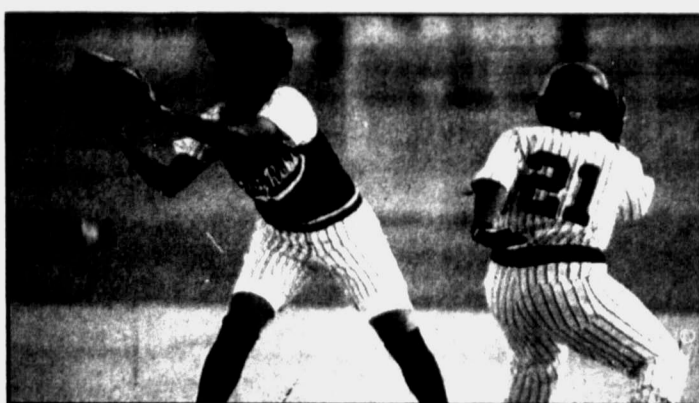




LOCAL

Studying pays off

Elementary and junior high school students from Midland, Glasscock, Upton and Martin counties compete in annual spelling bee. /1B



SPORTS

Dawgs win

Midland High School girls beat Lee High School girls, 1-0, in District 4-5A softball action, Saturday. /1B

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Taiwanese re-elect president

Voters send message to mainland China through ballots

■ In Beijing, official New China News Agency portrayed outcome as sign voters opposed separating Taiwan from mainland.

N.Y. Times News Service

TAIPEI, Taiwan — President Lee Teng-hui swept Saturday to an election victory that exceeded all expectations and served as a forceful rebuke to mainland China, receiving a strong mandate from this island's voters in their first democratic balloting for president.

After final results were tallied, 54 percent of the nearly 11 million Taiwanese who cast ballots had voted for Lee. His tally was more than double that of his closest challenger in a field of four candidates.

A strong sense of crisis over mainland China's threatening military exercises apparently caused significant numbers of voters to defect from Taiwan's largest opposition group, the pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party, to Lee's camp.

In Beijing, the official New China News Agency portrayed the results as a sign voters opposed separating Taiwan from the mainland.

Lee's efforts to create a more independent international image for Taiwan has given him a broad appeal among voters of conflicting ideologies, including those who would like Lee to dump the island's longstanding commitment to a "one China" policy in favor of independence.

"This was a plebiscite without the label of plebiscite, and I hope that China got the message," said Parris H. Chang, a pro-independence member of Taiwan's legislature, "and the message is that Taiwan does not want to reunify with the mainland."

But other analysts said Lee would

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Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui and his wife Wee Hui-lee acknowledge cheers of supporters outside the Nationalist Party Headquarters in Taipei, Saturday.



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SAN ANTONIO — The songs of Selena, the slain Tejano star whose music helped define the art form, continued to win awards Saturday — almost a year after she was gunned down. The Grammy-winning singer and another artist, Emilio, dominated the 1996 Tejano Music Awards. Story, page 4A.

Righting a wrong

AURORA, Mo. — His own words had done him in. His confession to the murder of an elderly widow had put him behind bars for life. Johnny Lee Wilson was doomed. Later, when the young retarded man said police had bullied him into confessing, that he didn't do it, that it was all a mistake, authorities didn't buy it. They wouldn't change their minds even after a convicted killer confessed to the crime. But the peculiar chain of events haunted two men. One knew Wilson as a child and couldn't believe the meek kid with an IQ of 76 had grown into a crafty, cold-blooded killer. The other knew the murderer who claimed responsibility and couldn't believe he was lying. Page 10A.

No winners

AUSTIN — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$12 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 4, 10, 12, 13, 21 and 39. Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$18 million.

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Up in the air
Up
New terminal at issue

If approved, the project — already designed, with construction scheduled to have begun two months ago — will continue as planned. Otherwise, the existing facility will be renovated.



Artial Rendering

This is the artist's rendition of the proposed airport building for Midland International Airport. The issue of whether to construct a new building or to renovate the current structure finally will be decided by Midland voters on May 4.

Voters to decide whether new terminal will fly



Passengers line the Southwest Airlines ticket counter recently at Midland International Airport.

Curt Wilcott Reporter-Telegram

Editor's Note: This is Part One of a three-day series examining the city's proposal to construct a new terminal building at Midland International Airport for \$33.2 million, which includes design/engineering fees spent to date. Voters will decide on May 4 whether to allow the city to borrow \$21 million for the project.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

On May 4, voters in Midland will decide the fate of a proposed new airport terminal building.

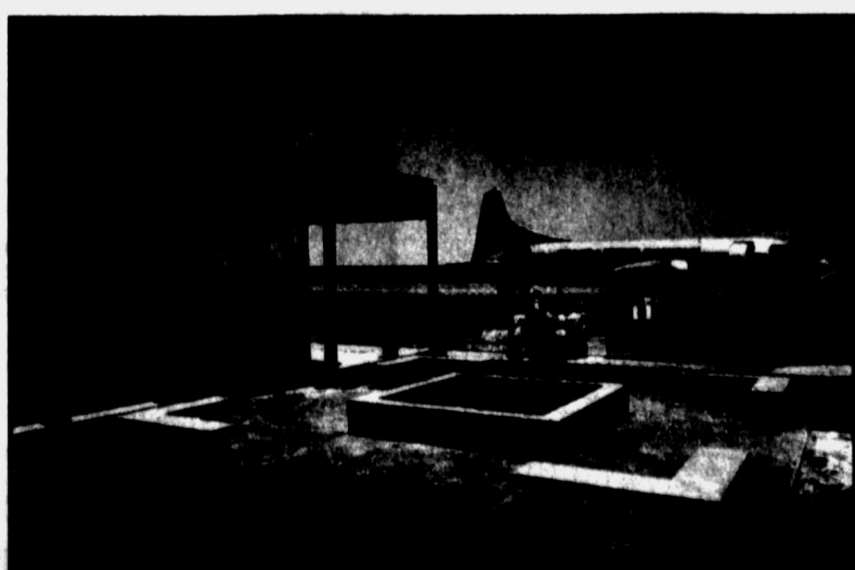
If approved, the project — already designed with construction slated to have begun two months ago — will continue as planned. Otherwise, city officials said, the facility will be renovated.

Supporters say the existing structure is essentially irreparable and building anew would be more cost-effective than renovation and not use tax dollars. Opponents say any problems can be repaired and express skepticism about funding availability for new construction.

Plans to build were ultimately challenged when a grassroots group collected enough signatures to cause the City Council to call a referendum on the issue.

About 3½ months after announcing their campaign, petitioners presented 5,076 signatures to city officials in December. Officials verified 3,818 were from qualified, registered

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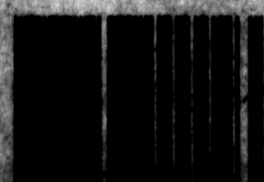


A Trans-Texas propeller-powered airliner sits on the runway near the Pilska Museum in 1964. The Pilska plane is now inside the air terminal.

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Russia's 3rd man keeps hopes alive

By Candice Hughs
Associated Press

MOSCOW — When presidential hopeful Grigory Yavlinsky finally hit the campaign trail, the first question from the audience cut right to the quick: "Are you crazy?"

Yavlinsky insists he's not, but the abrasive and ambitious young champion of the free market knows his candidacy looks increasingly quixotic. This election is becoming a two-man race — and neither of them is Grigory Yavlinsky.

"One opponent is a party that is 100 years old — 100 years old!" Yavlinsky said in an interview. "And on the other side I have a regime — a system with the KGB, with the military, with television."

He referred to the unpopular incumbent, Boris Yeltsin, and his charisma-deficient Communist opponent, Gennady Zyuganov, who are the frontrunners in opinion polls.

But although his prospects were always modest, Yavlinsky hopes to build on poll findings that say a lot of Russians aren't thrilled by either of the two leading contenders.

"There's room for a third choice," said Vyacheslav Igrunov, one of Yavlinsky's long-time strategists and a fellow member of parliament.

But Yavlinsky's two-year quest for the Russian presidency seems to have imploded in recent months. Less than three months before the June 16 vote, he has no money, no organization, no viable game plan.

"Things look bad," Igrunov conceded. "Ending up in third place would be very good."

Yavlinsky had planned to start campaigning in January. Instead,

'I am a representative of history. I'm not simply a man who is trying to be president just because he's better or smarter than the others.'

Grigory Yavlinsky
presidential candidate



he started in mid-March with a meet-the-voters event in Moscow. About 1,000 people were there. It was a typical Yavlinsky crowd: big city intellectuals and white-collar professionals.

The photogenic candidate assured them he was in the race to the bitter end — and that his sanity was intact. But, he said with a smile, "living in Russia, sometimes I feel like I'm in a madhouse."

People laughed appreciatively; they know the feeling.

Yavlinsky is a scathing and relentless critic of Yeltsin and of the chaos of crony capitalism, crime and corruption that have engulfed Russia during his rule.

Vowing to set things right with market reforms that benefit ordinary people, Yavlinsky, an economist, promises to break up privileged monopolies, close tax loopholes and support small business.

Unlike most prominent reformers, Yavlinsky never served in the Yeltsin government. Untainted by association with Yeltsin's unpopular policies, he was the only reformer democrat still on his feet after the Communist sweep in December's parliamentary election.

But instead of entrenching himself as the last liberal hope, Yavlinsky hunkered down out of the public eye. His standing in the polls, which consistently rank him as one of Russia's more trusted and liked politicians, began to sag.

Even without the slow start and the other problems now bedeviling him, Yavlinsky has to fight the perception that he may be too soft, too intellectual and too untested to be president.

And his mother is Jewish, a big handicap in a country rife with anti-Semitism. It was the second question at the meet-the-voters event.

By his own admission, Yavlinsky hates to fail. But he says he is not pulling out. For one thing, he's too proud. For another, he's thinking ahead to the next election.

"I am a representative of history. I'm not simply a man who is trying to be president just because he's better or smarter than the others," Yavlinsky said. "I'm trying to represent a new generation of Russians ... This is my task. And it's very important."

Mexico makes little progress in assassination case

MEXICO CITY (NYT) — Two years after the assassination of a leading presidential candidate, Mexico's top justice official has made little headway toward solving the case and is facing questions about his competence and impartiality.

Mexico has not recovered from the trauma of the March 23, 1994, killing of Luis Donaldo Colosio, the presidential candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI. Public hopes ran high that Attorney General Antonio Lozano Gracia would announce new arrests or present new evidence to mark the second anniversary of the killing.

Instead, on Thursday Lozano released a videotape filmed by his staff in which he stiffly issued a general defense of his work, but provided no new revelations about the case.

The rising doubts about Lozano, voiced by a range of political leaders and the press, are troubling President Ernesto Zedillo's campaign to clean up the government.

Lozano is a key figure in the effort, because Zedillo chose the 42-year-old lawyer from an opposition political party to insure the independence of inquiries into the Colosio assassination and several other high-profile crimes involving PRI leaders.

Promoting new respect for the rule of law is central to Zedillo's policies. But Mexico's justice system is proving too backward and corrupt to produce timely, unsailable results in these complex cases.

The sharpest criticism of Lozano comes from the PRI, Zedillo's

own party. In the last week, commissions in both houses of the PRI-dominated legislature put out stinging reports on the lack of progress in the Colosio case.

"That is just a press release," the president of PRI, Santiago Onate, said of Lozano's videotaped statement. "We are a wounded society and we want the truth."

PRI officials suspect Lozano of dragging his feet as part of a politically inspired strategy to undermine Zedillo's credibility. Lozano rejects these suspicions, saying the investigation is moving slowly because much of the evidence was mishandled by earlier prosecutors.

In February 1995 Lozano introduced new intrigue into the assassination by arresting a second suspected gunman, raising the possibility of a conspiracy. One confessed gunman, Mario Aburto, was convicted by earlier prosecutors who said he had acted alone.

But in the last year Lozano has not offered any further proof of his conspiracy hypothesis.

In the absence of hard findings,

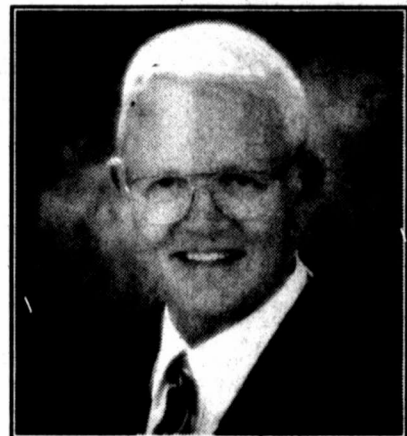
speculation about Colosio's killing has become increasingly outlandish.

Last month justice officials hinted that they were about to arrest an army general, Domiro Garcia Reyes, who was the head of Colosio's security contingent. As rumors swirled about high-level political involvement in the assassination, Reyes went on a popular nightly television news show to protest his innocence. He was never arrested.

In a serious setback, the judge who had been hearing the case since the outset, Alejandro Sosa Ortiz, withdrew this month, saying he had had too many fights with Lozano's prosecutors.

Lozano defended the investigation, which is being conducted in secret, as "scientifically sound." He said the Colosio case and others touch on "very high-level political and economic interests," and implied that he and his staff have fended off threats and bribe offers. The Mexican news media reported an attempt on Lozano's life late last year.

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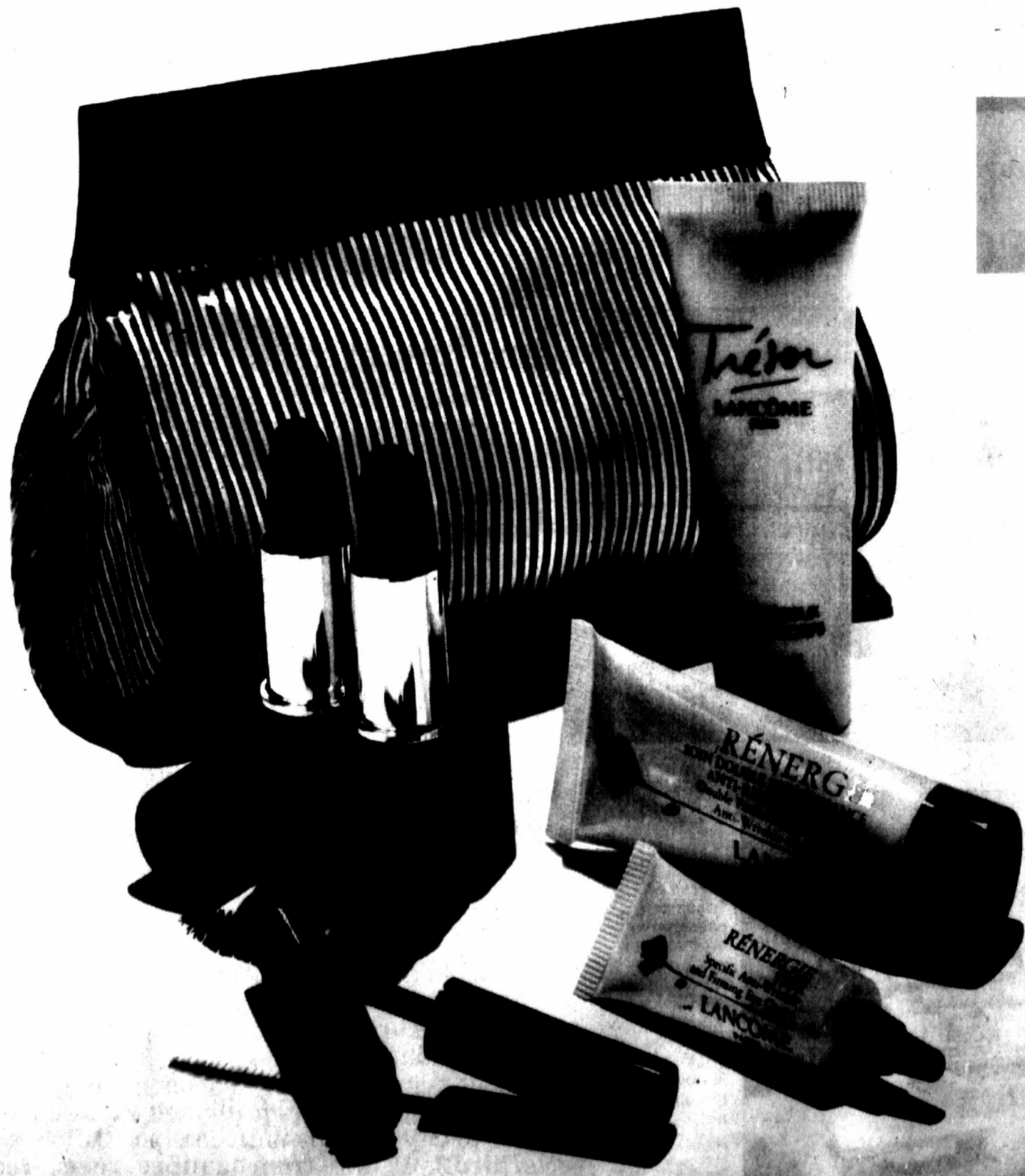
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Barely dented by leaders' arrest, Colombian cocaine output soars

By Paul Haven
Associated Press

LA HORMIGA, Colombia (AP) — Hernan Ordonez looks over the rows of coca plants and the other young men feverishly pulling in the cocaine harvest. His hands bleed from the work, but he's thankful to have it.

The drug trade is flourishing again in La Hormiga, a jungle town of 6,000 people near Ecuador. Drug traffickers speed around in shiny cars, teen-age prostitutes parade down a dirt-packed main street on a horse-drawn cart, and the morgue is always full.

After police arrested six leaders of the Cali drug cartel last year, money stopped flowing into town, coca farmers couldn't sell their products and La Hormiga's 120 prostitutes sat idle.

The captures were heralded by Colombian officials as the beginning of the end of the drug trade. But they proved just a bump in the road for a multibillion-dollar business, and drug towns like La Hormiga are back in business.

"I've never worked so hard, but the money is good so I'm not complaining," said Ordonez, a 22-year-old peasant paid 15,000 pesos — about \$15 — a day to strip coca leaves from their bushes.

Coca farmers are now fetching the same prices as before the arrests, evidence the world's largest drug organization has recovered from the leadership shake-up and is producing cocaine again in large quantities.

On weekends, La Hormiga fills with cartel intermediaries, hit men and local drug bosses. They drink and do business.

Handguns, knives, cash and cocaine are openly displayed. Cash is plentiful. The combination often turns violent.

"When a deal goes wrong, they end up here," said Dr. Denis Calcedo, one of two physicians at La Hormiga Hospital. "Most are shot in the back while drinking at their favorite bar."

La Hormiga had about 200 murders last year, or one for every 30 inhabitants. Many bodies are dumped in the muddy Guamues River. More than 95 percent of the crimes go unsolved because few witnesses are willing to risk talking to the police.

In La Hormiga and the rest of isolated Putumayo state, drug

traffickers rule supreme while soldiers get kickbacks to look the other way. Leftist guerrillas are paid to guard drug labs and larger farms. And farmers have only one profitable product to sell.

One kilogram (2.2 pounds) of coca paste, from which refined cocaine powder is made, again brings farmers about \$1,100, compared with just \$600 after the arrests of the Cali leaders. Farmers clear \$200 a kilo of paste after expenses, a far cry from the \$20,000 a kilo that cocaine costs wholesale in the United States.

Most say they would rather grow something else in Putumayo's rich, red soil. But they can't make enough on traditional products — corn, yucca and potatoes — because of the high cost of transporting goods out of the remote, landlocked region.

"Economically, it is a good business for us," said Natibel Lucero, 46, who owns a 7.4-acre coca farm. "We know the harm we are causing humanity, but what else can we do? We're not going to let our families starve to death."

Low-level traffickers buy farmers' coca paste and take it to large laboratories hidden in the jungle. There, the paste is refined into pure cocaine, which is packed and smuggled out of Colombia.

The Cali cartel had stockpiled tons of cocaine, so last year's headline-catching arrests had a remarkably small effect on the amount of cocaine reaching U.S. streets.

"We're seeing a relatively uninterrupted flow," said James McGivney, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington.

Colombian traffickers supply 80 percent of the world's cocaine. In the United States alone, the DEA estimates the Cali cartel does \$7 billion in business a year. Despite crop eradication programs, Colombia last year became the world's second leading coca producer after Peru, the United States says.

The recent jump in coca prices likely will undermine government efforts to persuade peasants to substitute less lucrative crops for coca.

In Putumayo, government crop substitution programs and attempts to begin crop eradication with herbicide have failed in the face of peasant protests.

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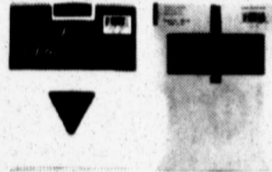
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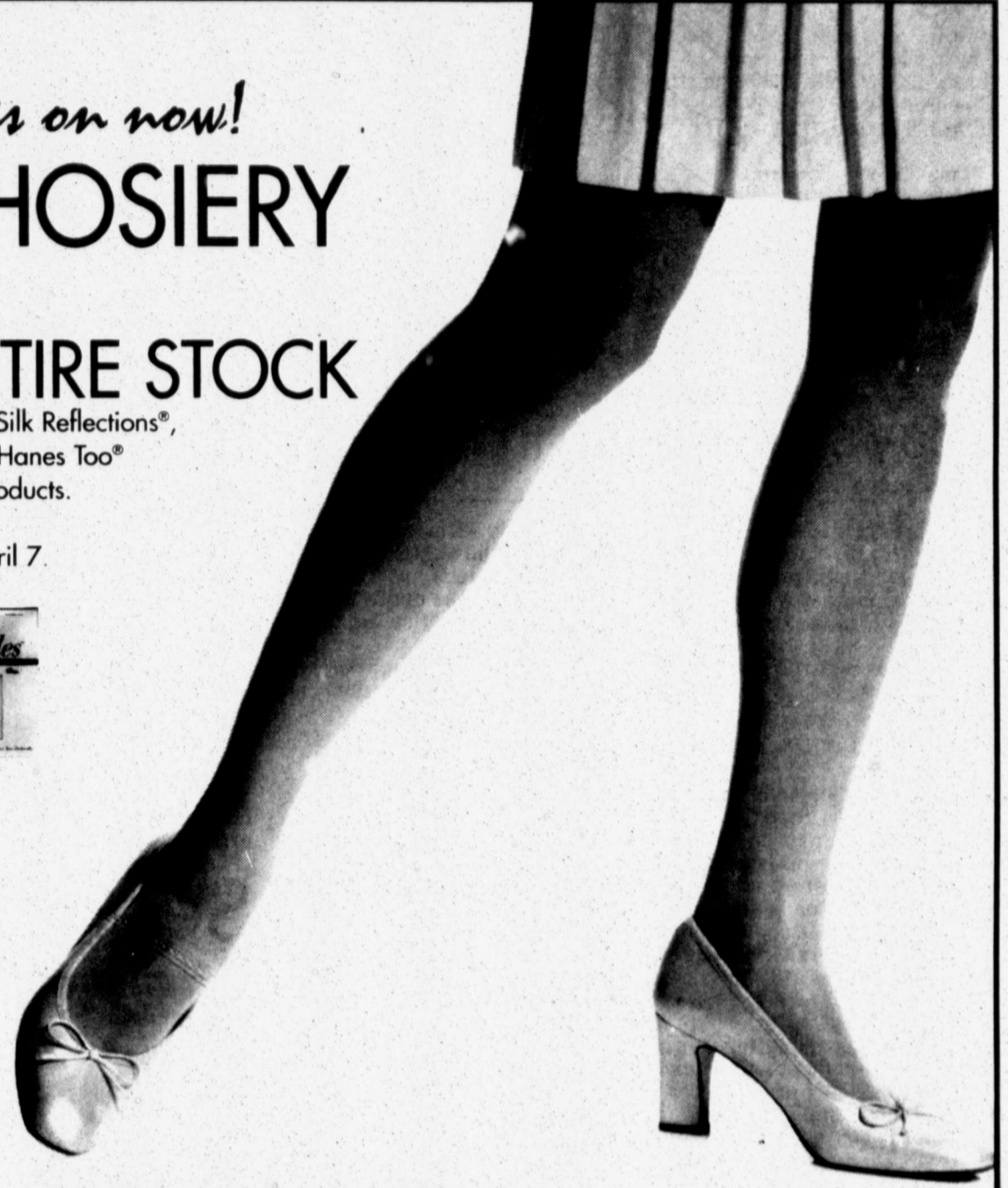
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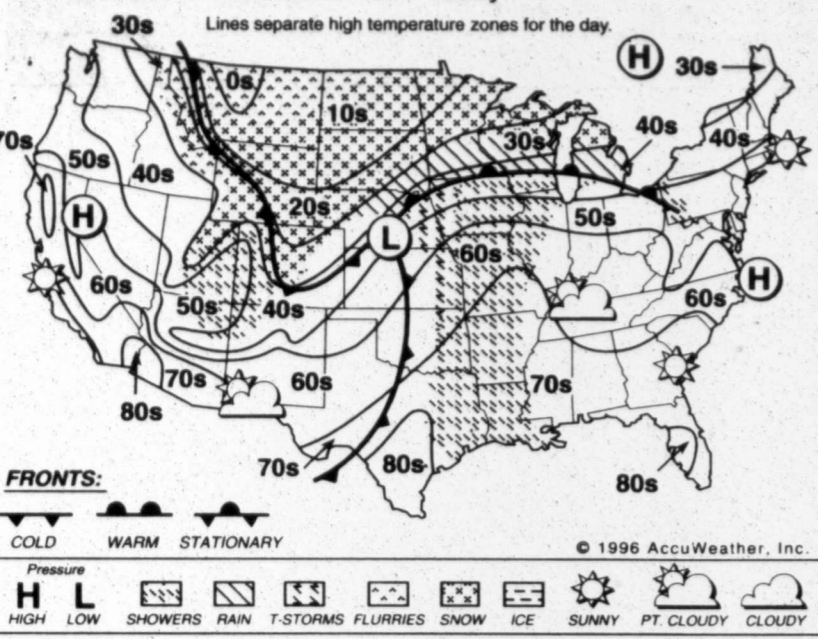
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WEATHER WATCH

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon today.



Today's high to be in mid-70s Staff Report

Today is expected to be mostly sunny and windy with possible blowing dust with a high in the mid-70s and winds from the west at 25-35 mph and gusty, according to the National Weather Service.

STATE

Clouds cloaked most of Texas on Saturday as temperatures climbed into the 70s and 80s. Strong southwesterly winds gusted over 40 mph in parts of North Texas.

A tornado watch was issued until 9 p.m. for parts of North and Northwest Texas. A severe thunderstorm warning was issued at 4:45 p.m. for northwestern Foard and Hardeman counties as golfball-sized hail pounded countryside near Goodlett.

At 3 p.m., temperatures ranged from 65 degrees at Hondo in South Texas to 84 degrees at Childress in the northwest.

The North Texas forecast is for mostly cloudy skies today and strong southerly winds. Showers or thundershowers are likely, being more numerous in the east. Afternoon highs should range from the mid 70s to low 80s. A cold front will track across the region tonight, resulting in clearing skies and cooler temperatures spreading eastward.

Overnight lows should range from the low 40s in the western areas to near 60 in the southeast. Both Monday and Monday night the skies of north Texas should be partly cloudy and temperatures cool.

South Texas is to be mostly cloudy and windy today with highs in the 70s and 80s. There is a chance of afternoon showers and thundershowers from the Hill Country to Southeast Texas. Lows tonight in the 50s and 60s.

Forecasters said West Texas will be clear to partly cloudy and windy today with blowing dust over the South Plains and Permian Basin. Continued clear to partly cloudy and turning cooler Monday as a cold front pushes through the region. Highs today from the 60s over the Panhandle to the 70s and 80s elsewhere. Lows tonight from the 20s north to the 40s south.

NATION

Heavy snow fell over the central Rockies on Saturday, with accumulations of up to 12 inches in some areas, while record cold hit the Southeast.

At least a foot of snow fell at Alta, Utah, and up to 18 inches was expected over higher elevations of southern Montana through northern Wyoming and into the Black Hills.

The storm also produced strong winds and blizzard conditions across eastern Montana and the Dakotas. Some roads in North Dakota were closed because of drifting and blowing snow. Butte, Mont., received almost 10 inches.

Midland statistics

FORECAST Today, mostly sunny and windy with possible blowing dust at 25-35 mph and winds from the west at 25-35 mph and gusty.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boise, Boston, Charleston, S.C., Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Fairbanks, Fargo, Flagstaff, Grand Rapids, Honolulu, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami Beach, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Ore., Reno, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Antonio, Seattle, Shreveport, Tucson, and Washington, D.C.

Area forecast

WEST TEXAS: Permian Basin — Today, mostly sunny and windy with possible blowing dust. Highs in the mid 70s. Tonight, fair and cooler. Lows in the upper 30s.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Today, moderately windy and cooler. Scattered rain and snow showers north with snow leveling to near 7000 feet by afternoon. Partly cloudy south.

Texas temperatures

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities including Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Bryan-College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock, Marfa, San Angelo, San Antonio, Victoria, Waco, Wichita Falls, and Wink.

RE-ELECT: Many see vote as rebuke against China

(From 1A)

take the mandate and seek a new dialogue with Beijing in hopes of reducing military tensions in the area.

Those tensions caused the Clinton administration to send two aircraft carrier battle groups to waters near Taiwan to signal to China that it should not interfere in Taiwan's democratic process.

The disposition of American warships after the election remained an open question.

Lee had said before the vote that the next president's main job would be to work on cross-strait relations, and many analysts took that to mean that Lee was preparing a post-election effort to cool tensions, but the 73-year-old leader has given no clue whether he is willing to make substantive concessions to Beijing, like moderating Taiwan's drive for a seat at the United Nations.

The pro-independence candidate, Peng Ming-min, 72, a long-time dissident who was only allowed to return to Taiwan from exile in 1992, turned out the poorest showing the opposition has made in the last three islandwide elections. The Democratic Progressive Party chairman, Shih Min-teh, announced his resignation at a news conference Saturday night, saying, "someone has to take the responsibility" for the loss.

Two other tickets, headed by Lin Yang-kang and Chen Li-an, both breakaway members of Lee's governing Nationalist Party, polled 15

percent and 10 percent, respectively.

In a victory appearance at his campaign headquarters in downtown Taipei, Lee greeted a cheering and flag-waving crowd and said, "This is a historic moment. The door of democracy is now completely open."

Speaking alternately in Mandarin Chinese, English and his native Taiwanese dialect, Lee made only one reference to the campaign of military pressure mounted by mainland China over the last 10 months to weaken his hold on power.

"In this very difficult and dangerous moment with threats coming from the outside, we have completed our mission," he said.

The election was cheered in other parts of the region.

"This is a proud day for all Chinese people around the world," said Martin Lee, head of Hong Kong's Democratic Party. "It is the first time in China's history that a leader is elected on a one-person, one-vote basis on Chinese soil."

During the day, a crush of voters streamed to polling places registering a turnout that surpassed 76 percent, election officials said.

The results reflected a remarkable response to Lee's plea for a mandate to open a new round of negotiations with Beijing over Taiwan's future.

"From now on we should focus on economic development and strengthen the cross-strait economic and trade ties and cooperation," said Taiwan's economics minister, Chiang Pin-kung. Tai-

wan's central bank governor, Sheu Yuan-dong, also sought to reassure the island's investors and business community that pressure on the value of the Taiwan dollar caused by the flight of capital in recent weeks would return to normal.

Some analysts said that the true measure of Taiwan's rebuke to Beijing's Communist Party leadership could be seen in adding Lee's and Peng's tallies together, which represented 75 percent of the votes cast.

"The message from 75 percent of the voters is that what the mainland tried to accomplish by coercion and the threat of force, failed badly," said Chang, the legislator.

While Lee's vote tallies were strong throughout Taiwan, his total in this capital city was among the weakest, at 39 percent. Lin and his running mate, former Prime Minister Hau Pei-tsun, registered their strongest showing in Taipei, with nearly 25 percent of the vote.

By contrast, in the southern port city of Kaohsiung, a hotbed of independence sentiment, Lee took nearly 51 percent of the ballots and Mr. Lin took only 13 percent.

Appearing on Taiwan television tonight from a studio in Washington, the former American ambassador to China, James R. Lilley, said that the election would serve to make "China recognize that power does not grow out of the barrel of a gun," as Mao Zedong once said, "it grows out of the ballot box." But Lilley added that he believed Lee is now well-equipped with a mandate to "start talking to China again and get the relationship going again" in order to reduce military tensions in the

area. In conceding defeat, all of the other candidates congratulated Lee and his running mate, Lien Chan. Though deep personal animosities were visible during the campaign, each sought to take the high road, although Hsieh Chang-ting, the Democratic Progressive vice presidential candidate, seemed to be reminding the winning ticket of its obligation to pro-independence voters who crossed over.

"We hope the people who got elected will not betray the people who voted for them," he said. Less than a week ago, Hsieh reminded voters that Lee had referred to himself as Moses last year and had promised to lead the Taiwan people out of the "red" sea, meaning a sea dominated by China.

Hsieh had warned voters in the pro-independence party not to cross over to Lee's camp because it might go to Lee's head.

"Lee Teng-hui thinks he's Moses right now, but if he gets a mandate, he will think he is God," Hsieh said.

But, it seems, many voters did not take this advice.

"Of course I voted for Lee Teng-hui," said Chen Bo-ju, a 42-year-old businessman, after he cast his ballot in midmorning. "He is a strong leader, and we have to be strong in order to talk to mainland China. Otherwise, they will just tell us what to do."

Selena, Emilio dominate Tejano music awards



Abraham Quintanilla III, thanks the audience as he accepts the award given to his slain sister Selena, for the category Tejano crossover at the 16th Annual Tejano Music Awards, Saturday.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The songs of Selena, the slain Tejano star whose music helped define the art form, continued to win awards Saturday — almost a year after she was gunned down.

The Grammy-winning singer and another artist, Emilio, dominated the 1996 Tejano Music Awards, winning 12 of 16 categories. Each received six awards.

Selena was awarded female vocalist and entertainer of the year. Other awards included the song for "Tu Solo Tu" and overall album for her crossover CD, "Dreaming of You," which reportedly has sold 2.5 million copies.

The singer's fatal shooting at a Corpus Christi motel on March 31, 1995 by her former fan club president horrified fans and family members. Yolanda Saldivar was convicted of her murder and sentenced to a life term after a three-week trial in Houston in October.

Selena and Emilio have, since the beginning of the decade, helped Tejano become one of American music's fastest growing genres, generating large recording sales and concert revenue.

A special six-minute video tribute to Selena was shown on two 22-by-30 screens on either side of the stage at the Alamodome.

Emilio Navaira won male vocalist and entertainer of the year.

Tejano country song for "It's Not the End of the World" and album (conjunto progressive) for "Sound Life," among others.

Pete Astudillo, who sang back-up for Selena y Los Dinos until he embarked on a solo career in 1994, won most promising band honors.

Astudillo's remembrance of Selena, "Come Te Extranó," which he wrote with the singer's brother, A.B. Quintanilla III, is still high on the charts.

Singer and actress Maria Conchita Alonso was host of the awards show. Gov. George W. Bush also made an appearance on stage during Texas Talent Musicians Association events.

Nearly two dozen artists performed during Saturday's show, including Emilio, Ramiro Herrera, Jay Perez, La Tropa F, Culturas, Fama, Mazz, Ruben Ramos and Mariachi Campanas de America.

Industry Ballot award winners, recognizing individual artists as voted on by their peers, included Quintanilla for songwriter — honors he tied with Gabriel Candiani — and record producer of the year.

Four artists were inducted into the TMA Hall of Fame. They were Los Miracles, the Royal Jesters, and the late composers, Estrella P. Lane and Juan H. Barron.

Award winners

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A list of Tejano Music Award winners Saturday:

Most promising band: Pete Astudillo.

Vocal duo: Emilio and Raul Navaira.

Showband: Selena y Los Dinos.

Album (orchestra group): "Solo Para Ti," Mazz.

Album (conjunto progressive): "Sound Life," Emilio.

Album (conjunto traditional): "Cruz De Madera," Michael Salgado.

Album (overall): "Dreaming of You," Selena.

Tejano crossover: "I Could Fall in Love," Selena.

Tejano country: "It's Not the End of the World," Emilio.

Instrumental: "David Lee's Favorites," David Lee Garza.

Female vocalist: Selena.

Female entertainer: Selena.

Male vocalist: Emilio.

Male entertainer: Emilio.

Tejano video: "Lucero De Mi Alma," Emilio; produced/directed by David Villarreal.

