	81	64	02	cdy
Knoxville	83	61	cdy	
Lake Charles	83	72	cdy	
Lansing	81	64	cdy	
Las Vegas	88	70	clr	
Lexington	84	62	cdy	
Lincoln	80	61	rn	
Little Rock	88	67	38	cdy
Los Angeles	72	57	clr	
Louisville	86	65	01	cdy
Memphis	84	69	40	cdy
Miami Beach	84	74	02	cdy
Montgomery	87	61	cdy	
Nashville	84	61	cdy	
New Orleans	86	71	cdy	
New York City	93	57	cdy	
Newark	94	67	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	91	65	cdy	
North Platte	77	58	02	cdy
Oklahoma City	90	69	cdy	
Omaha	85	61	rn	
Orlando	88	62	cdy	
Paducah	82	67	cdy	
Pendleton	67	34	cdy	
Peoria	82	66	07	cdy
Philadelphia	rn	64	cdy	
Phoenix	97	71	clr	
Pittsburgh	87	60	cdy	
Pocatello	51	42	54	rn
Portland,Maine	77	46	04	cdy
Portland,Ore.	67	41	rn	
Providence	91	51	cdy	
Pueblo	89	46	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	87	59	clr	
Rapid City	58	52	33	cdy
Reno	64	47	cdy	
Richmond	91	65	cdy	
Roanoke	89	61	cdy	
Rochester	83	65	cdy	
Rockford	82	65	cdy	
Sacramento	59	48	51	cdy
St Louis	78	66	2.47	cdy
Salem,Ore.	64	39	rn	
Salt Lake City	61	55	19	cdy
San Diego	69	61	clr	
San Francisco	61	52	24	cdy
San Jose	63	53	06	cdy
Santa Fe	84	48	cdy	
St Ste Marie	79	61	rn	
Savannah	85	53	clr	
Seattle	62	42	rn	
Shreveport	87	68	clr	
Sioux City	87	66	cdy	
Sioux Falls	83	54	clr	
South Bend	81	65	03	cdy
Spokane	59	34	rn	
Springfield,Ill.	81	66	02	cdy
Springfield,Mo.	76	66	11	cdy
Syracuse	85	65	cdy	
Tallahassee	87	57	cdy	
Tulsa	84	71	clr	
Tupelo	85	60	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	90	67	cdy	
W Palm Beach	81	72	03	cdy
Wichita	91	67	02	clr

State forecast

Monday, May 8

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Texas temperatures

	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	106	75	
Alice	92	73	
Amarillo	95	55	
Arlington	87	70	
Austin Bergstrom	89	71	
Beaumont	83	72	
Brownsville	89	76	
Burnet	88	68	
Childress	105	65	
College Station	89	71	
Conroe	87	70	
Corpus Christi	87	73	
Corsicana	87	70	
Cotulla	99	69	
Dalhart	92	55	
Del Rio	101	73	
Denton	87	71	
DFW Airport	88	72	
Dryden	101	63	
El Paso	93	71	
Fort Stockton	101	70	
Fort Worth Meacham	87	71	
Galveston	82	75	
Georgetown	90	72	
Guadalupe Pass	90	64	
Harlingen	93	75	
Hondo	94	70	
Houston Intrctnl	86	72	
Huntsville	88	71	
Junction	97	68	
Kingsville	90	m	
Laredo	95	73	
Longview	87	69	
Lubbock	99	70	
Lufkin	87	70	
Marfa	91	54	
McAllen	93	74	
McKinney	86	71	
Mineral Wells	95	70	
New Braunfels	87	67	
Palacios	84	76	
Paris	84	70	
Rockport	86	76	
San Angelo	103	73	
San Antonio	90	71	
San Marcos	91	70	
Terrell	86	69	
Tyler	86	69	
Victoria	87	72	
Waco	87	71	
Wichita Falls	101	73	
Wink	103	64	

PIATT: Grandma tries to shield kids from temptations

(From 1A)

house while others, including CIA teen-age volunteers, were clearing up debris around the Baird Street house.

"The kids are great," Merrill, 35, said. "They are wonderful. They are all really good kids, considering all they had to endure."

Those children include three of Mrs. Piatt's grandchildren: grandson Zackariah "Zack" Plaag, 15, and twin 13-year-old granddaughters Natasha and Lucretia Plaag, who are children of Mrs. Piatt's 42-year-old son who is in prison.

Her son is said to have changed course and now is bringing other inmates "to the Lord" through his Christian faith, she said.

The other children are her great-grandchildren: Morgan Farmer, 10; Kyle Farmer, 8; Mariah Farmer, 7, and, the youngest, Esteen Gevena, 20 months.

"It's kind of hard to blend two families," Mrs. Piatt said. "But they are getting to where they are not trying to kill each other."

They have grown to respect each other, she said.

Mrs. Piatt, a former bookkeeper now on retirement income, has taken care of the children full time since 1998.

A Lamesa High School dropout who "got too smart and got married" at age 16, Mrs. Piatt elected to set up her own home school to educate the children.

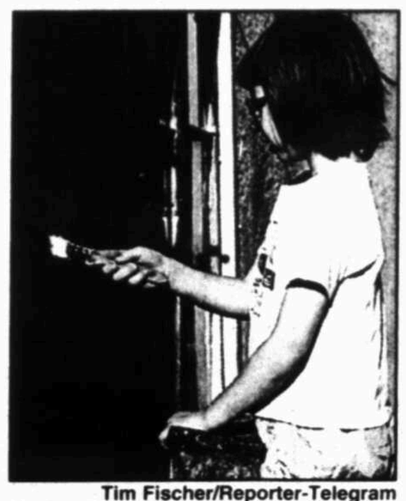
In Midland since the early 1970s, she had completed her high-school education and enrolled in Midland College's Continuing Education program.

By home-schooling the children, she figured that the youngsters would not be exposed to the negative behavior, such as illicit sex and foul language, of some students; would not be victims of violence, and would not be tempted by drugs and alcohol that have plagued the children's parents, especially her own son and daughter and granddaughter.

"Sooner or later, they are going to be exposed to it (life's temptations), but they will be prepared," Mrs. Piatt said. "I'm making certain they know all the pitfalls."

In taking care of the children, "I'm the only responsible one around," the blue-eyed Mrs. Piatt said.

Mrs. Piatt's husband, 74-year-old retired plumber Roy Piatt — who is step-grandparent and step-great-grand-parent to the children — is disabled as the result of an accident and is in the care of a Stanton nursing home. He had helped raise her children as if they were his own.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Mariah Farmer, 7, helps paint her family's house during Saturday's Christmas in April project.

In dealing with life's everyday toils, Mrs. Piatt and her family have the support of their church, Midland Christian Fellowship, relatives and friends.

Of electing to home-school the children, she said, "I got tired of hearing about the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test. I felt like things — the school (negative) situation — had gotten out of hand. We have some wonderful teachers, and I appreciate everyone of them."

Besides, she admitted, "I have some non-conformists" that she can best contend with in the home-school environment.

"I felt that I spent more time at school than they did," Mrs. Piatt said of Morgan, who had attended DeZavala Elementary School, and Zack, who had attended Alamo Junior High School.

At home, Mrs. Piatt reckoned that she, aided by textbooks and work books and the expertise of other home-school academicians, could teach the youngsters in accelerated programs. She is heartened by the benefits of computers in the children's education.

"They have no problem making the grade."

Zack said that he favors home-schooling over taking public-school classes. "I can go into the kitchen almost anytime I want to and eat."

Kyle and Morgan were equally candid.

"I hate it," Kyle said. "I don't like to do the (school) work. She (Mrs. Piatt) makes us (study)."

"I still hate school," Morgan said. "I hate school here. I hate school, period."

But Mrs. Piatt, his mentor and great-grandmother, keeps him on track as a demanding schoolmarm.

"I have an edge up on (regular) school," Mrs. Piatt said, "because I can keep it (teaching) up indefinitely. I can make him (Morgan) sit until he finishes" his lessons "no matter how long it takes."

Kyle said that he likes home-schooling "a lot better" than going to public school.

"She (Mrs. Piatt) doesn't have us sitting against the wall if we don't get our work done on time," Morgan said.

The children, Mrs. Piatt said, enjoy a healthy social life even though some critics have said that the children would be socially "crippled without the social life" associated with public-schooling.

"But all of them (except the baby) are in scout troops," she said of the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Zack, for example, is a Star Scout who is working toward the Life rank.

"They have the opportunity to be socially active," Mrs. Piatt said.

And already they, in the main, are setting goals. Zack, who enjoys wildlife, is considering a career in wildlife photography. Of the twins, Natasha is focusing on a nursing career, and Lucretia wants to care for young children.

"I either want to be a mountain man or a rancher or a pro-football player," Morgan said.

Kyle, at age 8, wants to be an astronaut.

Mariah would like a singing and mountain-climbing career.

As for the baby, "I'm sure Esteen wants to be a mountain climber and a singer," Kyle said, "because she climbs everything and tries to sing."

Mrs. Piatt credits a loving God for her strength of character to take care of the children.

"He has gone every step of the way," she said. "The Lord has been there. He has provided everything we needed. He didn't say we wouldn't have problems. He just said He would be right there and walk through them (problems) with us."

Mrs. Piatt, who has been a caretaker most of her life, "helped my mother with my grandmother" and took care of other aging forebears before she took custody of the seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren in 1998.

"It was just what happened," Mrs. Piatt said taking on the seven children. There's "no room" for self-pity.

And in the safety of home life, the children are free from violence and drugs and put-down attitudes, Mrs. Piatt figured.

"For this I am forever grateful," she said, "because every day older they get will see them becoming more mature and more solid in the Lord Jesus Christ. This alone can save them from years of pain and problems and give them a good education to boot. They will learn more than the TAAS test."

Of her faith, Mrs. Piatt said, "The Lord says 'if you do what I require you to do, I'll be with you all the time.'"

Actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr. dies at age 90

NEW YORK (AP) — Douglas Fairbanks Jr., the rakishly handsome actor, producer, author and businessman who was a real-life war hero and friend of royalty, died Sunday. He was 90.

A spokesman for Manhattan's Frank E. Campbell funeral home confirmed Fairbanks' death. He did not disclose the cause of death.

The son of the swashbuckling superstar of silent films, Fairbanks made his own mark in some 75 movies, including "Catherine the Great," "The Prisoner of Zenda," "Gunga Din," "Little Caesar," "Sinbad the Sailor" and "State Secret."

"I never tried to emulate my father. Anyone trying to do that would be a second-rate carbon copy," he once said. "I was determined to be my own man, although having the Fairbanks name did make it easier to get into an office to see someone."

His stepmother was America's sweetheart, Mary Pickford. His first wife was Joan Crawford. He said he had affairs with Marlene Dietrich and Gertrude Lawrence.

King George VI of England gave him an honorary knighthood for "furthering Anglo-American amity."

Fairbanks became the first American officer to command a British flotilla of raiding craft during a commando operation in World War II. He served under Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, who later introduced him to his nephew, Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth.

Fairbanks became a favorite of the royal couple and often entertained them at his home, much to the chagrin of Mayfair society. When Fairbanks gave a coming out party for his daughter, Daphne, in 1957, the Queen, Prince Philip and Princess Margaret stayed until dawn.

Fairbanks was born in New York City on Dec. 9, 1909 — the only son of Douglas Fairbanks and his first wife, Anna. His parents divorced when he was 9, and he lived with his mother.

Fairbanks' movie career began at age 13 with an appearance in "Stephen Steps Out." The film was not a success and he resumed his studies for a time.

He made his stage debut in Los Angeles in 1927, earning good reviews. He began getting better movie roles, appearing with Greta Garbo in "A Woman of Affairs" and in a Frank Capra film, "The Power of the Press," both 1928.

His career picked up with the arrival of sound. In the early 1930s, he had a string of film successes, including a showy role in "Little Caesar," then was able to write his own ticket.

CITY: Council may help fund July 4 celebration

(From 1A)

enues are disbursed among the various taxing entities with MISD receiving 56 percent of the apportioned tax.

Hackler said school districts around the state may be hesitant to participate in a TIF because of state legislation enacted Sept. 1, 1999. By forgoing any increased downtown property tax income, MISD would lose any additional matching funds from the state, Hackler said.

MISD Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said a decision regarding MISD's involvement in TIF won't be made until the school district has a full understanding of the plan and the potential impact on school funding.

In other business:

■ The council will consider contributing $30,000 to Downtown Midland Inc. to help fund this year's downtown Independence Day celebration.

This will be the third year for the event.

Hackler said attendance in the past two years has averaged 20,000. He said the 1998 event was deemed "Best Promotional Event" in the state of Texas by the Texas Downtown Association.

Hackler said among the festivities will be a laser show and a symphony orchestra performance.

■ The council will consider a resolution to begin accepting requests for proposals for water and sewer lines for the planned Scharbauer Sports Complex.

■ The council also will vote on contracting with Energas for the relocation of electrical cable that currently runs underneath the site of where the Scharbauer Sports Complex will be located. Estimated cost: $75,000.

■ The council will consider a resolution extending the agreement with SBC Corp. to annex the 94-acre plot of land where the complex will be built.

"The SBC agreement is just an extension of the interim agreement for the donation of the land," said City Manager Rick Menchaca. "The extension will allow the city to receive the donation of the land being platted and provide legal description and complete annexation."

Menchaca said the annexation process should be completed by early fall.

EVENT: Organizations plan summer programs

(From 1A)

grams and the fatal vision program and others.

■ Boy Scouts: Sign-up booth and information on annual events and a camp site.

■ COM Aquatics: Swim America swimming lessons and competitive swimming.

■ Casa de Amigos: A sign-up booth and an activity booth. Programs include arts and crafts, games, music entertainment and storytelling.

■ MARC: Registration for summer activities, two- and one-week classes and a week of teen camp.

■ True-Lite: Sign up for summer tutoring programs.

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters: Information and requests for service.

■ Midland YMCA: Sign-up booth.

■ Bynum School: Sign-up for summer school and general information about Bynum School.

■ Camp Fire: Sign-up for activities Summer Day Camps, Texas Tours and Texas Scholar Volunteers.

■ Petroleum Museum: Summer classes, information on free family night, membership sign-up and upcoming events.

■ Communities in School: Sign-up booth

■ Children's Museum of the Southwest: Activity booth and registration for summer art and activity classes.

■ First United Methodist Church: Activity booth and sign-up for vacation Bible school.

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UIL: MHS senior wins science award

(From 1A)

lish skills," said Domingo, who will be attending the University of Dallas. "UIL is important because it helps us to go further in certain subjects and measure how good our programs are compared to others in the state. It's encouragement to get better."

The competition required students to demonstrate knowledge of literary terms and a comprehensive understanding of specified works listed throughout the year, as well as the ability to gather information and to infer material from poems. Outside of class, the students studied a handbook and old tests to prepare for weekly sessions with their coach.

Pai also performed well, garnering second place individually in computer science and third in science. The finishes concluded a year that saw Pai win multiple first place finishes in everything from biology to mathematics. He will attend Texas A&M University next fall.

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Putin sworn in as president, promises to rebuild Russia

By Barry Renfrew
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin pledged to finish building democracy in Russia and restore the country to its world power status during his innaugural speech Sunday, which marked the first democratic transfer of power in the vast nation's history.

Moving swiftly to tackle the ailing economy, the country's biggest problem, Putin's first act was to name economics specialist Mikhail Kasyanov as prime minister. Kasyanov is a well-regarded moderate who backs market reforms.

With his predecessor, Boris Yeltsin, standing stiffly at his side, the 47-year-old Putin said after taking the presidential oath at the Kremlin that his main task was to save Russia after years of decline.

"Today is really a historic day. For the first time throughout the history of the Russian state, high power is being transferred in the most democratic and simple way, by the will of the people — legally and peacefully," Putin said.

Many Russians hope that the former KGB officer will end years of economic and social chaos, boost incomes and living standards, root out entrenched corruption and restore political stability after the turbulent Yeltsin era.

Putin and Kasyanov also symbolize the passing of power to a new generation of vigorous, younger leaders after decades of elderly, often ailing Soviet and Russian leaders.

"Putin is a new politician with new ideas, and I think the young generation has put its hopes in him," said Natalya Medvedeva, a student.



AP Photo

Russian President Vladimir Putin with his wife Liudmila stand during a service in the Annuntiation Cathedral in Moscow's Kremlin on Sunday, after his inauguration ceremony. Putin pledged to restore Russia as a great power after being sworn in Sunday as the country's second democratically elected president in a ceremony that evoked the country's imperial past.

Kasyanov, 41, a close ally of Putin, had been first deputy prime minister and his appointment to head the Cabinet was widely expected. The appointment must be confirmed by parliament, which is expected to act swiftly.

Putin took the oath of office amid the ornate splendors of the Andreevsky Hall, the old imperial throne room that is a glittering confection of gold columns, white marble and crystal chandeliers. The presidential guard in 19th-century uniforms goose stepped, military bands belted out trumpet fanfares, and cannons outside fired a 30-gun salute. The inauguration was broadcast live on Russian TV.

Yeltsin, who resigned early last New Year's Eve after making Putin acting president, is rarely seen these days. Frequently hospitalized during his second term, Yeltsin looked tired and stiff, but smiled during the ceremony.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the last Soviet leader, glumly watched the inauguration as he stood in the crowd of dignitaries in the hall.

An enigmatic figure who never held elected office until winning March 26 elections, Putin faces an enormous task. The economy has been in decline for years, caught between the failed Soviet system and the corrupt crony capitalism of the Yeltsin years. The education and health systems are crumbling, while life expectancy and the birth rate are falling sharply.

Putin said he recognized the magnitude of the problems facing Russia and the population's expectations. He acknowl

was not simple and easy. Our history had both tragic and light pages. The construction of the democratic state is far from being completed yet. But a lot has been done," he said.

Putin said he understood that ordinary Russians desperately want better lives and promised to work openly and honestly for effective government.

"We want Russia to become a free, flowering, rich and mighty and civilized country of which its citizens are proud and which is respected around the world," he said.

Still, the Kremlin ceremony was jammed with the politicians and tycoons who have amassed wealth and power while the rest of Russia has sunk into poverty.

Besides the economy, the other pressing challenge for Putin is the war in Chechnya. His tough stance against Chechen rebels helped boost his popularity, but Russian forces are bogged down with little hope of quick victory.

Putin says he wants to restore Russia's great power status, which could strain relations with the United States. Russia relies heavily on foreign loans, and analysts say Putin is likely to be pragmatic in dealing with the West.

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RUF rebels halt advance across interior Sierra Leone

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — A rebel advance through Sierra Leone's interior ended with the rebels "melting away" into the jungle, a U.N. official said Sunday, cooling a clash that involved United Nations forces and a helicopter gunship from the government.

One day after the peace process in this West African nation seemed doomed, leaders of the rebel Revolutionary United Front and U.N. officials flew together by helicopter to check out the area where their forces clashed a day earlier.

No rebel soldiers could be seen along the route in central Sierra Leone, and there were no signs of violence, said Brig. Gen. Mohammed Garba, a U.N. deputy force commander. The group traveled from just outside the capital of Freetown to the town of Lunsar, about 50 miles to the northeast.

"I want to assure the general public that there is no cause for alarm," Garba said Sunday, calling the trip a "confidence-building mission," following an erroneous report from the U.N. the day before that rebels had advanced to Freetown's edge.

Also on the trip was longtime rebel official Col. Laurence Wormandia, who said the clash between his forces and U.N. soldiers happened 60 miles east of Freetown, at the key crossroad town of Rogberi. The government then sent a helicopter gunship to the fight, and fired "a substantial amount of rockets at the RUF," U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said from New York.



Sierra Leonean girl Bintu Mara, one of many children mutilated by former Revolutionary United Front rebels in the months that led to a compromise peace accord nearly a year ago, walks with the help of a crutch and the handless arm of a friend at the camp for war-wounded in Freetown, Sierra Leone on Saturday. Last year's peace accord required the disarming of rebels, and relegates security to a United Nations peacekeeping force. The RUF have been accused by human rights groups with some of the worst crimes against humanity since the Rwandan genocide.

AP Photo

Wormandia said the advance began Saturday after media reports filtered back to rebel fighters that Foday Sankoh, the RUF leader seen as a semi-deity by many of his followers, had been placed under house arrest in Freetown.

"They wanted to come as far as" Freetown, Wormandia said Sunday, adding that Sankoh then radioed his commanders and ordered them to stop the advance. Sankoh was not officially under house arrest Sunday, but his home was surrounded by U.N. troops.

Garba, who appealed to Sankoh on Saturday to halt his forces, said the rebels then "melted away," into the jungle after the rebel leader's calls.

While Wormandia and Garba both insisted Sunday that Sierra Leone's fragile peace process could still survive, neither would discuss the hundreds of U.N. personnel who have been captured by the rebels over the past week.

As many as 500 peacekeepers are believed to be held by the rebels. Why they were seized remained unclear Sunday, and the rebels continued to deny they had taken the U.N. staff hostage. On Sunday, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook suggested that it was the peacekeepers' moves toward Sierra Leone's diamond-rich regions — long controlled by the rebels — that could be at the root of the confrontations.

"It does appear that the issue that has triggered them to mount this further rebellion has been the attempt by the U.N. to enter the diamond-producing area," he said.



Leader of the Sierra Leonean Revolutionary United Front Foday Sankoh, right, looks on as United Nations Peacekeeping Mission Deputy Force Commander General Peter Garba appeals to Sankoh to discuss possible solutions to the current hostage crisis. Sankoh commands a force of over ten thousand former rebel fighters apparently taking over four hundred UN soldiers and personel hostage in rebel strongholds throughout the country. Garba arrived for an impromptu visit at Sankoh's residence, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on Saturday.

AP Photo

Regardless of the cause, nerves remained deeply frayed in Sierra Leone, where an 8-year civil war ended in July with a peace accord that brought the rebels — in principle — into a power-sharing government. Many people were taking no chances.

Private helicopter companies that ferry passengers to the Freetown airport were operating twice as many flights as normal over the weekend, company officials said.

"We are worried," said Mohamed Basquo Bah, 33, who was seeing relatives off Sunday morning. "We are not too sure (U.N. forces) will put up a resistance" if the rebels do launch an attack.

In a speech broadcast on state radio, President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah also expressed disillusion with the U.N. soldiers, many of whom surrendered without a fight to rebel forces last week.

"We have all been extraordinarily disappointed at the way some (U.N.) troops have capitulated to RUF forces," he said. "But we have not yet reached the stage where we believe the U.N. is incapable of fulfilling of its mandate."

In a bid to revive morale among the peacekeepers and follow the crisis more closely, the head of U.N. peacekeeping operations, Bernard Miyet, was expected to arrive in Freetown on Tuesday, Eckhard said.

Hundreds of people, including aid workers, missionaries and other civilians, have been evacuated in recent days. On Sunday, the U.S. embassy warned Americans against traveling to Sierra Leone, ordered nonessential personnel from the embassy in Freetown and began a helicopter airlift for Americans who wanted to leave.

The British Ministry of Defense also said Sunday it was sending helicopters, a frigate and paratroopers to the West African coast to make sure British nationals are safe. British officials also reduced the number of embassy staff in Sierra Leone and advised British citizens to leave.

But U.N. officials insisted that Freetown remained well-protected, with about 2,100 U.N. troops in the capital — about 500 Jordanians and 1,600 Nigerians.

Since Monday, hundreds of U.N. personnel have been taken hostage by the rebels, and at least one is presumed dead following the clashes, Eckhard said.

The number went up Saturday, when the U.N. said it had had lost contact with a 200-man peacekeeper unit. If those peacekeepers — all Zambian — have been captured by the rebels, it would bring the numbers of RUF hostages to nearly 500.

Catholic conference symbolizes stronger role in Mexican life

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Thousands of devout Mexicans attended a Mass for the sick on Sunday, the culmination of a four-day national religious conference aimed at raising the Catholic Church's public profile.

The Mass concluded the country's second-ever National Eucharistic Congress, a series of unusually public religious events that appeared to symbolize a new boldness for the Church, which Mexican law has relegated to the background for 150 years.

"In other countries religion is taken far more into account in public life," complained 62-year-old school teacher Arnoldo Sintas as he helped his aging mother-in-law into the Guadalupe Basilica for the special ceremony.

The highlight of the religious congress was an open-air Mass held Saturday night in Mexico City's Zocalo plaza — the nation's most important public space.

Nearly 150 bishops, archbishops and several cardinals appeared together on a platform, while tens of thousands of faithful gathered below.

"Nobody should be frightened of Jesus Christ. Christ is not trying to compete with anybody. He isn't trying to replace anybody," said Cardinal Norberto Rivera, referring to a century of state restrictions on religion, rooted in the post-independence reaction to the church's collusion with Spanish colonial rule.

"There hasn't been anything like this since 1924," said an emotional Maria Calderon as she watched the Mass while protecting herself from the drizzle with a sheet of plastic.

The 72-year-old nun was referring to the last Eucharistic Congress, held just before the state intensified its crackdown on religion, setting off the Catholic uprising known as the Cristera War.

The war ended with the Church promising not to rise up against the staunchly secularist 1917 constitution.

But gradually the church's freedom and behind-the-scenes influence increased, but its role in public life remained limited. A 1992 reform abolished many rules, such as the ban on wearing habits in public.

But in March, clergy openly challenged one remaining restriction — against involvement in politics — by speaking out on the upcoming presidential elections, scheduled for July 2.

On Saturday in the troubled southern state of Chiapas, the new Catholic bishop, Felipe Arizmendi Esquivel, promised Zapatista rebels that he would intercede on their behalf to resolve a 6-year-old conflict with the government.

With 100 million people, Mexico is one of the most populous predominantly Catholic nations in the world.

Federal agents detain six more protesters on Navy property in Vieques, Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Six more people have been detained for trespassing on U.S. Navy property on the island of Vieques, a Navy official said Sunday, days after federal agents removed hundreds of protesters from a bombing range.

Lt. Cmdr. Mark McDonald said that authorities detained and released four people Saturday and two on Friday. He did not know specifically where on the Navy property the trespassers had been found.

The U.S. Marshals Service processed and released the detainees at Camp Garcia, the Navy's facility on Vieques, McDonald said.

On Thursday, hundreds of U.S. Marshals and FBI agents cleared 216 protesters, some of whom had occupied parts of Camp Garcia's training range since April 1999, after a civilian Navy guard was killed in an accidental bombing.

The protesters detained Thursday were sent to a Navy base on the main island of Puerto Rico, but some returned triumphantly to Vieques by boat in the hours after they were released. Activists have set up a new, legal camp next to the Navy's land.

Authorities have said that anyone who tries to re-enter the range could face up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

One of the protest leaders, fisherman Carlos Zenon, said two of the eight people who remained in secret camps on the range after Tuesday's federal raid were among those detained Saturday.

"They made a mistake," Zenon said of those detained. "They got out to stretch their legs or something and they had a dog with them ... when the guards heard the dog they followed it to them."

Zenon said that he had been in contact with the protesters Sunday and that there were still six people left on the range, spread out in three camps, stocked with food and water.

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IRA drops its biggest bombshell

By Shawn Pogatchnik
Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — In Northern Ireland, the past decade's grueling search for peace has produced terrible bloodshed, bold initiatives and repeatedly crushed hopes.

Now, just as the widely hailed Good Friday peace accord of 1998 was looking like another false dawn, the Irish Republican Army has dropped its biggest political bombshell. It has blown apart the most stubborn obstacle to that accord — its own refusal to disarm.

To outside ears, it might not have sounded like disarmament when the IRA said Saturday that it would reveal hidden stockpiles of weaponry but not yet allow the weapons to be confiscated or destroyed.

But the long-sought declaration is as important a step toward Northern Ireland's future stability as was the Good Friday pact itself.

Britain and Ireland, which for years have pressed the IRA to disarm, long presumed that weapons dumps would be identified but not necessarily handed over. And to the IRA, even this least public form of disarmament — letting international inspectors travel in secret to document where weapons lie — represents a fundamental sacrifice of principle.

Senior figures in today's Sinn Fein, the political party linked to the IRA, spent years smuggling weapons into Ireland — and many more behind bars when they were caught. In the mid-1980s, they landed four huge boatloads from Libya.

This seemingly inexhaustible supply of arms fueled the belief that the IRA would never quit bombing and shooting without securing its goal — the abolition of Northern Ireland as a Protestant-majority state linked to Britain. The sparing manner in which IRA bombmakers dipped into their three tons of Semtex plastic explosive reinforced the impression that they planned to keep using it well into the 21st century.

Yet today these munitions amassed in camouflaged bunkers across rural Ireland are about to be exposed voluntarily.

Why IRA commanders have moved now, after years of refusal, demonstrates their skills as long-term strategists. Some always knew, at some point, they would have to play this card, and the later the better.

But the decision also reflected the shock they felt when world opinion blamed them, not the Protestants, for February's collapse of the province's power-sharing government. The government was formed in December, giving Northern Ireland a measure of local control, but Britain suspended it after the IRA refused to make any disarmament commitments.

Sinn Fein leaders' relentless style of negotiating had brought them such success that they were left with the mistaken impression that disarmament day might be indefinitely postponed.

At each critical juncture of negotiations since 1994, the IRA had refused to discuss disarmament, while Sinn Fein promised that "the issue of arms" might be "addressed" later if their opponents made concessions. Each time, leaders of the province's British Protestant majority were lambasted for their inflexibility and eventually compelled to give way.

The Good Friday accord, which proposed a grand governing coalition of parties, was an amazing feat. But it was also full of holes. It proposed that the IRA should finish disarming by May 22, 2000, but didn't specify when the process should start. Gridlock ensued when Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble insisted the IRA had to begin scrapping weapons before his Protestant supporters would work with Sinn Fein.

The writing seemed on the wall: With Protestant support for the moderate Trimble hemorrhaging away to hard-liners, the IRA would have to offer some compromise or power-sharing would never take root.

The American architect of the peace accord, George Mitchell, returned last fall to bang Ulster Unionist and Sinn Fein heads together. Against the odds he brokered an understanding: Trimble would move first by forming the long-delayed Cabinet alongside Sinn Fein; the IRA would move second. A report from a disarmament commission confirming the IRA's commitment would seal the deal.

For the first time since he shared the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize, Trimble was lauded internationally as hero of the piece. Optimistic observers expected the IRA to react quickly. Instead, the IRA insisted it hadn't made any commitments, Sinn Fein confidently predicted that world opinion wouldn't understand if the Ulster Unionists pulled the plug on power-sharing, and the commission reported too little progress.

This time, the republicans had overplayed their hand. When Britain resumed direct rule to prevent Trimble's political destruction, Sinn Fein felt an unfamiliar finger of blame pointing its way — from Belfast and as far away as Washington. As a comparatively small party, Sinn Fein's peacemaking strategy depended on international support. This time there was only one way to get it back — to hear history-making straight talk from the IRA.

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By Jack Hadley

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This phenomenon of denial and hiding the problem was the subject of a column in the March, 2000 issue of The Hearing Review. The writer was Max Stanley Chartand, Ph.D., who is vice president of marketing and professional education for AmericanEar Labs in Las Vegas.

Chartand says that only in the category of those with severe and profound hearing loss do even half (52 percent) of sufferers seek treatment. Most rather "go to unbelievable lengths to avoid exposure of their hearing impairment and the necessary help for their hearing loss. They live in constant fear of being found out."

They must bluff their way through many social situations, especially those involving groups of people or significant background noise such as a TV.

Only four percent of those with mild hearing loss seek help, and this is a little easier to understand. Because hearing loss comes on gradually, many people who have lost only a little of their hearing do not realize there is a problem.

What is less clear is the reason that 65 percent of people with mild to moderate impairment are still in denial. Chartand postulates, "Perhaps it is because the worse the loss becomes, the more psychologically inhibited the hearing-impaired individual becomes." It is even more amazing that almost half of those with severe and profound loss fail to seek help.

This leads many hearing-impaired people to avoid social gatherings because these situations severely test the person's bluffing ability. If they remain in a social situation, it is with the attitude of "putting up with" it.

Missing the punch line or having it repeated again steals the spontaneity from communication. "To maintain a façade of spontaneity in any given situation, a hearing-impaired person who has not sought help must too often laugh heartily at the unheard punch line or vigorously applaud for no other reason than everyone else is doing so. Better to bluff one's way through, they surmise, than to spoil the moment and be thought of as different or, worse, out of it. There would be greater humiliation in exposing the missed humor or feigned appreciation."

He lists paranoia and depression as other effects of uncorrected hearing. When a hearing-impaired person enters a room full of laughing people, he or she immediately becomes self-conscious. What are they laughing about? Asking for explanations, again, can remove the spontaneity for both the hearing-impaired and for the person of whom they asked the information. "I'll tell you later," becomes the response, and, of course, "later" almost never comes, adding further to the person's feeling of isolation.

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Midlanders deserving of recognition

There are a number of Midland and Midland-area residents who deserve a comment for the positive light they put the community in by their outstanding accomplishments.

One is Judy Rankin, the golfer. That was quite an honor for Rankin to be voted into the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame. It was an honor that she earned through her outstanding play through the years.

Rankin, who retired from competition in 1983, was a 26-time winner and the first woman to break the $100,000 barrier. She now serves as an analyst for ABC Sports and ESPN.

The vote to put her in the Hall of Fame was almost unanimous. And why not? She played superb golf.

Yet there is another aspect of her golf experience that should not be overlooked. During the years that she was wowing golf spectators with her fabulous play, Rankin also was an outstanding ambassador for Midland which she still calls home.

We're glad she does!

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Then there were the students honored as valedictorians and salutatorians at Midland High School, Lee High School, Midland Christian High School, Trinity High School and Greenwood High School.

They all are outstanding scholars and we take pride in saluting their scholastic accomplishments.

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These were tremendous accomplishments by the students and are deserving of recognition by the people of the Midland community.

Josefy also deserves particular recognition for being the only student in the community to have achieved the level of excellence to receive a scholarship from the National Merit Corporation this year.

Great job students!

Today in History

Today is Monday, May 8, the 129th day of 2000. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe.

On this date:

In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola.

In 1944, the first eye bank was established, in New York City.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

In 1970, construction workers broke up an anti-war protest on New York's Wall Street.

In 1973, militant American Indians who had held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.

In 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn courtroom to the "Son of Sam" killings that had terrified New Yorkers.

In 1987, Gary Hart, dogged by questions about his personal life, including his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, withdrew from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ten years ago: One crewman was killed, 18 others injured in a fire aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Conyngham in the Atlantic, about 100 miles southeast of Norfolk, Va.

Five years ago: Fifty years after Nazi Germany's capitulation in World War II, leaders representing the victorious powers gathered in Berlin to remember the dead and pledge peace for the future. A monster storm began dumping 18 inches of rain on southeast Louisiana, flooding homes and killing five people.

One year ago: NATO expressed regret for a mistaken attack on the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, but pledged to pursue the bombing campaign. Demonstrators in Beijing threw rocks and smashed cars at the U.S. Embassy. The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace.

JACK ANDERSON

Bush continues to lay land mines for Gore

WASHINGTON — When Texas Governor George W. Bush spoke recently to the Republican Women's Forum in Washington, he made a point of mentioning that his twin daughters were in the midst of deciding which college they would attend in the fall. It was a life experience that many in the audience could relate to, and it helps explain why Bush polls so well among women. "He's just much more current," says Republican pollster Linda DiVall. "It's not any grand strategy. It's the candidate's personality and his ability to speak to these issues."



Anderson

Therein lies the danger for Vice President Al Gore. Bush is a different kind of Republican, and the strategies that Democrats used to defeat the last two GOP presidential nominees could backfire. Bush may not be the smartest candidate in the race, but he knows his politics. And he's busy laying land mines for Gore in four key areas:

■ Gender gap: Women respond positively to Bush's message of compassionate conservatism and his emphasis on education. "Bush has enormous personal credibility on education," says Democratic pollster Celinda Lake. Even Texas writer Mollie Ivins, no fan of Bush, gives him credit for having the good sense to build on the reforms put in place by his predecessor, Governor Ann Richards, and Texas billionaire Ross Perot, who challenged the football-is-God culture of the state.

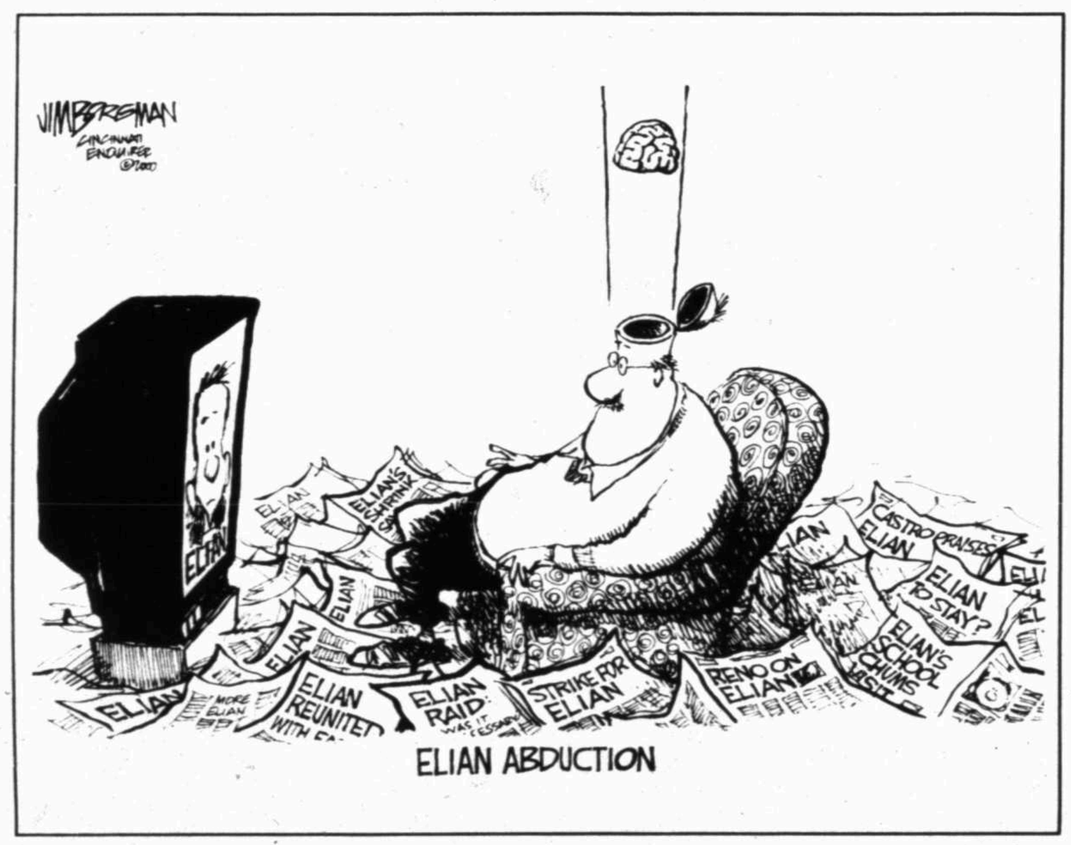
Women also remember First Lady Barbara Bush's crusade on behalf of literacy and assume that rubbed off on her son. If Gore attacks Bush too aggressively for what he's done on education, Gore could turn off the same women voters he is trying to win over.

■ Texas statistics: One of the most populous states, Texas has a claim on voters that reaches far beyond its geographical boundaries. One in 20 people has a relative or knows somebody well who lives in Texas. "They don't see it as a backwater state like Arkansas," says DiVall. Texas ranks near the bottom of the 50 states in access to health care and cleaning up pollution, while leading in the number of people executed. Portraying Texas as a right-wing bastion is a core component of the Gore campaign. "We relish that encounter," says DiVall.

■ Likability: Asked which candidate they would like to have a beer with, voters chose Bush by a wide margin. Personality and style play a bigger role when the substantive differences between the candidates are not clear. Lake says that voters "have no idea what this election is about.... It's very different from '92 when it was 'the economy, stupid.'" Gore has embarked on a series of speeches to "compare and contrast" his positions with those of Bush. But if he is perceived as running an attack campaign, he could win the battle and lose the war.

■ Issues: Here is where Bush is gambling that his modern image will carry the day. In the past, no Republican running for president dared propose privatizing Social Security for fear he would be accused of wanting to dismantle the social insurance system that the GOP historically opposed. Appealing to the new and growing investor class, Bush would allow people to voluntarily put a portion of their Social Security contributions into the stock market. Gore argues that the proposal is too costly because money would be diverted from paying down the national debt, and too risky because retirement benefits subject to the vagaries of Wall Street could not be guaranteed by the government. Logic is on Gore's side, but voters eager to capitalize on the robust economy could be captivated by Bush's rhetoric. Whoever wins this contest of ideas is likely to win the election.

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ELIAN ABDUCTION

DAN RATHER

Is Pat Buchanan crashing the party?

With their nomination battles all but won, George W. Bush and Al Gore are now almost two months into what will be the longest general-election campaign in recent history. With their party conventions still far off in summer's dog days, the presumptive nominees fill their time with policy speeches and fund-raisers. To their credit, they are talking about issues; to their discredit, they both do so in the context of attack. Politics as usual.



Rather

Far from the madding crowds of Democratic and Republican supporters, however, the Reform Party is still in the process of selecting its candidate. The choices? Pat Buchanan and Pat Buchanan.

This isn't to say that all is harmony and bliss in the party that Ross Perot built. Far from it. After Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura and New York billionaire Donald Trump's tag-team attempt to wrestle party leadership from the Perot forces, this never-cohesive group of dyspeptics is more fragmented than ever.

The Ventura-Trump battle for Reform was fought in large part against Buchanan's announcement last October that he would leave the Republicans to vie for the Reform nomination. At issue were Buchanan's views on abortion and Nazis, and the Reform pecking order. As Reform's highest-ranking elected official by far, Ventura, no Buchanan fan, saw it as his right to call the shots. Trump, then still mulling his own presidential run, seems to have struck an alliance of convenience against a potential rival.

Now that Ventura's bolted the party and Trump has long ago packed up his tents, Buchanan has become a shoo-in for the Reform nomination. But that hasn't kept a sizable percentage of rank-and-file Reform members from viewing Buchanan's bid as a hostile takeover of their party. And dissension at the grass roots is never a good thing for a group that bills itself as a grass-roots party.

The small meetings in which Reform chooses its state delegates to the August nominating convention have been a barrel-shoot thus far for the politically sophisticated Buchanan. Packing these events with his own supporters, he has made short work of an opposition that is generally united only by a distaste for mainstream politics. In mid-April, Reform's press secretary, Donna Donovan, resigned, in large part over what she sees as the Buchanan forces' grab at the party reins. Hers became one of many key posts now left open amid defections and increasing fractionalization.

Meanwhile, Buchanan rolls on, eyes on the prize — the $12.6 million in federal funds available this year to the Reform nominee because of Perot's better-than-5-percent showing in 1996. Though a pittance compared with the federal monies allocated to the Republicans and Democrats, it will be enough to amplify Buchanan's strident voice in the months to come.

Does Buchanan pose a real threat to Bush's and Gore's chances? If you subscribe to the view that George Bush senior and Bob Dole lost to Bill Clinton because of votes siphoned by Perot, you've got to say that a Buchanan run could do real damage to Bush in what looks to be a possible squeaker of a race. Gore, meanwhile, could lose some of his much-needed labor support to the anti-NAFTA, anti-WTO Buchanan.

Right now, Buchanan's polls are at just under 5 percent. Look for a battle in the fall over his inclusion in the debates, which require a 15 percent or better national standing. More important to the Reform Party's future, however, is the 5 percent bar — if Buchanan doesn't clear that in November, Reform's federal funds will be cut off, just like that. And that's got a lot of Reform regulars fearing that, without salvation from their founding Texas billionaire, the party could be over.

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CHARLEY REESE

Big business is behind the Elian fiasco

Mash almost any of America's foreign-policy pustules and what will ooze out is big business in pursuit of money. It now seems that even little Elian Gonzalez has become a pawn in an international business scheme.

By the time you read this, some outcome might have occurred. Nevertheless, what follows is important background. All of the information comes from the Archer Daniels Midland Shareholders Watch Committee.

In the fall of 1995, ADM's chairman, Dwayne Andreas, met with Fidel Castro for dinner in New York. In July 1996, Andreas announced that he was going to Cuba to see Castro. He said he contemplated building a refinery in Cuba but would do it through a Spanish subsidiary because of the trade embargo.

In 1997, a Spanish company invested $65 million in Cuba for a refinery for the production of alcohol from molasses. In October 1999, Martin Andreas, senior vice president, said ADM would consider constructing a vegetable-oil plant in Cuba if the market were open.



Reese

Last January, the Cuban government announced that it is moving toward consideration of a joint-venture type of relationship with ADM. In February, ADM announced plans for another trade exhibition in Havana in December.

What has this got to do with Elian Gonzalez? Well, there are a lot of interesting coincidences. Remember the meeting with the grandmothers at the home of the president of Barry University? Dwayne Andreas is a large contributor to Barry University and his wife is a graduate and is past chairman of the board of trustees. The president of the university was initially in favor of returning Elian to his father — until the meeting with the grandmothers convinced her that the Cuban government was calling the shots.

Last October, Andrew Young, an ADM board member and member of the public-policy committee, is installed as president of the National Council of Churches, an old left front group that has taken the lead in urging that Elian be returned to his father.

Gregory Craig, the high-priced lawyer who suddenly materialized to represent Juan Gonzalez, who couldn't afford two seconds of Craig's time, is part of a law firm that also represents ADM. Craig is ostensibly being paid by the National Council of Churches.

That seems like an awful lot of coincidences linking Elian Gonzalez with ADM, which calls itself the supermarket to the world. Castro is like any other communist dictator. If you want to cut deals with him, you have to kiss his backside. If you want to open a news bureau in Havana, you have to kiss his backside. Castro wants the kid back, and what do you know, a leftist church group and a high-priced lawyer, both with ADM connections, pop up to lead the campaign. And, no surprise, the big American news media jump on the same bandwagon.

Castro, by the way, has already said that Elian will be sent to a boarding school in Havana, where Cuban psychologists will straighten out his mind. Castro's daughter, who lives in Spain, had already warned that it would be Elian's fate if he's handed over to the dictator.

The Cuban exile community has always known that the question is not one of familial custody but one of freedom or a kid being sacrificed to a ruthless communist dictator.

One day I might find an American foreign policy that does not cause me to become nauseated. By and large, it is safe to say that the American government generally disgusts me, as do much of American big business, and much of the American news media. Liberty gets a cold reception from all three.

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Doonesbury BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Eighth year of decline in serious crime, longest streak on record

By Michael J. Sniffen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Serious crimes reported to the police dropped for an eighth consecutive year in 1999, down 7 percent from the year before and by far the longest-running crime decline on record, the FBI reported Sunday.

The bureau's preliminary figures for 1999 extended a trend begun in 1992 that is now almost three times longer than the second-longest decline, the three years from 1982 through 1984.

The FBI crime records go back through 1960.

"This may be finally undoing the great rise in crime of the late 1960s," said professor Alfred Blumstein of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

The nation's longest and steepest crime rise — increases of 10.2 percent to 13.8 percent from 1965 through 1969 — came as postwar baby boomers reached the crime-prone ages of 15 to 25 and "civil rights and Vietnam war protests increased distrust of government," Blumstein said.

Blumstein and other academic experts also pointed to a slowing in 1999 of the crime decline in the nation's largest cities as a reminder that crime rates cannot go down forever. "They are the leaders," he said, "both on the way up and on the way down."

The FBI report showed that all seven major types of crime were down not only nationwide, but also in each region of the nation, and in suburbs, rural areas and in cities of all sizes.

The violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault were down a combined 7 percent, led by murder and robbery, each down 8 percent. Rape and assault were down 7 percent each.

On the Net:
http://www.fbi.gov.

The property crimes of burglary, auto theft and larceny-theft also were down a combined 7 percent, led by an 11 percent drop in burglaries. Auto theft was down 8 percent, larceny-theft 6 percent.

"Now is not the time, however, to become complacent," Attorney General Janet Reno said. "Let's try harder. We must redouble our efforts by providing alternatives to crime as well as tough enforcement."

Politicians of both major parties pointed proudly to anti-crime measures they championed.

President Clinton said the report "confirms that our anti-crime strategy — more police officers on the beat, fewer illegal guns and violent criminals on the street — is having a powerful impact." Clinton pushed through funding for 100,000 more local police officers and passed the Brady law, which requires background checks for gun purchasers.

The House Judiciary crime subcommittee chairman, Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., while crediting strategies developed by local governments in community policing for which Clinton won federal funding, highlighted a GOP-sponsored law he said has induced 27 states to impose longer prison terms in exchange for federal money to build prisons.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the results "were largely due to the leadership at the state, local and federal level of Republicans committed to arresting, prosecuting and incarcerating violent criminals." GOP-backed legislation has provided $700 million a year for prison construction, Hatch noted.

Clinton said further progress could come from passing his remaining gun control legislation, like child-safety locks and background checks on buyers at gun shows. Hatch, reflecting GOP opposition that has blocked those measures, noted the crime reductions came without enacting more extensive gun control laws.

Academic experts credited both parties' favorite anti-crime remedies but also a wider range of factors, including some beyond control of politicians, like the aging of baby boomers past crime-prone years.

To that list, professor James Alan Fox of Northeastern University added "evaporating crack cocaine markets and the violent crack gangs that drove the numbers up in the 1980s, smarter policing, increased interest in prevention down to the grass roots, and a better economy giving cities more to invest in crime control." The economy also helped by providing jobs for some who might otherwise turn to crime, Fox said.

Like Blumstein, Fox noted the smaller crime rate declines in the largest cities.

"They will be the first to reach the bottom," Fox said, noting that murders in New York actually rose a bit in 1999, from 633 to 671.

"The challenge is to be sure the numbers don't go back up to any great degree," Fox said.

The nation's record prison population provides only "temporary relief," Fox said, "because those people will come out of prison and many will still have inadequate skills and bad attitudes."

The FBI report also showed:

—Murder, the most fully reported crime, was down 2 percent in cities over 500,000 but between 7 percent and 14 percent in smaller cities, 12 percent in suburbs and 17 percent in rural areas.

—Overall reported crime dropped 10 percent in the West, 8 percent in the Midwest, 7 percent in the Northeast and 4 percent in the South.

—Overall crime was down 7 percent in rural areas, 8 percent in suburbs, 7 or 8 percent in cities under 500,000 and 6 percent in cities over 500,000.

The FBI figures come from more than 17,000 police agencies around the country.

Gore campaigns while Clinton takes back seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Publicly, President Clinton takes a back seat when it comes to Vice President Al Gore's campaign. Privately, he is more involved than any other modern president in trying to help his vice president become his successor.

Wistful over the end of his own two terms in office, Clinton can seem like an overeager parent at times, shameless in his plugs, insistent in his unsolicited help.

Clinton praises the vice president effusively while raising money from the Democratic faithful. But his effort doesn't stop there. He is also quick to telephone Gore to share ideas. And occasionally, when Gore comes across as clumsy, he'll put his own smoothness on display almost as if he were giving Gore an on-the-job tutorial.

"The president has been through this before, so from time to time he has some thoughts. They talk," says White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. "The president is always interested in how it's going out there."

Lockhart adds, "I wouldn't say that's a major part of his effort, to be providing campaign advice. He certainly believes this is the vice president's campaign to run."

Still, according to a high-ranking administration official, Clinton sometimes comments on Gore's campaign during meetings in the White House residence, saying "I would handle it this way" or, "Here's what I would do."

The official, who commented only on condition of anonymity, described the president as frustrated that he can't do more.

History doesn't offer great hope for a successful handoff. Only four vice presidents have succeeded their bosses: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Van Buren and George Bush.

None got much support from the retiring president.

Ronald Reagan made several campaign appearances for Bush, but steered clear of blatant boosterism. Endorsing his vice president at a May 1988 fund-raiser, he mispronounced Bush's name to rhyme with "rush."

By contrast, Clinton made his support clear well before Gore formally entered the race. He sent out fund-raising letters on Gore's behalf in May 1999. His aides huddled with women activists last year to glean advice on issues, a session that gave Gore a jump on endorsements. Though he has joined Gore on the campaign trail only twice in the past two months, he acts in tandem with the vice president on stump issues almost every day.

For example, on Thursday, a day before Gore unveiled his plan to improve teacher quality, Clinton was in Columbus, Ohio, urging voters to pay attention to the proposal Gore was offering.

"He came and talked to me about this," Clinton said. "It was entirely his idea, not mine."

On Friday, Clinton joined Gore in lambasting a videotape of a National Rifle Association official touting the NRA's potential influence in the administration of Gore's rival, Gov. George W. Bush, the former president's son. Clinton accidentally called the Texas governor "President Bush" and had to correct himself.

At a New York fund-raiser last month, Clinton portrayed his involvement in Gore's campaign as a logical extension of his close relationship with his No. 2.

He went on to describe Gore as having a say in "every difficult decision we ever made, every controversial one, every one that could have wrecked both our careers."

Dave Rohde, political scientist at Michigan State University, said Gore's situation is awkward.

"It's almost a necessity that, at least on public policy questions, the president is going to eclipse the candidate," Rohde said. "Gore has to be sensitive to the president's feelings ... so as not to provoke a negative reaction from the president or among his supporters."

