

87 tons in 25 minutes Copter makes quick work



RANDY BORST/staff photographer



Eyes turned to the sky at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning as helicopter pilot Jim Briggman of Air 76 Aerial Construction Co. lowered 87 tons of heating and cooling units onto the roof of Bonaventure Skating Rink. Residents from Independence Green apartments, across the street from the roller rink, craned their necks and watched the pilot deftly lift five units with his Sikorsky S58-T turbine engine helicopter. The two-year-old heating units that were replaced were electric, with heat pumps, and the source of much grief to the rink owner, Louis Armbruster.

Little guy gets giddy in market

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Street, but the phones are ringing off the hook."

All three brokers say their recent stock activity is coming mostly from previous accounts.

Like the Wall Street brokers, area brokers are spending more time on the job. "I'm putting in an extra hour or two a day, going through paper work and talking to people on the phone," says Ducey.

"I don't know a broker who isn't working 70 hours a week," says Piedmont. Jushkewich says he's been fitting more work into his regular hours rather than putting in more hours.

The brokers note some profit-taking during this stock market rally. These are people who sell their stocks while the price is high. All say they are able to absorb this profit-taking and keep going.

Brokers hesitated to name their more active issues. Ducey did say, "I always see a lot of GM and Ford because of where we are."

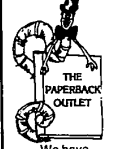
Ducey characterized recent stock market activity as "general interest in the market rather than specific interest in certain issues."

Looking ahead, Jushkewich says he anticipates increased private investor activity in the stock market. "The market will be higher than ever in the next two years. This increased volume will spark a long-term increase."

"When and how fast — who knows? Most brokers hope it's for real. The plain fact is nobody knows."

Piedmont would not comment on the market's future outlook.

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