Industry Ballot Winners:



- Bass player: Noe Hernandez of Elida Y Avante
Drummer: Orville Ochoa of Elida and Vicente Barrera of Jay Perez's band. (tie)
Guitar: Bob Gallarza.
Keyboard: Brando Mireles.
Horn: Albert "Skeeter" Amezcua of Ruben Ramos' band.
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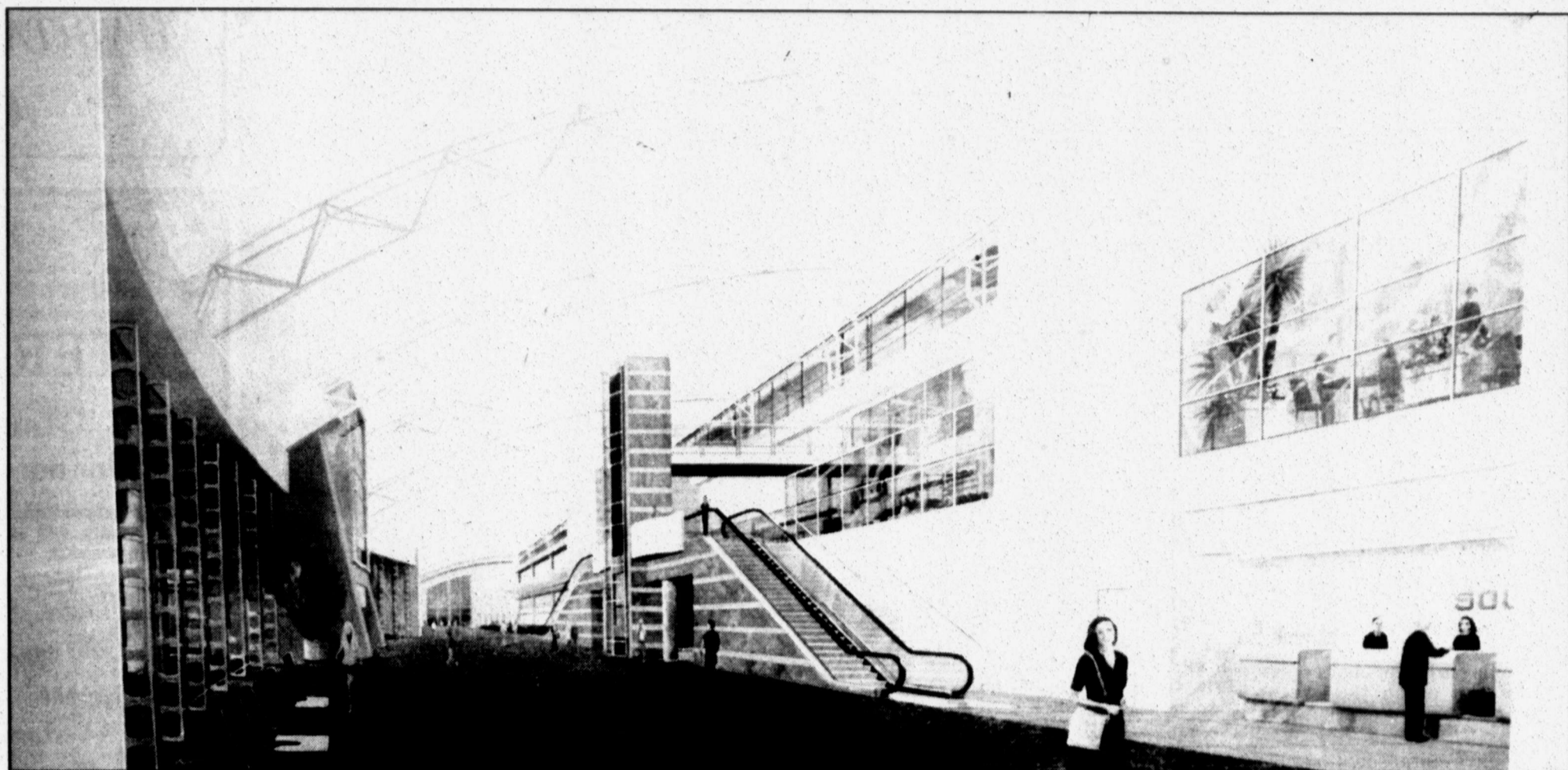
New terminal at issue

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Plans to build evolve over 5-year period

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Despite an upcoming vote on the issue, plans for a new airport terminal building date back more than five years.

"We didn't go in it to build. We went in it to renovate but the deeper we got into it the less sense it made," said Carroll Thomas, business development director at Midland International Airport and mayor from 1986 to 1992.

In the summer of 1990, the city's airport board dealt with several areas in need of repair. The condition of the structure was determined to be poor, the result of low-budget construction, neglect and age.

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., an architectural/engineering firm retained by the city, estimated renovation to cost between \$13 million

and \$14.8 million. The price for repair was higher than expected, according to City Council representative Pat Schneider, a member of the airport board from 1986 to 1992.

In December 1990, the City Council publicly set its sights on building anew. "We all decided pretty quickly the smart thing to do was get a fresh start," Thomas said.

The council instructed airport authorities to file for Federal Aviation Administration financial assistance for the project.

A committee was formed specifically to explore plans to replace the terminal building. And the city hired Parkhill, Smith & Cooper and Denver-based Gensler and Associates/Architects to develop possibilities for a new terminal building.

Terminal buildings at other air-

ports were visited and studied, various sites for a new structure were considered and projected demographics for Midland and Odessa were reviewed, Ms. Schneider said.

Plans for a new building were well under way in 1991. A design concept and preliminary cost estimates were presented to the council that spring.

According to a 1991 report from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, a new terminal building was estimated to cost \$16.9 million and demolition and site work another \$6.45 million. Contingencies would cost more than \$4.6 million and design fees would be \$2.8 million.

During the early stages of planning, as well as now, city officials said needed funds would not, and never would, include tax dollars; the airport would continue to be self-sustaining financially as always.

In 1992, airport officials acquired FAA approval to implement a \$3 per airline ticket Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) — collected funds designated to help construct a terminal building. PFC fees were collected beginning in January 1993.

In 1993, six meetings were held "to get public input and tell them what we were doing and answer any questions," Ms. Schneider said.



Former Mayor Carroll Thomas

A brochure was produced to educate the citizenry of plans for a new building. The handout emphasized that the "project requires no local property or sales tax dollars" and estimated the cost to be \$28.65 million as opposed to \$13 million for renovation.

Turnout at the public meetings was lower than expected, city officials said.

Opponents of a new terminal building said the meetings were more political and procedural (to get federal funding) than to hear from the public.

"Anything I had to say fell on deaf ears. It was a done deal," said Tom Dollahite, who was instrumental in getting the issue on May's ballot.

Edna Walger, terminal building opponent and president of Citizens Against Taxpayer Abuse, said she felt the meetings were orchestrated by business people who stood to gain from a new terminal.

"The presentation, as it looks now, makes it look like it was proposed by the City Council. It (appears to have) come directly from the board room of the Chamber of Commerce," Ms. Walger said. "I think it's because chamber people stand to gain by this, not in economic development (of the city) but by personal gain."

The meetings were sponsored by the City Council and presented by the city's airport advisory board, city officials said. Although chamber board members may have been involved, the organization was not actively involved in the project, a chamber official said.

In October 1993, the City Council



Edna Walger, president of Citizens Against Taxpayer Abuse, volunteers at the airport information desk.

unanimously approved a resolution giving the official go-ahead to proceed with the \$29 million terminal building project. Because no tax dollars were to be used, the council was permitted to approve the plan without calling an election.

Two people who attended the council decision voiced their concerns. Opponents said a new building was unneeded, there was the possibility of cost over-runs and liability to taxpayers and Midland voters should have decided the issue.

City leaders at the time said Midlanders were given ample opportunity to provide input and subsequently supported the project.

In May 1994, the City Council authorized a contract with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper for architectural/engineering services and appropriated \$1.78 million. The appropriated funds came from \$1.8 million in PFCs collected.

Subcontracted firms included Denver-based Gensler and Asso-

ciates for design work. Midland-based Rhotenberry Wellen Architects for mechanical and electrical aspects and Lubbock-based Agnew and Associates for construction administration.

Design plans were finished last year.

As the project moved closer to the latest date to begin construction — January of this year — opponents began to fuel a fire of doubt. Opponents voiced concern about the funding plan and asserted the public was left out of the decision to build.

Opponents' persistence culminated with a petition that forced the council to call an election.

Meanwhile, city officials and supporters hold steadfast to the need for a new terminal building and the public's support.

Since city officials first embraced plans for a new terminal in 1990, review by several City Councils, mayors and committees has led to decision after decision to rebuild rather than renovate.



Airport Advisory Board member Ed Jones displays a pamphlet outlining proposals for airport expansion at a 1993 town meeting.

Project puts off some repairs, city concedes

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

The original airport terminal building was essentially no more than a lobby area.

That structure — which remains the lobby of the current terminal — was built in the late 1950s atop a ramp used by the military in World War II. Construction costs were about \$560,000.

This sufficed until continued growth and use in the 1960s and 1970s led to a major expansion. Additions included the ticket counter, baggage area, passenger loading bridges, four gates and parking.

The work — performed in 1977-78 at a cost of about \$6 million — meant travelers could board airplanes without walking outside and pick up their luggage from the convenience of a baggage carousel.

During construction, air travel at Midland Regional Airport — as it was then named — increased far above the national average of 7 percent annually. In 1977 enplanements jumped 42 percent from the previous year and in 1978 enplanements increased another 20 percent.

Between 1985 and 1988, the City Council allocated \$14.6 million for roadway, parking and drainage improvements; \$1.9 million for replacement of the heating and air conditioning system; and \$1.1 million for remodeling and roof renovation, according to city documents.

The roof work consisted of putting a metal cap over the existing roof as a temporary solution to leaks and other problems, according to the city's Director of Airports Ken Day. And the installation of an air conditioning and heating system was limited to new boilers and chillers but was cut short of a complete system replacement, he said.

Through the years — since the original structure was built — various repairs have been made beyond normal main-

tenance. In a recent review of the repair history, Day made a reference to "The Money Pit," the 1986 comedy movie about a home plagued with problems.

"It comes to a point where it's not a prudent business decision to waste money on an unfixable condition," Day said while pointing out current problems with the facility.

That sentiment generally represents one of the city's arguments to replace the building rather than renovate it.

Some critics have challenged such claims, maintaining that problems are being exaggerated.

Edna Walger, president of Citizens Against Taxpayer Abuse, said she concedes that the building, at its age, is in need of repair. "Things can be fixed," she said. "If something needs fixing, that doesn't mean build a new building and tear down what we've got."

Furthermore, opponents said the city has foregone repairs in recent years because of plans to build anew and to give the appearance that a new structure is needed.

City officials concede that some cosmetic work — such as plans to recarpet in 1994 — has been curbed after the decision was made to construct a new building. "But to say we intentionally neglected it is not right," City Manager Mike McGregor said.

When queried about the allegation that the building is being neglected as a way to push for a new structure, Mayor Bobby Burns said he is "always amazed" at the "conspiracy theories" of Ms. Walger, a regular City Council attendant and sometimes harsh critic.



Mayor Burns

FLY: Voters weigh whether to build or renovate

(From 1A)

voters.

Those who signed the petition were not necessarily against building a new terminal building but simply requested that Midland voters be allowed to decide the issue.

Valid signatures represented 8 percent of the city's registered voters. That fell below the 10 percent required in the city's charter to force a referendum.

But apparently unbeknownst to petitioners, an election can be called with only 5 percent of voters' signatures under provisions of the Texas Certificates of Obligations Act. As a result, the petition was approved by the City Council.

However, there was one dissenting vote, that of council member Jose Cuevas. "I don't believe they fulfilled the charter requirements for a petition," he said.

Cuevas said the charter specifies that petitioners must request a call by the City Council, which begins a 90-day clock to obtain the necessary number of signatures. Petitioners never made such a request and used more than the designated time, he said.

In addition, Cuevas said, the charter requires each signature be dated in the signer's handwriting, voter registration numbers included next to each name, and each petition page notarized. None of that was done, he said.

Petitioners also "didn't quite legally write what they protested" and happened into the 5 percent provision, Cuevas said. "I don't think they actually knew where they were headed with this petition. That's why it's so frustrating," he said.

Tom Dollahite, a corporate pilot, staunch opponent of a new terminal building and a leader of the petition drive, said petitioners were aware of the 5 percent provision and the logistics of the petition were approved by the city attorney beforehand.

Mayor Bobby Burns said recognizing the petition was the appropriate and legal

thing to do. "This airport belongs to the people. The city belongs to the people. Let the people make the decision," he said.

But Burns, as well as other council members and terminal supporters, repeatedly has said petitioners should have made their move two years ago.

In October 1993, the City Council unanimously approved the terminal project and put in motion the expenditure of funds. A vote by the people was not required because no tax dollars were to be used.

By the time the petition was presented to the city, more than \$1 million had been spent and another \$600,000 in services contracted out. "If this is voted down, this is just a tremendous loss of money," Burns said.

TOMORROW: The arguments

When asked why the petition wasn't circulated two years ago, Dollahite said circumstances have changed since then. That includes a greater instability of federal funds, a drop in airline boardings and the cancellation of American Airlines jetliner service, he said.

Dollahite asserted the right of the people to call a referendum at any time and blamed any monetary loss to poor city management. "Common sense should tell them that an issue of this size should go before the voters," he said.

Now it is before the voters.

Last month the City Council adopted an ordinance that allows voters to decide on the issuance of \$21 million in certificates of obligation to help fund the proposed \$33.2 million project. Certificates of obligation bonds are commonly sold by municipalities to fund projects and the debt is paid back with interest.

The item on the ballot will appear as follows: "The issuance of \$21,000,000 combination revenue and tax certificates of obligation for improvements and extensions to the Midland International Airport."

Terminal opponents object to the wording within the measure as stated in the

ordinance that puts the issue on the May ballot.

The measure asks whether the council be permitted to authorize issuance of certificates of obligation — with maturity not to exceed 40 years — to construct a new terminal building "with a limited pledge of the surplus net revenues of the airport pledged and with ad valorem taxes levied upon all taxable property in the city sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the certificates at maturity?"

The guarantee for payback using property taxes threatens city officials' promise that a new terminal, as all airport construction and operations, will not be funded with tax dollars, said Edna Walger, new terminal building opponent and president of Citizens Against Taxpayer Abuse (CATA).

"When you (the voter) are signing yes, you are saying yes to all of this ordinance, and co-signing for whatever it costs to pay off construction of the new terminal building," Ms. Walger said.

City officials said such wording is legally required only as a guarantee of pay-back and that tax dollars will never be used even in the worse-case scenario. "I regret we have to use the word 'tax' on there because I believe it's not appropriate," Burns said.

Cuevas said revenue and tax certificates of obligation are being issued rather than straight revenue bonds because of a savings in interest payments of a couple of million dollars. If the city had financed the project with straight revenue bonds not backed with ad valorem taxes, then petitioners would have been unable to force a referendum.

Assistant City Manager Rick Menchaca said it is standard practice to issue revenue and tax COs rather than revenue COs for revenue-funded city projects because of the lower interest rates to pay back the loan. Menchaca said he wasn't aware of any case where the city issued revenue and tax COs for a project to be paid back with revenues where tax dollars had to be used.

'True Dunkirk spirit': Diners stake lives on British beef

LONDON (AP) — Outside the newspaper headlines screamed "DON'T EAT BEEF!" Inside, waiters wheeled up silver trolleys and lovingly carved tender, thin slices of the world's most scrutinized meat.

Evening guests at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the establishment home of traditional English fare, weren't about to be stampeded away from savoring British beef.

"This is true Dunkirk spirit. We will pluck victory from the jaws of defeat," manager Brian Clivaz, observing the full tables of diners tucking into platefuls of beef Friday night.

"This has all turned into a terrible blind panic. We know scientists never work in absolutes. They would never say 'This is 100 percent guaranteed.' But it is safe, it must be safe, to eat prime cuts," said Clivaz, removing his glasses and wiping his brow.

Simpson's, where Charles Dickens and King George IV once dined, anchors its 168-year-old tradition in the love of home-grown beef. On the back of the menu, an old cartoon shows a waiter and diners recoiling in horror at "The gentleman who asked the carver whether the meat was English or foreign."

Nowadays Simpson's serves mostly northern Scottish beef, mostly pure Angus or crossed with Charolais. "I'm convinced that our farmers use the same traditional methods they have used for hundreds of years and do not feed their stocks contaminated feedstuffs," Clivaz insisted.

A sampling of opinion in the Grand Divan Tavern and in the upstairs bar showed a certain defiant confidence two days after the government announced that 10 Britons "most likely" contracted a fatal brain disease from cattle infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), popularly known as "mad cow disease."

First diagnosed in 1986, BSE is believed to have spread to cattle via feed enriched with organs from sheep suffering from scrapie, a fatal degenerative nervous disease. The newly disclosed cases were likely caused before Britain banned feeding cattle with sheep remains in 1989.

"At our age, there's a long incubation period for this mad-cow business, so we'll be long gone before the bug can get us," joked a 60-ish Peter Connor from Wintetka, Ill.

He shared a booth with his wife, Jane Aldrich, and friends Anthony and Loretta Romao from Largo, Fla. All were having their steaks fairly rare.

"We've endured all the scares in America — Alar on the apples, salmonella in the chickens, whatever in the cranberries — it's all nonsense," Ms. Aldrich said.

Upstairs, Chris Briere-Edney sipped white wine with his French friend Jean-Pierre Millar as they debated whether to have steak or lamb. It was a tossup only because they had had a big steak lunch on Sunday.

"This isn't cheap old mince-meat (hamburger) you're eating here," said Briere-Edney, himself a restaurateur in suburban London.

"For many years I've been loathe to eat sausages. They use old nag cows for those, and they have machines that manage to scrape every last bit of flesh off the bone no matter how grisly," he said, his wife Kate recoiling beside him.

Millar shrugged when asked if he'd eat British meat, which his country had banned. "C'est la vie," he said.

The roast Scotch beef with Yorkshire pudding, at \$27, is the most expensive item on the unchanging menu. The carver carefully covers a plate with at least three slices of beef, then dabs on a side of powerful horseradish. Another waiter dispenses vegetables while a third checks wine and water glasses. Traditional English desserts, including spotted dick, a steamed pudding, are extra.

While Simpson's can rely on loyal locals and well-heeled tourists, other steakhouses in London admit they would be wise to emphasize other parts of their menu.

At the Alfred Restaurant, peppered ribeye steak — with Stilton butter, Guinness and onion gravy — remains top of the menu.

Head chef Robert Gutteridge said his butcher had already cut beef prices by 11 percent and would certainly be forced to drop them more.

"I've been assured our beef all comes from young heifers. About 99 percent of the BSE problem is in old dairy cows. The meat looks completely different — dark, strong-smelling — because the dairy cattle are weaned on an entirely different feed. It's like the difference between eating wild pigeon and a pigeon from Trafalgar Square," he said.

The crisis has sparked some off-color comments from diners, but little anxiety.

"We had some fellas in from an ad agency for lunch today. They asked if they could have pint of spinal cord. They had a good sick laugh at that," said manager Felicity Murray.

Back at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the four contented Americans were heading out for their final night on vacation.

"If we go mad on the flight home," Loretta Romao said, "we'll be sure to phone you."

Her husband concurred. "Moo," he said.



An unidentified butcher from London's East End displays beef in his shop Saturday. Fear of BSE or "Mad Cow Disease" has hit the British beef market hard and shoppers around the country are faced with difficult decisions at meat counters this weekend.

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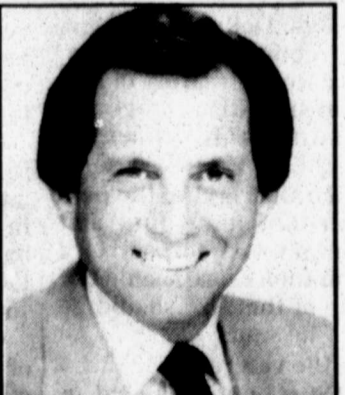
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New border stirs tensions in Sarajevo suburb

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (NYT) — The line separating Bosnia's former warring parties snakes through a drainage ditch and down the middle of a street, bisecting apartment buildings and houses with equal indifference.

Stakes in the ground show its path, a thin charter of earth over which Serbs and Muslims now threaten to fight.

Looking at her apartment building, half of which now falls under the jurisdiction of the Muslim-Croat Federation, Angelko, a 42-year-old Serb, said, "We're not going to allow this sort of thing." "This is the fault of the Turks," she continued, referring to the Muslims, "because they made a line that jeopardizes Serbs. But they aren't going to divide my building and if they try to take the whole thing, it's going to be war."

Under the terms of the peace accord reached last fall in Dayton, Ohio, Bosnia is to be divided into two entities — one Serbian and the other Muslim-Croat — joined by a weak central government. But the line separating these entities left Dobrinja, a western suburb of Sarajevo, and more than 400 other points on the map divided.

Over the past few days, as representatives of the two sides have attempted to repair the boundary under international mediation, at least one car has been blown up on the Serbian side in Dobrinja, killing its occupant, and four Muslims were wounded by what the federation called a suspiciously placed mine.

Bosnian Serb police also have arrested two Muslims who wandered across the street into their side, and the international police force patrolling the area reported local rumors that the Serbs are smuggling guns into their part of the neighborhood.

"Dobrinja has the potential for becoming a flash point now, particularly if these people decide not to abide by whatever decision is reached about the demarcation line," said Jim Landale, a spokesman for the international police force. "NATO has beefed up patrols in the area and we now have 48 monitors going around 24 hours a day. So far, there is nothing new but the tensions remain high."

The Sarajevo suburb was built to house athletes during the 1984 winter Olympics and afterward became the home of a large mix of Serbs, Muslims and Croats working in the city center. But little of this integration survived Bosnia's 43-month war. Today, Dobrinja is little more than an ethnically divided ghetto full of destroyed apartments and land mines.

Along one block, where the line runs down the middle of an island

on a boulevard, parents walk their children or go to market telling tales of distrust that exactly mirror the stories told by their adversaries.

Muslims complain that Serbs can walk freely among them, but that Muslims who venture across the street are arrested and beaten. Serbs say the same thing.

"Everything's fine over here," said Bolban, a 41-year-old policeman of the Muslim-Croat Federation who like most others here would give no more than a first name, as he watched the Serbs walking less than 50 feet away. "But over there is another country."

About the only place where Serbs and Muslims meet in Dobrinja is the point where this street butts up against a French armored personnel carrier, which has been parked there most days and nights, keeping an eye on a key section along one of Sarajevo's main routes to the airport.

There, young men crowd together, bartering for goods that cost more on their respective sides. The elderly try to work out deals on swapping apartments, so that each can be on his faction's side.

Federation police were to begin patrolling the demarcation line last Wednesday, a move that would have allowed hundreds of Muslim and Croat refugees to return to their homes in Dobrinja. But the complications of the existing border have put this on hold. With a final settlement on the boundary line perhaps months away, and with their homes still securely under Serbian guard, some Serbs have found their predicament a source of amusement. They joke about how the new boundary has left their apartment entrance in the Serb republic but their living room under Muslim-Croat control.

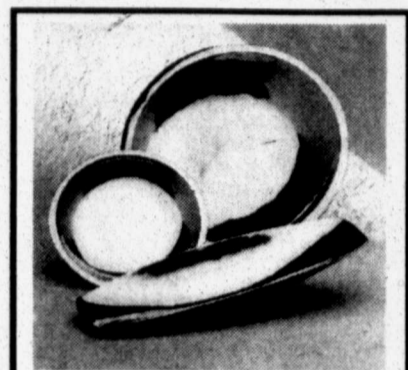
"I live in the Republika Srpska

but my dishes are in the federation," laughed Neven, as his twin sons stood on each side of an iron stake driven into the earth to remind people of the new boundary. "But it's pretty ridiculous and I don't see how it can work."

"I know that the international community is working to get people together but it's just impossible," he added. "Too much has happened here for that."

Other Serbs refuse to believe that their homes could possibly be in jeopardy if the line is confirmed where it is now drawn, pressuring them to leave to avoid coming under federation control.

"It will never happen because we will fight," shouted a 38-year-old Serb woman named Rajka in front of her building, as other Serbs crowded around to complain.



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War crimes trials put Nuremberg values to test

By Randolph Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A half-century after the Nazi war crimes trials, the bloody civil war in the former Yugoslavia is putting the values established at Nuremberg to the test.

"I would say that now is the witness as to whether it's going to be a precedent," reflected Richard Heller, who prosecuted German Admiral Karl Doenitz at Nuremberg.

"I am hopeful that it will, and certainly a lot of people (in Yugoslavia) should be brought to justice," Heller said as he and dozens of participants in the Nazi trials gathered to recall that time 50 years ago.

Even as the Nuremberg veterans were coming together in a Washington hotel, an international tribunal in the Netherlands issued the first indictments for war crimes allegedly committed by Bosnian Muslims in the Yugoslavian war. Previously the panel had indicted 46 Serbs and seven Croats for crimes in that war.

At the Washington gathering, Americans, Britons and others sought out friends and comrades many had not seen for a half-century, eager to renew ties and wondering if they would recognize one another.

And while they recalled the exciting days of hard work bringing Nazis to justice for crimes including the murder of millions of Jews and others, some still wondered whether their work had left the world a better place.

"No, no. Negligible," is the effect seen by Walter Rockler, another former Nuremberg prosecutor.

Yet he has hope. "On the other hand ... there is some sign of stirring, however rough it may be, in the proposed Rwanda and Yugoslavian trials," he said.

"Some of the Nuremberg charges undoubtedly will apply and it will be the first application since Nuremberg. I see (the new trials) as kind of heirs of Nuremberg," he said. "You almost have to recast the law. You're talking about a standard of international law governing anarchy."

There were 13 trials of Nazi leaders at Nuremberg, Germany, in 1945-46. The judges convicted 19 defendants with 12 sentenced to death. Later, a dozen more trials were held for lower-level Nazis and Japanese leaders were tried in Tokyo.

Some criticized the Nazi trials as an act of retribution, but Germany's justice minister last fall said the tribunal laid down internationally recognized principles of civilized behavior and helped put Germany on the road to



AP Laserphoto
Richard Heller, who prosecuted German Admiral Karl Doenitz at Nuremberg, poses Saturday in Washington.

democracy.

"From this trial, the German people learned of the complete scale of atrocities committed, in their name, by an unscrupulous clique of criminals," said Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger.

On the long-term value of the Nuremberg trials: "The jury is out and now is the time when we will decide whether we are going to

back to barbarianism or whether we are going to have a world of law," said Heller, discussing the planned trials of Yugoslavian war criminals.

"I think (Nuremberg) laid down some patterns in international law that weren't there before," added Betty Richardson Nute, a British Navy veteran who was on the prosecution staff.

"Naturally (Yugoslavia) is a successor to the law that was established in the course of the Nuremberg trials. But there is a vast difference because in Yugoslavia they don't have the criminals in captivity," she added.

Hans Knight, an Austrian translator at Nuremberg who lost his family to the Nazis, sees the trials following World War II as important in establishing a clear historical record.

"I don't know about a (making a long-term) difference," he said. But the trials were necessary "because it wasn't just a question of punishing the war criminals but to leave an unimpeachable record of what the Nazis did."

As to Yugoslavia? "I hope there will be some kind of, not necessarily a replica, but something related to the Nuremberg trials," Knight said. "Not only because it may mete out justice to whoever committed crimes, but it may act as a slight deterrent."

The U.N. Security Council established the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague in

1994 to try war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. Its mandate was later extended to genocide in Rwanda. Presumably, when it finishes, it disappears. The tribunal has indicted 57 war crimes suspects; only two are in its custody.

Earlier this year, 44 nations reached consensus at a meeting in Manila on the need for a permanent international criminal court under the auspices of the United Nations.

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Some Dems speak out against Greenspan

WASHINGTON (AP) — To Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, Alan Greenspan's time at the Federal Reserve "has come and gone...his feet are firmly planted in the past."

Harkin's views notwithstanding — and he twice communicated them in person to President Clinton — Greenspan's confirmation to a third term as Fed chairman seems assured. Expressions of support have come from politicians as diverse as Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle and GOP Sen. Alfonse D'Amato of New York, who will preside over confirmation hearings this week in the Senate Banking Committee.

But Harkin is not the only Democrat speaking out against Clinton's choice, as lawmakers reach out to "anxious class" voters who are worried about their economic futures in a time of stagnant incomes.

In a speech last month that addressed the "quiet depression"

among anxious middle class wage-earners, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., criticized Greenspan's policies. "Inflation has been lower for longer than at any time in decades," he said. "The Federal Reserve Board must become more aggressive in permitting and encouraging economic growth."

Beyond speaking out publicly, Kennedy met privately with Clinton in the White House before Greenspan's appointment was settled, to urge a different nomination.

Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota recommended a change at the top of the Fed in a note he sent to Clinton.

Harkin spoke out on the Senate floor, and personally raised the subject with Clinton while the two men were campaigning in Iowa in advance of February's caucuses, as well as in a Washington conversation.

Other Senate Democrats went

about it less directly. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., the general chairman of the Democratic Party, was among those urging Clinton to appoint Felix Rohatyn as vice chairman of the Fed. "Mr. Rohatyn... has the heretical notion that it is possible for the American economy to grow, without risking inflation, at a faster rate than the

puny 2.5 percent per year that some — I repeat some — economists believe is the maximum safe rate of growth," he said in the Senate shortly before Greenspan's nomination was announced.

Rohatyn's nomination was torpedoed by GOP Sen. Connie Mack of Florida and other Republicans.

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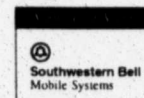
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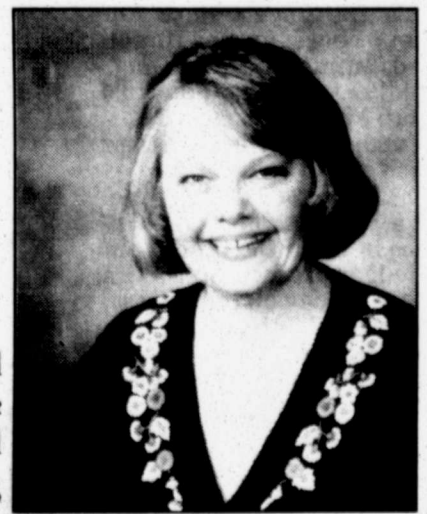
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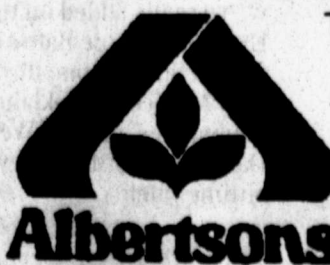
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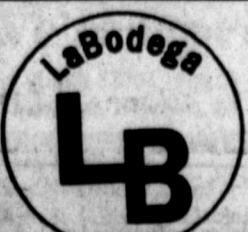
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Murder, confession: Two men set out to free retarded inmate

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press

AURORA, Mo. — His own words had done him in. His confession to the murder of an elderly widow had put him behind bars for life.

Johnny Lee Wilson was doomed. Later, when the young retarded man said police had bullied him into confessing, that he didn't do it, that it was all a mistake, authorities didn't buy it. They wouldn't change their minds even after a convicted killer confessed to the crime.

But the peculiar chain of events haunted two men. One knew Wilson as a child and couldn't believe the meek kid with an IQ of 76 had grown into a crafty, cold-blooded killer. The other knew the murderer who claimed responsibility and couldn't believe he was lying. So Dean Rodgers, a building contractor, and Warren Ormsby, a bail bondsman, joined forces for the challenge of their lives: to free Johnny Lee Wilson.

Naively, Ormsby figured it was a four, maybe five-day job.

"I THOUGHT it was a matter of telling the law and the law would straighten it out," he says.

Rodgers, though, sensed it would take much longer: "I told Warren it will be years before we get this done. I said, 'We're going to be in trouble for a long time if we do this.'"

One year passed, then two, then five. Wilson sat in prison as one court, then another, rejected his appeals. And still, the men soldiered on — for eight long years.

"I said, 'Dean, there's only one way we'll ever win this damn case,'" Ormsby recalls. "Don't ever give up. Regardless of what happens, don't give up."

The bid to free Johnny Lee Wilson is more than a tale of righting a wrong. It's a story of how two men in a small Ozarks town cajoled and connived, told some truths and concocted some lies, manipulated the media and lobbied the law, were admired by some and despised by others.

Their basic strategy was to keep Wilson in the limelight.

That wasn't hard: They had a good yarn.

"The case was so appealing," says Mike Atchison, a Kansas City lawyer who joined their cause. "You had this murder in a small town of an elderly woman, a town afraid, a kid with mental retardation, the other guy who confesses to it. It is stranger than fiction. It was very compelling. You didn't have to be a good storyteller and make it interesting."

BY THE time Ormsby and Rodgers stepped in, Wilson was serving life without parole for the April 13, 1986, murder of Pauline Martz, a 79-year-old widow who had played bridge with his grandmother. Mrs. Martz had been beaten, bound and burned alive when her ransacked house was set afire.

After the police received a tip — from a former special ed classmate of Wilson's who later recanted — they and members of the sheriff's office interrogated Wilson, who swore he didn't kill anyone and had an alibi: He was with his mom at the grocery store. For nearly four hours, he was threatened and intimidated, fed facts only the killer would know and told there were eyewitnesses.

At the end, authorities had their confession.

Wilson, only 20 at the time, entered a plea in which a defendant doesn't admit guilt but acknowledges prosecutors have a strong case to convict. By doing so, he avoided the death penalty.

When he appeared in court that day in 1987, he at first didn't seem to understand the judge. Then, when asked again to explain why he was pleading, he responded tentatively: "I'm guilty, I guess."

HE WAS in prison the next year when Ormsby received a call from a Kansas inmate he had bailed out several times for burglarizing car-washes and coin laundries. In fact,

the first time Chris Brownfield had repaid Ormsby with two Folger's coffee cans of quarters.

"I've never known him to be a liar," Ormsby says in his husky smoker's drawl. "But he's ornery and meaner than the dickens."

Brownfield was imprisoned for robbing, beating and murdering an elderly woman in her Kansas home, 16 days after Mrs. Martz's killing — and about an hour from Aurora.

According to Ormsby, Brownfield asked him if he knew about Mrs. Martz's murder.

"Hell," Ormsby responded, referring to Wilson, "they got him, he got life in the pen and that's about where he should be."

"He said, 'I got something to tell you,'" Ormsby recalls. "He said, 'That kid didn't do it.'"

FOR THREE decades, Warren Ormsby was a small-time bail bondsman for small-town criminals, putting up \$25 for drunken drivers, petty thieves and the like. His world is the stuff of pulp fiction.

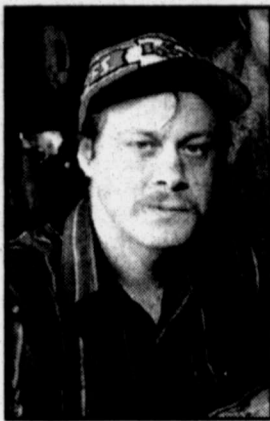
His craggy, hound-dog face and the soot-gray circles under his eyes make him look older than 53, and a cheap cigarette constantly dangles from his pursed lips. His right arm sports a scar from a .12-gauge shotgun wound, a remnant of a long-ago scrape.

He revels in telling tales of his years of chasing bail-jumpers, wolfing down bologna sandwiches and sleeping in his Dodge van. Once, he spent nine days in Texas to snare a guy who skipped out on a \$100 bond.

Dean Rodgers, 64, was more respectable, a ruddy-faced former horseman who builds homes. His desk is adorned with the nameplate "Boss Hogg," a gift from his daughter marking his resemblance to the short, paunchy county boss on TV's "Dukes of Hazard."

The two got together after Ormsby failed to make headway with authorities regarding Brownfield's confession; Ormsby approached Rodgers because the builder's nephew was the prosecutor.

There was one more media-tan-



Johnny Lee Wilson

talizing twist: Rodgers once lived next door to Wilson. He remembers a mild-mannered, bike-riding kid who was so protected by his mother and grandmother that he needed permission to leave his yard.

RODGERS FEARED authorities had nabbed the wrong man, but his concerns initially were allayed by his prosecutor-nephew, now a judge, who declines to discuss the case.

At first, Rodgers was leery of Ormsby's unsavory reputation — and skeptical about Wilson's innocence. But his doubts quickly disappeared as the two men began checking out Wilson's story.

Ormsby knocked on every door from Wilson's home to the murder victim's, but found no one who saw him that night.

After an investigator the duo hired turned up nothing, they launched a massive publicity campaign, printing bumper stickers, spending thousands of dollars on T-shirts and doing scores of interviews, trying to create news.

Rodgers called a news conference early on to announce a petition to recall the sheriff, even though a reporter had told him the night before that state law didn't allow it.

He went right ahead. "Got a lot of coverage," he says, smiling.

They pressured a newspaper in nearby Marionville to write about the case. And when it did, Ormsby, who helped sell ads, and Rodgers paid to print 10,000 copies instead of the usual 800 and blanketed the area with them.

WHEN THE paper ran into money trouble, the two men

poored in a few thousand dollars. Bill Maurer, a former reporter at the paper, which eventually folded, says he admired the pair's tenacity, though Ormsby sometimes stepped over the line.

Over the years, newspapers and magazines, including the Kansas City Star and U.S. News and World Report, weighed in with editorials and stories. The prospect of a young-man-wronged story also lured "20-20," "The Reporters," "Unsolved Mysteries," and "Saturday Night With Connie Chung."

Lawrence County Prosecutor Robert George, who inherited the case and still believes Wilson is guilty, dismisses it all.

"It's a prime example of how people can use the media and fool the public," he says. "There wasn't a Million Man March coming down to Aurora to let this man go free."

But still, their crusade continued. Ormsby and Rodgers gumshoed their way to Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas — where they met Brownfield several times.

In a bid to win Wilson a trial, they also hired Dee Wampler, a savvy Springfield attorney and former prosecutor whose 10-page resume includes the book "Defending Yourself Against Cops."

EVEN THOUGH Wampler believed Wilson was innocent, he says he met with the prosecutor and worked out a deal in which his client would plead not guilty by reason of insanity and be placed in a mental hospital.

"He had painted himself in a corner and I was trying to get him out," Wampler says.

A plea, he explains, would have gotten Wilson out of prison and on a fast track to freedom because he would have been eligible for review every six months — and a state doctor already had attested to his mental competence.

But Wilson backed out of the plea at the last minute, Wampler says.

"I said, 'Accept it, if you're guilty. If you're not, we'll stay with you,'" Rodgers recalls.

In arguing for Wilson to have a trial, Wampler also presented evidence of Brownfield's confession and motel receipts and phone bills suggesting he and an accomplice

were in the area when Mrs. Martz was killed. But a judge rejected the request.

By then, Maria Patrick, the TV producer, had immersed herself in the case. She called Vern Miller, a former attorney general of Kansas, and asked him to visit Brownfield in prison. She also sent him Wilson's confession.

"I WAS amazed how bad it was, how absolutely terrible that case had been handled," he recalls.

When Miller drove 170 miles to interview Brownfield, the convict repeated his story: He and an accomplice had robbed Mrs. Martz and burned the house because they had lost a stun gun that had fingerprints on it.

It was later in 1991 that one of Kansas City's largest law firms took on the Wilson case pro bono after being approached by Maria Patrick.

"I just thought this kid was never going to get out," she says. "Every point along the way, he had fallen through the cracks."

Mike Atchison, who began tackling the case while a law clerk, and his senior colleague, Dave Everson, had an uphill battle: to prove a man's innocence beyond a reasonable doubt — and explain why he would enter a plea.