Gore sometimes shows publicly that he lacks Clinton's finesse.

Take a reception in Los Angeles last month. It was Gore's moment to shine before donors who ponied up $2.8 million. But he wound up egg-faced when he compared electing a Republican as president to rejecting an Oscar-winning team in favor of the producers of the Hollywood clunker "Howard the Duck."

One of the evening's hosts, Jeffrey Katzenberg, was a driving force behind "Howard the Duck." The crowd tittered.

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Technologies compete to offer superfast Internet service

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tired of the ticktock of their home computer clock trying to download a large file or video clip, millions of people are turning up the speed on their Web connection.

Consumers are benefiting from competition among cable, telephone, wireless and satellite companies offering Internet access that is dozens of times quicker than today's dial-up modems.

As cable executives meet this week in New Orleans for their annual convention, they can take some credit for the race that has won over consumers like Zach Hamm.

A security consultant in Raleigh, N.C., Hamm traded in his telephone connection — called an ISDN line — for Internet service delivered over his cable systems.

The cable service was one-third the price and much faster.

"It was kind of a no brainer, and I get almost 10 times the speed," said Hamm, who uses the connection to download large documents so he can work from home. It helps for fun things too: online gaming and graphics come in much better at the higher speeds.

"What we definitely sense is that aggressive rollout by cable operators has accelerated at least the plans" by others to offer high-speed service, said Tom Eagan, a cable and satellite industry analyst for PaineWebber Group. It has helped fuel other industries that "from a competitive perspective were more talk than action."

In 1999, cable companies increased by 164 percent the number of high-speed Internet customers they serve — reaching a total of 1.45 million, according to a report by Kagan Media Appraisals. The study predicts that industry will add 2.1 million more customers by year's end.

The National Cable Television Association says the industry spent $10.8 billion last year upgrading their systems so they have two-way capabilities. That means cable companies also could provide local telephone service in addition to Internet access on their lines — giving them the ability to bundle services together.

"There's no alternative that comes close," said Steve Lang of AT&T Broadband, which delivers high-speed service over its cable systems. He said the emergence of satellite companies offering programming helped spur cable companies to look at giving consumers more. "This is what competition does, it forces the industry to focus on where they can distinguish themselves in the marketplace."

But other technologies are catching up fast to deliver high-speed Internet services to consumers' homes at competitive prices — averaging about $40 to $60 a month.

"It is a land grab," said Liz Fetter, chief executive officer of

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NorthPoint Communications, which offers quick connections over copper phones wires, referred to as DSL or Digital Subscriber Lines.

Companies offering DSL service have attracted hundreds of thousands of new customers in the past year.

Fetter said new applications are driving consumer demand for faster service — referred to as "broadband." Once consumers go that route, they are not going back, she added.

Five killed in Miss. crash; Five killed in Wis. pileup

MOSS POINT, Miss. (AP) — A chain reaction of collisions involving 16 cars, two tour buses and two 18-wheelers left at least five people dead, authorities said. Heavy fog and smoke from a forest fire reduced visibility and was believed to have been a factor in the wreck early Sunday.

In Wisconsin, a car carrying four teen-agers on a prom-night outing collided with another vehicle early Sunday and both vehicles burst into flames, killing the teens and the one person inside the other vehicle, authorities said. The accident happened near Neillsville in the central part of the state.

Troopers said the Mississippi accident happened just after 5 a.m. on Interstate 10 near the Alabama state line. Fifty to 70 people were involved, said Master Sgt. David Kenny of the state Highway Patrol. More than two dozen people were taken to area hospitals. The majority were treated and released.

Killed in the accident were Charles P. Bryan, 56 and Robert Shular, 63, both of Sevierville, Tenn.; James Leon Ramer, 41, of Theodore, Ala.; and Clyde E. Kelley, 63, and his wife, Dianne Kelley, 52, both of Needham, Ala.

Authorities were still trying to determine what caused the accident, but they believe a heavy fog was part of the reason, as well as thick smoke from a forest fire during the night.

"There was one accident and then bam, bam, bam all the way down the line," Scottie McCarroll of Citronelle, Ala., said. "You could hear other traffic coming very fast and hitting on breaks and hitting each other and crashing and screaming and all kind of sounds and you couldn't do anything."

One of the two tour buses involved in the accident was carrying a group of Spanish speaking laborers from Texas to North Carolina. Another bus, operated by Preferred Charters, was heading from Texas and carrying a rhythm and blues band to Atlanta.

Twenty ambulances from five different companies carried injured drivers and passengers to Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula and Knollwood Hospital in Mobile, Ala.

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Dear Abby/**2B**
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DAVE BARRY

Living with baby doesn't allow time for sleep

When people ask me, "Dave, what's it like to have a newborn baby in the household?", I don't immediately answer.

This is because I am sleeping. I spend a lot of my day in an unconscious state, because my 2-month-old daughter, Sophie, does not believe in sleeping at night. She feels that the nighttime hours are best used for making loud, inexplicable, exorcist-style noises. At 3:30 a.m., her bassinet will suddenly start shaking like an unbalanced clothes dryer and erupt with a wide range of squeaks, gurgles, chirps, snorts, snuffles, grunts, etc. It does not sound like there's a lone baby in there. It sounds like the entire Barnyard of the Demons. (Which would be an excellent name for a band.)

I'm not saying that all Sophie does is make noises. As a brand-new human being with an inquisitive mind, she is also exploring the mystery and magic of the world around her, by which I mean she is trying to get her hands completely into her mouth. This is her primary goal in life. Her arms and legs constantly wave around in a random manner, and every now and then, when a hand happens to land on her mouth, she becomes excited and starts sucking on it like crazy. But then, without warning, the arm yanks the hand away, which makes Sophie *very* angry. If she ever finds out who is operating her arms, she is going to give that person a piece of her mind, if she ever figures out how to talk.


Barry

Yes, it's an exciting time in our household, a time of learning and growing and having plastic bags of frozen breast milk in the freezer next to the Tater Tots. In our family, we strongly believe in breastfeeding, which has many benefits, the main one being: Men cannot do it. Not that I don't contribute. I'm always giving my wife useful breastfeeding pointers, such as: "Time for you to breastfeed her!" And: "Time for you to breastfeed her again!" And: "I would gladly breastfeed her, but, tragically, I am a man."

(Actually, I suspect that men *can* breastfeed; it's just that, in the entire history of the human race, no man has ever actually tried.)

I do change diapers — *a lot*. It is a known fact that babies put out far more material than they take in; physicists now believe that babies account for most of the matter in the universe. If you were to stack up all the diapers I have changed in just two months, one on top of the other, you would never be invited to a party again for the rest of your life.

Our house would smell like a malfunctioning sewage plant, except that we have a product called the Diaper Genie, which encloses diapers in a long, odor-proof plastic bag. As a parent, I believe this is the greatest of all humanity's inventions, including lowfat Cheez-Its. You take your diaper, you put it into your Diaper Genie, you twist the plastic bag, and, as the French say, Voila! (Literally, "You are not smelling any more the poop.")

When your Diaper Genie fills up, you open the bottom and remove an amazing, 15-foot-long, segmented, caterpillar-like chain. We've been throwing these away, but it seems to me we ought to be turning them over to the U.S. Air Force as a potentially devastating military weapon. If we were to merely *threaten* to drop one of these babies on Iraq, Saddam Hussein would break his fingers dialing the Surrender Hotline.

Another excellent item of modern baby technology is the battery-powered swing. When your baby is in a bad mood because she cannot get her hand inside her mouth, you put her in this swing and let it rock her gently into a blissful state of suspended baby animation lasting long enough that sometimes you can actually take a shower. This device works so well that I think we should make a larger version and use it to calm hyperactive adults, starting with both major candidates for president. If you're a psychiatric professional who would like to explore this idea, let's schedule a meeting. I want to sleep on your couch.

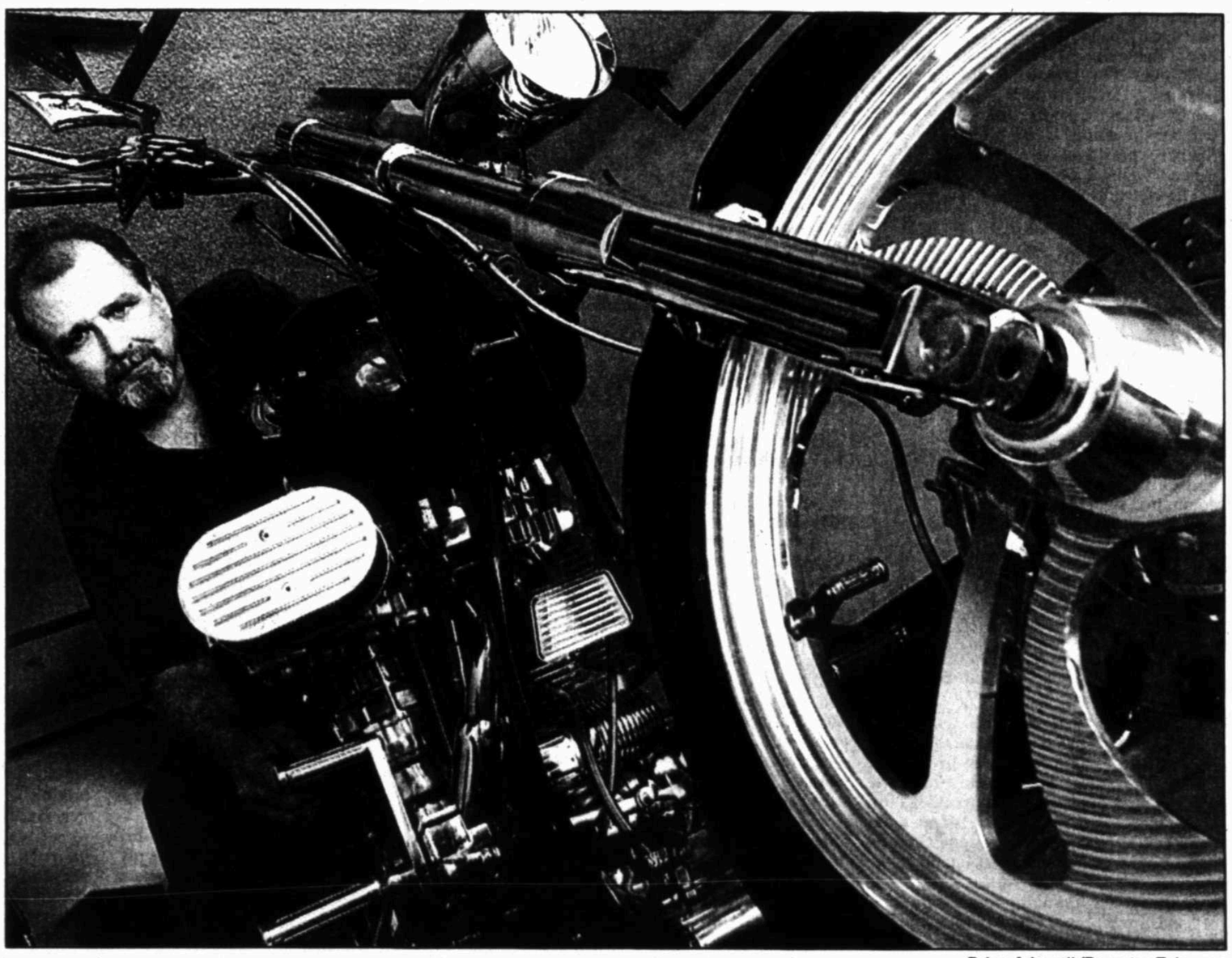
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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery





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Doug Meshirer has designed and built a motorcycle that can reach a speed of 180 miles per hour. It weighs 460 pounds and has a 272 horsepower engine — a horsepower to weight ratio equal to 1.3 times that of an Indy car.

Doug Meshirer . . .

. . . designs and builds motorcycles

He used to be an airline captain for American Eagle, but he said being away from home four or five nights a week was for the birds, so he quit.

These days Doug Meshirer is flying low on a machine of his design that he built from scratch — a machine that he says can reach a speed of 180 miles per hour.

He said that if nitrous oxide is added, "it would go up to 200 mph, but the problem is that you can't hold on at that speed. At 180, it's all you can do to hang onto it, and I have a terrible time shutting it down."

The bike weighs 460 pounds and has a 272 horsepower engine — a horsepower to weight ratio equal to 1.3 times that of an Indy car.

"It's like taking an Indy car and adding 30 percent more power to it," he said.

Doug and his wife, Shawnda, have ridden motorcycles all of their life together and they have customized seven of them, but this is the first one they've built from the ground up.

"This all started about mid-July," he said. "I was sitting on the couch with a pen and a pad and I started to draw this design. I handed it over to my wife and said, 'What do you think of that?' and she said, "Hey, cool. Why don't we build it?'"

By the time they had worked out the preliminary details and drawn the plans, they realized that the motorcycle they had envisioned would take more than $30,000 to build, without even considering the labor and time they would spend.

"We didn't have the money," said Doug. "But we knew that if we showed we were serious, voila, here would come investors."

Meshirer is not a starry-eyed dreamer creating a comic book drawing. The Meshirers are well-known throughout cycling circles for their innovations and had won trophies for years in shows all over the United States.

Shawnda's bike had won best of show in Sturgis, S.D. — one of the largest and most prestigious single shows in the world, with more than 30,000 motorcycles competing. They had won motorcycle classes in street rod shows and in low-rider shows. They had the credentials and the credibility.

One of the first investors on the scene was electrical engineer, Don Lawrence, owner of D.L. Engineering. Doug's design for the motorcycle included a 24-volt computer system enabling the bike to start on a programmable keyless entry system and a wide range of digital features such as self-test profiles, and a dynamometer for determining horsepower and torque at different speeds, which no bike had ever had before. Doug called on Lawrence to design the system.

The bike had ground effects — basically an inverted wing that creates pressures opposite to those created by aircraft wings — to keep the speeding vehicle hugging the ground and handling well. They have been put on race cars for years, but it was a first for a motorcycle.

Doug said that almost as soon as they began placing orders for parts, they had to revise their cost estimate upward.

"The thing was, we kept thinking of electronics we wanted to add," he explained.

While waiting for the parts they ordered, they worked with what they had. They soon were working from before daylight to after dark making the parts, sanding and welding, modifying and molding.

He said a lot of the work consisted of trial and error work to make the drawings workable.

"In the process of going from your mind to your hand to a piece of metal, a lot of things can change," he explained. "They change out of necessity, for design purposes and strength purposes and then it doesn't look like you planned, so you redo it.

"A lot of things were redone on this bike.

"We spent 10 to 20 hours a day, every day for seven months, doing nothing but work on the bike."

He sent the frame design to be built and designed by a man in Tulsa, while his specially designed wheels were being cut and fabricated in Lubbock. The wheels were just what he had envisioned. The frame, though, lacked the panache he had envisioned. He and Shawnda stopped their sanding of aluminum and molding of fiberglass parts and went to work tearing down and reassembling the frame.

He said the handlebars were a nightmare.

"I have a good friend, Reg Friday, who owns Friday's Welding. I spent hours and hours there, bending metal and welding and getting them to look like I wanted, then when I put it all together, the handlebars hit the tank.

"Then when I had it done to make it functional, it didn't feel the same. So I started over completely trying to keep the look and the feel, yet make it functional. We redid those handlebars four times.

"Then if that didn't beat all, we sent them off to be chromed, and they goofed them up.

"We had parts come back with UPS damage. We had engine parts come in the mail with pieces broken off. Since these are one-of-a-kind, we basically had to remachine them to make them all work the same. We started to put the parts together for the starter and then you realize there's nowhere to put it, so we had to build a starter jackshaft," he said.

"There's so many hurdles with a project like this. It's like going up a ladder with a thousand steps and they've sawed through 950 of them, but you don't know which 950.

"We finally got it finished in January and when we got on it and actually rode around on it, it was like, WOW!"

The Meshirers finished just in time to begin the prestigious Easy Rider bike show tour, with shows in different cities along a route that spans the continental United States.

Bikers who win a best of show in any one of the cities on the tour and they qualify for the world finals in Columbus, Ohio. The couple loaded their bikes into their trailer and set out for Pomona, Calif., where they won first place. Next on the agenda was the Sacramento show. With four days to play, they meandered up the coast, stopping to watch the whales, visit in Monterrey and San Francisco and arrived in Sacramento the day before the show.

While they were parked, Doug opened the trailer to check the bikes, and met a nightmare face to face.

"We had gone through an area in Oakland that was earthquake damaged, and I guess that was when our stuff shifted and smashed the fiberglass back fender," he said. "We spent the night rebuilding and repainting it in a parking lot in Sacramento, and got through just in time to enter and win best of show."

At Ohio, their bike came in third, a judgment Doug says came about in part because of the bike's

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Humor to start your week ...

Two friends were watching the 10 p.m. news and there was a report about a man who was threatening to jump off a building.

The first woman said, "I bet you $20 that he'll jump."

Her friend said, "I'll bet you $25 that he won't."

A few minutes later the man jumped.

After accepting the $20, the first woman told her friend, "This is not right — I cheated. I saw that report earlier on the 6 p.m. news."

The second woman replied, "Oh, well, that's OK. I saw it on the 6 p.m. news, too. I just didn't think the man was dumb enough to jump again at 10 p.m ."

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One dark and stormy night, Dracula and a friend were flying around looking for something to eat.

Around 5 a.m. Dracula returned to the castle, blood dripping from his fangs.

His friend said in surprise, "Count, how did you do it? I searched all night and didn't find anything."

"Did you see that big windmill just outside of the village?" Dracula asked.

"Yes," his friend said.

"Well, I didn't," Dracula said.

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— Contributed by Midlander Sandra S. Martinez

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Nature's treasures are stored in Kansas salt mines

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — The original film negative for "The Wizard of Oz." A collection of New York newspapers dating to the assassination of President Lincoln. Secret U.S. government documents. Thousands of medical research biopsies encased in wax.

All these — and so much more — are buried 645 feet beneath the Kansas prairie in a vast underground salt mine warehouse that teems with treasures and oddities from across the nation.

"It's a kind of Noah's Ark — without the animals," says Lee Spence, president of Underground Vaults & Storage Inc.

The Hutchinson company has built a thriving business in the mined-out sections of the salt mine. The caverns, accessible only by a rumbling mine elevator, are safely beyond the reach of tornados or far from any known earthquake fault. Temperature and humidity stay at near ideal conditions for preserving paper and film brought here from around the world.

These salt deposits — formed 230 million years ago as the inland sea that once covered Kansas evaporated — are now being wired with the latest technology to give companies around the world high-speed data access to records stashed within a prehistoric formation underneath Kansas wheat fields.

Wearing a hardhat and carting his requisite canister of oxygen, Spence steps onto the mine elevator — actually, more of a hoist with an aboveground operator to run it — for the minute-long ride. He flips off his flashlight for a few seconds, and blackness engulfs the lurching contraption.

The flashlight back on, he aims the beam at a mass of wires running alongside the hoist, linking the world below to computer-civilization above.

The elevator slows to a stop at the bottom, 60 stories below ground. The salt bed, discovered in 1889 during an oil-drilling project, is so large it can supply the nation's salt needs for another 250,000 years.

A miner greets Spence with a common query: "How's the weather up there?" Below, year-round, the temperature hovers at around 65 degrees, and the humidity is between 40 and 45 percent.

Spence quickly reaches a doorway below the sign for Underground Vaults and steps inside. Under a 99-year-renewable lease, the warehouse has rented space here since 1959. Its strategy was sparked by a corporate director, a World War II veteran who remembered that Adolf Hitler preserved items underground.

The low salt ceiling and antique mining equipment open up to 10-foot ceilings and a friendly receptionist answering the phones. Cement floors are level, and white paint on rough rock walls keeps down dust.

The Hutchinson Salt Co. continues its mining operations just 1 1/2 miles away. Storage vaults fill only a few of its abandoned caverns, some 12 acres of the company's available 800 acres. Another 26 acres are under development now.

Among 1,600 clients are California movie companies that find the Kansas salt mines ideal for storing original film negatives and outtakes from old and recent productions.

Salt bays reveal familiar titles: "Gone With The Wind," "Ben Hur," and "Star Wars." TV episodes of "M*A*S*H" reside near silent movies. And then there's the appropriately located "Journey to the Center of the Earth."

In the past two months alone, 20th Century Fox delivered 22 truckloads of film. "It is so cheap to store down here — a lot cheaper than California," Spence says.

Below Kansas costs companies $3 a square foot. In places like California, it costs companies up to $30 per square foot to construct buildings and provide security, heating and air conditioning.

Kansas is also favored by oil and gas companies that need to stash seismic data and leases. Insurance companies keep original policies here. Government offices store property records and parking tickets, among a slew of documents. Architects stow blueprints.

A California company stores old stock certificates in wooden fruit crates. Hospitals and doctors file medical records, and accountants store tax records. Even the federal government has a locked salt bay here for secret paperwork.

The salt warehouse also caters to individuals, who may pay as little as $130 a year. A couple of wedding dresses have been passed from generation to generation to mine. Collections include coins, and newspapers dating to the early 1800s.

About 65 warehouse employees work in two shifts, finding records requested from companies, bringing more boxes and computerizing contents. Shirley Byard has worked underground for 14 years, keeping the kitchen done up, as she puts it.

It takes some getting used to: After a day's work, employees can taste the salt on their skin.

DEAR ABBY

Suicide should not be the solution to life's problems


Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have just returned from my godson's funeral. He committed suicide— at age 18. He had been captain of both the football and basketball teams in high school, had lettered in a third sport and had graduated with honors. He was doing well as a college freshman, but to solve a temporary problem, he chose a solution that was final.

Abby, he was much loved, and the church was filled to overflowing with friends and family. The pastor was blunt. He said he was feeling anger, betrayal and sadness that a fine young man was gone. We lost a friend, a son, a brother. My godson didn't mean to hurt his family and friends, but he was unable to see past the dark hole of his own pain.

At the service, the pastor asked for a show of hands from people who would not mind a call in the night from a depressed friend who needed to talk. Every hand was raised without hesitation. Any of us would have helped my godson had he only called.

Depression, probably brought on by a chemical imbalance in the brain, is treatable. He could have been helped.

Among your many readers there are bound to be some who are seriously depressed and at suicide's door. Please — whoever you are — if you think suicide is the solution, you are wrong. Someone cares and can help you. Please reach out.

Life is a gift not to be wasted. Allow someone to help you so you can find the joy in life. -- SHARON LEWANDOWSKI, HASTINGS, MINN.

DEAR SHARON: Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the tragic death of your godson. You are right — depression often is the result of a chemical imbalance in the brain that can be corrected with treatment. People who are depressed have only to reach out. If they cannot confide in family or friends, they should call a crisis hotline to find support and direction to treatment. Someone is waiting to help.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a beautiful 1-year-old daughter and are very happy with our life. My problem? For many personal reasons, we have decided that our daughter is the only child we wish to have. When friends and co-workers ask me when we are having another child and I tell them we probably won't, the responses are incredibly rude — from "You *have* to have another child," to "It's mean, cruel, unfair, etc. to have only one child."

I am almost offended because this is an important life choice we have made, and these people are telling us we are wrong. I wouldn't think of telling them they have too many kids or they married a loser, etc., which are also life choices.

What I need is a polite, short response to this question so these people know that my personal life choices aren't up for judgment. How can I do this without being rude? -- INCENSED IN WYOMING

DEAR INCENSED: Try to keep uppermost in your mind that these well-meaning but insensitive individuals are just making conversation. (Most don't realize that) it's a potential minefield to ask when someone is going to enlarge his or her family.

The next time someone asks you when you're having another child, politely reply, "Our factory is closed." And if the person ventures an opinion about it, say, "Let's change the subject," or "Thank you for the input — but we're happy with the decision we made."

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Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

CY DEBOER

Happy children are best gifts moms can receive

Even though I've been a mother for almost 23 years, when I wake up every year on Mother's Day morning my first thoughts are of my own mother. It still feels like her day to be celebrated, not mine. Most of my adult life, I haven't lived in the same town as my mom, but I knew I would be talking to her on the phone and hopefully she would already have received my gift and card.


DeBoer

This is the first year the phone won't ring on Mother's Day in the home where I grew up. I haven't been meandering through department stores looking for the right outfit or perfume to send my mom. I haven't read every card on the rack in search of one that has a picture on the front she would like and words inside that come as close as possible to telling her how I feel about her. I'm not sure how I am going feel next Sunday. My husband and children will do everything within their power to make me feel loved and special, but some things just aren't within their power — regardless of their loving intentions. My mother went to be with the Lord last June and everyday since has been Mother's Day in my heart.

When she was alive, I thought of her often, but not nearly as often as I do now. I miss her so much; I can't imagine how I let the last few years drift by without realizing her days of being available to me were dwindling.

All of our days together here on earth are numbered and no matter how many times we have heard it from others who have experienced the death of a loved one, we just don't get it until we are the ones longing for one more chance to say we love someone. When a well-meaning person says, "I'm sorry about the loss of your mother," I want to say, "I didn't lose her! I know exactly where she is ... it's me that is lost! Of course, I don't, because I've said those same words to others so many times before. There are no adequate words — I realize that now.

Still, I do want to say happy Mother's Day to all who, like me, can't say it in person to their mothers this year. Be happy, because if your mother was like my mother, that's the best gift you can possibly give her — to be happy.

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TALKIN' TEXAN

Uvalde woman has had pen pal for 50 years

By Tumbleweed Smith

Scottie Molloy of Uvalde has had a pen pal for 50 years. "It was a school project," she said.

"A teacher got the list of names from a publication called Highlights. Mercedes was in Barcelona, Spain, and we started writing when I was 12. Over the years we kept up and she married her Italian pen pal. They moved to Milan, Italy, and now spend their summers on Lake Como and the rest of the year in Milan. They're retired now."


Smith

Scottie moved around, too. "I started writing to her when I lived in Maryland. Then I went into the Army and continued to write to her. I married a Texan and came to Uvalde. We have traveled quite a bit together."

They write about all sorts of things. "The last time we communicated the topic was Zydeco, the Cajun music. I sent her a tape of Zydeco music and wrote her a history of it. We don't just write back and forth about our families and all that. I've learned a lot about Spain and Italy."

Mercedes sent Scottie a tape of the four tenors singing at La Scala, Milan's famous opera house.

Through letters, they experienced each other get married, have children, raise families, begin careers and end them.

"Fifty years is a lifetime that we've been together. I feel sort of like we're related. When something happens I think I've got to write Mercedes about this. I hope someday, even after all these years that we'll get to meet. She has said she would like to come over and I've invited her, so maybe one of these days we will meet."

Their letters to each other are long, four pages or so. They exchange pictures and gifts. Scottie has a picture of Mercedes' dog, Alva, taken as a pup. Alva died at the age of 17. While we were visiting, Scottie reached over and picked up a letter from her pen pal.

"This is from March and it has pictures of her grandchild. She has only one. In this letter she's telling me about her husband, who is quite ill."

They write each other about every three or four months. "Mercedes was a translator for a pharmaceutical company. Her English was real good then. But now she doesn't use her English very much so it's not quite as good. But I can still read between the lines, so to speak. I have learned a little Spanish and it comes in handy. Occasionally she'll ask me how we say something in Texas."

Mercedes and her husband live in a small condo in Milan. Scottie lives in Uvalde in a small house that she says is about 1,400 square feet.

"This must be a big Texas house to her. She asks me why I need so much room."

Scottie loves writing and receiving letters. "You know with TV and all, people don't write letters as often as they used to. They don't take the time. They just dash off something on the Internet. People used to go to the mailbox with such high anticipation. I still do.

"Letter writing has become a lost art. It's a wonderful way to organize and express your thoughts. To me, it's the closest form of communication. It's so personal. There's such pleasure in getting a hand-written letter from someone. This has given me the greatest joy over the last 50 years."

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Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

DOUG: Designer is planning next bike

(From 1B)

many innovative features.

"We didn't get credit for the ground effects, or the electronics, and the things that nobody else has done, but we did get credit for style, and for the things other bikes had that we competed with. Not only is this bike third in the world for a show bike (where they don't even have to run), but it's the fastest street legal V-twin in the world."

The sting of coming in third in the world was also dulled somewhat for Doug when VQ Magazine awarded him its trophy for best custom-fabricated bike of the year 2000.

Meanwhile, he's won virtually every car and motorcycle show he's entered and requests for interviews have poured in from bike magazines all over the world.

Doug has now sold his bike to the owner of a rod shop in Las Vegas and is ready to build another.

When asked whether he felt the previous bike would be a hard act to follow, he said emphatically not.

"Don Lawrence and I are already planning the details.

"Next time, I'll hide all the brake cables, hide all the throttle cables, all the electric wiring. It will have power steering and a global map system combined with a fuel management system that tells you not only how much fuel you have left, but at what rate it's burning and how long you have at that speed before you run out of fuel. Then you hit another button and it will show you what gas stations within that area are open, their hours of operation and what kind of fuel is available. "Some police cars and ambulances have it right now and all we have to do is adapt it to motorcycles."

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Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. County Road 130 (Cotton Flat Road and S. Midkiff Road).

Midland Area AIDS Support, for family and friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m., 684-6161 or 684-7821.

West Texas Singles dance class/lessons, 7:30 p.m., 550-6960.

Midland Rape Crisis support for incest survivors. For group information call 682-7273.

Compassionate Friends support group, Hospice, 911 W. Texas Ave., 7:30 p.m., 685-1566.

Permian Basin Chapter of TAPA, 7 p.m., Midland Holidome, 332-0466.

Rebekah Lodge No. 91, 8 p.m. 610 E. Florida St.

East Side Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., El Rancho Grande.

Wall Street Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Library, 697-2084.

Support group for persons with hepatitis, 7 p.m. Immanuel Baptist Church, 4020 E. University Blvd., Odessa, 366-4439.

La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018.

Barbershop Singing Society, Permian Basin Chapter of SPEBSQSA, Our Savior's Lutheran, 7 p.m., 685-1831.

Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Midland Chapter American Association support group, 7 p.m., Abell Hanger Medical Pavilion, 682-0314.

A support group for military personnel and their families, 7:30 p.m., Midland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2306 Elizabeth Ave., 684-6161.

Civil Air Patrol, adults and cadets, 7 p.m., CAP building at Midland Air Park, 685-3384 or 694-2035.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 7 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Kim, 580-HELP.

Civil Air Patrol, cadets, 7 p.m., Midland Air Park, 682-6776.

Midland AARP Chapter 256, 6 p.m., Senior Citizens Center at Kingsway Center, 682-1770 or 694-1447.

The Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow for Girls, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple, 1600 W. Wall Ave.

Wallstreet Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library second floor meeting room, 697-2084.

West Texas Harmony, 7 p.m., Memorial Christian Church, 694-2035 or 333-5838.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

Police Reports

Midland Police Department

Friday

A resident at 2705 East Highway 80 reported that the home was burglarized late Friday or early Saturday morning.

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Saturday

A 1997 Ford F150 was reportedly vandalized while parked at 2907 Rankin Highway. The truck was scratched causing an estimated $500 damage.

Midland Memorial Hospital reported that a wheelchair was stolen at about 9 p.m. Saturday night.

Midland County Sheriff's Department

Saturday

Theft of several items and attempted arson was reported by Wallace Grocery at 6005 E. Highway 80. The crime was reported at 7:18 a.m.

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

Jury convicts suburban Dallas man of murder

DALLAS (AP) — A jury on Sunday returned a sentence of 60 years in prison for a suburban Dallas man who confessed to strangling his wife with a lamp cord before almost decapitating her with a pair of scissors in front of their three children.

The jury of seven women and five men rejected defense attorneys' claims that Patrick Timothy Richardson killed his wife, Mary Williams Richardson, on Sept. 19 in a fit of passion sparked by an argument.

They also fined Richardson $10,000.

"I hope to go she was either dead or unconscious with that cord around her neck before he ripped her throat out with those scissors," Tim Nunnery, jury foreman, told reporters after the verdict.

Juror Christine Martin said, "Justice prevailed and that is what counts, hopefully those children will have somewhat of a decent life now."

Had the jury agreed with the "sudden passion" claim, Richardson could have faced only two to 20 years in prison.

He entered a guilty plea just as his trial was beginning last week. The week before, he was caught trying to flee the country.

Standing across a table from Richardson after the verdict was delivered, Beth Williams, the victim's mother, called him "a loathsome coward, a cold calculating monomaniac."

"Only someone with a heart of darkness could do what you did, forcing your children to watch such a brutal savagery as they screamed for you to stop. You smashed their innocence," she said.

State district judge Henry Wade Jr. sequestered jurors Friday and Saturday night when they were unable to reach a verdict after more than 11 hours of deliberations.

"This is not a time of happiness, but it is a time of relief," said Mary Richardson's brother, Rob Williams. "We can begin the process of going forward with our lives. We are relieved that justice was served and the system worked."

Richardson testified he "exploded" after his wife told him to get out of their home in the upscale Dallas suburb of University Park and kicked over a table he inherited from his late mother.

"Turning the table over was like watching her push my mother down the stairs," Richardson said. "I grabbed her. I don't remember what obviously happened."

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Obituaries



Nova Campbell

Nova Lynn Campbell was born April 28, 1912 in Brownwood, Texas to Good Crawford and Jessie Lowe (Coffey) Graves. In 1936, she married J. Wayne Campbell, Sr. and they moved to Midland in 1939. Mrs. Campbell received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from McMurry University, a Masters of Education from Sul Ross State University, and did postgraduate work at the University of Hawaii. She taught school at DeZavala Elementary and South Elementary in Midland before retiring in 1973, after 41 years of teaching. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Iota, AAUW, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Norman Read Chapter 1010, O.E.S., Sigma Lambda Kappa, and the Midland Woman's Club. She was also a member of First United Methodist Church for 60 years.

Mrs. Campbell was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-three years, her parents, one sister and one grandchild. She is survived by a son, Joseph Campbell, Jr. and his wife, Donna of Midland; two daughters, J. Gwen Campbell of Dallas and Jerrianne Campbell Young of Houston; two brothers, G.C. "Son" Graves, Jr. of Hereford, Texas and Jack M. Graves of Lexington, Texas; one sister, Elizabeth Brinner of Dallas; seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Campbell died Saturday evening, May 6, 2000 in a Midland hospital.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel with Reverend John Rech and Dr. Tommy Potter officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the First United Methodist Church Care Ministries.



Velma Flannery

Velma Winborne Flannery was born March 31, 1908 in Midland to John and Tama Helen Jesson Winborne. The Winborne family came to Midland in 1883. She graduated from Midland High School and attended El Paso College of Mines (now UT at El Paso). Following graduation, she worked as a bookkeeper for a Midland car dealer and later worked for several independent oil men. In 1936, Velma married Edmund John Flannery. During World War II she was secretary for the Midland Draft Board. She was widowed in 1955.

She joined First Christian Church of Midland as a child. And several years ago, she was honored by Midland Woman's Club as "Outstanding Member." Active in many local clubs and organizations, she was a member of Aaron Estes Chapter, DRT, Mary Isham Keith Chapter, DAR, Desk and Derrick and a former President of the Women's Elks Auxiliary.

Her two sisters, Helen Winborne Walton and Maureen Winborne Butler preceded her in death.

Mrs. Flannery is survived by her niece, Dorothy Butler Truitt and her husband, Robert R. Truitt of Fort Worth; nephews, Charles M. Butler and wife, Pauline of Roswell, N.M. and John B. Walton and wife, Jean of Kermit; great-nieces: Cynthia Lynn Truitt, Cheryl Anderson, Jonean Walton, Heather Walton and Tracey Walton; great-nephews: Robert R. Truitt, Jr., Barton Brent Truitt, Steven Patrick Truitt, and Bryan C. Butler. There are nine great-great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 8, at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Bill Long

ODESSA—Charles William Long, 71, died May 5, at his home.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Monday in the Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bishop officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was born July 26, 1928 in Karnes City, Pa.

He worked in Long's Cleaners in Chicora, Pa. before moving to Odessa in 1958. He retired from Prudential Insurance Co. as sales manager in 1986. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of V.F.W., and a 33rd Degree Mason.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clare William Long; and a brother, Thomas LeRoy Long.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Michael Long; three daughters, Kathleen Johnson of Yukon, Okla., Cristie L. Barrow of Midland and Billie Sterling of Odessa; his mother, Mildred Ellen Long of Midland; a sister, Dixie L. Bagwell of Midland; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pearl Lindsey

COLORADO CITY—Pearl Venus Lindsey, 85, died Friday, May 5, in a local nursing home.

Services will be 3 p.m. Monday, May 8, in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City with the Rev. Ted Spear officiating. Burial will follow at the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 13, 1914 in Mitchell County.

She was a lifelong resident of Colorado City. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Dorothy Lindsey and Lena Marcom; a brother, H.W. Venus; and a sister, Edna Venus.

Survivors include two sisters, Earnestine O'Dell of Colorado City and Nell Dillard of Carlsbad, N.M.; two grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Rufus Elliott

COLORADO CITY—Rufus A. Elliott, 81, died Friday, May 5, in Lubbock.

Graveside services were 2 p.m. Sunday at the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born March 1, 1918 in Snowball, Ark.

He lived in Colorado City for 15 years. He started climbing poles for Community Public Service (now Texas-New Mexico Power) in 1945, retiring as supervisor in 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Tilley Elliott of Lubbock; three sons, Rufus J. Elliott of Green Cove Springs, Fla., Don L. Elliott of Odessa, and Billy J. Elliott of Midland; two daughters, Shirley Elliott of Lubbock, and Dee Dee Elliott of Lubbock; a sister, Faye Goodman of Cleveland, Okla.; seven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Nanny Hayes

Nanny Hayes, 68, died Saturday, May 6, at her home.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Mima Yarbrough

Mima Yarbrough, 85, died Sunday, May 7, in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Katie Crowley

Katie Crowley died Sunday May, 7, in a Midland retirement home.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

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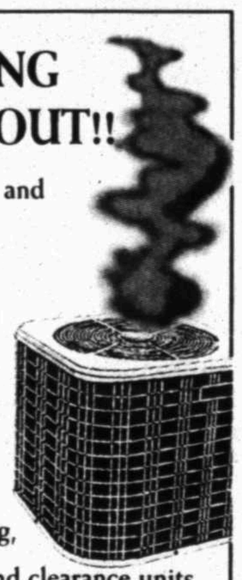
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Teen-age consultants aid Microsoft with new strategies



By Michael J. Martinez
Associated Press

REDMOND, Wash. — Computers and the Internet are still a wonder to many adults, but to teen-agers, they're simply a part of life. And so the world's largest software maker is turning to a pair of teens to tell it how to run the company.

Michael Furdyk, 17, and Jennifer Corriero, 19, are the newest consultants at Microsoft Corp. Of course, teen-age wunderkinder are nothing new in the high-technology industry — this summer, many tech firms will play host to whiz kids who can build databases and write funky programs for Web sites.

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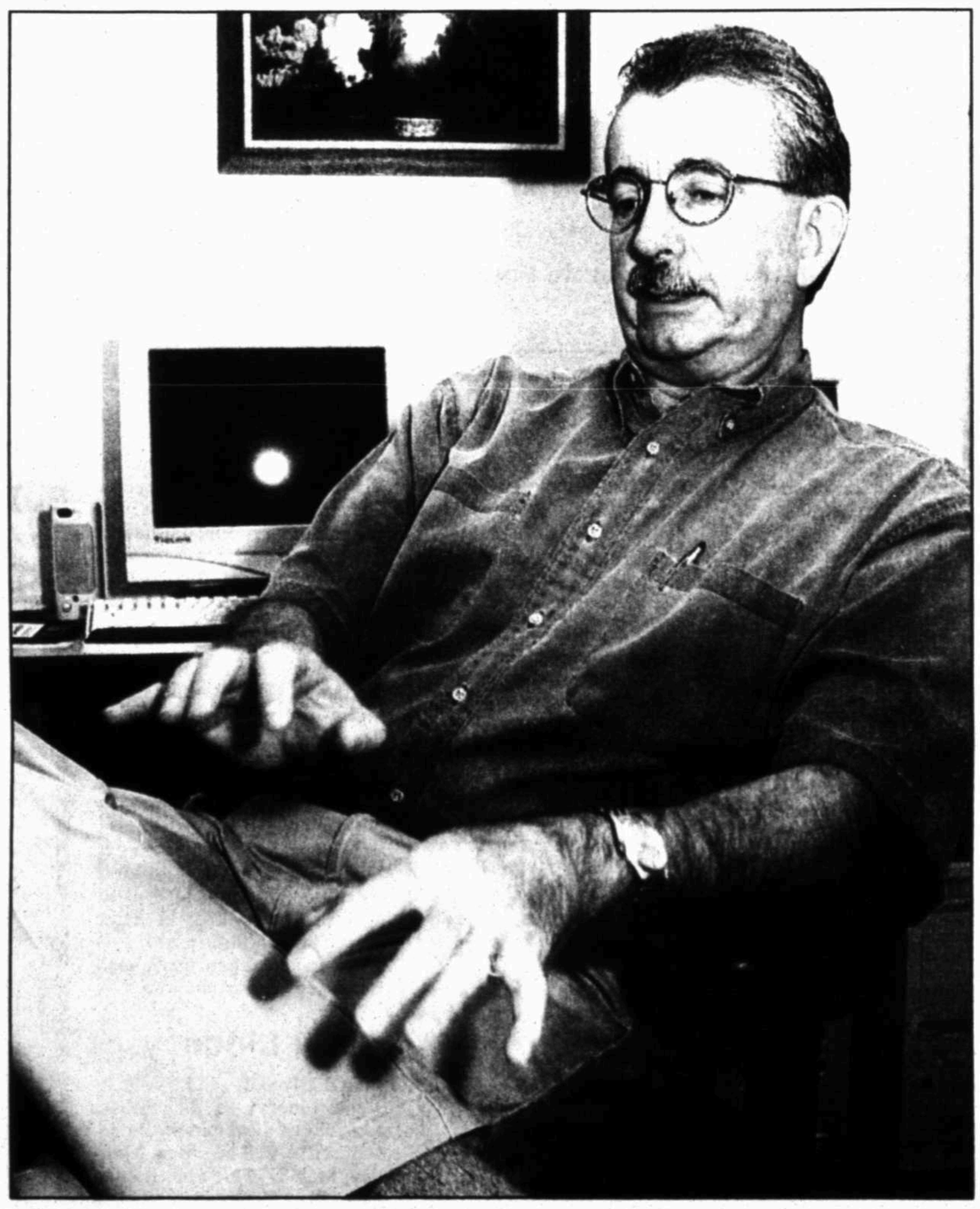
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Microsoft consultant Jennifer Corriero, 19, sits at her computer in her office at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. Corriero has been hired to work on a program designed to explore the ways people live with and work on the Internet.

SPACE AGE WHIZ kids

Surfer of the week

JAMES DRAPER

Midland College tech director drives department to new heights



By Johnnye Montgomery

The director of Midland College's Department of Information Technology has an office about the size and shape of a fancy horse trailer, except that the ceiling is higher, and the corners aren't rounded. On the walls above the stacks of CPUs networked together, the monitors and the books are a nicely framed gold-leaf reproduction of a 15th century map of the two hemispheres that make up our planet, a color photo of a shuttle lift-off and a cartoon drawing given to him for Father's Day by his wife and daughter, showing the character in mustache and glasses sitting in a long narrow office littered with wadded-up papers, stacks of books and CPUs, and a monitor with the word, ERROR filling the monitor screen. Above his head is a legend reading "James Draper, DIT."

Draper's arrival at Midland College was fortuitous both for him and for the college, since he loves to learn new technologies, and new technologies have driven the department to ever greater heights with each succeeding semester.

With the fall semester, Midland College will offer more than 80 information technology courses.

Draper's first experience with computers goes back to his college days, where UT Austin had a Control Data 6600 that might fit into his present office, but wouldn't leave room for much of anything else.

"Our engineering professors told us that we were going to use computers a little in some of our projects, but that they weren't going to waste a course to teach us to use them, so we had better go buy a book and figure out how to use them for our assignments. We used them a little bit with punch cards, and we did all our chemical engineering with slide rules.

"That (Control Data 6600) was the biggest baddest computer there was, and I suspect that the computer sitting on my desk right now has more horsepower. But we try to teach our students that you don't really have to have the fastest computer to get a lot of work done.

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WHAT'S NEW GAMES

Dark Zion

Wombat Games Inc. announced Dark Zion, a massively multiplayer online world in which players will have unprecedented control of their world compared with current online games.

Dark Zion is a player driven world: players will explore, build cities, create clans and governments, wage wars, breed insects and discover the lost secrets of the world of Dark Zion as they create a story of their new civilization.

Tad Williams, New York Times and London Sunday Times best-selling author of fantasy and science fiction, is serving as creative consultant on the project, contributing to the design, story and overall feel of the world of Dark Zion.

Dark Zion is currently in development at Wombat Games and will be released for the Windows, Linux and Macintosh platforms in the future. Wombat Games is currently searching for a publisher or partner for Dark Zion.

Wombat Games will release parts of the game as open source, and has already released one library as open source.

More information can be found on the Internet at http://dzvault.ign.com/ and http://www.darkzion.com/. Ultima and Ultima Online are trademarks or registered trademarks of Electronic Arts or its wholly-owned subsidiaries in the U.S. and/or other countries. Other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

Planescape: Torment

Is it possible for a computer game to have the intellectual heft and emotional impact of a good book while remaining as captivating as a well-paced film? If so, the first candidate may well be Planescape: Torment.

Planescape, a role-playing game, breaks many of the conventions that have distinguished the genre since it emerged two decades ago. Planescape is not especially difficult, but it is written for ages 13 and older and may be inappropriate for younger children.

The game features poignant storytelling and engaging interaction with digital characters, not to mention a healthy dose of good old-fashioned play.

Planescape is like other role-playing games in that the player directs an alter ego, along with a band of companions, through fantastic environments and against fearsome foes as they try to complete their quest. Like some other role-playing games, Planescape is based (loosely) on the rules of Advanced Dungeons and Dragons, the most popular pen-and-paper role-playing game.

Planescape: Torment, from Interplay Productions; $47; Windows 95 and 98; for ages 13 and older.

KEWL SITE

I kiss you!

So what's the deal with that guy wearing the ping pong paddle on Late Night with David Letterman?

It's Mahir, and his site *http://members.xoom.com/_XOOM/primal/mahir/index.html.* and has grown into an international phenomenon and source of laughter. The accordion-playing Turk has also inspired many mirror and parody sites. For a list of those, go to *www.istanbul.tc/mahir/*

Attention all Web surfers

The Reporter-Telegram is seeking Internet-related columns that will be published on the WebZone page. If your column is selected for publication, you will receive $10. Your submission should include your name, mailing address, work phone and home phone. Columns should be submitted to Nancy Adamson, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79701; fax, 570-7650; or e-mail, banshee@basinlink.com.

COWABUNGA

What's in a name? Fluffy suggests sticking to business in chat rooms

By Nancy Adamson
Assistant News Editor

Dark Soul, Lady Godiva, Artemus. Rocket Man, Griz.

Names you might find in any one of thousands of chat room across the world, but these names were special. These were the names of some of a few of the frequent users in the old Basinlink chat room. Basinlink was one of the first and most popular ISPs in the area.

And Basinlink served its name well for quite a while in the old days — a few years ago — when it brought together computer users throughout the Permian Basin.

I didn't have my iMac then, but Artemus had a homebuilt PC — pile of chips — and I would impersonate her every now and then when I would go over to her house to visit her computer, um, I mean her family.

On any given night, there might have been as many as 50 local users logged onto Basinlink and they became a close-knit group. Weekly luncheons were organized. Friends were made. One of my friends, who is also a coworker, found her husband in the Basinlink chat room. in turn, her ex-husband also met his current wife in Basinlink chat as well.

But the Web was growing at an unbelievably rapid rate, and sophisticated chat venues like ICQ and AOL Messenger took the place of local providers.

Unfortunately, though the Internet provides unlimited possibilities for global communication, it isolates us more and more. I have chatted with a teen-age boy in Finland who dreams of living like a cowboy in Texas. And I've talked to the 60-year-old wife of an Australian farmer whose nearest neighbor lived 40 miles away, but I don't know the names or faces of the family who lives two houses down from mine.

A housing developer in Arizona recently finished a project that featured Internet- and Intranet-ready wiring. Those families with PCs could hook up to a neighborhood Intranet, build their own home page, and participate in daily or weekly chat rooms.

Great idea, I thought. This from someone who downloaded ICQ two years ago and couldn't figure it out, and have AOL Messenger but only have two or three people on my buddy list.

Oh, sure, you say, I can go into the national chat rooms, but no matter if it's called "Ending Global Hunger" or "What Would Martha Stewart Do?" I invariably end up in room where the quality of private messages deteriorates rapidly to queries regarding my attire.

Friends have suggested I stop using names like Bambi and Fluffy. I can't help that I'm a proud, card-carrying member of PETA, and I want my name to reflect my love of animals.

When it doesn't go downhill, it is interesting to go to any one of dozens of rooms discussing international issues like Elian Gonzalez and get the perspective of people from all over the world. By the way, world opinion seems as conflicted as our own in the U.S. For instance, yankeesarepigs@eiffel.com thinks Janet Reno should get the guillotine, yet evabraun@thebunker.com said Elian's drunken uncle and psycho cousin are lucky to be alive.

While it's great to get these global views, what about right here in my own back yard?

The message boards at MRT.com contain local feedback on a wide variety of subjects and controversies occurring in our little dot.com on the map.

Listed under "Talkback Topics," on the front page, there are a variety of message boards to log onto. Registration is required, but doesn't take too long.

By a wide margin, "Letters to the Editor" has been the most popular topic and currently features hundreds of messages on subjects ranging from recent newspaper stories on the Midland Independent

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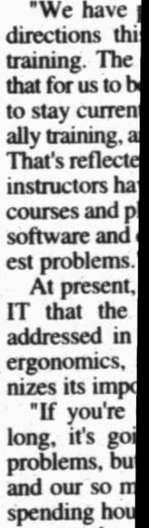
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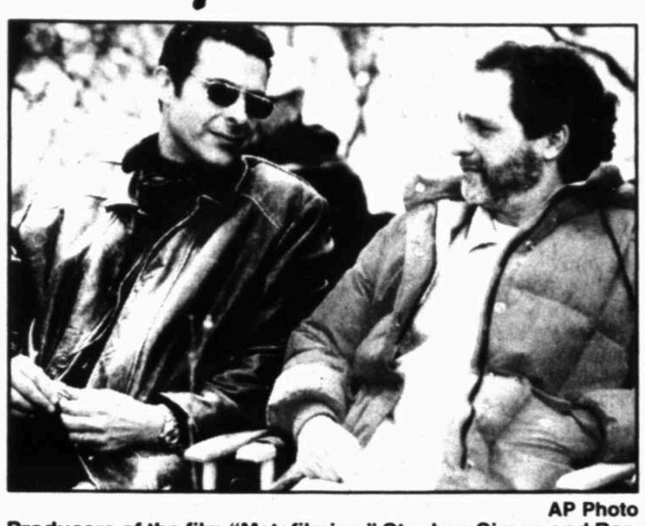
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Producers of the film "Metafilmics," Stephen Simon and Barnet Bain are shown in this undated handout photo. When Simon shopped around his latest project, he had one condition: The film must be shown on computers, not in theaters. On Friday, his "Quantum Project" had its worldwide premiere on SightSound.com. Billed as the first extended Internet movie with an established crew and cast, including actors Stephen Dorff and John Cleese and director Eugenio Zanetti, the $3 million movie marks yet another milestone in the runaway growth of the Web.

TEENS: Middle-aged executives ask college students for ideas

(From 4B)

But Furdyk and Corriero are different. This isn't just another college internship program. Their generation is growing up with the Internet, and Microsoft believes they will integrate this new medium throughout their lives.

The company envisions a generation of people who are nearly always connected to the Internet, either through a PC at work or home, or via a wireless device everywhere else. So, in an exceedingly rare move for a major technology company, Microsoft has asked Furdyk and Corriero to tell its middle-aged executives how all this will come to pass.

"It used to be that the knowledge was held at the top of the company ladder, but that isn't happening with these new, successful companies," said Bart Wojciehowski, director of strategic marketing for Microsoft's Business Productivity Group. "Everybody has access to knowledge via the technology and can run with it. There's a lot more independence among these workers and we have to give them the tools to make the most of it."

Furdyk and Corriero, who are earning both paychecks and educational credits for their work at Microsoft, won't be trying to tell the company which wireless protocol will work best in local-area networks, or any other kind of technological esoterica. Their job is to explain to Microsoft executives the new generation's philosophy of work and play.

"People's lives used to be all about education, then work, then retirement or fun or whatever," Corriero said, quickly drawing three distinct circles in her notebook to make her point. "But what's happening with us is that all three of these things are all mixed in together." She then drew a series of interlocking circles.

"We're always learning, we like our work so we're working more and we're working when we want to, and we're having fun now as opposed to later," she said.

Jonathan Zittrain, executive director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School, said that while some workers today might bristle at the constant connectivity and demands of work, the next generation of workers will thrive on it.

"I do see a revolution in the works here," Zittrain said. "If you're young and you've grown up with this stuff out there, it seems natural."

Furdyk is a perfect example. He started his first company, MyDesktop.com, when he was 15 with a friend from Australia whom he never met offline. The company was sold a year later, and he now works with his second company, called BuyBuddy.com, which helps users understand and purchase technology products. He plans to continue working for the Toronto-based company via the Internet while working with Microsoft here.

"You can do pretty much anything you need to do to run a company without necessarily being there," Furdyk said. "Sometimes it's good to be face-to-face, but I can do most everything I need from here."

The lanky, sometimes laconic entrepreneur plans on finishing high school, too, but isn't quite sure when. "I think they'll give me a little classroom credit for working here," he said.

Corriero, an intense, talkative young woman with near-boundless energy, is gaining college credit at York University's Schulich School of Business in Toronto while working at Microsoft. However, business may end up taking a back seat to a career in law, communications or computing.

"I don't think they really teach what I want to end up doing," Corriero said. That, of course, fits right in with the neo-Renassiance view of the future worker.

Tammy Morrison, the Microsoft product manager guiding the two teen-agers in their work — "sometimes they tell me what to do," she said — saw a good example of new work methods firsthand while visiting a company run by twentysomethings.

Two young people at the company were talking nonchalantly about a particular aspect of their work when they had a good idea and decided to have a meeting. Instead of heading to the conference room, they headed back to their computers and had their meeting in a chat room.

"They preferred running meetings online than in person," Morrison said. "It was a real eye-opener."

The reason for the online meetings were varied. The young workers wanted to have a thoughtful conversation without a lot of wasted time, and they communicated by writing out their thoughts one at a time. They didn't spend time sitting around during the meeting — many participants worked on other projects between chat responses. And at the end, there was a written record of the decision-making process.

Microsoft has intently studied this integration of technology into work and lifestyle. For example, the company recently put a number of people in their late teens and early 20s into a lab to see how they used computers and the Internet to fulfill tasks.

But Furdyk and Corriero could be the key. They are now working full time, running focus groups, writing reports and attending seminars, all in hopes of chronicling their generation's shift in the way they use technology. This, they say, is their opportunity to tell Microsoft how they and their generation want to work and play.

"They understand this, they get it here," Furdyk said. "They may be older, but they get it."

DRAPER: Students surf Net to get feel for other programs

(From 4B)

"We have students come in here who want the fastest machine around, but if the college did that, every six months they'd be throwing 300 to 400 computers away and buying 300 to 400 more." This is not to say, however, that Midland College has antiquated equipment. Draper was quick to point out that students can run the latest software, and what's more important, they gain a familiarity with programs and technology that enables them to take the next step when it comes.

"For a lot of the students coming in here, you just point to the computer and get out of their way," he said, "but there are others who are looking for help, and that's what we're here for."

He said since the college teaches computer maintenance and repair as well as applications, the DIT is able to take its equipment through several rebirths.

"In some of our classes, we really need state-of-the-art equipment, and that's where our newest computers start out. Then when we get through using it there, we take it to another classroom where it doesn't quite need the latest and fastest, and use it a while there. Then we send it down to the computer maintenance guys, and when they're done with it, it's ready for the dumpster.

Draper said in looking for teachers, he wants to see a lot of curiosity and interest in technology, as well as a fierce desire to keep learning.

"And it goes without saying that if they don't enjoy teaching, if they don't like the give and take with students, they're not going to do well.

"But the desire to keep current is vital. If they don't want to do that, the skill set they have, even if it's great, will be obsolete in two years or less, so that we won't even be teaching their skill sets any more.

"We have people going in all directions this summer just for training. The college recognized that for us to be effective we've got to stay current and to be continually training, and it's supporting us. That's reflected in the fact that the instructors have gone to the latest courses and played with the latest software and encountered the latest problems."

At present, he said one area of IT that the department hasn't addressed in any great detail is ergonomics, although he recognizes its importance.

"If you're on computers very long, it's going to create some problems, but our students are in and our so much that they aren't spending hours in the

same place.

"We know that the companies that employ these people are going to work on those issues."

Draper said at Texas Instruments, where he worked for 13 years, ergonomics was studied very carefully.

"We got so concerned that we went through and ergonomically sized every office at the plant: desk height, chair height, computer height, because it's a big issue if you're at the computer all day every day."

At the college, however, the chairs are adjustable, and students are on the move-lots of students.

"Our department had more than 1,200 students taking at least one information technology course last semester."

Draper said that the college hasn't forgotten the student who is new to technology.

"We teach people how to get on the Web and get comfortable and move around and get information. In our beginning office application programs, before we ever let them use Word, we have them go on the Internet and just look around a little bit and get comfortable with the fact that they can move around and go from site to site and that fascinates people when they realize that if they type something in, they can find it.

"They go, 'Wow! That's interesting.' Of course if you're doing a research project and you're looking for something specific it's more difficult, but let's say you're a World War II airplane buff and you're looking for B-24 bombers. You can type in 'B-24 bombers' and tell it to go find them, and it'll find a whole group of locations for you to look at.

"Students don't have any trouble with the Web compared to the types of skills necessary to do Microsoft Word and Excel because those are more involved and require more effort."

Draper said sometimes problems arise because a student is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"I've had students who ended up in the wrong class. Sometimes students will come to an applications class who don't have any keyboard skills and can't even use a mouse. What we do when that happens is to advise them to get out of that class and go to some very basic courses on how to use a mouse and keyboard. They go to the lab and play games, and once they start playing, they get over the fear of breaking something, and they're ready to learn."

Draper said his favorite toy is his networked computers at the office.

"I also enjoy playing with Linux, and I like to solve new problems. I'm always looking for time-savers.

"One of the things that you learn when you work with computers is never to assume you're smarter than the computer is. Sooner or later at some point in the process, it's going to go south on you and give you that dreaded error message. You won't have any idea why it's doing that, and you'll just have to turn it off and hope and pray that it will go away and the computer will fix itself."

CHAT: MRT.com message board visitors include city councilman

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for making my job fairly easy.

Talkback Topics also offers those who post the option of having their name revealed or not. Anonymous is the most frequent writer on the site, but regular contributors include a downtown business owner, a city councilman, a scuba diving enthusiast and a fellow who calls himself The Ancient One. A live chat is also available in all of the topic categories.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, NewsWest 9 and the Midland and Odessa Junior Leagues will host a live discussion Tuesday evening focusing on teen alcohol and drug abuse at the UTPB Center for Diversification on County Road 191 between Midland and Odessa.

MRT.com will also be hosting a live chat with the people at the events. Check the Web site for further details.

There have been a few postings on the boards regarding the navigation of them and unfortunately, all I can suggest is: Practice. Initially, the format may seem strange, but click around and explore and it gets easier.

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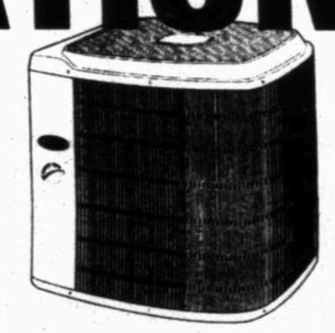
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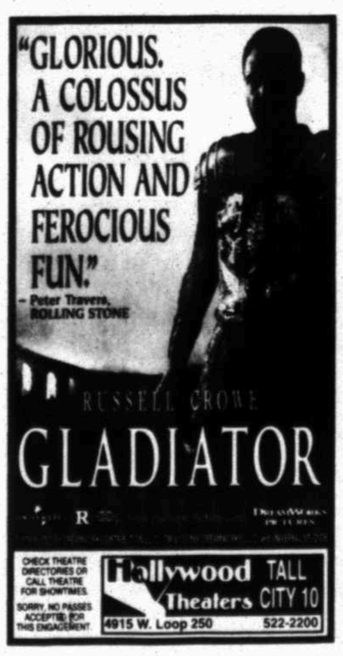
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Summer adventure

This summer, as in the past 30-plus summers, North Carolina Outward Bound is offering adventure programs for students ages 14 and older who are interested in backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater canoeing, whitewater rafting, mountain biking — and rappelling, like in the photo. All youth courses for students ages 14-17 take place in the Southern Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina. Other course areas for older students, age 18 and older, include the North Carolina Outer Banks, Bahamas, Costa Rica and Chilean Andes. For more information on North Carolina Outward Bound and its programs scheduled for this summer, call 1-877-77-NCOBS or e-mail to challenge@ncobs.org. The website is http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html.

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Movie 'American Psycho' reviewed

"American Psycho"
Release Date: April 14, 2000
Director: Mary Harron
Starring: Christian Bale, Reese Witherspoon, Willem Dafoe, Chloe Sevigny
Running Time: 97 minutes
MPAA Classification: R

Review by Steven Rybicki

"American Psycho," based on the harrowing book by Bret Easton Ellis, begins with a pristine white surface being stained by drops of a red liquid. Of course the title of the film would suggest that this liquid is blood, but in reality it's a gourmet raspberry sauce.

"American Psycho" follows the decadent life of the shallow and apathetic Patrick Bateman, a man who spends his days working in the "mergers and acquisitions" department of his business firm, and his nights enjoying many "murders and executions" of innocents who cross his path.

He considers himself distinctive and important, a unique creature, yet when placed in his work environment he is just one of many clones betraying, misleading and back-stabbing his way up the corporate ladder.

As a fan of the book, I found this film extremely disappointing. It presents itself more like a Cliffs Notes version of Ellis' novel rather than an adaptation of it.

In print form, "American Psycho" is an extremely dark indictment of the Gordon Gekko/yuppie mindset some held in the '80s. The filmmakers understand this, but in an attempt to highlight the book's black humor and keen lambasting of greed-driven lifestyles, Ms. Harron and fellow screenwriter Guinevere Turner opted to remove most of the infamous gore that permeates the book. Ultimately, this proves to be a fatal flaw because the omission of the gritty violence is accompanied by an almost complete sacrificing of Ellis' message.

In the book, the countless acts of brutality demonstrate and represent Ellis' point that when money is put ahead of all else, nothing is taboo or unacceptable. The violence WAS the catalyst for Ellis' message. I do not mean to insinuate that the book's ultra-violence could not have been cut. On the contrary, it could have — but a substitute vehicle for the central metaphor was needed and not created and thus the film suffered immensely.

It is very hard to dislike this movie on a technical basis, though. The score and soundtrack are effective and the cinematography is exceptional. Harron's camera is always appropriately distant or intimate depending on the situation.

The cast is also apt at handling their roles. Christian Bale, especially, excels as Patrick Bateman. His cold, vacant eyes and eerie mannerisms are perfect. He IS Bateman. The only downside of Bale's performance is that he is not given enough time in front of the camera to be fully fleshed out as the character Ellis created. Much of this is due to the fact that so much about Bateman has been lost in the book to screen transformation.

In the book, we never, ever sympathize, like or identify with Bateman. He is a misogynist, a murderer and a revolting individual. But he is so well drawn that the reader not only peripherally observes Patrick but also falls into his thinking process. We are placed in his private world and sit with him as he comments on others around him. We know him so well that when he says he is going to the video store, we can know what movies he will rent.

Overall, Harron's version of American Psycho is aimless and unsatisfying. It desperately wants to carry the same emotional and intellectual impact as the book, but doesn't quite know by what means it needs to take to get there.

Steven Rybicki is a junior homeschooler.

Trinity students speak out!

In spite of what ads say, smoking and drinking not healthy behavior

By Jill Chandler and Lauren Party

Have you ever noticed that cigarette companies and alcohol industries target teens in their advertising? Many tobacco companies portray smoking as cool, sexy, and a way to be popular. Alcohol industries illustrate drinking alcohol as a fun party all the time.

The tobacco industries deny targeting teens for cigarettes, yet, the average age of the first cigarette is 14. Joe Camel billboards have been set up within view of junior high and high schools. Virginia Slims advertisements depict a beautiful, rich woman smoking in an elegant dress; it tells teenage girls that if you want to be cool, sexy, and popular, smoking is the way. Marlboro uses a roping cowboy as an image of perfect health.

The truth is smoking is none of these. It damages your entire body, inside and out.

Each cigarette has over 4,000 chemicals and can shorten your life five to 20 minutes. Smoking not only affects you, it can affect your family and friends. Second-hand smoke kills more people than AIDS and illegal drugs.

If you or someone you know smokes, contact Nicotine Anonymous at (415) 750-0328 or nicotine-anonymous.org.

In one newspaper, mixed between ads for restaurants and soft drinks, were two alcohol advertisements.

Alcohol is the number one drug problem among teenagers and children. The average age of the first drink among teens is 12.8; 87 percent of all students have used alcohol by the 12th grade.

Many teens start drinking to feel as if they fit in or to are popular. The image that advertisements portray is that you can party, feel good about yourself, and have fun if you drink alcohol. If someone you know might be an alcoholic, contact Alateen at (888) 4Al-ateen.

Alcohol and drugs will ruin your life, no matter what the advertisements suggest. You can be sent to jail or — even worse — you could overdose and die. You could be on parole for several months. It can ruin you mentally, physically and socially.

Do yourself a favor and avoid drugs and alcohol.

Jill Chandler and Lauren Party are in the eighth grade at Trinity School.

Stress is fact of life for students

By Jill Chandler

Stress is a word that middle school students know too well. With homework, teachers, parents, friends and expectations, our lives are filled with stress.

In a recent national survey conducted by the University of Michigan, one-third of U.S. teens were stressed. Researchers also found out that nearly two-thirds of students feel stressed out at least once a week.

For once, Midland follows these national statistics. In a recent survey of eighth-grade students, school was found to be the major source of stress. Homework and finals were on top of the list as contributors to stress levels. The eighth graders are stressed every day.

Nationally, stress for students is a major complaint. In the U.S., according to Weekly Reader Magazine, stress is a major problem for junior high and high school students. The pressure to achieve in everything may pull teens in too many directions, researchers at the University of Michigan found. Setting a few priorities and concentrating on those is the most effective way to eliminate school stress, the researchers said.

The body reacts to stressful situations in many ways: When you encounter such situations, your body reacts with almost every bodily function — brain, nerves, heart and blood flow, hormones, digestion and muscle function.

One way to deal with stress is to change your lifestyle or change the cause of the stress. Talking to friends, family or other trusted people and taking it easy until you calm down or adjust to the new situation are good ways to relieve stress. To avoid stress, try to have an outlet for your stress, such as exercising, taking on a new hobby, or spending time with good friends.

Our survey of the eighth-grade concluded several facts:

- Latin and algebra are the most stressful subjects.
- From the most stressful to the least stressful, the order was school, teachers, after-school activities and friends.
- We are less stressed during the summer, on holidays or when we are sleeping.

Jill Chandler is an eighth-grader at Trinity School.

Teen-age runaways: Frightening phenomenon, even in Midland

By Lauren Wilson and Chase Morris

Midland has more than 450 children between the ages of 13 and 16 who run away from home each year according to the Midland Police Department. This is a frightening statistic that worries both parents and law enforcement officers.

Joanna Hollandson, secretary at the Midland Police Detective Division, explained why children run away from home. Some children experience family problems at home so they feel the need to run away; others experience peer pressure from friends, foes, etc., and they want to get away from it all.

Ms. Hollandson said, "Instead of locating a responsible adult or some other reliable source, these troubled children feel the need to run away."

Most of these runaways escape to a friend's house for a day or so until their parents realize they are gone or until they feel the need to go home.

Ms. Hollandson that if someone you know plans on running away, the first thing you should do is to try to talk to your friend and help him or her find other ways to handle the problem. If this doesn't work, talk to his or her parents or another responsible adult, and tell them about his plans.

However, if it is too late and someone you know has already run away, contact the local police and give them all the information you know about the person. Silence on your part could be dangerous to your friend.

According to the Midland Police Department, most runaways return home within a day or so.

Remember, running away will not solve any problems. There are many people who care and would be helpful to a child who is considering running away.

Lauren Wilson and Chase Morris are eighth grade students at Trinity School.

Teens fight anorexia nervosa

By Julianne Philpy

So you think you're fat? There are some things that you need to know. Many teen-age girls think that they are fat. First, let's define fat:

Fat: adj., (1) plump, fleshy (2) oily, greasy (3) well filled out; big (4) well stocked (5) richly rewarding.

If you think you are fat, you can do many things to correct the situation that will not harm your body, but there is one thing that can cause severe bodily damage.

Anorexia nervosa is an eating disorder that involves food restriction and excessive weight loss. Some people worry so much about their physical appearance that they obsess over it every day. Their self-image affects them so much that they starve themselves, which can cause serious damage to their bodies.

How do you know that you're anorexic? Skipping one or two meals now and then doesn't make someone anorexic, but continual tendencies to do so may result in anorexia later on. Ninety percent of anorexics are female; 5 percent are male. (What happened to the other 5 percent?)

If you are a high achiever in school, very athletic or a perfectionist, you are more likely to become anorexic than people who are not. If you are into "appearance" sports, including gymnastics, cheerleading, figure skating and track and cross-country, you are more likely to be anorexic.

Men and women who are in the military have higher-than-average risks to be anorexic.

Anorexia has no single cause, but depression, anxiety or both often accompany the disorder.

Another factor is family dynamics. Forty percent of girls age 9 to 10 are trying to lose weight at the urging of their mothers. Mothers have a strong influence on their children with eating disorders, but fathers and brothers who are overly critical also affect anorexic girls.

Another factor is excessive athleticism, which means exercising a lot to try to lose weight.

People with anorexia often had stomach and intestinal problems at a young age.

Anorexia is eight times more common in people who are relatives of anorexics.

Many anorexics have faster metabolism, making it harder for them to gain weight.

Many resources are available for anyone wanting more information about anorexia. Talk to the school nurse or write to: the Center for the Study of Anorexia and Bulimia, 1 West 91 Street, New York, N.Y. 10024.

Julianne Philpy is an eighth-grader at Trinity School.

Future career plans change as student does

By Lauren Party and Jill Chandler

"What do you want to do when you grow up?"

This is a question we hear throughout our lives. Your idea of what you want to do when you are older changes as you age. You go from wanting to be a movie star to a computer programmer; from a soccer star to your father's assistant. Some never figure out what they want to do with their lives.

From the time you are in third grade until you are a senior in high school, your view changes many times.

We interviewed a third-grade class, an eighth-grade class and the senior class at Trinity School to see what their views were on possible career goals.

The most popular occupation among students in the third grade is become a famous soccer player. The other top nine occupations are: writers, baseball players, football players, basketball players, engineers, scientists and actresses or actors.

Although most of the eighth-grade class's answers differ from the third graders' answer, some students still want to be sports professionals. Eighth graders also want to be: veterinarians, fashion designers, actors, actresses, doctors, and lawyers. The majority of these students want to be famous singers.

In the senior class, several students aspire to become engineers, two want to be doctors; one, a high-level computer programmer; a music writer and director; a dietician; and a psychologist. Several are undecided.

Although we have different career goals, we all want to make something of our lives and affect people. As we get older, we change with the surroundings of our world as we become more aware of the problems of today.

Lauren Party and Jill Chandler are in the eighth grade at Trinity School.

Poetic Voices

STANDING ALONE

By Jill Chandler

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Jill Chandler is an eighth-grader at Trinity School.



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AP Photo

Dallas Stars center Scott Thornton celebrates his first-period goal against San Jose Sharks goalie Steve Shields in Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals in Dallas. The Stars won the game, 4-1.

Stars down Sharks, set up conference finals with Avs

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Ed Belfour and Mike Modano have been doing what they do best all postseason. Now that Joe Nieuwendyk has joined them, the Dallas Stars feel good about their chances of defending the Stanley Cup.

Nieuwendyk got the Dallas offense going with an early goal and linemate Scott Thornton added a goal and two assists as the Stars beat San Jose 4-1 Sunday night, eliminating the Sharks in five games.

The Stars advanced to a rematch of last year's Western Conference finals against the Colorado Avalanche. The first two games will be in Dallas; the league is expected to release a schedule Monday.

Many consider Colorado the team to beat because of its solid depth and great defensemen. But Dallas is optimistic now that Nieuwendyk and his line look like as much of a threat as Modano and his partners.

"Those guys have lugged a lot for a long time," Nieuwendyk said. "Now, we're chipping in and getting some production. Colorado is a solid group, but we've got a lot of confidence."

Nieuwendyk, the MVP of last year's championship run, started rolling with two goals in a 5-4 victory in Game 4. He followed that with a nifty move to beat goalie Steve Shields midway through the first period for a 1-0 lead.

He basically was picking up where Modano left off. The top-line center scored a goal in each of the first four games and had points in the last eight games before being blanked Sunday. His line still came through, though, as Brett Hull put in a rebound of his own shot for a power-play goal that made it 3-0 early in the third period.

"We talked before the series about this team having two dominant centers," San Jose coach Darryl Sutter said. "I think that showed."

Dallas also has the kind of hot goalie teams often ride to championships.

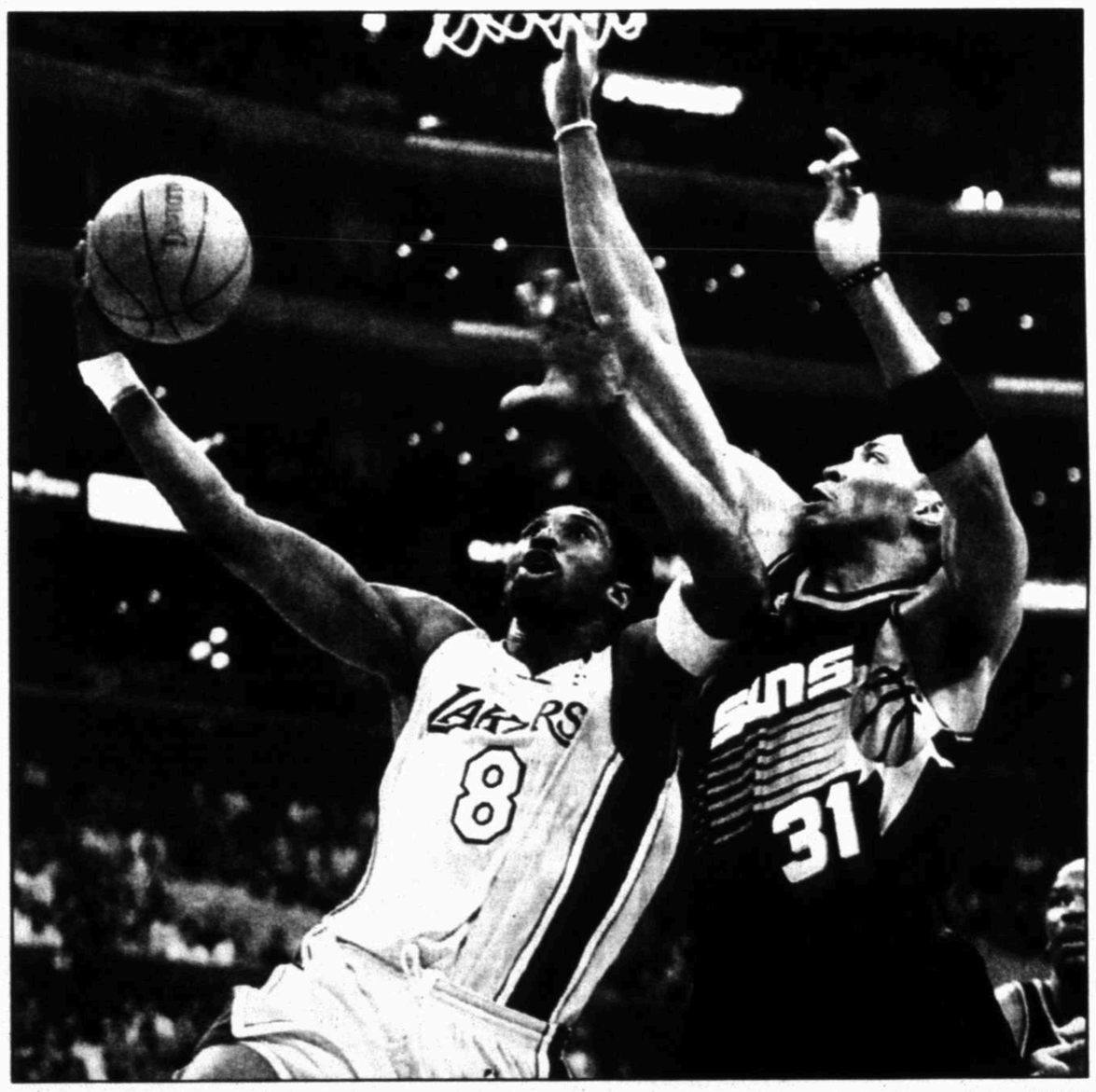
Belfour won his eighth straight playoff game at Reunion Arena and came within 11:28 of a third straight shutout on his home ice. He ran a scoreless streak to 187 minutes, 25 seconds before being beaten midway through the third period with the Stars already up 4-0.

He also helped continue the Stars' trend of delivering quick knockout blows. This was the sixth straight series Dallas has closed out on its first chance.

The Sharks played without Owen Nolan, their leading scorer, or Bryan Marchment, their most physical defenseman.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Shaq, Lakers roll



AP Photo

Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant (8) drives to the basket as Phoenix's Shawn Marion tries to defend during game one of the Western Conference semifinals. Bryant scored 25. His teammate Shaquille O'Neal poured in 37.

Slow start doesn't stop Los Angeles

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Shaquille O'Neal had an explanation for his sluggish start against the Phoenix Suns — he got too much rest before Sunday's game.

"I just tried something new last night," he said with a smile. "I went to bed at 11. I usually go to bed at midnight or later. I haven't gone to bed at 11 for about eight years. I was sluggish, I picked it up."

O'Neal overcame a 1-for-7 shooting performance in the first quarter to score 37 points, grab 14 rebounds and block four shots as the Los Angeles Lakers trounced the Suns 105-77 in the opener of their Western Conference semifinals.

Just about every member of the Suns, or so it seemed, took a turn guarding O'Neal, and after the first quarter, no one had much luck.

"When I get the ball in the blue area, there's not much anybody can do," he said. "I'm a pretty skillful big guy."

The Suns certainly agreed.

"There's a way you can stop him, it's just not legal," said Corie Blount, a former Laker. "He's hitting jump-hooks, turnaround shots, I give that credit to him. Once he's doing that, you can't do much."

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Mourning plays large for Heat in series opener versus Knicks

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Alonzo Mourning butted heads Sunday with the New York Knicks and came away a winner.

Mourning, briefly dazed in a head-to-head collision with Charlie Ward in the third period, shook off the cobwebs and sank the game's final two shots, giving the Miami Heat an 87-83 victory in the opener of the second-round playoff series.

"We've got a long way to go, man," Mourning said. "I heard a lot of people saying, 'Zo, you won the battle today.' This series is far from being over."

The Heat, eliminated in the opening round by New York each of the past two years, will try for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven matchup Tuesday night in Miami.

After a week of hype leading to the series, the bitter rivals started with a thriller. The score changed hands 14 times and was tied 11 times, including at 79, 81 and 83.

"I think that's the way this series is going to be played," Heat coach Pat Riley said.

"We thought we had it won," Knicks center Patrick Ewing said. "We've got to play a little better down the stretch."

The Knicks didn't make a basket in the final 5:34, and Mourning didn't miss in the final minute. First he got a half step inside on Ewing, took a feed from Dan Majerle and scored for an 85-83 lead with 41.8 seconds to go.

Miami regained possession when P.J. Brown tipped an Allan Houston pass, and Mourning swished a 17-footer with 5.6 seconds left.

"Zo was the go-to man," Brown said. "When he took those shots, I had no doubt they were going in."

The officials called only five fouls in the opening period, but after that the game was more characteristic of the bruising rivalry. Mourning and Ward banged heads scrambling for a loose ball in the third period, but both stayed

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Bulldogs learn facts about I-5A baseball playoff game today

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell now knows who he will play this week in the area round of the Class 5A state baseball playoffs, but he would like to know a lot more.

Midland High Baseball

El Paso Franklin defeated El Paso Hanks, 4-1, Saturday in a one-game bi-district playoff in El Paso to earn the right to advance against Midland High, the District 4-5A champion.

By winning the district championship, MHS drew the first round bye. Russell went to El Paso Saturday to scout Franklin and was hoping to nail down the playoff particulars with the Cougars. Those plans went awry, however.

"I went out there (El Paso) thinking that we had all agreed to play in Alpine next week, a neutral site," Russell said. "The Franklin coach (Steve Mims) refused that idea. I thought if the teams were more than 150 miles apart, you could ask for a neutral site. He (Mims) said that wasn't the case.

"Also, he wanted a one-game playoff and we want a best two of three series. We couldn't agree on that either. So, we don't know where it stands right now.

"We'll talk on Monday morning, and probably do some (coin) flipping. All I

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'Hounds fall to Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas' William Ortega was again a thorn in the side of the Midland RockHounds Sunday as he hit a game winning three-run homer in the seventh inning to give the Travelers a 9-6 Texas League win.

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Trinity begins different type of spring training

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Trinity Chargers begin a new football life today.

Trinity takes its first major step into its conversion from the six-man game to the 11-man game at 4:15 p.m. when the spring training begins for a two-week run.

That also means that John Wilkins, the former coaching great at Odessa Permian, will be back on the field, constructing this conversion to the 11-man game.

"I'm kind of excited about it," Wilkins said. "It's got the juices going again. The juices are lot slower than they used to be, but I'm excited. We've had a good off-season and I really think our athletes are looking forward to the next two weeks."

Wilkins said he plans to work his team for about two hours Monday through Wednesday and cut back some on Thursday and Friday and have a controlled scrimmage on Saturday.

Wilkins also said that there will be no spring game to end the two week training grind.

"We'll probably end on May 19 with some kind of review session," Wilkins said.

Thirty-five Chargers are expected to report and those numbers pleased Wilkins.

"We are real pleased with the numbers. In fact, they have exceeded our expectations," he said. "We will have as many players as most of the opponents we will play against, so, that's not bad."

Wilkins said the spring grind will be devoted to the basics.

"We're going to have to teach the kids the basic things we want to do in a 4-3 defense and a Wing-T offense."

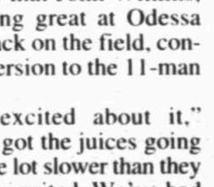
Oh yes, Wilkins is using the two old Permian standbys for Trinity's first foray into the 11-man game.

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Cowboys' new offense changes old principles

By Ray Buck
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Cowboys receivers coach Wes Chandler played in this offense under Don Coryell at San Diego in the 1970s.



Although the offense has evolved, and is still evolving, the Cowboys are resuscitating the basic principles that helped win three Super Bowls in the 1990s. After two seasons of Chan Gailey, the Cowboys are returning to a system with roots stemming to Air Coryell.

"We've just tweaked it," said Chandler, who played for the high-powered Chargers of the '70s, with its multiple weapons of Charlie Joiner, John Jefferson and Chandler at wide receiver, Kellen Winslow at tight end and Dan Fouts at quarterback. All but Jefferson and Chandler are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"The beauty of this offense is that you never know where the ball is going to go," Chandler said. "In fact, every eligible receiver on the field is considered 'alive' on every route. There's no lax period. This is exciting for a receiver, because there's a chance that the ball is coming to him on every play."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has put a lot of faith in new offensive coordinator Jack Reilly who, with the help of Ernie Zampese in a consulting role, will add a few wrinkles and dust off a few more aspects of the pre-Gailey offense, run by Norv Turner (1991-93) under Jimmy Johnson and by Zampese (1994-97) under Barry Switzer. Reilly previously served as Cowboys quarterbacks coach

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WEBZONE

Teen-age consultants aid Microsoft with new strategies



By Michael J. Martinez
Associated Press

REDMOND, Wash. — Computers and the Internet are still a wonder to many adults, but to teen-agers, they're simply a part of life. And so the world's largest software maker is turning to a pair of teens to tell it how to run the company.

Michael Furdyk, 17, and Jennifer Corriero, 19, are the newest consultants at Microsoft Corp. Of course, teen-age wunderkinder are nothing new in the high-technology industry — this summer, many tech firms will play host to whiz kids who can build databases and write funky programs for Web sites.

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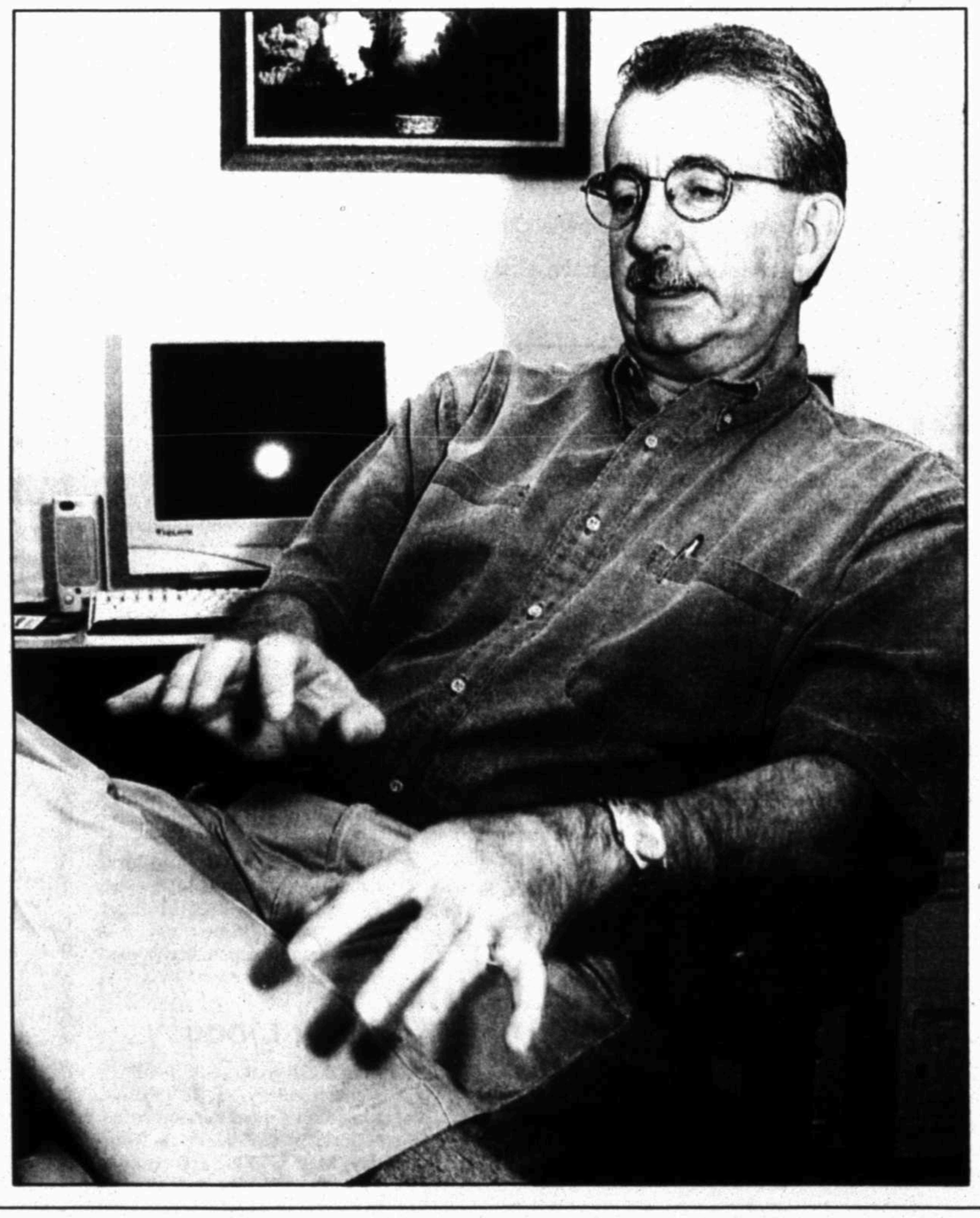
AP Photo
Microsoft consultant Jennifer Corriero, 19, sits at her computer in her office at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. Corriero has been hired to work on a program designed to explore the ways people live with and work on the Internet.

SPACE AGE WHIZ kids

Surfer of the week

JAMES DRAPER

Midland College tech director drives department to new heights



By Johnnye Montgomery

The director of Midland College's Department of Information Technology has an office about the size and shape of a fancy horse trailer, except that the ceiling is higher, and the corners aren't rounded. On the walls above the stacks of CPUs networked together, the monitors and the books are a nicely framed gold-leaf reproduction of a 15th century map of the two hemispheres that make up our planet, a color photo of a shuttle lift-off and a cartoon drawing given to him for Father's Day by his wife and daughter, showing the character in mustache and glasses sitting in a long narrow office littered with wadded-up papers, stacks of books and CPUs, and a monitor with the word, ERROR filling the monitor screen. Above his head is a legend reading "James Draper, DIT."

Draper's arrival at Midland College was fortuitous both for him and for the college, since he loves to learn new technologies, and new technologies have driven the department to ever greater heights with each succeeding semester.

With the fall semester, Midland College will offer more than 80 information technology courses.

Draper's first experience with computers goes back to his college days, where UT Austin had a Control Data 6600 that might fit into his present office, but wouldn't leave room for much of anything else.

"Our engineering professors told us that we were going to use computers a little in some of our projects, but that they weren't going to waste a course to teach us to use them, so we had better go buy a book and figure out how to use them for our assignments. We used them a little bit with punch cards, and we did all our chemical engineering with slide rules.

"That (Control Data 6600) was the biggest baddest computer there was, and I suspect that the computer sitting on my desk right now has more horsepower. But we try to teach our students that you don't really have to have the fastest computer to get a lot of work done.

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WHAT'S NEW GAMES

Dark Zion

Wombat Games Inc. announced Dark Zion, a massively multiplayer online world in which players will have unprecedented control of their world compared with current online games.

Dark Zion is a player driven world: players will explore, build cities, create clans and governments, wage wars, breed insects and discover the lost secrets of the world of Dark Zion as they create a story of their new civilization.

Tad Williams, New York Times and London Sunday Times best-selling author of fantasy and science fiction, is serving as creative consultant on the project, contributing to the design, story and overall feel of the world of Dark Zion.

Dark Zion is currently in development at Wombat Games and will be released for the Windows, Linux and Macintosh platforms in the future. Wombat Games is currently searching for a publisher or partner for Dark Zion.

Wombat Games will release parts of the game as open source, and has already released one library as open source.

More information can be found on the Internet at http://dzvault.ign.com/ and http://www.darkzion.com/. Ultima and Ultima Online are trademarks or registered trademarks of Electronic Arts or its wholly-owned subsidiaries in the U.S. and/or other countries. Other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

Planescape: Torment

Is it possible for a computer game to have the intellectual heft and emotional impact of a good book while remaining as captivating as a well-paced film? If so, the first candidate may well be Planescape: Torment.

Planescape, a role-playing game, breaks many of the conventions that have distinguished the genre since it emerged two decades ago. Planescape is not especially difficult, but it is written for ages 13 and older and may be inappropriate for younger children.

The game features poignant storytelling and engaging interaction with digital characters, not to mention a healthy dose of good old-fashioned play.

Planescape is like other role-playing games in that the player directs an alter ego, along with a band of companions, through fantastic environments and against fearsome foes as they try to complete their quest. Like some other role-playing games, Planescape is based (loosely) on the rules of Advanced Dungeons and Dragons, the most popular pen-and-paper role-playing game.

Planescape: Torment, from Interplay Productions; $47; Windows 95 and 98; for ages 13 and older.

KEWL SITE

I kiss you!

So what's the deal with that guy wearing the ping pong paddle on Late Night with David Letterman?

It's Mahir, and his site *http://members.xoom.com/_XOOM/primal/mahir/index.html.* and has grown into an international phenomenon and source of laughter. The accordion-playing Turk has also inspired many mirror and parody sites. For a list of those, go to *www.istanbul.tc/mahir/*

Attention all Web surfers

The Reporter-Telegram is seeking Internet-related columns that will be published on the WebZone page. If your column is selected for publication, you will receive $10. Your submission should include your name, mailing address, work phone and home phone. Columns should be submitted to Nancy Adamson, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79701; fax, 570-7650; or e-mail, banshee@basinlink.com.

COWABUNGA

What's in a name? Fluffy suggests sticking to business in chat rooms

By Nancy Adamson
Assistant News Editor

Dark Soul, Lady Godiva, Artemus. Rocket Man, Griz.

Names you might find in any one of thousands of chat room across the world, but these names were special. These were the names of some of a few of the frequent users in the old Basinlink chat room. Basinlink was one of the first and most popular ISPs in the area.

And Basinlink served its name well for quite a while in the old days — a few years ago — when it brought together computer users throughout the Permian Basin.

I didn't have my iMac then, but Artemus had a homebuilt PC — pile of chips — and I would impersonate her every now and then when I would go over to her house to visit her computer, um, I mean her family.

On any given night, there might have been as many as 50 local users logged onto Basinlink and they became a close-knit group. Weekly luncheons were organized. Friends were made. One of my friends, who is also a coworker, found her husband in the Basinlink chat room. in turn, her ex-husband also met his current wife in Basinlink chat as well.

But the Web was growing at an unbelievably rapid rate, and sophisticated chat venues like ICQ and AOL Messenger took the place of local providers.

Unfortunately, though the Internet provides unlimited possibilities for global communication, it isolates us more and more. I have chatted with a teen-age boy in Finland who dreams of living like a cowboy in Texas. And I've talked to the 60-year-old wife of an Australian farmer whose nearest neighbor lived 40 miles away, but I don't know the names or faces of the family who lives two houses down from mine.

A housing developer in Arizona recently finished a project that featured Internet- and Intranet-ready wiring. Those families with PCs could hook up to a neighborhood Intranet, build their own home page, and participate in daily or weekly chat rooms.

Great idea, I thought. This from someone who downloaded ICQ two years ago and couldn't figure it out, and have AOL Messenger but only have two or three people on my buddy list.

Oh, sure, you say, I can go into the national chat rooms, but no matter if it's called "Ending Global Hunger" or "What Would Martha Stewart Do?" I invariably end up in room where the quality of private messages deteriorates rapidly to queries regarding my attire.

Friends have suggested I stop using names like Bambi and Fluffy. I can't help that I'm a proud, card-carrying member of PETA, and I want my name to reflect my love of animals.

When it doesn't go downhill, it is interesting to go to any one of dozens of rooms discussing international issues like Elian Gonzalez and get the perspective of people from all over the world. By the way, world opinion seems as conflicted as our own in the U.S. For instance, yankeesarepigs@eiffel.com thinks Janet Reno should get the guillotine, yet evabraun@the-bunker.com said Elian's drunken uncle and psycho cousin are lucky to be alive.

While it's great to get these global views, what about right here in my own back yard?

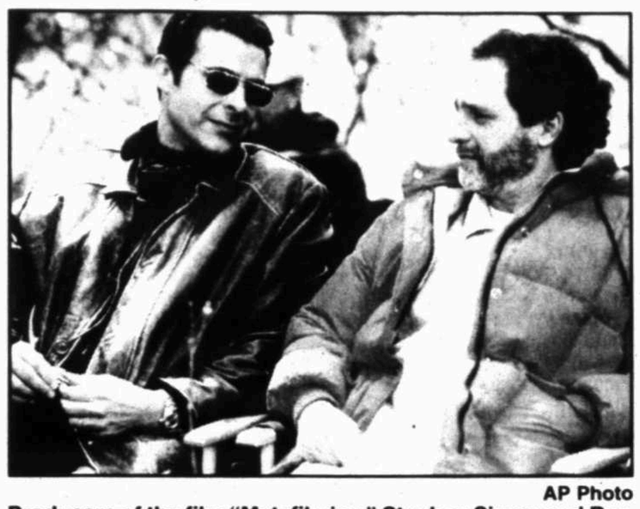
The message boards at MRT.com contain local feedback on a wide variety of subjects and controversies occurring in our little dot.com on the map.

Listed under "Talkback Topics," on the front page, there are a variety of message boards to log onto. Registration is required, but doesn't take too long.

By a wide margin, "Letters to the Editor" has been the most popular topic and currently features hundreds of messages on subjects ranging from recent newspaper stories on the Midland Independent

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Web only film



AP Photo

Producers of the film "Metafilmics," Stephen Simon and Barnet Bain are shown in this undated handout photo. When Simon shopped around his latest project, he had one condition: The film must be shown on computers, not in theaters. On Friday, his "Quantum Project" had its worldwide premiere on SightSound.com. Billed as the first extended Internet movie with an established crew and cast, including actors Stephen Dorff and John Cleese and director Eugenio Zanetti, the $3 million movie marks yet another milestone in the runaway growth of the Web.

TEENS: Middle-aged executives ask college students for ideas

(From 4B)

But Furdyk and Corriero are different. This isn't just another college internship program. Their generation is growing up with the Internet, and Microsoft believes they will integrate this new medium throughout their lives.

The company envisions a generation of people who are nearly always connected to the Internet, either through a PC at work or home, or via a wireless device everywhere else. So, in an exceedingly rare move for a major technology company, Microsoft has asked Furdyk and Corriero to tell its middle-aged executives how all this will come to pass.

''It used to be that the knowledge was held at the top of the company ladder, but that isn't happening with these new, successful companies,'' said Bart Wojciehowski, director of strategic marketing for Microsoft's Business Productivity Group. ''Everybody has access to knowledge via the technology and can run with it. There's a lot more independence among these workers and we have to give them the tools to make the most of it.''

Furdyk and Corriero, who are earning both paychecks and educational credits for their work at Microsoft, won't be trying to tell the company which wireless protocol will work best in local-area networks, or any other kind of technological esoterica. Their job is to explain to Microsoft executives the new generation's philosophy of work and play.

''People's lives used to be all about education, then work, then retirement or fun or whatever,'' Corriero said, quickly drawing three distinct circles in her notebook to make her point. ''But what's happening with us is that all three of these things are all mixed in together.'' She then drew a series of interlocking circles.

''We're always learning, we like our work so we're working more and we're working when we want to, and we're having fun now as opposed to later,'' she said.

Jonathan Zittrain, executive director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School, said that while some workers today might bristle at the constant connectivity and demands of work, the next generation of workers will thrive on it.

''I do see a revolution in the works here,'' Zittrain said. ''If you're young and you've grown up with this stuff out there, it seems natural.''

Furdyk is a perfect example. He started his first company, MyDesktop.com, when he was 15 with a friend from Australia whom he never met offline. The company was sold a year later, and he now works with his second company, called BuyBuddy.com, which helps users understand and purchase technology products. He plans to continue working for the Toronto-based company via the Internet while working with Microsoft here.

''You can do pretty much anything you need to do to run a company without necessarily being there,'' Furdyk said. ''Sometimes it's good to be face-to-face, but I can do most everything I need from here.''

The lanky, sometimes laconic entrepreneur plans on finishing high school, too, but isn't quite sure when. ''I think they'll give me a little classroom credit for working here,'' he said.

Corriero, an intense, talkative young woman with near-boundless energy, is gaining college credit at York University's Schulich School of Business in Toronto while working at Microsoft. However, business may end up taking a back seat to a career in law, communications or computing.

''I don't think they really teach what I want to end up doing,'' Corriero said. That, of course, fits right in with the neo-Renassiance view of the future worker.

Tammy Morrison, the Microsoft product manager guiding the two teen-agers in their work — ''sometimes they tell me what to do,'' she said — saw a good example of new work methods firsthand while visiting a company run by twentysomethings.

Two young people at the company were talking nonchalantly about a particular aspect of their work when they had a good idea and decided to have a meeting. Instead of heading to the conference room, they headed back to their computers and had their meeting in a chat room.

''They preferred running meetings online than in person,'' Morrison said. ''It was a real eye-opener.''

The reason for the online meetings were varied. The young workers wanted to have a thoughtful conversation without a lot of wasted time, and they communicated by writing out their thoughts one at a time. They didn't spend time sitting around during the meeting — many participants worked on other projects between chat responses. And at the end, there was a written record of the decision-making process.

Microsoft has intently studied this integration of technology into work and lifestyle. For example, the company recently put a number of people in their late teens and early 20s into a lab to see how they used computers and the Internet to fulfill tasks.

But Furdyk and Corriero could be the key. They are now working full time, running focus groups, writing reports and attending seminars, all in hopes of chronicling their generation's shift in the way they use technology. This, they say, is their opportunity to tell Microsoft how they and their generation want to work and play.

''They understand this, they get it here,'' Furdyk said. ''They may be older, but they get it.''

DRAPER: Students surf Net to get feel for other programs

(From 4B)

"We have students come in here who want the fastest machine around, but if the college did that, every six months they'd be throwing 300 to 400 computers away and buying 300 to 400 more." This is not to say, however, that Midland College has antiquated equipment. Draper was quick to point out that students can run the latest software, and what's more important, they gain a familiarity with programs and technology that enables them to take the next step when it comes.

"For a lot of the students coming in here, you just point to the computer and get out of their way," he said, "but there are others who are looking for help, and that's what we're here for."

He said since the college teaches computer maintenance and repair as well as applications, the DIT is able to take its equipment through several rebirths.

"In some of our classes, we really need state-of-the-art equipment, and that's where our newest computers start out. Then when we get through using it there, we take it to another classroom where it doesn't quite need the latest and fastest, and use it a while there. Then we send it down to the computer maintenance guys, and when they're done with it, it's ready for the dumpster.

Draper said in looking for teachers, he wants to see a lot of curiosity and interest in technology, as well as a fierce desire to keep learning.

"And it goes without saying that if they don't enjoy teaching, if they don't like the give and take with students, they're not going to do well.

"But the desire to keep current is vital. If they don't want to do that, the skill set they have, even if it's great, will be obsolete in two years or less, so that we won't even be teaching their skill sets any more.

"We have people going in all directions this summer just for training. The college recognized that for us to be effective we've got to stay current and to be continually training, and it's supporting us. That's reflected in the fact that the instructors have gone to the latest courses and played with the latest software and encountered the latest problems."

At present, he said one area of IT that the department hasn't addressed in any great detail is ergonomics, although he recognizes its importance.

"If you're on computers very long, it's going to create some problems, but our students are in and our so much that they aren't spending hours in the

same place.

"We know that the companies that employ these people are going to work on those issues."

Draper said at Texas Instruments, where he worked for 13 years, ergonomics was studied very carefully.

"We got so concerned that we went through and ergonomically sized every office at the plant: desk height, chair height, computer height, because it's a big issue if you're at the computer all day every day."

At the college, however, the chairs are adjustable, and students are on the move-lots of students.

"Our department had more than 1,200 students taking at least one information technology course last semester."

Draper said that the college hasn't forgotten the student who is new to technology.

"We teach people how to get on the Web and get comfortable and move around and get information. In our beginning office application programs, before we ever let them use Word, we have them go on the Internet and just look around a little bit and get comfortable with the fact that they can move around and go from site to site and that fascinates people when they realize that if they type something in, they can find it.

"They go, 'Wow! That's interesting.' Of course if you're doing a research project and you're looking for something specific it's more difficult, but let's say you're a World War II airplane buff and you're looking for B-24 bombers. You can type in 'B-24 bombers' and tell it to go find them, and it'll find a whole group of locations for you to look at.

"Students don't have any trouble with the Web compared to the types of skills necessary to do Microsoft Word and Excel because those are more involved and require more effort."

Draper said sometimes problems arise because a student is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"I've had students who ended up in the wrong class. Sometimes students will come to an applications class who don't have any keyboard skills and can't even use a mouse. What we do when that happens is to advise them to get out of that class and go to some very basic courses on how to use a mouse and keyboard. They go to the lab and play games, and once they start playing, they get over the fear of breaking something, and they're ready to learn."

Draper said his favorite toy is his networked computers at the office.

"I also enjoy playing with Linux, and I like to solve new problems. I'm always looking for time-savers.

"One of the things that you learn when you work with computers is never to assume you're smarter than the computer is. Sooner or later at some point in the process, it's going to go south on you and give you that dreaded error message. You won't have any idea why it's doing that, and you'll just have to turn it off and hope and pray that it will go away and the computer will fix itself."

CHAT: MRT.com message board visitors include city councilman

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for making my job fairly easy.

Talkback Topics also offers those who post the option of having their name revealed or not. Anonymous is the most frequent writer on the site, but regular contributors include a downtown business owner, a city councilman, a scuba diving enthusiast and a fellow who calls himself The Ancient One. A live chat is also available in all of the topic categories.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram, NewsWest 9 and the Midland and Odessa Junior Leagues will host a live discussion Tuesday evening focusing on teen alcohol and drug abuse at the UTPB Center for Diversification on County Road 191 between Midland and Odessa.

MRT.com will also be hosting a live chat with the people at the events. Check the Web site for further details.

There have been a few postings on the boards regarding the navigation of them and unfortunately, all I can suggest is: Practice. Initially, the format may seem strange, but click around and explore and it gets easier.