BOB PERSKE, a free-lance writer who attended some of the court hearings, says Wilson's predicament wasn't unique. He has chronicled more than 100 cases of mentally retarded people wrongly accused of heinous crimes.

To explain Wilson's behavior, attorneys called on Denis Keyes, an assistant professor of special education at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, who conducted psychological tests on him in prison.

Mentally retarded people, Keyes says, typically acquiesce to what police tell them. "You give them an inch, they'll take a mile," he adds. "The more approval they get, the more they'll feel like they're buddies with you."

Adds Ormsby, with his trademark swagger: "I bet you in 10 minutes, I can get him to admit he killed Abraham Lincoln."

In seeking Wilson's freedom, these attorneys pursued a pardon.

"The way you win a criminal case on appeal is showing legal or procedural error — not showing factual innocence," Atchison says. "One of the things courts look for in criminal cases is finality. Every guy in prison says he's innocent. The governor can look at the facts. In this case, the facts ... were so supportive of Johnny's innocence, that was the logical route."

FOR THREE years, he and Everson plowed through volumes of material, examined the issue of false confessions and compiled a 40-page brief and hundreds more pages of exhibits to prove Wilson's innocence — even if the governor wasn't convinced of Brownfield's guilt.

Joe Bednar, the governor's chief counsel, was the final stop on the long trail that Ormsby and Rodgers began charting in 1988.

The former prosecutor spent a year on the case. He traveled to Aurora, interviewed police and prosecutors, examined physical evidence, cross-checked police reports, read press releases, built a list of potential suspects and reviewed and listened to Wilson's taped confession.

After poring over the transcript, which ran to more than 100 pages, he retyped all the leading questions. The result totaled 42 pages.

"It was incredible," he says. Then Bednar retyped the questions that provided Wilson with facts only the murderer would know or were inconsistent with evidence.

They totaled 13 pages. "There was nothing in that confession that Johnny came up with on his own," he says. "He didn't know anything about this crime."

On Sept. 29, nine years after he was locked up, Johnny Lee Wilson was pardoned by Gov. Mel Carnahan — the first time a Missouri inmate had been freed that way in 42 years.

George, the county prosecutor, calls it "a political decision" and says the pardon does not say Wilson is innocent.

But the governor did.

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GOP freshmen's fervor wanes as election nears

By Michael Wines
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — For the 73 Republican freshmen in the House, many of them unimpressive anti-politicians who have said they would rather be right than representatives, an awful realization is dawning: Soon, they might actually have to choose between the two.

It is an election-year epiphany that has provoked an arduous reappraisal — not of whether to seek another term, of course, for that is a foregone conclusion for most, but of what it means to be "right."

And in recent weeks, being right has sometimes meant being less far-right, and less inflexible, than befits the reputation of the Republican first-termers as enfants terribles.

One freshman on the right, who insisted on anonymity, said after the spending bill vote that his peers had "swallowed hard" and voted for the bill as a gesture to their fellow Republicans and to Sen. Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader and probable presidential nominee.

Since Congress returned to town last month, the freshmen have occasionally stuck to their populist roots. They helped de-fang an antiterrorism bill that they said they feared would cede too much investigative power to the government, and some of them helped revive a debate over assault weapons, by pushing to lift the ban that many Republicans believe can only damage the party's political prospects.

But they also have accepted legislation limiting awards in product liability lawsuits and allowing more government regulations. They now are less opposed to environmental regulations.

And many experts expect them to follow the Republican main-

stream this month and approve a new budget for the rest of fiscal 1996 that spends far more on education and other White House priorities than they wanted.

For most politicians, such readjustments are as natural as eating overcooked chicken at speaking engagements, and as never ending as fund-raising. But most of the freshmen Republicans are not most politicians — indeed, they do not advertise themselves as politicians at all. And for many, this is not what was supposed to occur.

"Suddenly those freshman representatives in the House have discovered, 'Gee whiz, maybe we need another term to get our stuff done,'" Tom Korologos, a long-time Republican lobbyist and a close friend of Dole, said recently. "Ain't nothing like an election to put some pine in peoples' backs and practicality in their actions."

In truth, the House freshmen were never quite the monolithic right-wing force that they appeared during the last year. The class has its share of mainstream conservatives and moderates. Part of the political shift now under way reflects those members' desire to show their colors as the fall campaign approaches.

Nor has everyone edged toward the middle. The loudest and most insistent revolutionaries — freshmen like Rep. Mark E. Souder and David M. McIntosh of Indiana and John Shadegg and J.D. Hayworth of Arizona — remain as defiant of convention as ever.

"The question is whether there is going to be a flank in this party that stands up for what we were elected for," Souder said this month, on the House floor. For freshmen who were elected on a pledge to shrivel the government and rewrite the social agenda, "the killer perception among voters is that things are drifting back to normal."

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Brightest comet in 20 years nears its closest approach to Earth

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The Hyakutake comet, the brightest comet in 20 years, will reach its closest approach to Earth tonight, revealing itself to viewers with access to clear, dark skies and affording scores of observatories a rare opportunity to study some primeval ingredients of the solar system.

The comet, discovered in Japan on Jan. 30 by Yuji Hyakutake, will come within 9.3 million miles of Earth during the night, and will extend across a patch of sky several times the size of the full moon.

By Friday it had reached an overall brightness equivalent to that of moderately bright stars and was visible to the naked eye. However, Comet Hyakutake (pronounced hyah-koo-tah-kay) seems dimmer than these stars because its light is spread over a wide area rather than concentrated at a single point.

The comet's small nucleus is emitting jets of dust and electrically charged gas, which spew away in a spiral pattern as the comet pinwheels through space. French astronomers at the Meudon Observatory monitoring the movement of these jets calculate the comet's rotation rate at about six and a half revolutions an hour.

By Friday, the comet had moved too far north for continued viewing by the great observatories in the Southern Hemisphere that have produced some of the most

spectacular photographs so far, notably the European Southern Observatory in Chile.

But the comet, which is speeding toward the Sun at 93,000 mph, is now visible to all major Northern Hemisphere observatories as well as several orbiting telescopes, including the Hubble Space Telescope.

None of the powerful instruments scrutinizing the Hyakutake comet have been able to glimpse its nucleus of "dirty snow," which is probably only several miles in diameter.

But the irregularly shaped, dusty, gaseous coma surrounding the nucleus, made of cometary material evaporated by the heat of the Sun, has grown to many hundreds of miles in diameter. Complex, kinked tails, consisting of both dust and ionized gas, have also been detected by telescopes.

Astronomers believe that observers on Earth are seeing the southern hemisphere of the comet as its nucleus rotates.

Optical and radio telescopes have begun sorting out the light and radio spectrums of the comet; from these measurements, astronomers are determining some of the chemical substances it contains. Among the molecules so far identified by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Kitt Peak, Ariz., are those of hydroxyl ions, formaldehyde, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide and methyl alcohol.

Since comets are believed to have formed very earlier in the history of the solar system, their composition sheds light on the evolution of the planetary system.

Brian Marsden, a planetary expert at the Harvard Smithsonian Astrophysical Center in Cambridge, Mass., has deduced from the rapid rate at which the comet has brightened and from its calculated orbit that it probably visited the inner solar system at least

once before, most recently about 9,000 years ago.

Comets nudged toward the Sun by the gravitational tug of a passing star are rarely very bright on their first trip, Marsden said. On subsequent passes, however, they are generally far brighter because solar radiation has already loosened up their outer shells to permit the escape of reflective dust and gas.

Astronomers are advising

would-be comet watchers to seek the guidance of local amateur astronomy clubs because most Americans live in places where light pollution masks the relatively faint light of comets and other celestial objects.

Sunday night, if the weather is clear, people in the New York area might be able to find the comet just below and to the left of the last star in the handle of the Big Dipper, in the northeast. On sub-

sequent nights, the comet will move leftward and down from the Big Dipper. By Wednesday, moonlight will begin to interfere with the comet's visibility. From then on, the comet will fade in brightness until its closest approach to the Sun on May 1, when it will be hidden in the Sun's glare.

After the comet loops around the Sun and heads back out, it will be visible only from the Southern Hemisphere.



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ODESSA — Odessa College President Vance Gipson and Sul Ross University President R. Vic Morgan will be signing an agreement Friday that will formalize the transfer of credits between OC and Sul Ross. The agreement will ensure that students completing associate degrees at OC will be able to transfer to Sul Ross with little or no loss of academic credit, according to Miles Eckert, executive vice president for instruction at OC. The agreement — to be signed at Gipson's office — will benefit OC students in other ways. Students who are considering transferring to Sul Ross will be able to visit the Alpine campus as guests of the university, which will provide free lodging and food during the students' visits.

Trade Days

STANTON — Old Sorehead Trade Days are set for Saturday and March 31 at downtown Stanton and the Community Center complex. Hours are all day March 30 and noon until 5 p.m. March 31. The event includes arts, crafts, antiques, entertainment and food booths.

Choir performance

The 1996 German choir, "Singing Circle Laudate," will perform 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas Ave. The Singing Circle Laudate's repertoire consists of works of the old masters. They sing a capella or accompanied by an organ or brass. The group will begin its U.S. tour in Austin and will conclude in Los Angeles, Calif.

Landmark case

HOUSTON — One is now the manager of a Flex the Back store in suburban Dallas. Another returned to her accounting job, a third went back to a work as a financial analyst with the Texas state Insurance Department. And the fourth actually did go to law school, but somewhere other than the University of Texas.

What these four people have in common is that they all are white, and they all were rejected when they applied for admission to law school at the university in the early 1990s. And they all are the plaintiffs in a case that may be on its way to becoming a legal landmark in the nation's battle over affirmative action. / 4B

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on shooting out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 690-5400, Category 7100.

11th Step Study group for people in recovery, 10:30 a.m., 2100 W. Louisiana Ave., 697-4781 or 692-1446.

Greater Midland South County Fair, 1:30 p.m., Midland County Center.

Tell City Road Race, 7:30 a.m., Midland County Center.

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Patel wins bee

By Joe Gaines
Staff writer

Students were feeling stress that, in its own way, may be comparable to that of crews in NASA's ground control at the 9th Annual Regional Spelling Bee.

Is it a C or an S?
Does it end in -able or -ible?
Could it be -tion or -sion?

The one with the right answers and right spellings was last year's winner, Vinesh Patel. Vinesh, who is a 12-year-old eighth grader of Abell Junior High School, was correctly spelling words that many adults in the audience didn't know existed. Sometimes the words were as long as their definitions.

Over 30 students from elementary and junior high schools from Midland, Glasscock, Upton and Martin counties participated in the bee, which is sponsored annually by the Reporter-Telegram.

Vinesh's winning word was incunabulum which means a book printed before 1501.

Such a long word for something you could just call an old book.

Vinesh's previous word meant a humbug or to talk pretentiously and usually inaccurately. The word was blague and he stumbled a bit.

He waited, took a deep breath... and asked for another pronunciation.

Well, nice try, but there's only one pronunciation. He received the same pronunciation again and spelled the word correctly.

"I hadn't heard it pronounced that way so that's why I asked," he said. "After he said it again, I knew the word."

For a month, he had been practicing everyday with his mother, Vidya, for 45 minutes. He did well for a boy whose favorite subject isn't English. "We're very proud of him," his parents said.



Top finishers in the Reporter-Telegram-sponsored Spelling Bee were: top left: Adam Houk, third place; top right: Kristin Kahllich, tie for fifth; bottom left: Katie Noah, second; bottom right: Vinesh Patel, winner. Not pictured: Robyn Webb, fourth place; Chad Kiefer, tie for fifth.

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Newspaper takes home 5 AP awards

AUSTIN — Reporter-Telegram staffers captured five awards, including first place in sports column writing, at the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors convention Saturday.

Sports editor Terry Williamson took first place for his column on remembering Mickey Mantle following the baseball star's death. It marked the second time Williamson has won first place in the sports column writing category.

In addition, Sean Wallace, also a member of the sports staff, took second place honors in the headline writing category.

Staffers also took three honorable mention awards.

Lifestyle editor Elizabeth Edwin won that honor in feature layouts; staff writer Michael Kashgarian in business reporting; and chief photographer Curt Wilcott in photojournalism.

Honorable mention is the equivalent of third place in the Associated Press contest.

Police gather to honor outstanding officers

By Joe Gaines
Staff writer

Members of local law enforcement came together Saturday night to honor their own at the annual police awards banquet.

"You hear all the time that police work is a thankless job. This is a chance for us all to come together and honor fellow officers for their hard work, dedication and professionalism and have a good time," Police Sgt. David Garcia said.

"I believe we have the best Police Department right here in Midland. I think if you look at the people who have awards, it will prove it," Chief Richard Czech said.

The awards are a sign of recognition by supervisors as well as peers. "They're our way of showing thanks for a job well done," Garcia said.

Supervisors from each bureau in the department nominated officers. Nominations were reviewed by an independent civilian panel that chose the recipient of

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Civil Air Patrol on lookout for fires

By Ed Todd
Staff writer

Among farmers and ranchers, there is optimism during every passing day in a drought: "This old land is one day closer to a rain."

So, amid the bleakness, there is hope. But it has been more than six months, 190 days, since the old Midland country experienced rain — about an inch of moisture — in mid-September and 17 days since the last shower, March 6. And it has been 65 days since the Jan. 17 "mud bath" when a light shower fell over a dust-darkened sky and mud-smattered the city and countryside.

The land is dust-blowing dry.

Along with fears that the 1995-1996 dry spell may be a precursor to a tenacious drought similar to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s and the seven-year drought of the 1950s, there is the reality that pretty much the whole state of Texas is turning into a giant expanse of kindling wood.

Wildfires are breaking out on both fronts: East Texas and West Texas.

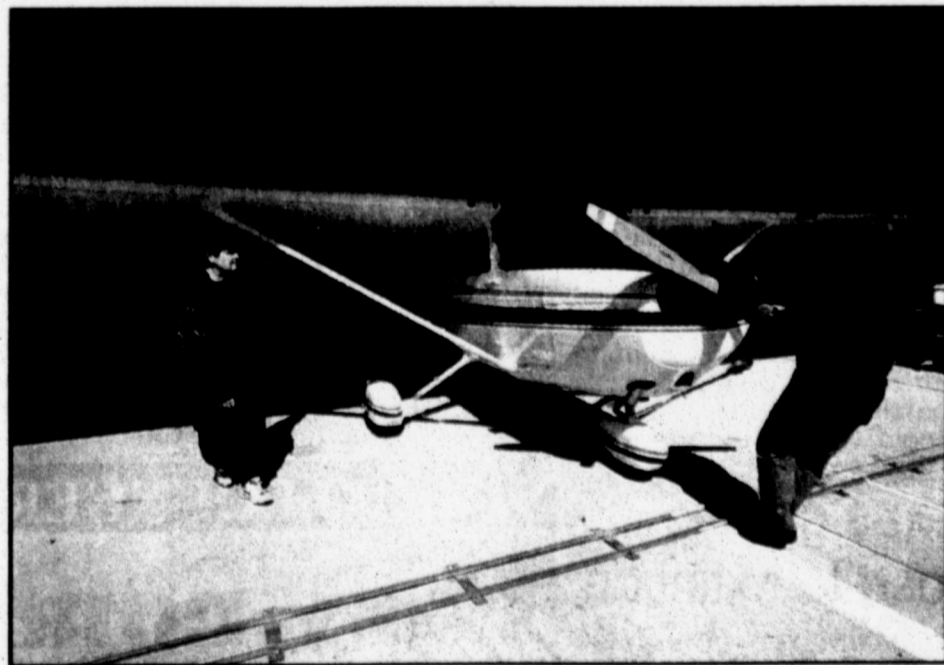
And the Texas Forest Service has elicited the aid of the Texas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) in spotting fires via aerial searches.

"What they are doing is giving us eyes in the sky to see the fires quick, so we can get them (extinguished) while they are small," said Texas Forest Service official Boo Walker. "One of the big things in firefighting is keeping the fire small" through early detection. "And that is what the Civil Air Patrol is affording us: Air coverage over areas that have resources that can respond to the fires fairly quickly."

The CAP's Midland Composite Squadron, which is commanded by CAP mission pilot Bill Darby, is routinely flying patrols in the Abilene area.

"This country is just as dry as a tender box," observed CAP mission pilot Patricia Petosky of Midland. "We can see smoke, investigate and report it (the fires)" to the

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Civil Air Patrol pilots Patricia Petosky and her husband Bill Darby pull their plane out of the hanger in preparation for a flight.

Local school adopts soldiers in Bosnia

By Gary Shanks
Staff writer

Three U.S. Army soldiers serving in war-torn Bosnia will soon have the first installment of care packages from students at Lamar Elementary School.

Fourth-graders have adopted three servicemen and have gathered up donations of snacks, magazines and other items.

Fourth-grade student council members are currently boxing up these items to be shipped in early April to the soldiers serving in C Troop of the 314th Cavalry.

"We try to get the students involved in the community as much as possible," said Lamar counselor Ron Moss, who is coordinating the project with teacher Karen Burden.

"We're trying to show them that they can have an impact on our community and on our world," Moss said.

In addition, the students' efforts should cheer up three soldiers stationed far from family and friends.

"It's really cold and lonely," fourth-grader Beth Ellis said of the northern European war zone. "It's probably kind of scary."

The drive to collect items for the adopted soldiers began March 1 and will end March 30. A small box of goodies for each soldier will be sent first, Moss explained. "We're not going to send it all at once," he said.

To encourage students at Lamar to participate, the student council members organized skits to show how badly the soldiers need their help. "We put, like, a little play together," said Katelin Filip.

In addition to the boxes of goodies, the fourth-graders are writing letters to their adopted soldiers. "They wanted letters the most," said student council member Jessica Waller.

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Lamar Elementary School students Johnny Barraza and Jessica Waller look over some of the materials that will be sent to troops in Bosnia.



People come out for Scout-a-rama

A Scout, top, gets a little help climbing a log tower at the Scout-a-Rama Saturday afternoon, at left, Five-year-old Courtney Clay gets a boost before negotiating her way down a rope bridge at the gathering

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DEATHS

Ray Lingle

Services for Ray Lingle, 78, of Odessa, are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 25, at Tanglewood Church of Christ with Larry Creel officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Lingle died Friday, March 22, at an Odessa hospital.

He was born March 20, 1918, in Lingleville.

He lived in El Paso from 1956 to 1972 and was a member of the El Paso Lions Club. He moved to Odessa in 1977 from Lubbock. He was a member of Tanglewood Church of Christ.

He married Eva Spence in 1939 in Ranger.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Lingle of Odessa; a daughter, Paula Bagget of Odessa; a brother, Wayne Lingle of Fort Worth; two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Alford Rountree

Services for Alford Rountree are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Rountree died Saturday, March 23, at a local hospital.

Pablo B. Molina

Services for Pablo "Burritos" B. Molina, 53, are to be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in Ojinaga, Mexico.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bill Thomas Funeral Home.

Visitation is today at 1 p.m. at Thomas Chapel.

Molina died Friday, March 22, in a Midland hospital.

He was born June 11, 1942, in Ojinaga, Mexico.



Molina

He had lived in Midland for 30 years. He worked for Mobil Enterprises.

Survivors include his wife, Lucia Molina of Midland; three brothers, Ramon Molina, Eleterio Molina and Merced Molina, all of Ojinaga, Mexico; three sisters, Dominga Carnero of Ojinaga, Mexico, and Lydia Pando and Noemi Molina, both of Midland; seven daughters, Lupe Nelson of Albuquerque, N.M., Ruby Ann Zabala of Colorado City, Mary Ann Zavala of Kingsville, and Andrea Aceves, Margaret Ceballos, Jo Ann Hernandez and Maria Pastert, all of Midland; three sons, Matin Cortez of New Braunfels, and Juan Pastert and Barnaby Pastert, both of Midland; 22 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Olive Kidd Fleeta

Services for Olive Kidd Fleeta, 89, are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 25 at First Baptist Church of Coleman with Rev. Milton Allen officiating. Burial will be at Coleman City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker Funeral Home in Coleman.

Visitation is at 7 p.m. today in Coleman.

Mrs. Fleeta died Saturday, March 23, in a Coleman hospital.

She was born March 16, 1907, in Fredericktown, Mo.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Silver Valley Baptist Church.

She married Alton Boyd Kidd on June 18, 1926. He preceded her in death in 1969.

Two grandchildren also preceded her in death.

Survivors include four daughters, Doris Hudson of Moran, Betty Vaughn of Medford, Ore., Bobby Straach of Coleman and Patricia Cates of Tyler; a son, Alton Kidd of Midland; two brothers, E.E. Sikes of Ballinger and A.T. Sikes of Abilene; 19 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to a

favorite charity.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Hattie Davis

Services for Hattie Christene Merck Davis, 69, of Winters, were at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Ms. Davis died Saturday, March 16, in Bloomington, Minn.

She was born July 12, 1926, in Ballinger.

She graduated from Winters High School in 1944.

She was a clerk for Southwestern States Telephone Company for 16 years until the company closed. She then was a bookkeeper for Alderman Cave, Winters Service Company and Bishop and Sons. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She married Alby O. Merck on Feb. 25, 1944, and he preceded her in death in 1977. She married John Davis in 1978 and he preceded her in death in 1981.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Ella Templeton.

Survivors include two daughters, Jere Barnes of Midland and Jan Arriconi of Bloomington, Minn.; four brothers, Ervin Compton of Wingate, Winfred Compton of Kerrville, Cecil Compton of El Paso and Darrell Compton of Denver City; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were B. Phelps, J.B. Guy Jr., Doyle Humphrey, Lannie Bahman, William Tischer, Ray Alderman and Elby Miller.

Robert E. Steward

Services for Robert E. Steward, are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 25, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Steward died Saturday, March 23, at his residence

He was born Aug. 4, 1936, in Vega.

He married Audrey Crael on June 27, 1978.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Steward in 1995.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force in nuclear electronics for 11 years. He moved to Midland in 1967 and was co-founder of Linco-Electromatic. He won the Grand Champion award in offshore fishing in 1994. He was a member of West Kentucky Ave. Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Steward of Midland; a son, Shane Steward of Midland; three step-children, Maria Carr of Midland, Mark Creel of Lubbock and Mitchell Creel of Amarillo; mother, Ruth Steward of Midland; a brother, Ken Steward; and five grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Hospice of Midland.

Alfonso Vigil

Services for Floyd Alfonso Vigil, 70, are set for 11 a.m. Monday, March 25, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Estancia, N.M. Burial will be in the Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M., with Walker Funeral Directors in Midland in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Gene Morey, Rex Earick, Louie Leyba, George Sinerros, Larry Montano, Andy Gamegos and Andrew Vigil.

Virgil died Thursday, March 21, in Roswell, N.M.

He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Priscilla Vigil; one son, Donald Vigil of Roswell, N.M.; one daughter, Ellen McCoy of Lubbock; three brothers, Anthony Vigil, Charlie Vigil and Gilbert Vigil, all of Roswell, N.M.; four sisters, Lilly Vigil, Evelyn Ortega, Julie Santestevan and Mary Mae Carmichael, all of Taos, N.M.; and five grandchildren.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Friday

Burglary of a vehicle: A radar detector and a pistol were taken at 804 Collins Ave., reported Scooter Burns at 12:39 p.m.

Theft: Junk iron was taken at 1006 Cotton Flat Road, reported Joe Molina at 2:16 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A microwave was taken at 809 E. Kentucky Ave., reported W.C. Caldwell at 2:27 p.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle was damaged at 4741 Wilshire Drive, reported Michael Pilpott at 2:35 p.m.

Robbery: Clothing worth \$1,100 was taken at 2217 N. Big Spring St., reported Jennie Song at 2:40 p.m.

Burglary of a business: A window of a clubhouse was broken at 5266 W. Loop 250, it was reported at 2:53 p.m.

Vandalism: A rear window of a vehicle was shot out by a BB gun at 5216 Tremont Ave., reported Irene Carpenter at 3:29 p.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle was damaged at 110 E. New Jersey Ave., reported Rich Wlewgin at 7 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: \$200-\$300 was taken from two piggy banks and approximately \$50 worth of stuffed animals

at 105 E. Dakota Ave., reported Norma Ayala at 9:22 p.m.

Vandalism: A rear sliding glass door was shot out by a BB gun at 3615 Anetta Drive, reported Barbara Jenkins at 10:09 p.m.

Saturday
Vandalism: Windows of a vehicle were damaged at 305 Dodson St., reported Frank Hawk Jewelry at 2:29 a.m.

Burglary of residence: An Apple computer, keypad and modem were taken at 121 N. Glenwood Drive, reported Paul Heyroch at 8:01 a.m.

Vandalism: A windshield of a vehicle was broken at 1212 E. Wadley Ave., reported Natalie Carrasco at 8:37 a.m.

Theft: A barbecue pit was taken at 1100 E. Oak Ave., reported Coreen Coleman at 8:55 a.m.

Vandalism: A bathroom window was damaged at 1000 Midkiff Road, reported Lela Turner at 8:48 a.m.

Vandalism: Tires of a vehicle were slashed at 3202 Dentcrest Drive, reported Jerry Emerson at 9:59 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning these crimes should call the Police Department at 685-7108, the Sheriff's Office at 688-1228 or Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

ADOPT: Soldiers get relief from locals

(From 1B)

their service and care about them.

Some students wrote letters by themselves and some formed groups to write letters, but students throughout the school worked to provide a line of communication for the adopted soldiers — a way to let them know that American children appreciate

The students selected Christopher Orr of North Carolina, Shane Tiner of Mississippi and Steve Jones. Although the students have not yet been able to find out where Jones is from, they hope he will write back and tell them.

BEE: Winners make community proud

(From 1B)

University of Texas of the Permian Basin for a science fair. The officials at the fair had put his project on hold for judging until he had finished the bee.

His favorite subject is science. "The science fair isn't as tense," he said.

"My project is about the effect of

water temperature on blood pressure," he said. And the Army says it does more in a day.

For spelling correctly, Vinesh won another trip to the national Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. on May 27.

He said he finished "one hundred something" at last year's national bee, but hopes to do better this year.

"I guess I'll have to start practicing an hour and half every day now," he said.

He also received \$50, a trophy and two CD-ROM software libraries, for himself and his teacher.

And for when he just can't get enough of those big words, he also won, what else, a dictionary.

Other winners were: second

place, Katie Noah of South Elementary School; third place, Adam Houk of St. Ann's School; fourth place, Robyn Webb of Goddard Junior High School; and fifth place, Chad Kiefer of Grady Independent School District and Kristin Kahlich of DeZavala Elementary School.

AWARD: Police honor local heroes

(From 1B)

each award.

The biggest award, Officer of the Year, went to Ron Sartor and Phyllis Spinuzzi for their work in community relations. "Each one has done an outstanding job and shows our belief of community involvement," Czech said.

The scarlet shield, given to an officer hurt in the line of duty, went to James White.

"White showed courage under attack when he responded to a call at the mall last year," Chief Czech said.

White shot and killed a man after the man hit him in the left shoulder with a crowbar. White still is recovering from his injuries.

The Chiefs Award went to Kathleen Gill of the records department for improving the productivity and morale of the



Phyllis Spinuzzi and Ron Sartor received the officer of the year awards for their outstanding work in community relations at the annual police awards banquet.

department and to Jim Sevey, in charge of the police firing range for improvement of the facility and firearm training.

Physical fitness honors went to Kay Therwhanger for achieving a 95 percent or more on her physical assessment tests for three years and to Chuck Sims for the most improved.

Volunteer of the Year went to Sue Guess, secretary of the Cit-

izen's Police Academy, for more than 900 hours of volunteer work for the Police Department.

Civilian of the Year went to Douglas Crabtree, and Rookie of the Year went to Ed Marker. "Each of these recipients have gone beyond the call of duty and have done an outstanding job for the Police Department," Garcia said.

Texas grouse close to extinction

HOUSTON (AP) — The Attwater's prairie chicken, an endangered grouse that once numbered in the hundreds of thousands in areas around Houston, has moved even closer to extinction.

Federal biologists estimate in a new census that only 42 of the prairie chickens remain alive in the wild — a third fewer than last year and less than a tenth of the 1993 population.

At the turn of the century, the Attwater's prairie chicken was one of the Gulf coastal prairie's most characteristic wildlife species, with an estimated population of 1 million in Texas and Louisiana.

Its numbers were drastically reduced, however, by over-hunting, agriculture, development and other pressures, and the species is now regarded as one of the nation's most severely imperiled.

Prairie chickens — large brown and white, henlike grouse with short, rounded tails — are known to exist only in three Texas counties.

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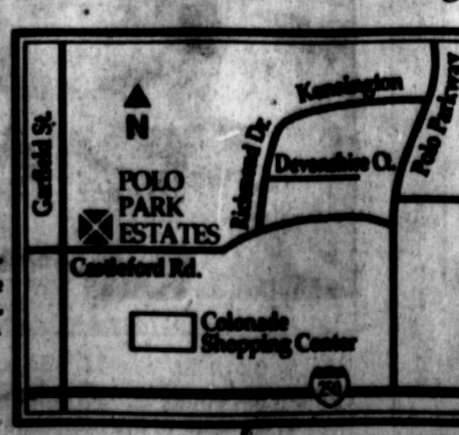
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CAP: Civil Air Patrol fights grass fires from above

(From 1B)

Texas Forest Service and to fire-fighters by longitude and latitude. Currently, CAP squadrons are flying over much of Texas east of an imaginary line from Wichita Falls to Abilene to Austin and beyond.

"It is unbelievable," Ms. Petosky said of the number of fires breaking out statewide.

During the drought, most fires are ignited by human causes: "Mostly through carelessness," noted Walker. He cited lit cigarettes tossed from moving vehicles, people cutting pipe fences with torches, fiery sparks from locomotives, sparks from a truck's chain and the burning of trash and debris.

"Most of the counties across Texas have put a ban on outdoor burning, and we've seen a real reduction in the number of fires," Walker said.

"We've been extremely fortunate this year," he said. "We've saved about 1,500 homes because of the efforts we've put into West Texas and East Texas. And we've only lost six or seven homes."

"What we are concerned about now is not only the drought — when and if it will break — but the possibility of dry lightning coming through."

And dry lightning in seasons past has touched off wildfires in the Davis Mountains and Big Bend country of Far West Texas.

While Midland-Odessa-area fire-fighters have been monitoring the dry range land and suppressing blazes before they develop into wildfires, the common concern among townspeople and farmers and ranchers is the widespread drought.

"It's not any drier right here (than in the 1950s)," West Texas rancher Melvin Cotten said. "It's just probably drier over a bigger area; the whole state of Texas is drier."

"If it doesn't rain pretty soon, the farmers won't be able to plant any crops," Cotten lamented. "And then, if it doesn't rain by middle of the summer, there are going to be lots of cattle having to be sold by ranchers" because of the dearth of range land grasses. "It's really going to hurt the cow people to have to sell their cattle because of the low cattle prices. You can't afford to keep them and feed them if it doesn't rain."

Cotten said that the dry situation is "going to get real serious for the ranch people within the next 60 or 90 days. But it's going to be real serious for the farmers in less time than that because it's going to have to rain before they can put any crops in."

Old-time Midland cowboy C.M. Edwards, who survived droughts of the 1930s and 1950s, reckoned that "this year is going to be just as bad, if not worse, than any part of the 1930s. And I hope I'm so wrong," said the 82-year-old Edwards.

Through mid-March, 1996 has been the second driest season on record since the National Weather Service started keeping rainfall-temperature records in Midland in 1930.

So far, the year's total rainfall is 0.09 of an inch. The normal rainfall through mid-March is 1.34 inches. And the all-time record low rainfall for the 2-1/2-month period is .01 of an inch in 1971. However, that year ended up with a 12.6-inch total rainfall, and much of that came in two-inch rains in May, August and September.

The 30-year average rainfall for Midland, according to the National Weather Service, is nudging 15 inches. And each month's average is: January, 0.4; February, 0.62; March, 0.58; April, 0.83; May, 1.98; June, 1.55; July, 1.70; August, 1.69; September, 2.62; October, 1.74; November, 0.69, and December, 0.56.

Currently, Midland's primary

Escaped inmate may have fled across border

DALLAS (AP) — A murder suspect who walked out of the Dallas County jail earlier this month after exchanging clothes and identities with a cellmate who had been scheduled for release in Mexico, authorities say.

Pablo Lubiano Franco, 28, of Dallas has been at large since March 8.

However, deputies now know where Franco is staying with family and friends, said Bob Knowles, chief deputy of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. Officials are awaiting an arrest warrant through the State Department with Mexican authorities.

Franco is also wanted in Mexico, Knowles said.

He walked out of the Lew Sterrett Justice Center, disguised as 30-year-old cellmate Carlos Sosa, wearing Sosa's yellow T-shirt and blue cotton pants, sheriff's officials said.

A typical fingerprint match-up, performed to ensure the right prisoner is being released, was not done, they said.

Franco had been jailed since Sept. 17, charged in a June 17 shootout in which three people were killed at a party, officials said.

source of groundwater, Lake Ivie near Ballinger in West Central Texas, is 93 percent full, said Martha Hamilton, spokesman for the Big Spring-based Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD). However, the district's 1950s-vintage Lake Thomas near Snyder is almost dry at 6.5 percent of capacity, and the 1960s Lake Spence near Robert Lee is almost 32 percent full.

"We could use a rain, of course," said Ms. Hamilton, who allowed that the CRMWD's weather-modification (cloud-seeding) program, in effect since 1971, doesn't begin its 1996 season until April.

From the perspective of Midland farmer-rancher Alvey Bryant, the 1996 drought is "the worst in my lifetime."

He has been living in the Midland country since 1925.

In a recent San Angelo auction, steers were selling for between 50 and 60 cents a pound and heifers were going for about 45 cents a pound, Bryant said.

"That's bad," Bryant said. "You can't even break even on that." Bryant noted that cattle prices have dropped dramatically because of three factors: "No rain, no grass and overproduction."

Rather than the ranchers, "the packers are making a killing" on livestock, as are the grocery stores, Bryant said.

Before the drop in market prices, steers and heifers were selling for 90 cents to 96 cents per pound.

And 3-year-old Hereford cows that were bringing 60 cents a pound several years ago, today are bringing 25 cents, Bryant said.

And because of the light rainfall in 1994 and 1995, dry land farmers have "just the same as missed two crops," Bryant said. And farmers have no underground moisture going into the 1996 planting season.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service entomologist Doug Paxton, whose focus has been on attacking farmers' archenemy, the boll weevil, said the farmers' primary interest for now is this: "Wishing it would rain. We've got to have a rain" to ensure a successful spring planting.

"I don't know what they (farmers) are going to do," said Dennis Wallace of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Farm Service Agency for Midland County. "It's a mess." Wallace said that veteran farmers and ranchers told him that the drought is "worse now than it was in the 1950s."

While farmers are hoping for planting rains, many of ranchers are selling off their herds. "Everybody is trying to get rid of them (heads of livestock)," Wallace said. "It's not only dry here. It's dry everywhere."

Delton Stone, who is manager of the Midland Farmers Co-op, said that the dry cotton fields "just need some good, soaking rains, like an inch a day for two weeks" before the traditional planting rains in May.

"If we get a planting rain (without benefit of prior deep-soil moisture), it won't last long," Stone said.

While the irrigation farmers are working the soil, "the dry land people are just doing nothing," Stone said.

"Those clouds out there are awful big," Stone said. "In the next 30

days, it's going to get really, really, really bad."

St. Lawrence cotton ginner B.J. Havlak, who was in his youth during the drought of the 1950s, recalled "the clouds coming over, and we didn't get a drop of rain."

Now in a dry 1996, "We've got to have rain," Havlak said. And in eliciting rain, "We've about wore our knees out (praying)."

Ray Schimcek, conservationist for the USDA's Natural Resource Service for Midland County, said of dry land, "it's so dry, the best thing to do is to leave the old cotton stalks standing" to prevent wind erosion.

Cotton-planting times, normally

in May, range from late April into early June.

Warfield community farmer Vernon Chandler cited a notable difference between the drought of the 1950s and the 1996 drought: "We complain about the sand blowing a lot, but we really haven't those high winds like we had in the 1950s. That's the only good part about it."

And Chandler offered a favorable omen. There is the recent tale of an American Indian who, in interpreting the flow of wind-blown campfire smoke at sunrise on a hill near Snyder, predicted rain in West Texas about April 21. "If I knew we would get it then,

I would quit worrying about the drought," Chandler said. "That would be just right."

The faithful are still hoping for rain.

"Keep your faith and be optimistic about it," suggested Cotten. "It will rain one of these days. It just may be a long time doing it."

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Lawsuit ends with affirmative-action override

By Sam Howe Verhovek
N.Y. Times Service

HOUSTON — One is now the manager of a Relax the Back store in suburban Dallas. Another returned to her accounting job, a third went back to a work as a financial analyst with the Texas state Insurance Department. And the fourth actually did go to law school, but someplace other than the University of Texas.

What these four people have in common is that they all are white, and they all were rejected when they applied for admission to law school at the university in the early 1990s. And they all are the plaintiffs in a case that may be on its way to becoming a legal landmark in the nation's battle over affirmative action.

Monday, a federal appeals court, ruling largely in favor of the plaintiffs, struck down the law school's affirmative-action program for admissions and decreed that race should not be used as a factor in admissions decisions.

The ruling stunned universities across the nation with similar programs and led the University of

Texas to suspend all admissions decisions for at least a week while it struggles to formulate new guidelines.

The plaintiffs, the court suggested, could provide the university a broader definition of diversity. Circuit Judge Jerry E. Smith pointed in particular to the "unique background" of one plaintiff, Cheryl J. Hopwood, 32. Her father died when she was young, and she worked her way through high school and college; she has also been the mother of a severely handicapped child and a baby who died hours after birth.

"Individuals, with their own conceptions of life, further diversity of viewpoint," Smith wrote. "Her circumstance would bring a different perspective to the law school."

Even as university officials warned that the decision could force them to cut the number of minority students by as much as one-half to two-thirds, the four plaintiffs hailed the ruling as a major victory for civil rights. All had argued in court that their qualifications were well above

those of dozens of black and Hispanic applicants who were accepted to the school.