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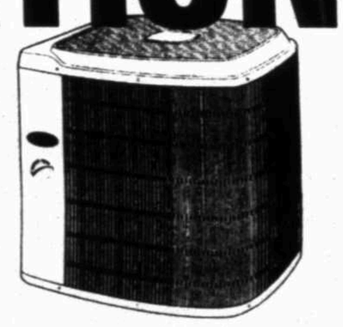
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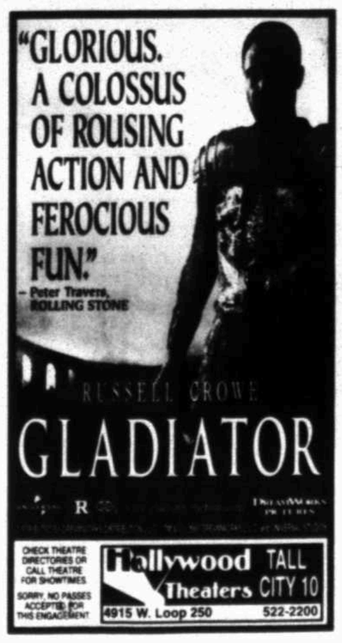
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This summer, as in the past 30-plus summers, North Carolina Outward Bound is offering adventure programs for students ages 14 and older who are interested in backpacking, rock climbing, whitewater canoeing, whitewater rafting, mountain biking — and rappelling, like in the photo. All youth courses for students ages 14-17 take place in the Southern Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina. Other course areas for older students, age 18 and older, include the North Carolina Outer Banks, Bahamas, Costa Rica and Chilean Andes. For more information on North Carolina Outward Bound and its programs scheduled for this summer, call 1-877-77-NCOBS or e-mail to challenge@ncobs.org. The website is http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html.

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Movie 'American Psycho' reviewed

"American Psycho"
Release Date: April 14, 2000
Director: Mary Harron
Starring: Christian Bale, Reese Witherspoon, Willem Dafoe, Chloe Sevigny
Running Time: 97 minutes
MPAA Classification: R

Review by Steven Rybicki

"American Psycho," based on the harrowing book by Bret Easton Ellis, begins with a pristine white surface being stained by drops of a red liquid. Of course the title of the film would suggest that this liquid is blood, but in reality it's a gourmet raspberry sauce.

"American Psycho" follows the decadent life of the shallow and apathetic Patrick Bateman, a man who spends his days working in the "mergers and acquisitions" department of his business firm, and his nights enjoying many "murders and executions" of innocents who cross his path.

He considers himself distinctive and important, a unique creature, yet when placed in his work environment he is just one of many clones betraying, misleading and back-stabbing his way up the corporate ladder.

As a fan of the book, I found this film extremely disappointing. It presents itself more like a Cliffs Notes version of Ellis' novel rather than an adaptation of it.

In print form, "American Psycho" is an extremely dark indictment of the Gordon Gekko/yuppie mindset some held in the '80s. The filmmakers understand this, but in an attempt to highlight the book's black humor and keen lambasting of greed-driven lifestyles, Ms. Harron and fellow screenwriter Guinevere Turner opted to remove most of the infamous gore that permeates the book. Ultimately, this proves to be a fatal flaw because the omission of the gritty violence is accompanied by an almost complete sacrificing of Ellis' message.

In the book, the countless acts of brutality demonstrate and represent Ellis' point that when money is put ahead of all else, nothing is taboo or unacceptable. The violence WAS the catalyst for Ellis' message. I do not mean to insinuate that the book's ultra-violence could not have been cut. On the contrary, it could have — but a substitute vehicle for the central metaphor was needed and not created and thus the film suffered immensely.

It is very hard to dislike this movie on a technical basis, though. The score and soundtrack are effective and the cinematography is exceptional. Harron's camera is always appropriately distant or intimate depending on the situation.

The cast is also apt at handling their roles. Christian Bale, especially, excels as Patrick Bateman. His cold, vacant eyes and eerie mannerisms are perfect. He IS Bateman. The only downside of Bale's performance is that he is not given enough time in front of the camera to be fully fleshed out as the character Ellis created. Much of this is due to the fact that so much about Bateman has been lost in the book to screen transformation.

In the book, we never, ever sympathize, like or identify with Bateman. He is a misogynist, a murderer and a revolting individual. But he is so well drawn that the reader not only peripherally observes Patrick but also falls into his thinking process. We are placed in his private world and sit with him as he comments on others around him. We know him so well that when he says he is going to the video store, we can know what movies he will rent.

Overall, Harron's version of American Psycho is aimless and unsatisfying. It desperately wants to carry the same emotional and intellectual impact as the book, but doesn't quite know by what means it needs to take to get there.

Steven Rybicki is a junior homeschooler.

Trinity students speak out!

In spite of what ads say, smoking and drinking not healthy behavior

By Jill Chandler and Lauren Party

Have you ever noticed that cigarette companies and alcohol industries target teens in their advertising? Many tobacco companies portray smoking as cool, sexy, and a way to be popular. Alcohol industries illustrate drinking alcohol as a fun party all the time.

The tobacco industries deny targeting teens for cigarettes, yet, the average age of the first cigarette is 14. Joe Camel billboards have been set up within view of junior high and high schools. Virginia Slims advertisements depict a beautiful, rich woman smoking in an elegant dress; it tells teenage girls that if you want to be cool, sexy, and popular, smoking is the way. Marlboro uses a roping cowboy as an image of perfect health.

The truth is smoking is none of these. It damages your entire body, inside and out.

Each cigarette has over 4,000 chemicals and can shorten your life five to 20 minutes. Smoking not only affects you, it can affect your family and friends. Second-hand smoke kills more people than AIDS and illegal drugs.

If you or someone you know smokes, contact Nicotine Anonymous at (415) 750-0328 or nicotine-anonymous.org.

In one newspaper, mixed between ads for restaurants and soft drinks, were two alcohol advertisements.

Alcohol is the number one drug problem among teenagers and children. The average age of the first drink among teens is 12.8; 87 percent of all students have used alcohol by the 12th grade.

Many teens start drinking to feel as if they fit in or to are popular. The image that advertisements portray is that you can party, feel good about yourself, and have fun if you drink alcohol. If someone you know might be an alcoholic, contact Alateen at (888) 4Al-ateen.

Alcohol and drugs will ruin your life, no matter what the advertisements suggest. You can be sent to jail or — even worse — you could overdose and die. You could be on parole for several months. It can ruin you mentally, physically and socially.

Do yourself a favor and avoid drugs and alcohol.

Jill Chandler and Lauren Party are in the eighth grade at Trinity School.

Stress is fact of life for students

By Jill Chandler

Stress is a word that middle school students know too well. With homework, teachers, parents, friends and expectations, our lives are filled with stress.

In a recent national survey conducted by the University of Michigan, one-third of U.S. teens were stressed. Researchers also found out that nearly two-thirds of students feel stressed out at least once a week.

For once, Midland follows these national statistics. In a recent survey of eighth-grade students, school was found to be the major source of stress. Homework and finals were on top of the list as contributors to stress levels. The eighth graders are stressed every day.

Nationally, stress for students is a major complaint. In the U.S., according to Weekly Reader Magazine, stress is a major problem for junior high and high school students. The pressure to achieve in everything may pull teens in too many directions, researchers at the University of Michigan found. Setting a few priorities and concentrating on those is the most effective way to eliminate school stress, the researchers said.

The body reacts to stressful situations in many ways: When you encounter such situations, your body reacts with almost every bodily function — brain, nerves, heart and blood flow, hormones, digestion and muscle function.

One way to deal with stress is to change your lifestyle or change the cause of the stress. Talking to friends, family or other trusted people and taking it easy until you calm down or adjust to the new situation are good ways to relieve stress. To avoid stress, try to have an outlet for your stress, such as exercising, taking on a new hobby, or spending time with good friends.

Our survey of the eighth-grade concluded several facts:

- Latin and algebra are the most stressful subjects.
- From the most stressful to the least stressful, the order was school, teachers, after-school activities and friends.
- We are less stressed during the summer, on holidays or when we are sleeping.

Jill Chandler is an eighth-grader at Trinity School.

Teen-age runaways: Frightening phenomenon, even in Midland

By Lauren Wilson and Chase Morris

Midland has more than 450 children between the ages of 13 and 16 who run away from home each year according to the Midland Police Department. This is a frightening statistic that worries both parents and law enforcement officers.

Joanna Hollandson, secretary at the Midland Police Detective Division, explained why children run away from home. Some children experience family problems at home so they feel the need to run away; others experience peer pressure from friends, foes, etc., and they want to get away from it all.

Ms. Hollandson said, "Instead of locating a responsible adult or some other reliable source, these troubled children feel the need to run away."

Most of these runaways escape to a friend's house for a day or so until their parents realize they are gone or until they feel the need to go home.

Ms. Hollandson that if someone you know plans on running away, the first thing you should do is to try to talk to your friend and help him or her find other ways to handle the problem. If this doesn't work, talk to his or her parents or another responsible adult, and tell them about his plans.

However, if it is too late and someone you know has already run away, contact the local police and give them all the information you know about the person. Silence on your part could be dangerous to your friend.

According to the Midland Police Department, most runaways return home within a day or so.

Remember, running away will not solve any problems. There are many people who care and would be helpful to a child who is considering running away.

Lauren Wilson and Chase Morris are eighth grade students at Trinity School.

Teens fight anorexia nervosa

By Julianne Philpy

So you think you're fat? There are some things that you need to know. Many teen-age girls think that they are fat. First, let's define fat:

Fat: adj., (1) plump, fleshy (2) oily, greasy (3) well filled out; big (4) well stocked (5) richly rewarding.

If you think you are fat, you can do many things to correct the situation that will not harm your body, but there is one thing that can cause severe bodily damage.

Anorexia nervosa is an eating disorder that involves food restriction and excessive weight loss. Some people worry so much about their physical appearance that they obsess over it every day. Their self-image affects them so much that they starve themselves, which can cause serious damage to their bodies.

How do you know that you're anorexic? Skipping one or two meals now and then doesn't make someone anorexic, but continual tendencies to do so may result in anorexia later on. Ninety percent of anorexics are female; 5 percent are male. (What happened to the other 5 percent?)

If you are a high achiever in school, very athletic or a perfectionist, you are more likely to become anorexic than people who are not. If you are into "appearance" sports, including gymnastics, cheerleading, figure skating and track and cross-country, you are more likely to be anorexic.

Men and women who are in the military have higher-than-average risks to be anorexic.

Anorexia has no single cause, but depression, anxiety or both often accompany the disorder.

Another factor is family dynamics. Forty percent of girls age 9 to 10 are trying to lose weight at the urging of their mothers. Mothers have a strong influence on their children with eating disorders, but fathers and brothers who are overly critical also affect anorexic girls.

Another factor is excessive athleticism, which means exercising a lot to try to lose weight.

People with anorexia often had stomach and intestinal problems at a young age.

Anorexia is eight times more common in people who are relatives of anorexics.

Many anorexics have faster metabolism, making it harder for them to gain weight.

Many resources are available for anyone wanting more information about anorexia. Talk to the school nurse or write to: the Center for the Study of Anorexia and Bulimia, 1 West 91 Street, New York, N.Y. 10024.

Julianne Philpy is an eighth-grader at Trinity School.

Future career plans change as student does

By Lauren Party and Jill Chandler

"What do you want to do when you grow up?"

This is a question we hear throughout our lives. Your idea of what you want to do when you are older changes as you age. You go from wanting to be a movie star to a computer programmer; from a soccer star to your father's assistant. Some never figure out what they want to do with their lives.

From the time you are in third grade until you are a senior in high school, your view changes many times.

We interviewed a third-grade class, an eighth-grade class and the senior class at Trinity School to see what their views were on possible career goals.

The most popular occupation among students in the third grade is to become a famous soccer player. The other top nine occupations are: writers, baseball players, football players, basketball players, engineers, scientists and actresses or actors.

Although most of the eighth-grade class's answers differ from the third graders' answer, some students still want to be sports professionals. Eighth graders also want to be: veterinarians, fashion designers, actors, actresses, doctors, and lawyers. The majority of these students want to be famous singers.

In the senior class, several students aspire to become engineers, two want to be doctors; one, a high-level computer programmer; a music writer and director; a dietician; and a psychologist. Several are undecided.

Although we have different career goals, we all want to make something of our lives and affect people. As we get older, we change with the surroundings of our world as we become more aware of the problems of today.

Lauren Party and Jill Chandler are in the eighth grade at Trinity School.

Poetic Voices

STANDING ALONE

By Jill Chandler

Stop this day and night with me
The spotlight shines
And the lines recite.
Over before you think of all the
Eyes, eyes not one
But many people.
The wait is longer
Than the lines

Return to crowd to blend in
To once again become
Whole.
Not one, one
But many people.
Many do not know
Comfort of a crowd

Stand to sing another song
To sing before the
Peering, peering eyes
Of many people
Finally not just on you
But on the many
People around you.

Jill Chandler is an eighth-grader at Trinity School.



AP Photo

Dallas Stars center Scott Thornton celebrates his first-period goal against San Jose Sharks goalie Steve Shields in Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals in Dallas. The Stars won the game, 4-1.

Stars down Sharks, set up conference finals with Avs

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Ed Belfour and Mike Modano have been doing what they do best all postseason. Now that Joe Nieuwendyk has joined them, the Dallas Stars feel good about their chances of defending the Stanley Cup.

Nieuwendyk got the Dallas offense going with an early goal and linemate Scott Thornton added a goal and two assists as the Stars beat San Jose 4-1 Sunday night, eliminating the Sharks in five games.

The Stars advanced to a rematch of last year's Western Conference finals against the Colorado Avalanche. The first two games will be in Dallas; the league is expected to release a schedule Monday.

Many consider Colorado the team to beat because of its solid depth and great defensemen. But Dallas is optimistic now that Nieuwendyk and his line look like as much of a threat as Modano and his partners.

"Those guys have lugged a lot for a long time," Nieuwendyk said. "Now, we're chipping in and getting some production. Colorado is a solid group, but we've got a lot of confidence."

Nieuwendyk, the MVP of last year's championship run, started rolling with two goals in a 5-4 victory in Game 4. He followed that with a nifty move to beat goalie Steve Shields midway through the first period for a 1-0 lead.

He basically was picking up where Modano left off. The top-line center scored a goal in each of the first four games and had points in the last eight games before being blanked Sunday. His line still came through, though, as Brett Hull put in a rebound of his own shot for a power-play goal that made it 3-0 early in the third period.

"We talked before the series about this team having two dominant centers," San Jose coach Darryl Sutter said. "I think that showed."

Dallas also has the kind of hot goalie teams often ride to championships.

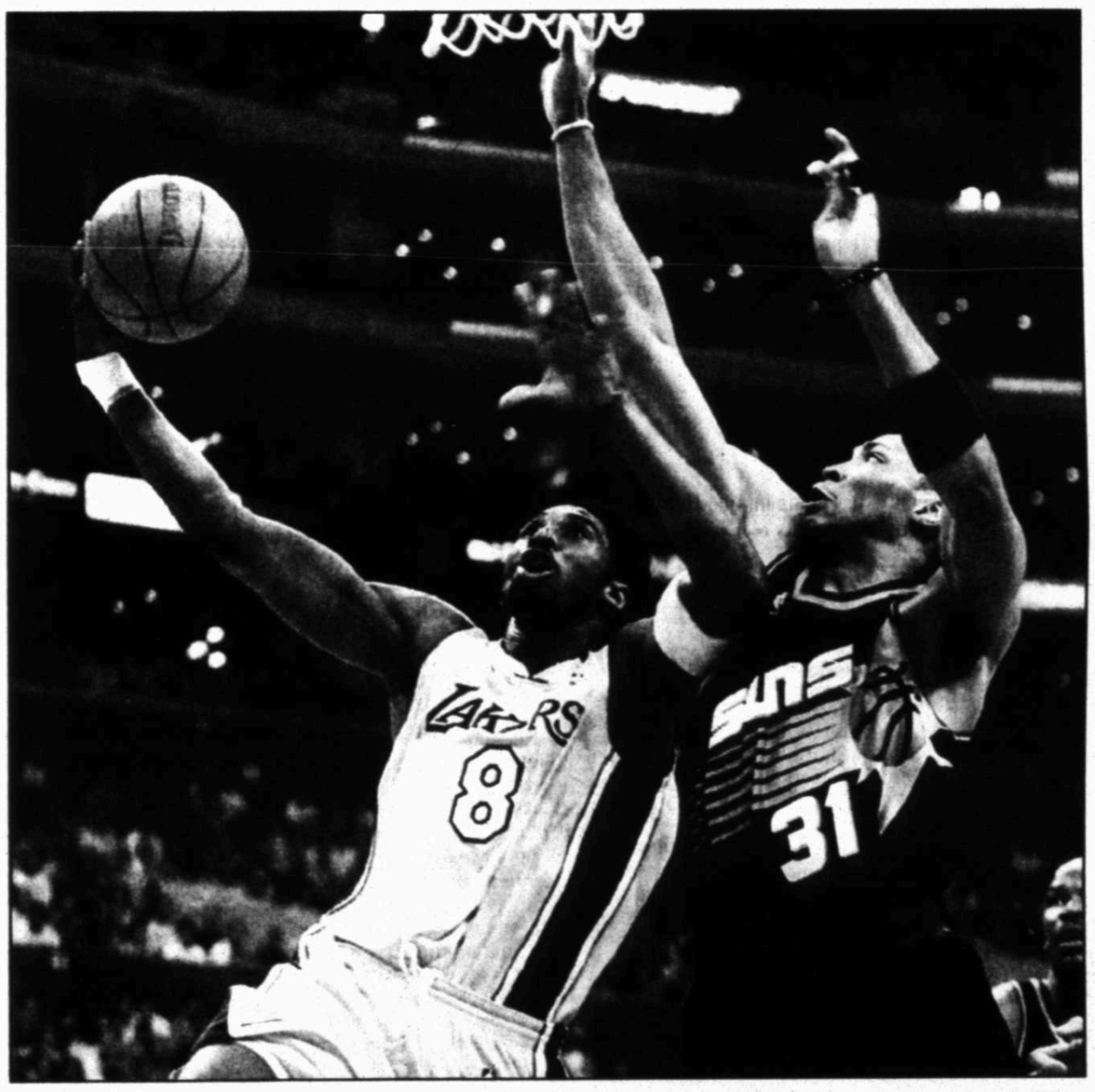
Belfour won his eighth straight playoff game at Reunion Arena and came within 11:28 of a third straight shutout on his home ice. He ran a scoreless streak to 187 minutes, 25 seconds before being beaten midway through the third period with the Stars already up 4-0.

He also helped continue the Stars' trend of delivering quick knockout blows. This was the sixth straight series Dallas has closed out on its first chance.

The Sharks played without Owen Nolan, their leading scorer, or Bryan Marchment, their most physical defenseman.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Shaq, Lakers roll



AP Photo

Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant (8) drives to the basket as Phoenix's Shawn Marion tries to defend during game one of the Western Conference semifinals. Bryant scored 25. His teammate Shaquille O'Neal poured in 37.

Slow start doesn't stop Los Angeles

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Shaquille O'Neal had an explanation for his sluggish start against the Phoenix Suns — he got too much rest before Sunday's game.

"I just tried something new last night," he said with a smile. "I went to bed at 11. I usually go to bed at midnight or later. I haven't gone to bed at 11 for about eight years. I was sluggish, I picked it up."

O'Neal overcame a 1-for-7 shooting performance in the first quarter to score 37 points, grab 14 rebounds and block four shots as the Los Angeles Lakers trounced the Suns 105-77 in the opener of their Western Conference semifinals.

Just about every member of the Suns, or so it seemed, took a turn guarding O'Neal, and after the first quarter, no one had much luck.

"When I get the ball in the blue area, there's not much anybody can do," he said. "I'm a pretty skillful big guy."

The Suns certainly agreed.

"There's a way you can stop him, it's just not legal," said Corie Blount, a former Laker. "He's hitting jump-hooks, turnaround shots, I give that credit to him. Once he's doing that, you can't do much."

Please see **LAKERS**/4C

Mourning plays large for Heat in series opener versus Knicks

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Alonzo Mourning butted heads Sunday with the New York Knicks and came away a winner.

Mourning, briefly dazed in a head-to-head collision with Charlie Ward in the third period, shook off the cobwebs and sank the game's final two shots, giving the Miami Heat an 87-83 victory in the opener of the second-round playoff series.

"We've got a long way to go, man," Mourning said. "I heard a lot of people saying, 'Zo, you won the battle today.' This series is far from being over."

The Heat, eliminated in the opening round by New York each of the past two years, will try for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven matchup Tuesday night in Miami.

After a week of hype leading to the series, the bitter rivals started with a thriller. The score changed hands 14 times and was tied 11 times, including at 79, 81 and 83.

"I think that's the way this series is going to be played," Heat coach Pat Riley said.

"We thought we had it won," Knicks center Patrick Ewing said. "We've got to play a little better down the stretch."

The Knicks didn't make a basket in the final 5:34, and Mourning didn't miss in the final minute. First he got a half step inside on Ewing, took a feed from Dan Majerle and scored for an 85-83 lead with 41.8 seconds to go.

Miami regained possession when P.J. Brown tipped an Allan Houston pass, and Mourning swished a 17-footer with 5.6 seconds left.

"Zo was the go-to man," Brown said. "When he took those shots, I had no doubt they were going in."

The officials called only five fouls in the opening period, but after that the game was more characteristic of the bruising rivalry. Mourning and Ward banged heads scrambling for a loose ball in the third period, but both stayed

Please see **EAST**/5C

Bulldogs learn facts about I-5A baseball playoff game today

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell now knows who he will play this week in the area round of the Class 5A state baseball playoffs, but he would like to know a lot more.

Midland High Baseball

El Paso Franklin defeated El Paso Hanks, 4-1, Saturday in a one-game bi-district playoff in El Paso to earn the right to advance against Midland High, the District 4-5A champion.

By winning the district championship, MHS drew the first round bye. Russell went to El Paso Saturday to scout Franklin and was hoping to nail down the playoff particulars with the Cougars. Those plans went awry, however.

"I went out there (El Paso) thinking that we had all agreed to play in Alpine next week, a neutral site," Russell said. "The Franklin coach (Steve Mims) refused that idea. I thought if the teams were more than 150 miles apart, you could ask for a neutral site. He (Mims) said that wasn't the case.

"Also, he wanted a one-game playoff and we want a best two of three series. We couldn't agree on that either. So, we don't know where it stands right now.

"We'll talk on Monday morning, and probably do some (coin) flipping. All I

Please see **MHS**/2C

'Hounds fall to Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas' William Ortega was again a thorn in the side of the Midland RockHounds Sunday as he hit a game winning three-run homer in the seventh inning to give the Travelers a 9-6 Texas League win.

See **'HOUNDS**/2C

Trinity begins different type of spring training

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Trinity Chargers begin a new football life today.

Trinity takes its first major step into its conversion from the six-man game to the 11-man game at 4:15 p.m. when the spring training begins for a two-week run.

That also means that John Wilkins, the former coaching great at Odessa Permian, will be back on the field, constructing this conversion to the 11-man game.

"I'm kind of excited about it," Wilkins said. "It's got the juices going again. The juices are lot slower than they used to be, but I'm excited. We've had a good off-season and I really think our athletes are looking forward to the next two weeks."

Wilkins said he plans to work his team for about two hours Monday through Wednesday and cut back some on Thursday and Friday and have a controlled scrimmage on Saturday.

Wilkins also said that there will be no spring game to end the two week training grind.

"We'll probably end on May 19 with some kind of review session," Wilkins said.

Thirty-five Chargers are expected to report and those numbers pleased Wilkins.

"We are real pleased with the numbers. In fact, they have exceeded our expectations," he said. "We will have as many players as most of the opponents we will play against, so, that's not bad."

Wilkins said the spring grind will be devoted to the basics.

"We're going to have to teach the kids the basic things we want to do in a 4-3 defense and a Wing-T offense."

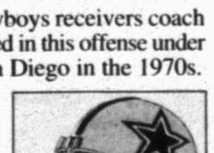
Oh yes, Wilkins is using the two old Permian standbys for Trinity's first foray into the 11-man game.

Please see **TRINITY**/4C

Cowboys' new offense changes old principles

By Ray Buck
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Cowboys receivers coach Wes Chandler played in this offense under Don Coryell at San Diego in the 1970s.



Although the offense has evolved, and is still evolving, the Cowboys are resuscitating the basic principles that helped win three Super Bowls in the 1990s. After two seasons of Chan Gailey, the Cowboys are returning to a system with roots stemming to Air Coryell.

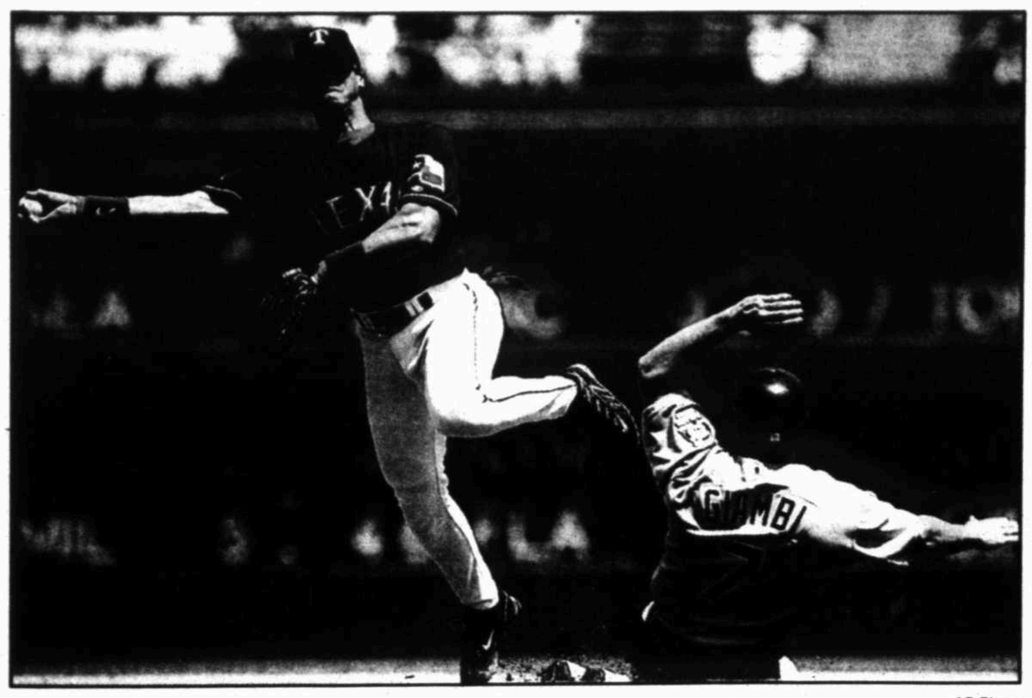
"We've just tweaked it," said Chandler, who played for the high-powered Chargers of the '70s, with its multiple weapons of Charlie Joiner, John Jefferson and Chandler at wide receiver, Kellen Winslow at tight end and Dan Fouts at quarterback. All but Jefferson and Chandler are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"The beauty of this offense is that you never know where the ball is going to go," Chandler said. "In fact, every eligible receiver on the field is considered 'alive' on every route. There's no lax period. This is exciting for a receiver, because there's a chance that the ball is coming to him on every play."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has put a lot of faith in new offensive coordinator Jack Reilly who, with the help of Ernie Zampese in a consulting role, will add a few wrinkles and dust off a few more aspects of the pre-Gailey offense, run by Norv Turner (1991-93) under Jimmy Johnson and by Zampese (1994-97) under Barry Switzer. Reilly previously served as Cowboys quarterbacks coach

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AP Photo

Texas Rangers shortstop Royce Clayton throws to first base in a effort to turn a double play as Oakland Athletics' Jeremy Giambi (7) slides into second base on Frank Menechino's grounder. Giambi was out, Menechino was safe and Oakland's Olmedo Saenz scored on the play.

A's finally hang on to defeat Texas; Kelly gets 1,000th win

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Jeremy Giambi had three hits and drove in three runs and the Oakland Athletics held off the Texas Rangers 7-6 Sunday, salvaging the wrapup of a wild series.

Texas won 17-16 on Friday night and came back for an 11-10 victory Saturday night. The teams combined for 67 runs and 88 hits in the three-game set.

Giambi's brother, Jason, who hit a pair of two-run homers the previous day, added an RBI double in the eighth that put the Athletics ahead 7-4.

Omar Olivares (3-3) got the victory, helping himself by starting a fourth-inning double play that got him out of a bases-loaded jam. The A's also backed him with double plays in each of the next three innings.

Twins 4, Tigers 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Tom Kelly became the 46th manager to win 1,000 games as the Minnesota Twins beat the Detroit Tigers behind a five-hitter from Joe Mays (1-4).

Kelly has managed the Twins since Sept. 12, 1986 — the longest current tenure in the four major professional sports — and has won two World Series titles in Minnesota. Kelly, the sixth active manager with 1,000 wins, has also lost 1,092 games.

After the game, Kelly walked out of the dugout clutching the lineup card and shook hands with his players.

Indians 10, Blue Jays 8, 12 innings

TORONTO — Travis Fryman hit an RBI single off Eric Gunderson (0-1) in the 12th inning as Cleveland overcame a six-run deficit.

The Indians, who trailed 6-0, tied the game with two runs off Billy Koch in the ninth inning before winning it in the 12th. David Justice went 3-for-5 with five RBIs for Cleveland.

Orioles 7, Yankees 6

NEW YORK — Albert Belle hit a two-out, two-run single in a three-run ninth inning off Mariano Rivera as Baltimore overcame Scott Brosius' eighth-inning grand slam to snap New York's six-game winning streak.

Rivera (2-1) had converted 11 of 12 saves chances coming in, but Charles Johnson singled leading off and Brady Anderson singled with one out.

Red Sox 9, Devil Rays 7

BOSTON — Troy O'Leary and Trot Nixon homered in the third inning to support Jeff Fassero and give Boston the win over Tampa Bay.

Fassero (4-1) allowed three runs and nine hits in six innings in his longest start of the season. The left-hander, who went 5-14 in 1999, has nearly matched his win total from last year in just six starts.

Royals 12, White Sox 8

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carlos Beltran's three-run double keyed a five-run eighth inning as Kansas City completed a three-game sweep.

Jermaine Dye hit his 13th home run as the Royals completed an 8-3 homestand.

Johnny Damon's single marked the 10th straight game in which he's led off with a hit for Kansas City. It's the longest such streak since 1975 — the Elias Sports Bureau was unable to research the obscure stat before then.

Mariners 8, Angels 2

SEATTLE — John Halama pitched six strong innings and Edgar Martinez led off a four-run sixth with a homer for Seattle.

■ AL Roundup

Rangers' woes provides no reason to SOS Deion

By Randy Galloway
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

For Doug Melvin, you know it's not your day, your week, or maybe even your season, when the lovely and talented Deioness is rumored to be coming back to the Chicken-Fried Kingdom, yet Jerry Jones is not remotely involved in the pursuit.

In fact, it was only last week at the Cowboys' minicamp when there was private talk of a sudden burst of fresh air engulfing the Valley Ranch locker room, which had everything to do with the removal of one large me-me-me fraud.

So, just how desperate are the Rangers and Melvin? Have the despair and the outfield injuries plunged this team to such a gutter level, that trading for Nine-Toed Deion, as reported, was actually a consideration last week?

As a matter of fact, it was. "Consideration" might be too strong, and any inquiry about the Reds dealing Sanders came a month ago, after Rusty Greer went on the disabled list, instead of last week.

But at some point, Melvin did do the unthinkable. He threw out Deion's name to the Reds, one of about a dozen outfielders he has discussed with various clubs. Nothing happened beyond that, and adding Sanders is no longer even a remote thought by the Rangers. Maybe owner Tom Hicks balked. Or manager Johnny Oates said no way to having to deal with that clubhouse headache. Then again, Sanders is hitting .200 at Triple A, so interest does tend to cool.

Speaking of cool, Melvin has obviously lost his. If the normally unflappable general manager had even a split-second thought about obtaining that cargo ship full of soiled ego luggage, it's a sure sign the Rangers' month of April sent Melvin into nuclear panic.

If we don't watch this carefully, he might actually bring in Ruben Sierra from the Mexican League minors and give Ruben a Triple-A tryout. Is Darryl Strawberry out of rehab yet? What about him? And because the Rangers' current record is directly connected with the on-going failures in the bullpen, has Melvin contacted Steve Howe?

Why, Doug, why?

"It's that same thing about looking at every option," he said. "The player you wouldn't even consider last week may be the player you are after this week. Things change in a hurry with injuries. When Rusty got hurt, Deion's name came up. But it hasn't recently. It's nothing we're going to do."

Melvin believes Cleveland could end up with Sanders, if the Reds trade him. There is also desperation in Cleveland, where a slow start has been combined with Kenny Lofton's injury. But the Indians don't know Nine-Toed like we know Nine-Toed.

Your job has to be on the line before a baseball team gives this guy a second thought. Melvin's job isn't, based on what will eventually happen this season. What tends to be worrisome is Melvin acting and reacting as if the house note won't be paid beyond October.

Hey, Doug, we understand injuries. Understand that the removal of Greer, Frank Catalanotto and, lately, Rafael Palmeiro, took much of the bite out of an already watered-down batting order. And when Gabe Kapler also went out, even with his offensive struggles, the outfield depth was reduced to nonexistent.

Plus, if key members of the bullpen had pitched anywhere close to expectations, then the current record would be reversed. But Tim Crabtree hasn't, and John Wetteland had the back-to-back blown saves in April, which sent the Rangers into a lengthy funk. There were several areas to second-guess going into the season, but nobody listed the bullpen as anything except a team strength. Unpleasant surprises do happen, however.

Then there's the April schedule: The Rangers were playing teams, as it turned out, they weren't yet ready to compete against on even terms. The Yankees, Red Sox and Indians will again be the best in the league, despite the current struggles in Cleveland.

But there is always hope when the rotation is solid, and the rotation has been just that, if not beyond. In addition, the schedule in May suggests this is the month when the Rangers can make up for what happened in April. If they don't, then Melvin might have every right to panic. But why start so early?

Hindsight says plenty at the moment: Todd Zeile's bat is missed at third, but Melvin certainly made a valid attempt to resign him last winter. It was Zeile's surprising decision to jump to the Mets. The injury to Catalanotto put on hold Melvin's plan at second base, which didn't include bringing back Mark McLemore. At the moment, McLemore is missed, but a healthy Catalanotto could eventually make that a forgotten issue.

No question, the Lee Stevens trade for David Segui in late March removed more firepower from the lineup than Melvin could afford to give up. But even that opinion was fortified after all those left-handed bats went down with injuries.

Juan Gonzalez? He was going to be missed, and he is. But that trade is not even worth a debate. For financial and other reasons, Juan had to go, and as stated at the time, it will be two years before the total Detroit package received in the deal can be properly judged. But clip-and-save this: I'd take that same deal yesterday or tomorrow.

Instead, however, of the usually calm and deliberate Melvin, here's a guy who in the past three or four weeks wasted a moment of breath by uttering Deion's name to another general manager. The laughing could be heard all the way over at Valley Ranch. But in Arlington, there's nothing funny about panic.

Wood gets beat in 2nd start

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Making only his second appearance since undergoing reconstructive elbow surgery last year, Kerry Wood showed a few flashes of his past brilliance but looked mostly ordinary as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Chicago Cubs, 11-3.

He struck out six, but gave up seven runs on seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. Six of those runs came on three-run homers by Kevin Young and Brian Giles.

Wood (1-1) also walked five, hit a batter and threw one wild pitch. He threw 104 pitches, 60 of them for strikes.

Astros 14, Dodgers 8, 10 innings

LOS ANGELES — Jeff Shaw hit Richard Hidalgo with the bases loaded to force in the go-ahead run and Roger Cedeno added a three- run homer in a seven-run 10th inning as the Houston Astros beat Los Angeles.

Mitch Melsukey led the Astros' 17-hit attack with a career-high five hits, including a two-run single in the 10th.

■ NL Roundup

Marlins 3, Mets 0

MIAMI — Ryan Dempster pitched a one-hitter, allowing only a sixth-inning double by Mike Piazza, for his first career shutout as the Florida Marlins beat the New York Mets.

Dempster (3-2) struck out eight and walked four. The right-hander turned 23 last Wednesday.

Dempster had fanned five of the previous six hitters before Piazza's two-out double.

Reds 9, Cardinals 7

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his second decisive homer of the series, a two-run shot in the sixth inning that gave the Cincinnati Reds a victory over St. Louis.

Griffey's ninth homer completed a four-run rally off Darren Holmes (0-1) and provided the final lead change in a back-and-forth game that turned on homers.

Phillies 7, Braves 4

ATLANTA — Mike Lieberthal hit a two-run homer and pitcher Andy Ashby helped himself out at the plate with a two-run single, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over Atlanta.

Lieberthal tied his career high with four hits, including his fourth homer of the season. After losing their first four meetings against the Braves, the Phillies won 6-0 Saturday night to snap Atlanta's 12-game home winning streak, a franchise record.

Brewers 9, Expos 4

MILWAUKEE — Jose Hernandez hit a homer and a two-run single as the Milwaukee Brewers broke out of their offensive slump to beat the Montreal Expos.

The Brewers, who entered the game with a majors-worst .227 team batting average, snapped a three-game losing streak and ripped Dustin Hermanson (3-3) for the biggest offensive outburst of their 10-game homestand, which they finished 3-7.

Diamondbacks 8, Padres 1

PHOENIX — Todd Stottlemyre became the National League's third six-game winner as the Arizona Diamondbacks won their fourth in a row, beating the San Diego Padres.

RockHounds drop second straight game to Arkansas

Staff Report

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas' William Ortega was again a thorn in the side of the Midland RockHounds Sunday as he hit a game winning three-run homer in the seventh inning to give the Travelers a 9-6 Texas League win.

Midland, which led 4-1 in the game, still held a 6-4 lead going into the seventh inning. But Arkansas struck for four runs and an 8-6 lead before the damage stopped.

Alex Eckelman opened the Arkansas seventh with a solo home run off of Andy Kimball. Later in the inning, Midland sent Michael Maurer in to replace Kimball, and he gave up a three-run shot to Ortega, making Kimball (1-3) the loser.

Ortega hit a game-winning home run against Midland in Midland last week.

The loss gives Midland a 2-2 start to this road trip which moves today to Shreveport for a 7:05 p.m. game with the Captains. Midland won the first two games of this series with Arkansas, but lost the last two in disturbing fashion. The 'Hounds fell 5-0 in the second game of a doubleheader on Saturday to end a four-game winning streak, the longest of the season, on a no-hitter by Robert Smith.

Midland looked to have had its batting stroke back on Sunday, taking a 4-1 lead in the third off Matt Morris, a major leaguer on a rehab assignment with the Travs. RBI singles by Todd Mensik and Jacque Landry and a two-run double by Cody McKay gave Midland the early 4-1 lead.

Arkansas' Chris Haas had a solo home run in the fourth to cut the Midland margin to 4-2, but Midland's Jason Hart connected for his league leading 11th home run in the fifth for a 5-2 Midland lead.

It was 6-4 in the seventh when Eckelman and Ortega did the major damage, sending Midland off to Shreveport with a loss.

Midland will have four games with Shreveport before returning home on Friday with an important series with the Round Rock Express. Midland is now 6-6 on the road this season.

Arkansas 9, Midland 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Pecci 2b	4	0	1	1	Maier ss	5	3	1	0
Byrnes lf,rf	3	1	2	0	Munoz lf	4	1	2	1
Hart 1b	4	2	1	1	Ortega rf	4	1	1	4
Mensik rf	4	1	2	1	Saturria cf	4	0	0	0
Thomas pr,cf	1	0	0	0	Haas 1b	3	1	1	1
McKay c	5	1	2	2	Bevins dh	3	0	2	1
Bowles cf,lf	3	0	2	0	Farley pr	0	1	0	0
Landry 3b	4	0	2	1	Leon 3b	4	0	0	0
Norton dh	3	1	0	0	Eckelman 2b	4	1	2	2
Cesar ss	4	0	1	0	Garrick c	4	1	1	0
Totals	35	6	12	6	Totals	35	9	10	8

Midland	004	011	000	—6
Arkansas	100	120	41x	—9

E-McKay, Landry, Cesar, Garrick. DP-Midland 1, Arkansas 1. LOB-Midland 8, Arkansas 4. 2B-Pecci, McKay, Maier, Eckelman. HR-Hart (11), Ortega (10), Haas (2), Eckelman (2). SF-Pecci. SB-Byrnes, Bowles, Maier, Saturria, Farley, Eckelman. CS-Byrnes.

PITCHING	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Miller	5.0	5	4	3	1	6
Kimball L,1-3	1.1	3	3	2	0	2
Maurer	1.0	2	2	2	1	2
Anderson	0.2	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas						
Morris	3.2	6	4	4	2	3
Lanfranco	1.1	2	1	1	1	2
Franks W,1-1	2.0	2	1	1	1	1
Ambrose	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Avrard S,8	1.0	1	0	0	1	1

T-2:53. Attn.-2,980.

LOCAL SPORTS

Collins pair win GTCC event

Dennis and Lettia Collins combined for a two-day 132 to win the Green Tree Country Club's 2000 Shirts & Skirts Couples Golf Tournament on Sunday.

Low net honors went to Michael and Kathy Cowan with a 120.

Championship Flight: Low Gross: 1. Dennis-Lettia Collins, 132; 2. Larry-Marian Barker, 132. Low Net: 1. Michael-Kathy Cowan, 120; 2. Oren-Trina Albright, 122; 3. Tracy-Wayne Youngs, 127. Closest to the Pin: Beth Brimer, Evelyn Davis, Dee Wilson, George Boynton, Herb Teasley, Weldon Butler.

President's Flight: Low Gross: 1. Jimmy-Eileen Boen, 146; 2. George-Liz Boynton, 148. Low Net: 1. Greg-Nancy Young, 124; 2. Geraid-Sheila Brockman, 126; 3. Les-Dia Miller, 127.

First Flight: Low Gross: 1. Herb-Jo Ann Teasley, 155; 2. Mike-Sandy Tisdale, 162. Low Net: 1. Les-Gloria Preece, 128; 2. Foy Cox-Evelyn Davis, 131; 3. Dennis-Galin Collins, 132.

Dishmans win couples crown

Charlie and Laura Dishman won the Couples Club Championship golf title Sunday at Ranchland Hills Country Club with a 142.

Low net honors went to the team of John and Melinda Brown with a 144.

Gross Competition: 1. Charlie-Laura Dishman, 142; 2. Gerald-Janelle Barnett, 144; John-Stephanie Holmes, 145; 4. Don-Marlene Kasch, 145. Day Money: Sam-Becky Hakes, 72.

Net Competition: 1. John-Melinda Brown, 114; 2. Bob-Brenda Cunningham, 116; 3. Steve-Stacy Quain, 116; 4. Jack-Judy Hunnicutt, 119. Day Money: Elvin-Barbara Hester, 59.

Closest to the Pin: Saturday: Charlene Thomas, Norma Pyle, Janet Snyder, Frank Flournoy. Sunday: Steve Briscoe, Tommie Sue Flournoy, Martha Pritchett, Barbara Hester.

Gifford aces

Joe Gifford used a 6-iron Sunday to ace the 158-yard, No. 11 hole at Midland Country Club. It was the second hole-in-one of his career.

Gifford was playing with Harry Graham, Jim Crowder and Randy Randerson.

Bulldogs down Vernon, 22-6

VERNON — The Basin Bulldogs remained undefeated here Sunday with a 22-6 victory over the Vernon Jaguars.

The Bulldogs are now 5-0 on the season and will host the 4-0 Wichita Falls Drillers at 7 p.m. Saturday in Odessa at Ratliff Stadium in a battle of undefeated teams.

Against Vernon at Lions Stadium, the defense led the way as Patrick Wilbert produced seven tackles, two sacks and a safety. Joe Webster added six tackles while Lenny Long and Bobby Lide each turned in an interception.

Phillip Mathews led the Bulldogs' rushing attack with 50 yards on eight carries and a touchdown. Shemond Davis had 38 yards rushing on nine carries and Sam Powell scored a rushing TD.

Amron Washington had two catches for 30 yards to lead the receiving corps.

Sprague wins Trucks Series race

MADISON, Ill. (AP) — Jack Sprague settled a season-old score with Gateway International Raceway, steamrollering the opposition Sunday to win the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series' Ram Tough 200.

The defending series champion, winless in six prior starts in 2000, led 145 of the $500,000 race's 160 laps around the 1.25-mile superspeedway.

Unchallenged after the 125-lap mark, Sprague's Chevrolet held a 7.032-second lead over Jimmy Hensley's similar Silverado at the checkered flag.

Sprague's average speed was 113.726 mph.

MHS: Bulldogs set to play Franklin

(From 1C)

know right now is that if it is a one-game playoff, it will be somewhere next Saturday and if it is a three-game series, it will be on a Friday and Saturday."

You can't blame Russell and his Bulldogs if they are ready to get things settled. They haven't played a game since defeating Midland Lee last Tuesday at Christensen Stadium in the district championship playoff game.

At least, the Bulldogs know who they will play.

"Franklin is a very good defensive team," Russell said. "I know in the game Saturday, I marked down six great plays by their infield. They also have six left-handed pitchers and a bunch of left-handed hitters."

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Major League Baseball Results

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HOUSTON LOS ANGELES
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Spiers ss 6 1 3 2 Berroa ph1 0 0 0
Bgwell 1b 5 2 1 0 Shaw p 0 0 0 0
Cminiti 3b4 2 1 3 Hndley c 1 0 0 0
Hidalgo cf5 2 1 2 Grdzln 2b5 2 4 2
Brkmn rf 6 1 2 1 Shffield lf 4 1 0 0
DWard lf 5 1 2 0 Green rf 5 0 1 0
BWgnr p 1 0 0 0 Karros 1b4 2 2 2
JsCbra p 0 0 0 0 Beltre 3b 5 1 1 1
Mlskey c 6 2 5 2 Kreuter c 5 0 0 0
Lima p 1 0 0 0 Mills p 0 0 0 0
Mieske ph1 0 0 0 Cora ss 3 0 0 0
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E—Spiers (1), Bagwell (2), Hidalgo (2), Lima (1). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 15, Los Angeles 10. 2B—Meluskey (6). HR—Caminiti (7), Hidalgo (9), Cedeno (2), Hollandsworth (3), Grudzielanek (3), Karros (8). SB—Biggio (5), Spiers (3). S—Lima, Santangelo. SF—Karros.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Lima	4	6	7	4	1	2
MMaddux	2	1	0	0	0	1
DHenry	1	2	0	0	0	0
YPerez	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
JWPowell	0	0	0	0	2	0
BWagner W,1-1	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
JosCabrera	1	2	1	1	0	2
Los Angeles						
Gagne	3 2-3	5	4	4	3	2
Hershiser	3	5	3	3	1	2
Osuna	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Shaw L,2-2	1	3	5	5	1	1
Mills	1	3	2	2	2	2

JWPowell pitched to 2 batters in the 8th, Shaw pitched to 5 batters in the 10th. HBP—by Shaw (Hidalgo), by Hershiser (Biggio 2), by Gagne (Bagwell). WP—Lima. T—4:31. A—52,806 (56,000).

DIAMONDBACKS 8, PADRES 1
SAN DIEGO ARIZONA
ab r h bi ab r h bi
AMartn lf 4 1 2 0 Wmack ss5 2 2 1
RMRva lf 1 0 0 0 JBell 2b 2 1 1 0
DJcksn ss4 0 0 0 LGnzlz lf 3 1 2 2
Gomez ss0 0 0 0 Durazo 1b4 1 1 0
Klesko rf 3 0 1 1 SFinley cf3 0 1 3
Nevin 3b 4 0 1 0 TLee rf 4 1 1 1
Wall p 0 0 0 0 DMiller c 4 0 1 1
Sprgue 1b4 0 0 0 LHarrs 3b4 1 1 0
BBoone 2b3 0 1 0 Sttlmyr p 2 1 1 0
Owens cf 4 0 2 0 Swndell p0 0 0 0
CHrndz c 3 0 1 0 Gilkey ph 1 0 0 0
Clment p 2 0 0 0 Padilla p 0 0 0 0
Almnzr p 0 0 0 0
DeHan ph0 0 0 0
Roskos ph1 0 0 0
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DP—San Diego 1. LOB—San Diego 9, Arizona 8. 2B—Womack (4), LGonzalez (10), DMiller (6). SB—AMartin (4), Owens (10). CS—AMartin (7). SF—SFinley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Clement L,4-1	4 2-3	9	8	8	5	1
Almanzar	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Whisenant	2	1	0	0	0	1
Wall	1	0	0	0	1	1
Arizona						
Sttlmyr W,6-1	5 2-3	7	1	1	2	7
Swindell	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Padilla	2	1	0	0	0	3

HBP—by Almanzar (JBell), by Stottlemyre (BBoone). WP—Clement 2. T—2:51. A—38,060 (48,500).

PIRATES 11, CUBS 3
PITTSBURGH CHICAGO
ab r h bi ab r h bi
WMrrs 2b 5 3 2 0 EOYng 2b4 2 3 1
Kendall c 4 1 1 0 Grace 1b 3 0 1 1
Vn wal rf 3 1 1 1 SSosa rf 5 0 0 0
Bnjmin ss 1 1 1 0 Rdrgez lf 4 0 2 0
Giles cf 4 2 1 3 WGrne 3b1 0 0 0
KYong 1b4 1 2 3 Andrws 3b2 0 0 0
WCrdro lf 4 1 2 1 Nieves ss4 0 0 0
Meares ss3 0 0 0 Buford cf 4 0 0 0
MGrca p 0 0 0 0 Girardi c 4 0 1 0
JWlice p 0 0 0 0 Wood p 2 0 0 0
Aven ph 1 0 0 0 Hredia p 0 0 0 0
Chrstns p 0 0 0 0 Huson ph 1 1 1 0
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Srbeck p 0 0 0 0 GHill ph 1 0 1 0
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Chicago 101 000 100 — 3
E—Kendall (3), Giles (1), Meares (4). DP—Pittsburgh 2, Chicago 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 9. 2B—KYoung (10), EOYoung (14), Huson (2). HR—Giles (8), KYoung (4), Sojo (3). SB—WMorris (3), EOYoung (9).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Schmidt W,1-2	5	4	2	1	2	7
Sauerbeck	1	1	0	0	0	1
MGarcia	2-3	2	1	1	0	1
JWallace	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Christiansen	1	1	0	0	1	0
Chicago						
Wood L,1-1	6 2-3	7	7	7	5	6
Heredia	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Garibay	1 1-3	3	3	3	1	0
Guthrie	2-3	2	1	1	0	0

HBP—by Wood (KYoung). WP—Wood. T—3:18. A—38,307 (38,884).

BREWERS 9, EXPOS 4
MONTREAL MILWAUKEE
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Brgron cf 4 0 1 0 Bliard 2b4 1 2 3
Blank p 0 0 0 0 Loretta ss5 1 2 0
TLJons cf0 0 0 0 Burnitz rf 5 1 2 1
Vidro 2b 4 1 3 2 LMoutn lf 5 1 0 0
RBWte lf 3 0 0 0 KBarkr 1b5 1 2 2
Wbster c 0 0 0 0 Grssom cf3 1 1 0
VGrero rf 4 0 0 0 JHrndz 3b4 2 3 3
LStvns 1b2 2 1 1 Blanco c 2 0 0 0
Widger c 4 0 2 1 Haynes p3 0 0 0
Lira p 0 0 0 0 Lskanic p0 0 0 0
Barrett 3b4 0 0 0 MPSwy ph1 1 1 0
OCabra ss2 1 1 0 Wckmn p 0 0 0 0
MJJhsn p 0 0 0 0
WGrero cf2 0 0 0
Hrmns p 0 0 0 0
Blum ss 3 0 0 0
Totals 32 4 8 4 Totals 37 913 9
Montreal 001 111 000 — 4
Milwaukee 122 210 01x — 9
E—VGuerrero (2), Barrett (8). DP—Milwaukee 2. LOB—Montreal 5, Milwaukee 8. 2B—Widger (9), Belliard (6), KBarker (4). HR—Vidro (5), LStevens (6), Burnitz (6), JHernandez (2). S—Hermanson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montreal						
Hrmns L,3-3	3 2-3	8	7	5	4	2
MJJohnson	2 1-3	1	1	1	0	2
Blank	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lira	1	4	1	1	0	1
Milwaukee						
Haynes W,4-2	6	7	4	4	2	2
Leskanic	2	1	0	0	1	1
Wickman	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:38. A—11,989 (53,192).

PHILLIES 7, BRAVES 4
PHILA ATLANTA
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Glnville cf 4 0 1 0 QVeras 2b2 0 0 0
Gant lf 5 1 1 0 Lckhrt 2b 3 0 1 0
Aldred p 0 0 0 0 AJones cf4 1 1 1
Gomes p 0 0 0 0 CJones 3b4 1 2 1
Abreu rf 5 0 1 0 Glrrga 1b 4 1 2 1
Rolen 3b 5 2 2 0 Bonilla lf 5 0 1 0
Lbrthal c 5 3 4 3 JLopez c 5 0 1 0
BRHntr 1b4 0 0 0 Hbbard rf 4 0 1 0
KJordn 2b5 1 3 1 Furcal ss 3 0 1 0
Rlaford ss3 0 1 1 Mihllnd p 1 0 0 0
Ashby p 2 0 1 2 McMcl p 0 0 0 0
Sefcik lf 0 0 0 0 Derosa ph1 0 1 0
Lgtnbg p 0 0 0 0
Joyner ph1 0 0 0
BChen p 0 0 0 0
Sisco ph 1 1 0 0
Totals 38 7 14 7 Totals 38 411 3
Philadelphia 020 300 200 — 7
Atlanta 000 101 101 — 4
E—Relaford (3), Furcal (4). DP—Atlanta 1. LOB—Philadelphia 9, Atlanta 11. 2B—Gant (4), Lieberthal (8), KJordan (3), CJones (7). HR—Lieberthal (4), AJones (8). SB—Abreu (7). S—Glanville, Ashby, Furcal. SF—CJones.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Ashby W,2-3	7	10	3	3	0	8
Aldred	1	1	1	0	0	2
Gomes S,5	1	0	0	0	2	1
Atlanta						
Mulholland L,3-3	3 1-3	8	5	5	0	1
McMichael	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Ligtenberg	1	2	0	0	0	0
BChen	3	3	2	2	3	2

Aldred pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. WP—Ashby, McMichael. T—3:04. A—40,613 (49,714).

REDS 9, CARDINALS 7
ST. LOUIS CINCINNATI
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Planco 2b4 1 2 0 Reese 2b3 0 0 1
THwrd ph 1 0 0 0 Ochoa lf 3 3 1 2
Rnteria ss4 1 1 0 Grf Jr cf 3 1 1 2
Edmnd cf 4 2 2 1 DYong 1b4 0 1 1
McGwr 1b3 1 2 0 Bchette rf3 1 1 2
EDavis rf 4 1 1 4 Wllmsn p 0 0 0 0
Dnston lf 4 0 0 1 ABoon 3b4 0 0 0
Sutton lf 0 0 0 0 BSntigo c4 1 1 0
Pquette 3b4 0 0 0 Dwkins ss4 2 2 0
Mrrero c 3 1 1 1 Neagle p 1 1 1 0
Vina ph 0 0 0 0 HMorrs ph0 0 0 1
Ankiel p 3 0 1 0 Sllivan p 0 0 0 0
Holmes p 0 0 0 0 Tucker rf 1 0 0 0
Slcumb p 0 0 0 0
Drew ph 1 0 0 0
Totals 35 7 10 7 Totals 30 9 8 9
St. Louis 000 151 000 — 7
Cincinnati 003 024 00x — 9
E—Polanco (1). DP—St. Louis 1, Cincinnati 2. LOB—St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 4. 2B—Ochoa (3), Dawkins (2). HR—EDavis (4), Marrero (4), Griffey Jr (9), Bichette (3). SB—Ochoa (2). S—Reese. SF—HMorris.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Ankiel	5	5	5	3	4	4
Holmes L,0-1	1	3	4	4	1	0
Slocumb	2	0	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
Neagle W,4-0	6	9	7	7	2	4
Sullivan	1	1	0	0	0	0
Williamson S,3	2	0	0	0	1	3

WP—Ankiel 4. T—2:56. A—42,221 (52,953).

MARLINS 3, METS 0
NEW YORK FLORIDA
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Nnnally lf 4 0 0 0 LCstllo 2b4 1 1 0
DeBell rf 4 0 0 0 Berg ss 3 0 1 0
Alfonzo 2b2 0 0 0 Floyd lf 4 1 2 1
Piazza c 4 0 1 0 Kotsay rf 0 0 0 0
Vntura 3b3 0 0 0 PWilsn cf 4 1 1 1
Zeile 1b 3 0 0 0 Lowell 3b4 0 1 1
Mora cf 2 0 0 0 Millar 1b 3 0 0 0
Ordnez ss3 0 0 0 DLLee 1b1 0 0 0
Rusch p 2 0 0 0 Butista rf 3 0 2 0
MFrnc ph 1 0 0 0 Rdmnd c 3 0 1 0
Cook p 0 0 0 0 Dmpstr p 3 0 0 0
Mhmes p 0 0 0 0
Totals 28 0 1 0 Totals 32 3 9 3
New York 000 000 000 — 0
Florida 100 000 02x — 3
E—LCastillo (2). DP—New York 1, Florida 1. LOB—New York 5, Florida 6. 2B—Piazza (14), Floyd (5), PWilson (9), Lowell (10).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Rusch L,1-3	7	6	1	1	1	6
Cook	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Mahomes	1-3	2	1	1	0	1
Florida						
Dempster W,3-2	9	1	0	0	4	8

T—2:17. A—25,147 (35,521).

Standings

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	20	9	.690	—	z-8-2	L-1	10-4	10-5	0-0
Boston	16	11	.593	3	z-6-4	W-1	9-4	7-7	0-0
Baltimore	16	14	.533	4 1/2	4-6	W-1	10-4	6-10	0-0
Toronto	16	17	.485	6	5-5	L-2	9-9	7-8	0-0
Tampa Bay	11	19	.367	9 1/2	z-4-6	L-1	4-8	7-11	0-0

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Chicago	18	13	.581	—	z-4-6	L-3	10-5	8-8	0-0
Cleveland	15	13	.536	1 1/2	z-4-6	W-2	4-8	11-5	0-0
Kansas City	16	15	.516	2	z-7-3	W-3	14-4	2-11	0-0
Minnesota	14	18	.438	4 1/2	3-7	W-2	9-10	5-8	0-0
Detroit	9	21	.300	8 1/2	4-6	L-2	4-8	5-13	0-0

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Seattle	16	12	.571	—	z-5-5	W-2	10-5	6-7	0-0
Anaheim	16	16	.500	2	5-5	L-2	9-7	7-9	0-0
Oakland	15	16	.484	2 1/2	6-4	W-1	5-10	10-6	0-0
Texas	13	17	.433	4	5-5	L-1	8-11	5-6	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	21	9	.700	—	z-8-2	L-2	14-4	7-5	0-0
Montreal	16	13	.552	4 1/2	z-5-5	L-1	10-5	6-8	0-0
New York	17	16	.515	5 1/2	3-7	L-2	10-6	7-10	0-0
Florida	16	16	.500	6	3-7	W-2	11-8	5-8	0-0
Philadelphia	11	19	.367	10 1/2	5-5	W-2	6-8	5-11	0-0

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
St. Louis	19	12	.613	—	5-5	L-1	12-7	7-5	0-0
Cincinnati	15	15	.500	3 1/2	z-6-4	W-1	7-8	8-7	0-0
Pittsburgh	14	16	.467	4 1/2	6-4	W-2	7-8	6-8	0-0
Houston	12	18	.400	6 1/2	5-5	W-1	3-9	9-9	0-0
Chicago	12	21	.364	8	z-4-6	L-3	7-10	5-11	0-0
Milwaukee	11	20	.355	8	3-7	W-1	6-10	5-10	0-0

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Arizona	21	10	.677	—	7-3	W-4	11-5	10-5	0-0
Los Angeles	17	13	.567	3 1/2	5-5	L-1	8-6	9-7	0-0
San Francisco	16	13	.552	4	z-8-2	W-6	7-7	9-6	0-0
Colorado	14	16	.467	6 1/2	4-6	L-2	9-4	5-12	0-0
San Diego	13	18	.419	8	z-3-7	L-3	6-7	7-11	0-0

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday's Games
Boston 9, Tampa Bay 7
Minnesota 4, Detroit 0
Cleveland 10, Toronto 8, 12 innnings
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 6
Kansas City 12, Chicago White Sox 8
Oakland 7 Texas 6
Seattle 8, Anaheim 2
Monday's Games
Kansas City (Suppan 1-3) at Detroit (Weaver 0-4), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Johnson 0-1) at Toronto (Escobar 2-4), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gooden 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sturtze 1-1) at Boston (Rose 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Tomko 1-1) at Texas (Helling 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 3-1) at Minnesota (Radke 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Prieto 0-0) at Anaheim (Ortiz 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Florida 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 4
Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 7
Milwaukee 9, Montreal 4
Pittsburgh 11, Chicago Cubs 3
Colorado at San Francisco, ppd. rain
Arizona 8, San Diego 1
Houston 14, Los Angeles 8, 10 innings
Monday's Games
Atlanta (Maddux 4-1) at Florida (Nunez 0-3), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 3-2) at Houston (Holt 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 3-2) at Arizona (Daal 0-3), 8:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 3-3) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 1-4), 9:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled

AL Boxes

ATHLETICS 7, RANGERS 6
OAKLAND TEXAS
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Long cf 4 1 2 0 Clayton ss5 0 1 0
Tejada ss 5 1 1 0 Alicea 2b 5 0 2 0
JaGmb dh3 2 1 1 IRdrgz c 5 0 0 0
Saenz 1b 2 2 0 0 RPlmo dh4 1 1 1
Grieve lf 4 1 1 1 Segui 1b 3 1 1 0
Chrstns lf 0 0 0 0 Mateo cf 4 1 2 1
JeGmb rf 4 0 3 3 Curtis lf 3 2 2 0
Mnchno 2b5 0 1 2 Lamb 3b 3 0 2 2
Chavez 3b5 0 0 0 JAMDd rf 4 1 1 2
Fasano c 3 0 0 0
RJHdz c 1 0 0 0
Totals 36 7 9 7 Totals 36 612 6
Oakland 300 030 010 — 7
Texas 010 100 220 — 6
E—Tejada (5), Saenz (1), Venafro (1). DP—Oakland 4, Texas 1. LOB—Oakland 11, Texas 6. 2B—Long (5), JaGiambi (3), Curtis (9). HR—RPalmeiro (10), Mateo (4), JAMcDonald (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Olivares W,3-3	7 1-3	9	5	4	3	3
Magnante	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
DJones S,1	1 1-3	3	1	1	0	2
Texas						
DDavis L,0-1	4 1-3	4	6	6	6	6
FCordero	1 2-3	2	0	0	1	2
JRZimmermn	1	0	0	0	2	2
Crabtree	1	2	1	1	0	3
Venafro	1	1	0	0	0	0

WP—DDavis. T—3:21. A—39,368 (49,166).

MARINERS 8, ANGELS 2
ANAHEIM SEATTLE
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Erstad lf 5 0 0 0 Cmeron cf5 0 1 1
AKndy 2b5 1 1 0 Javier lf 3 1 1 1
MVghn 1b2 0 0 0 ARdrgz ss4 1 1 0
Salmon rf 3 0 0 0 EMrtnz dh2 3 1 2
GAndsn cf4 0 2 1 Olerud 1b3 0 0 0
Glaus 3b 4 0 0 0 Buhner rf 1 1 0 0
Clmnte dh2 0 0 0 Gipson rf 0 0 0 1
Spiezio dh2 1 2 0 DaBell 3b4 1 1 1
BMolna c 4 0 2 1 DWilsn c 4 1 1 0
Gil ss 2 0 0 0 Mclmre 2b3 0 1 1
OPlmro ph0 0 0 0
Totals 33 2 7 2 Totals 29 8 7 7
Anaheim 100 000 001 — 2
Seattle 100 104 02x — 8
E—AKennedy (3), Salmon (2). DP—Anaheim 1, Seattle 1. LOB—Anaheim 9, Seattle 11. 2B—Spiezio (7), DaBell (4). HR—EMartinez (6). SF—EMartinez, McLemore.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
Schnws L,4-1	5 1-3	6	6	5	5	2
EWeaver	2 1-3	1	2	2	5	1
Turnbow	1-3	0	0	0	2	1
Seattle						
Halama W,4-0	6	2	1	1	3	8
Paniagua	2-3	2	0	0	0	2
Ramsay	1	1	0	0	1	0
Mesa	1 1-3	2	1	1	1	1

WP—Turnbow. Balk—Schoeneweis. T—3:11. A—42,940 (47,145).

ROYALS 12, WHITE SOX 8
CHICAGO KANSAS CITY
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Drham 2b4 1 1 2 Damon cf5 1 2 0
JAVltin ss5 0 1 1 Febles 2b2 2 0 0
Thmas dh5 2 2 0 MJSwy dh5 1 1 2
MOdnz rf 5 2 3 1 Dye rf 2 3 2 2
Knerko 1b5 0 1 1 Quinn lf 4 1 1 0
Sngltn cf4 1 1 1 CBeltrn cf1 1 1 3
CNLee lf 5 0 2 1 Randa 3b4 1 2 1
Norton 3b4 0 2 1 McCrty 1b4 1 2 1
Paul c 2 2 0 0 Fbrgas c 5 0 1 2
RSnchz ss3 1 1 1
Totals 39 813 8 Totals 35 121312
Chicago 012 011 021 — 8
Kansas City 300 130 05x —12
E—MOrdonez (2), Paul (3), KWells (2). DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Chicago 8, Kansas City 8. 2B—JAValentin (10), MOrdonez (6), Damon (5), Quinn (8), CBeltran (7). HR—Durham (5), MOrdonez (5), Dye (13). SB—Damon (13). CS—Febles (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
KWells	4 2-3	6	7	7	6	1
Simas	2	4	0	0	0	1
Wunsch L,0-2	2-3	0	1	1	1	0
SLowe	2-3	3	4	4	2	1
Kansas City						
MBatista	5	4	4	4	2	0
Reichert	2 1-3	4	2	2	1	1
Bottalico W,4-1	1 2-3	5	2	2	0	2

HBP—by Bottalico (Singleton). WP—KWells, Reichert. PB—Paul. T—3:25. A—23,107 (40,625).

INDIANS 10, BLUE JAYS 8 (12)
CLEVELAND TORONTO
ab r h bi ab r h bi
RAlmr 2b 5 2 1 0 JoCruz cf6 2 2 1
Vizquel ss4 3 3 0 Bush 2b 7 1 2 0
Justice dh5 3 3 5 Mndesi rf 4 3 1 2
MRmrz rf 6 0 1 1 CDlgdo 1b6 1 3 2
Thome 1b4 1 0 0 Fllmer dh 5 1 3 2
Sexson lf 6 1 3 2 TBtsta 3b5 0 2 0
Frymn 3b 6 0 3 1 MCdva lf 5 0 2 1
EADiaz c 6 0 0 1 Wise lf 1 0 0 0
JolCbra cf3 0 0 0 ASGzlz ss5 0 0 0
EWilsn ph1 0 0 0 ACstllo c 4 0 0 0
Whiten cf 2 0 0 0 Fltcher c 2 0 1 0
Totals 48101410 Totals 50 816 8
Cleveland 000 300 302 002—10
Toronto 330 200 000 000— 8
DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Cleveland 8, Toronto 12. 2B—Justice 2 (8), MRamirez (5), Sexson (5), JoCruz (5), CDelgado (10), Fullmer (10). HR—Justice (4), JoCruz (13), Mondesi (7). SB—RAlomar (7), Mondesi (7). S—ASGonzalez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
BWitt	1 2-3	8	6	6	2	1
SReed	2	0	1	1	1	2
TMartin	2 2-3	3	1	1	0	2
Kamieniecki	2	1	0	0	0	3
Rincon	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Shuey W,2-1	2 1-3	2	0	0	2	2
Karsay S,6	1	1	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
FCastillo	6 2-3	5	5	5	4	6
Borbon	0	1	1	1	0	0
Frascatore	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Koch	2	4	2	2	1	0
Gunderson L,0-1	2	3	2	2	1	0

Borbon pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. T—4:22. A—19,161 (51,000).

ORIOLES 7, YANKEES 6
BALTIMORE NEW YORK
ab r h bi ab r h bi
BKAsn cf 5 1 1 0 Ledee lf 5 0 2 0
DShlds 2b5 2 2 2 Jeter ss 4 0 0 0
Surhoff lf 5 2 2 0 O'Neill rf 5 1 1 0
Belle rf 4 0 1 2 BeWms cf3 1 1 0
Baines dh4 0 2 2 TMrtnz 1b4 1 1 1
Rpkn 3b 3 1 1 1 Posada c 3 1 2 0
Conine 1b4 0 0 0 ShSpcr dh3 1 0 0
CJhnsn c 4 1 3 0 Brosius 3b4 1 2 5
Bordick ss4 0 0 0 Bllnger 2b2 0 0 0
LJhnsn ph1 0 0 0
Dlgdo 2b 1 0 1 0
Totals 38 712 7 Totals 35 610 6
Baltimore 010 002 013 — 7
New York 000 101 040 — 6
DP—Baltimore 1. LOB—Baltimore 7, New York 11. 2B—Surhoff (9), Baines (4), BeWilliams (10), Posada (7), Brosius (3). 3B—Ledee (1). HR—DeShields (3), Ripken (6), Brosius (1). CS—Posada (1). S—Jeter. SF—Baines.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Ponson	6	4	2	2	5	2
BRyan	1	2	2	2	1	0
Trombley	1-3	3	2	2	1	0
Groom W,2-1	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Timlin S,2	1	1	0	0	0	2
New York						
Mendoza	6	6	3	3	0	2
Grimsley	1	0	0	0	0	1
Stanton	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Nelson	1-3	1	0	0	2	0
MRivera L,2-1	1	4	3	3	0	0

BRyan pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. T—3:18. A—52,559 (57,545).

TWINS 4, TIGERS 0
DETROIT MINNESOTA
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Polonia rf 4 0 1 0 CGzmn ss3 2 1 0
Asmus c 3 0 0 0 Cnizaro 2b4 1 1 0
JEcrcn cf 3 0 1 0 Lawton rf 4 0 1 1
JGnzlez dh4 0 0 0 Coomr 1b3 0 0 1
Hggnsn lf 4 0 0 0 Koskie 3b3 1 0 0
Palmer 3b4 0 1 0 Huskey dh1 0 0 0
Easley 2b3 0 0 0 JJones lf 3 0 1 2
TClark 1b3 0 0 0 Jensen c 3 0 1 0
DCruz ss 3 0 2 0 THuntr cf 4 0 1 0
Totals 31 0 5 0 Totals 28 4 6 4
Detroit 000 000 000 — 0
Minnesota 300 100 00x — 4
DP—Detroit 1, Minnesota 1. LOB—Detroit 6, Minnesota 10. 3B—JEncarnacion (1), CGuzman (7). SF—Coomer.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
MKJsn L,0-1	3 1-3	4	4	4	6	1
Blair	4 1-3	2	0	0	2	2
MJAnderson	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Mays W,1-4	9	5	0	0	2	5

HBP—by MKJohnson (Huskey). WP—MKJohnson, Mays. T—2:37. A—8,333 (48,678).

RED SOX 9, DEVIL RAYS 7
TAMPA BAY BOSTON
ab r h bi ab r h bi
GWlms cf 5 1 1 0 Offrmn 2b5 2 2 1
Cairo 2b 5 1 3 0 DLewis cf4 0 0 0
GVghn lf 5 2 1 0 Grcprr ph 1 0 1 1
Cnseco dh5 0 1 2 Alxndr pr 0 0 0 0
McGrff 1b5 0 1 1 DLowe p 0 0 0 0
Castilla 3b4 1 1 2 TNixon rf 4 2 1 2
Flherty c 4 1 3 0 Dubach 1b4 1 1 0
Trmmll rf 4 1 1 2 O'Lry lf 4 2 3 1
Stocker ss3 0 1 0 CEvrtt dh 3 1 1 3
SCox ph 1 0 0 0 Varitek c 3 1 1 0
OGuilln ss0 0 0 0 Veras 3b 4 0 2 1
Sheets ss4 0 0 0
Totals 41 713 7 Totals 36 912 9
Tampa Bay 201 000 040 — 7
Boston 013 130 01x — 9
E—Stocker (4), Offerman (2), WVeras (3), Fassero (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Boston 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 7, Boston 6. 2B—GVaughn (8), Canseco (6), Stocker (6), Offerman (5), Varitek (7). HR—Castilla (5), Trammell (3), TNixon (5), O'Leary (5), CEverett (10). SB—Cairo 2 (7), GVaughn (3), Daubach (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Rekar L,0-1	3 2-3	6	5	3	1	3
JSparks	1 1-3	3	3	3	2	2
JMorris	1	0	0	0	0	1
RAWhite	1	1	0	0	0	0
RMHernandez	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
ALopez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Boston						
Fassero W,4-1	6	9	3	3	0	6
Garces	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	1
Cormier	1-3	3	3	3	0	0
DLowe S,7	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1

T—3:09. A—32,336 (33,871).

Late Box

DODGERS 9, ASTROS 6
HOUSTON LOS ANGELS
ab r h bi ab r h bi
Biggio 2b 4 1 1 1 Hlndsw cf4 1 0 0
Cedeno cf5 1 2 0 Grdzln 2b3 1 1 2
Bgwell 1b4 0 2 0 Shffield lf 4 0 0 1
Cminiti 3b4 1 2 2 Green rf 2 2 0 0
Hidalgo rf3 0 0 0 Karros 1b2 2 2 2
Brkmn lf 4 1 2 0 Hndley c 4 1 1 4
Mlskey c 3 1 1 0 JVzcno 3b4 0 0 0
Spiers ss 4 1 2 1 Cora ss 2 1 0 0
Dotel p 1 0 0 0 Herges p 0 0 0 0
YPerez p 0 0 0 0 Berroa ph1 0 1 0
DWard ph1 0 0 1 Adams p 0 0 0 0
Slsrski p 0 0 0 0 Drifort p 2 0 1 0
Mieske ph1 0 0 0 DHnsn 3b2 1 1 0
JsCbra p 0 0 0 0
Totals 34 612 5 Totals 30 9 7 9
Houston 010 022 001 — 6
Los Angeles 006 021 00x — 9
E—Biggio (3). DP—Houston 1, Los Angeles 3. LOB—Houston 7, Los Angeles 4. 2B—Bagwell (7), Meluskey (5), Spiers (4), Grudzielanek (3), Karros (5). 3B—DHansen (1). HR—Caminiti (6), Karros (7), Hundley (6). SB—Spiers (2). CS—Bagwell (2). S—Dotel. SF—Grudzielanek.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Dotel L,1-3	4 1-3	5	8	8	4	2
YPerez	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Slusarski	2	1	1	1	1	0
JosCabrera	1	1	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles						
Dreifort W,2-1	5 2-3	9	5	4	3	2
Herges	2 1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Adams	1	2	1	0	0	0

HBP—by Dotel (Green), by Dreifort (Hidalgo). PB—Hundley 2. T—2:59. A—44,345 (56,000).

Texas League

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First Half

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Shreveport	19	11	.633	—
Wichita	16	14	.533	3
Arkansas	15	15	.500	4
Tulsa	9	21	.300	10
Western Division				
Round Rock	19	11	.633	—
San Antonio	19	11	.633	—
Midland	12	18	.400	7
El Paso	11	19	.367	8

Sunday's Games
El Paso 5, Shreveport 2
Round Rock 9, Tulsa 3
Wichita 4, San Antonio 1
Arkansas 9, Midland 6
Monday's Games
El Paso at Arkansas
Midland at Shreveport
Tulsa at San Antonio
Wichita at Round Rock
Tuesday's Games
El Paso at Arkansas
Midland at Shreveport
Tulsa at San Antonio
Wichita at Round Rock

Leaders

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—Segui, Texas, .384; Erstad, Anaheim, .383; Dye, Kansas City, .374; Garciaparra, Boston, .365; Lawton, Minnesota, .363; DeShields, Baltimore, .360; Randa, Kansas City, .359.
RUNS—ARodriguez, Seattle, 30; Dye, Kansas City, 29; Mondesi, Toronto, 29; Konerko, Chicago, 27; Damon, Kansas City, 27; CDelgado, Toronto, 27; IRodriguez, Texas, 27.
RBI—JaGiambi, Oakland, 35; Dye, Kansas City, 33; BeWilliams, New York, 31; Bordick, Baltimore, 30; Fullmer, Toronto, 29; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 28; CEverett, Boston, 28; IRodriguez, Texas, 28; EMartinez, Seattle, 28.
HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 51; Dye, Kansas City, 46; Lawton, Minnesota, 45; IRodriguez, Texas, 43; Segui, Texas, 43; Randa, Kansas City, 42; AKennedy, Anaheim, 40; Thomas, Chicago, 40; DeShields, Baltimore, 40.
DOUBLES—Dye, Kansas City, 13; Lawton, Minnesota, 13; TBatista, Toronto, 11; 11 are tied with 10.
TRIPLES—CGuzman, Minnesota, 7; THunter, Minnesota, 4; Piatt, Oakland, 3; AKennedy, Anaheim, 3; Singleton, Chicago, 3; Durham, Chicago, 3; TMartinez, New York, 3; Polonia, Detroit, 3; Javier, Seattle, 3.
HOME RUNS—JoCruz, Toronto, 13; Dye, Kansas City, 13; JaGiambi, Oakland, 13; CDelgado, Toronto, 11; IRodriguez, Texas, 11; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 10; CEverett, Boston, 10; RPalmeiro, Texas, 10.
STOLEN BASES—Damon, Kansas City, 13; DeShields, Baltimore, 12; AKennedy, Anaheim, 8; Erstad, Anaheim, 8; Jeter, New York, 8; Febles, Kansas City, 7; Cairo, Tampa Bay, 7; Mondesi, Toronto, 7; RAlomar, Cleveland, 7.
PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Baldwin, Chicago, 5-0, 1.000, 2.97; Nelson, New York, 5-0, 1.000, 1.50; PMartinez, Boston, 5-1, .833, 1.22; DWells, Toronto, 5-1, .833, 2.82; Schoeneweis, Anaheim, 4-1, .800, 3.99; OHernandez, New York, 4-1, .800, 4.34; Bottalico, Kansas City, 4-1, .800, 8.74; Fassero, Boston, 4-1, .800, 4.31.
STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 67; CFinley, Cleveland, 47; Clemens, New York, 41; OHernandez, New York, 39; Nomo, Detroit, 38; Trachsel, Tampa Bay, 38; Mussina, Baltimore, 36; DWells, Toronto, 36.
SAVES—MRivera, New York, 11; Percival, Anaheim, 8; Koch, Toronto, 7; DLowe, Boston, 7; TBJones, Detroit, 7; Karsay, Cleveland, 6; Isringhausen, Oakland, 5.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—VGuerrero, Montreal, .407; Edmonds, St. Louis, .404; Helton, Colorado, .376; Vidro, Montreal, .360; Cirillo, Colorado, .360; Owens, San Diego, .353; Giles, Pittsburgh, .352.
RUNS—Bonds, San Francisco, 32; Edmonds, St. Louis, 31; Bagwell, Houston, 31; Helton, Colorado, 29; Vidro, Montreal, 29; AMartin, San Diego, 29; SFinley, Arizona, 29.
RBI—Helton, Colorado, 32; VGuerrero, Montreal, 32; Giles, Pittsburgh, 32; Kent, San Francisco, 30; Tatis, St. Louis, 28; Griffey Jr, Cincinnati, 28; SSosa, Chicago, 27; SFinley, Arizona, 27.
HITS—EOYoung, Chicago, 48; DeBell, New York, 46; VGuerrero, Montreal, 44; Owens, San Diego, 42; AMartin, San Diego, 42; Helton, Colorado, 41; Vidro, Montreal, 41.
DOUBLES—Piazza, New York, 14; EOYoung, Chicago, 14; Cirillo, Colorado, 13; Brogna, Philadelphia, 12; Giles, Pittsburgh, 11; 8 are tied with 10.
TRIPLES—Goodwin, Colorado, 6; Womack, Arizona, 4; Vina, St. Louis, 4; Shumpert, Colorado, 3; 12 are tied with 2.
HOME RUNS—Jenkins, Milwaukee, 11; Edmonds, St. Louis, 11; SSosa, Chicago, 11; SFinley, Arizona, 11; Bonds, San Francisco, 11; McGwire, St. Louis, 11; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 10; Galarraga, Atlanta, 10.
STOLEN BASES—Cedeno, Houston, 10; Owens, San Diego, 10; Reese, Cincinnati, 9; LCastillo, Florida, 9; EOYoung, Chicago, 9; QVeras, Atlanta, 8; BLHunter, Colorado, 8.
PITCHING (5 Decisions)—RDJohnson, Arizona, 7-0, 1.000, .93; Glavine, Atlanta, 5-0, 1.000, 1.73; Kile, St. Louis, 6-1, .857, 4.54; Stottlemyre, Arizona, 6-1, .857, 5.30; Clement, San Diego, 4-1, .800, 5.48; GMaddux, Atlanta, 4-1, .800, 2.98; Haynes, Milwaukee, 4-2, .667, 4.23; Telford, Montreal, 4-2, .667, 5.74.

NBA Playoffs

National Basketball Assn.
Playoffs Day-By-Day
By The Associated Press
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 6
Indiana 108, Philadelphia 91, Indiana leads series 1-0
Sunday, May 7
Miami 87, New York 83, Miami leads series 1-0
Portland 94, Utah 75, Portland leads series 1-0
L.A. Lakers 105, Phoenix 77, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0
Monday, May 8
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10
Indiana at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 11
Portland at Utah, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Miami at New York, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Indiana at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 14
Miami at New York, 11:30 A.m.
Portland at Utah, 2 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 4:30 p.m.

Lakers 105, Suns 77
PHOENIX (77): Marion 5-10 2-2 12, Robinson 4-11 4-4 13, Longley 2-6 0-1 4, Hardaway 9-18 5-7 25, Kidd 1-6 1-2 3, Blount 2-3 0-0 4, Rogers 3-13 1-3 7, K.Johnson 1-3 2-2 4, Day 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 0-1 1-2 1, Livingston 0-4 0-0 0, Bailey 1-1 2-4 4. Totals 28-77 18-27 77.
L.A. LAKERS (105): Rice 2-9 2-2 7, Green 3-8 2-2 8, O'Neal 15-28 7-10 37, Bryant 8-17 8-10 25, Harper 1-7 2-2 4, Horry 1-3 0-0 2, Knight 1-3 0-0 2, Fisher 2-5 0-0 4, Fox 1-3 0-0 2, Shaw 2-3 0-0 5, George 3-5 0-0 7, Salley 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 40-92 21-26 105.

Phoenix	18	23	19	17	— 77
L.A. Lakers	18	28	29	30	—105

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 3-18 (Hardaway 2-4, Robinson 1-3, Day 0-1, Livingston 0-2, Kidd 0-3, Rogers 0-5), L.A. Lakers 4-11 (Bryant 1-2, Rice 1-2, George 1-2, Shaw 1-2, Fox 0-1, Fisher 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 53 (Kidd, Blount 7), L.A. Lakers 62 (O'Neal 14). Assists—Phoenix 18 (Kidd 7), L.A. Lakers 18 (Shaw 4). Total fouls—Phoenix 25, L.A. Lakers 23. A—18,997 (18,997).

Trail Blazers 94, Jazz 75
UTAH (75): Russell 1-5 0-0 2, Malone 7-17 8-8 22, Polynice 4-7 0-0 8, Hornacek 3-8 0-0 7, Stockton 3-7 4-6 10, Eisley 2-8 1-1 5, Lewis 2-9 0-0 5, Ostertag 0-1 1-4 1, Gilliam 2-5 0-2 4, Vaughn 4-6 2-2 11, Padgett 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 28-76 16-23 75.
PORTLAND (94): Pippen 8-14 3-4 20, Wallace 5-14 2-4 12, Sabonis 2-9 9-10 13, Smith 3-5 6-6 12, Stoudamire 4-9 5-6 14, B.Grant 2-10 3-4 7, Anthony 3-7 4-5 12, Schrempf 1-4 2-2 4, Wells 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-73 34-41 94.

Utah	15	19	27	14	— 75
Portland	23	21	21	29	— 94

3-Point Goals—Utah 3-13 (Vaughn 1-1, Lewis 1-1, Hornacek 1-2, Stockton 0-1, Eisley 0-2, Padgett 0-2, Russell 0-4), Portland 4-11 (Anthony 2-5, Stoudamire 1-2, Pippen 1-2, Sabonis 0-1, Smith 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 53 (Malone, Polynice 8), Portland 54 (Sabonis 14). Assists—Utah 18 (Stockton 6), Portland 20 (Sabonis 4). Total fouls—Utah 27, Portland 22. Technicals—Utah Illegal Defense 3, Portland Illegal Defense, Wallace. A—20,351 (19,980).

Heat 87, Knicks 83
NEW YORK (83): Sprewell 4-12 3-4 11, Johnson 4-9 0-0 8, Ewing 6-16 5-7 17, Houston 8-18 4-4 21, Ward 4-8 0-0 9, Camby 4-5 3-5 11, Childs 2-6 0-0 4, Thomas 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 33-78 15-20 83.
MIAMI (87): Mashburn 6-15 9-9 21, Brown 4-7 0-0 8, Mourning 10-20 6-9 26, Majerle 3-7 1-1 8, Hardaway 2-8 1-2 6, Carter 2-3 0-0 4, Bowen 2-4 0-0 5, Weatherspoon 2-5 0-0 4, Thorpe 2-2 1-2 5. Totals 33-71 18-23 87.

New York	19	26	23	15	— 83
Miami	25	21	22	19	— 87

3-Point Goals—New York 2-10 (Ward 1-3, Houston 1-3, Johnson 0-1, Childs 0-3), Miami 3-16 (Bowen 1-3, Majerle 1-5, Hardaway 1-6, Mashburn 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New York 47 (Camby 13), Miami 46 (Brown 16). Assists—New York 14 (Childs 6), Miami 17 (Hardaway 7). Total fouls—New York 20, Miami 20. Technical—Miami illegal defense. A—20,053 (19,600).

NHL Playoffs

National Hockey League
NHL Day-By-Day Playoffs
By The Associated Press
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, April 27
Toronto 2, New Jersey 1
Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 2, Detroit 0
Friday, April 28
Dallas 4, San Jose 0
Saturday, April 29
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 3, Detroit 1
New Jersey 1, Toronto 0
Sunday, April 30
Dallas 1, San Jose, 0
Monday, May 1
New Jersey 5, Toronto 1
Detroit 3, Colorado 1
Tuesday, May 2
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
San Jose 2, Dallas 1
Wednesday, May 3
Toronto 3, New Jersey 2
Colorado 3, Detroit 2, OT
Thursday, May 4
Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 1, 5OT
Friday, May 5
Colorado 4, Detroit 2, Colorado wins series 4-1
Dallas 5, San Jose 4
Saturday, May 6
New Jersey 4, Toronto 3, New Jersey leads series 3-2
Sunday, May 7
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia leads series 3-2
Dallas 4, San Jose 1, Dallas wins series 4-1
Monday, May 8
Toronto at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10
New Jersey at Toronto, 6 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 11
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., if necessary

Flyers 6, Penguins 3

Pittsburgh	0	1	2	— 3
Philadelphia	2	3	1	— 6

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Langkow 4 (Recchi, LeClair), :23. 2, Philadelphia, Delmore 3 (Recchi, Primeau), 3:27 (pp).
Second Period—3, Philadelphia, McGillis 2 (Recchi), 16. 4, Philadelphia, Recchi 2 (LeClair, Desjardins), 3:47 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Wright 3 (Barnaby, Corbet), 15:06. 6, Philadelphia, Delmore 4 (LeClair, Recchi), 17:50.
Third Period—7, Pittsburgh, Kasparaitis 1 (Straka, Hrdina), :40. 8, Philadelphia, Delmore 5 (Tocchet, Primeau), 5:17. 9, Pittsburgh, Brown 1 (Wright), 8:42.
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 10-11-11—32. Philadelphia 13-13-11—37.
Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 2; Philadelphia 2 of 2. Goalies—Pittsburgh, Tugnutt 6-4 (26 shots-21 saves), Skudra (0:00 3rd, 11-10). Philadelphia, Boucher 7-3 (32-29). A—19,906 (19,519).

Stars 4, Sharks 1

San Jose	0	0	1	— 1
Dallas	2	0	2	— 4

First Period—1, Dallas, Nieuwendyk 4 (Thornton, Langenbrunner), 10:31. 2, Dallas, Thornton 2 (Zubov), 13:34.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—3, Dallas, Hull 4 (Zubov, Sydor), 4:02 (pp). 4, Dallas, Cote 1 (Langenbrunner, Thornton), 4:43 (pp). 5, San Jose, Marleau 1 (Norton, Hannan), 8:32 (pp).
Shots on goal—San Jose 7-13-13—33. Dallas 14-4-12—30. Power-play Opportunities—San Jose 1 of 3; Dallas 2 of 3. Goalies—San Jose, Shields 5-7 (30 shots-26 saves). Dallas, Belfour 8-2 (33-32). A—17,001 (17,001).

Tennis Results

Men's Clay Courts
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Results Sunday of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex:
Singles
Championship
Fernando Gonzalez, Chile, def. Nicolas Massu (6), Chile, 6-3, 6-2.
Doubles
Championship
Leander Paes, India, and Jan Siemerink, Netherlands, def. Justin Gimelstob, United States, and Sebastien Lareau, Canada, 6-3, 6-4.

BTI Champions
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Results Sunday of the BTI Champions senior tennis tournament:
Singles
Championship
John McEnroe, United States, def. Mats Wilander, Sweden, 6-1, 6-4.
Doubles
Championship
Karel Novacek, Czech Republic, and Tim Wilkison, United States, def. Mansour Bahrami, Iran, and Tobias Svantesson, Sweden, 2-6, 6-3, 10-4 (super tiebreak).

Bol Ladies Open
BOL, Croatia (AP) — Results Sunday of the $170,000 Croatian Bol Ladies Open WTA Tour tournament:
Singles
Championship
Tina Pisnik, Slovenia, def. Amelie Mauresmo (3), France, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2).

Barclay Cup
HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Results Sunday of the $535,000 Betty Barclay Cup WTA Tour clay-court tournament:
Singles
Championship
Martina Hingis (1), Switzerland, def. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (4), Spain, 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles
Championship
Anna Kournikova, Russia, and Natasha Zvereva (1), Belarus, def. Nicole Arendt, United States, and Manon Bollegraf, Netherlands, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4.

Mallorca Open
PALMA DE MALLORCA, Balearic Islands (AP) — Results Sunday of the $500,000 Mallorca Open ATP Tour clay-court tournament:
Singles
Championship
Marat Safin (4), Russia, def. Mikael Tillstrom, Sweden, 6-4, 6-3.
Doubles
Championship
Michael Llodra, France, and Diego Nargiso, Italy, def. Alberto Martin and Fernando Vicente, Spain, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3).

BMW Open
MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Results Sunday of the $400,000 BMW Open ATP Tour clay-court tournament:
Singles
Championship
Franco Squillari (7), Argentina, def. Tommy Haas (3), Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Doubles
Championship
David Adams and John-Laffnie de Jager (1), South Africa, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Nenad Zimonjic, Yugoslavia, 6-4, 6-4.

College Baseball

Sunday's College Scores
By The Associated Press
EAST
Bentley 12-11, S. Connecticut 10-10
Delaware 14-6, Vermont 2-5
Montclair St. 10, Ithaca 4
Montclair St. 13, Bridgewater St., Mass. 6
Rhode Island 6, Fordham 4
RPI 10-5, Union, N.Y. 5-2
St. Bonaventure 13, Massachusetts 3
St. John's, NY 6-8, Villanova 0-9
St. Peter's 1, Iona 0
Siena 4, Marist 3
Stonehill 30, Assumption 16
Stony Brook 4, Buffalo 3
Suffolk 3-17, Brandeis 2-4
Towson 3-14, Northeastern 0-3
Wagner 7-12, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 4-5
SOUTH
Alabama 13, Auburn 4
Austin Peay 12, Murray St. 9
Duke 7, Old Dominion 6
Furman 10, Citadel 7
Georgia Southern 6, W. Carolina 5
Grambling 20, Jackson St. 11
Liberty 10, Coastal Carolina 9
Louisiana-Lafayette 12, South Alabama 7
Louisiana-Monroe 4, Nicholls St. 1
Maryland 13, N.C. State 3
Mississippi 6, Georgia 3
Mississippi St. 12, Florida 7
New Orleans 14, Arkansas St. 11
N.C.-Wilmington 19, High Point 2
South Florida 12, Memphis 10
Southern Miss 7, Tulane 4
Tennessee 3, Vanderbilt 1
UAB 12, Cincinnati 11
William & Mary 8, Radford 7
Wofford 7, Coll. of Charleston 2
MIDWEST
Albion 4-6, Adrian 2-1
Akron 1-14, Marshall 6-6
Ashland 4-7, Findlay 3-2
Bradley 9, Creighton 7
Grand Valley St. 20-3, Wayne, Mich. 3-1
Hiram 13-8, Otterbein 7-11
Ill.-Chicago 15, Iowa 7
Michigan 4, Michigan St. 1
Minn.-Duluth 12-7, Minn.-Crookston 1-4
Mount Mercy 9-4, Wartburg 8-15
N. Iowa 10, S. Illinois 7
Ohio 11-8, Bowling Green 10-1
Ohio St. 9-1, Penn St. 3-4
Saginaw Valley St. 6-8, Hillsdale 0-0
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 9, South Carolina 3
Ark.-Little Rock 9, Louisiana Tech 5
Oklahoma 11, Missouri 7
Oklahoma St. 20, Iowa St. 2
Texas 8, Nebraska 6
FAR WEST
CS Northridge 10, Cal State-LA 0
Long Beach St. 4, Pacific 3
Nevada 7, Cal St.-Fullerton 5
Pepperdine 3, St. Mary's, Cal. 1
Stanford 7, Oregon St. 5
UCLA 8, California 7
UNLV 21, Air Force 12
TOURNAMENT
MIAC Tournament
Championship
St. Thomas, Minn. 2, St. Olaf 1
NYCAC Conference
Championship
Concordia, N.Y. 10, Dowling 9
SUNYAC Tournament
Championship
Cortland St. 6, New Paltz 0

Texas 8, Nebraska 6

Nebraska	100	101	003	— 6	9	1
Texas	011	103	20X	— 8	11	1

Bullock, Spiehls (6), Rodaway (6) and Gozart; Clark, Thames (7) and Hubele. W—Clark (2-0). L—Bullock (4-1). Sv—Thames (15). HRs—Nebraska, Johnson 2 (19). Texas, Ontiveros 2 (14).

Houston 5, Louisville 2

Louisville	000	000	110	— 2	10	0
Houston	000	040	10x	— 5	10	1

Green and Traylor; McAdoo, Torina (7), Dieudonne (7), Runser (9) and Snyder, Bitter (5). W—McAdoo (7-1). L—Green (0-8). Sv—Runser (3). HRs—None.

'Hounds Watch

MIDLAND RockHounds

Sunday's Score
Arkansas Travelers 9, Midland RockHounds 6.
Today's Game
Midland RockHounds at Shreveport Captains, 7:05 p.m..
Records
RockHounds 12-18. Captains 19-11.
Radio
KCRS (AM 550). Broadcast Time - 6:45.
Starting Pitchers
Midland's Jesus Colome (2-1, 4.44) vs. Shreveport's TBA.
Last Five Games
Midland 7, Shreveport 6, 11 innings
Midland 9, Arkansas 6
Midland 4, Arkansas 3
Arkansas 5, Midland 0
Arkanas 9, Midland 6
Next 10 Games

Tonight	at Shreveport	7:05 p.m.
May 9	at Shreveport	10:05 a.m.
May 10	at Shreveport	7:05 p.m.
May 11	at Shreveport	7:05 p.m.
May 12	Round Rock	7:15 p.m.
May 13	Round Rock	7:15 p.m.
May 14	Round Rock	2 p.m.
May 15	Round Rock	7:15 p.m.
May 16	at El Paso	7:30 p.m.
May 17	at El Paso	7:30 p.m.

Sports on TV

Today
NBA — Playoffs, second round, game 2, Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., TBS.
NHL — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 6, teams TBA (if necessary), 6 p.m., ESPN.
BASEBALL — Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers, 7 p.m., FSN.

What's on Deck

Today
PREP SPORTS — UIL State Golf and Tennis Championships, Austin.

Sports Briefs

Longhorns down Cornhuskers

AUSTIN — Jeff Ontiveros hit two home runs for Texas to push the Longhorns past Nebraska 8-6 on Sunday.

Ontiveros (2-for-2) led off the second inning with a home run over the center field wall to tie the game at 1 and hit his second in the fourth to give Texas a 3-2 edge.

Longhorn Tommy Nicholson went 2-for-4 with a double and two runs.

Ray Clark (2-0) got the win for Texas after giving up five hits for three runs in 6 1-3 innings, while Charlie Thames got his 15th save after allowing four hits for three runs — one earned — in 2 2-3 innings of relief.

U.S. women's soccer shuts out Canada to win title

PORTLAND, Ore. — Cindy Parlow scored a goal and had an assist for the United States in a 4-0 win over Canada in the finals of the U.S. Women's Cup on Sunday.

Kristine Lilly played the whole game for the U.S. team, making her the first player in the history of international soccer to play in 200 games.

Lilly, who wore red and gold shoes for the occasion, assisted Parlow's goal, a header into the left corner of the net in the 75th minute.

All the U.S. goals came in the second half.

DeHaven is lone man on U.S. marathon team

PITTSBURGH — American marathoning reached its lowest depths Sunday when Rod DeHaven became the only qualifier for the men's U.S. Olympic marathon team.

At every Olympics since 1900, three men have represented the United States in the marathon. This time, only DeHaven will go.

At every Olympics since 1984, when women began running the marathon, three women have competed for the United States. This time, only one will go. Christine Clark won the U.S. Olympic trials at Columbia, S.C., in February.

So, of a possible six berths, the United States got only two. Only in 1896, when Arthur Blake was the sole representative, did the United Stated send only one man to the Olympic marathon.

DeHaven, 33, of Madison, Wis., earned his first Olympic berth by winning in 2 hours, 15 minutes, 30 seconds, overcoming oppressive heat and a gallant bid by unheralded Peter De La Cerda. The winning time was the slowest at the trials since 1972.

Failing to meet the Olympic qualifying standard of 2:14:00 left DeHaven as the sole survivor of a starting field of 99, only 78 of whom finished.

Flyers double up Penguins, take 3-2 series lead

PHILADELPHIA — Andy Delmore, the star of the pivotal Game 3 overtime victory that began Philadelphia's comeback from a 2-0 series deficit, tied a playoff record for a defenseman with three goals as the Flyers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 6-3 Sunday for a 3-2 lead in the series.

Mark Recchi had a goal and four assists as the Flyers, feeding off the momentum created Thursday night by winning the third-longest game in NHL history, quickly took care of the Penguins in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. Game 6 is Tuesday in Pittsburgh.

Delmore, an undrafted rookie defenseman, has five goals in the series — as many as NHL scoring champion Jaromir Jagr, who wasn't a factor for the second game in a row.

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Blaine McCallister, of Fort Stockton, wipes a tear from his eye as he talks about his wife during an interview after losing in a two-hole playoff against Carlos Franco in the Compaq Classic of New Orleans Sunday in New Orleans. McCallister's wife, Claudia, is visually impaired.

Franco defeats McCallister in Compaq Classic playoff

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — It's party time in Paraguay again.

Carlos Franco gave his countrymen reason to celebrate by settling down on the second playoff hole Sunday and repeating as champion at the $3.5 million Compaq Classic.

"This is very sweet, very sweet for me, very sweet for my country, very sweet for everyone," Franco said. "I know everyone in my country was watching on television and being very nervous. But now it's OK."

Franco survived a bogey on the first playoff hole then made a 3-foot putt for par on the second to make it OK and win $612,000.

"The trophy is very nice," Franco said. "It's for my wife. I like the money."

The 18th hole was the undoing for Blaine McCallister in both regulation and the playoff.

"I played some good golf today," McCallister said. "It's disappointing to end like I did. I mean, it feels like I just bled all over the place out there."

McCallister, who last won a PGA tournament in 1993, had a one-stroke lead over Franco after 17 holes. His second shot on the 72nd hole went into the front bunker and he missed a 12-foot putt for par. Franco saved par by making a 5-footer, leaving both with closing 4-under-par 68s and 18-under 270 totals after four rounds at the 7,116-yard English Turn Golf & Country Club course.

■ Golf Roundup

The playoff started on No. 18 and Franco hit into a fairway bunker off the tee. His third shot went to the fringe of the green and he went about five feet past the hole and made a bogey 5.

McCallister was on in two and had about a 30-footer for birdie, but he missed that and a 4-footer for par.

"That was my opportunity," McCallister said. "I got it on the first hole and hit a first putt that I thought was going to be a little faster than that and left it about four feet short. Then there you are staring at a 4-footer and winning a golf tournament. It's been a long time and the old nerves are going a little bit. And I'll be the first to admit I choked and missed it."

On the second playoff hole, the par-4 16th, McCallister hit into a bunker off the tee and then into a greenside trap which he couldn't get out of. His fourth shot went through the green.

Franco's second shot also went into a greenside trap, but he hit within three feet and made the putt.

Last year's victory in New Orleans was the first PGA Tour victory for Franco and his eight rounds in this tournament have all been in the 60s.

Davies hangs on for two-stroke victory

AUSTIN — Laura Davies shot a 2-over-par 72 but held on for a two-stroke victory over Dottie Pepper in the Philips Invitational.

The English star finished at 5-under 275 for the tournament to claim her second title of the year and the 60th of her international career. Sunday's win was her 19th LPGA victory in 12 years on tour.

Davies won $127,500 and needs just three more points in the LPGA's scoring system for automatic qualification to the Hall of Fame.

The second annual tournament, a tribute to former Austin resident Harvey Penick, drew just a handful of the tour's top players in 1999 but had most of the top players this year.

Fleisher wins third title of season in playoff

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bruce Fleisher won his third Senior PGA Tour event of the season, making a birdie on the third playoff hole to beat Hubert Green and retain his Home Depot Invitational title.

Fleisher, who closed with a 68, is the only player on the 50-and-over circuit to win more than once this year. He earned $195,000 with the victory to move within $17,000 of $1 million.

Fleisher and Green each matched the tournament record with 13-under-par 203 finishes. Bob Murphy, Lee Trevino and Don Bies also share that 54-hole mark.