"The purpose of the lawsuit is to make the University of Texas fulfill Dr. Martin Luther King's dream, which is to judge each person individually, not by the color of

their skin but by the content of their character," David Rogers, 32, a store manager in Arlington, Texas, said in an interview.

Rogers, the son of a former professor, said that after his rejection he believed that he had been a victim of discrimination.



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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Series to conclude

The Lenten Luncheon Series at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., concludes Wednesday with the Chap Singers from Midland College.

The Chap Singers is a newly-formed group comprised of singers taken from the former Midland College Chorale and the Jazz Ensemble, VocalPoint. The 16-member choir performs music of all styles and periods from Renaissance to show tunes. Bert Bostic, minister of music at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, is the director of the Chap Singers.

In addition to excerpts from "Phantom of the Opera," Wednesday's program will include soprano Millicent Thomas singing "Were You There," arranged by H.T. Burleigh.

The half-hour concerts are scheduled from 12:05 to 12:35 p.m. and lunch served in Lynn Hall a half-hour before and after each concert. The concerts are free

and open to the public. Lunch is \$4. Child care is available with advance reservations.

Reunion planned

The 1996 Spirit Wind Choir will host a reunion weekend here June 14-16.

The alumni will rehearse with the 1996 choir Friday and Saturday and then will participate in the 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services that Sunday.

A social event will be planned for Saturday evening that will offer everyone a chance to renew friendships and catch up on old times.

Bert W. Bostic, choir director, is in need of addresses of the former members of Spirit Wind. Those with this type of information are asked to mail or fax the information to Bert W. Bostic, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas Ave., Midland, 79701. The fax number is 1-915-694-9608.

Contest held

West Texas Storytelling Guild and West Texas Writers are sponsoring a short story contest and invite entries of original stories written for children. Entry deadline has been changed to May 1.

Stories need to be for children ages 4 through 13 and be no more than 1,000 words in length. Presentation may be in any form such as fairy tale, fable, ghost, western, in verse or prose, or combined in any form for concert style storytelling such as with music or drama, pantomime or puppets. If the story is for a particular age level,

the age should be indicated.

Prizes including first \$100, second \$75 and third \$25, will be awarded. The winning stories will be read by members of the Storytelling Guild in concert in April.

The contest is an effort to widen public awareness of creative arts, in particular the age-old tradition of story telling.

Entries need to be mailed to Story Contest, P.O. Box 11161, Midland, 79702. For more information call 699-7820.

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Institute of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University, is hosting "The Humbler Walks of Art: Landscape, Still-Life, and Animal Paintings from the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Collections," a foundation located in Houston, through April 30.

Also, on display are the exhibitions "Landscape Drawings by

European and American Masters from the Old Jail Art Center in Albany, Texas, March 1-31 and "Print Types" from the Print Consortium, March 1-31.

For more information call, 1-915-368-7222. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. No admission is charged.

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The City expects to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for use in 1996/97. In 1995/96, the City was granted \$1,416,000 in CDBG funds. An equal amount is expected for 1996/97.

A minimum 70% of these funds must be allocated to projects which benefit low and moderate income persons. Examples of activities eligible for CDBG funding are: housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and street improvements, park improvements, code enforcement, lot clearance, economic development, and public services as well as planning and program administrative activities.

Organizations interested in requesting CDBG funds must file a formal application by May 10, 1996 with the City's CDBG Office.

On May 28, 1996 at the SE Community Multi-Purpose Recreation Center, 1803 E. Indiana, a public hearing will be held to discuss past usage of CDBG funds, community development needs and impediments to fair housing.

For further information or technical assistance, call the City's CDBG Office at 685-7408 or 685-7402.

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The City of Midland trucks will pick up items in the alleyway of any Midland residence. (Discards cannot be picked up from private property).

Guidelines

1. The call-in period is March 18-29. Pick-up is April 8-19.
2. No construction debris will be picked up (i.e. bricks, concrete, rock, gravel, plaster, etc.)
3. No tires, car batteries, or liquid wastes.
4. Please compost and/or chip and use all yard waste, leaves, tree limbs, and shrubs. If tree branches or shrubs are to be included on the pick-up list they must be cut into 3 feet lengths or less, bundled and tied.
5. No tree stumps.
6. Place your items next to container by April 8, 1996. Items on private property will not be picked up.
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ARMED FORCES NEWS

The 22d Support Command SUPCOM, commanded by Gus Pagonis, was composed of Active, Reserve, and National Guard Units who were Logisticians, Medics, M.P.'s, Transporters and most all support personnel who served in the Gulf War will have a reunion in Gulf Shores, Ala., on June 20-23.

Anyone who served in the Gulf War with the 22d Support Command please contact 22d Support Command Association, P.O. Box 16552, Mobile, Ala. 36616 for information on the reunion and also about membership in the Association.

Cadet David Hinz, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Setzer of Midland was recently promoted to Lance Corporal at the Marine Military Academy.

Hinz, an eighth-grader, received this JROTC promotion in recognition of his combined performance in academics, military leadership and athletics.

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Ryan Jackson, son of Larry and Nancy Jackson of Andrews, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, he learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses.

es. He also received an introductory instruction for services in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Jackson is a 1994 graduate of Andrews High School and he joined the Navy in June 1995.

Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Phil Dolbow of Midland recently re-enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard.

He is a Veteran of ten years service and currently services as a non-commissioned officer of Infantry with Company C, 2nd Battalion (mechanized) 142nd Infantry in Midland.

Dolbow received a \$2,500 re-enlistment bonus from the Army National Guard for the three year extension.

Army National Guard Sgt. Bryan McGowen of Midland recently

re-enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard.

He is a Veteran of six years service and currently serves as a non-commissioned officer of Infantry with Company C, 2nd Battalion (mechanized) 142nd Infantry in Midland.

McGowen received a \$2,500 re-enlistment bonus from the Army National Guard for the three year

extension.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James May, whose wife, Holly, is the daughter of Mark and Christie Nelson of Midland, has returned to Mayport, Fla., after completing a six-month overseas deployment to the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia aboard the guided missile frigate USS De Wert.

He is one of 227 Sailors aboard the frigate who completed the more than 40,000-mile voyage. His ship was part of the 11-ship USS America Battle Group, which included more than 80 tactical aircraft, and shops and submarines armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

May is a 1993 graduate of Midland High School and he joined the Navy in June 1993.

Daniel Chancellor of Midland enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard on March 14.

He is scheduled to report to Fort Jackson, S.C., on Sept. 3 to undergo basic training. Upon completion of basic, he will report to Fort Gordon, Ga., where he will undergo training as a Signal Support Systems Specialist. After he completes training he will serve in the Communications Section of Battery B, 3rd Battalion 113rd Field Artillery in Odessa.

Chancellor is a 1994 graduate of Permian High School.

RELIGION IN BRIEF

■ Singles' seminar set

The Singles' Ministry of Golf Road Church of Christ will be hosting a Southwest Singles Spring Renewal Conference on April 20.

The one-day event will feature speakers on subjects of personal growth such as confident courting, getting past the past, search for significance and Eescape from people pleasing.

Praise and worship sessions will be led by songwriter and singer Ken Young and the Hallal Singers. All meals are included in the \$25-per-person charge.

Following the day's sessions, evening activities will include recreation at Results Fitness and Recreation Center. Child care is available for no additional charge.

For more information, call Tom Vermillion at the church, 694-8836.

■ Ceremony planned

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church is conducting its annual senior recognition ceremony at Midland Center May 11.

Events the 1996 graduates will be hosting include a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 30 at Ray's Auto Seat Covers, 3207 W. Front St.; a carwash from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 13 at Vince's Radiator Service, 610 S. Big Spring St.; and a fashion show from 6 to 9 p.m. April 20 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden lane.

For more information, call Bertha Jimenez, 682-3890, or Judy Ochoa, 682-3681.

Illegal plates rife on border

EL PASO (AP) — Starting Saturday, those resident Texans driving around the city with out-of-state license plates on their cars might find they have unwittingly invited a police officer over for a chat.

Area law enforcement agencies will begin issuing citations carrying fines of up to \$200 to those El Paso residents who have illegally registered their vehicles in New Mexico or Mexico to avoid Texas' higher taxes.

"We are going on-line this Saturday to start enforcing the law," police spokesman Sgt. Bill Pfeil said.

Authorities are responding to more than 2,000 anonymous complaints phoned in to a hot line established by the El Paso County tax office, which last month launched a program asking residents to report neighbors with illegally registered vehicles.

Tax collector Jimmy Hicks said El Paso County loses \$6 million each year in tax revenues from illegally registered vehicles. No figures were available as to how much the county has recovered since the hot line was activated.

Anyone who has received an

official warning notice mailed by the tax office may be cited during a routine traffic stop.

Computerized information will now include whether an out-of-state license plate is legitimate.

State law requires residents to register their cars within 30 days of establishing Texas residency.

Violators are being given a 30-day grace period before the police and sheriff's department are notified.

Resident Ricardo Rojas, 24, said his parents immediately registered their four cars — previously registered in New Mexico — after receiving copies of the brief but stern notice from the tax office three weeks ago.

He said his family isn't bitter about the prospect that one of their neighbors snitched on them.

"I can understand why they called," Rojas said. "Actually, it was probably our next-door neighbor, or it could have been anyone on our street. But we didn't know it was illegal."

Cocaine bust collars six

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal agents have arrested six people and seized 811 pounds of cocaine worth an estimated \$36.5 million, the U.S. Customs Service said Friday.

After authorities watched a group of men come and go from an east Houston warehouse Thursday, agents followed two men to a residence where they found 661 pounds of cocaine in boxes, the agency said.

Three men, Fabio Grueso Romero, 32, Jesus Alfonso Cortes Granja, 47, and Gildo Julio Melendez, 29, were arrested there, officials said.

Agents saw three other men leave the warehouse, drop off a car at a restaurant and travel to a residence in nearby Jacinto City. An unidentified man then took the car to a convenience store. Three boxes containing 139 pounds of cocaine were found in the car.

A search of the Jacinto City address produced another 11 pounds of cocaine. Thirty-one-year-old Marin Genaro Aguilar, 31-year-old Cesar Valdez Rodriguez and 25-year-old Jaime Gonzalez were arrested there, officials said.

The six were expected to be charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, officials said.

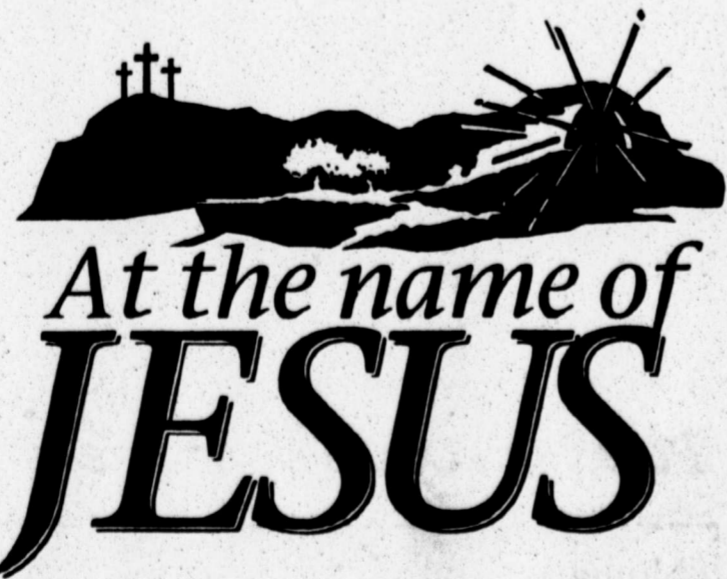
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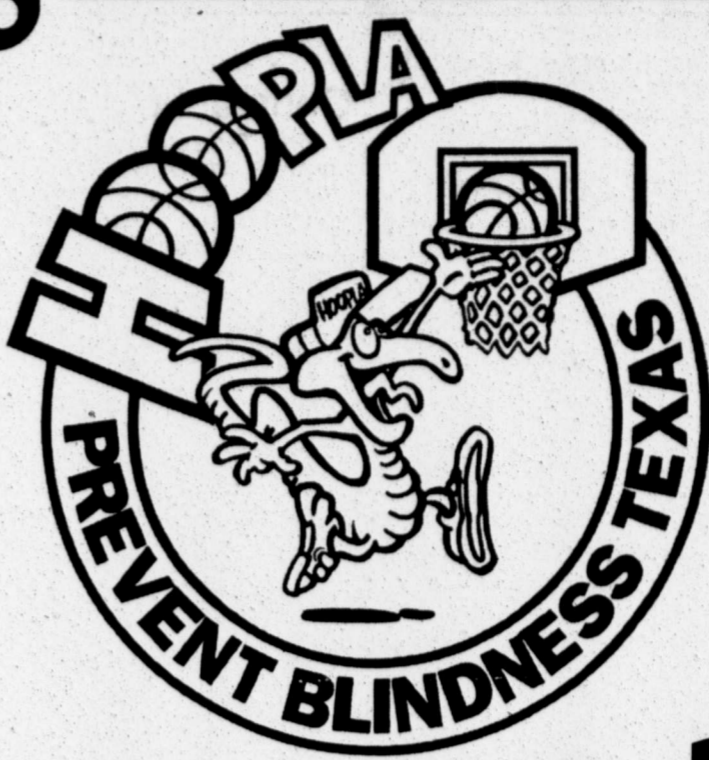


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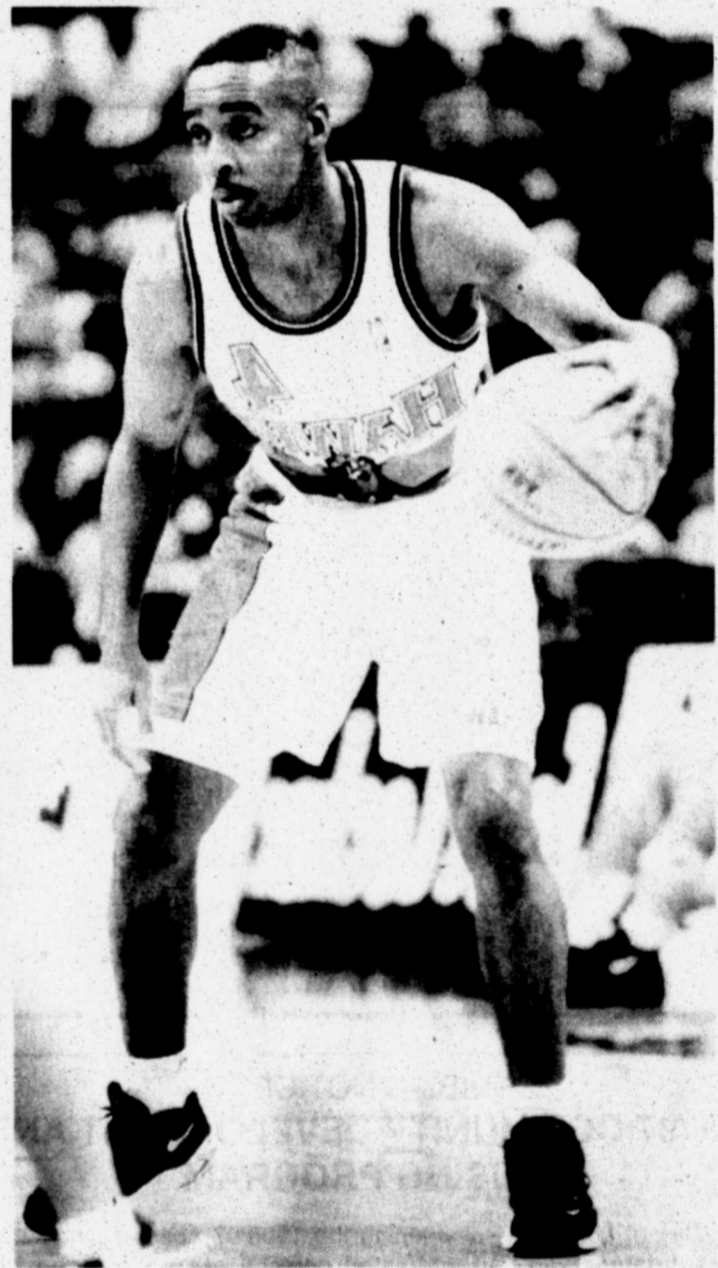
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Jorge Puga Rodriguez, sentenced to 6 months probation and a \$300 fine.

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Benjamin Young Lynch, sentenced to 25 days in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a \$200 fine.

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Leland Louis Parkins, sentenced to 15 days in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a \$500 fine.

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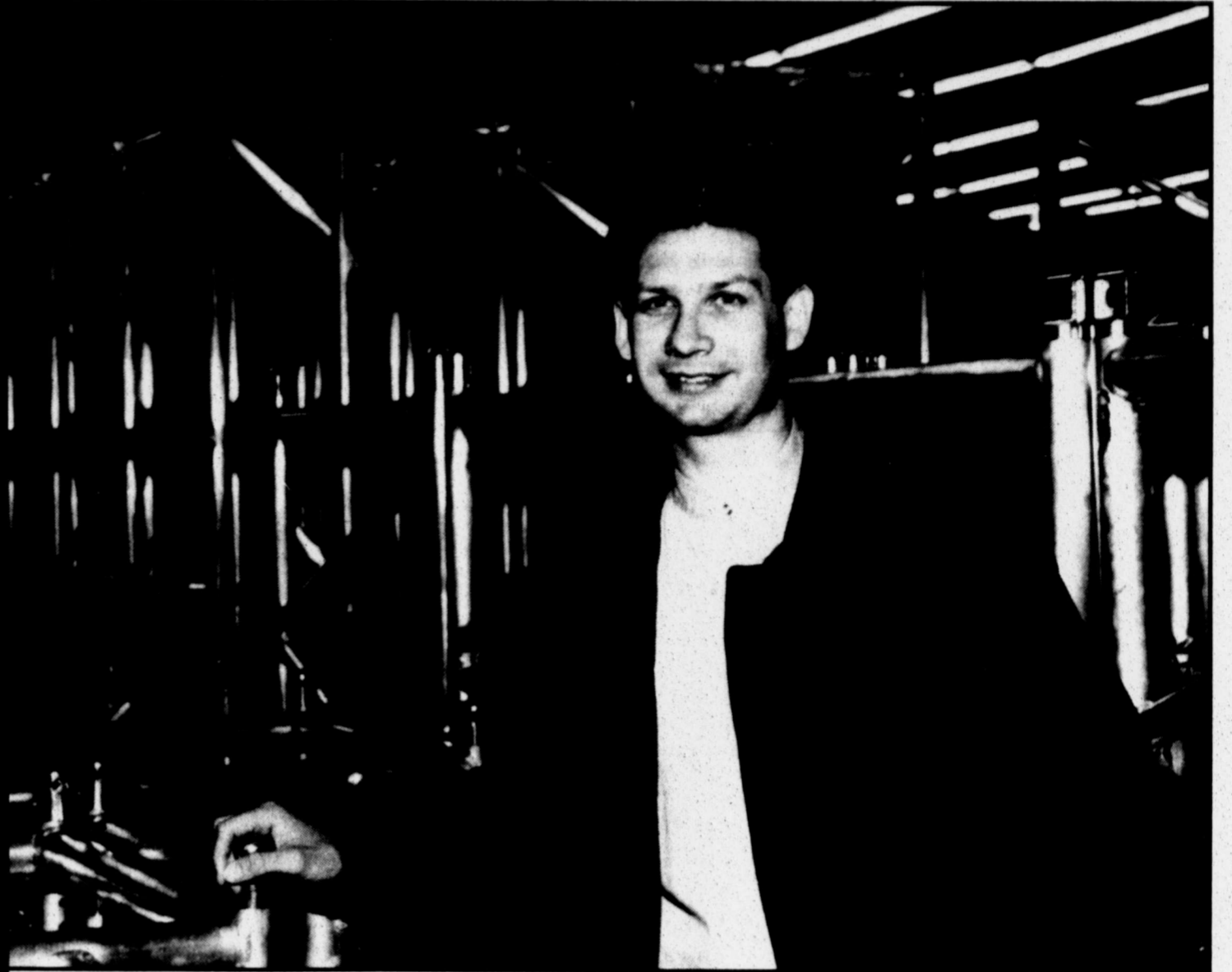
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Drought taking devastating toll

Even though promising clouds rolled in Friday to blanket the Permian Basin sky for much of the day, the months-long drought that has haunted Texas hangs on — prolonging the misery of agribusinessmen and others.

The drought is getting painful, but there is no quick relief in sight. For a clear picture of the severity of this situation, a few recent news stories have painted the scene's bleak tones:

In So far, 1996 is the second driest year for the Midland area since 1971 when only .01 of an inch of rain fell before April 15. National Weather Service information indicates that although Midland's rainfall this year is .09 of an inch, it is still far behind the average which would be 1.32 inches.

The lack of rain is already taking a toll on the state's wheat crop, Texas' fourth largest cash crop. Cotton farm-

ers also are being hard hit, and ranchers have in many instances been reducing or eliminating cattle herds.

In Grass fires that have been blackening Texas grasslands for weeks will continue to be a major threat to life and property until rains come.

Gov. George W. Bush has already declared the entire state of Texas a disaster area as a result of this drought, but even that needed designation doesn't indicate the desperate condition existing here.

While he was referring to the anticipated extent of the drought's impact on the wheat crop, Stephen Amosson, a regional economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo, reflected the thoughts of many Texans about this drought when he said, "The question now is how bad is the disaster going to be."

Just ask any farmer or rancher in Texas. It's bad.

ANOTHER VIEW

Peaceful relations are in best interest of both China, U.S.

The situation between China and the United States is in a precarious state that needs long-range solutions.

With two U.S. aircraft carrier groups in the region facing China's war games around Taiwan, other countries in the region are getting nervous.

Should the situation escalate into a full-fledged Chinese invasion of Taiwan, other Asian countries — especially Japan — would expect the United States to intervene. Only the United States has the military power to do so.

Relations between the United States and China have deteriorated since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, when democracy was squelched, dissidents rounded up and jailed.

Before that, China and the United States were seen as being on a path of reconciliation, since President Nixon opened relations in 1972. Now, with this conflict, all is in jeopardy.

If relations between the United States and China worsen, it would create another Cold War. China has nuclear weapons, though not

as sophisticated as those owned by the United States.

But China has a huge population. It could sustain a war such as happened in Korea, enough so as to cause tremendous bloodshed. A U.S. victory would cost many lives.

If there were not outright hostilities, China, as a member of the United Nations Security Council, could veto Western actions, risking advances that have been made in international cooperation since the Soviet Union's collapse.

China and the United States have serious differences in ideology, in terms of human rights, civil laws protecting commerce and democracy. But we have robust trade, too, that would be jeopardized.

It is in the greater interest of both China and the United States to continue to trade and keep peace in Asia. Now is not the time for macho posturing that could escalate into predicaments neither side especially wants.

— The Clarion-Ledger
Jackson, Miss.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 24, the 84th day of 1996. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 24, 1989, the nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude oil.

In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

In 1932, a New York radio station broadcast a variety program from a moving train in Maryland.

In 1934, President Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams

play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, rock 'n' roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

Ten years ago: U.S. and Libyan forces clashed in the Gulf of Sidra in the Mediterranean. Libya fired missiles that missed U.S. aircraft; the United States retaliated, hitting two Libyan patrol boats and a missile battery. "Out of Africa" won seven Oscars, including best picture, at the 58th Academy Awards.

Five years ago: Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the American commander of Operation Desert Storm, told reporters in Saudi Arabia the United States was closer to establishing a permanent military headquarters on Arab soil. In liberated Kuwait, banks reopened for the first time since Iraqi troops had shut them down the previous December.

JACK ANDERSON

Is senator forfeiting principles for cash?

WASHINGTON — There was something unkosher about the way Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., was shaking down a Jewish lobbyist for campaign contributions just off the Senate floor last week.



Anderson

After casting a vote Tuesday afternoon, Kerry was rushing to meet a group of Massachusetts firefighters in a nearby room when he was intercepted by Robert Asher, a board member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and one of the most powerful pro-Israel lobbyists in Washington. The encounter took place in a room where lobbyists try to put the arm on senators. But in this case, Kerry did the arm-twisting.

"I'm helping you," Asher told Kerry, who is locked in a tight re-election battle with popular Massachusetts Gov. William Weld.

Then Kerry literally grabbed Asher's right arm.

"We need more help," Kerry told Asher. "We need it more than ever."

A Kerry spokesperson confirmed the essence of the exchange, admitting that Kerry has spoken repeatedly in recent weeks with Asher about holding a major fund-raiser for the senator in the near future. Asher also has personally contributed \$1,000 to Kerry.

Federal law prohibits members of Congress from soliciting campaign contributions on the Capitol grounds. According to the 1996 Senate election law guidebook, it is "unlawful for any person to solicit or receive any contribution... in any room or building" on federal property. Violations are punishable by fines and jail.

A Kerry spokesperson strongly denied that the senator ever solicited money on the Capitol grounds. "The word 'money' was never said," this spokesperson told us.

Senate Democratic veterans do not find the interpretation very ambiguous. "There is such a feeding frenzy for campaign contributions that it often leads to this kind of violation," says one Democratic source.

Asher, who is a member of the national finance committee for Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's presidential campaign, is no novice to the nexus

between money and power. Asher was so influential in drafting Dole's legislation to move the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem — a major sop to the Jewish-American community — that some Senate insiders reportedly refer to it as the "Asher bill."

Asher is also an avid score-keeper, keeping a tally of how Kerry and other senators vote on key issues affecting Israel. One of the issues involves Israel's controversial ARROW missile defense system, of which Kerry is a strong backer even though he has resisted missile defense systems for the United States.

One of Kerry's Senate colleagues calls Asher a "huge" fund-raiser who can "galvanize the whole Jewish community" — adding that legislators on Asher's good list can expect hundreds of thousands of dollars to flow their way.

Kerry's chance for re-election in one of the most closely watched Senate races of the year may hinge on deep pockets. The two-term senator has raised \$3.7 million so far, but has refused Weld's request

for a \$5 million spending cap. Kerry has also not ruled out tapping into the inherited family fortune of his new wife, Teresa Heinz.

Kerry piously points out that he refuses to accept political action committee money — yet he takes individual largess from Asher and other special interests without wincing.

Kerry himself dismissed any distinctions between PAC and individual contributions at a bipartisan forum on campaign finance reform on Election Day 1995.

A month later Kerry assailed Weld for "selling out" his principles by accepting PAC money. "The governor is completely forfeiting his principles for political expediency," Kerry said. "He's showing he's willing to get in bed with special interests."

As someone who's been so quick and harsh to judge his opponent, Kerry should remember that good government starts at home.

Jack Anderson's and Michael Binstein's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



GEORGE WILL

Prestige of American higher education wanes

WASHINGTON — Has the prestige of American higher education — the price of which has never been higher — ever been lower? There are many reasons for the decline at a time when 89 percent of four-year colleges offer remedial courses for students who are inadequately prepared by their high schools, and 30 percent of entering freshman enroll in such courses.

How do students needing remediation (about half the freshmen in the California state system are in remedial English and math classes) get into colleges? Through doors flung wide open by most colleges and universities. Most institutions have, in effect, open admissions: anyone with money and a high school diploma (actually, this is sometimes not necessary) can matriculate.

Only about 50 four-year institutions are highly selective, meaning they reject more applicants than they accept. About 200 more are somewhat selective, admitting 50 percent to 90 percent of all who apply. Small wonder America's 3,600 colleges and universities have 14.4 million students — about 22 percent of all the post-secondary students in the world.

The ubiquity of open admissions is one reason why a high school diploma no longer is reliable evidence — even of literacy — of the recipient's ability to write or even read a moderately complicated paragraph. Because most colleges have virtually no admissions standards, most high

school students have no stake in high achievement.

Chester Finn and Bruno Manno, both of the Hudson Institute, writing in WQ, the Woodrow Wilson Center's quarterly, note that American higher education is a \$213 billion industry (about the size of Belgium's GDP) fueled by remarkably unresisted price increases. During the 1980s health care prices rose 117 percent and produced talk of a national "crisis." The price of attending public and private colleges rose 109 percent and 146 percent respectively.

In 1980 annual tuition and fees at public and private four-year institutions were 4 and 17 percent respectively of median family income. Today they are 9 and 38 percent. By margins of more than seven to one the public says college is a bad bargain. But the public keeps on buying because parents and students know that it is still a good bargain in one sense: The difference between the lifetime earnings of college graduates and non-graduates is substantially more than the cost of getting the degree.

Such a narrowly utilitarian, vocational attitude about higher education has produced a situation in which, according to Finn and Manno, many degree recipients never take a history, math or literature course. In 1993 barely one-third of bachelor's degrees were in the arts and sciences, there were more degrees in home economics than mathematics, more in "protective services" than the physical sciences.

As the prices charged by colleges and universities have increased, the portion of university budgets devoted to instruction has decreased, as has the time spent by senior faculty in classrooms. And the National Association of Scholars, representing 3,500 academics alarmed by the dilution and politicizing of higher education, last

week issued a report ("The Dissolution of General Education: 1914-1993") charging that at 50 elite schools studied, the number of class days during the regular academic year declined from 204 in 1914 to 191 in 1964 to 156 in 1993.

The NAS report also documents a general abandonment of rigor, as measured by academic requirements. As recently as 1964 more than half the institutions had a thesis or comprehensive examination requirement for a bachelor of arts degree. By 1993 only 12 percent did.

In 1964, 90 percent of the 50 institutions had requirements in the physical and biological sciences; by 1993 only 34 percent did. In 1964 90 percent had foreign language requirements; in 1993 only 64 percent did. There were mandatory history courses, or history courses as part of a required course "cluster," at 60 percent of the institutions in 1964, at only 2 percent in 1993.

The NAS report notes that the abandonment of rigor accelerated in the late 1960s, coinciding with increased reverence by academics for the idealism and wisdom of students. The report also notes that the abandonment of rigor serves the professoriate's interest in emphasizing specialized research at the expense of general education.

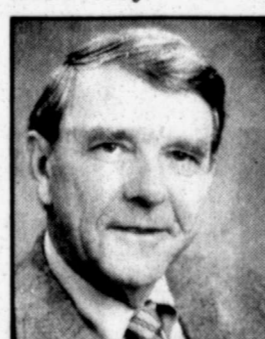
And the less rigor there is, the easier it is to attract and retain students and their tuition checks. Finn and Manno say "higher education is a perpetual growth machine," and "once a university grows, it must maintain its new base" because tenured faculty and risk-averse administrators make retrenchments difficult. Hence the dynamic that has the price and the prestige of higher education moving in opposite directions.

George Will's column is distributed by Washington Post Writers Group.

RUSSELL BAKER

Experience of flying can bring tears to your eyes

I am not a good air traveler. I cry too easily. I cried when my flight from Boston to Washington's Dulles Airport was canceled last Friday.



Baker

When I looked for a telephone to cry into and found lines 30 people long at every phone in Logan Airport, I cried some more.

What did I do when, having advanced to Position Number 24 in one of these lines and realized that every person with the stamina to reach the head of the line spent at least 10 minutes on the phone, while some spent 35?

I am not a forceful man, nor daring, nor cunning. I am a resigned man. Resigned, I stood resignedly in lines 30 people long, waiting to reach a telephone one of these days.

Some nasty impulse urged me to seize the arrogant airlines by the lapels and snarl, "You can't get away with treating people like this!"

Knowing that this would do no good even if I had the courage to do it, I cried. I felt bad about being angry at my airline. I thought of the friendly captains who always welcomed me aboard so warmly and told me what our cruising altitude would be.

I thought of the flight attendants who, at flight's end, never failed to wish me a nice day. How could I have wished to seize these good people by their lapels?

Because I had forgotten Dr. Pangloss, the fictional philosopher of Voltaire's "Candide." Everything is for the best in this best of all possible worlds, Dr. Pangloss taught.

At Logan Airport that snowy, frigid night those wise words came back to me as I abandoned the hopeless wait for a telephone and went hopelessly searching for the bag I had checked at the airport door five hours earlier.

The crowds around the endless belts delivering luggage made me think of Calcutta at high noon. Thousands of bags went endlessly round and round, bags from canceled flights to San Francisco, Chicago, New Orleans, Fiji and Timbuktu.

Realizing there might be an all-night wait for my bag, I cried. Still, wasn't it all for the best in this best of all possible worlds?

You bet it was. Ninety minutes later what should I spy but my very own bag on a pile at the lost-luggage desk. I cried in gratitude.

I knew a friendly hotel that might house me overnight for less than \$300. It meant a cab ride. Outside, the airport taxicab line had precisely 738 people standing in a wind-chill factor of approximately 55 degrees below zero.

I cried until my tear ducts froze up, then comforted myself with the realization that everything was for the best in this best of all possible worlds.

Next morning dawned snow-free. A canceled flight means your airline has washed its hands

of you. No, all flights to Washington-Dulles were booked solid today. Sorry.

Crying, I told my airline, "That's all right. Everything is for the best in this best of all possible worlds."

Sure enough — Dr. Pangloss never fails — I could catch a USAir shuttle flight to La Guardia in New York, then fly United Airlines to Dulles.

Dear, sweet USAir. How good it was to take me out of this wretched Boston. I watched in ecstasy as my bag went down the luggage chute. No, I no longer wanted to cry. In this best of all possible worlds all truly was for the best.

When the shuttle had taxied to the takeoff runway the pilot said it had a mechanical problem, and we would have to return to the gate, and I cried.

The repair took only a few minutes, and we taxied away again, and took off. It was all for the best, that little repair, all for the best in this best of all possible worlds, for we soon landed safely at La Guardia.

At La Guardia everybody else's baggage came out on the endless belt. Not mine. I cried a good bit then.

That was a week ago. My bag has still not appeared. It was a good bag full of good clothing and sometimes I wake at 4 a.m. and cry about it. With morning's light, however, I realize that all is for the best in this best of all possible worlds, and am happy, and resigned.

Russell Baker's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.

New rules make for tougher beef

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shoppers will have put up with some tough steaks until next year because of a change of heart by the cattle industry and the Agriculture Department.

The department's Agricultural Marketing Service said Jan. 30 that after July 1 it would no longer let beef from certain older cattle be graded as high-quality Choice or Select.

But, alarmed by a change in the cattle market, several state cattle groups, with help from members of the House, pushed to delay enforcement a full year. The department compromised and moved the deadline back until Jan. 31, 1997.

The first rule came as no surprise. Ranchers had sought the change in 1994 because they thought culling the tough old carcasses would mean better, more attractive beef at the supermarket — and better sales.

Since then, however, a cattle surplus, high grain prices and a dry spell in the Plains put the squeeze on the ranchers and the feedlots where the cattle are fattened for slaughter. Slaughterhouses pay

less for carcasses that don't make the grade.

"In this difficult time, every effort must be made to prevent further financial damage to our nation's cattle producers without artificially manipulating market forces," said a Feb. 28 letter to Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman from seven House members.

Among those signing the letter were Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan.; Reps. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, the ranking Democrat, and Charlie Stenholm, D-Texas, a senior member. Others who signed represent California, Oklahoma and Texas.

The rule excludes from the Choice and Select grades so-called "B" maturity carcasses with small or slight marbling in their meat. "B" maturity means cattle that are 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 years old — young by people standards, but old enough for cattle to start getting a little stiff in the joints.

The meat in such animals tends to be coarser and darker red than in more tender beasts.

Typically, less than 5 percent of beef falls into this category —

about 1.3 million carcasses out of 26 million carcasses handled each year. But with record-high grain prices keeping animals out grazing longer, more beasts are likely to have their appointment with the feedlot and death delayed.

Research in 1984 by Texas A&M University found that 42 percent of the "B" maturity carcasses — somewhere near 500,000 animals — would taste bad enough to make shoppers turn to pork, chicken or fish the next time.

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Texas Scores

NCAA WOMEN — Louisiana

Tech 66, Texas Tech 55.

SOCCER PLAYOFFS — Abilene Cooper 3, Midland Lee 0.

NBA — Minnesota Timberwolves 108, Houston Rockets 103.

NHL — Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings, late.

PRESEASON BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 7, Toronto Blue Jays 3.

Detroit Tigers 3, Houston Astros 0.

Race fan killed

MESQUITE — A fan at a Dallas County racetrack died Saturday night during a time trial crash that injured at least two others.

A Dallas driver was rounding the track at Devil's Bowl Speedway on a time trial when he lost control and crashed at more than 80 mph, witnesses told a television station.

The Dallas County Sheriff's Department confirmed the spectator died just before 8 p.m. He has not been identified, said Sgt. Kathy Poulos.

Details on the injuries were not yet available, sheriff's spokesman Jim Ewell said.

Witnesses told Dallas television station WFAA that the sprint car became airborne from a curve on the half-mile dirt track and landed in a pit area.

The injured included a pregnant woman, the station reported.

Bullet injured

LANDOVER, Md. — Rasheed Wallace, the Washington Bullets' top draft pick, is likely out for the season after fracturing his left thumb in Washington's 111-108 overtime loss to Orlando Friday night.

"He's talking about playing in a soft cast, but I don't think that's realistic," Washington general manager John Nash said Saturday. "I think we're going to have to rule him out for at least the next several weeks."

Purdue fires coach

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Lin Dunn, who led the Purdue women's basketball team to the NCAA tournament Final Four in 1994 and to three Big Ten titles, was fired Saturday.

"It has been determined that the long-term future of our women's basketball program will be best served under new leadership," said athletic director Morgan Burke, who said Dunn's contract would not be renewed.

4-5A Baseball

District	W		L		Overall	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
Abilene High	4	0	1,000	13	4	764
Abilene Cooper	2	1	667	11	7	611
SA Central	2	1	667	10	9	526
Midland Lee	2	2	660	19	6	660
Odessa Permian	1	2	333	13	6	664
Midland High	1	2	333	13	6	667
Odessa High	0	4	000	7	10	412

Saturday's Games
San Angelo 2, Midland Lee 1 (8 innings); Abilene High 8, Odessa Permian 7; Abilene Cooper 13, Odessa High 1. Midland High was open.

Tuesday's Games
Odessa High vs. Midland High, 4 p.m.; Christman District; Midland Lee at Odessa Permian, 4 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper. Abilene High is open.

Cooper shuts down Lee to end playoffs for Lady Rebs

■ Lady Cougars score two second-half goals to bump Midland Lee from the soccer postseason, 3-0.

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

ABILENE — The sad truth is that only one team at the beginning of any playoff in any sport will end the season with a win.

That reality set in on the Midland Lee girls soccer team after its 3-0 Region 1 sectional round loss to District 5 foe Abilene Cooper Saturday at the Lee Complex.

"I told the girls that the thing that strikes me about being in the playoffs is that you are the state champion or you end the season with a loss," said Lee coach Van Gravitt. "I am hurt for the seniors more than anyone else."

Cooper came out strong and pressured the Lee defense throughout the game. That pressure didn't so much help the Lady Cougars offense, which ended the game with eight shots. But it helped the defense, which held the Lee offense at bay. To make it worse when Lee did get the ball, Cooper stopper Melissa Butz and sweeper Monica Noto shut down Lee's Christi Johnson and Ritha Belzair and, in the process, any real threats.

"We knew what we had to," said Cooper coach Clau-

dia Blea. "We had to shut them down and we did that. It (the constant pressure) will make or break you in these games. It won the game for us."

Cooper got on the board in the game's 23rd minute when Butz made the Lady Rebels pay for a foul on Lee's half of the field. The senior nailed a direct kick from 30 yards out over the outstretched arms of Lee keeper Jennifer Connell. The shot was Cooper's first of the game and was Butz' 14th goal of the season.

Cooper scored twice in the second half on goals by Stacy McNeil and Abby Clark to increase the lead to 3-0. Blea credits Cooper's intensity for the second half goals and says getting those goals was important because Lee

Please see SOCCER/4C

MHS blanks Lee, earns league lead

■ Lady Bulldogs enjoy their first district lead after classic 1-0 win over Rebels.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

With the swing of one bat, the turn of one catch and the broad shoulders of one pitcher, Midland High owns sole possession of first place in the District 4-5A softball race.

The Lady Bulldogs scored one run in the third inning Saturday at the Bill Williams Softball Complex and made it stand for a 1-0 win over cross-town rival Midland Lee in a battle of league leaders.

MHS, Lee and Abilene Cooper all went into Saturday's game owning identical 5-1 records. The Lady Bulldogs took the Lady Rebels down a notch and Cooper fell in a huge upset to Abilene High, 11-5, to leave MHS all alone at the top of the loop standings at 6-1.

It was the first time in the short MHS softball history that the team has ever stood alone at the top. And this standing was earned.

Jennifer Shelton pitched a three-hit shutout at the Lady Rebels to pick up the win. But if an assist could be awarded, it would go to MHS center-fielder Kim Paschal, who made three huge catches,

4-5A Softball

District	W		L		Season	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
Midland High	6	1	857	18	7	726
Midland Lee	5	2	714	16	4	690
Abilene Cooper	5	2	714	11	7	611
Odessa Permian	4	3	571	14	5	737
Abilene High	3	4	429	17	7	708
San Angelo Central	1	5	167	812	400	
Odessa High	0	7	000	411	267	

Saturday's Games
Midland High 1, Midland Lee 0; Abilene High 11, Abilene Cooper 5; Odessa Permian 15, Odessa High 3. San Angelo was open.

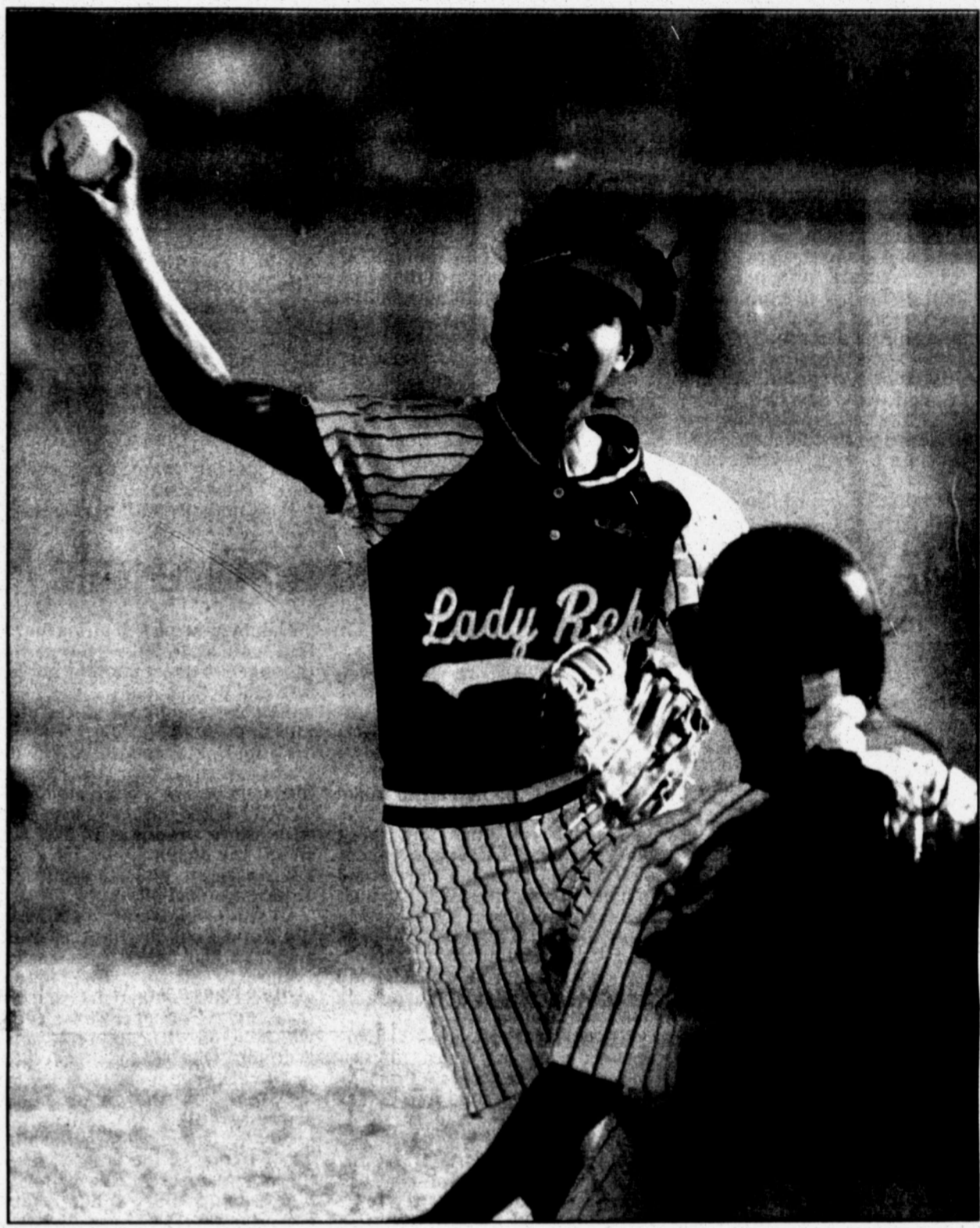
Tuesday's Games
Abilene High at Midland Lee, Midland High at Abilene Cooper, Odessa High at San Angelo. Odessa Permian is open. All games 4:30 p.m.

including a game saver in the fifth.

With one out in the fifth, Lee's Crystal Smith sent a long shot to center into the teeth of a stiff wind. Paschal, whose fame until now had largely come on the basketball court with the Lady Dawgs, took two steps in before realizing the ball was going to go over her head. She raced back and caught the ball over her shoulder and between her legs. It was the play of the game since Lee's Jennifer Aman followed with a single to right with a hit that would have surely tied the game if Smith had been sitting on second or third.

"I was going up and every-one was yelling to go back," Paschal said. "I ended up catching the ball between my legs, but I wasn't going to let that ball drop."

Please see MHS/5C



Shortstop Jessica Garcia of Midland Lee tries to complete a double play in the Lady Rebels 1-0 loss to Midland High Saturday at the Bill Williams Softball Complex. Katrina Kelley, right, runs the bases for the Lady Bulldogs.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

No. 1 Lady Techsters eliminate Texas Tech

■ Louisiana Tech holds Lady Raiders to 14 first-half points in 66-55 Midwest Regional win.

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Writer

NACOGDOCHES — Louisiana Tech's offense finally warmed up and Texas Tech did too, but the Lady Raiders started too late. Racquel Spurlock had 20 points and 17 rebounds, helping Louisiana Tech overcome a slow start and hold off Texas Tech's late comeback for a 66-55 victory Saturday in the NCAA women's Midwest Regional semifinals.

The top-seeded Lady Techsters (31-1) will meet the winner of the Georgia-Stephen F. Austin for a berth in the Final Four.

"Give them credit for hanging around, but give Louisiana Tech credit for finishing them off when they came on," Lady Techsters coach Leon Barmore said.

Both teams started poorly, but the Lady Techsters warmed up first, rolling to a 31-14 halftime lead.

Leading 15-12, the Lady Techsters took command with 10:55 left in the half, outscoring the Lady Raiders 16-2. Texas Tech's only basket during that stretch was by Alicia Thompson with 4:43 left in the half.

Vickie Johnson had 16 points and 15 rebounds as Louisiana Tech stretched its winning streak to 15 games. Michi Atkins had 15 of her 21 points in the second half to lead the Lady Raiders.

Please see TECH/2C



Texas Tech's Melinda White (50) and Louisiana Tech's Debra Williams try to regain control of the ball Saturday in Nacogdoches. The Lady Raiders lost 66-55.

Too many stars finish Ladyjacks

■ Stephen F. Austin, former Howard coach fall by 14 in Midwest semifinal.

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Writer

NACOGDOCHES — The Georgia Lady Bulldogs had too many stars for Stephen F. Austin to cover.

The Ladyjacks slowed down Saudia Roundtree, but Tracy Henderson had 20 points and 10 rebounds as Georgia ended Stephen F. Austin's string of upsets with a 78-64 victory in a semifinal game of the women's NCAA Midwest Regional tournament Saturday.

"I thought before the game it would be aggressive on both sides and it was that," Georgia coach Andy Landers said. "We executed well in the first half, punching the ball in to Tracy."

The Lady Bulldogs will play top-seeded Louisiana Tech (31-1) Monday for a berth in the Final Four. Louisiana Tech defeated Texas Tech 66-55.

Please see SFA/2C

Minutemen want more after beating Hoyas

By Paul Newberry
AP Writer

ATLANTA — Top-ranked Massachusetts wasn't in the mood to cut down the nets Saturday night. Sure, the Minutemen are excited about their first trip to the Final Four, but that's not the ultimate goal.

"This team expects more and wants more," coach John Calipari said after the Minutemen routed Georgetown 86-62 to win the NCAA East Regional.

"Sure, we'll celebrate some tonight, but we want everyone to know this is just one step toward the final goal." University of Massachusetts' Tyrone Weeks (34) and Marcus Camby on their way to the Final Four after beating Georgetown Saturday.

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Kentucky tops Wake Forest/2C

UMass (35-1), which has the logo "Refuse to Lose" on its warmup suits, got 22 points from All-American Marcus Camby and an in-your-face defensive job by Carmelo Travieso, who shut down Georgetown All-American Allen Iverson.

With their cheerleaders chanting, "We want the Wildcats!" the Minutemen advanced to play Kentucky in the national semifinals next Saturday at the Meadowlands. UMass is one of only two teams to beat the Wildcats, who defeated Wake Forest 83-63 to win the Midwest Regional.

UMass, after being upset by Oklahoma State in the East Regional final last season, appears unwilling to accept anything less than a national

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NBA Results

Standings

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Table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, and games played for Eastern Conference teams.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, and games played for Central Conference teams.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, and games played for Western Conference teams.

Lipton Tennis

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Results Saturday from the \$1.1 million Lipton Championships at Crandon Park:

Tennis results table showing men's and women's singles and doubles matches.

Exhibition Baseball

Saturday's Exhibition Lineups The Associated Press

Baseball exhibition lineups for various teams including Atlanta, Montreal, and Baltimore.

NHL Results

All times are CST EASTERN CONFERENCE

NHL results table showing scores and game details for Eastern Conference teams.

Transactions

The Associated Press BASEBALL

Transactions section detailing player movements, trades, and signings across various leagues.

TransSouth 400

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Lineup for Saturday's 400-mile TransSouth 400 race:

TransSouth 400 race lineup table listing driver names and their respective teams.

College Basketball

NCAA-I Men

College basketball results table for NCAA-I Men's teams.

World Skating

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Results Saturday at the World Figure Skating Championships:

World figure skating results table for various categories including men's and women's singles.

Pro Golf Results

PGA Freepoint

PGA Freepoint golf results table showing scores and player names.

NCAA-II Men

NCAA-II Men's basketball results table.

LPGA Standard

PHOENIX (AP) — Scores Saturday after the third round of the \$700,000 LPGA Standard Register:

LPGA Standard golf results table.

Senior Legends

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Scores Saturday after the second round of the \$1.1 million Liberty Legends:

Senior Legends golf results table.

SWC Baseball

HOUSTON (AP) — Results Saturday from the \$1.1 million Liberty Legends:

SWC baseball results table.

NCAA-I Women

The Associated Press

NCAA-I Women's basketball results table.

NCAA-II Women

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NCAA-II Women's basketball results table.

Dura-Lube 200

PHOENIX (AP) — Lineup for Sunday's Dura-Lube 200 Indy Racing:

Dura-Lube 200 race lineup table.

NCAA-II Men

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NCAA-II Men's basketball results table.

NCAA-I Women

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Midwest regional basketball results table.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lee stumbles in baseball

SAN ANGELO — Midland Lee fell into fourth place in the District 4-5A baseball race here Saturday...

MHS girls win two relays

LUBBOCK — Midland High, despite being without Toya Zachery and Ogonna Merritt...

1,600 medley relay

The MHS JV boys competed at the Blackland Divide Relays in Roscoe where Conly Gevecker was fourth...

MCHS split

The Midland Christian varsity and the Midland Lee Sophomores split a baseball doubleheader Saturday...

Hufford sets two records

Midland Christian's Andrew Hufford broke two meet records over the weekend in competition in two track and field meets...

Hakes wins Big Spring tourney

BIG SPRING — Midlanders Becky Hakes, Mary Robinson and Jo Dickson battled it out for the title...

Two teams tied at RHCC

Josh Jacobs and Steve Young combined for a 64 Saturday to tie the team of Joe Williams and Steve Hammel...

MHS boys relay gets 2nd

HOBBS, N.M. — Midland Lee boys and girls both placed second in the team standings of the Hobbs Relays here Saturday...

Lee JV whips Bobcats, 17-5

SAN ANGELO — David Lopez hit two home runs and a double to drive in six runs Saturday as Midland Lee blasted San Angelo Central 17-5...

MFHS, Alamo, SJ win meets

Midland Freshman, San Jacinto and Alamo were division winners in Saturday's Tall City Junior Relays Boys Track and Field Meet...

Lee JV nips MHS JV

Stacy Allen knocked in the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning Saturday to give the Midland Lee junior varsity softball team a 7-6 win...

Swetnam, Elkin ace

Green Tree Country Club continues to see some hot shots in the first week of spring as Tim Swetnam and Jean Elkin both recorded holes-in-one...

Soccer: Lady Rebs manage just five shots

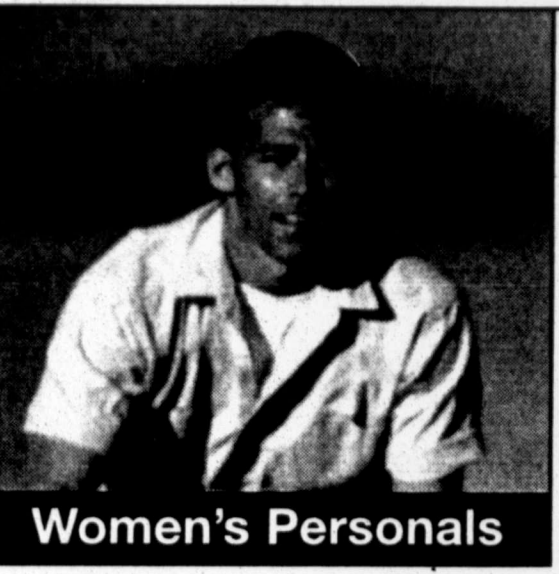
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31, nice, would like to meet black/Oriental female, 25-33, enjoys dining out, movies, walks, horseback riding. #68089

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Seeking 1 part-time employee to work Saturday & Sunday, 8 am - 4 pm. Non smoking environment, clean police record. \$5.50 per hour. Will train. Send resume to: PO Box 1011, Midland, TX 79702.

ALTERATIONS PERSON
Needed part-time at Fine Ladies Clothing Store. Call for appointment, 684-2936.

CAREGIVER with responsible attitude needed for the Midland area. Must have own transportation. Please Call 520-1512. Caprock Home Health Services.

FIELD OPERATIONS DISPATCHER
Familiar with DOT regulations and reports, material and equipment inventory control and preparation of detailed report. Bilingual helpful. Must have good driving record with no more than 2 violations in last 2 years. Successful applicants will be required to pass drug test and physical. Interviews will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27th and 28th, 3-6 pm. No phone calls please. Big D Companies, 4501 E. Hwy. 80, Midland.

OPEN HOUSE

Gap and GapKids offers you the remarkable opportunity to be a part of our continued growth as America's premier speciality retailer. We seek people with demonstrated ability in managing a business, including sales generation staff training and development, visual merchandising, and expense control and loss prevention for the following positions:

MANAGEMENT

You'll find competitive salaries with an incentive program and an excellent benefits package. If you have a proven track record with at least 3 years retail management experience, we would like to hear from you.

SALES ASSOCIATE POSITIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE

We offer unlimited opportunities to learn, promotion based on talent and ability, and great personal satisfaction.

WE ARE NOW HIRING FOR OUR NEW LOCATION IN MIDLAND PARK

If interested, please apply in person on Thursday, March 28, between 9am and 7 pm at:

The Gap
Midland Park

If you are unable to attend our open house, please fax your resume to:
713-850-8225
EOE/M/F/H

310
General Help Wanted

Need Cash?

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has newspaper routes in the following areas:

***** Available Now! *****

East & West Side of Ridge Heights

This is a great opportunity to supplement your income all year long. Make a new car or truck payment, buy new furniture, enjoy the extra money you'll be earning.

As with all newspaper distributorships, this opportunity requires a 7 day a week commitment (when you go out of town, you must arrange a substitute for yourself) and it is early morning work.

Newspaper distributorships provide great supplemental income for anyone willing to work early morning hours. All routes require a small deposit.

***** Call Ronnie Griffith *****
at 687-8805.

*This route receives a \$75 weekly route allowance for mileage reimbursement.

CLERKS
Friends Convenience Stores
Now accepting applications for:
Evening & Midnight Clerks - Only
Applicants will be called in for interviews at a later date. Background checked by Security Department.
Apply at any of our 5 convenient Midland locations

COOK & Dishwasher positions open. Please apply in person Chinese Kitchen, 4316 W. Illinois.
COOK NEEDED for day care, part-time. Pick up an application Monday-Friday, at 3500 Park Lane.

310
General Help Wanted
COUNTER SALES person. Bilingual required. Call for an appointment 580-7201.

CLASSIFIED CAN! CALL 682-6222 TO PLACE YOUR FAST ACTING, RESULT GETTING AD.

Why join TEAM KENT?

What turns you on about your job? For most people, these thoughts focus on several different areas. How does your current job stack up against TEAM KENT?

SALARY, SECURITY AND FLEXIBILITY

Our minimum starting salary is \$5/hour. Manager trainees can start at \$300 a week or more (depending on experience.) Our company offers stable employment year-round. If you aren't getting enough hours (at least 40) at your current job, WE CAN GIVE THEM TO YOU! If you want to work part-time, we can work with you to tailor-make a schedule that meets your needs! Our Kent Kwiks are open 7 days a week, with most open 24 hours a day.

BENEFITS

We offer medical, dental and life insurance to our full-time Team Members. We have paid vacations, a sick pay plan, college tuition reimbursement, and a profit sharing plan. There are also incentive programs available that allow you to earn extra money on a quarterly basis!

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

95% of our Managers started at the entry-level and received the training necessary to become successful at running a small business. We offer continual classroom education in customer service and personal leadership skills. You can tell the difference high-quality training makes when you come into one of our Kent Kwiks.

SO HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

Where will you be one year from now if you stay with your present company? With Kent, the chances are very high that you could be running one of our locations, making in the mid to upper \$20's plus bonuses! If all of this interests you, the first step is to pick up an application at any one of our Kent Kwiks, complete it, and bring it to our Midland area office (3314 No. Loop 250) between 8 A.M. and 3 P.M. Monday - Friday. If you live in Odessa, we take applications at 809 So. Crane Hwy. On Tuesdays at 9 A.M. and Saturdays at 10 A.M. You will then take a battery of tests and questionnaires which give us the information we need to determine if you have the customer service attitudes, math skills and work ethics required to be successful in our business. We also do criminal and credit background checks, and a drug test is required. Relocation within our operating areas may be available.

310 General Help Wanted COOK KETTLE RESTAURANT Now hiring cooks. Experience preferred. Apply in person: 4206 W. Wall EOE EXPERIENCED DELIVERY Person. Must have experience with furniture and good driving record. Apply, 205 N Midland.	310 General Help Wanted COPIER TECH. Expanding company needs Tech Trainee. Good mechanical aptitude required. Electronics background helpful. Apply in person at 5500 S. FM 1786, Midland, TX 563-1418. GENERAL SPORTS MINDED Looking for goal oriented hardworking individuals to help with expansion. \$2-4K+ monthly. 570-1649	310 General Help Wanted Drivers/OTR PTL - PICK THE LEADER Drive for a company who cares about it's drivers. * Teams and Singles * No Northeast * Home Every 6-10 Days * No Touch Freight Min. 23, 1 year OTR, CDL w/ HazMat 1-800-483-8484 Paschall Truck Lines, Inc. An EEO Employer	310 General Help Wanted ENTRY LEVEL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES in the pawn industry. Local entry level positions available with national corporation, management positions are filled from within, providing a great opportunity for a career with a growing company. College training and/or computer experience a definite plus. Inquire at Doc Holiday's Pawn Brokers, 3200 N. Big Spring, Midland Texas.
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THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE
COME EXPERIENCE THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE
If you are looking for better job and career opportunities, you should be talking to us. We are hiring energetic, ambitious, career oriented personnel to join the Town and Country Team.

Lacks. Major home furnishings retailer is looking for FULL TIME FIELD COLLECTOR
(Experience preferred, but not required) Self-Motivated, independent individuals are needed to work in a fast pace environment.

INFECTION CONTROL COORDINATOR Part-time position; Infection Control background preferred; RN required; BSN preferred.
FOOD SERVICES Part-time positions for dishwasher and cook; hospital experience preferred.

THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE
On Tuesday, March 26, 1996, 3PM to 7 PM, we will conduct on the spot interviews for our stores in Midland at our Town & Country Food Store, 4508 N. Big Spring.

ECR Barton Wood... A leading manufacturer/remanufacturer of wellhead equipment and valves since 1962, is continuing to expand its operations. We have immediate openings within our domestic operations for the following positions:

WAL-MART PORTRAIT STUDIOS Traveling Photography and Sales Consultants
*Paid Training *Salary + Commissions *Full Benefits *Weekend Work, Reliable Transportation, Valid Driver's License, and Overnight Travel Required

It's the dawn of your future
A refreshing change is on your horizon
At Medical Center Hospital, the regional teaching and referral center for 17 counties in the Permian Basin area, the health of our employees is a key priority.

Continental General Tire, Inc., a major international tire manufacturer producing synthetic rubber at its plant in Odessa, Texas, seeks someone to fill the following positions.
Telemarketing Clerk
A Telemarketing Clerk is needed in the Sales Department.

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KELLERMAYER BUILDING SERVICES, INC.
MIDLAND RETAIL AREA
PART-TIME MORNINGS \$5.00/ HOUR
No experience necessary
Complete training Advancement opportunities

RESTAURANT- Now hiring kitchen help & waitress. Apply in person between 2- 5 pm, Murray's Delicatessen, 3211 W. Wadley.

RESTAURANT- POSITION open for experienced Dining room and Dishwashers. Inquire within Furr's Cafeteria, 1116 N. Midkiff, Town & Country Shopping Center, #13, ask for Mr. Chambers.

RESTAURANT- Midland Country Club now accepting applications for full time and part time Waitstaff and Bussers to work weekday and weekend service.

RESTAURANT- The Olive Garden is now hiring kitchen employees. No experience necessary. Good wages. Apply in person Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday, between 2- 4, 2705 W. Loop 250 North, Midland.

RESTAURANT- NOW TAKING applications for experienced cooks, waitresses, dishwashers. Talk to Pat at National Truck Stop Restaurant, 2400 W. Loop 250, #4, between hours 1 and 3. No phone calls.

Rehabilitation PTs, OTs, SLPs, & COTAs
NovaCare, Inc., a leading provider of rehabilitation services, is seeking Rehab professionals to provide clinical services at the following locations:

ASSESSMENT SPECIALIST
Immediate opening for on-call position for emergency psychiatric assessments. To qualify you must be an RN, LMSW, LSW, or LPC. No experience necessary; will train. EOE. Send resume to: Glenwood Hospital 3300 South FM 1788 Midland, TX 79706 Attn: Diane Markham Application deadline April 5, 1996

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
RADIOLOGICAL MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST
The Radiology Department of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland, currently has an opening for a full time Radiological Medical Transcriptionist. The qualified candidate will possess previous experience as a medical transcriptionist.

Administrative Coordinator/ Home Health Aides Full-Time and Part-Time
Senior Life Care provides quality health care services for residents in beautiful Retirement Communities.

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(Full / part-time) for SAN ANGELO STATE SCHOOL, MONDAY-FRIDAY, Licensed to practice pharmacy in the state of Texas, plus two years experience required. State benefits. For more information call (915) 465-2601. AAEOE.

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SINGLE COPY MANAGER
The Midland Reporter-Telegram is taking applications for Single Copy Manager. Must have own transportation. Please apply in person with J.R. Ruiz at 201 E. Illinois.

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Needed for weekend work. Must be bilingual and have sales or customer service experience. Call Kelly Services, 689-8801, EOE. Not an agency, never a fee!

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RN

HealthCor, Inc. is currently accepting applications for Full Time Registered Nurse to make home visits in Midland/Odessa and surrounding areas. Experience with Infusion Therapy is a must. All applicants must have reliable transportation with proof of automobile liability insurance and current Texas State Licensure.

RN (MATERNAL-CHILD)

HealthCor, Inc. is currently accepting applications for Full Time RN needed for maternal child home care program in Midland/Odessa and surrounding areas. Will be skilled in management of high risk pregnancy including uterine monitoring and non-stress testing. Ability to provide location consultation and post delivery assessment of mother & newborn. Pediatric experience is a must. Knowledge of home health care is helpful. Requires strong communication skills, and current licensure in Texas. All applicants must have reliable transportation with proof of automobile liability insurance.

HOME HEALTH LVN'S

Full time LVN positions available in Midland/Odessa and surrounding areas. Home Health care experience is preferred. All applicants must have reliable transportation and proof of automobile liability insurance.

Please send resumes to: HealthCor Inc./ Attention: Kathy Wilson 409 West Fifth, Odessa, Texas 79761. Phone: (915) 333-3555 or Fax: (915) 333-8000 or (915) 333-8015

Freeport Sulphur Company will be accepting applications for an Accountant. Applicants must have an Accounting or related business degree, experience in budgeting, cost accounting, and have working knowledge of PC operations and software applications. Job is normally Monday - Friday, but could require after hours or weekend work. Must be able to pass a drug and alcohol screening. Applications for THIS POSITION ONLY will be taken at the mine site on Monday March 26, 1996 and Tuesday, March 26, 1996, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm CST. Freeport Sulphur Company is located 42 miles northwest of Pecos, Texas and 70 miles south of Carlsbad, New Mexico. You may mail a resume postmarked no later than March 26, 1996, or fax resume to (915) 445-7086 by 3:00 pm on March 26, 1996. Selected qualified applicants will be scheduled for interview at a later date.

ATTN: Human Resources
Freeport Sulphur Company
P. O. Box 1512
Pecos, Texas 79772

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M/F/D/V

MATERIAL CONTROL SUPERVISOR

Position requiring 6 to 10 years purchasing and material control experience. Strong PC and inventory reconciliation skills required. Supervisory in accounting experience required. College degree preferred. Salary D. O. E. Excellent benefits package. Send resume to:

Box F-33
c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram,
P. O. Box 1650
Midland Texas 79702.

RRT, CRTT Marketing Representative. Need marketing representative specializing in respiratory therapy with strong communications skills for national company in the Midland/Odessa area. Full-time. Must have strong communication skills. Competitive Salary. Contact Dave Woodell, 800-254-0644. Resume to StoneCreek, 1017 Elm St., #103, Carrollton, TX 75006, or fax to (214) 446-2779.

GEOSCIENCE TECHNICIAN

Large independent oil and gas company is seeking a geoscience technician for a full time position in the Midland office. The successful candidate must be knowledgeable of the petroleum industry and able to work independently. Strong organizational skills and familiarity with computer applications such as MS Word & Excel is essential. Job duties include: supporting geologists and geophysicists, the construction of cross sections and other support material, compiling of reports, and the processing of proprietary seismic sales. The Company offers a competitive salary, complete benefits package and a pleasant work environment. Please send resume and salary history to: Box E-35, C/O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

SEISMIC

Expert needed to work on temporary project assignment. Immediate opening. Please contact Brenda at (915) 686-6107, or fax (915) 686-5556 for more information.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Position with private company. Must have SEC, GAAP and oil and gas a plus. Salary to 45K+. Fee Paid.

Liz Proctor
Global Personnel Network
0915-686-6302
Fax (915) 686-6302

COMPUTER GURU NEEDED

Come join our great staff! Applicant should have at least 5 years experience or an AA or BA in a related field. We are interested in the following abilities:

- Proficiency in windows (prefer Windows95), Prodigy MS DOS, WordPerfect, and Lotus.
- Exhibit speed with a low error rate.
- Deal effectively with the public and have good telephone etiquette.
- Good communication skills.
- Organization and work independently.
- Medical experience a plus but not required.
- Strong, verifiable work history.
- Be A TEAM PLAYER!

If you feel you meet most or all of these requirements, please submit a resume with salary requirements to:

Rockwood Manor
2000 N. Main
Midland, TX 79705.

CUSTOMER SERVICE Representative for a growing company. Good benefits, competitive salary. Must be people oriented with excellent communication skills. Experience in real estate, mortgage banking or land title work a must. Call Southplains Mortgage Company at 520-4150.

ENVIRONMENTAL Consulting firm seeking individual for Environmental Technician position. Travel required. Computer literate and college degree desired. Salary DOE. Resumes to: 601 N. Marlenfeld, Suite 404, Midland, TX 79701.

EXECUTIVE- Experienced office managers and controllers needed for growing dealership chain. R & R- ERA a plus, excellent pay, benefits and career opportunities. Fax resume to 505-356-0148.

EXECUTIVES

50+ year old publicly traded company opening new division. Leadership requirements of 4+ years marketing/sales experience & must have attained current salary of \$60K/ year. Fax resume to 214-509-7557.

RECORDS TECHNICIAN

(Long Term) Must have Seismic background, data entry skills. Geophysical experience helpful. \$9-\$10 an hour. No fee. Call Tana V.I.P. Temporaries 915-686-9722

GENERAL ACCOUNTING MANAGER

Immediate opening for professional with one to two years of health care and general ledger experience and a Bachelor's Degree in accounting or Finance. Proficiency in LOTUS 123 is also required. Must be willing to relocate. EOE. Contact Human Resources, Cogdell Memorial Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549, 915-573-8374.

MUD ENGINEER

Immediate opening for experienced drilling mud engineer with a strong independent mud company. Excellent salary and benefits for individual who qualifies. Send resume to: Box A-36, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/Odessa has an exciting opportunity available at our 60-bed inpatient facility for a Speech-Language Pathologist to treat patients in our inpatient, outpatient, and day-hospital program.

Successful candidate will also assist with the development of pediatric outpatient and brain-injury programs. CFY positions available. Texas Speech-Language Pathologist licensure required.

We offer a competitive salary, a comprehensive benefits package, and all the opportunities a leader in rehabilitation has to offer. For consideration, call (915) 520-1607, apply in person, or send or fax resume, including salary history to Human Resources:

HEALTHSOUTH
Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/Odessa

1800 Heritage Blvd.
Midland, TX 79707
FAX: (915) 520-1704
An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Director of Clinical Operations & Services

Olsten Kimberly QualityCare is currently taking applications for a Director of Clinical Operations and Services.

Qualifications:
Must be a Registered Nurse, preferably Bachelor's prepared with license in Texas. Acute care or homecare experience within the last two years. Minimum of 8 years of clinical experience in their area of specialty. Two years experience in supervision/administration, preferably in community or home health.

Send Resume to:
Attn: Branch Director
10,000 W. Hwy. 80
Midland, Texas 79706
EOE

Olsten
Kimberly QualityCare

311 Medical Help Wanted

Director Of Nurses RN'S

Courtyard Care Center is now accepting applications for the above positions. Previous Director of Nurses preferred. Both positions must have 2 years long-term care experience. Great opportunity for caring, dedicated people. Apply in person: Courtyard Care Center, 3203 Sage, Midland, 683-5403.

EXPERIENCED Dental assistant/Janitor needed for a busy dental office. Must be aggressive and a team player. Excellent benefits. Send resumes to Box B-04 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

EXPERIENCED, enthusiastic, chair side assistant needed for busy restorative and cosmetic practice. Please send resume to Andrew Kauffman DDS, P.O. Box 8307, Midland, TX 79708.

FULL-TIME position for Medical Receptionist. Previous experience in physicians office required. Benefits. Send resume to: Box F-35, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P. O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79702.

HOME HEALTH

Brow with us at CASHA! Expanding national home health agency needs experienced Administrators/DPCs, RN Supervisor, Case Managers, HHAs, PEs, MSWs, OTs, PTs, and SLPs. Call 1-800-245-8534 or fax resume to 214-556-1762. Attention: Al Henderson, Human Resources.

CNA's & CARE ATTENDANTS. Must have reliable transportation and must be dependable. Come by Interim Health Care, 8050 E. University, Suite 4, Odessa, Monday thru Friday 8-5 or please call 560-7583.

311 Medical Help Wanted

LICENSED Dental Hygienist

fill in for maternity leave- July through August. Send resume to Box D-28, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

DENTAL ASSISTING- Local dentist now accepting applications for Dental Assisting School. Classes limited. Call 683-5042.

LVN's, Medication Aide & Certified Nursing Aide. State Certified. Full-time. Great opportunity for caring, dedicated people. All shifts. Must be dedicated to long term care. Apply in person: Courtyard Care Center, 3203 Sage, 683-5403.

RNs needed for office and field positions. For further information please come by InHome Care, 4500 W. Illinois, Ste. 118, Midland.

REGISTERED NURSE

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. is seeking a Registered Nurse for a full time QA position. A minimum of 1-2 years homehealth experience preferred. Must have current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state of Texas. Excellent Pay/ Benefits. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 5336, Midland, Texas 79704. Attn: Lori Wingate, E.O.E.

PHARMACY TECH

Position open for an enthusiastic person who enjoys working with the public. High school diploma and some computer literacy required. Typing skills a plus. Please send resume to: In-fusion Plus, 433 Andrews Hwy., Midland, TX 79701.

LVN needed. 26 hours per week (every Thursday & every other Saturday & Sunday. 13 hour shifts) for busy clinic. Send resume to: First Care, 2310 W. Ohio, Midland, TX 79701.

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A/C, AM/FM Cassette, Premium Suspension System, Ls Appearance Package, 6 Way Power Seat, Keyless Entry, Power Windows & Locks. And Much More!

BALANCE \$16,104.06. MSRP \$25,562.00. SALE PRICE \$23,879.00. BASED ON 12,000 MILES PER YEAR

Jack Sherman Chevrolet is competing in a National Sales Contest. All our Sales Managers have been instructed to make every deal possible to win.

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'95 Astro Conversion

Fully Loaded UCI Conversion

MSRP \$26,995.00. Rebate \$1,500.00. Discount \$5,500.00. Sale Price \$19,995.00 + TT&L.



'95 Geo Tracker

2 Door Convertible
MSRP \$13,946.00. Rebate \$1,500.00. \$500.00+TT&L Down. Closeout Price \$13,253.00. 60 Mo., 9.9% APR. \$238.53 Month

ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR

Odessa based company is seeking a degreed accountant with a strong background in supervision and management. Must have 5 to 7 years experience with at least 2 years in a supervisory position. This position will report to the controller and be responsible for supervision and coordination of all areas of accounting, including accounts payable, payroll, accounts receivable, general accounting and job costing. Must have experience in preparation and interpretation of monthly financial and operating statements, all state and federal payroll tax return and statistical reports. Send resumes to: Box F-36, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P. O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702. Equal Opportunity Employer.

'96 C-1500 Texas/Oklahoma Pkg.

Vortec 4300 V6 Engine-200 horse power. 5 Speed Manual Transmission. A/C, Tilt & Cruise, AM/FM Cassette, Rally Wheels. MSRP \$18,000.00. Preferred Equipment Savings \$1,586.00. Buyers Discount \$1,417.00. Sale Price \$14,999.00 +TT&L

STK # 96-051



'96 Chevrolet Camaro

Mo. Payment	Amount Down	# Of Mo.	% APR	Amt. Financed
\$299.87	\$50+TT&L	36/Smart Buy	9.9% WAC	\$16,668.63

Balloon \$20,198.36, MSRP \$18,206.00, Sale Price \$17,169.45

STK # 96-026



'96 Chevrolet Lumina

Mo. Payment	Amount Down	# Of Mo.	% APR	Amt. Financed
\$298.45	\$50+TT&L	24/Smart Buy	9.9% WAC	\$15,714.56

\$1,000.00 Cap Cost Reduction, Low Miles Plan, Balance \$11,882.94, MSRP \$18,338.00, Sale Price \$17,214.54.