Both players birdied and parred the first two playoff holes before Fleisher hit a 90-yard approach shot to 3 feet on the par-5 18th hole. Green missed his 12-foot birdie putt just left and Fleisher — after backing away once — sank his short one for the win.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Home Depot

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Final scores and money winnings Sunday of the $1.3 million Home Depot Invitational on the 6,774-yard, par-72 TPC at Piper Glen (x-won on third playoff hole):

x-Bruce Fleisher, $195,000	68 — 203
Hubert Green, $114,400	70 — 203
John Jacobs, $85,800	70 — 207
David Lundstrom, $85,800	71 — 207
Allen Doyle, $57,200	69 — 208
J. Mana Canizares, $57,200	72 — 208
Walter Hall, $41,600	66 — 209
Ed Dougherty, $41,600	68 — 209
Larry Nelson, $41,600	70 — 209
George Archer, $33,800	70 — 210
Bill Brask, $26,780	67 — 211
Hugh Baiocchi, $26,780	68 — 211
Jim Thorpe, $26,780	68 — 211
John Bland, $26,780	71 — 211
John Mahaffey, $26,780	72 — 211
Bob Murphy, $20,800	72 — 212
Jim Ahern, $20,800	73 — 212
Isao Aoki, $20,800	74 — 212
Jim Colbert, $15,377	69 — 213
Mark Hayes, $15,377	71 — 213
Mike McCullough, $15,377	71 — 213
Andy North, $15,377	74 — 213
Kermit Zarley, $15,377	75 — 213
Bruce Summerhays, $15,377	76 — 213
Tom Jenkins, $15,377	76 — 213
Leonard Thompson, $10,809	70 — 214
Mike Hill, $10,809	72 — 214
Simon Hobday, $10,809	73 — 214
Jay Sigel, $10,809	72 — 214
Ray Floyd, $10,809	73 — 214
DeWitt Weaver, $10,809	74 — 214
Roy Vucinich, $10,809	74 — 214
Fred Gibson, $7,703	71 — 215
Gary McCord, $7,703	72 — 215
Joe Inman, $7,703	73 — 215
David Graham, $7,703	73 — 215
Christy O'Connor, $7,703	74 — 215
Graham Marsh, $7,703	75 — 215
Barry Jaeckel, $7,703	75 — 215
Jim Holtgrieve, $7,703	76 — 215
Chuck Moran, $5,850	69 — 216
Jim Dent, $5,850	70 — 216
Dana Quigley, $5,850	71 — 216
Bunky Henry, $5,850	71 — 216
Miller Barber, $5,850	74 — 216
Bob Dickson, $4,940	74 — 217
Jim Ferree, $4,940	74 — 217
Terry Dill, $4,030	71 — 218
Bob Lendzion, $4,030	72 — 218
Dave Eichelberger, $4,030	72 — 218
Tommy Aaron, $4,030	74 — 218
Tom Wargo, $4,030	77 — 218
Charles Coody, $2,990	73 — 219
John D. Morgan, $2,990	73 — 219
George Burns, $2,990	74 — 219
Larry Ziegler, $2,990	76 — 219
Howard Twitty, $2,990	76 — 219
Dean Overturf, $2,535	71 — 220
Ed Sabo, $2,535	73 — 220
Rocky Thompson, $2,340	72 — 221
Steve Venato, $2,145	72 — 222
Tom Shaw, $2,145	76 — 222
Orville Moody, $1,755	73 — 223
Harold Henning, $1,755	77 — 223
Tom McGinnis, $1,755	78 — 223
Frank Conner, $1,755	83 — 223
Walt Morgan, $1,317	73 — 224
Bobby Nichols, $1,317	76 — 224
Bobby Cole, $1,317	77 — 224
Chi Chi Rodriguez, $1,144	77 — 225
Calvin Peete, $1,066	72 — 226
Brian Barnes, $949	73 — 227
Jerry McGee, $949	83 — 227
Walter Zembriski, $858	75 — 229
Greg Edwards, $806	77 — 230
Homero Blancas, $754	75 — 232
Arnold Palmer, $702	76 — 234
Doug Sanders, $650	81 — 241

Compaq Classic

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Final scores and earnings Sunday of the $3.4 million Compaq Classic, played on the 7,116-yard, par-72 English Turn Golf & Country Club course (x-won on the second hole of sudden-death playoff):

x-Carlos Franco, $612,000	68 — 270
Blaine McCallister, $367,200	68 — 270
Harrison Frazar, $231,200	68 — 271
Steve Stricker, $149,600	64 — 272
Stephen Ames, $149,600	68 — 272
Kirk Triplett, $113,900	65 — 273
Steve Flesch, $113,900	69 — 273
Bob Burns, $113,900	69 — 273
Scott Hoch, $95,200	66 — 274
Joe Durant, $95,200	67 — 274
Franklin Langham, $81,600	64 — 275
Stuart Appleby, $81,600	71 — 275
Glen Day, $65,733	68 — 276
Michael Clark II, $65,733	67 — 276
Steve Hart, $65,733	71 — 276
Paul Stankowski, $57,800	72 — 277
Nick Price, $44,491	68 — 278
Scott McCarron, $44,491	70 — 278
Mark Brooks, $44,491	70 — 278
Robert Damron, $44,491	70 — 278
Phil Mickelson, $44,491	71 — 278
David Peoples, $44,491	71 — 278
Joel Edwards, $44,491	74 — 278
Mike Standly, $27,540	67 — 279
Brent Schwarzrock, $27,540	68 — 279
Bob Tway, $27,540	70 — 279
Tom Byrum, $27,540	71 — 279
Bill Glasson, $27,540	73 — 279
Vijay Singh, $27,540	72 — 279
Carl Paulson, $20,206	64 — 280
David Morland IV, $20,206	67 — 280
Joe Ogilvie, $20,206	69 — 280
Scott Verplank, $20,206	70 — 280
Frank Lickliter, $20,206	71 — 280
Lee Janzen, $20,206	72 — 280
Kevin Sutherland, $20,206	72 — 280
David Toms, $14,960	67 — 281
Emlyn Aubrey, $14,960	69 — 281
Shaun Micheel, $14,960	69 — 281
Dan Forsman, $14,960	70 — 281
Jeff Gallagher, $14,960	71 — 281
Paul Curry, $14,960	71 — 281
Michael Bradley, $10,608	67 — 282
Chris DiMarco, $10,608	67 — 282
Kevin Wentworth, $10,608	69 — 282
Woody Austin, $10,608	69 — 282
Joey Sindelar, $10,608	72 — 282
Jay Haas, $10,608	73 — 282
Scott Dunlap, $10,608	74 — 282
Bob May, $8,279	71 — 283
Jimmy Green, $8,279	73 — 283
Ernie Els, $8,279	73 — 283
Eric Booker, $8,279	76 — 283
Jay Don Blake, $7,616	68 — 284
Chris Riley, $7,616	70 — 284
Craig Parry, $7,616	70 — 284
Bob Friend, $7,616	70 — 284
Tom Pernice Jr., $7,616	71 — 284
Rory Sabbatini, $7,616	72 — 284
Ben Bates, $7,616	72 — 284
John Cook, $7,616	73 — 284
Hal Sutton, $7,616	74 — 284
Brad Elder, $7,174	69 — 285
Fulton Allem, $7,174	73 — 285
Brett Wetterich, $7,174	73 — 285
John Restino, $7,174	74 — 285
Charles Raulerson, $6,902	69 — 286
Craig Bowden, $6,902	72 — 286
John Rollins, $6,902	73 — 286
Ted Tryba, $6,902	75 — 286
Pete Jordan, $6,664	72 — 287
Brian Watts, $6,664	73 — 287
Tommy Tolles, $6,664	74 — 287
Esteban Toledo, $6,460	70 — 288
K.J. Choi, $6,460	73 — 288
Jeff Sluman, $6,460	75 — 288
Jay Williamson, $6,324	72 — 289
Kelly Gibson, $6,256	74 — 290

LPGA-Philips

AUSTIN (AP) — Final Scores and earnings Sunday of the $850,000 Philips Invitational, played on the 6,067-yard, par—70 Onion Creek Club course:

Laura Davies, $127,500	72 — 275
Dottie Pepper, $79,129	67 — 277
Moira Dunn, $46336	66 — 278
Alison Nicholas, $46336	70 — 278
Susie Redman, $46336	72 — 278
Kelly Robbins, $25805	67 — 279
Dawn Coe-Jones, $25805	70 — 279
Sherri Steinhauer, $25805	72 — 279
Catriona Matthew, $15,581	66 — 280
Suzanne Strudwick, $15,581	67 — 280
A.J. Eathorne, $15,581	70 — 280
Tina Barrett, $15,581	70 — 280
Annika Sorenstam, $15,581	71 — 280
Meg Mallon, $15,581	71 — 280
Wendy Doolan, $15,581	72 — 280
Julie Piers, $10,692	69 — 281
Jane Crafter, $10,692	70 — 281
Pearl Sinn, $10,692	70 — 281
Sophie Gustafson, $10,692	72 — 281
Tammie Green, $10,692	75 — 281
Tracy Hanson, $8,518	68 — 282
Hollis Stacy, $8,518	69 — 282
Laura Philo, $8,518	70 — 282
Cindy Flom, $8,518	70 — 282
Sherri Turner, $8,518	72 — 282
Charlotta Sorenstam, $8,518	75 — 282
Wendy Ward, $6,548	67 — 283
Joanne Morley, $6,548	68 — 283
Michelle Murphy, $6,548	69 — 283
Lone Kane, $6,548	70 — 283
Kellee Booth, $6,548	72 — 283
Juli Inkster, $6,548	73 — 283
Jenny Lidback, $6,548	73 — 283
Janice Moodie, $6,548	73 — 283
M. Beth Zimmerman, $6,548	75 — 283
Dina Ammaccapane, $5,004	69 — 284
Emilee Klein, $5,004	70 — 284
Jean Bartholomew, $5,004	70 — 284
Pat Hurst, $5,004	71 — 284
Carin Koch, $5,004	73 — 284
Luciana Bernvenuti, $3,934	69 — 285
Yu Ping Lin, $3,934	70 — 285
Rosie Jones, $3,934	72 — 285
Jennifer Feldott, $3,934	72 — 285
Michele Redman, $3,934	74 — 285
Cindy Figg-Currier, $3,934	75 — 285
H. Daly-Donofrio, $3,164	72 — 286
Nancy Harvey, $3,164	72 — 286
Jill McGill, $3,164	74 — 286
Amy Benz, $2,629	68 — 287
Gloria Park, $2,629	70 — 287
Debbi Koyama, $2,629	72 — 287
Akiko Fukushima, $2,629	74 — 287
Hiromi Kobayashi, $2,116	70 — 288
Betsy King, $2,116	70 — 288
Marisa Baena, $2,116	74 — 288
Brandie Burton, $2,116	75 — 288
Karen Weiss, $1,546	71 — 289
Nanci Bowen, $1,546	73 — 289
Beth Daniel, $1,546	74 — 289
L. Rinker-Graham, $1,546	74 — 289
Jen Hanna, $1,546	76 — 289
Ashli Bunch, $1,546	76 — 289
Grace Park, $1,240	73 — 290
Missie McGeorge, $1,240	73 — 290
Barb Whitehead, $1,240	74 — 290
Sara Sanders, $1,090	71 — 291
Jane Geddes, $1,090	74 — 291
Jennifer Rosales, $1,090	75 — 291
Michelle Estill, $1,090	75 — 291
Donna Andrews, $935	71 — 292
Jackie Gallagher-Smith, $935	71 — 292
P. Baxter-Johnson, $935	73 — 292

Knoxville Open

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The top scorers and money winnings Sunday of the $400,000 Buy.com Knoxville Open on the 7,142-yard, par-72 Fox Den Country Club course:

J.J. Henry, $72,000	73 — 273
Tripp Isenhour, $26,400	68 — 274
Gene Sauers, $26,400	68 — 274
Chris Smith, $26,400	70 — 274
Spike McRoy, $26,400	71 — 274
Paul Gow, $14,400	67 — 276
Mike Smith, $12,900	71 — 277
Matt Peterson, $12,900	72 — 277
Mark Hensby, $10,800	68 — 278
Don Reese, $10,800	74 — 278
Jimmy Johnston, $10,800	74 — 278
Steven Young, $7,150	**66 — 279**
Stiles Mitchell, $7,150	68 — 279
Patrick Burke, $7,150	69 — 279
Vance Veazey, $7,150	71 — 279
Craig Kanada, $7,150	70 — 279
David Berganio, $7,150	71 — 279
Steve Ford, $7,150	72 — 279
Larry Rinker, $7,150	73 — 279
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Lee Rinker, $3,840	69 — 281
Don Pooley, $3,840	72 — 281
Brian Claar, $2,955	71 — 282
Willie Wood, $2,955	74 — 282

LAKERS: Bryant adds 25 points

(From 1C)

Said Cliff Robinson: "Shaq's a tough player. It's hard to stop him with one player. We're going to have to try and do something different."

Game 2 will be Wednesday night at Staples Center before the best-of-seven series moves to Phoenix for Games 3 and 4.

"I thought our players looked tired in the first half, they got a little bit of an energy boost in the third quarter," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "In the first quarter, I saw Shaq was struggling a little bit to get up and down the court, and the pace elevated a little too quick. We had to bring it back down to our pace."

Kobe Bryant added 25 points for the Lakers. Anfernee Hardaway led the Suns with 25 points, while Robinson, who battled foul problems, added 13 and rookie Shawn Marion had 12.

Jason Kidd, playing just his second game since breaking his left ankle March 22, was held to three points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Rodney Rogers, voted the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year, was only 3-of-13 from the field and scored seven points.

"We put pressure on Jason and tried to take them out of their offense and not let him initiate things so smoothly," Bryant said.

O'Neal made the game's first shot before missing his final six attempts in the first quarter, when he scored four points.

After that, with the likes of Luc Longley, Robinson, Blount, Oliver Miller, Rogers, and occasionally others, trying to defend him, the Suns had minimal success.

"Shaq is Shaq," Suns coach Scott Skiles said. "I know him as well as I know any player in the league, I played with him for two years (in Orlando). He's your MVP of the league. It's up to us to do something now to slow him down."

O'Neal's dominance was never more evident than one sequence early in the third quarter. He missed from close range, got the rebound over Longley, missed again, got the rebound again, and scored.

Five straight points by O'Neal gave the Lakers a 69-54 lead with three minutes left in the third quarter, and shortly thereafter, the sellout crowd of 18,997 at Staples Center broke out the chant of "MVP, MVP."

It was 75-60 entering the final quarter, and the Lakers then went on a 15-4 run to clinch the victory. O'Neal came out of the game for good with 4:25 remaining.

The Suns hurt themselves by committing 23 turnovers to 12 for the Lakers.

Pegasus starts talk of Triple Crown

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — After being bothered by flies on his walk to the paddock, Fusaichi Pegasus took flight in the Kentucky Derby, the first step of what some trainers think will be a Triple Crown journey.

"That's a Triple Crown horse right there," said Jenine Sahadi, trainer of The Deputy, 14th as the second favorite in a field of 19 at Churchill Downs.

"If you ask me, he's a Triple Crown winner," said Alex Hassinger, trainer of Anees, the 1999 2-year-old champion who finished 13th.

Trainer Neil Drysdale, however, refused on Sunday to commit Fusaichi Pegasus to the Preakness.

Told that Drysdale was undecided about the May 20 race, trainer D. Wayne Lukas, whose three starters were not among the first 10 finishers, said: "Count Neil in."

Fusaichi Pegasus can get feisty but was a cool professional in becoming the first favorite to win the Derby since Spectacular Bid in 1979. He did kick up his heels in front of the stands on his way to be saddled.

The colt finished 1 1/2 lengths ahead of Aptitude. The time of 2:01 for 1 1/4 miles tied the sixth fastest in 126 Derbys.

That's something Fusaichi Pegasus has done in five starts since he finished second in his only start as a 2-year-old.

"When he's good, he's good," Lukas said. "I'm hoping he's not good every day."

Fusao Skeiguchi of Japan, who bought Fusaichi Pegasus as a yearling for $4 million, said he would like to aim for the Triple Crown.

Should Fusaichi Pegasus go to Baltimore and win the Preakness, he would be the fourth straight Derby winner to have a shot at becoming the 12th Triple Crown champion.

BOYS: Team adjusts to new offense

(From 1C)

in 1997.

"Jack is real imaginative, a good communicator, and, while he's well-schooled in this offense, he doesn't limit himself to copying one philosophy," Jones said. "You can be sure that Jack will put his own stamp on this offense. For one thing, he understands that an offense is really a product of your personnel."

Or as Reilly pointed out when asked how all the pieces will fit, "No matter what different personnel groups we use, we must be able to run and pass out of all of them."

"To me, all five eligible receivers on the field, in some way, should be involved in the passing game," Reilly said. "It's similar to basketball strategy. You have five different guys who can do five different things out there. Each is a role player."

But this won't be Air Reilly. The Cowboys still have Emmitt Smith, who is on track to break the NFL career rushing record in 2002, if not sooner.

"We want to always have Emmitt in there, or else Chris Warren ... that's a key to this offense," Reilly said.

Reilly expects Smith's presence will force opposing defenses to keep a minimum of two linebackers on the field, even when the Cowboys go with their three- or four-receiver sets.

"Emmitt will be involved more in the passing game this year," Reilly said.

No one is more pleased than Smith. He felt too one-dimensional in Gailey's offense, catching only 27 passes each of the past two seasons. During the Cowboys' Super Bowl years (1992-93, 95), Smith caught 59, 57 and 62 passes. Those Turner/Zampese offenses provide much of the blueprint for what Reilly is bringing back.

"I don't think I was utilized to my potential the last two years," Smith said. "Even when Chris was in there on third down the last two years, he wasn't thrown the ball very often."

Warren had 13 (in nine games) and 34 catches in Gailey's offense the past two seasons.

Smith saw this as a license for opposing defenses to play eight-man fronts on first and second downs, and to load up secondaries on third down.

Reilly has tried to find concepts being used in Washington and St. Louis that may best fit his personnel in Dallas. The biggest misconception about the return of Reilly and Zampese to the Cowboys is that they are here to clone what was done in their first tour of duty.

"It's different from what we used to do, and it's not different from what Norv Turner is doing in Washington or what Mike Martz is doing in St. Louis," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "The system has evolved quite a bit since we last ran it. Those Redskins and Rams teams have had tremendous success offensively over the past couple of years, and we hope to duplicate it."

Zampese said that because of Smith, the Cowboys more closely resemble the Redskins with 1999 NFC rushing leader Stephen Davis, a "downhill-style runner" much like Smith, than they do the Rams with Marshall Faulk, whose forte is getting the ball in "space." Then again, the speed of Joey Galloway, Rocket Ismail, et al., make the Cowboys' passing attack similar to the Rams'.

"This is a very good offense for Troy," Zampese said. "He's so accurate. Plus, he's the most mechanically sound quarterback in football."

The offense has the Cowboys already thinking about September ... in May.

TRINITY: Chargers start spring training

(From 1C)

"I don't know why I would change. I don't know anything else," Wilkins said.

Trinity has competed for the last six years in the Texas Christian Athletic League (TCAL) in six-man football. The Chargers will be in TAPPS 1-3A this next fall with the drastic move to the 11-man game, much like the jump Midland Christian made in the mid-90s.

"Going from TCAL to TAPPS 11-man is a big step," Wilkins said. "This spring we will try to expose our kids to the 11-man game. It's a big change technique-wise. They will be going from a speed game (six-man) to a more controlled numbers game. But I don't care if you are playing six-man or 11-man, it's still all about tackling and blocking. That part doesn't change much."

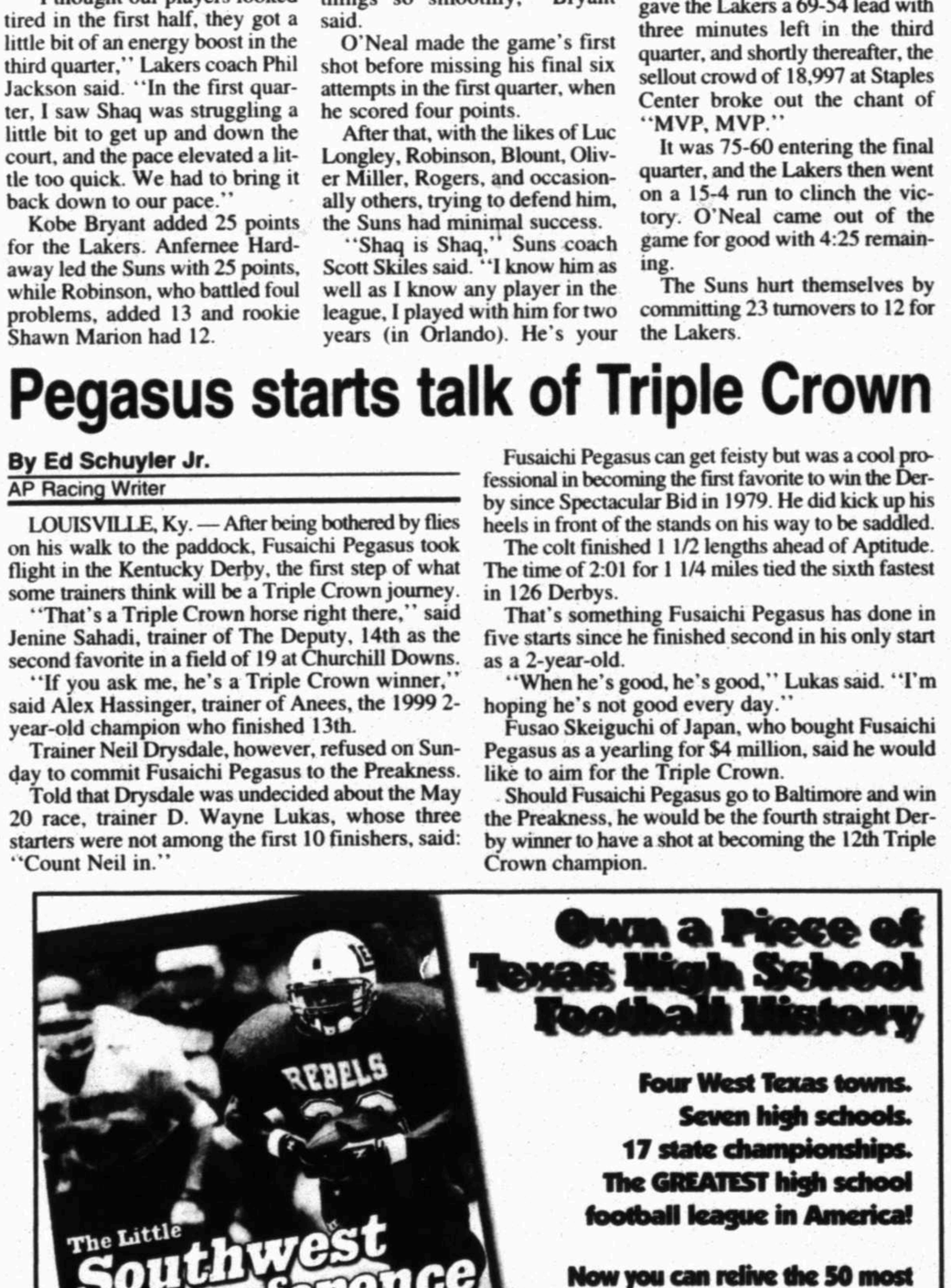
The Trinity schedule is also going to take a major leap this fall. Wilkins noted that there will be four UIL opponents on the schedule and it's not a soft touch, either.

"We will play O'Donnell, the Midland Lee junior varsity, Marfa and Garden City," he said. "We are hoping that those types of opponents will gear us for district play."

In TAPPS 1-3A play, Trinity will be in a four-team district and two of them will make the playoffs. Other 1-3A teams are Amarillo San Jacinto, Lubbock Christian and El Paso Faith Christian. Trinity will play San Jacinto twice, but one will be a non-conference game early in the season.

"We think we can be competitive with teams in our district and with two going to the playoffs, I would be disappointed if we weren't in the battle for one of those positions."

But the first step comes today when the pads go on while Trinity learns to count by elevens instead of sixes. It's a math class, too.



WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The **Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club** meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the school library throughout the season. The baseball spring banquet will be May 9 at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are $7.50...

Golf...

The Midland West Rotary Club is hosting the **12th annual College Scholarship Golf Tournament** on May 12 on the Road Runner Couse at Hogan Park. Format will be a 4-person scramble with an 8:30 a.m. start. Entry fee is $50. Call Raymond Nicholas at 682-0958 for more information...

Nueva Vista Golf Club is offering Ladies Clinics during May, June and August. The cost is $50 per person on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dates for the clinics are May 9-18, June 6-15 and August 8-17. For more information, call 520-0500...

Nueva Vista Golf Club is offering junior golf camps during June and July. Cost is $150 for Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Dates for the camps are June 5-8 and 19-22 and July 10-13. For more information, call 520-0500...

The **Angie Workman Memorial Golf Tournament** is Aug. 19-20. It is a four-person scramble and the cost is $300 per team (includes mulligans) and limited to the first 40 teams. Shootout is Friday, Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. (cost is $20 per person). For more information call Kirk Looney at (915) 558-3564...

The 72nd annual Men's West Texas Golf Championship is set for June 15-18 at Quick Sand Golf Club in San Angelo. Players in the championship flight will play 72 holes of medal play, with other flights playing 54 holes. Entry forms are available at golf courses in the area, or by calling Roy Granbery in Lubbock at 806-765-0623...

Masters Golf is conducting a Ladies Golf Clinic on May 9-10 from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Cost is $30 for beginners and advanced players. Clubs can be provided. Call 570-4499 for more information...

The **West Texas Longhorn Club** is holding its annual tournament May 8 at the Club at Mission Dorado. Following the tournament, University of Texas football coach Mack Brown and basketball coach Rick Barnes will speak at a banquet. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and tee-off is at 1 p.m. The tournament is a four-man best ball scramble. The dinner starts at 7 p.m. The cost for the tournament is $125 in advance or $150 at the door. Dinner is $20 in advance or $30 at the door. For more information, call Phillip Robertson at 688-5106 or Kim Phillips at 694-2723...

Martin Country Club in Stanton is hosting the following tournaments: June 10-11, 2-person scramble, $130 per team; July 22-23, T.R. Louder Tournament 2-person scramble, $130 per team; Aug. 19-20, 4-person scramble, $260 per team; Sept. 16-17, Couples Scramble, $130 per team. Meal and mulligans are included with entry fees in each tournament. All tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (Cart rentals are limited so please call early). (915) 756-2556 or (915) 756-2424 after 5 p.m...

Gaines County Golf Club is hosting the following tournaments: May 6-7, 3-man scramble, $79 per per man, includes cart, range, lunch on Saturday; July 15-16, Jack and Jill; Aug. 1, Softee (tentative); Aug. 5-6, 3-man, 2 low ball; Aug. 19-20, 2 Jacks/2 Jills; Sept. 9-10, 3-man scramble; Oct. 21-22, Over 80. For more information call (915) 758-3808...

The **Seventh Annual Black Gold Golf Tournament** will take place May 18 at the Hogan Park Golf Course. The entry fee is $150 per two-man team, and the tournament is set to begin at 1 p.m. For more information, call Jamye Ball at 684-6872 or Kathy White at 686-1991...

The **Crane Country Club** is hosting the following tournaments: July 10, the 4-lady, 18-hole scramble, $35 per person; Aug. 4, the Angie Workman Memorial 4-person scramble, $300 per team; Aug. 18, the Crane team discussion and meal shootout, $20 per person. For more information call 558-2651...

Basketball...

Mid America Youth Basketball will host more than 60 youth basketball tournaments this summer, including the 2000 Denton Shootout, to be held July 14-16. Tournaments are open to boys and girls basketball teams, grades 4-12. For more information contact Stephen Martin, MAYB area director at 1-800-316-6148, ext. 228 or see the tournament website at http://infosports.net/ysp/2894.htm.

The **Midland College Basketball Camp** is scheduled for June 12-16 at the Midland College P.E. Gymnasium. Cost for the camp, conducted by MC men's coach Junsie Cotten, is $80 for all who register before June 9 and $100 afterward. Students from grades 3-12 are eligible to participate. For more information, call Cotten at 685-4578...

There will be **girls basketball tournaments** in Midland for ages 12, 14, 16-under and high school. Each of the tournaments will be Saturday only formats. They will be held June 3 and June 24. For more information, call 915-685-4580...

The **Juneteenth Basketball Tournament** is June 16-18 in Midland. Entry fee is $100 per team. Entry deadline is June 12. Call Midland YMCA's Eddie at 682-2551 or Earl at 570-4093...

Don Eddy Basketball Camps are scheduled in two sessions in Midland and Abilene. The Midland session will be June 26-30 at Trinity School from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, while the Abilene session will be held at Hardin-Simmons University July 23-28. The camps stress shooting and one-on-one offensive skills. For more information, call Jeff Young at 570-5975 or 697-3281, Ext. 368 or (210) 292-9779...

Midland High School Basketball Camp for 1st-9th grade boys and girls. Cost is $50, includes t-shirt and basketball. Instructors are going to be MHS coaches and former MHS players now playing in college. Sessions are May 29-June 2, and June 5-9. To sign up call 689-1131 or 689-1132...

The **Midland Boys and Girls Club Summer Basketball League** will be offered to students in Grades 3-9 on June 20. The cost is $8 person and the signup for the league is through June 1. Andrae Patterson of the Minnesota Timberwolves will be the guest speaker. For more information, call David Jones at 683-0050...

Midland Christian is having a basketball camp on May 22-26 at the MCS gym. Grades 5-6 will be from 8-11 a.m. Grades 7-8 will be 1-4 p.m. Cost is $30. Players from any school are welcome. Call Greg McClendon or Chris McKinney at 694-1661 for more information...

Registrtation is now open for the **YMCA Summer Youth Basketball League**. The league is for boys and girls in Grades 3-8, and it begins June 15. The deadline for registration is May 21. Program fees are $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. Contact the Central YMCA at 682-2551 for more information...

Baseball...

The **USSSA will host a baseball tournament** May 27-29 in Ruidoso, N.M. Several age divisions will be offered for boys aged 8-16. For more information, call Phil Lathram at (915) 689-8718 or E-mail him at lathram4@att.net...

The **Odessa Heat 12-under Baseball Team** is looking for four players, who are dedicated to compete in select tournaments. Players must also be willing to pitch on weekends and willing to travel to the following tournaments: Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Fort Worth and Ruidoso, N.M. Motel expenses are furnished. For tryout or information, call Roy Rippletoe at 915-366-6460 (evenings) or 915-580-0059 (daytime)...

Little League...

The **Little League of Midland Challenger Division** is beginning its season. This division includes all children ages 6 through 18 with physical or mental disabilities that prevent them from playing in a regular division. Players are assisted by buddies who help as needed. Buddies can use this activity as community service hours. Play will be every Saturday at 10 a.m. through May 20. Anyone interested in playing, coaching or being a buddy, please call 697-6536...

Summer Camps

The **Midland High Football Camp 2000** is scheduled for May 29-June 2 at the MHS football facilities. The camp will run from 8 a.m.-noon each day for students entering grades 5-9. The cost of the camp is $60. Checks should be made payable to MHS Summer Camps and mailed to David Browning, 2001 W. Cuthbert, Midland, Texas, 79701. Registration will also take place at the Memorial Stadium May 29 at 8 a.m. For more information, call Dan Swaim at 689-1193...

The **Midland High Weightlifting Camp** will be held in three sessions in June, on June 5-9, 12-16 and 19-23. The camp is for students entering grades 5-9, with sessions running 8-9:30 a.m. for grades 5-7 and 9:30-11 a.m. for grades 8-9. The cost of the camp is $50. Checks should be made payable to MHS Summer Camps and mailed to David Browning, 2001 W. Cuthbert, Midland, Texas, 79701. Registration will also take place at Memorial Stadium on the first day of each session. For more information, call Kirk Thurman at 689-1193...

The **Lee Rebel Football Camp** is set for June 5-9. The camp is open to any student going into grades 5-9. The camp fee is $50, which includes a T-shirt and 3 1/2 hours of instruction in the mornings, starting at 8:30 a.m each day. For more information, call coach Scott Hicks at the Lee fieldhouse at 689-1602 or at home at 520-8919...

Two sessions of the **Lee Rebel Summer Weight Training Camp** are available from June 19-30: one from 8:30-10 a.m. and one from 10-11:30 a.m. Training is aimed at developing individuals physically, aiding them in participation in all sports and protecting them from injuries. Students entering grades 5-9 are eligible, and the fee of $50 is non-refundable after June 13. Instructors are coaches Scott Hicks and Danny Neighbors; for more information, call the Lee field house at 689-1602 or call Hicks at home at 520-8919...

The **Midland Christian Junior High Football Camp** will take place May 29-June 2 from 8:30 to noon each day at Midland Christian. Students in grades 4-7 are eligible, and the cost is $50. For more information, contact Greg McClendon at 694-1661...

The **Midland Christian Weight Training Camp** will take place June 12-30. There will be two sessions. One session will last from 8 a.m to 9:30 a.m., and the other goes from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Students in grades 4-7 are eligible, and the cost is $50. For more information, contact Greg McClendon at 694-1661...

The **Edge Strength and Agility Camp** will take place June 5-July 6 at Midland Christian. There will be two sessions. One session will last from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., and the other is 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $125. For more information, contact Greg McClendon at 694-1661...

The **Lady Rebel Basketball Camp** is scheduled June 5-8 at the Lee gym. The camp will stress fundamentals for 4th-7th grades from 9 a.m.-noon ($50 fee), shooting for 4th-6th grades from 12:30-2 p.m. ($35) and a position camp for 7th-9th grades from 1-3 p.m. ($35). For more information, call Elise Kail at 689-1645.

The **Lady Rebels Volleyball Camp** is scheduled June 12-15 at the Lee gym. Fundamentals camps for 7th and 8th graders will run from 8-10 a.m. while for ninth graders it will run from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost for each session is $50. For more information, call Connie Alexander at 689-1645...

The **Midland High Volleyball Camp** is scheduled for May 30-June 2 at the First Presbyterian Church gym. Camps for 4th-6th graders will run from 8-9:30 a.m. ($30 fee), 7th-8th graders 9:45 a.m.-noon ($45) and 10th graders 1:15-3:30 p.m. ($45). For more information, call Terri McColloch at 689-1133...

The **Midland High-Rocket Baseball Camp** is scheduled for May 30-June 2. The camp will be conducted for two different groups, a clinic for 7-12 year olds at Mid-Cities Little League and a hitting camp for 13-15 year olds at Zachery Field. The 7-12 camp is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon each day at $100 or $30 a day, whil the hitting camp is $100 for four one hour sessions. For more information, call Barry Russell at 570-6681 or 689-1337...

Midland College is hosting a one-day hitting clinic on June 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for girls 14 and up. The clinic costs $100 with limited enrollment. For more information, call Lee Almaguer at 685-4739 or Tommy Ramos at 685-4701...

Swimming...

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Cost is $45 per month, $65 for a couple. For information, call Rita Simmons at 684-7755...

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

The Midland YMCA offers year-round **30-minute swim lessons** for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

Midland YMCA is offering **water aerobics classes, including Hydro-fit and Deep Water aerobics.** Classes are available both morning and evening. Call Leaf Faller or Deborah Posson at 682-2551 for more information...

Tennis...

The **Midland Tennis Club** will have the following tournaments: May 13-14, Men's Doubles/Women's Doubles; May 20-21, Men's Singles/Women's Singles...

Texas Tech is holding camps in three separate sessions this summer, June 26-29 for day campers and July 2-6 and 23-27 for overnight campers. Tech men's coach Tim Siegel and assistant Randy Rowley will be the featured instructors. Camps will feature individualized instruction, competition and a video analyzed by the instructors. For more information, call Siegel at (806) 742-3355...

The **Texas Tech Summer Break Tennis Camp** is June 1-2 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Midland High School. The camp is directed by Texas Tech head women's coach Virginia Brown, assistant women's coach Sandy Collins and Midland High tennis coach Tom Heiting. Cost is $70 and payments must be made by May 26. For more information call (806) 742-3355, ext. 254, or locally at 689-1181 or 520-2527...

Summer tennis clinics for tournament trainers/ Topgun and Eliite players will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. on June 5, 7, 19 and 21; July 3, 5, 17, 19, 31; Aug. 2, 7, 9. Deadline for the whole summer program is May 30 (late fees will be charged for late registrations). You may also pay the per day fee if you only wish to do certain days. It is requested one week notice for one day sign-ups. For more information please call Kimber-Lea at 689-2237 or 580-8929...

USA 1-2-3 beginning tennis summer clinics for youth and adults is from June 5-Aug. 10. Sessions are Mondays through Thursdays: K-2nd and adults is from 9-10 a.m.; 3rd-5th and 6th-9th is from 9-10:30 a.m. You can do the whole week or sign up one day at a time. Deadline is one week before the you want to attend (late fees will be charged for late registration). For information please call Luis Valdez or Shane Williford at 689-2237 or 580-8929 with Kimber Lea Swim and Tennis Club...

The **Permian Basin Tennis Association** signup tennis ladder is until June 1 for players ages 5 to 18 of all skill levels. Participants will play one match each week from June 12 to Aug. 6. Entry forms are available at Odessa College's tennis center or at Kimber-Lea tennis center in Midland. Cost is $10. Call 367-1142 for more information...

The Midland Softball Association will host the **ASA Girl's Fast Pitch Memorial Day Tournament** June 10-11 at the Bill Williams Softball Complex for 18U-16U-14U-12U-10U. Entry fee is $175 and deadline to enter is June 5 at 5 p.m. It is a five-game guarantee and balls are provided. For more information contact the MSA at 915-683-8741...

Softball...

The **Oregon University Ducks Softball Clinic** will come to Midland June 12-15, thanks to MUGS. Oregon coach Rick Gamez leads a clinic teaching staff that also includes former Midland High coach Ricci Woodard. The cost of camp is $200, but that covers six hours of instruction each day. For more information, call Freddie Ezell at 694-5508...

The **Krush 14-under girls fastpitch softball team** is looking for one player, who must be dedicated to the sport. Parents must have the same dedication and must be willing to travel. For more information, call Tracey Stewart at (915) 267-1381, Mike Jennette at 550-0784 or Edwin Dickson at 943-5107 after 6 p.m...

The **Midland Softball Association is seeking slowpitch umpires** for the 2000 season. Umpires will be paid $12 per game. For more information, call Marcelino Armendarez at 684-8481, Al Enriquez at 684-8481 or the MSA at 683-8741...

Fight for a Cure softball tournament is May 12-14 at Hogan Park. Entry fee is $110. There is a Men's Division, Women's Division and Coed Division. The tournament is being played in honor of Carrean Vaughan. Call Khristi Prunty at 699-6313 for information...

The **Ballapalooza tournament** is scheduled for June 3-4 at Big Spring's Roy Anderson Complex. Entry fee is $120 with a registration deadline of May 23. There is a 20 team limit. For more information, contact Andi York at (915) 263-7641...

The **ASA Mother's Day Classic girls fastpitch tournament** is scheduled May 13-14 at the MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park. Entry fee is $150 with a May 8 deadline. For more information, call DeLynnda Witte at 697-0288...

Midland Softball Association is holding a **USSSA Men's Class "C" National Invitational Tournament** — World Series Qualifier at the Bill Williams Softball Complex on May 20-21. There will also be a men's class "D" and women's class "C"/"D" State and National Qualifier. The deadline for the entry fee of $200 for the N.I.T. and $150 for the qualifiers are due May 16 by 9 p.m. Entry fees can be mailed to M.S.A. Box 2862, Midland, Texas, 79702 or brought to the complex during league play. For more information call 683-8741 or 699-5559...

LoneStar Express is hosting a men's slowpitch tournament May 26-28 at Hogan Park. Entry fee is $110 with a $10 entry fee for the home run derby. All fees are due by May 24, and Class D rules will apply. For more information, call Steve at 553-3363 or e-mail to Massey4@swbell.net...

The **Balmorhea Softball Classic** is being held May 27-28 at Balmorhea City Park. The entry fee is $110, and there will be a 13-team limit. For more information, call Randy at (915) 445-2493 or Lupe at (915) 447-9652 (work) or (915) 448-4182...

Texas ASA District 26 is holding a state qualifying fast pitch tournament June 2-4 at the MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park. The tournament is for under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 18 age groups. Entry fee is $150 per team with a deadline of May 26 at 5 p.m. Entry forms should be mailed to: Texas ASA #26, 3306 W. Ohio, Midland, Tx. 79703. For more information, call Freddie Ezell at 694-5508 or 520-6502...

Running...

The **Permian Basin Road Runners Club** is a non-profit organization for runners living in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The club, which promotes distance running as a helpful exercise and a competitive sport, is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and the Athletics Congress. Membership is open to all runners regardless of experience. For information, call Greg Hubbard at 520-0953 or Penny Wasem at 697-6391...

Jerry's Spaghetti Fun Run is scheduled for May 9. For more information, call Jerry Dutchover at 520-6188...

The **Arthritis Foundation is accepting members for its team in training (Joints in Motion)**, which is participating in the Honolulu Marathon Dec. 10. The team is open to all walkers, joggers and runners and each participant will be put on a workout schedule based on the appropriate fitness level. For more information for training which starts in July, call Penny Wasem at 697-6391...

Soccer...

The Blast Futbol club invites all coaches at the club and recreational level to participate in a **Coaches' Clinic** led by Texas A&M head women's soccer coach G. Guerrieri and his assistants — Phil Stephenson and Robin Cofer. The clinic will be divided into two parts — on-the-field and classroom. The field clinic lasts from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Blast Soccer Fields. The classroom session and discussion will take place at the Comfort Inn and Suites on Garfield Street. The cost is $10. Call the Blast office at 687-0635 for more details...

West Texas Heat Soccer Club is holding Spring Skills Clinic for U-10 boys and girls May 14 and May 21 from 3-4:30 p.m. at Abell Junior High. The cost is $5 per player per clinic. Bring ball, water, shin guards and release from rec coach. For more information, call 563-1775...

Sticks and Kicks is holding signups for the Summer Indoor Soccer League for ages 4-18. Registration fee is $40 for the 10 game season with a deadline of May 31. Signups are Monday through Thursday from 4-7 p.m.at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall. For information, call 520-6633...

Pippen pours in 20, directs Portland over Utah in series opener

By Landon Hall
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Scottie Pippen sensed the Utah Jazz were fading, and that's when he and the Portland Trail Blazers went on the attack.

Pippen scored nine of his 20 points over the final nine minutes as the Blazers pulled away for an easy 94-75 victory Sunday in Game 1 of their best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals.

Utah has lost its last 12 playoff games in Portland dating to the 1991 conference semifinals.

The Jazz were playing on less than two days' rest after struggling past Seattle in Game 5 of their first-round series Friday night. The Blazers had four days off, and Utah's exhaustion showed.

The Jazz missed nine of their first 10 shots in the fourth quarter and shot 33 percent for the period — slightly worse than the 37 percent they shot for the game. The Blazers led 65-61 to start the fourth quarter, but Pippen's aggressiveness helped put the game away.

His short turnaround jumper extended the lead to 71-63 with 8:36 remaining. Pippen hit a 3-pointer to make it 80-67, and Greg Anthony sealed it with two free throws, a layup and 3-pointer for an 87-71 lead with 3:48 to go.

Karl Malone scored 22 points for Utah despite injuring his left knee on a freak play late in the second quarter. Malone was sitting on the bench when teammate Armen Gilliam dived for a rebound and crashed into Malone's chair. Malone came out limping slightly in the third quarter, but played the rest of the way.

Damon Stoudamire added 14 points as six Blazers scored in double figures. Arvydas Sabonis had 14 rebounds and Brian Grant added 10.

The Blazers had a tremendous advantage at the line, hitting 27 of 28 free throws after making just seven of their first 13. Utah got to the line just 23 times, hitting 16.

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in the game.

"The Heisman Trophy winner had some flashbacks for me," Mourning said with a chuckle. "It kind of shook me up a little bit. I didn't play too much football."

Ewing, who boasted earlier this week that he's the best center in the Eastern Conference, came out second-best against close friend Mourning. The Heat center scored his team's final eight points and finished with 26 to go with six rebounds.

Ewing, who sat out practice Saturday because of back spasms, showed no effects from the ailment and had 17 points and nine rebounds in 40 minutes.

"Both teams go to us quite a bit, especially down the stretch, but it's not a one-on-one matchup," Mourning said. "We're going to have our battles in the post, but there's more to it than this matchup."

Tim Hardaway, who missed the Heat's first-round sweep of Detroit because of a sprained left foot, rejoined the starting lineup and had six points and seven assists in 30 minutes.

The veteran point guard gave the Heat a scare when he appeared to re-injure his left foot as Ward dribbled past on his way to a layup early in the second half. Hardaway limped off the court and to the locker room but was back in the game seven minutes later after having his ankle retaped.

Miami's Jamal Mashburn scored 21 points and helped hold Latrell Sprewell to 11. Brown had eight points and 16 rebounds.

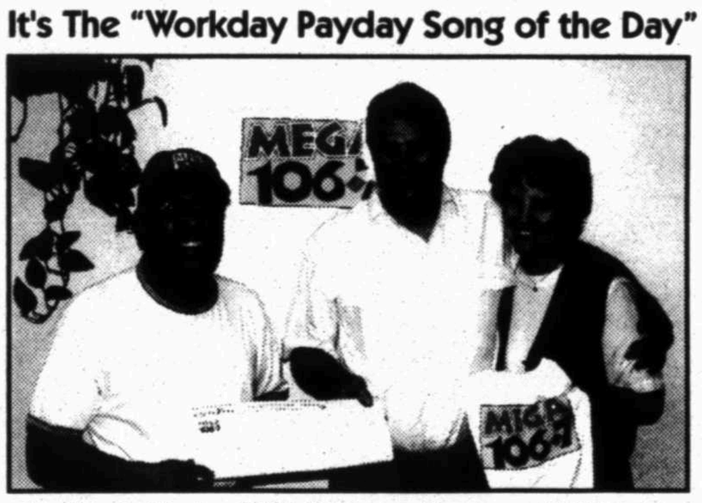
After a frantic stretch in which the lead changed hands seven times in five minutes, Ewing's free throw made the score 77-77. Sprewell sank two free throws with 55 seconds left to make it 83-all, but the Knicks didn't score again.

They went 0-for-5 with four turnovers in the final 5:34.

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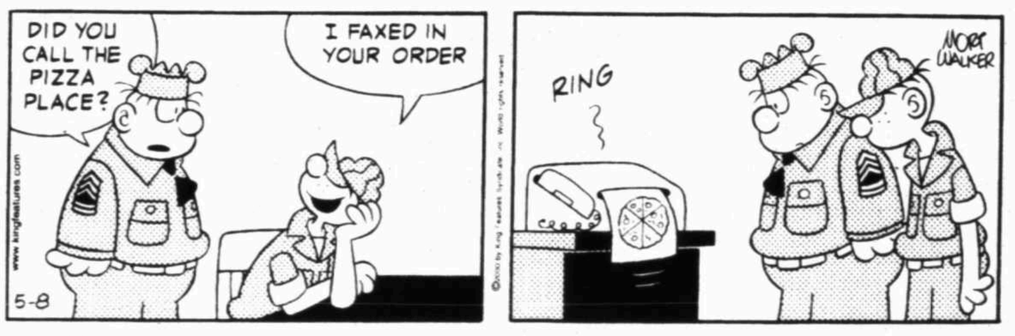
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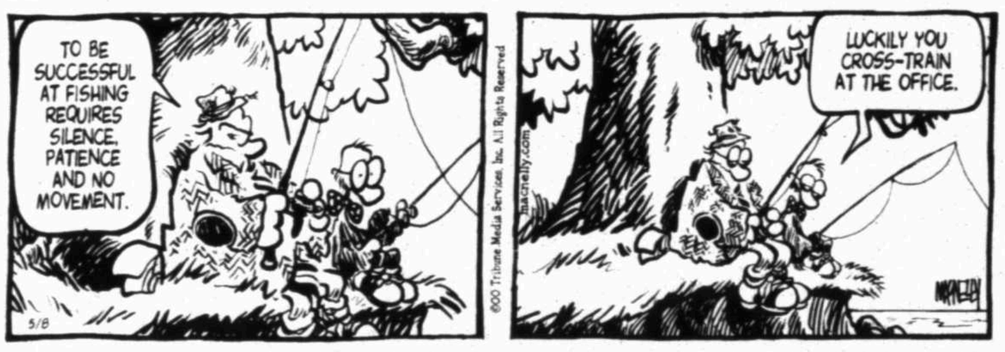
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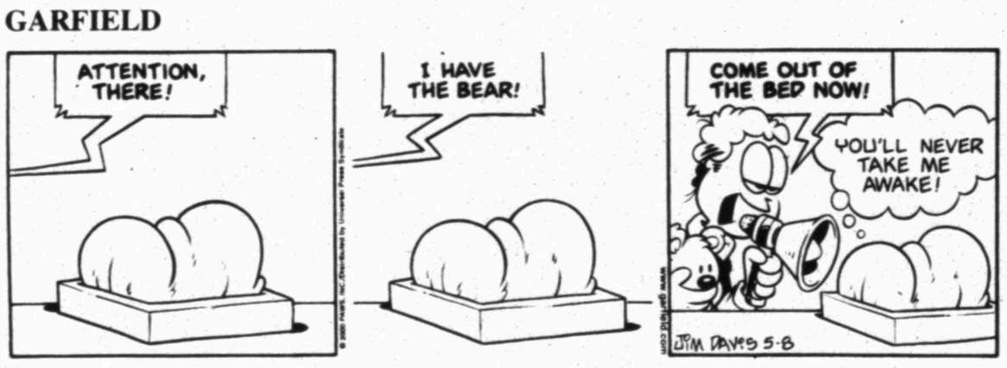
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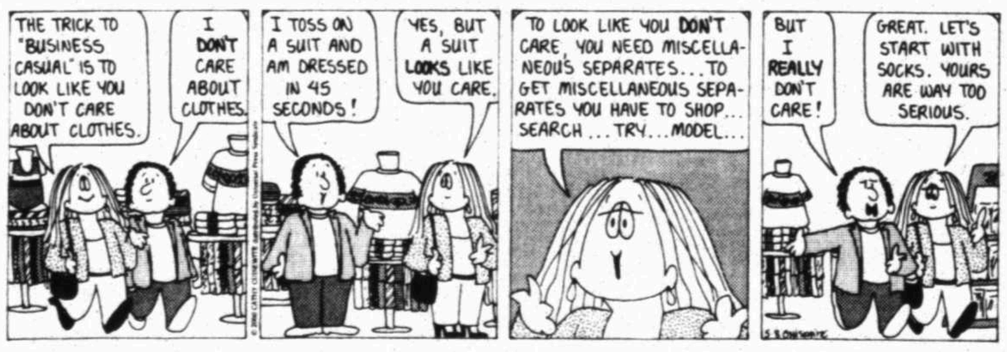
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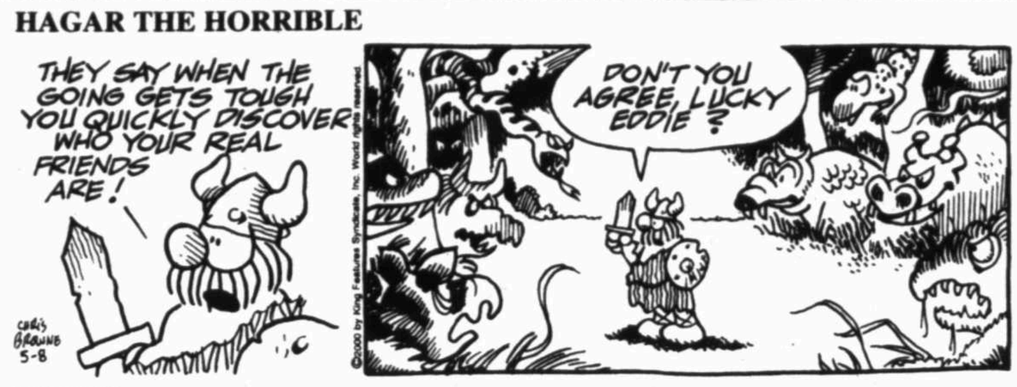
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You have a way of saying things that makes people stop and notice. Your abilities to share ideas, chat and express yourself shine. Unusual allure and attractiveness are yours. Others can't help but respond to you. Opt for a new professional direction if you feel ready. What you do will be for the best. If you are single, there is no reason to remain that way unless you want to! If attached, your relationship flourishes because of your willingness to put yourself on the line. CANCER adores you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ New beginnings are possible in a friendship. Release what is bothering you. Family and security blend. A winning investment is now possible. Discussions are animated, especially those about money and possessions. Indulge, or make that purchase. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Dynamic energy and success earmark this special day. Your impact will be felt, as others go along with your ideas. Another clearly cares. Express your feelings in a meaningful way. Make calls; clear your desk; share ideas. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Expenses go way beyond what you had planned for or thought they would be. Your instincts are right on when dealing with another at a distance. Keep good news to yourself for the moment. You understand a lot. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You are capable of accomplishing the incredible. Don't hem and haw — just do it! Another helps you turn a money wish into a reality. Network; schedule meetings; let another hear your ideas. Others pave the way for you. The only answer is yes! Tonight: Zoom in and make what you want happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Push career interests while the going is good. Read between the lines. Another doesn't see eye to eye with you, but he will go along anyway. Use care when structuring financial agreements. A boss or someone you really care about expresses his approval. Tonight: Go for what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Friends and associates openly receive your proposals. Make sure you fully understand another. Make plans to get together; schedule a work meeting over lunch. Others respond well to this break in pace. Tonight: Your wish can come true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others applaud you for a job well done. Stay focused, and you'll make headway. Find time to brainstorm. Listen to the whispers. Follow through on a money venture that is certainly tempting. New professional beginnings occur. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Others respond to your energy, and vice versa. People feel good with you, wanting to get closer and share more. Take an overview. Start planning a trip. A career change benefits you. Let others share their ideas. Tonight: Receive a favor graciously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Talk about feelings. Get to the root of a problem. Another has great money suggestions — listen. Together you make quite a team. Your follow-through can make a big difference. A loved one cannot do enough for you. Tonight: Schedule a massage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others run with the ball and get a lot done very quickly. Think through a decision involving a loved one. Discussions are caring. Your imagination adds to your self-expression. You can express a lot. Tonight: Let another decide where and when.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a heartfelt point of view. Somehow, it carries through to others, who are highly responsive. Don't push a co-worker away because of a preconceived notion. If you talk it through, you'll get to the root of a problem. Tonight: Mellow out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others hear you loud and clear. Brainstorm, share and be open to suggestions. Good will marks your decisions and actions. Creativity flows from one area of your life to another. Another can barely find the words to thank you. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.

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BORN TODAY
Actress Melissa Gilbert (1964), singer Toni Tenille (1943), author Peter Benchley (1940)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 10 9 3 ♡ A 6 ◇ K J 10 8 ♣ A 9 8 7
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	2♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — With a wealth of prime cards and a ruffing value, your hand is suit-oriented. If you bid two no-trump now, you will have a job convincing partner later that you have three-card spade support. Fix the trump suit by raising to three spades.

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A J 7 ♡ A K 7 6 4 ◇ A 7 6 ♣ 8 5
What is your opening bid?

A — There are many players who refuse to open one no-trump on hands that contain a five-card major and a weak doubleton, but what are you going to rebid should partner respond either one spade or one no-trump? Using standard methods only, you avoid those problems by opening one no-trump, even though that runs the risk of missing a 5-3 fit in the major.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 7 6 ♡ A 4 ◇ A K 10 8 6 5 ♣ A 4 3
The bidding has proceeded:

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

What do you bid now?

A — Three diamonds is not forcing, four diamonds bypasses three no-trump and consumes a lot of bidding room, and two no-trump might be passed. The solution is to make a temporizing bid in a suit lower-ranking than your first. Bid three clubs.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 3 ♡ A 10 5 3 ◇ 6 4 ♣ A K Q 6 5 2
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
3◇	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — Partner's rebid has greatly enhanced slam prospects, but you might need a lot of room to investigate the possibilities for a grand slam. For the moment, you need do no more than tell partner of your strong support for hearts, since your jump shift was an unconditional game force. Bid three hearts.

Q 5 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A J 6 5 4 ♡ K J 7 ◇ 7 3 ♣ A 4 2
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — In the good old days a bid of two no-trump showed extra values, so you bid two spades with a minimum. These days, you bid two no-trump with a minimum and stoppers in the unbid suits. Since that describes your hand perfectly, bid two no-trump.