'96 Chevrolet Cavalier

Mo. Payment	Amount Down	# Of Mo.	% APR	Amt. Financed
\$238.45	\$50+TT&L	36/Smart Buy	10.65% WAC	\$12,260.00

LOW MILEAGE PLAN, BALANCE \$7,027.80, MSRP \$13,280.00, SALE PRICE \$12,760.00

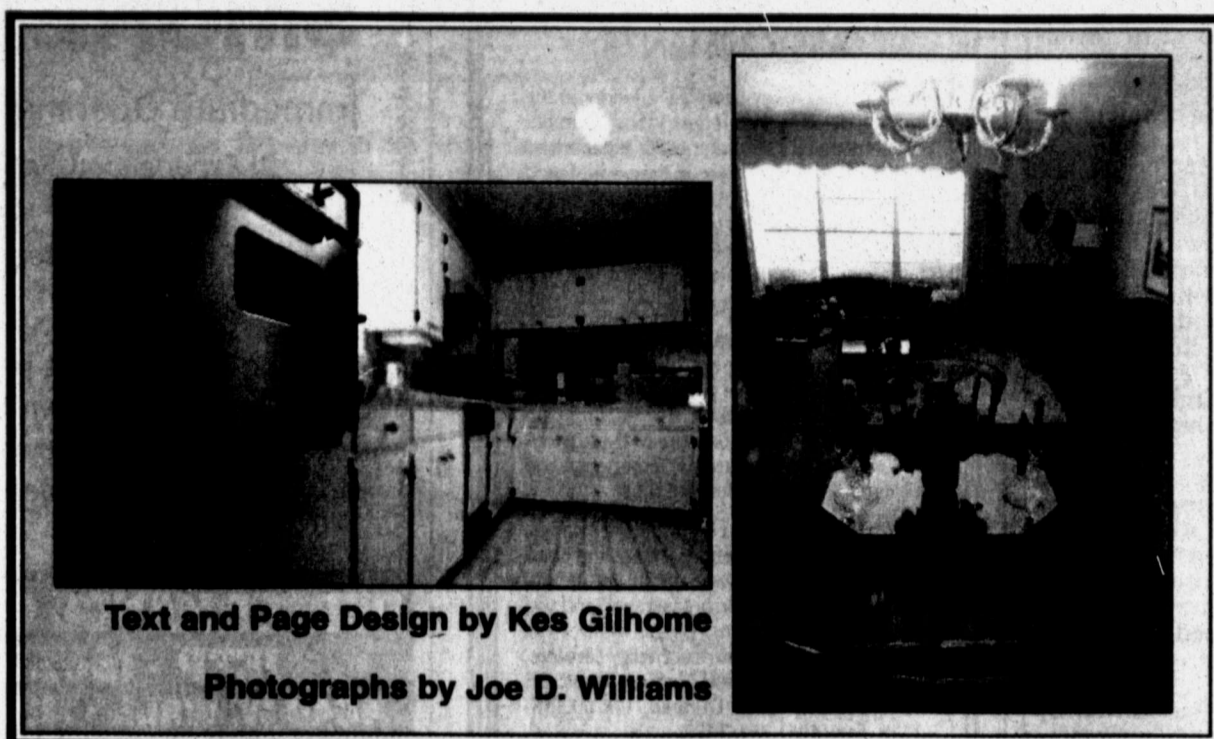


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HOMES & Classified



LIVING THE QUIET LIFE

As soon as one crosses the simple portico that graces the entrance to this family home, the visitor quickly realizes how attractive this house is. Listed for \$89,900 the home offers three bedrooms, two bathrooms and masses of living space within a functional, attractive framework.

There are a number of interesting features within the property, particularly the recent addition to the family room. With double French doors leading to the den and windows overlooking the landscaped garden, this is the perfect spot for a home office - quiet, relaxing and conveniently close to the rest of the house. The back yard itself is a haven for those who like gardening. Lots of flower beds, mature, shady trees and a large workshop with storage provide the perfect environment for those with a green

thumb.

The open house between one and three p.m. this afternoon offers an excellent opportunity to view this family home listed by Don Byer-

ly of Langston Realtors. Highlights of the house include the fully equipped kitchen with its breakfast bar, built-in appliances, large utility room, pantry and masses of work and storage space.

Set away from the hustle and bustle of major streets, this house at 2408 Terrace is located in a quiet section of central Midland that is just a short drive to virtually any shopping center or school in town.

There are a number of attractive aspects to this property as it abounds with details such as picture windows, a brass and brick fireplace

in the den and louvered cabinets in the master bathroom. As with all houses it is the little details that are the most important, and this house is full of them.

For more information about this property, either stop by the open house this afternoon or call Langston Realtors at 682-9495.

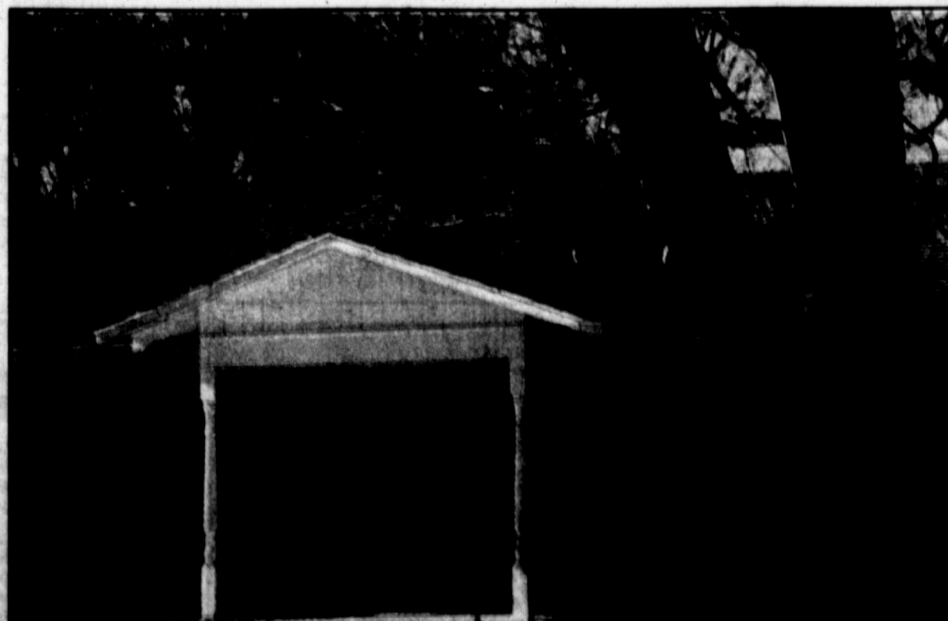


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Lori Lanier Billie Lanier Bill Lanier

The Prudential ADOBE REALTORS 1501 W. Illinois CALL 683-9548

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT PROPERTY! 3613 BAUMANN \$61,900.00. OPEN TODAY 2-4. New to market! Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home with much new including carpet, paint, skylights and more. Light & bright kitchen has stunning solarium. All of this plus buyers incentive! Call Ruth Booker 520-5216.

CALL KAYE. *REDUCED! \$72,850. TOWNHOME over 1900 sq. ft. according to tax office/patio in front, in back, and side! You'll love the parquet floors and stylish look! Call today 682-6637 683-9548.

MAKE A WISE MOVE. If you are buying or selling your home... I GIVE A "HOOT"! WANDA GRESSETT Carriage Company Realtors 684-5881.

5 BEDROOMS + PLAY OR COMPUTER ROOM! Incredible family space in this lovely Trinity Meadows Home! Life, immaculate, beautiful formal + den, large seq. master suite, 3 car garage. Smartly priced at \$169,900.

SALE FELL THRU! 5005 BELLE GROVE TOWNHOUSE ON CUL-DE-SAC \$68,500. Very large living/dining area has fireplace. A wall of mirrors enhance this room. Kitchen has breakfast area and nice cabinets for storage. Call SANDY J. HANSON 697-8940.

GET THE MAX... CALL MAX HUTCHINS. DON HARVEY, REALTORS 683-2143 683-5333.

GOOD DEAL JUST GOT BETTER! You get a new roof and new carpet in this 3BR, 2 bath home. Recently had new paint and new wallpapers. This home is a rare find at \$52,000. To view always call Marisa Beckett 699-7161 or 686-7000.

Giffert Alstrin, Realtor. YOUR REAL ESTATE AND MORTGAGES 683-1500.

HAVE A POOL PARTY. Enormous 3BR, 2 1/2 bath patio home on Haynes has wet bar opening to patio, great living area with fireplace and sparkling inground pool. Lots new and low price of \$112,900. For your appointment to see always call Alice Howard 694-3040 or 686-7000.

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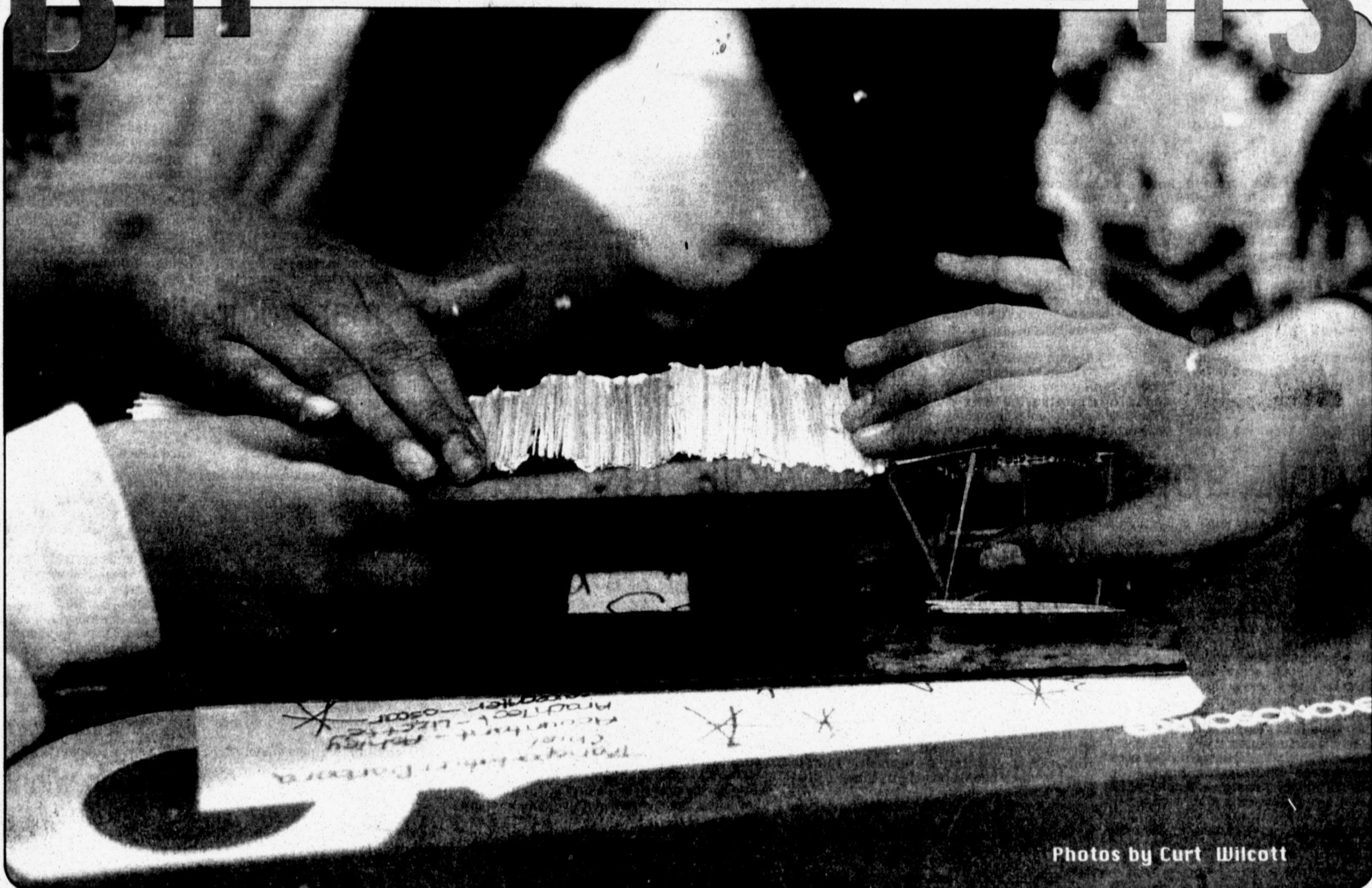
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BRIDGEBUILDERS



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It takes several hands (above) to hold a toothpick bridge while it's drying in a Bowie Elementary School classroom. Bowie fifth-grade students were participating in their annual bridge-building competition. Students' (below left) wear painter caps signifying hard hats as (left to right) team carpenter Oscar Ramirez, transportation chief Barbara Butts, and accountant Lizette Villanueva work in a "hard hat" area. Fifth-grade student Tim Martin (below right), of the bridge building team Tim's Tuff Bridges, cheers as his team's bridge withstands enough weights (tied to the bridge's center) to qualify for the preliminary competition. His teacher, James "Jim" Pogue looks on.



By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer



Building bridges only to break them down was the challenge Bowie fifth-grade students recently met. For the second year in a row, Bowie teachers organized all fifth graders into bridge building "companies."

The object: "to use math and science in a way that moves us past the realm of pencil and paper," said Bowie teacher Kelly Garcia. "Students form construction companies consisting of architects, accountants, carpenters, project directors and a transportation chief," the teacher said.

Then the fun begins.

Each bridge building company was given a budget of \$1 million. With the money, each company purchased land and supplies.

"To give this a feel of reality, some lumber (toothpicks) costs \$1,000 and the cement (actually school glue) is sold \$850 per daily supply," said Bowie teacher James "Jim" Pogue.

Students were required to keep records and keep their budgets up to date. To keep them honest, teachers audited records. And yes — just like in the real world — the student companies were charged for each teacher audit, a hefty \$2,000 at Bowie.

Pogue said the young entrepreneurs also discovered their could be hitches in buying supplies. "Without letting the students know it was coming, we would raise or lower our prices. Students would say: 'But how can you run a special on cable after I paid the regular price?'"

"And just like a real job, there were financial penalties for not starting on time, or leaving a clean job site," said teacher Bonnie Resley. She, and several other teachers, said the biggest hurdle students had to get over, was learning that a company won't succeed without cooperation.

"Being in the same company forced students to interact and to overcome not liking someone," Pogue said. "Whether we like people or not, we still have to be able to get along on the job," he said. "That was a hard lesson."

Please see BRIDGES/2E

MAKING THE GRADE

The following Midlanders were recognized for academic achievement for 1995-96 at Southwestern University during Parents' and Grandparents' Week on February 17: Stephanie Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhoden, Distinction List; Kimberly Macferran, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Macferran, Distinction List; Sally Moody, daughter of Vicky Moody, presented as a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education; Rebekah Nix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nix, Distinction List and presented as a member of Pi Delta Phi, the national French honor society; Laura Prothro, daughter of Ms. Leslie Prothro, Distinction List; Matthew Rose, son of Mr. Dee Rose, Jr., Distinction List.

And from Coahoma Sarah Crippen, daughter of Ms. Sarah Crippen, presented as a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education.

Kelley Huse of Midland, a information management technology major at Texas State Technical College was named to the President's List for the Winter 1995 Quarter.

Carrie Henry Rich, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Robert Henry, Jr., graduated Magna cum laude from Texas Christian University, Harris School of Nursing with a bachelor of science degree in August 1995.

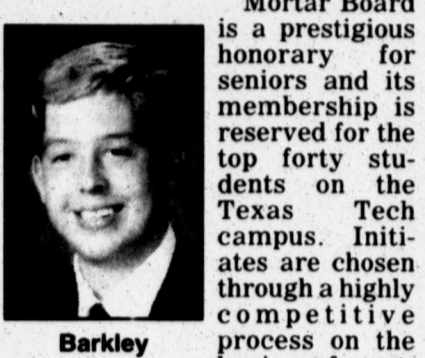
The 1991 Midland High graduate was a member of Chi Omega, Golden Key Honorary Society, Alpha Gamma freshman honorary society, Sigma Theta Tau nation-

al nursing honor society, Dean's List and received scholarships from the Top 100 Nurses of Dallas and Ft. Worth, and Sigma Theta Tau.

Blake Henry, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Robert Henry, Jr., has made the Dean's List for the Fall semester of 1995 at Texas Christian University.

He was also elected Pledge Trainer for Kappa Sigma fraternity for 1996 and he is a junior in the school of business.

David Barkley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Barkley of Midland, was initiated as a member of Mortar Board at Texas Tech University on March 10, 1996.



Barkley

Mortar Board is a prestigious honorary for seniors and its membership is reserved for the top forty students on the Texas Tech campus. Initiates are chosen through a highly competitive process on the basis of outstanding scholarship, leadership and service.

He is a member of Golden Key National Honor Society whose membership is based on outstanding academic achievement. He is also a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a national pre-medical honor society and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Barkley is a Welch Scholar at Texas Tech University where he is

conducting D.N.A. research and synthesis. His current project is assisting in the development of new corn plant resistant to insects. He has taught a Bible study course at the TTU Baptist Student Union during the past 2 years.

In 1994 he was elected a Lubbock County Party precinct chairman and was selected by the Lubbock County Republican Party convention to be a delegate to the State Republican Convention which was held in Ft. Worth in June, 1994.

Barkley is a biochemistry major at Texas Tech University and was a 1993 honor graduate of Midland High School.

Adam Morris and Phillip Ramsey of Midland, have been named to the Dean's Honor Rolls at The University of Tulsa.

Norris is a freshman majoring in computer science and Ramsey is a junior majoring in marketing.

Kathryn Edwards, daughter of Bob and Donna Edwards and a student at Greenwood High School has been named student of the week by the Midland Morning Lions Club.

She is active in drama, track, basketball, non-competitive weight lifting, National Honor Society, FFA, Honors Program, Student Council, drama, speech and Chess Club. She has been elected Queen of the West Side Lions Club, has been selected to participate in the



Edwards

Lions International Student Exchange and will visit a Lions Family in Ireland this summer and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Cindy Abshire, daughter of Lou and Mary Ann Abshire and a senior, has been selected the outstanding girl from Lee High School for the month of March by the University Graduate Women of Midland.



Abshire

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Texas Scholars, All-American Scholar, band, Senior Girls, Kelvieu Heights Baptist Church, Baptist Crisis Center and Christmas in April. She has received an Achievement Academy Award for leadership and government, academic letters and All-Region, All-Area and U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble medals.

Martha Pickell, daughter of Kevin and Anne Skipper has been selected outstanding senior girl from Midland High School for the month of March by the University Graduate Women of Midland.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Junior Classical League and orchestra. She has received the United States Achievement Academy Award in general acad-



Pickell

Latin Exam.

Michael Lattibeaudrie, son of Phyllis Lattibeaudrie and a student at Lee High School has been named Student of the Month for March by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.



Lattibeaudrie

He is active in varsity basketball, D.A.R.E. and Teen Court.

Tia McCutcheon, daughter of Julie McCutcheon and a student at Midland High School has been named Student of the Month for March by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

She is active in Drug Free Youth In Texas, Texas Scholars, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, varsity basketball, Soul Club and National Honor Society. She is a academic letterman, varsity sports letterman, Lion's Club Lioness of the



McCutcheon

Texas Tech University and major in journalism in hopes to go into broadcasting.

Courtney Ratliff, son of George and Frances Ratliff and a student at Lee High School has been named Student of the Month for March by Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.



Ratliff

He is active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Lee High School Band, Church Youth Group and Peer Assistance Leadership. He has received two Presidential Academic Fitness Awards, is a academic and band letterman and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Ratliff plans to attend either Baylor University or Angelo State University to major in law and minor in music education.

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Thursday - Breakfast: Hot biscuit, sausage pattie or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Beef tacos or enchiladas, seasoned pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Blueberry muffin or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit

juice, milk. Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich or sub sandwich, tator tots, vegetable soup, lettuce/tomato, milk.

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Monday - Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: BBQ riblets on bun, potato salad, pork-n-beans, chilled fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Hot oatmeal, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hoagie sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, potato chips, carrot sticks, juice bars, milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Sausage, eggs, biscuits, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Beef tamales w/chili, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chilled fruit, milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Fried chicken, potatoes w/gravy, green beans, applesauce, milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Assorted cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, tator tots, hamburger salad w/pickles, applesauce cake, milk.

Core curriculum declining at colleges, study says

By William H. Honan
N.Y. Times Service

A study of undergraduate education since 1914 has found that the country's 50 best-known colleges and universities are no longer providing "broad and rigorous exposure to major areas of knowledge," once considered essential to a liberal-arts education.

The report by the National Association of Scholars, concludes that the core curriculum "has largely vanished" over the past 30 years, and that there has been "a purging from the curriculum of many of the required basic survey courses that used to familiarize students with the historical, cultural, political and scientific foundations of their society."

The survey was conducted by reviewing the college catalogues of the 50 institutions over 80 years, focusing on 1914, 1939 and 1964 as pivotal years for the country and 1993, the last for which the group could examine data.

While some educators dismiss the report as old hat, the authors argue that their critics have closed their minds to what they choose not to hear. Stephen H. Balch, president and executive director of the association, which is issuing the report today, said the demise of the required course "has placed America in danger of losing the common frame of reference that for many generations has sustained our liberal, democratic

society."

Among the findings were these:

- Fewer core courses are required. The percentage of credits from mandatory courses needed to graduate in 1993 was about one-third of what it was in 1964, and a fifth of that in 1914.
- Students have more choices among free electives, rather than building knowledge through specializing after broader prerequisites. In 1914, colleges and universities offered an average of only 23 courses without prerequisites. The number increased to 127 in 1964 and 582 in 1993.
- Assessment of graduating seniors has declined. In 1939 and 1964, more than half of the institutions required a thesis or comprehensive examination for a bachelor's degree. By 1993, only 12 percent did so.
- Math and science requirements are shrinking. In 1914, 82 percent of the institutions required a math course and 86 percent required science. By 1993 only 12 percent required math (though an additional 32 percent allowed a less demanding course for non-majors) and only 34 percent required a natural science.
- Foreign-language requirements are eroding. Until 1964, a foreign language was required by 90 percent of the institutions. By 1993, the percentage was down to 64.
- Philosophy requirements have

been virtually abandoned. In 1914, philosophy courses were required by 76 percent of the institutions. In 1993, only 4 percent required such courses.

Lynne Cheney, chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Humanities under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, praised the report, remarking: "It made me think of how easily the movies made by people like Oliver Stone are accepted as factual. That's what happens when students can avoid taking a good, rigorous course on American history. It leaves them open to the Big Lie."

Founded in 1987, the association is an organization of faculty and graduate students based in Princeton that supports a traditional curriculum for higher education. Members include such prominent scholars as Jacques Barzun, Gertrude Himmelfarb, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, Irving Kristol, Seymour Martin Lipset and James O. Wilson.

But among other academics, the report was attacked as more of the same. Robert Zemsky, director of the Institute for Research on Higher Education at the University of Pennsylvania, said: "This report is a distraction. I don't

want bingo education where you pick one course from column A and another from column B and then shout: 'Bingo! I'm educated!' We've gotten way beyond that. We're focused on standards. We're focused on the question of whether the student develops a real capacity to learn and to apply his knowledge to the world."

And Jerry Gaff, vice president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, disdained the report as "20 years out of date" because many of the same observations were made by the Harvard Core Curriculum Task Force of 1977.

"But what's happening today," Gaff said, "is that most schools are actually strengthening the core curriculum. The institutions they studied — the wealthiest ones — are much less likely to be involved in educational reform. Those faculty members don't want to teach survey courses for non-majors, and they can get away with it, whereas, other institutions closer to the market are changing rapidly."

Russ Edgerton, president of the American Association for Higher Education, said that concern about the decline of the core curriculum is "half correct."

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Networking breakfast set

The topic of this month's Networking Breakfast is "Spotlight on Hispanic Business." The monthly breakfasts, for minority-owned, woman-owned and all small businesses, is scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 26 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the cost is \$5. For information call 682-4884, 682-1616 or 684-4100.

Continuing Education

The Midland College Department of Continuing Education will offer 9 short courses beginning the week of April 8.

"C&W Dance I" will be 7:45-9:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays April 8-24. Course fee is \$34.

"Beginning Fly Fishing" will be 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, April 9-30. Course fee is \$28.

"Management Module III" will be 4:30-5:50 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 9-May 30. Course fee is \$69.

"TSFSA: Soup & Sauces" will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, April 13 and 20. Course fee is \$39.

"Pilots and Partners" will be 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, April 9-May 7. Course fee is \$27.

"Real Estate: Earnest \$" will be 5:45-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday, April 9-25. Course fee is \$145.

"CPR: Health Care Provider (c) Renewal" will be 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, April 13. Course fee is \$15.

"Grantmanship 201" will be 7-9:30 p.m., Thursdays, April 11-May 2. Course fee is \$89.

"Medic First Aide & CPR" will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 13. Course fee is \$25.

For information about Defensive Driving courses, call 685-4518 or 560-2400, ext. 2806.

For information about Continuing Education courses, call 685-4518.

McCormick Gallery exhibit

A reception for San Antonio artist Danville Chadbourne will be noon-1:30 p.m., Monday March 25 in McCormick Gallery. Chadbourne's work, **Recent Work in Painting & Sculpture**, will be on exhibit March 25-April 18. McCormick Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Languages aid communication Students need skills for global economy

By Jeanna Cuny

Why would anyone want to learn a foreign language? The most obvious answer to this question was stated by MC Modern Language Instructor Heidi Goebel: "The world is becoming smaller."

According to Goebel, advances in telecommunications and the availability of computers offers worldwide communication everyday.

MC Foreign Language Instructor Dr. James Jones is ready to help students with their foreign language studies. "The study of languages has changed in the past few years because of new developments in interactive computer programs and teaching methods," Jones said.

"People are learning by doing when they use computer language tutorials. They are also learning to enjoy using computers," he said. "The addition of new computers on campus will be a real help."

The reasons students choose to study foreign languages have also changed.

"We have more native speakers of Spanish enrolling in courses in order to fine tune their skills. Also, the business community is seeing the value of language training for their employees as they expand their operations into other countries such as Latin America," Jones said.

Jones noted many students are enrolling in foreign language classes simply because they are interested, not because of degree requirements. "They realize it gives them an advantage professionally," he said.

Spanish student Tina Atkins praises Jones as an instructor.

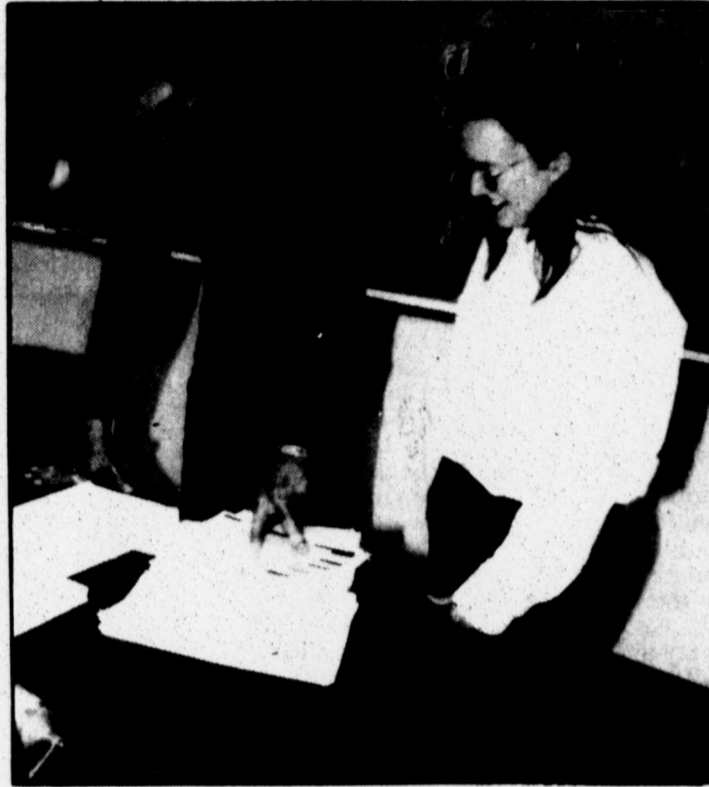
"He brings a new perspective to language instruction. He has so much experience with other languages and cultures and he brings this to the classroom," Atkins said.

"He makes us feel at ease—it's fun," she said.

The stories Jones shares with his classes

Building Foreign Language Skills

MC Foreign Language Instructor Dr. James Jones goes over a Spanish assignment with student Tina Atkins. Atkins plans to use her foreign language training as she pursues a career in International Relations.



are gleaned from his experiences in Latin America as a Peace Corps member.

After attending from West Texas State University, Jones attended the Technical Institute of Monterrey. He joined the Peace Corps in 1971 for the opportunity to live and work in a Spanish speaking environment.

After training in Costa Rica and Puerto Rico, he was assigned to work in Paraguay where he taught agriculture, English and anatomy at the local high school. While in Paraguay, Jones worked on his thesis—a comparison of the Spanish language and culture to Guarani, the indigenous language of the area. "I had to work by candlelight because there was no

electricity," he said.

Jones continues to visit the area and stay in touch with his previous students and their families. "It's a beautiful country—hilly and green," Jones said.

Jones sees growth in the future of the foreign language department. "The Spanish classes are filling up," he said. Along with Spanish, MC offers courses in Latin, Japanese, German and French.

Jones noted the development of a unique opportunity to study Spanish this summer. Students can participate in a three-week language program in Costa Rica May 12-June 2 and earn college credit for Spanish 1412, 2311 or 2312 while enjoying a tropical climate. For information, call Jones at 685-4629.

Jones said knowledge of languages is becoming more important and his advice to foreign language students is simple. "Go for it and get as much practice and exposure to the language as you can. Learn all that you can and then use it," Jones said.

Jeanna Cuny is a journalism student at Midland College.

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—Jim Jones, MC language instructor

on his thesis—a comparison of the Spanish language and culture to Guarani, the indigenous language of the area. "I had to work by candlelight because there was no



Students win honors in regional competition

These high school welding students recently were awarded superior ratings for projects presented at the Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA) Skills Olympics and are qualified to compete in the VICA State Skills Olympics in May. The students are receiving high school credit for courses completed at Midland College. Shown left to right: Steve Latzel, Aaron Smith, Welding Instructor Joe Smith, Brian Head, Josh Spears, Angel Carbajal, Shawn Wheeler and Jacob Sanchez. Seated in front is Rene Medrano. Not pictured is Brad Dunn.

ELISE COOMBES

Tryouts set for next year's cheerleaders, mascot

Tryouts for the Midland College cheerleading squad are set for April with performing and scholarship opportunities available for students who make the award-winning squad.

The squad consists of seven female and seven male students plus one female and one male alternate and the Chaparral mascot, who can be either male or female.

To be eligible for the squad, cheerleaders must plan to enroll at MC next year, maintain a 2.0 grade point average at MC, attend the National Cheerleader Association (NCA) cheerleading camp in July and attend all home and out-of-town games.

Each year, MC competes in the NCA National Championship competition. MC cheerleaders have finished in the top 10 two out of the last three years.

The school provides \$600, paid \$75 a month, in scholarships that will normally pay for tuition and fees. Students may also be eligible for other college scholarships and financial aid. Uniforms, the NCA summer camp and travel expenses are paid for by MC.

Students also get physical education credit for serving as mascot or cheerleader.

A mandatory orientation will be 7 p.m., April 2 and mascot and cheerleader tryouts will be 4 p.m. April 30 in the MC Physical Education building. For more information, call Tommy Ramos at 685-4701.



Coombes

For students who want to travel and earn Government credit at the same time, Midland College is offering a trip to Washington, D.C. during the Spring Interim, May 13-30. The cost of the trip is \$655 in addition to normal tuition and fees for the class. The courses are open to any college student. The deadline for registration is March 29.

The trip will cover course requirements for Government 2302 or 2304. For more information, call 685-4739 or 685-4640.

Anyone involved in caring for the elderly should note the upcoming workshop offered through the Health Sciences Continuing Education Department, **Myths and Realities of Aging**. The course is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, March 28 in the Davidson Lecture Hall of the MC Health Sciences Building.

Course fee is \$35, and pre-registration is required by March 25. For information about either course, call 685-4518 or fax 685-6412.

Elise Coombes is public relations director for Midland College.

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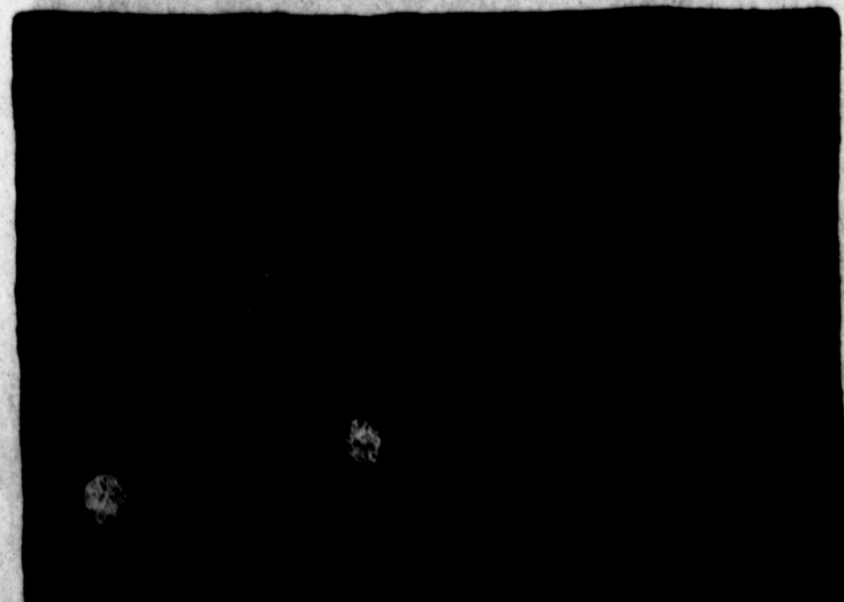
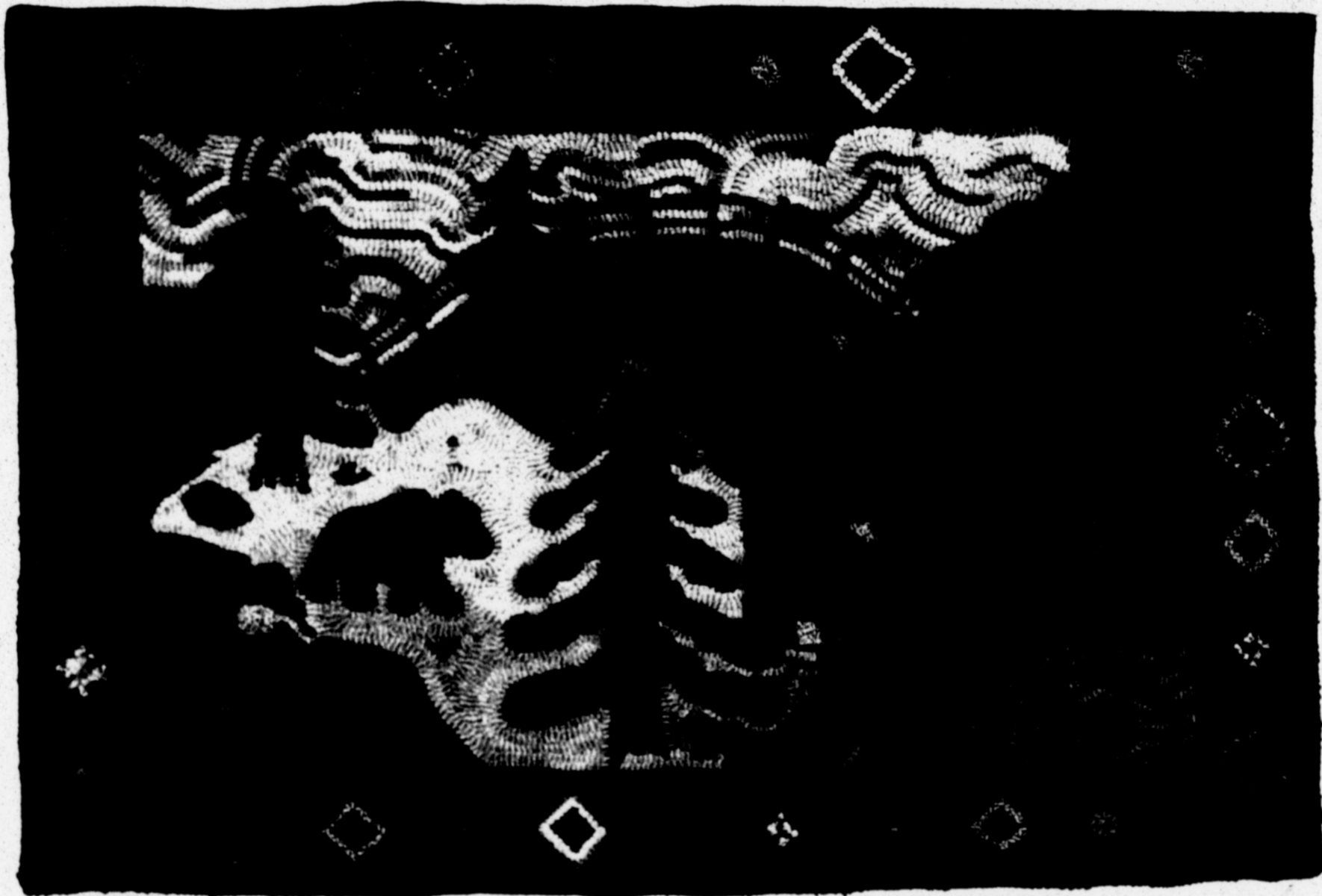


'Hooked' on Rug Making

Text by
Linda Anderson

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Elizabeth Edwin



Two Midland women have gotten crafty with their handiwork and are turning what was once a necessity into an art form.

Midlanders Pat Brooks and Jeanne Smith have been friends for years. "Pat and I have been best of friends for 10 years, since she moved here," Ms. Smith said.

In the course of that friendship, they have shared many things, as friends do, including a passion for primitive antiques and antique shows.

That interest led them to an antique show in Comfort, where they met Edyth O'Neill of Fredericksburg, who introduced them to the ancient art of rug hooking. "We knew we were 'hooked' at that point," Ms. Brooks said.

Now they share Primitive Woolens, a business specializing in primitive hand hooked rug designs. And through that business they are teaching a skill that at one time was a necessity, but is now an art.

Hooking rugs, as they explain it, is not the same technique as latch hooking, an art form many people are familiar with. Ms. Brooks and Ms. Smith use strips of fabric, not pieces of yarn, and basically weave the fabric onto a base, creating scenes as they go. They use Scottish linen as a base, instead of burlap, and a hook to pull the strips of fabric through the base. The pictures are formed through creative use of fabrics, textures and colors.

Please see HOOK/2F



Above, Pat Brooks (left) and Jeanne Smith are so "hooked" on hooking rugs that they are teaching classes on the art form. The inset photo gives a detailed picture of the technique used to hook rugs. Other photos are rugs the two women have designed and made.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Midlander accepted to American Institute of Musical Studies

By Marilyn McKnight-Harrison

Congratulations to Midlander Jeff Monette, who has been accepted into the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. But before he leaves for Europe in July, he will graduate cum laude from Texas Tech University. A lyric baritone, his goal is to become a professional singer.

Part of Jeff's requirements for graduation include a senior voice recital, which he presented March 14 on the Texas Tech campus.

Jeff also repeated the recital here last Sunday afternoon at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Immediately following, a congratulatory party and champagne reception was hosted by his parents, Kay and Tom Brahaney, at Midland Country Club.

The centerpiece on the main serving table featured a "Hats Off to Jeff" theme, and individual tables were decorated with arrangements of spider mums and roses, interspersed with mementoes from Midland High School, where Jeff graduated in 1992 and his mother was formerly the choir director.

A highlight of the reception was an impromptu musical presentation by Jeff's friends from Tech in town for the occasion.

Among those seen at the event were former Midlander Janice (Mrs. Gary) Strickland of Anchorage, Alaska, and her mother LaNell (Mrs. M.A.) Carter of Alto, who were houseguests of Peggy (Mrs. Ronnie) Vaughn; Jeff's brother, Scott Monette; Kay's parents, Ruth and F. T. "Buddy" Miller; her brother, Lee Miller, Nickie (Mrs. Les) Oppermann, Deanna (Mrs. Frank, Sr.) Brahaney; June (Mrs. Vernon) Pettis, and the Rev. Fred Nawarskas.

IT'S GOOD to see former Midlander Leslie Dean back in town! She is here visiting her father, oilman Bob Dean, while taking a break after an intensive period of study at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. She is now the proud recipient of a baking and pastry arts certificate

from the academy. It complements her degree in food and hospitality services she previously received in Dallas.

A graduate of Lee High School, Leslie plans to pursue employment in the culinary field in Dallas.

MIDLANDER Jennifer Yates was named Kappa Alpha Rose by the Kappa Alpha Order at Texas Tech University at the fraternity's Old South Ball on March 9.

The daughter of Marilyn and Jim Yates, Jennifer is a senior accounting major. She is active in Chi Omega social sorority, Mortar Board, Golden Key and Student Senate.

Coincidentally, Jennifer's father is an alumnus of Kappa Alpha.



McKnight-Harrison

TWO MIDLAND GIRLS, Stefanie Masters and Stefanie Scott, were selected as candidates in the 1996 Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Program held last weekend at the Waco Convention Center and Holiday Inn.

Eleven-year-old Stefanie Masters is a student at Scharbauer Elementary School and the daughter of Beth and Steve Masters. Stefanie Scott is 12 years old and a student at Travis Elementary School. She is the daughter of Maggie Scott and Bud Scott, and the granddaughter of Lorene and Howard Scott.

The state program is affiliated with the Miss National Pre-Teen Program, to be held in Orlando, Fla., this coming November. Now in its 16th year, the pre-teen program is the first competition of its kind founded to reward girls ages 9 to 12 for their achievements and to encourage them to pursue their education and career goals.

A LAST MINUTE REMINDER: All graduating high school senior girls and their mothers and/or fathers are invited to a Sorority Information and Registration Party at two o'clock this afternoon at the Junior League of Midland headquarters, 902 W. Dengar Ave.

Sponsored by the Midland Panhellenic Association, the event will include a fashion show by The Gazebo, featuring appropriate apparel for rush parties. Each high school student will receive a rush information package.

Marilyn McKnight-Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.



This is an overview of the Los Penasquitos Lagoon, with the Pacific Ocean in the background, at Torrey Pines State Reserve in San Diego, Feb. 20. The lagoon is one of the last coastal marshlands in Southern California.

Lagoon near San Diego among last Groups work to keep remaining wetlands in their natural state

By Amanda Covarrubias

SAN DIEGO (AP) — When the moon was full, Lee LaGrange would canoe along the byways of Los Penasquitos Lagoon, paddling past the spiky bullrush, the tall salt grass and the abundant pickleweed.

The lagoon was a refuge from the nearby urban world. It was where the blue heron flew and the water was alive with creatures and plants. LaGrange was so moved by the lagoon that he made it his business over the last 30 years to preserve and save it from encroaching development.

"Sometimes I tell people I do this as penance for a career in the military-industrial complex," the 74-year-old retired chemist said recently. "The plain truth is I like to play in sand with big machines."

Just 15 miles north of downtown San Diego at Torrey Pines State Reserve, Los Penasquitos is one of six coastal estuaries in San Diego County, some of the last undeveloped wetlands in Southern California. Marshlands once dotted the coastal landscape, but they have since been paved over to make way for airports, marinas and other development.

Now ecologists, environmentalists and beach lovers are working to keep the remaining lagoons in their natural state. Los Penasquitos, Spanish for "little rocky place," is home to the great blue heron, the white egret, clams and shellfish and numerous plants that thrive in the salty, wet soil, said

Mike Wells, resource ecologist at Torrey Pines State Reserve.

There, among the spiky bullrush, which looks like a big, round bush of tall grass, the Belding's savannah sparrow nests. The salt marsh daisy, which bears little yellow flowers, thrives in mud flats where few other plants can survive.

Los Penasquitos also is home to raccoons, small deer, snakes and rodents. Even a peregrine falcon has been spotted hovering over the briny waters.

When the Pacific Coast Highway was built over the lagoon in the 1960s, the waterway's mouth was whittled down to a narrow strip. Since then, the major challenge has been to keep the estuary open to the sea.

"The lagoon I want is a viable thing," LaGrange said. "It's open and it has saltwater circulating all the time. It builds a whole population of saltwater animals and plants. If you get too much fresh water in there, it kills them all."

After the highway was finished, wood pilings remained behind from the old road that once spanned the 670-acre lagoon. When the tide was high, kelp would drift in and get hung up on the pilings, creating a dam that would close the lagoon.

LaGrange, who can see the marshland from his front window, would walk down with his axe each evening after work and chop down the pilings to clear the passageway.

The health of the lagoon today also is threatened by sewage and residential runoff containing contaminants such as lawn fertilizer.

The most recent man-made environmental crisis occurred recently when a pipe that carries sewage to the city's treatment plant burst, sending 180,000 gallons of raw sewage into the lagoon.

Unfortunately, the lagoon was closed off to the ocean by a sand berm caused by a heavy storm that pushed the sand onto shore.

There was a happy ending, though. Earth movers cleared the sand away three days after the pipe burst, just in time for a high tide to flush out Los Penasquitos.

A white egret (right) wades in shallow water in the Los Penasquitos Lagoon at Torrey Pines State Reserve in San Diego. This coastal marshland is one of the last in Southern California.



Resource ecologist Mike Wells examines an area of pickleweed plants at the Los Penasquitos Lagoon at Torrey Pines State Park.



British, Swiss national anthems share melody

LONDON (AP) — The British and Swiss national anthems share the same melody.

"God Save the Queen," a tune dating back to 1740 with words by Henry Carey, is sung as "Rufst du, mein Vaterland" in Switzerland.

The world's oldest national anthem, "William of Nassau," belongs to the Netherlands. It was first sung in Holland about 1626.

Austria's national anthem, "Bundeslied," was composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" in 1814 to a British melody called "To Anacreon in Heaven," written about 1770 by John S. Smith.

HOOK: Rugs become art forms

(From 1F)

"In essence, you end up weaving, but because you are using a hook to pull it up a step at a time, it's classified as 'hooking,'" Ms. Brooks explained.

And it is an ancient art. "I would say we have documented it back to the 1600s for utility purposes, for warmth on beds," said Ms. Brooks. "It was probably done by the upper class at that stage."

"A resurgence came in the 1700s when it migrated to the New World," she said. There, the rugs were probably used by pioneer families to keep drafts from coming in around doors.

As the country became more settled, people began hooking rugs for pleasure more than for practicality, Ms. Brooks said, and the technique became more and more popular around the turn of the century.

Interest died out somewhat, but "in the last 10 years it has truly been coming back. Now it is enjoying popularity it has never had before." New techniques are being used to create durable, lasting art from rug hooking.

The two women fell in love with the craft — which of course fit right in with their love for primitive antiques — and plunged into educating themselves about rug hooking. Ms. Brooks said they read every book and article they could find on the subject (thanks to the public library's ability to get them books on inter-library loan), but still wanted more.

"We began to read and develop, and read and develop, and decided that designing our own (patterns) was the only way to go," Ms. Brooks said.

Because of their interest — and with a lot of support from their families and from each other — their decision to create their own designs "just sort of evolved naturally," Ms. Smith added.

As they developed their own

patterns and techniques — essentially taking the information they had learned and expanding it — the women decided that rug hooking was too much fun to keep to themselves.

"Once you do it and enjoy it, you want everyone else to have the same pleasure you have," Ms. Brooks said.

Which lead to Primitive Woolens, the two women's hand-hooked rug design company, and their classes on teaching the technique to others.

Classes meet four times, Ms. Brooks said, with the first meeting devoted to the selection of patterns and wools. They use 100 percent wool in their classes (although Ms. Brooks said 80 percent wool and even 75 percent wool may be used for some purposes) and in making their own rugs. Ms. Brooks said, because of its beauty, textures and durability. "With proper care, you're looking at something that can be passed down through generations!"

Although the wool may be "expensive and difficult to find," she added, "it pays off."

The second and third classes are 7-9 p.m. on two consecutive Thursdays. "We teach the basics and start hooking, and elaborate and trade techniques," Ms. Brooks said. The fabric has to be prepared and cut before it can be used to make rugs, and students are taught that technique also, although "we have two cutters so they don't have to be concerned with getting their goods cut," she added.

On the night of the final class, students show the rugs they have created. The rugs, which can be as big or as small as the rug hooker desires, can be used on floors, as wall hangings or as beds throw (although 100 percent wool makes them very heavy).

"We have not as yet done a room-sized rug, but it is a possibility," Ms. Brooks said. "Many

people use them as wall hangings. But if after all the hard work, you can bring yourself to put it on a floor and step on it," it may even be used as a rug.

Colors and textures can give the rugs a personalized touch. The women use different wools, yardage and even cut-up old clothing to achieve the look they want. They can dye the cloth to the right color if necessary. "I love to use plaids, checks and patterns," Ms. Brooks said. "It gives texture — a more lifelike appearance."

So does the texture of the fabric used and the direction of the weaving. "You can hook in circles, lines, vertical, horizontal..." Ms. Brooks said.

"Color scheme (of the rug's design) can be anything you like," Ms. Smith said. "In color selection, it's important for each (artist) to find the end product" that he or she wants.

Creating art through rug hooking is "tremendously easy," Ms. Brooks said. "You just continue to pull up loops and follow your design area, and fill it (blank spaces). It's very, very simple."

It's also very relaxing, Ms. Smith said. "I find myself going to sleep thinking about what I'm working on. It's a form of therapy. You get so engrossed, so involved with what you are creating, you forget to worry about some things."

Both women find enjoyment in watching something they envisioned take form. "It's an art form, not just a craft," Ms. Smith said.

"I get the same enjoyment creating a work now that I did with my very first one."

Ms. Smith and Ms. Brooks have a session of rug hooking classes scheduled to begin in April, with the selection class planned for April 16. For more information call 697-7022 or 699-4362.

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SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Some ground covers thrive in yards' shady areas

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

At this time of year many home gardeners start contemplating the renovation of their lawns...



Benge Frost

Ground covers may be the way to go. Turn that stubborn area into a landscaped bed area filled with shade-tolerant ground cover...

Ground covers, as the name suggests, are plants that are massed together to cover the ground. Lawn grasses are the most common ground covers...

The selection of attractive ground covers is fairly large. When it comes to selecting ground covers that grow in the shade...

still got several choices. Shade-tolerant selections include Asiatic jasmine, English ivy, liriope, mondograss...

Some ground covers spread by underground stems called rhizomes. These plants usually make the best type of cover where erosion is a problem...

Most plants used as ground covers and lawn substitutes do not stand up well to foot traffic. If the area to be covered needs to withstand frequent foot traffic...

The area to be planted to ground covers should be well prepared, if possible, before planting by tilling or spading of the area and removing or killing all weeds...

Patience is one of the biggest challenges on the home gardener's part. English ivy, a wonderful ground cover, can test your patience when it comes to establishment...

control until coverage is achieved, after which there will be little weeding needed. If grasses try to make inroads...

Many ground covers can be found in nurseries this time of year in small individual pots that you can buy by the flat...

If you get your ground cover from a friend or neighbor, make sure you are not transporting a disease or pest into your yard...

For a complete listing of ground covers, vines, shrubs and trees that do well in the Permian Basin...

Deborah Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

Ballet Midland will sponsor a master class for advanced students 1-2:30 p.m. April 13 at Midland Community Theatre.

Ingrid Derrickson, principal of the School of Nashville Ballet, will conduct the class...

Nashville Ballet will perform "Cinderella" 3 p.m. April 14 at Lee High School auditorium.

MIDLAND NORTHSIDE Lions Club and Midland Park Mall will host the annual Bunny Breakfast...

Guests will include Juice the Moose, Babar, Doodles, West Texas Storytellers and, of course, the Easter Bunny.

Menu will be sausage biscuits, scrambled eggs, French toast sticks and coffee, juice or milk. Tickets are \$3 per person.

MIDLAND FEDERATION of Black Women's Clubs will host its annual Debutante Ball 8 p.m. April 6 at Midland Center.

CONFERENCE ON "Myths and Realities of Aging" will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 28 at Midland College. Dr. Bruce Davis, gerontologist at Abilene Christian University...

WOMEN OF Color Civic and Social Club will host a city-wide Easter egg hunt 11 a.m. April 6 at Washington Park, 1703 E. Wall St.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, will meet 6:30 p.m. April 1 at Midland Senior Center.

AARON ESTES chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, will meet 10 a.m. March 26 at Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library.

CENTERS FOR Children and Families will have parenting classes throughout the spring. April classes on "Surviving Your Teenager" are: "Helping Children Deal with Feelings," April 9; "Positive Discipline," April 16...

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL Club will meet for a program luncheon at noon March 28 at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

ALLISON CANCER Center will present the American Cancer Society's Evening Dialogue 7 p.m. March 26 at the center.

FIRST BAPTIST Church of Midland will present a community Easter celebration, "At the Name of Jesus," March 29-31 in the church sanctuary.

Forget secret decoder rings, save boxes instead

By Stefanie Asin

N.Y. Times News Service

HOUSTON — Tracy Witt doesn't care much for cereal, but his spare bedroom is full of Kellogg's Corn Flakes and Wheaties boxes.

Collecting cereal boxes is becoming a rage. Buys and trade boxes, hoping they will be worth more than the retail price some day.

"I enjoy it, because a lot of times it is a limited supply, and so far the demand is not there," Witt said. "I think it could lead to the possibility of a strong collector's market in the future."

Witt, who for years collected Cracker Jack prizes, started keeping cereal five years ago, when his mother found a 1970s Corn Flakes box with Willie Mays on the back.

His collection includes stars from virtually every major sport — baseball, football, basketball, hockey and car racing. His favorites include a regional Corn Flakes Nolan Ryan box...

But the real fun is in the trading. Through a word-of-mouth network and internet chatting, cereal box collectors negotiate for new boxes. Witt has traded with a collector in Pittsburgh for a Wheaties Pittsburgh Steelers championship box.

When Wheaties, made by General Mills, began showcasing sports stars, the company didn't have collectibles in mind, said spokeswoman Pam Becker.

Although nationally distributed boxes do not change fronts often, the regional ones do, making them a prime target for collectors. For example, Houston Rockets star Clyde Drexler was on a box once in the Portland area.

Book Review Unit meeting is planned

Staff Reports

Book Review Unit of Midland Woman's Club will have a luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. April 1 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park.

Mary Barton Robinson of Eldorado will review "The Moral Compass," edited by William J. Bennett.

Mrs. Robinson was born and raised in Marfa and graduated from Baylor University. She moved to Eldorado in 1950 and has lived there ever since.



Mary Barton Robinson

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for March 5-11.

- TUESDAY: 1. Mary Hammond, Dixie Gifford, 2. Ginny Potts, Elle Kerr, 3. Lib French, Jerry Williamson, 4. Jane Myers, Leonora Slusher

- WEDNESDAY ACBL-WIDE CHARITY GAME: NORTH-SOUTH: 1. Kathryn Gesell, Joe Brittain, 2. Guida Dunn, Sally Whitely, 3. Flo Curry, Betty Reeves, 4. Belle Harris, Ken Wolf

- THURSDAY: 1. Helen Owen, Millowee Mills, 2. Mary Anne Ochs, Fena Berry, 3. Glenda Simmons, Joe Salman

- FRIDAY: 1. Leonora Slusher, Linda Warden, 2. Marcella Cure, Joyce Mitchell, 3. Gloria Crites, Jerry Crooker, 4. Dodie and Tootie Whitworth

- SATURDAY: 1. Betty Crooker, Jimmie Penn, 2. Nancy Andrews, Gloria Crites, 3. Alan Copeland, Carl Ellis, 4. Becky Kinsey, Jimmy Cox

- SUNDAY: 1. Dixie Gifford, Linda Warden, 2. Mary Hammond, Jimmie Penn, 3. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey, 4. and 5. Tie: Ruth Fahrig, Tip Branch, Marian Sims, Jimmy Cox

- MONDAY: 1. Alan Copeland, Jerry Crooker, 2. Jimmie Branch, Leonora Slusher, 3. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey, 4. Marian Sims, Linda Warden

CLUB NEWS

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Club met at Ranchland Hills Country Club with Betty McMullan presiding. Kathleen Wurtz led the club collect and Pledge of Allegiance. Committee chairmen gave reports...

PRECEPTOR NU PHI CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Nu Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Jane Weldon. Also attending were Margie Hill, Karen Hopkins, Glenda Dover, Paula Millhollen and Diane Grenvik...

UPTOWN CHAPTER, B&PW

Uptown chapter, Business and Professional Women, met at the Petroleum Club for program and luncheon. Mike Potter, guest speaker, discussed "Citizens for the New Airport."

PRECEPTOR EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored its sweetheart, Diana Henderson, at the city-wide tea at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

TWENTIETH CENTURY STUDY CLUB

Twentieth Century Study Club met at Midland Woman's Club. Jackie Cary presided and led the club collect. Mary K. Eubanks called roll and read minutes.

MIDLAND SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Midland Society of University Women met at Marian Blakemore Planetarium for a lecture by Stephen Schmidt, director, on "Tonight's Sky: Current Place"

ment of Stars and Constellations." Following the program, members met at the home of Elinore Chase. Hostesses were Dura Clarke, Martha Chappelle and Min Currey.

MIDLAND FEDERATION OF BLACK WOMEN'S CLUBS

Midland Federation of Black Women's Clubs met for discussion of the debutante ball and luncheon, and the planned district meeting. Margie McCoy is secretary and Black Image was added as a member club.

EN AMIE

En Amie Review Club met for luncheon and book review at Midland Woman's Club. Marge Wallis presided. Mrs. Alan D. Holmes was introduced as a new member. Guests were Marie McIntire, Bessie Collins, Margaret Faye Morgan, Laverne Mills, Alice Dawson, Ernestine Duncan, Vernie Townsend, Nancy Beamer, Mary Love, Margaret Farrell, Vickie Halsey and Casey Halsey.

PROGRESSIVE STUDY CLUB

Progressive Study Club met at Midland Woman's Club with 19 members attending. Wanda Scott presided. Jane Hargrave gave the financial report and Corrine Jones reported on the Woman's Club. Planned meeting was discussed.

BLACK IMAGE

Black Image met at 1703 E. Wall with Loretta Cottrell hosting and 16 members attending. Margie McCoy presided. Wanda Morris read the minutes. Committee reports were given. Doris Rollie and Roosevelt Wylie represented the club at Alamo Heights Baptist Church for the Christmas In April barbecue.

WOMEN OF COLOR

Women of Color Civic and Social Club met with Virginia Davis as hostess. Loree Clay led the invocation and read the minutes and correspondence. Committee chairmen gave reports. Shirley Howard presided and discussed plans for April.

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DEAR ABBY

Poem on some modern spelling habits is true through and thru

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the poem I'm sending you so much that I hope you will share it with your readers. —SCHOOL-TEACHER

DEAR SCHOOLTEACHER: I'm sure many of them will enjoy it. It reads like the lyrics to a rap song: Hey, whatcha doing? Whaddaya say? Do ya wanna read a good poem today? Hey, gotta sec? C'mon! Let's see! Our language is changing, you'll hafta agree.

Well, gimme a minute, and lemme just show: There's a new coined spelling, doncha know? It's a heckuva note; it's kinda sad, 'Cuz our sloppy talking has gotten this bad.

If you're like me, and you hate there to be Words like ain't in our vocabulary; Don't be surprised if we're soon gonna see Sorta or coulda in the dictionary.

Yeah, merchants and stores are doing it, too; Making things EZ and quik for you. They'll offer mor-va; we can sav-rite tonite; But the spelling's not kool; it's outtasite!

It's "lots of" (not lotsa), and "going to" (not gonna).

And "got to" and "want to" (not gotta or wanna); It's "extra" (not x-tra), and "light" (not lite). And who sez it's OK to use shur or nite?

Comic book lingo; doesn't it getcha? Annoy? Perplex? Confuse? You betcha! A whole lotta words like thru and tho; So why do we all do it? I dunno!
— GEORGE WILLINK, 1995



Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm getting married in four months and was planning on having a "dollar dance" at my reception.

My soon-to-be father-in-law is totally against it. He says it's tacky, and he would be embarrassed in front of his millionaire friends.

I told him that I have had friends do this at their receptions, and nobody thought it was tacky. Help, Abby. I don't know what to do. — DANCE DILEMMA IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR DILEMMA: Since your father-in-law-to-be has told you that he would be embarrassed, I suggest that you skip the "dollar dance." The few dollars it would bring in aren't worth risking your relationship with your future in-laws.

DEAR ABBY: Re "Wiser Now," who bought fire extinguishers as gifts for weddings, housewarmings and graduations, after she had a close call with a pot of burning rice on the stove:

That has been a two-decade tradition in our family. My late father came up with the idea as a "funny" but practical shower gift. Dad suggested that I combine the "wishing well gift" (a bottle of aspirin) and the fire extinguisher, with a note:

"The extinguisher is for the bride to put his fire out, and the aspirin is for the groom to get rid of her headache!"

In all the years I have attended bridal showers, this is one gift that has never been duplicated, or returned. —D. REBECCA SHOEMAKER, BETH-LEHEM, PA.

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

Americanese getting more confusing from inside out

By Sam Lowe
N.Y. Times News Service

You have probably noticed all the new words and phrases slipping into the language.

Most of them are simply another way of saying something we already had a word for. Like "scripted" for "written," "fed-ex-ed" for "shipped," and "massive malfunction of the gastrointestinal components" for "I told you not to eat her chili."

Some people don't like this because it means they have to learn new stuff. They're the same people who'd call a \$150,000 Rolls-Royce a "car," or refer to a bathroom as "an indoor outhouse." They are behind the times.

But even worse for those who resist change, it ain't over yet. There's a whole new generation of wordsmiths out there, and they're equipped with computerese, legalese, Orientalese and new varieties of pizza that didn't even exist a decade ago.

Outfitted with an arsenal like that, it's no wonder they're coming up with things like "subterranean excavation expert" for "gravedigger" and "entertainment bargain" for an \$85 theater ticket.

Now that you've been properly mission-statemented and backgrounded, let us examine some of the new words and phrases that are destined to become part of the language of the next generation, a group that we now refer to as "those snot-nosed little brats who'll wind up getting us all blown up."

- licorich — A very expensive anise-flavored candy sold only at I. Magnin and Neiman Marcus.
- tofufefifofur — A foodstuff

made of soy curd and favored by basketball players and other very large beings.

- phantummy — A ghost's potbelly.
- Denvered — Referring to a hopeless situation that results in a person or item disappearing and never being seen again, as in "My flight landed on time but then my luggage got Denvered."
- marteeny — An alcoholic drink made by combining 1/2 ounce of gin with a little dinky olive and the juice of a midget vermouthe.
- larsony — The act of stealing a fire that has been deliberately set.
- spittooning — Making an animated movie about baseball players.
- lardening of the arteries — A medical term often applied to hamburgerists because it describes the elements preceding lengthy hospitalization and extended confinement.
- abracadabra — A foundation garment that works like magic.
- political campaign — A piercing sensation in the lower extremities, caused by language abuse.
- compewterized — The act of sitting in front of a PC so long your brain turns into a metal alloy.
- eggsecutive — The chief chicken.
- foto-phinish — The end of a close race between two bad spellers.
- mongeeese — A more acceptable way of describing more than one mongoose; much better than the current method of saying, "Look, I see a mongoose. And now I see another mongoose."
- flamingopher — The offspring that results from a romantic liaison between a rodent and a lawn

ornament.
■ Wyomingle — Hanging around with the folks up in Cheyenne and Laramie.

- Palestein — Yasser Arafat's beer mug.
- enchiladeeda — A Mexican food that isn't taking it all that seriously.
- Rolextaxy — Getting pretty darned excited about your new watch.
- superlative — Being even better than minestrone.
- Albukirkee — A city in New Mexico named after the first captain of the USS Enterprise.
- moostache — Hair on the upper lip of a large antlered animal. (Some may challenge this interpretation, saying it should refer to hair on the upper lip of a cow. But, as anyone who's ever studied first-grade biology knows, cows don't have hairy lips. Moose do; ask anyone who's ever kissed one.)
- auk capella — A group of large-beaked birds singing without musical accompaniment.
- stupiditee — The act of placing a golf ball on a small wooden peg with the insane idea that it will go where you want it to after you whack it with a club.
- ecowlogy — The study of cattle, from their place in the natural scheme of things to why they don't grow hair on their upper lips so they could strain out all the grass fat before it gets into the milk.
- nuclear fishin' — Catching trout with an atomic-powered fly rod.
- commacomatose — A state of unconsciousness caused by a punctuation mark.

AT WIT'S END

'Babe' most deserving ham of year

By Erma Bombeck

No pun intended, but I'm rooting for the pig.

What do you mean, what pig? How many four-footed animals named Babe do you know who starred in a film nominated for the Academy Awards' best picture of the year?

Forget the fact that it would be refreshing to see a recipient who does not look like she starved herself to death to get in the dress, does not make an activist's speech to get rid of the "other white meat" people, and has pig lips that are natural and not pumped full of collagen—I liked the movie.

I'm not a film critic — just an average citizen who likes a story with a point to it.

My message to moviemakers is that I am beyond shock.

I have had it up to my eyeballs with explosions and car crashes.

Mean, surly psychopaths don't entertain me.

Profanity is ineffective even if there is a point to it. If I want to be depressed, I'll strip and climb on the bathroom scale.

We throw around a lot of rhetoric these days about family values. It's a buzz phrase like "quality time." Everyone wants them, but no one can really define what they are and how you get them.

The problem is you can't explain family values; they have to be seen.

For every character on screen who is blown away, there has to be a scene that records how this irresponsible act has changed a hundred lives — lives that will never

again be the same.

I watched an interview with a filmmaker the other night who refused to clean up his films in the name of "artistic integrity."

That translates to big bucks.

He said his young son (who looked to be 9 or 10) watches everything he produces and they discuss it. Right. Like Siskel meets Ebert on the playground.

The producers of "Babe" made a mistake in not telling everyone it was an adult film — adult in the sense that youngsters expected a cartoon and there were a lot of messages they wouldn't understand.

But parents would understand the film and be reminded that they have a responsibility to put worth on their lives and the lives of their

children.

Everyone has to contribute something to this planet before we lose it.

It might seem small to one person, but it's important to the lives he or she touches.

Those are family values kids find in parents.

The Oscars are all too predictable. I'll listen to the host's monologue, watch 85 hair commercials, and along about the time they are awarding the best editing of a foreign documentary shown in theaters in Bosnia, I will nod off and finally drag myself to bed.

I can only dream of tomorrow's headline: "Pig Is Speechless!"

Erma Bombeck's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Private gardens are open for public viewing

By Dora Galitzki
N.Y. Times News Service

Great private gardens are created in all sorts of places by all sorts of people. Those of historical interest are preserved with public or private financing: as national treasures, like Jefferson's gardens at Monticello, or as local gems, like Wave Hill in Riverdale. But great modern gardens can fall through the cracks of inheritance and disappear if they do not receive help in replacing the financial and esthetic support of their creators. Unlike buildings, which tend to decay slowly, or wild places, which maintain themselves if undisturbed, gardens are fragile and will deteriorate quickly unless cared for.

The Garden Conservancy, a national nonprofit group, was created seven years ago to identify great gardens still in private hands. The conservancy

guides owners through the process of turning their gardens into nonprofit community resources.

Last year, the conservancy began persuading gardeners in New York and Connecticut to open their private efforts for public viewing on selected weekends as a way of promoting gardens and gardening. The resulting guide, the Open Days Directory, quickly sold out, and more than 10,000 people passed through the garden gates during the season.

For 1996, the conservancy has expanded the open days to include more than 150 gardens on Long Island and in Connecticut that will be open to visitors on 11 weekend days from May 19 through Sept. 15. Proceeds from the tickets (\$4 for each garden) benefit the conservancy. The 1996 Open Days Directory is available from the Garden Conservancy, PO Box 219, Cold Spring, N.Y. 10516, or by calling (914) 265-2029. The directory is \$9.50, including shipping.



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Hoover Dam is called 'marvel of engineering'

Associated Press

BOULDER CITY, Nev. — Hoover Dam, one of the marvels of American engineering and construction, took six years to build, from 1930 to 1936.

Its creation involved building a temporary city for 600 workers, 53 miles of railroad track and 40 miles of new highway.

Located at Boulder Canyon on the Colorado River, the dam is 726 feet high and contains 3,245,612 cubic feet of concrete.

At opening ceremonies, President Franklin D. Roosevelt christened it Boulder Dam, but the name was changed in the late 1940s to Hoover Dam.

The dam's hydroelectric plant has a capacity of 1,322,300 kilowatts and supplies electric power to Arizona, Nevada and Southern California.

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ENGAGEMENTS

LONGWELL-HERNANDEZ

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Longwell Jr. of Rankin announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri K. Longwell, to Angel Hernandez Jr., son of Matilde Carrasco of Andrews and the late Angel Hernandez Sr. The wedding is planned for 11 a.m. May 4 at First Baptist Church in Rankin.

Miss Longwell is the manager of Perry's Store in Rankin. Her fiancé is employed with the Upton County Sheriff's Department and is a student at Odessa College.

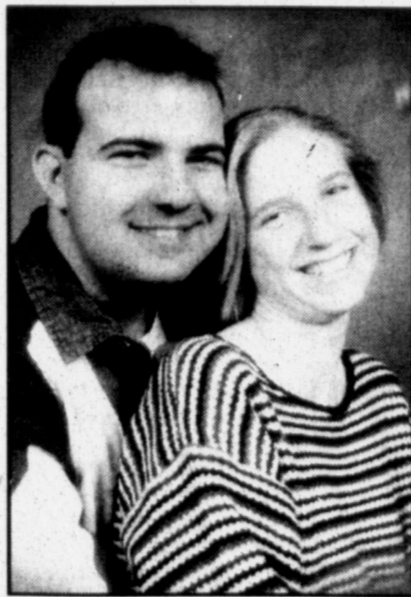


Kerri K. Longwell and Angel Hernandez Jr.

VAN DONK-HULL

Caeli Ann Van Donk and Shawn Michael Hull, both of San Angelo, are planning to be married 10:30 a.m. May 18 at Chapel of the Bells in Irving. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Joe and Janet Van Donk of Irving. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mike and Sandra Hull of Midland.

Miss Van Donk graduated from MacArthur High School and is a student at Angelo State University. She is a member of Air Force ROTC. Her fiancé is a graduate of Midland Christian High School and a student at ASU. He is employed with GTE Aviation.

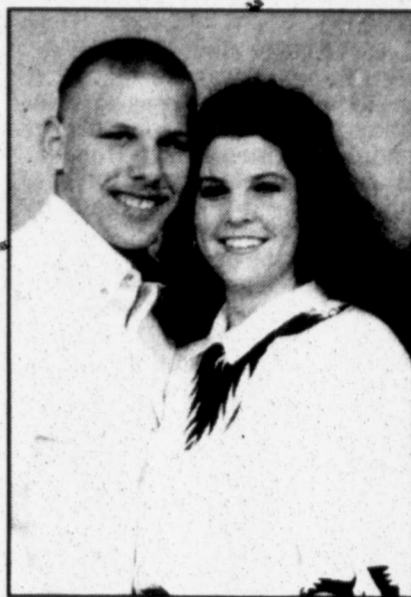


Caeli Ann Van Donk and Shawn Michael Hull

GOODSON-DEMPSEY

Amanda Marie Goodson of Midland and Tommy Buck Dempsey of Gardendale are planning a 3 p.m. April 20 wedding at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are George and Karen Goodson of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Lindle Dempsey of Odessa and Diedre Dorrough of Austin.

Mis Goodson is employed with Pitts Energy in Midland. Her fiancé is employed with Pyramid Machine and Mfg. in Odessa.



Amanda Marie Goodson and Tommy Buck Dempsey

SELLERS-PYLE

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sellers of Andrews announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Loretta, to former Midlander Shawn Michael Pyle of Lubbock. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Warner Pyle of Hobbs, N.M. The wedding is planned for April 20 at Andrews Church of Christ.

Miss Sellers is a graduate of Andrews High School and a student at Court Reporting School in Lubbock. She is a consultant for Jenny Craig in Lubbock. Her fiancé graduated from Lee High School and is employed as a power pro tech with the U.S. Department of Defense.

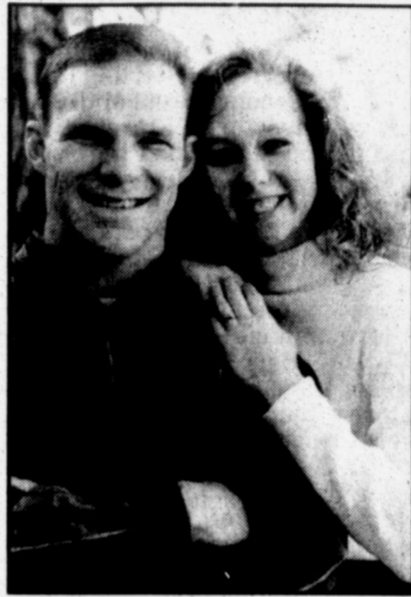


Amy Loretta Sellers and Shawn Michael Pyle

HEIST-MUELLER

Bridget Lynn Heist of Springfield, Mo., and former Midlander Bryant Mueller of Sugar Land are planning to be married June 29 at Schweitzer United Methodist Church in Springfield. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Heist of Springfield. Parents of the future bridegroom are former Midlanders Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Mueller of Sugar Land.

Miss Heist is a graduate of the University of Tulsa and a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She is employed with Global Bearings Inc., in Tulsa, Okla. Her fiancé graduated from Midland High School in 1991 and from the University of Tulsa, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He is employed with Unocal Corporation.



Bridget Lynn Heist and Bryant Mueller

HARTER-FEAGAN

Kendra Lea Harter and Donny Lynn Feagan, both of Midland, are planning a 1 p.m. May 18 wedding at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Fort Stockton. Parents of the bride-to-be are Ron G. Harter and Cynthia McKenzie-Harter of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Joe and Bonnie Feagan of Midland.

Miss Harter is a 1984 graduate of Lee High School and a 1986 graduate of Abilene Beauty College. She is employed with Panache Salon in Midland. Her fiancé graduated from LHS in 1986 and is a student at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He is employed with Feagan Gathering Company.

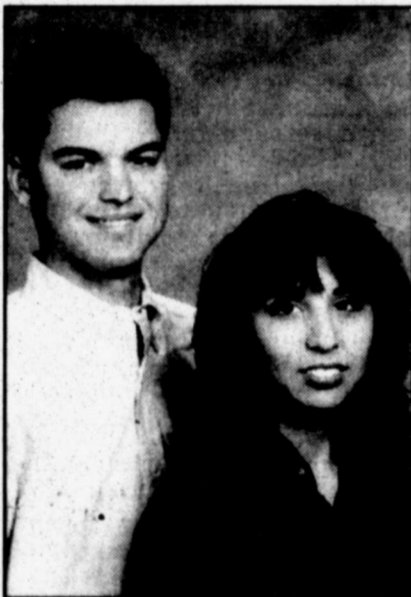


Kendra Lea Harter and Donny Lynn Feagan

NAVARRETE-MOLINARO

Former Midlander Kimberly Katherine Navarrete of Spring and Jeffrey Mark Molinaro of Houston are planning to be married noon Jan. 11, 1997, at Christ The Good Shepherd in Spring. The bride-to-be is the daughter of former Midlanders Robert and Cecilia Navarrete of Spring. Parents of the future bridegroom are Daniel and Barbara Molinaro of Houston.

Miss Navarrete is a student at North Harris College, where she is working toward a degree in criminal justice. She is a member of Criminal Justice Student Association. Her fiancé graduated from the University of Notre Dame and is a student at the University of St. Thomas, where he is studying for a master of business administration degree. He is employed with Transco, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Co.