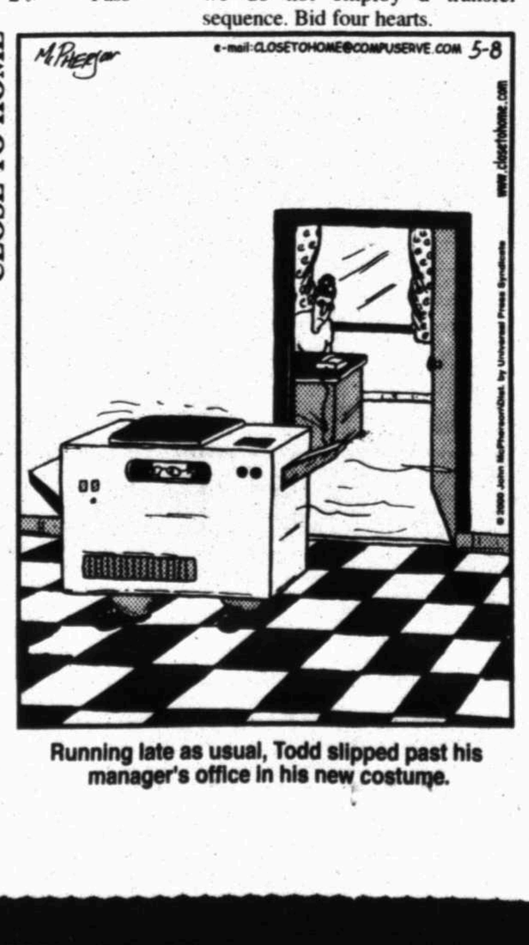
Q 6 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 9 7 6 3 ♡ Q 10 9 8 7 2 ◇ A Q J ♣ Void
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 NT	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — Even should partner hold four spades, that is no guarantee that the hand should play in spades. We think you belong in hearts, and would get to the game in one bid if we do not employ a transfer sequence. Bid four hearts.

CLOSE TO HOME



Running late as usual, Todd slipped past his manager's office in his new costume.

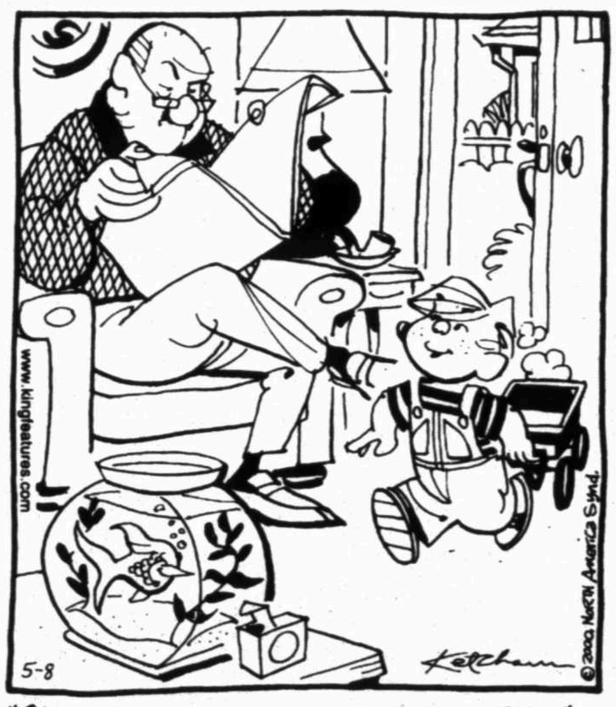
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BABY BLUES



DENNIS THE MENACE



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TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING

May 8, 2000

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Broadcast	O	C	B	6PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	2	News 601	Wheel of Fortune 953	The 4th Annual Celebrity Weddings: In Style 9779		My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13, '97) ** (Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney) 2243				News 2325175	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Maury (11:35) 8125576
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 16427	That '70s Show 89885	Titus 38381	Ally McBeal: Do You Wanna Dance? 15885		Mad About You 67750	The Nanny 18205	Jerry Springer 75868 (TV14)		NewsRadio 79595	Unhappily Ever After
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 6601	Entertainment Tonight	The King of Queens	Ladies Man 3137	Everybody/Raymond	Becker: Crosstalk 5866	Family Law 47525 (TVPG)		News 3629798	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 7800069		Late Late Show
(9) KWES	9	9		News 4021	Seinfeld 8601 (TVPG)	Dateline NBC 19021		Jason and the Argonauts (Part 2) (Jason London, Dennis Hopper) 39885				News 4774175	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 2343446		Late Night With Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 48175	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest 99069				Richard Roberts 79021		News 64934	Joyce Meyer 73682	Duane Sheriff Ministries	Rebecca Baker 50682
(13) KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 216576		Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 2) 427137 (TVG)		The American Experience: Joe DiMaggio: The Hero's Life 768156			A Long Season 213021	Telecourse 702330			
(8) CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 1042514		Rivera Live 1028934		The News With Brian Williams 1048798		Hardball With Chris Matthews 1041885		Rivera Live 9858934	
(10) WGN		10		Full House 606863	Full House 620243	48 HRS. (R, '82) *** (Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy) 680885				News 432175		MacGyver: The Wall 402934 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 686069 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	NBA Playoff Pregame	NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal 753446					Inside the NBA 404311	Last Man Standing (R, '96) ** (Bruce Willis, Christopher Walken) 1859682			
(14) FAM		14		Higher Ground 294232		The Sandlot (PG, '93) ** (Tom Guiry, Mike Vitar) 883179				Famous Families 608175		The 700 Club 678934		Who's Boss?	Partridge
(20) DISC		20	26	Dangerous Appetites		Tattoo!: Beauty, Art, Pain		The Ultimate Guide 993971		The Ultimate Guide 898327		Tattoo!: Beauty, Art, Pain		The Ultimate Guide 685359	
(21) AMC		21	26	The Country Girl (5)		Fashion	Vogues of 1938 ('37) ** (Warner Baxter) 609330				Return to Peyton Place ('61) ** (Carol Lynley) 8836601				Fashion
(22) TNN		22	31	The Waltons 231408 (TVG)		Mother's Day on Waltons Mountain ('82) ** 883971				Life & Times/T. Hedeman		Cagney & Lacey 449330		Bill Dance	In-Fisherman
(23) TNT		23	35	ER 257446 (TVPG-L)		WCW Monday Nitro Live! 368381 (TV14-DL)				Airborne (PG, '93) ** (Shane McDermott) 429576				WCW Monday Nitro Live!	
(24) BRAV		24		Moonlighting 875866		Moonlighting ('85) *** (Cybill Shepherd) 693369				The Mamas and the Papas		Moonlighting ('85) *** (Cybill Shepherd) 791339			
(26) BET		26	33	Hits From the Street		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 617589		Live From L.A. 555695		Tonight With Tavis Smiley		Midnight Love 237717	
(27) DISN		27	41	101 Dalmatians (G, '61) *** (Rod Taylor, Betty Lou Gerson) 4230427			Movie Surfers (Dinosaur	Halloweentown (7:55) ('98) ** (Debbie Reynolds, Judith Hoag) 6498446		The Legend of Pirate's Point (5:25) (G, '97) ** (Asher Metchik) 24391381		Zorro 781953 (TVG)		Mickey Mouse Club	
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 607311		Larry King Live 623359		CNN NewsStand 603595		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 229717	
(29) ESPN		29	30	NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal, Game 6 526514						Baseball Tonight 421953		SportsCenter 424040		Baseball Tonight 395935	
(30) USA		30	38	JAG: Trinity 407408 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 609779 (TV14-V)		WWF RAW 618427 (TV14-DLV)		WWF War Zone 7644446 (TV14-DLV)		Farmclub.com (10:05) 1541427		Silk Stalkings: (11:05) Forever 7067953 (TV14-S)	
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 3487309		The X-Files 7182917		Married	Married	The X Show 8332250		The X-Files 4660595	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order: Trophy 856750 (TVPG)		Biography: Reba McEntire: Country Diva 993791 (TVG)		Investigative Reports: The Search for Amy 193999		City Confidential: St. Augustine 593755 (TVPG)		Law & Order: Virtue 343232 (TVPG)		Biography: Reba McEntire: Country Diva 670427 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33		Trauma: Life in the ER: Boomtown 226576 (TVPG)		Paramedics: Lonesome Highways 442427 (TVPG)		Protect and Serve 451175 (TV14-V)		Police Force: Saints & Soldiers 431311 (TVPG-DL)		Paramedics: Lonesome Highways 441798 (TVPG)		Protect and Serve 168363 (TV14-V)	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 264595	Rugrats 288175	The Wild Thornberrys	The Wild Thornberrys	Brady Bunch 537953	Beverly Hillbillies	All in the Family	The Jeffersons 871069	I Love Lucy 124663	Bewitched 133311	Happy Days 334953	Laverne and Shirley
(36) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait: Patricia Richardson 399886 (TVG)		Beyond Chance 682137 (TVPG)		My Mother the Spy ('96) (Jayne Brook, Dyan Cannon) 695601				Golden Girls 306205	Golden Girls 315953	Designing Women	Designing Women
(39) OUTDR		39		Hunting With Hank	Days of a Sportsman	Boat Racing 5440750	South Pacific Secrets	Canoe & Kayak Mag	Sport Diver Magazine	Surfer's Journal	Surfer Magazine	Boat Racing 6662311	South Pacific Secrets	Canoe & Kayak Mag	Sport Diver Magazine
(42) UNI		42	13	Por Tu Amor 46840 (TVPG)		Rosalinda 86311 (TVPG)		Tres Mujeres 89589 (TV14)		Cristina ... Edicion Especial 82595		Primer Impacto Extra	Noticiero: Ultima Hora	Viviana a la Medianoche 91427 (TVPG)	
(43) FSN		43	29	Sports Geniuses 63311	Southwest Spo. Tonight	Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers 180934						National Sports Report 69682		Sports Geniuses 40068	The Last Word 21243
(44) COM		44		Daily Show/ Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	The King of Comedy (PG, '83) *** (Robert De Niro, Jerry Lewis) 4066696				Strangers With Candy	Upri't Citizens Brigade	Daily Show/ Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 4095779 (TVPG-D)	
(46) ANIM		46		Fun. Animals	Lie Like Dog	Grand Prix of Dog Agility		Call of the Wild		Legends	Twisted Tale	Grand Prix of Dog Agility		Call of the Wild	
(47) E!		47		Emergency	Search Party	Talk Soup	Mysteries	The E! True Hollywood Story: Bewitched 605069 (TVPG)				H. Stern	H. Stern	Playmates Then and Now	
(48) TVL		48	24	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Emergency! 2787929		Dragnet	Adam-12	Andy Griffith	Beaver	Honeymoon.	Sanford/Son	A-Team 1715934	
(49) ODSY		49		Avonlea 222750		Snowy River: McGregor		Captive Heart: The James Mink Story ('96) ** 435137				The Young Riders 447972		Lonesome Dove 263917	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	Workshop	At Auction	Collectibles	Bartholomew	Country	If Walls Talk	Dream H'se	At Auction	Collectibles	Bartholomew	Country
(51) MSNBC		51		Hardball: Chris Matthews		MSNBC Crime Files		News With Brian Williams		Legends With Matt Lauer		Special Edition 4603972		News With Brian Williams	
(52) TELE		52		Muneca Brava 860934		Pantanal 401205		Dona Flor, Sus Dos Marido		Xica 430717		Noticiero	Laura en America 710885		Ocurrio Asi
(60) TOON		60		Laboratory	Laboratory	Ed, Edd	Tom & Jerry	Bugs & Daffy 4813069		Flintstones	Scooby Doo	Ed, Edd	Laboratory	Gundam	Dragon Ball
(61) TCM		61		Silver River (5) 7071381		Gentleman Jim ('42) *** (Errol Flynn) 3055896				The Adventures of Mark Twain ('44) *** (Fredric March) 6003088					Movie
(62) HIST		62	32	20th Century/Mike Wallace		True Story of Braveheart		The Big House 2181525		Disaster Technology		History's Lost & Found		True Story of Braveheart	
(63) ESPN2		63		RPM 2Night	NFL 2Night	Karate 4822717		Bowling 4808137		Billiards 4811601		Fit Pageant	NHL 2Night	NFL 2Night	RPM 2Night
(64) SCIFI		64	39	The Outer Limits 7429885		The Outer Limits 4343427		The Outer Limits 4352175		The Outer Limits 4332311		Poltergeist: The Legacy		Friday the 13th 9297576	
(53) PLEX				Love Is Never Silent (6:15) ('96) *** (Mare Winningham, Sid Caesar)				Sinatra ('92) *** (Philip Casnoff, Olympia Dukakis)							
(65) FLIX		65	20	Alchemist (5:20) ('98) ** (Dan Haggerty) 8542779		Teacher's Pet ('58) *** (Clark Gable, Doris Day) 1724882				Four Weddings and a Funeral (R, '94) *** (Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell) 2331998				Scorchers (R, '91) ** (Emily Lloyd) 2892369	
(66) SHOW		66	16	Men at Work (6) (PG-13, '90) * (Charlie Sheen) 7783311		Palmetto (R, '98) * (Woody Harrelson, Elisabeth Shue) 292883				The Rage: Carrie 2 (R, '99) * (Emily Bergl, Jason London) 3998408				Friday the 13th, Part 3 (10:40) (R, '82) ** 50823459	
(67) TMC		67	15	Once Around (4:30)	Phenomena (8:20) (R, '85) ** (Peter O'Toole, Rose McGowan) 54362799			Philadelphia (PG-13, '93) *** (Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington) 3795691				The Hitman (10:10) (R, '91) * (Chuck Norris, Michael Parks) 85479949			
(68) HBO		68		Snowboard Academy (6:30) (PG, '96) ** 688916		Die Hard (R, '88) *** (Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman) 6234311				The Deep End of the Ocean (6:15) (PG-13, '99) ** (Michelle Pfeiffer, Treat Williams) 89789943				Why Do Fools Fall In Love (11:10) (R, '98) 51885578	
(69) HBO 2		69		Cobb (6:45) (R, '94) ** (Tommy Lee Jones) 18228166		Major League: Back to the Minors (PG-13, '98) ** (Scott Bakula, Corbin Bernsen) 1156576				Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Oz: Animal Farm 5342885 (TVMA)		The Corner: Dope Fiend Blues 6644311 (TVMA)	
(70) HBO 3		70		Braveheart (5) (R, '95) *** (Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau) 6966166				Great Expectations (R, '98) ** (Ethan Hawke, Gwyneth Paltrow) 5321382				Love and Death on Long Island (PG-13, '97) *** (John Hurt) 2428196		Priest's Honor (11:40)	
(71) MAX		71		The X-Files (5) (PG-13, '98) ** 388427		Hope Floats (PG-13, '98) ** (Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr.) 845779				Jawbreaker (R, '99) ** (Rose McGowan, Rebecca Gayheart) 953137		Dead By Dawn (R, '96) (Shannon Tweed, Bill Ferrell) 117069			
(72) MAX 2		72		Digging to China (4:40)	Sibling Rivalry (5:30) (R, '90) * (Shannon Doherty, Colin Feore) 82202686			The Principal (R, '87) ** (James Belushi, Louis Gossett Jr.) 2799439				Serpent's Lair (9:50) (R, '95) * (Jeff Fahey, Lisa B.) 5384409		Young Guns II (11:20)	

PEOPLE TODAY

Mellencamp addresses Indiana graduates

Singer John Mellencamp gave the commencement address at Indiana University.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Commencement formality doesn't much impress **John Mellencamp.**

The temperature was in the 80s when he approached the lectern to address Indiana University's Class of 2000 on Saturday, so Mellencamp shed his heavy academic gown.

"It's too hot," the Indiana rocker explained to the crowd of 35,000.

Mellencamp, 48, told the graduates that it's nearly impossible for people in their early 20s to know what to do with their lives.

"Take the pressure off yourself. I'm not talking about being lazy. I'm talking about taking time for yourself and finding out who the hell you are," said Mellencamp, a native of Seymour, Ind.

"If someone were to ask me casually about life, I would simply say 'play it like you feel it, baby, and live it up, kid. You'll be all right,'" he said.

Mellencamp was awarded an honorary doctor of music degree.

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LOS ANGELES — **Kevin Spacey** likes challenges. It's success that worries the two-time Oscar winner.

"The longer I choose to do things that are challenging and difficult and even scare me, the better the work will be," says the 40-year-old actor. "If I start getting a cocky attitude about it and actually believe all the nice comments, then I'll probably be on the rocks in no time."

Spacey, who just finished shooting "Pay It Forward," is humble about his chances of winning another Oscar nomination.

"If I'm sick of me, I can only imagine how other people feel," he told the Daily News of Los Angeles for a story Sunday. "So I think I'll probably sit it out next year. I mean, by the law of averages, I'm due to get hit by a bus any day now."

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NEW YORK — Playing a solo castaway on a tropical island turned out to be hard work for **Tom Hanks.**

Hanks' character in "Cast Away" is marooned for four years, so co-star **Helen Hunt** wasn't around for the scenes filmed in Fiji.

"It makes you crazy," he told Time magazine of playing a character who is all by himself. "You're not sharing the storytelling lifting with someone you can react off of.

"It's almost like making a silent movie. You have to tell every aspect of the story physically, being totally alone."

Hanks also had to drop 55 to 60 pounds for his role.

"Cast Away" is set for a Christmas release.

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WESTPORT, Conn. — Is **Martha Stewart** really moving out of town? Some people think that would be a good thing.

The domestic diva wrote in The New York Times Magazine recently that she planned to move, saying the town where she has lived for nearly three decades "doesn't work for me any longer." She blamed commercial growth, increased traffic and unfriendly neighbors.

"People were genuinely hurt by what she said," said next-door neighbor Bunny Grossinger Kaltman.

"I'm sorry that Ms. Stewart never knocked on my door," Ms. Kaltman said in a letter to the editor of the Times. "Since her property was gated and electronically sealed, I could not knock on her door to offer her an invitation."

At CamerArts, a downtown photography shop, some of the people who signed a large farewell card were downright nasty, with comments including "having you as a neighbor was scary," and "Don't let the door hit you where the dog shoulda bit you."

Others have good feelings for Ms. Stewart.

"She was really very nice to me whenever I saw her," said Isabel Gordon, who lives several houses from Ms. Stewart.

Ms. Stewart's publicist did not return telephone calls seeking comment. She has said that Ms. Stewart has no immediate plans to sell her house and that her television studios will remain in Westport.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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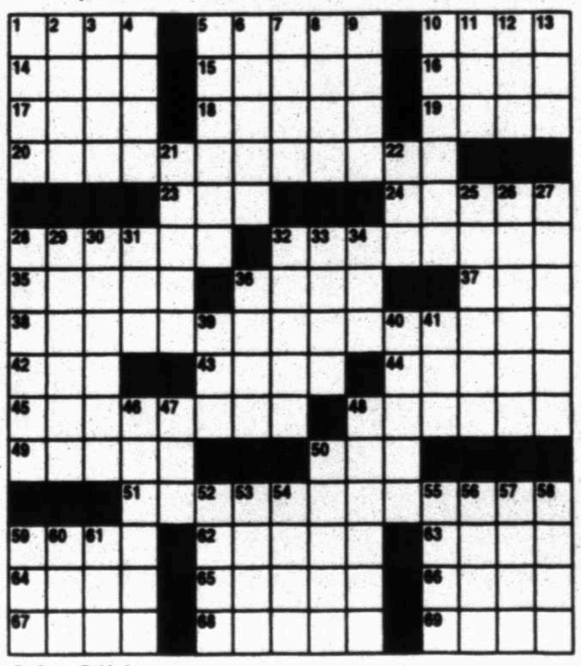
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National Guard dispatched as storm swamps eastern Missouri

UNION, Mo. (AP) — Flash floods washed out roads, inundated homes and killed at least two people early Sunday after more than a foot of rain swamped east-central Missouri.

The National Guard was sent to help with rescues and cleanup in hard-hit Franklin County, west of St. Louis, and Jefferson County, south of the city.

The floods were caused by a storm system that arrived late Saturday after lumbering northeastward from Oklahoma, where hundreds of families were evacuated earlier that day. The same slow-moving system had been blamed for thunderstorms in the southern Plains and western Gulf Coast states for much of last week.

So much rain fell so fast that many in Union, in southern Franklin County, were unaware they were in peril until tornado sirens sounded about 1 a.m. Sunday. In a neighborhood near Flat Creek, normally just a small stream, people opened their doors to see white-capped water rushing past.

Rhonda Gipson and her 31-year-old son, who has Down syndrome, grabbed their small dog and tried to run to higher ground. Gipson was washed over a 3-foot-high chainlink fence and screamed for help in the darkness, gripping the dog with one arm and her son's hand with the other. Firefighters rescued them two hours later.

"The water was moving so quickly, it pushed me into the fence, but that was a good thing because it gave me something to hold onto," Gipson said.

Fourteen inches of rain fell during the night at St. Clair as the storm stalled over Franklin County for about six hours, repeatedly redeveloping and "hitting the same area over and over and over again" before dissipating, said meteorologist Thomas Spriggs of the National Weather Service in St. Louis.

Hundreds of people were evacuated through the night as creeks quickly rose out of their banks, floating cars, mobile homes and propane tanks, sheriff's Capt. Don Jones said.

Connie Barnes, 19, of St. Clair, died Sunday morning several hours after the car she was in overturned in water on a washed-out road, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said. Six other people in the car were injured.

Another person was killed, apparently when a vehicle was caught by a flash flood near Robertsville, Sheriff Gary Toelke said. Flooding also was blamed for the death of a motorist in Oklahoma.

Flooding also occurred at Washington, along the Missouri River. Shelters were opened in churches and public buildings, but authorities said many people went to stay with relatives.

At Washington, high water along small tributaries of the Missouri River inundated a half-dozen business in a low-lying industrial park just west of downtown.

At the Canam Steel plant, all that showed above the water of five parked tractor-trailer rigs were the tops of their cabs.

The plant's general manager, John Greene, stood on high ground watching water rush past the plant where about 200 people work.

"I didn't think it would be this bad," he said. Green called it worse than the flood of 1993, which inundated huge areas of the Mississippi and Missouri river valleys but developed slowly and gave businesses time to deploy pumps and sandbags.

More than 400 homes were flooded early Saturday in several Oklahoma communities and parts of Tulsa, state officials said. More than 8 inches of rain fell in parts of Creek County.

At Sapulpa, Okla., where 200 homes and 12 businesses were flooded, creeks were back in their banks Sunday, but the gray sky gave Creek County Emergency Management Director B.J. Pope reason to worry.

"Until it can run and creeks can be emptied, we're still in danger," he said. "We couldn't stand another 2 inches of rain."

Ray and Joan Andis spent Sunday morning ripping soaked carpet out of their home in Sapulpa.

"What took six or seven hours to destroy, it's going to take that many weeks to straighten out," Ray Andis said.

Big Game officials to decide if jackpot to exceed $300 million

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the Big Game lottery, already a record $300 million, could go even higher.

Lottery officials from the seven states that sell Big Game tickets will confer by telephone Monday morning to decide whether weekend sales were enough to justify a bigger jackpot for Tuesday night's drawing. They'll talk again Tuesday morning to set the final amount.

The nation's previous record lottery jackpot was $295.7 million, set in the multistate Powerball game in 1998. That prize was shared by 13 machinists from Westerville, Ohio.

The frantic pace of ticket sales leading up to Friday's drawing had increased the jackpot from $230 million to $250 million just in the hours before that night's numbers were picked.

"I think we're going to see the same thing. People will be pooling their money," said Virginia Haines, New Jersey Lottery executive director.

"If sales are going strong or are higher than anticipated or if the bond interest rates go higher — that also helps us increase the jackpot," she said.

Total sales from last Tuesday's drawing to Friday night exceeded $122 million. New Jersey led with sales of nearly $34 million. The game also is played in Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan and Virginia.

Haines attributed record New Jersey sales to large volumes of ticket buyers from New York and Pennsylvania, states which don't participate in multistate games.

With the number of players drawn by the huge jackpot, lottery officials predicted multiple winners.

"We have so many people playing across the country, when we have a winner it seems logical to me that there might be 10 people across America that have the same six digits," said Penelope W. Kyle, executive director of the Virginia Lottery.

Haines agreed.

"It would be nice if we get a lot of winners," she said. "When you have people pooling together a lot of money, they're splitting it up among each other and (still getting) enough to help them."

Two weeks later, Elian raid still echoes for photographer

NEW YORK (AP) — The photograph he snapped still troubles the nation, but it isn't the images that disturb Alan Diaz's dreams. It is the sounds.

Two weeks after Diaz caught on film the instant when federal agents with goggles and assault weapons snatched a crying Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives, the moment still burns. Now the boy is reunited with his Cuban father in Maryland as the international custody dispute continues. New photos show him smiling.

For Diaz, a 43-year-old freelance photographer on assignment for The Associated Press, it often seems as if he never left the all-day, all-night vigils outside the Little Havana home.

Now Diaz, who is in New York to speak at the AP annual meeting Monday, sleeps up to 16 hours a day, piecemeal, after nearly five months of constant watch broken by occasional half-hour naps. But rest is elusive. "I snooze off, I'm there. I'm still there, you know?"

"All I hear is that kid's crying," said Diaz, who has raised four children of his own. "The most awful cry you could ever hear in your life."

He can't shake the sounds of the crowd, either — the hundreds crowded outside the family's home on weekends and evenings, the dozens that spent the night talking, praying, sipping coffee.

"I can hear this noise of the Cuban protesters," Diaz said. "It was like a monster breathing, but with the sounds of some talking, some chanting. ... I can hear that every day, every night."

Diaz, Bronx-born and of Cuban descent, refuses to offer a judgment on who might be right and who wrong, or even the emotions his photo inspired. "To me, it was just another assignment."

He gained the trust of the boy's great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, respecting his wishes.

Diaz is crystal-clear on what he saw, heard and did in the few minutes that he sprinted from the fence of the family's yard in the pre-dawn darkness ahead of the agents, flew through the house and into the room where the boy was held in the arms of a fisherman who found him, months earlier, floating on an inner tube off the Florida coast.

But he cannot say what occurred outside the frame of his camera viewfinder.

For instance, he doesn't know whether federal agents tore the bedroom door off its hinges. Diaz said he saw the door kicked open, and his photos show a crack in the door. But they don't show the door trampled to the floor, as does a photo taken later in the day when the family showed the damage. Diaz doesn't know what happened.

Though the boy's cousin, Marisleysis Gonzalez, accused agents of cursing at her, Diaz cannot say.

As the agents came through the home's front door, "I heard noise, but I couldn't hear what was said. My mind wasn't set on that," he said. He was up against the bedroom's back wall, taking a shot of the boy and the fisherman crouched in the closet.

And neither could he say whether the family had pushed a sofa across the front door, as agents said in their reports. After he and a TV cameraman came inside, the door was slammed shut behind him and two men in the house stood against it.

Diaz still hopes to go to Maryland and shoot more photos of Elian, though there's been no media access at the retreat where the boy and his father are staying pending a court decision on the case. In the meantime, he's got a baseball game to shoot this week.

"All this craziness out of this photo," he said. "All I did was do my job."

Cuban baseball team goes on with tour despite player's disappearance

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Members of a Cuban college baseball team downplayed the possible defection of a teammate Sunday by going forward with a sightseeing tour of the Twin Cities.

"We came to the states to have a sports exchange and academics exchange, not to have a migration exchange," team captain Osmar Ernesto Fernandez said through an interpreter.

Neither the University of Havana team nor the host campus, the University of St. Thomas, had heard from Mario Miguel Chaoui since he left the airport shortly after arriving from Cuba on Saturday. Outside the airport, Chaoui got into a car that sped off.

Doug Hennes, a St. Thomas spokesman, has been in contact with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, but he said the agency has limited authority.

"They can't do much other than wait for phone calls," Hennes said. "Legally, the guy is in the United States on a 30-day visa, so he is not breaking any laws. He is away without leave from the team."

"Equipo Caribe," or Team Caribbean, is made up mostly of students from the university and some students from a technical institute in Havana.

As he toured the state Capitol on Sunday, Fernandez struggled to explain why his teammate would leave.

"We don't know why he has made this decision," said Fernandez, 26, who has known Chaoui since boyhood. "In Cuba, we have everything we need."

Fernandez said the team is trying to downplay the situation as it looks ahead to a Tuesday game against St. Thomas, but he said many players were angry when they heard the news.

Senators Moynihan, Kerrey at odds with Gore over Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — At odds with Vice President Al Gore, two Democratic senators and a Republican colleague said Sunday a portion of Social Security taxes should be invested in private markets to help people save more for retirement.

Gore has sharply criticized Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush for advocating a similar approach, but Democratic Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska say it would not be risky if designed right.

"You're not risking anything like your retirement benefits," Moynihan said on "Fox News Sunday." "They're fixed. They're guaranteed. This is just an extra thing."

Moynihan, Kerrey and Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., say the system would be similar to the diverse investments made now by 401(k) and pension fund managers. They added, however, that millions of middle-class people who are not covered by private plans have scant retirement savings.

"No one is suggesting that we eliminate the basic benefit of Social Security," Santorum said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We are denying over half the people of this country the greatest source of wealth, which is gains in the stock market."

Moynihan, for example, outlined a bill that would enable a worker to voluntarily invest 2 percentage points of the 12.4 percent Social Security tax now shared by employers and employees. The government would designate which types of investments would be offered, but federal officials would not control the choices made.

"Lower-income people would come to retirement and they'd have a little wealth," Moynihan said.

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— Charles Schumer
New York Senator

Bush last week announced he favored unspecified Social Security individual investment accounts, which Gore immediately called a "stock market roulette" threat to the program.

Also appearing on CBS, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said any talk of investing Social Security money in the stock market removes a "safe floor" that people always should be able to count on.

Like Gore, Schumer said Bush should release a detailed plan before the November elections. Advisers say Bush will discuss his ideas more in depth this week.

"If Bush has a plan to radically change Social Security, he ought to lay it out before the American people before the election," Schumer said. "There should be no secret plan."

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on CNN's "Late Edition" that such details are rarely hashed over in a presidential race. "Very seldom in a campaign do you write a bill," he said.

Kerrey said on CBS that Gore campaign chairman Tony Coelho had called to ask about setting up a meeting between the vice president and Democrats who back the legislation creating personal accounts. But Kerrey added: "I don't know that there's any leeway" in Gore's position.

Moynihan, the senior Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, said Social Security itself must be shored up before the huge baby boom generation begins retiring. Two things that should be done immediately, he said, are adjusting the consumer price index and bringing people into the system who are newly hired at state and local governments.

Asked if he thought most Democrats would support private investment accounts, Moynihan said "No, we have a great capacity for missing opportunities."

Man suffers heart attack on stage

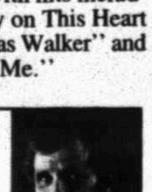
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A founding member of the country music band Kentucky Headhunters was in stable condition Sunday after suffering a heart attack, the group's manager said.

Richard Young, 45, was rushed to St. Anthony's Hospital late Saturday when he became short of breath after performing at Remington Park, manager Mitchell Fox said.

Young is the rhythm guitarist of the group, which he and his brother, drummer Fred Young, helped form in 1986.

The Headhunters, known for bringing a blues rock edge to country music, won Vocal Group of the Year awards from the Country Music Association in both 1990 and 1991.

They have sold more than 4 million records with hits including "Walk Softly on This Heart of Mine," "Dumas Walker" and "Oh, Lonesome Me."

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FORD 1984 BRONCHO- 4X4, 4 speed standard, rebuilt 351W (less 5,000 miles), new paint, new interior, new tires. $4,000. 694-8484.

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JEEP 1997 Wrangler. Auto, soft top, mag wheels. $11,900. 550-2025 or 550-3501, evenings.

FORD 1983 Broncho- 351 V8 Windsor, 4x4, engine needs work, $2,500 or best offer. 689-8688.

225 4x4 Vehicles

JEEP 1984 CJ 7, 72K original miles, hard top and bikini top, mud tires. $5,000. Call 699-0838.

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235 Vehicles $3,000 & under

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MURRAY'S Delicatessen is now hiring full & part time Waitstaff Staff. Apply in person 3211 W. Wadley.

UNCLE'S CONVENIENT Store: Immediate help Wanted at 3 stores. Part-time or full-time. 2411 South Rankin Hwy, 6601 Hwy 307, 4921 East Loop 250 North.

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Pro Snips has immediate openings for hair stylist in Midland. Great pay. Apply in person at 100 N. Midkiff. 520-9555 or 550-4696 ask for Betty.

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VILLAGE CAR WASH now hiring dependable, courteous attendants. If this is you. Please apply in person, 604 Andrews Hwy.

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WANTED: Certified Lifeguards, Please apply at Midland YMCA, 800 North Big Spring, Midland.

WANTED: Drivers with valid CDL license, good driving record, verifiable 2 years over the road experience. Must pass DOT, drug screen and physical. Apply in person at McClatchy Brothers, 3901 W. Industrial, Midland. 520-9443.

311 Medical Help Wanted

RN's: $25- $45. LVN's $18 to $36. Medical/ Dental/ Life/ 401K. NURSEFINDERS, 550-9399.

ACQUISITIONS ENGINEER

Seeking engineer with minimum 5 years experience. Experience in acquiring and exploiting properties helpful. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non- smoking environment.

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Super S Foods, a Texas family owned and operated chain of supermarkets located in Central and South Texas has immediate openings for Store Managers, Assistant Store Managers, Produce and Market Managers and Meat Cutters. Retail experience required. Must be willing to relocate. Call:

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312 Professional Help Wanted

TERRACE WEST Nursing Center, has current openings for CNA's on all shifts. If interested, please apply in person at 2800 North Midland Drive, Midland, Texas 79707. Come check out our new CNA wages.

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CHILDREN'S THERAPIST; Safe Place has an opening for a Children's Therapist to provide individual and group therapy for child witnesses of family violence. Requires a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology or Counseling and Practical Experience. Spanish and Public Speaking experience desirable. Requires flexibility and confidentiality. Fax resume to Estella Molina at 915/570-6148 or mail to 1031 Andrews Hwy, Suite 310, Midland, Texas 79701.

EXPERIENCED RESERVOIR Engineer Minimum 5+ years experience. High level of responsibility and authority. Responsibilities include acquisitions, land drilling + +. Fax resume (972)617-1439.

FULL CHARGE Bookkeeper: 3+ years recent experience. 1- 3 Year College accounting necessary. Proficient with MS Excel, Word, QuickBooks, A/P, A/R, Payroll, reconciliation of numerous bank accounts, and Computerized Accounting application. Apply at The Salvation Army, 300 South Baird, Midland.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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FULL CHARGE Bookkeeper needed for independent operator. Five years experience with general ledgers, accounts payable, and accounts receivable required. Will work closely with CPA. Send resumes to McClure Oil Company, PO BOX 14, Midland, TX 79702.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

OILFIELD Salesperson needed for innovative eco-friendly products. Please reply: West Texas Solutions, Inc., P.O. Box 46, Tahoka, Texas 79373 or call 806-438-6825.

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MIDLAND COMMUNITY Theatre seeks Building/ Maintenance Engineer with heating, cooling, electrical, plumbing, structural, and mechanical background. Send resume to: Tim Jebsen, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705, or fax: 682-6136.

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330 Situations Wanted

CHRISTIAN PERSON, Looking for house keeping job. Call 685-6092.

336 Adult Care Providers

WE HAVE opening for the elderly- bathing and sitting. Over 10 years experience. Reasonable rates. Please leave message at 522-1572.

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MOTHER'S DAY Out- mother with experience desires to give your infant, 0 to 9 months, TLC. Part time hours- days, flexibility. References, CPR, transportation, nursing experience in Midland. Call 522-2504.

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

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605 Apartments Furnished

REDUCED RATES- 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset. 694–9978/ 694-6542.

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Do you want to let everyone know how special your "Little Hero" is to you? Now is your chance! The Midland Reporter-Telegram is running a special page dedicated to your little champs in our "Giant Classified" section, May 20, 2000. Whether they win the game or just win your heart, every child needs and loves to be recognized and praised. For only $50 you can spotlight your child's special talents with lots of love from Mom, Dad, Grandparents, Coach or anyone wanting to recognize a child & let them know how proud you are of them.
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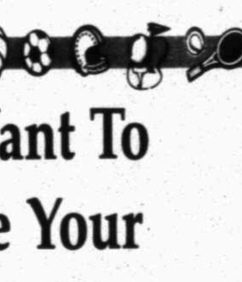
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Example



Do-It-Yourself Ideas



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Anyone who's ever lived on a farm will recognize this old-fashioned water pump. Our do-it-yourself version is designed for use as a fountain (incorporating a submersible recirculating pump).

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410Miscellaneous Sales

WHITE PICKET Fence, 4 feet tall, 220 feet. Huge landscape rocks. 1,000 used white Chicago bricks, negotiable. You pick up. Call 697-4454.

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NEW 8x11 hand hooked wool rug, hunting scene- $475. 697-3767.

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18" TRU CUT Lawnmower/ catcher. Mint condition. Not used since total renovation/ overall. $300. 682-0664.

MOTHER'S DAY Special! Glider swing, $70, Porch swing, $40, Bookcase, $40, Doghouses $35- $45, 563-0452.

RESTHAVEN: 5 spaces in The Last Supper- EB Lots 42 & 43. Call after 7 pm. 915-766-3572.

★ BIBLE TALK. "Does the Bible Teach the Trinity? 915-520-0381. Free recorded message.

SPAS! SPAS! SPAS! Close- out models- (one) three person, (two) six person remaining. Delivery/ financing. 915-563-3108.

AIRLINE TICKETS (2). 1 Way/ round trip anywhere in the US. $129 each way. 877-359-1929.

CAMPER SHELL- Fiberglass, fits small pickup, short bed, $500. 520-4985.

432 Household Furniture

BURLED PECAN dining table/ desk, with two leaves, campaign style. Beautiful, $225. Call 694-2877.

FORMICA TOPPED table with 6 chairs in excellent condition, $85. Call 694-4014.

NICE FLEXSTEEL sofa and love seat, good condition- $250. Call 699-6287.

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NICE CREAM Couch & love seat, good condition, $350. Please call 689-4872.

8' X 10' NATURAL FIBER rug with tapestry border- $400. Nice Jade wing back chair- $300. 2- Lane custom fabric recliners- $400 each. Claw foot sofa table- $200. Custom balloon curtains- $175. All quality items, 694-8159.

COUCH, LOVESEAT- Coffee table, end table. $175. Call 694-2446 after 4:00 weekdays, all day weekends.

SIMMONS BENTWOOD Crib. Natural finish. $100. Call 697-5506.

BEAUTIFUL SOFA with recliners on both ends. Taken very good care of, $300. 520-7940.

SOLID OAK table and six chairs (2 are captain's chairs). $50. Please call 683-2064.

KING SIZE Water bed, book case headboard, new mattress & liner. $100. Call 686-1990.

KING WATERBED, lighted mirrored bookcase headboard, $125. Call 697-3855.

WHITE WICKER Day/ trunnel bed, complete with dust ruffle, pillow shams and comforter. $350. 686-1990.

415Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

WHEEL CHAIR Accessible van in good condition Wanted to buy. Call 683-5079.

430 Household Goods

FOOT PEDAL Singer sewing machine with attachments, cabinet needs refinish. $150. 687-1181 after 1 pm.

432 Household Furniture

BIG MAN'S Rocker recliner, beige, 6 months old. $200. Call Monica at 684-8132.

TWIN WATERBED, bookcase headboard, $80. Please call 697-3855.

ANTIQUES, clocks, Norman Rockwell plates, cherrywood office desk with matching bookcase, other furniture. Moving must sell. 522-5244.

WHITE Metal bunk bed with bedding. Excellent condition. New top mattress. $150. 520-0659.

COUCH & Chair- brown and tan plaid, excellent condition. $500. 689-2112.

432 Household Furniture

68" OCTAGON DINING room table with 5/8" thick glass top on wood pedestal base, 6 side chairs, 2 arm chairs, $600. Call 694-9467.

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ROPER BUILT-IN Dishwasher, 2 years old, excellent condition, $75 firm. 520-5411 after 5pm.

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SPRING SPECIAL- Dick's Firewood. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322

450 Sporting Goods

AIR MAXIMUM exercise bike- $100. Please call 520-8537 for more information.

450 Sporting Goods

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS. "Tri-Metal" woods, $75. Hawk Eye Irons, $184/ set. (clones). Reshaft, Regrip, low prices. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

MAY SPECIALS: Did you know that during the month of May Seniors (60+) pay only a $11.30 greens fee plus tax when they play before noon on Wednesday at Nueva Vista Golf Club? Did you know that Ladies are paying a greens fee of only $11.30 plus tax when they play any time on Tuesday? Did you know that foursomes playing with a golf cart receive $10.00 off when they play before noon on Thursday? Do you have any idea how low that price would be just for bringing a foursome? Did you know that on Monday before noon, greens fees and cart is only $23.00 per person, tax included? Do you want to know more? Nueva Vista Golf Club, 520-0500.

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HAND HELD Compaq PC, Windows CE, wireless modem (like new). List $699- asking $300. 522-1437.

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2 SISTER PUPPIES need homes. Medium sized. Call 683-2727.

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GOOD HOMES: 2 Male long haired white kittens, seven weeks. Possibly mother cat, 689-2888, 689-2000.

500 Pets and Supplies

POINTER PUPPIES- Elhew/ Miller lines. Parents on premises. $300. 683-2524. Nine weeks May 23rd.

DELUXE PET Porter with pad. New in February, paid $80. Will take $50. 697-6391.

5 BEDROOMS! Doublewide! 1998 Fleetwood, 28x76, like new, Very E-Z Finance, Call 563-9000.

PUPPIES FOR sale; Rodesian Ridgebacks. Good kid dogs. Please call 915-884-6832, Big Lake, Texas.

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510 Office Furniture & Misc.

DRAFTING TABLE (5 feet) in good condition with adjustable drafting stool. $125 for both. Call 697-3634.

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510 Office Furniture & Misc.

MOBIL OIL Office Furniture; 6 Floors of Midland Offices. We bought it all! Liquidation Center now offers bargain prices. Walnut desks, bookcases, file cabinets, tables, chairs and more miscellaneous. 201 West Washington, 570-9599. 8:30- 6:00 Monday.- Saturday

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CONFERENCE TABLE 4'x12', $600. Walnut wood bookcase, three shelves $60. 570-9599. 8:30- 6:00 Mon.- Sat.

520 Store & Cafe Equipment

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540 Building Materials

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The Business Expo showcases Midland's business products and services.

Photo: Bruce Partain

Businesses have opportunity to show off goods, services

In some ways, it is the oldest form of merchandising.

A trade show is the modern equivalent of the marketplace at the town square.

Booths are filled with goods, vendors are touting their wares and customers can compare features and benefits at their own pace.

Business Expo 2000 is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at Midland Center. It is free to persons age 17 and older.

For someone who has buying authority for their company, this trade show — with the theme "Technology and Much More" — is a must. Organized by the Chamber's Small Business Council, the Expo is a showcase of local businesses.

What's offered

Experts from many business sectors will be on hand to assist consumers with information about the Internet, advertising, computers, financial resources, telecommunications, office machines, accommodations, direct mail, video production, minority procurement, starting a business, cosmetics, education, staffing services, industrial supplies, accounting and entertainment.

Door prizes valued at more than $5,000 are to be given away.

"It's a time-efficient, low-pressure way for consumers of business products and services to scan the Permian Basin mar-

Please see **SHOW**/11



When: Wednesday, May 10
10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland Center
Cost: Free

■ Guide to exhibitors/Pages 10&11



During the annual CVB sales blitz, CVB Director of Sales Cynthia Button, left, visits with Laurie Johnson of the Permian Basin Advertising Federation; and standing, from left, Dena Niblett, Comfort Suites; Kellie Madrid, Holiday Inn; Tisha Scott, ClayDesta Inn; and Linda Brown Phillips.

CVB, hotels team up for sales blitz

By Laura Spilman

The Midland Convention and Visitor Bureau sales department teamed up with representatives from eight local hotels last month to educate local meeting and event planners about CVB services.

More than 250 event planners were introduced to the complimentary services provided by the Midland CVB, including assistance in bidding, booking and servicing events from conventions to reunions and sporting events.

The week-long blitz culminated in a luncheon attended by 80 local event planners at Midland Center. Attendees were treated to a skit portraying one meeting planner's dilemmas and successful resolution, a video identifying the CVB's far-reaching effects in the community, testimonials and an awards ceremony recognizing five local individuals who worked with the CVB to bring events generating a minimum of 200 room nights.

Award recipients and the events they helped secure in Midland included Kathy Eicher, 2000 Texas Licensed Child Care Association Annual Conference; Pauline Wallace, 2000 Stephen/Taylor Family Reunion; Detective Richard Candelaria and Police Chief John Urby, 2003 Texas Police Athletic Federation Police Games; and Tommy Hawkins, 2001 USSSA Men's Hispanic "D" Slow Pitch Softball World Tournament.

Those individuals received a denim jacket emblazoned with the Midland CVB's colorful skyline logo. After the luncheon, attendees visited with local businesses exhibiting products and services for event planners.

"Our main objective was to present the complimentary services the Midland CVB offers to local event planners in a fun and interesting way," said Cynthia Button, CVB director of sales. "Many planners were surprised to learn how much time and effort we can save them, with the only condition being that their event should generate a minimum of just 10 room nights in Midland hotels."

For more information on CVB services, contact Ms. Button or Tim Manning, CVB sales manager at 683-3381, or visit the Web site at www.visitmidlandtx.com.

May 21-27 is National Small Business Week

President Clinton has proclaimed May 21-27, 2000 as National Small Business Week to celebrate the contribution of America's 25 million small businesses — from mom-and-pop businesses to high-tech companies.

This year's celebration is the 37th observance, and is entitled, "A History of Success, a Millennium of Opportunity." a It is a time to commemorate, with pride and gratitude, the vital role America's small business community plays in maintaining and strengthening the nation's economy.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) sponsors the Small Business Week to honor many local small businesses.

Small businesses have been the foundation of the longest sustained economic expansion in the nation's history, generating more than 51 percent of the gross

Please see MAY/19

May Networking Breakfast highlights businesses owned by African-Americans

The spotlight is on African-American businesses at the May 16 Networking Breakfast.

"We encourage owners of these businesses to call and discuss setting up a free display booth," said Ralph Smith of Midland College.

Since 1991, the Networking Breakfasts have offered opportunities for buyers and suppliers to meet.

"The breakfasts originated when several large companies asked how they could identify minority-owned, woman-owned and other small businesses to contact as vendors," said Bruce Partain, Midland Chamber spokesman.

"With the cooperation of several organizations, the Networking Breakfasts helped meet that need," Partain said.

At the breakfasts, any business can set up a small table-top display and everyone is given 30 seconds to introduce themselves to the group. Before the breakfast, "early birds" can meet one another.

"Purchasing agents can attend and list their upcoming bid items and other products and services for which they are searching. Vendors can meet the buyers, pass out flyers and business cards and set up future appointments," Partain said.

Attendees are encouraged to stay after the meeting for further networking.

Cost is only $5. The breakfasts are held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Roadrunner Room of the Midland College Scharbauer Student Center.

The Networking Breakfasts are a joint project of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens Coalition, the Better Business Bureau, the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center and the UTPB Small Business Development Center.

To reserve a display table, call Smith, 684-4100 by the Thursday before the meeting for last-minute updates. E-mail Smith at rsmith@Midland.cc.tx.us.

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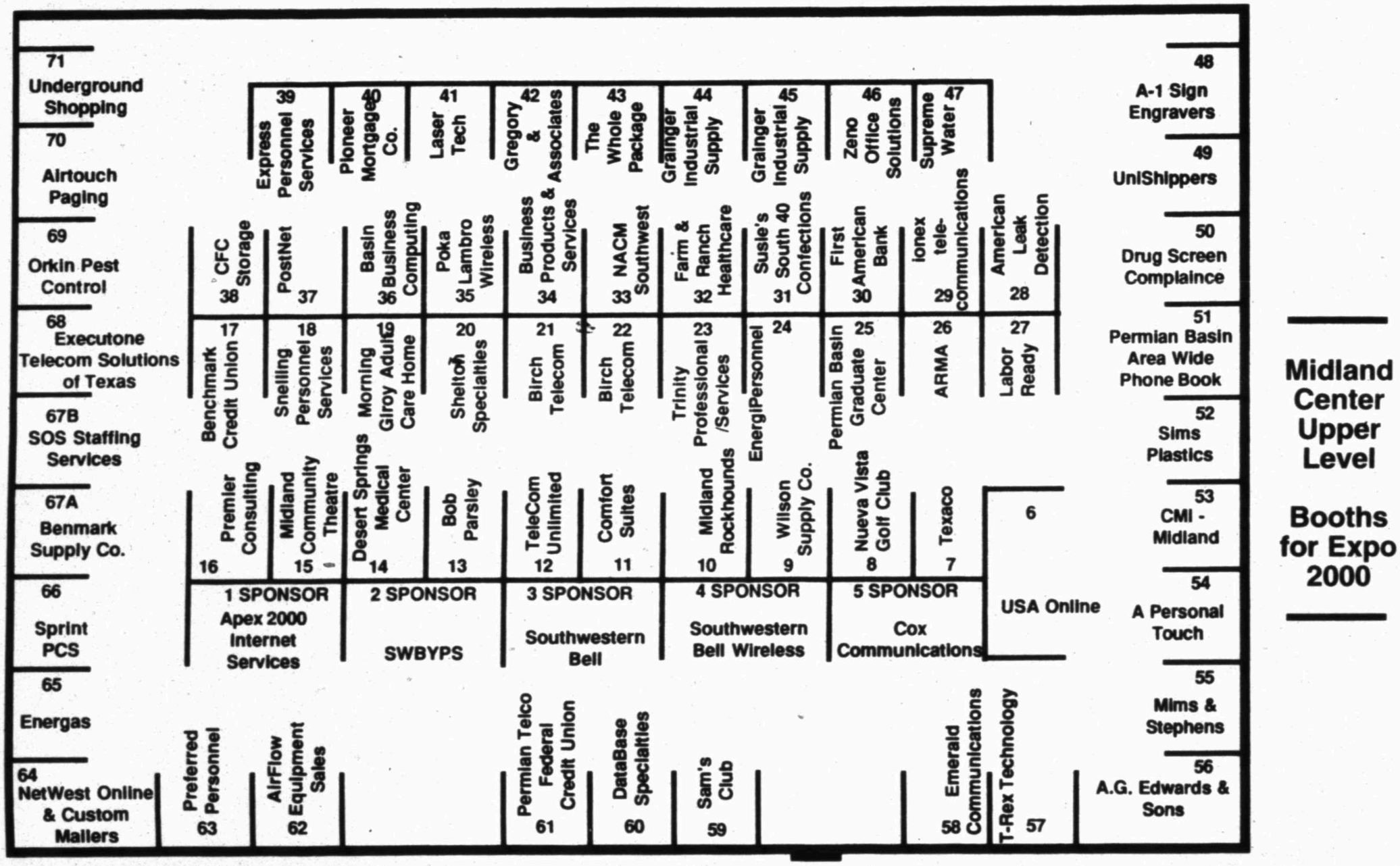
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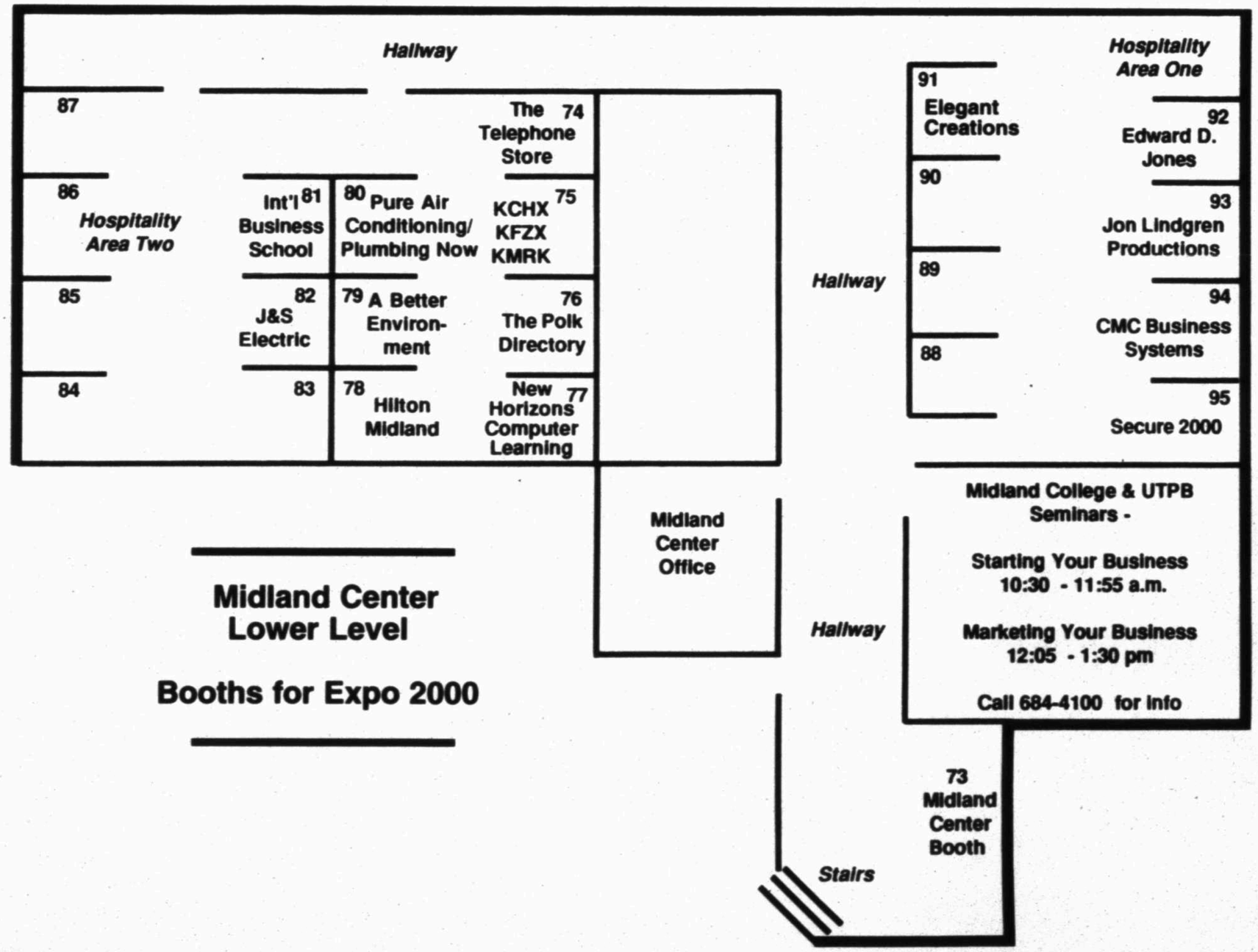
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Midland Center Lower Level

Booths for Expo 2000

SHOW: Almost 2,000 people are expected to attend annual event

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ketplace," said Chamber volunteer Charlie Jeffus, chair of Business EXPO 2000.

"Our trade show format means the attendee can spend 30 seconds or 30 minutes with a vendor. That kind of control is very appealing to buyers."

Numbers are up

The year 2000 marks 15 consecutive years for the Chamber's trade show.

"More than 1,700 people attended in 1999," said Jeffus.

A similar crowd is expected this year.

The atmosphere is friendly and uncrowded in the 12,500-square-foot Midland Center exhibit hall.

Because of increased demand, more exhibit space has been created, with almost 90 exhibitors planning to show their goods and services. "On the lower level, we're also adding a visitor hospitality area with refreshments," Jeffus said.

Learn and earn

Also on the lower level will be two free business mini-seminars.

Ralph Smith and Glen Yeary of Midland College will team up with Art Connor of the UTPB Small Business Development Center to assist business owners and would-be entrepreneurs.

"Starting Your Business" is scheduled for 10:30 to 11:55 a.m. "Marketing Your Business" is offered from 12:05 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Seminar reservations may be made by calling 684-4100, but attendees may just show up May 10.

As in the past, Business Expo 2000 opens with a profit for the first 100 visitors, who will receive an Eisenhower dollar just for being early birds.

Attendees who visit every booth will also be eligible for a $200 drawing.

"Be sure to bring lots of business cards," said Chamber representative Bruce Partain. "That's the quickest way to register at the booths. Drop by for a few minutes or stay all day."

As a finale to the trade show, a free business networking mixer is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Guests are again invited to trade business cards, visit with old acquaintances, make new contacts and visit the exhibit booths.

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To check on booth availability, call Dawn Webster at 683-3381, or e-mail her at dawn@midlandtxchamber.com.

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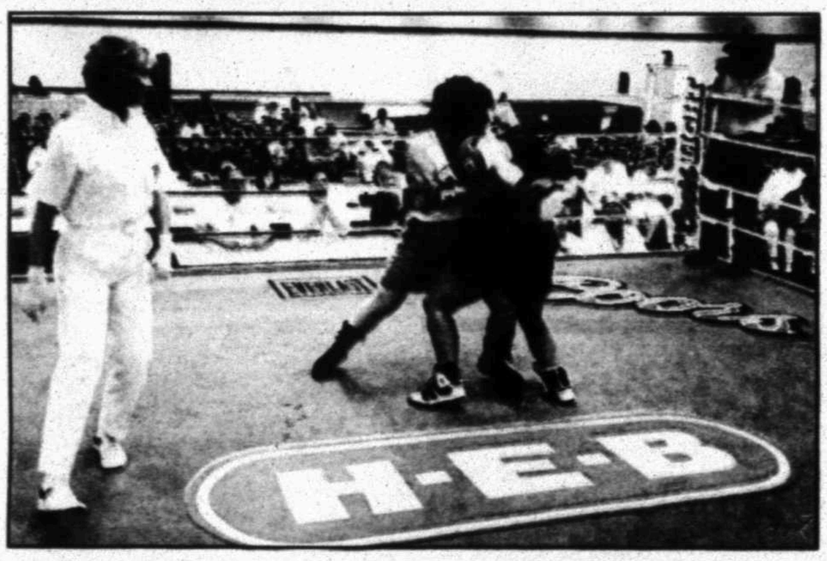
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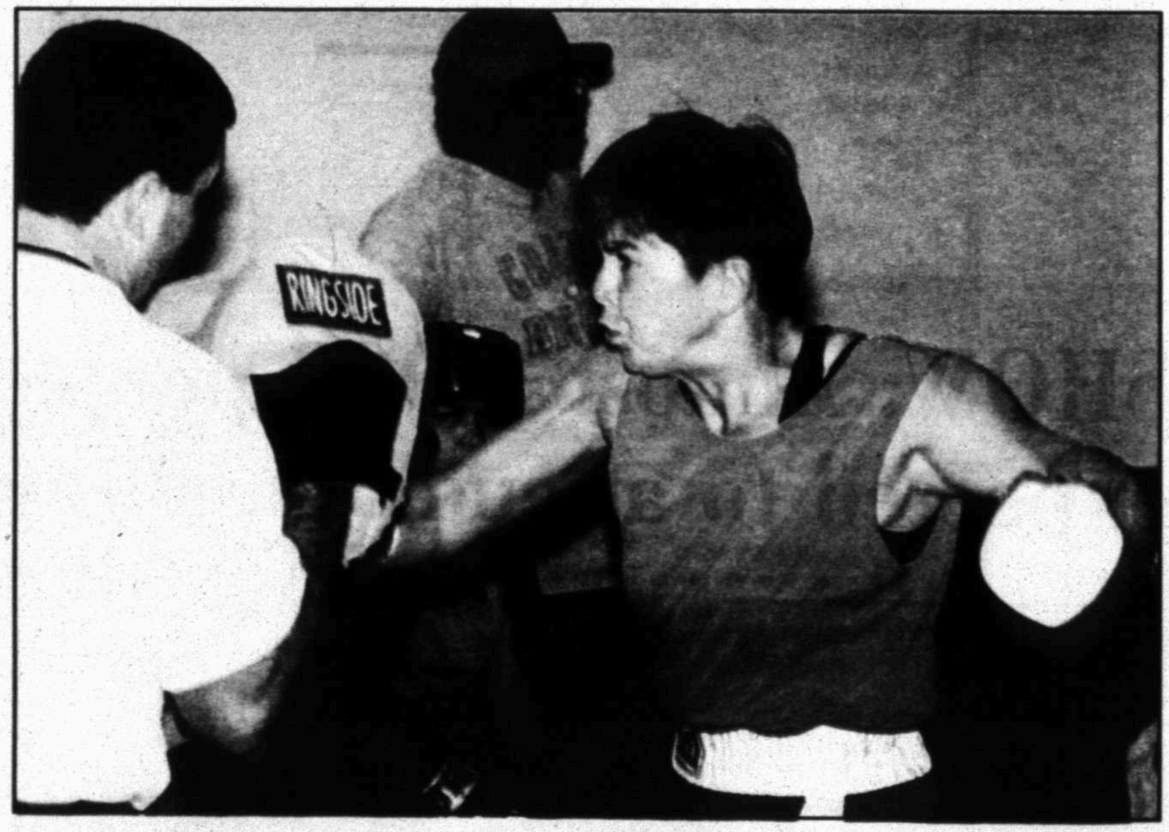
The M-Squad will conduct ribbon cuttings this month at the following Chamber-member locations.

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May 12, 2 pm
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May 16, 10:30 am
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ABOVE: Athletes from across the country gathered in Midland in early April for the U.S.A. Boxing Everlast 2000 Women's National Championships. RIGHT: Cheryl Jacobs of Muncie, Ind. practices with her coach before her contest in the 156-pound category.

Text by Laura Spilman **Photos by Bruce Partain**

Female amateur boxers compete in Midland

"Let's get ready to rumble" became a familiar phrase in Midland last month as the Midland Convention & Visitors Bureau and Twin Cities Tiger II Amateur Boxing Club welcomed the top female amateur boxers in the country to the U.S.A. Boxing Everlast 2000 Women's National Championships.

Sixty-five athletes brought coaches, spectators and officials to Midland for a week of competition.

Women's amateur boxing, which began in 1993, has grown in popularity to include approximately 1,700 women across the country. The national championships attracted female boxers between the ages of 15 and 33 from across the nation. The senior division included competitors ages 17 to 33. Boxers ages 15-16, including featherweight Maria Castillo from Lamesa, fought in the junior division.

ESPN2, which filmed the final round of matches for broadcast earlier this month , was joined by other media, including Sports Illustrated, USA Today, the BBC and a film crew from Chile, as they spotlighted the tournament.

New Chamber members

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Teachers of the year

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The Education Committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce recently presented awards for Teacher of the Year. Secondary Teacher of the Year is Dwight Phillip Edwards, left, who teaches math at Lee High School. Elementary Teacher of the Year is Jeannine Lane Hurst, a fourth-grade teacher at Bonham Elementary School. Teachers of the Year from each school campus were honored at a reception March 31 at Green Tree Country Club. Edwards and Ms. Hurst each received travel awards.

Chamber meetings calendar

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

May

9	Executive Committee	11:30 am
10	Economic Development Committee	11:30 am
12	M-Squad Guidelines n	noon
16	Sports Commission	4 pm
17	Retention/Expansion Committee	11:30 am
18	Small Business Roundtable	8:30 am
18	M-Squad luncheon	11:30 am
23	Leadership Midland Alumni	noon
23	Membership Services	4 pm
24	CVB Advisory Board	11:30 am
24	Board of Directors	3:30 pm
29	HOLIDAY	
30	Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee	11:45am

June

1	New Member Reception	4 pm
6	Midland Manufacturers Association	11:30 am
7	President's Club	11:30 am
9	M-Squad Guidelines	noon
13	Executive Committee	11:30 am
14	Economic Development Committee	11:30 am
15	M-Squad luncheon	11:30 am
20	Sports Commission	4 pm
21	Retention/Expansion Committee	11:30 am
27	Leadership Midland Alumni	noon
27	Membership Services	4 pm
28	CVB Advisory Board	11:30 am
28	Board of Directors	3:30 pm

Chamber to host new-member reception

For some, it is a chance to learn about the Chamber for the first time. For others, it is an opportunity to welcome new businesses into Midland's premier business association.

The New Member Reception is held quarterly in the Midland Chamber's board room.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 109 N. Main St,.

Attendees are encouraged to bring business cards or flyers. After hearing a brief overview of the Chamber and volunteer opportunities, business owners and managers each give a short overview about their business.

Refreshments are served during the free meeting.

For information about attending or sponsoring the event, call Jane Inskeep at the Midland Chamber, 683-3381, or e-mail jane@midlandtxchamber.com.

Chamber anniversaries

The Chamber thanks the following members for their long-term commitment to Midland. Congratulations to these businesses for their years of service as Chamber members (number indicates years of service).

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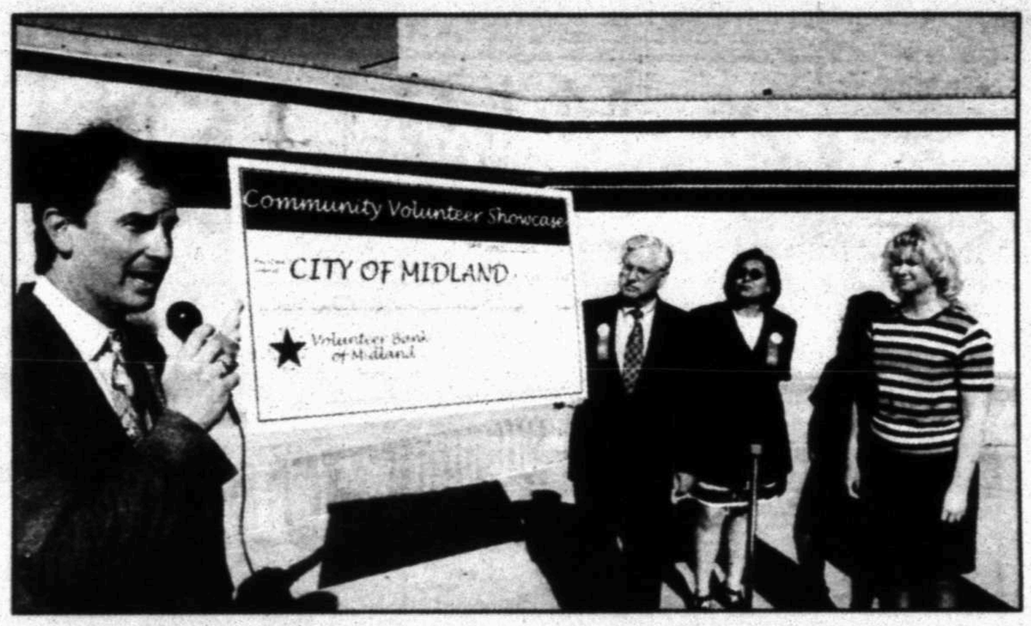
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Community Volunteer Showcase





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The Midland Chamber was one of dozens of non-profit organizations that tallied up the value of their volunteer hours and presented a "check" to the city of Midland during Leadership Midland Alumni's Community Volunteer Showcase April 13 at Centennial Plaza, left. Total estimated value of volunteer service was $6.88 million. Event emcee Bill Dingus, left in above photo, Ludi Navarro, second from right, and Dinah Doggett, right, presented the check to Mayor Bobby Burns.

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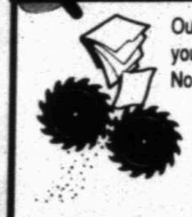
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RockHounds fans 'Pack the Park'

While the first two nights were not records, the final evening of the Chamber's annual "Pack the Park" at Christensen Stadium helped bulge attendance figures.

Ryan Haskell, Midland RockHounds spokesman, said the attendance for the three nights were: April 12, 1,782; April 13, 2,051; and April 14, 4,193, for a total of 8,026.

It was the the Midland Chamber's 25th year to help sponsor the Pack the Park event.

"The RockHounds continue to keep Midland on the map with their excellent representation of our community in AA professional baseball," said event volunteer chair Phyllis Stepp. "The 'Hounds deserve our support this entire season."



Representatives of the Midland RockHounds and the Chamber's M-Squad were joined by Juice the Moose and Rocky RockHound to launch the 25th annual "Pack the Park" in April at Christensen Stadium.

CVB events calendars

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with the booking and servicing of many sporting events and conventions.

SPORTING EVENTS

May 12
Midland Spring Cup
Midland Polo Club
683-2272

May 19-21
Midland In-Line Hockey Invitational Tournament
Midland County Exhibit Building, Reyes/Mashburn/Nelms Park
520-2425

May 19-21
USSSA 20th annual Men's Class "C" National Invitational Tournament
Bill Williams Softtball Complex
Wadley Avenue & Lamesa Road
523-2290

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June 2-4
53rd annual West Texas Swimming Invitational
Doug Russell Pool, Midland Drive and Storey Avenue
684-7755

June 2-4
Memorial Day Girls Fast Pitch Invitational Tournament
Bill Williams Softball Complex
694-5508

June 10-15
West Texas Women's Golf Association Tournament
Ranchland Hills Country Club
684-0406

June 16-18
15th annual Permian Basin 8 Game Guarantee Softball Tournament
MUGS Complex, Ulmer Park, Clark Street & Kentucky Avenue
694-7950

June 16-18
Tennis Association of Midland - West Texas Open
Midland College Tennis Facilities
687-4046

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July 7-9
ASA Girls 12 & under State Tournament
MUGS Complex
694-5508

July 14-16
MUGS All-Star Softball Tournament
MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park
694-5302

July 15
USA Olympic Dive Team Tour
Mabee Aquatic Center
684-7755

CONVENTIONS

May 6-9	Naval Mobil Construction Battalion (150)
May 7-9	Kappa Kappa Iota (45)
May 7-9	Texas Licensed Child Care Association (300)
May 8-13	41st Annual West Texas Lectureship (200)
May 16-18	Texas Center for the Judiciary Inc. (180)
May 24-28	2000 USPCA/NPCA Narcotic Detector Dog Seminar (36)
May 28-30	West Texas Teen Convention (150)

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June 7-10	Grand Junior Lodge of I.O.O.F. (180)
June 10	Bradshaw-Kerin Wedding (60)
June 21-24	Tax Assessors and Collectors Conference (200)
June 22-24	National Association of Postal Supervisors (150)

NOTE: The number indicates the approximate number of individuals attending the convention.

Small Business Roundtable

Speaker will offer 'prescription for procrastination'

You really shouldn't put off reading this.

Marty Morris is to offer "A Prescription for the Procrastination Plague" 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 18, at the Midland Chamber's Small Business Roundtable.



Morris

"Procrastination is a major problem in life," he said. "Often it is caused by the need to be too perfect. The procrastinator says, 'If I commit to getting this thing done, then I may have to work even harder, or ask someone else for assistance and it will be obvious to them that I have a problem.' So to avoid embarrassment, the person procrastinates."

Morris calls the problem a plague because "we're all infected. Yet not much has been written about it, especially about getting cured."

He recommends a three-step approach. "It involves achievement, individualism and creativity."

Morris is a information systems specialist for the Bankers Advantage Group. He has served on speakers bureaus for the Birmingham, Ala., Area Chamber of Commerce, the Literacy Council of Central Alabama and the Cahaba River Society. He and his wife recently moved to Midland.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

The free meeting is held quarterly in the Chamber boardroom, second floor, 109 N. Main St.

To make reservations, contact Dawn Webster at 686-3560, fax 682-9205 or e-mail dawn@midlandtxchamber.com

MAY: 1 million small businesses start up in U.S. each year

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domestic product. America's small businesses employ more than 52 percent of the private sector work force, and have been the principal source of the 21 million new jobs created since 1993.

There is no sign of a slowdown in the entrepreneurial spirit, either, as 1 million new small business start up each year.

Chamber member recognition: Above and beyond

In an effort to recognize members who are investing above the minimum dues schedule and/or are cash sponsors of Chamber events, the Midland Chamber's board of directors have adopted the following annual recognition levels:

Diamond: $10,000 & up
Southwestern Bell
Emerald: $5,000 minimum
Bank of America
Midland Reporter-Telegram
TXU Electric & Gas
Wells Fargo Bank Texas
Platinum Plus: $2,500 minimum
Arco Permian
The Bosworth Co.
Chase Bank of Texas
Compressor Systems Inc.
Cox Communications
Energas Co.
First American Bank, SSB
Ignition Systems & Controls Inc.
Permian Distributing Inc.
Wagner & Brown, Ltd.
West Texas Cat
West Texas Rentals
Platinum: $1,500 minimum
Bank United
Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe, Dawson, P.C.
First National Bank of Midland
H-E-B
Lynch, Chappell & Alsup, P.C.
Buddy Sipes Jr.
Southwestern Bell Wireless
Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages Inc.
Texaco Exploration andProduction Inc.
Westwood Medical Center

Gold Plus: $750 minimum
Bank One
Berg Motor Co.
Burlington Resources Oil & Gas
Chevron Permian Basin
Conoco Inc.
Dawson Geophysical Co.
Desert Springs Medical Center
Duncan Disposal Midland-Odessa
Executone Telecom Solutions of Texas
Family MedCenter Pediatrics
First National Bank of O'Donnell
First Service
GPM Gas Corp.
Heart Center, P.V. Patel, M.D.
Hilton Midland & Towers
Integrated Physician Partners
Jacobs Electronics Inc.
Key Energy Drilling
Key Energy Services
KPMG, LLP
Mobil Expl. & Prod. U.S. Inc.
MRO Management Inc.
Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc.
Permian Basin Area Wide Phonebook
Phillips Petroleum Co.
Pioneer Natural Resources
Qualified Printers Inc.
Clarence Scharbauer III
Sprint PCS
The Subsurface Library
Titan Resources, L.P.
Tom Brown Inc.
Transit Mix Concrete & Material
United Parcel Service
Weidner Investments
Yale E. Key Inc.

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The 3-S Group
A-1 Embroidery and Screen Printing Inc.
A-1 Sign Engravers Inc.
A-Mays-Ing Alternatives
"Natural Health Therapy"
A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc.
ABC Horizons, LLC
AFLAC-Samuel L. Austin
AGM Tamale & Tortilla Factory 1 & 2
Arco Pipe Line Co.
Glen Aaron - Attorney at Law
Admarc
Advance Cleaning
AguaLawn Irrigation Systems
Airmaster Equipment Corp.
Albertson's
All Occasions Baskets & Gifts
American Building Maintenance
Amerind Oil Co.
Ernest Angelo Jr.
Apex 2000 Internet Services Corp.
Arnold, Hancock & Co, P.L.L.C.
Avalon Springs
Aviara Place Apts.
Avion Flight Center Inc.
B & B Auto Sales
BCCK Engineering, Inc.
James H. Barnett, M.D./Permian Cardiology
Basin Aviation
Basin Mortgage Services
Baskin Robbins Ice Cream
Judge & Mrs. Pat M. Baskin
Bass Enterprises Production Co.
Beall's
Benchmark Research and Technology
Beneficial Texas Inc.
Benmark Supply Co.
Robert A. Bennett, D.D.S.
Best Western
Big John's Limo Service
Bill Williams Tire Center
Bill's Fireplace & Fence Craft
Birch Telecom
Blockbuster
Bo's RV Center
Ralph Bowen, CPA
Brazco Development Inc.
Britt Imports
Brooks Financial Group
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Bullock, Scott, Neisig & Owens
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CFC Storage Co.
CMI - Midland
Cain Electrical Supply Corp.
Caldwell Music Co.
Canon, Short & Gaston
Capp Electric of Midland
Career Path Inc.
J. Terry Carpenter, D.D.S.
Carrousel Construction/Boyd's Carpets
Carrow's Restaurant/Fri-M Corp.
Cellular One of Midland
Century 21 Kay Sutton Realtors
Charles Terry Construction Inc.
Charlie Harris Insurance Agency
Chesapeake Interiors
Cimarron House
Cinnamon Street Bakery
Circle T Sales
Classic Carpets Inc.
ClayDesta Inn
Commercial Metals Co.
Community National Bank
Composite Design Network Inc.
K. Michael Conaway, CPA
Confederate Air Force Inc.
Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.
Continental Airlines Inc.
Cook Children's Specialty Clinics
Cooper Construction Co. Inc.
Copy Craft
Cowboys Resources Corp.
Frank Cowden Jr.
Tom & Nadine Craddick
Craig Aldridge Menswear
Culligan Water Conditioning Co.
Custom Mailers
Cypress Pointe Residences
DFI Contract Design
DP Personnel
Data Base Specialties
Days Inn
Debbie Bergen Promotional Products
Deer Horn Aviation, Ltd. Co.
Desert Analytic
Design Services
Design Services Construction Co.
Dillards
Dino's Pizzaria
Don-Nan Pump & Supply Co. Inc.
ECAD Inc.
EDG Resources Inc.
Emidland.Com Inc.
Earle M. Craig, Jr. Corp.
Eddins-Walcher Co.
Ellis Funeral Home of Midland Inc.
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EnergiPersonnel
Ernie Webb, The Idea Man
Express Personnel Services
Expressions
Expressions, Too
Fashion Cleaners No. 1
Federal Tax Consultants
Felipe M. Morales Insurance
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Gandy's
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Grace I & E International
Grainger Industrial Supply
Green Tree Country Club
Gregory & Associates
Griffin Petroleum Co.
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H & R Block
Hampton Inn of Midland
Hawthorne House Apts.
Healthsouth Rehab Hospital of Midland/Odessa
Henry Petroleum Corp.
Harvey Herd
Hero's Waterworld
Hi Tech Graphics
Robert Holt
The Home Depot
Home Hospice
Howard Lumber Co.
Hy-Bon Engineering
Innovative Medical Products
Interim Personnel
Internet Global
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K.M. Jastrow
John H. Hendrix Corp.
John West Surveying Co.
Johnny Johnson Insurance
Johnson, Miller & Co.
Jones Brothers Dirt & Paving
Julian Gold Inc.
Jumburrito Mexican Food Restaurants
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KGEE - Cumulus Broadcasting
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KMND - Cumulus Broadcasting
KNFM - Cumulus Broadcasting
KODM - Cumulus Broadcasting
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KWES TV Channel 9
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Kelly Grimsley Auto Group
Kelly Temporary Services
Ken's Rent It Center
Kent Cos.
Kent Kwik
Kent Kwik/Baskin Robbins
Kidz and Krafts
Kinko's Copies
LAN Solutions of Midland
LG & E Natural
Laura J. Ingram - State Farm Insurance
La Quinta Inn
Lack's Furniture
Lamar Advertising
Langston Realtors
Langston Realtors North
Linco Electromatic Inc.
Dr. Wilbur Lineback
Linebarger Law Firm
Locality.com
Lone Star Abstract & Title Co. Inc.
Luby's Cafeteria
Luna Rosa Stables
Main Events & Catering
Manning's Garden Center
Manor Park
Manzanita Alliances Inc.
Marathon Oil Co.
Marco Sweeping Co.
Bart R. Mayron, M.D./Permian Cardiology
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mdw engineering
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Michael's Flowers, Gifts & Plant Leasing
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Midessa Telephone Systems Inc.
Midland Atlantic Federal Credit Union
Midland Business Center
Midland Cardiac Clinic
Midland College
Midland Fitness Center
Midland Gallery
Midland Imaging Center
Midland Insulation Co. Inc.
Midland Iron Works
Midland Lock & Safe

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Recognition (continued)

Midland Park Medical Specialties
Midland Plaza/United States Realty
Midland Red Oak Realty
Midland Rockhounds/Midland Sports
Midland Self Storage
Midland Sign Inc.
Midland Surgical Associates
Midland Teachers Credit Union
Midland Travel Agency
Midland Winlectric Co.
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Miller/Gold Printing Co.
Mims & Stephens
Morales & Nieto, Attorneys at Law
Morning Glory Adult Care Home
Murray's Delicatessens
NationsRent
Net West Online Inc.
New Horizons Condominiums
Newcomers Unlimited
Northridge Court Apts.
Nueva Vista Golf Club
Oak Ridge Square
Oberkampf Supply of Midland
Odessa Jackalopes
Oil & Gas Data Processing
Olsten Health Services
Outback Steakhouse
Oxy USA Inc.
Pack & Mail Mailing Center
The Paper Clip Office Supply
The Park at Caldera
Paul Hicks Janitorial Supply
Pat Paxton - Langston Realtors
Permian Abstract Co.
Permian Basin Board of Realtors
Permian Medical Billing Inc.
Permian Sign Co.
Permian Telco Federal Credit Union
Petro-Tel Communications Inc.
Piplin Funeral Home
Plains Marketing LP
Pogo Producing Co.
Poka Lambro Wireless PCS
Beth Bridges - Poka Lambro Wireles PCS
Polo Park Estates
Preferred Personnel
Pro Medical Supply
Professional Carpet Systems
Pure Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Putt-Putt Golf & Games
Qualls Management
R & R Collection Service Inc.
RK Petroleum Corp.
Rainbow Press
Raintree Roofing
Ramada Inn Midland Airport
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Ranchland Apartments
Ratliff Ranch Golf Links
RE/MAX of Midland-Chaparral Realtors
Real Estate One, Midland
Reece Albert Inc.
Rendova Oil co.
Resthaven Memorial Park Inc.
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Dr. Joseph Rhode/Mid. Family Phys.
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Rocky Ford Moving Vans
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Rogers Ford Used Cars
Rosa's Cafe
Roy E. Nelson/State Farm Insurance
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SOS Staffing Services
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Saturn of the Permian Basin
Sav-On Discount Office Supplies
Sawyer Freight Forwarders
Scharbauer Cattle Co.
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Sears
Sears Automotive
Charles W. Seltzer
Shelton Specialties
Sherwin-Williams Co.
Sims Plastics
Smith Enterprises
Snowhite Laundry
South Plains Mortgage Co.
Southwest Airlines
Southwest Coca Cola
Southwest Commercial Investments
Southwest Royalties Inc.
Specialized Fitness
Stadium Sports
Standard Sales Co.
Stapp & Company, P.C.
Steve Beggs & Associates
Strategic Abstract & Title Corp.
Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder
Sun West Mud Co. Inc.
Susie's South Forty Confections
TMBR/Sharp Drilling Inc.
Tomcat USA Inc.
Taco Villa
Tall City Uniforms
Tamarack Petroleum Co.
TechTel Communications
TelSystem 47
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Teraco Inc.
Texas Tech Univ. Health Sciences Center
Thornton Bank Drafting Services
Top Gun Promotions
Top O' the Mark
Toucan Tans
Travelodge
Trend Exploration Co.
Trinity Place Apts.
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Unocal Corp.
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Village Car Wash & Express Lube
Village East Express Wash & Lube
VisionHealth Specialties Center
Wal-Mart
Webco Printing
West Texas Insurance Exchange
Western National Bank
Whirlwind Tours
White Travel
Wilco Building Partners, Ltd.
The Wild Scallion
Witt International Trucks
Jane Wolf - Langston Realtors
Greg M. Wright - New York Life Insurance
Wurster, Armstrong & Williamson
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Zeno Office Solution

President's Club


Lewallen

John Lewallen of The Paper Clip and Big John's Limo Service was named Top Achiever of the President's Club for April. Lewallen helped the Chamber retain three members in March.

Other active committee members included Charlie Jeffus of A.G. Edwards & Sons, one new membership; Shelby Concotelli, Seminole Chamber of Commerce, one new membership; Miriam Jones of Michael's Flowers, two new memberships; Phyllis Stepp of Thomas Kinkade Gallery, retained one membership; Frank Stowers of First American Bank, one new membership; Debbie Bergen, Debbie Bergen Promotional Products, retained one membeship; and Paula Larson of Bank United, retained one memberahip.

Chamber staff sold seven new memberships in March.

For more information, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain.

M-Squad


Hoover

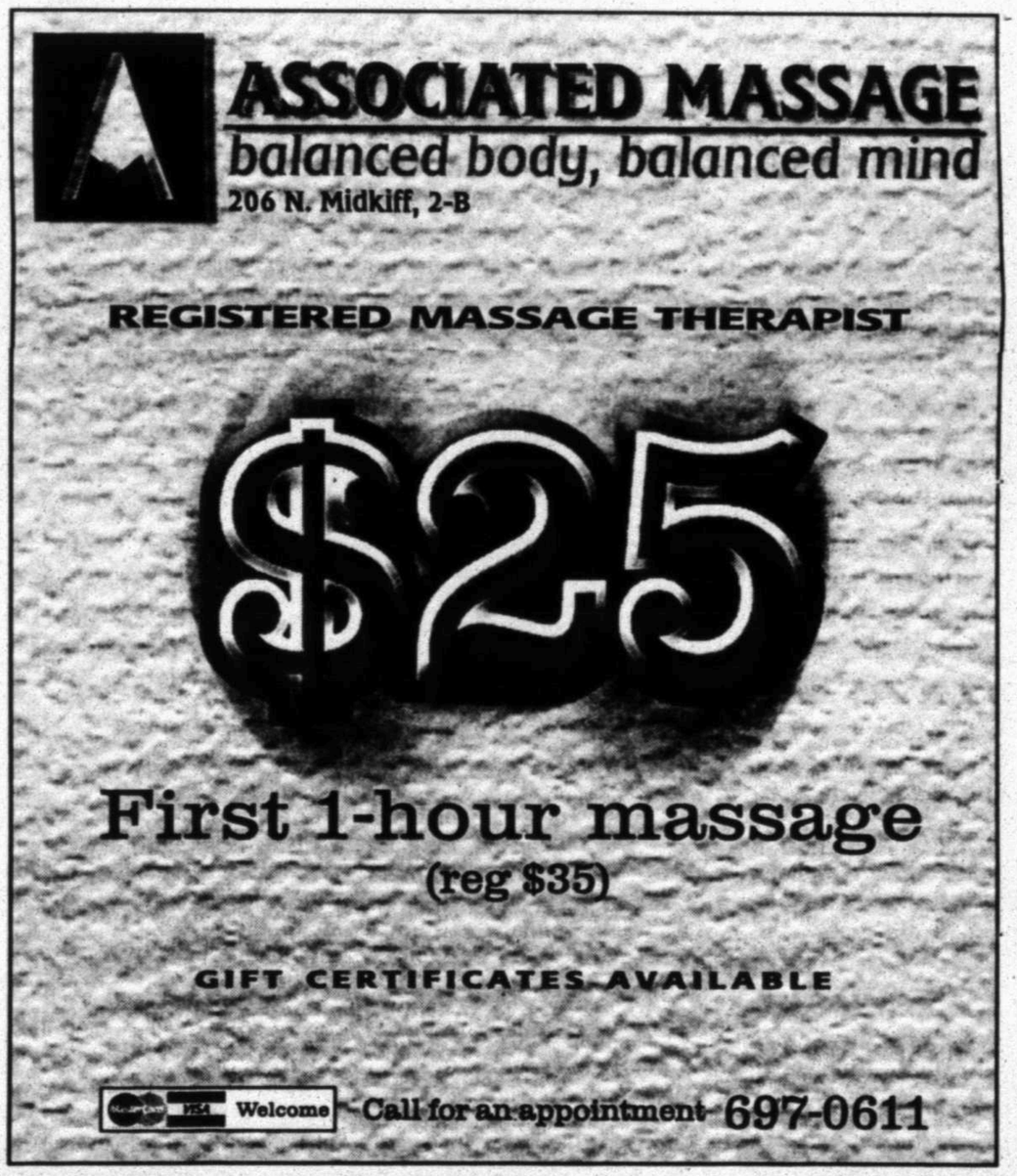
Dell Hoover wrested the title of Ambassador of the Month from Charlie Jeffus. She earned the most points for March by attending ribbon cuttings and other M-Squad events.

Ms. Hoover is serving this year as the chairman of M-Squad and said she thoroughly enjoys volunteering for the Chamber. She is also a volunteer for the Desk & Derrick Club and enjoys traveling.

Ms. Hoover recently accepted the position of travel hostess for Amera Travel. She arranges trips and escorts groups to such places as New York City.

Chamber members are encouraged to have a representative on the M-Squad to help market their business. It is a great way to be visible in the community and get the business name known to other Chamber members.

For more information on how to become an ambassador, call Dawn Webster at 683-3381.



The economy

Number of permits for new homes increase 1990-96

By Kevin Skipper

The accompanying table and figures display new home building permits data in the city of Midland and total (new and existing) home sales statistics in Midland County. The table includes annual levels between 1990-99 and the first quarter (January through March) of 2000.

The figures present quarterly levels. Quarterly home sales data going back to 1990 are not available.

The annual number of new home building permits generally rose between 1990-96. During this period, the number of permits expanded from 73 to 95 (30.1 percent). After peaking in 1996, the number fell to 42 in 1999 (-55.8 percent). Levels declined 48.2 percent in 1999 and 42.5 percent during the decade. The number of permits dropped each year between 1996-99. The new home construction market picked up (compared to 1999) during Q1/2000, when the city granted 49 permits.

New home building permits and total home sales
City of Midland and Midland County
1990-2000

Year	Permits	Sales
1990	73	1,678
1991	75	1,555
1992	59	1,410
1993	92	1,525
1994	76	1,372
1995	83	1,512
1996	95	1,416
1997	90	1,575
1998	81	1,642
1999	42	1,434
Q1/2000	49	329
% Change, 1998-99	-48.2	-12.7
% Change, 1990-99	-42.5	-14.5
ACPC, 1990-99	-5.4	-1.6

Source: Desert Analytic, City of Midland, PBBR & WTMLS.
Note: Permits data include city of Midland. Sales data include Midland County.
ACPC=annual compound percentage change.

Figure 1 exhibits a downward trend in quarterly permitting activity beginning in early 1997. This trend reversed itself late in the study period, when the number of permits rose substantially (from nine in Q1/1999 to 16 in Q1/2000, or 77.8 percent). Also encouraging is the rise in the index during the last two quarters of the period.

The annual number of new and existing homes sold in Midland County changed little during the1990s. Sales dropped 12.7 percent during 1999 and 14.5 percent during the 1990s.

Quarterly data indicate a long-term downward trend beginning in early 1998. Sales improved during Q2 and Q3/1999, but dropped during Q4; they remained flat during Q1/2000. Q1/2000 sales look strong relative to the Q1/1999 level because the latter appears so weak. Compared to sales during Q1/1997 andQ1/1998, sales in Q1/2000 appear flat. If we examine recent monthly levels, the market appears somewhat stronger. Data through the first three months of 2000 exhibit a promising, upward trend (January = 80; February = 106; March = 143). Also, the index rose during the last quarter of the study period.

More than a three-fold rise in nominal crude oil prices and natural gas prices well above $2/mcf have not translated into anything approaching proportional expansions in new home building permits or home sales in Midland. I expect continued sluggishness or at best very modest expansions in the numbers of home permits and sales during the short-term. Levels will not show long-term improvement until (at least) energy prices (especially oil) stabilize at reasonable levels (around $25/bbl) and remain there for six to 12 months.

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Kevin Skipper is chief economist at Desert Analytic, a Midland-based economics and statistical services consultancy.

Figure 1
New Home Building Permits
City of Midland
1990-2000

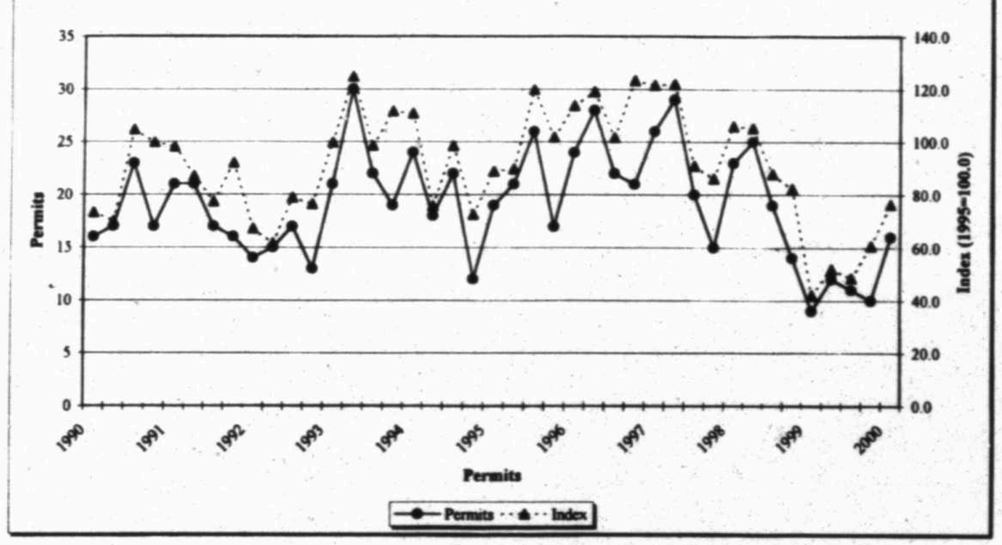
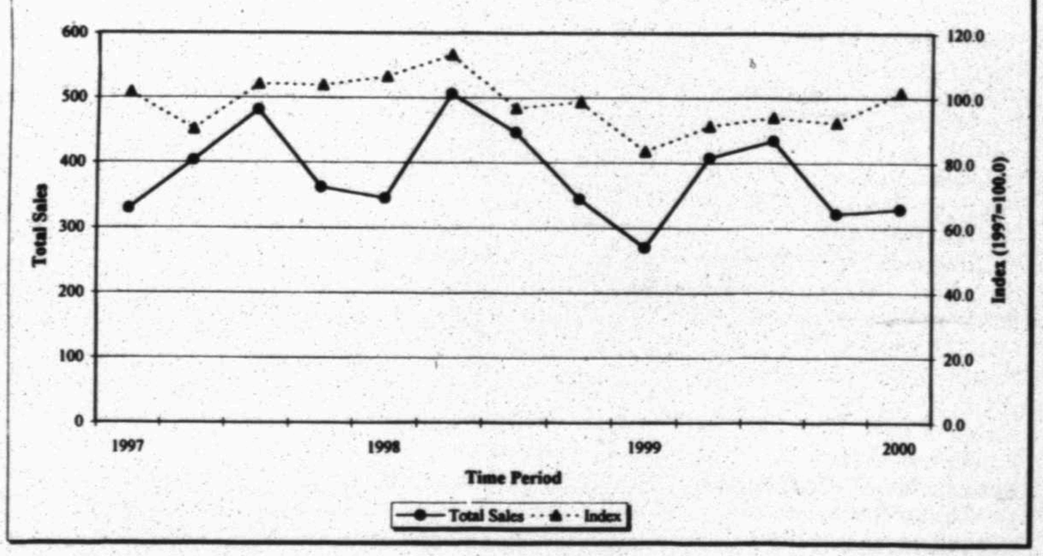


Figure 2
Total Home Sales
Midland County
1997-2000



Economy conference to focus on tourism

By Laura Spilman

Midland is following up on the successful initial State of the Economy Conference by hosting a second conference that focuses on economic diversification through tourism — an industry that brought more than $152 million to Midland County in 1998.

Many Midlanders are slowly becoming aware of the economic impact of an industry that generated more than $12 million in travel tax revenue in the county in the same year.

The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), a division of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, will host this free luncheon seminar 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Midland Center.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and nine Midland banks — the sponsors of the first conference — have joined the Chamber staff and additional sponsors in their efforts to bring this important event to those concerned with the future of the local economy.

"This conference will show Midland businesses how they can benefit from the third largest industry in Texas, which has already contributed a significant amount to our local

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First American Economy at a glance

THE MIDLAND-ODESSA REGIONAL ECONOMY

The Midland-Odessa Economic Index

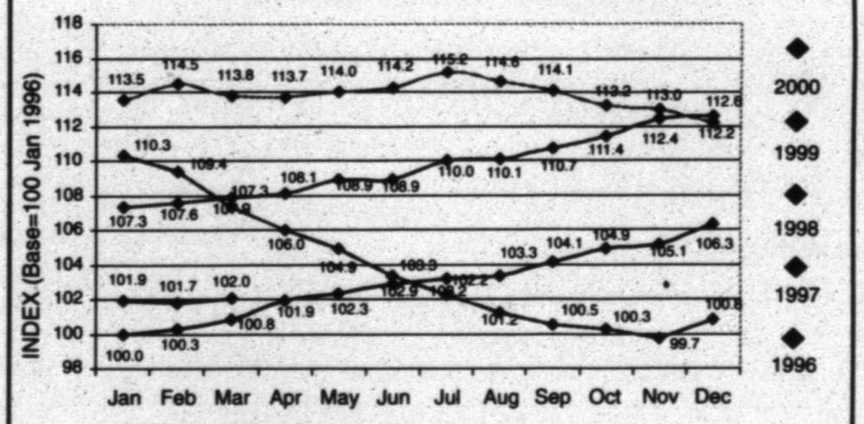
ECONOMIC INDICATORS	THIS YEAR March 2000	LAST YEAR March 1999	% Change 3/99-3/00
Retail Sales (000's - Month)	$170,758	$143,523	19.0%
Retail Sales (000's - YTD)	$587,515	$576,574	1.9%
Hotel Motel Tax (Qtr)	$388,074	$476,983	-18.6%
Hotel Motel Tax (YTD)	$388,074	$476,983	-18.6%
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (Month)	$2,959,883	$2,327,225	27.2%
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (YTD)	$7,585,735	$5,965,524	27.2%
Airline Boardings (Month)	42,067	41,936	0.3%
Airline Boardings (YTD)	110,940	110,600	0.3%
Value All Building Permits (Month)	$11,293,780	$6,586,853	71.5%
Value All Building Permits (YTD)	$35,846,484	$39,705,723	-9.7%
Permits for New Homes (Month)	30	18	66.7%
Permits for New Homes (YTD)	78	54	44.4%
Sales of Existing Homes (Month)	217	160	35.6%
Sales of Existing Homes (YTD)	512	387	32.3%
Average Home Sale Price (Month)	$82,517	$86,815	-5.0%
Average Home Sale Price (YTD)	$81,214	$84,995	-4.4%
Electric Utility Customers (Month)	105,553	105,500	0.1%
Manpower Employer Survey (Qtr) *	17%	8%	N/A
EMPLOYMENT			
Wage and Salary Employment (Month)	99,600	100,000	-0.4%
Wage and Salary Employment (Avg YTD)	99,300	100,700	-1.4%
Unemployment Rate (Month)	6.4	9.0	N/A
Unemployment Rate (Avg YTD)	6.6	9.2	N/A
TEXAS PBPI **	97.3	74.0	31.5%
INDEX (Base = 100 January 1996)	102.0	107.3	-4.9%

* Percent of Employers Surveyed Expecting to Increase Staff in Coming Quarter
** Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index (Base=100 Jan 1996)

First American Economy at a glance

THE MIDLAND-ODESSA REGIONAL ECONOMY

The Midland-Odessa Economic Index



Permian Basin economy shows growth in first quarter of 2000

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The Permian Basin economy has been showing improvement during the first three months of 2000, while the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index enters its ninth month of growth.

The two indexes are prepared by Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham for First American Bank, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Reporter-Telegram.

Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive of the chamber, noted that the regional index in March had recovered the slight loss it posted last month.

"Overall, the index was positive, but we're not out of the woods yet," he said.

Bobby Norman, president of First American, agreed that the general economic recovery is a little less stable and a little more fragile than officials had hoped, and employment is the key reason.

"Wage and salary employment is off 400 (jobs) and it now seems those are jobs permanently lost and that highlights the need for diversification," he said. " Look at the INS detention center proposal, which, whether we like it or not, is the type of thing we need to consider."

Wynn said he was also concerned about the job loss, noting that oil and gas employment is down 2.5 percent and that Burlington Resources had recently announced the elimination of 50 jobs in Midland.

The economic index inched up to 102 in March from 101.7, but Ingham said that small gain was deceiving because the gap between current-year and prior-year performance is quickly narrowing.

"When you look at the improvements in the monthly numbers and year-to-date numbers, when you look at the change in the numbers from a year ago, they're dramatic," he said. "In the next three months or so, the index will gain considerable steam."

Both men said they were pleased to see increases in airline boardings, a 27 percent increase in motor vehicle sales tax collections and that sales tax revenues were ahead of last year.

"Ever since oil prices went up, I've noticed an increase," said Dawn Martin, manager of Mervyn's California. "This month has been booming; it is sensational business."

A lot of it, she said, was buying for Easter. "I've seen lots of children's items and shoes, women's dresses; but it's also close to summer so they're also buying swimsuits and sandals."

She said she noticed an increase back in October and the mild winter helped the store's sales.

"And once February and March hit, it was really good," she said.

Donnie Diaz, an executive at Target, said the store has been doing well for the last month and a half.

"People have more money in their pockets and want to spend it," he said, noting that the traditional slow points have been busy and the traditional busy points have been "very, very busy."

Ingham noted that a 32 percent increase in existing home sales and a 44 percent gain in permits for new home construction were very positive.

"What I find most impressive and what implies the most to me, is the permits for new homes," he said. "Not only is it impressive just in construction activity, which is important to the economy, (but building a home) says you have the means, the income and have decided your economic future is bright enough to proceed with the commitment. It's an attitude of economic capability," he said.

Larry Stewart, a residential and commercial developer, said he has noticed an increase in the residential lots he has at Briarwood.

"The builders I know are optimistic about housing starts," he said.

He also developed San Jacinto Plaza, home to retailers like Target, Home Depot and several restaurants. He said inquiries from commercial users have been steady for 18 months, he said.

"Those interested in the community have studied it for a long time and were confident the economy would make it through $12 oil," he said. "They have been studying the Midland market and noticed retail spending, that Midland is a retail hub and spending is still high. Most retailers acknowledge that a substantial portion of their sales doesn't come from inside Midland.

Norman found irony in Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's visit last week to Odessa and Perry's remarks that the state economy is very strong, with the exception of the energy sector, and that technology will drive the economy over the next 20 years.

"The timing of his visit and our efforts to diversify is perfect. It's notable (that) he says we need to look at diversification and what will drive the state economy. So goes the state, so goes the Permian Basin and we need to be less reliant on one industry," Norman said.

TOURISM: Conference to include booths spotlighting local businesses

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economy and has the potential to generate more dollars and tax revenue for Midland in the future," said Marvin Wynn, president/CEO of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsors will open the program with exhibit booths spotlighting local businesses. Joan Baskin, recognized for her dedication to Midland's future development, will emcee the event.

Craig Morgan, tourism development director with the Texas Department of Economic Development Tourism Division, will share Midland's role in the state's tourism marketing program. Successful Texas city case studies, including a presentation by P.W. McCallum, executive director of the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau, will be offered.

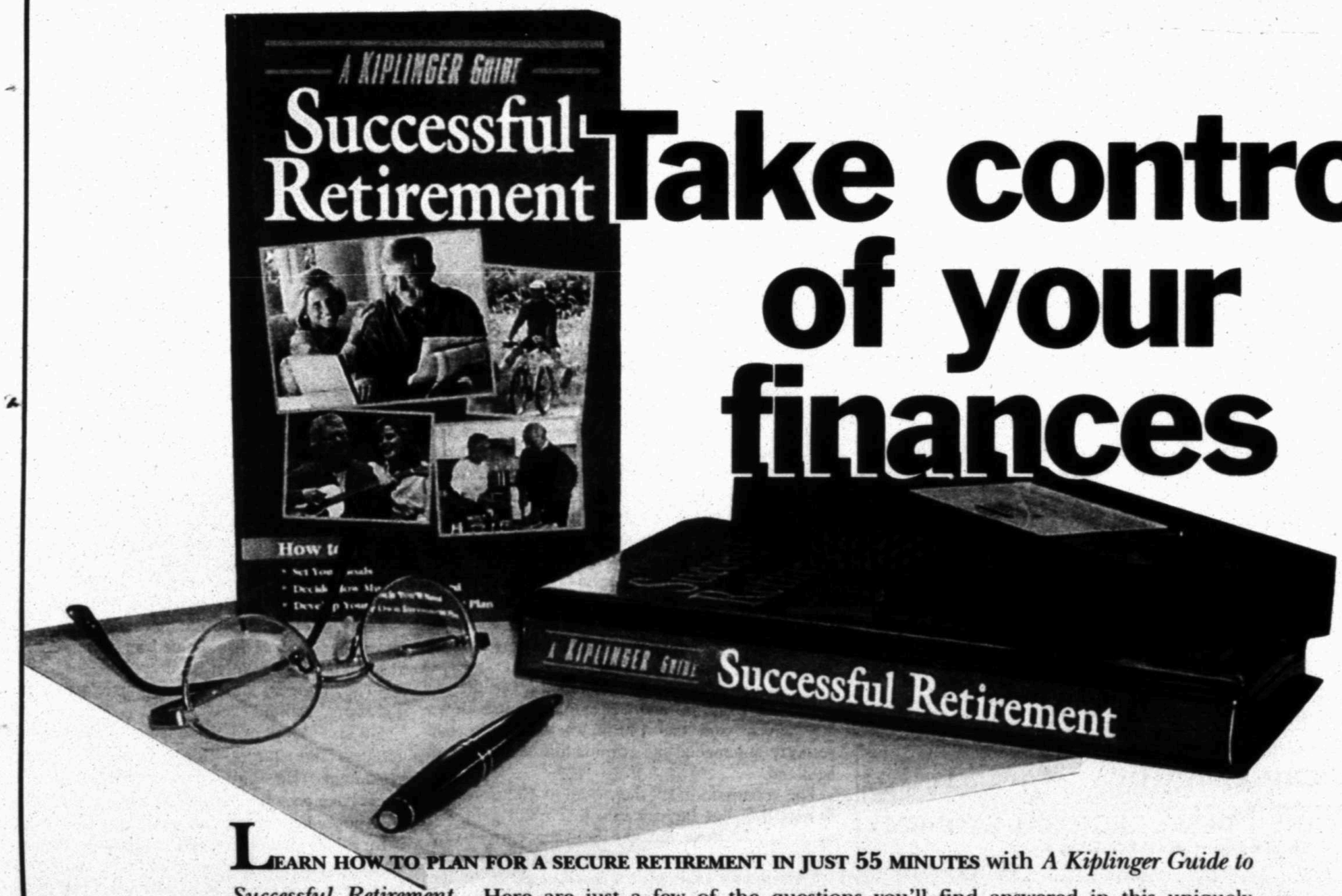
The keynote speaker will be Paul Serff, president of the Texas Travel Industry Association. The Midland CVB will conclude the event with the unveiling of their new Midland sales video.

The luncheon and seminar is free to the public, although tickets are required.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Midland Chamber of Commerce at 683-3381.

"With our established tourism infrastructure, including the Midland CVB, nationally recognized attractions, hotels, retailers, restaurants and the significant developments planned within Midland in the next several years, now is the ideal time to determine what steps we need to take to maximize the potential benefits we can realize through tourism," said Jane Phares, CVB vice chair, Midland Chamber Board of Directors.

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