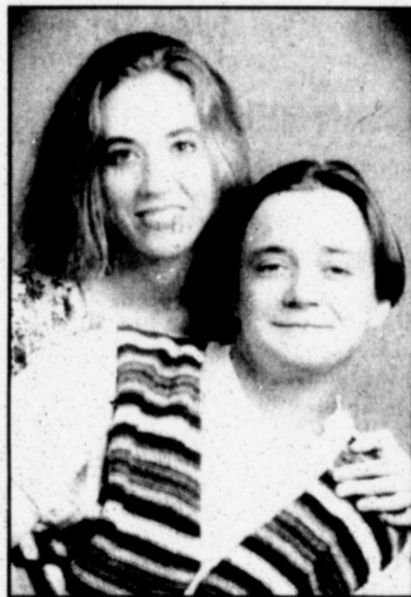


Kimberly Katherine Navarrete and Jeffrey Mark Molinaro

PETERSEN-TOMPKINS

Shary Louise Petersen of Midland and Christopher Devlin Tompkins of Andrews are planning to be married 1 p.m. Jan. 4, 1997, at First Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Gary and Carolyn Petersen of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Delbert and Vickie Tompkins of Andrews.

Miss Petersen is a 1993 graduate of Lee High School and a student at Angelo State University, where she is scheduled for December graduation with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. Her fiancé graduated from Andrews High School in 1992 and is a student at ASU. He plans to attend the University of North Texas and earn a bachelor of arts degree in radio/television/film.



Shary Louise Petersen and Christopher Devlin Tompkins

CRAWFORD-MESCHER

Corey Lynn Crawford of Midland and Scott Anthony Mescher of Indianapolis are planning a 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17 wedding at First Baptist Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robert Crawford of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gregory Mescher of Indianapolis.

Miss Crawford is a 1992 graduate of Midland High School. She is scheduled to graduate from Oklahoma Baptist University in May with a degree in elementary education. She is a member of Gamma Phi Delta social club, Baptist Student Union and Kappa Delta Pi education honor society. Her fiancé graduated from Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis in 1992. He will graduate from Oklahoma Baptist University in May with a degree in religion and Spanish. He is vice president of Ministerial Alliance, and in August



Corey Lynn Crawford and Scott Anthony Mescher will be with Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

Information for Sunday pages must be in the Lifestyle Department office by 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, we must receive the information by noon two days before the information is to be published.

For example, an item for Wednesday's paper must be received by noon Monday.

Engagement announcements must appear at least two weeks before the wedding date. Wedding announcements must appear within six weeks of the event.

Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — must be published within six weeks of the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners will only be published for teenage pageants and older. Photographs will be published only of winners, not runners-up or contestants.

These announcements will be published on a space available basis.

All articles must be submitted in writing.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries, only published Sundays, are available in the Lifestyle office.

All materials must include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Articles can be published with or without a photo. If a photo is to be published, it must be furnished to the Reporter-

Telegram.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or a photo of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Photos should be vertical, black and white, glossy finish, studio portraits. Color pictures may be submitted, but quality reproduction cannot be assured. Snapshots generally are not acceptable and Polaroid shots are not accepted.

The MRT reserves the right to deny publication of any photo due to quality or content.

Photos can be picked up in the Lifestyle Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

There is no charge for publication of photographs and articles.

Dewey invented decimal system for library book identification

ADAMS CENTER, N.Y. (AP) — Melvil Dewey, born here in 1851, is the man who made it easy to find the book you want at your local library.

Dewey studied at Amherst College and was librarian there until 1876. He then became a co-founder of the American Library Association, started the Library Journal and formulated the decimal book classification system for which he is famous.

The Dewey Decimal System assigns an identifying number to any book and lets librarians group books on any subject, and on related subjects, near each other on the shelves.

The system divides all book into 10 main classes and these are subdivided into groups, divisions, sub-groups and so on.

Professor Dewey was chief librarian at Columbia University from 1883 to 1889. He died in 1931.



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WEDDINGS

HENDERSON-LAVERS

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The Wedding Chapel, Treasure Island at The Mirage in Las Vegas was the setting for the 7:30 p.m. March 7 wedding of Aimee Gwyn Henderson and Michael Clayton Lavers, both of Midland, Texas. The Rev. Judy Andrews officiated.

Parents of the bride are Phil and Loretta Henderson-McDonald of Midland and Steve and Kathy Henderson of Farmington, N.M. The bridegroom is the son of Sandra Lavers of Midland and David and Leigh Ann Lavers of Nine Mile Falls, Wash.

After a wedding trip in Las Vegas, the couple lives in Midland.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clayton Lavers

HAACK-ROACH

SAN ANTONIO — Deborah Ann Haack and Derrell Jay Roach were married 3 p.m. March 9 in the garden at the home of U.S. Judge Shay Gebhart in San Antonio, who officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Judy Haack and Robert Haack of San Antonio. Parents of the bridegroom are former Midlanders Denny and Deborah Roach of Katy.

Courtney Haack was maid of honor for her sister. Tom Fordiani served as best man. The bride also was attended by her father, Robert Haack.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Churchill High School in San Antonio. She is a student at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she is studying for a degree in kinesiology. Her husband graduated from Lee High School in 1986 and from Texas Tech University in 1992. He will complete his doctor of dental surgery degree at the University of Texas Health Science



Mr. and Mrs. Jay Roach

Center at San Antonio in May. After a wedding trip to New Orleans, the couple lives in San

GOODFELLOW-HOUGHTON

LAKE TAHOE, Nev. — Annavar McAlister Goodfellow of Midland, Texas, became the bride of John Cochran Houghton, also of Midland, 11 a.m. March 12 at the Chapel at Caesars in Lake Tahoe.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McAlister Goodfellow of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Sue M. Houghton of Midland and the late Frank L. Houghton.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Midland High School and a 1989 graduate of Texas Christian University, where she was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She is a guidance counselor with Greenwood Independent School District at the middle/high school. She is a member of Junior League of Midland. Her fiancé graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1979. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and is a member of AAPG and WTGS. He is president of Houghton Oil and



Mrs. John Cochran Houghton

Gas Inc. After a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple lives in Midland.

Suiting up in style for Oscars night

Some stars still mum about what they'll wear to Academy Awards show

By Barbara de Witt
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — It was a low-stress gala, with lots of laughter among friends and co-workers enjoying their last fling before the Oscars on Monday.

It was the 14th annual Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Nominees Luncheon March 12 at Merv Griffin's Beverly Hilton, where 104 Oscar nominees, seemingly giddy with excitement, modestly guffawed about "the honor of being nominated."

Without a stage or cameras rolling, high fashion was at a minimum, but guests suited up in style.

For example, Best Actress nominee Sharon Stone, instead of something sleek, sexy or short, wore a sand-colored, gangster-style pantsuit with wide notched lapels and a shimmering silver shirt underneath — with extra sparkle provided by quarter-size diamond studs on her ears. Stone was mum about what she's going to wear to the Academy Awards ceremony, as was fellow nominee Elisabeth Shue, who also showed up at the party in a gray pantsuit with white T-shirt. Asked who designed her Oscar gown, she said she didn't notice. She did say she felt lucky to have gotten the part of the hooker in the no-happy-ending-here film

she looks for roles that chill her to the bone and make her do things she's never done before.

Joan Allen, nominated for Best Supporting Actress for "Nixon," also complimented her leading man, calling it "amazing" to work with Anthony Hopkins and see him transform into Nixon. "He'd say, we've become Pat and Dick," Allen laughed, later admitting she had to think a lot about how to understand the tremendous amount of self-sacrifice Mrs. Nixon had to live with in that era.

Also wearing a pantsuit — hers was a smart gray-on-gray striped number with a bright red tank underneath — Allen said it's very stressful getting ready for the Oscars because so many designers approach you, then there are also hair, makeup, jewelry and even stockings to decide on. She said it's also fun, and she's been shopping.

Jeff Goldblum, always the fashion plate, attended the party in a stunning gangster-style espresso brown suit with a blue-and-white striped shirt. "No, I'm not preparing a long speech, and, yes, I know what I'm going to wear. It's a Richard Tyler outfit," said Goldblum, nominated for Best Achievement in a Live Action Short Film ("Little Surprises").

Ed Harris, nominated for Best Supporting Actor for "Apollo 13," showed up in the standard Holly-

Asked who designed her Oscar gown, Elisabeth Shue said she didn't notice.

"Leaving Las Vegas." Stone, whose nominated role was for "Casino," which also focuses on Las Vegas, said she was more excited about getting to work with Robert DeNiro than anything else. "It was a lifelong dream, and although some people thought this was a bad role for me, I've never made choices to play likable characters," she said. In fact, she said

wood garb of black T-shirt with black blazer. But he promised he'd dress up for the Oscars — in an Armani tuxedo, because they were the first company to call him.

Tim Roth, nominated for Best Supporting Actor for "Rob Roy," will wear Prada, the old Italian company that's suddenly hot again, and for whom he's been

DIVINE-BUFLER

LUBBOCK — Dawn Lee Divine of Lubbock became the bride of Chad Edward Bufler, also of Lubbock, 6 p.m. March 23 at Lubbock Plaza. A.E. Divine, grandfather of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Donna Divine of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Claude and Victoria Bufler of Pomona, Calif.

Dana Franklin of Lubbock was matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were T. Ann Neeley of Roswell and Lena Johnson of Lubbock.

Ben Brown of Odessa served as best man. Groomsmen were Jerry Ryan of Midland and Chad Belles of Westchester. Ushers were Chad Lewis of San Antonio and Robert Franklin of Lubbock. The couple will live in Lubbock.



Mrs. Chad Edward Bufler

MURRELL-SIKES

STERLING CITY — Brandy Katreane Murrell of Sterling City and John Norbon Sikes of Midland were married 3 p.m. March 23 at First United Methodist Church in Sterling City. The Rev. Shane Barnes officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Royce Murrell of Sterling City. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbon P. Sikes of Midland.

Christie Barr of Lubbock was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kathren Murrell of Dallas and Theresa Edington of Abilene. Stormi Cowley of El Paso was flower girl.

James Sikes of Midland was best man for his brother. Groomsmen were Andy Lookabaugh of Midland and Leonard Oxendine of Dallas. Ushers were Tony Young and Ray Weatherby of Midland and Josh Murrell of Sterling City, brother of the bride. Kristopher Kordek of San Angelo was ring bearer.



Mrs. John Sikes

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will live in Midland.

SUSAN-BELL

Second Baptist Church in Midland was the setting for the 4 p.m. March 23 wedding of Danielle Elizabeth Susan of Odessa and Keith Duane Bell of Midland. The Rev. Terry Chapman officiated.

Parents of the bride are Harry and Beverly Susan of Odessa. The bridegroom is the son of Mary Bell of Midland and the late Jack Merket, and Roger Bell of Graham.

Courtney Royce of Midland was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Carrie Susan of Odessa, sister of the bride; Misty Rychel of Midland and Julie Gray of Odessa. Marne and Danne Braden of Midland were flower girls.

Sean Royce of Midland was best man. Groomsmen were Kenneth Bell of Midland, brother of the bridegroom; Terry Chapman Jr. of Carrollton and Phillip Payblas of Stephenville. Ushers were Dwayne Braden and Ricky Mundy of Midland, and Donny Susan of Odessa, brother of the bride. Harrison Mundy of Midland and Dusty Susan of Odessa, brother of the



Mrs. Keith Duane Bell

bride, were ring bearers. Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will live in Midland.

ANNIVERSARIES

Carrolls honor 60 years of marriage with family reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Carroll of Midland celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 10 with a family reunion at their home.

Carroll and the former Frances Mooney were married March 7, 1936, in Oxford, Miss. They have five sons, 21 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Ross Carroll

Glennans mark golden year with a family dinner

John H. and Jewell Glennan of Midland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner hosted by their children, Mary Ann Hardy of Lubbock and John Glennan Jr. of Midland.

Glennan and the former Jewell Wilson were married March 26, 1946, at St. Joseph Cathedral in San Diego, Calif. In addition to their two children, they have four grandchildren.

Glennan served with the U.S. Marine Pacific Force during WWII from 1942 to 1946. The couple has lived in Midland since moving here from Lawton, Okla., in 1947. Glennan retired from Mobil Oil Corp after 33 years of service.



John H. and Jewell Glennan

Couple observes 50 years together

Iva and John T. Stanley of Midland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 21 with a dinner, hosted by their children, at New York Hill Restaurant in Thurber and a trip to Lake Palo Pinto with their children and grandchildren. Hosts were Mike and Patsy Stanley and Gayla and Bob Wigley.

Stanley and the former Iva E. Hart were married March 21, 1946, in Fort Worth. They have two children, Mike Stanley of Hurst and Gayla Wigley of Keller, and six grandchildren.

The couple has lived in Midland for 38 years. Stanley has been with Midland National Bank (later First City National Bank). The couple are members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.



Iva and John T. Stanley

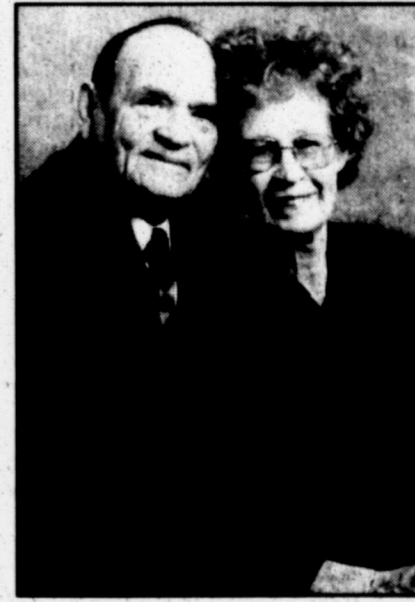
Couple celebrates 50 years together

Wade and Dorothy Gamblin of Midland were guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary reception March 23 at the Midland Center. Hosts were their children and grandchildren.

Gamblin and the former Dorothy Gillespie were married March 22, 1946, in Odessa. They have three children — Linda Welden of Carson City, Nev.; Leland Gamblin of El Paso and Patty Rose of Midland — and four grandchildren.

Gamblin served with the 133rd Naval Construction Battalion attached to the 4th Marine Division on Iwo Jima during World War II.

The couple lived in Sweetwater until 1947, when they moved to Odessa. They moved to Monahans and then in 1948 moved to Midland. Gamblin worked for Embry and West Electric in Sweetwater, City Electric Company in Odessa, the power plant in Monahans, and Permian Electric in Midland until 1949. He then worked for Midwest Electric until he retired in 1985. He is a 50-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was owner of Garfield Street Laundry from 1966



Wade and Dorothy Gamblin

to 1982. Presently, he commutes to a farm in House, N.M., where he raises wheat and mazes. Mrs. Gamblin is a homemaker. They are members of Midland Church of Christ, where Gamblin preaches.

Out of 56 signers, names of 8 immigrants appear on the United States Declaration of Independence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, eight were not born in America. The eight were born in the British Isles and had come to America as immigrants. They were Buton Gwinnett and Robert Morris from England; Francis Lewis, Wales; James Smith, George Taylor and Matthew Thornton, Ireland, and James Wilson and John Witherspoon, Scotland.

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Spain's history gets facelift in cities near Madrid

By Steve Kurkjian
N.Y. Times News Service

MADRID — A day or two before I left for Madrid, a colleague tried to assure my concerns about traveling to a foreign country without knowing a word of Spanish. "You'll get by," he said. "There's enough to see, hear and taste there that you won't have to say a word to enjoy yourself."

He was right — to a degree. Ten days driving through the country's back roads, visiting several smaller cities whose Old World charms are being preserved with the help of the United Nations, provides an ideal trip for the foreign traveler.

But beyond the country's extraordinary vistas with mountains that spill onto plains that stretch to the horizon — beyond the tours of the storied castles, cathedrals and museums; beyond the riotous night scene that doesn't begin until midnight — are the people, and they don't open up easily.

They are reserved, conservative and intensely proud of their country and its remarkable economic growth during the last 20 years. If my investigative reporter's inclination was to delve into how Spaniards reconcile some of the country's darker history — particularly the persecution of its Jewish population that began late in the 15th century and the military rule that ended with Gen. Francisco Franco's death in 1975 — those I approached proved quite adept in turning aside my questions.

"You'll find that most of our people would rather leave things like that to the past," said Marta Rueda, a young mother whose Jewish grandmother died in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. "We are all Spaniards who are very proud of our country as it is now."

But the Spanish people are also pleasant and accommodating and complement nicely the country's burgeoning tourist business that has helped transform Spain's economy. A generation ago, that economy was lower than Cuba's; now it is one of the world's most vibrant.

In line with that transformation, Spain is spending hundreds of millions of dollars to restore six of its oldest cities. Most within 150 miles of Madrid, the cities — Avila, Toledo, Segovia, Santiago De Compostela, Salamanca and Caceres — offer wonderful day trips from the nation's capital or are stops along the way of a longer excursion through Spain's countryside.

As in the rest of Europe, renting a car is an expensive proposition (\$80 a day for a mid-sized, new Renault), and you can expect to pay \$3 a gallon for gasoline. But the government has immensely improved the highway system throughout the country, and whether on main thoroughfares, mountain roads or city streets, you'll find the driving fast but safe.

If your Spanish is as poor as mine, be prepared to understand little on the radio except American pop songs. You'd benefit immensely if you bring along your portable disc player by splurging and paying \$50 for the device to run your CD player off the car.

The four-hour, 150-mile trip from Toledo to Cordoba on a narrow, mostly mountainous road through small villages and industrial sites was a pleasure with Mozart and Van Morrison as trav-

el companions, even though the drive back the next day took only half as long on a recently-completed superhighway.

That drive also taught me that the smaller the city you visit in Spain, the more comprehensive will be your understanding of the country's history. While Madrid has its wonders (particularly the Prado, its block-long museum filled with 18th- and 19th-century art), it did not become the country's capital until 1561, and the influences of the Moors and early Christians have been lost to later periods. Which is why the country's efforts to concentrate finances in preserving the Old World sections of its oldest cities, as well as their churches, fortresses, military headquarters and castles, have been so important.

While each of the four cities that I visited provided different attractions, they shared a common appeal that will be immediately familiar to anyone who has walked through quieter parts of Boston's North End. Narrow, cobble streets are lined with small apartment buildings whose first floors invariably house retail establishments such as restaurants, tapas bars, bakeries, stylish boutiques and art galleries.

Bounded for the most part by giant stone walls built by the Moors, who ruled most of Spain until the 11th century, to defend them from attack, the cities are a mile or more in circumference. Despite the hilly terrain, their environs can be easily mastered in a day's time.

The best starting point is at the main square in each of the cities. During the height of the tourist season, from May through October, the squares are jammed with tourists and travelers, but during my trip in late January, they were filled for the most part with locals who were shopping for their daily provisions or simply taking an unhurried stroll in the 50-degree weather.

Reached in an easy 90-minute drive from Madrid, over a snow-covered peak of the Sierra De Guadarrama mountain range, Segovia's main square, the Plaza Mayor, looks like something out of Disneyland. Well it might. In the distance, from my balconied room at the Hotel Infanata Isabella overlooking the main square, I can see the Alcazar, a sprawling 12th-century castle used as a model by Walt Disney for the edifice in the movie "Sleeping Beauty."

Princess Isabella first met Ferdinand, with whom she would unite most of modern Spain, in the Alcazar, and in 1474 she set forth from the castle to be crowned Queen of Seville. Now maintained as a museum, the castle provides a sweeping view of the Castilian countryside.

As found in most Spanish cities, a small group of gypsies wait outside the Alcazar's gates and pester visitors with a variety of cheap items. They don't take "no" easily, so be prepared to be firm.

Except for the persistent gypsies, the Segovians seem to have made life as safe as possible for tourists and residents, no matter how late at night you might be strolling the city's streets. Two years ago, the city ordered a police crackdown on anyone who might make life uncomfortable, and the streets appear clear of gangs, criminals, pickpockets and even beggars.

The anticrime campaign was adopted as the city was moving



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A baby dolphin named Zoe is playfully tossed in the air by Mancha, her mother, at the Zoo in Madrid. Zoe, an Arabic name meaning Life, was born on Jan. 26. The Zoo, along with other more ancient sites in Spain, is visited by thousands of tourists each year.

into high gear with its participation in an international program under which sections of its inner city are being restored.

Under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO, Segovia is one of five cities in Spain — and more than 400 throughout the world — that are preserving their "common heritage" through public works projects on thoroughfares, apartment buildings, museums, churches and the like.

In Segovia alone, \$700 million is being spent on various renovation projects, relocating roads so that traffic in and around the old city will flow smoothly during the peak tourist season, restoring the edifices to their original look, providing walkways to traverse the city and buffing up its Aqueduct, the 3-mile-long stone span that was built by the Romans more than 2,000 years ago to bring water into the city, and now greets travelers entering its old section with a majestic row of double arches.

As Segovia teaches, the Catholic churches provide the richest repositories of the art in the outlying cities. In Toledo, a wealth of paintings, including the largest collection of El Greco, as well as works by Titian, Velazquez, Van Dyck and Goya, graces the high-ceilinged Cathedral Primada de Toledo. If the dim light and darkened portraits and murals present too somber a setting, one has to walk a few blocks to the small Church of St. Thomas where El Greco's vivid masterpiece, "The Burial of the Count Orgaz," is on display. They are only two of the 80 churches inside the city's walls.

In Cordoba, the city's incomparable treasure, the Mezquita

(Great Mosque), is a forest of stone pillars and arches so vast that a full-blown cathedral built by Christian conquerors of the Moors in the 13th century, appears lost inside. And in Avila, the Cathedral of St. Teresa houses hymnal tomes from the 15th century, silk-embroidered, gold and lace-adorned vestments, and a six-tier silver crown that is paraded once a year through the city's streets.

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Wherever one travels in Spain, it does seem that the paradors are located in the best settings, and it's no wonder, since the government maintains the chain of hotels. With more than 80 of them spread around the country, the paradors provide the ultimate in comfortable living with a richness of the country's past.

It may be more expensive to stay at a parador than at the other better hotels in Spain, but if you're looking for historical culture and leisure — and your credit card can handle it — then you should consider staying a night or two at one of the country's paradors.

Since the idea for the hotels originated in the 1920s from King Alfonso XIII, they all have regal settings with many constructed in buildings that once housed palaces, monasteries and museums.

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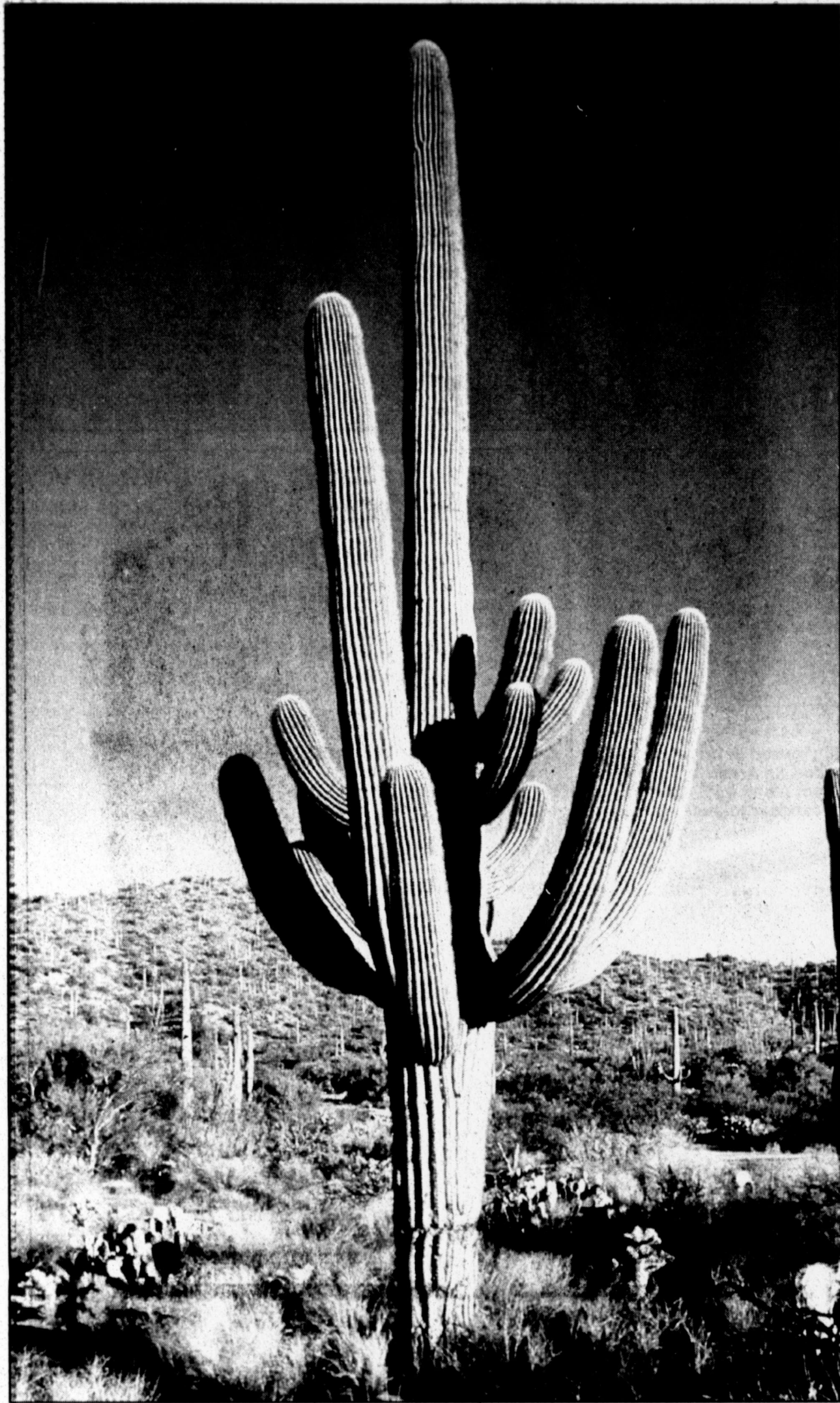
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Museum casts hospitable light on Sonora Desert



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The saguaro cactus, which grows in the deserts of Arizona and New Mexico, soars up to 50 feet and can live to 150 years. The Saguaro National Monument, a protected desert preserve of more than 83,000 acres located west of Tucson, Ariz., is home to the largest concentration of the giant cacti.

By Jennifer Merin
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Saguaro cacti can soar 50 feet and live up to 150 years in the Sonoran Desert, silent sentinels in the golden sands among copper-color rock formations.

With barrel-shaped bodies and thorny arms reaching skyward, they take on human characteristics: an old man with tilted head, a young warrior reaching for a tomahawk, a woman and child in prayer.

Each year, thousands of tourists travel to see the saguaro, most famous of the natural treasures in Southeast Arizona's Sonoran Desert, an expanse half the size of Texas.

The largest number of cacti are in Saguaro National Monument, a protected desert preserve of more than 83,000 acres west of Tucson. But a better place for an introduction is the nearby Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, 12 acres in the heart of Tucson Mountain Park.

Part zoo and part botanical gardens, the museum's indoor and outdoor exhibits of living fauna and flora offer a glimpse of the desert's untamed beauty and unravel many of its mysteries.

At the museum, you can experience the desert as if in the wild, walking along dirt trails among saguaro, other species of cacti and scrub brush; climbing over rock formations; entering caves and viewing wildlife up close — but behind protective barriers.

Indoors, a living exhibit of invertebrates and reptiles is behind thick glass. There are centipedes, scorpions and tarantulas; pink and black Gila monsters; and mottled San Esteban Island chuckwallas, an endangered lizard that, when in peril, crawls into a

rock crevice and inflates so predators can't dislodge it.

Even if you have an aversion to creepy-crawlies, wander through the exhibit and learn how nature allows creatures to survive the desert's harsh environment.

In a limestone cave, explore the desert's geological evolution through 4.6 million years of Earth's history and see Sonoran mineral deposits in their (almost) natural environment.

A series of outdoor habitats features black bears, mountain lions, Mexican wolves, white-tail deer, prairie dogs, foxes, coyotes, ocelots, bobcats, bighorn sheep, beavers, river otters, desert tortoises and other species indigenous to the Sonoran Desert.

Enter another cave and see how and where the desert's night-active dwellers sleep during the day.

A walk-through aviary allows close encounters with some 300 species of birds living in the Sonoran Desert. A dozen species of hummingbirds, more than anywhere else in the United States, flit around another walk-through aviary.

Along the path between wildlife habitats, exhibits of saguaro cacti and Joshua trees explain how the plants grow and store water.

In the Cactus Garden are cholla, prickly pear and more than 140 other species of cacti and Sonoran Desert plants.

The Desert Garden offers advice on creating desert landscapes with sensible water use.

The museum schedules free daily special events and themed tours, including staff lectures at animal feeding times and docent discussions on wildlife, plants, history and lore of the desert.

IF YOU GO:

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is 14 miles west of Tucson. It is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$8.95 adult; \$1.75 children 6-12, children under 6 are free.

Admission includes an illustrated map, with a suggested self-guided tour.

Schedule at least two hours to tour the museum, reserving time for frequent rest stops in shady places. Wear a broad-brimmed hat and sun screen, and drink lots of water.

To get to the museum from downtown Tucson, drive along Speedway Boulevard past Camino del Oeste and through scenic Gates Pass. The route is easy to follow, with signs to guide you.

You need a car to get to the museum and around Tucson. At present, Dollar Rent A Car, (800) 800-4000, offers best weekly rates: \$125.95 with unlimited mileage, use of major credit card and all drivers over 25 years.

For information on travel, accommodations and other attractions in Tucson, contact the Tucson Convention & Visitor Bureau, 130 S. Scott Ave., Tucson, Ariz. 85701. Telephone (602) 624-1817 or (800) 638-8350.

Business travel more costly in Texas' 'Alamo City'

N.Y. Times News Service

SAN ANTONIO — Business traveler tabs in San Antonio are up, but they're still higher in the Big Apple. Suit-clad travelers this year will spend an average of \$186.79 a day in San Antonio, according to a recent study from Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. That kind of money covers a day's lodging, meals and medium-sized rental car.

Although that is 12.9 percent more than last year and means some business travelers must

pinch more pennies, it actually amounts to a good-bad news scenario. "Car rentals and hotel rates, which are up and will remain held higher, indicate the economy is moving and business travel is strong," said Richard Marecki, professor and chairman of the institute graduate program.

In its 11th such report, the institute ranked New York as the most expensive city at a per-day rate of \$357.72, up 3.9 percent from 1995. The least expensive city was Biloxi, Miss., at \$144.21 a day.

San Antonio's business-traveler

tab sums up like this:

■ \$94.50 for a hotel room, up from 1995's \$83.43;

■ \$56.07 for three meals, up from last year's \$46.26;

■ \$36.22 for a rental car, up from last year's \$35.72;

"From my standpoint, the costs have somewhat risen, (but) I think with what we have to offer, people tend to overlook that and look at San Antonio as a whole," said Nancy Battram, general manager of Circa Texas Inc., a full-service destination management company, which helps visiting groups.

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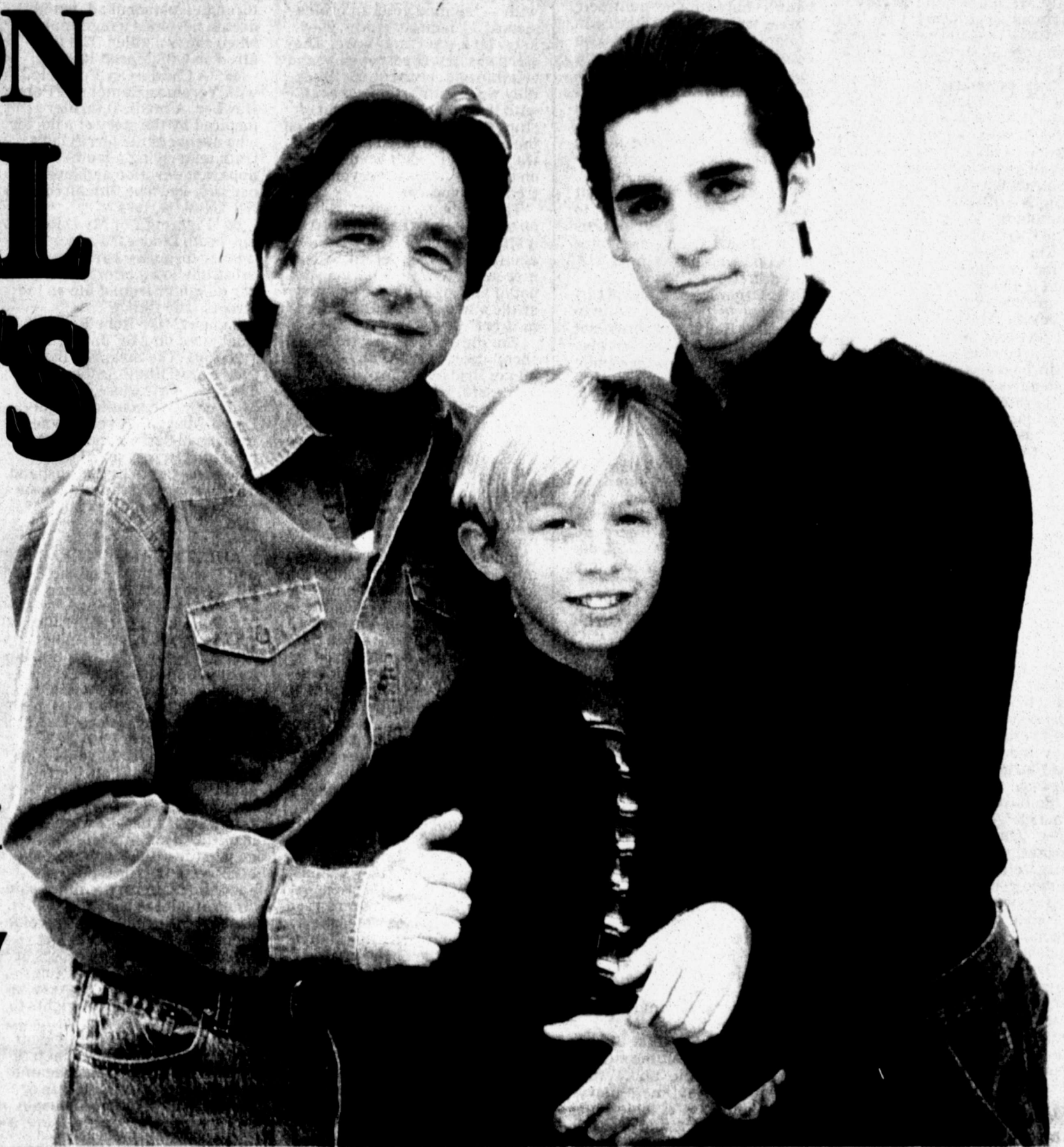
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'A Stranger to Love'



At top, Beau Bridges stars as a good family man who must choose between the woman he loves and the family he cannot remember in "A Stranger to Love," a CBS Sunday Movie today at 8 p.m. Bridges sons, Jordan Bridges and Dylan Bridges also star, working with their father for the first time. Above, Tess Harper plays Bridges wife in the CBS movie, produced in part by former Midlander Ronnie D. Clemmer, a managing partner along with Bill Pace of Longbow Productions. At right, Pam Dawber stars as Bridges other love.

Story by Georgia Temple
Design by Missy Hellmuth

When CBS airs "A Stranger to Love" at 8 p.m. today, not all those captured on film are actors playing a role. Some are homeless Americans playing themselves.

"In one of the scenes, Beau Bridges wanders into a homeless shelter to get a meal," said former Midlander Ronnie D. Clemmer, a managing partner along with Bill Pace of Longbow Productions, a well-established producer of network television, cable and feature films.

"Naturally, we had to employ about 50 or 60 extras to dress like and pretend to be homeless people. By the time the day was over, in that

scene, we had probably 80 or 85 extras, only about 60 of whom we had hired.

"They came in and joined the meal and went to the scene. We knew we had real homeless people, so we went ahead and shot them and fed them and made it a day for them. But it made it much more poignant both for the actors and the crew to see these real people as part of the scene and to understand their plight a little better."

People seeing the movie this evening, Clemmer said, "will be hard-pressed, considering how good our actors were and how good our costumes were, to figure out which

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Racism in Hollywood: Oscars caught in angry controversy

By John Horn
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Academy Award debates usually are limited to the trivial: Armani or Karan? Did Jack Palance read the wrong name? Was Letterman funny or a disaster?

The mounting controversy swirling around this year's awards show is far more serious and divisive. On the eve of Hollywood's biggest night, several filmmakers and politicians say the Academy and its membership is a lily-white club whose members shun the works of black artists.

The critics point to the 166 Oscar nominees, of whom just one is black: live-action short film writer-director Dianne Houston. The nominations, the critics say, prove that blacks are second-tier citizens in the film business, that Hollywood executive offices are no more integrated than a 1950s Alabama lunch counter.

"There's a white elite running this town," says Tim Reid, the black writer-director of the critically acclaimed new film "Once Upon a Time...When We Were Colored" (eligible for next year's Oscars). "They think if they've got their tickets for the Lakers game they've done their part for race relations."

There's no question the Academy's demographics (reportedly less than 4 percent black membership) do not reflect the nation's, which is about 12 percent black. One Academy member says, "It's like Ivory soap — 99.4 percent pure white." Others say the Academy's members are largely older and heavily Jewish.

Some of the Academy's faultfinders — now including the Rev. Jesse Jackson — plan to protest Monday's internationally televised awards show, although it is unclear what form the protest might take. "Nobody can deny there is racial exclusion in the movie industry," Jackson says.

The critics say several prominent performances by black actors should have earned nominations this year, including Angela Bassett from "Waiting to Exhale," Laurence Fishbourne from "Othello," Morgan Freeman in "Seven" and Denzel Washington and Don Cheadle from "Devil in a Blue Dress."

"Devil" director Carl Franklin and Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds' score from "Exhale" also have been mentioned as should-have-been nominees.

In the last three years, there have been just four blacks nominated in the leading and supporting acting and directing categories. Recent nominees who have lost include Samuel L. Jackson ("Pulp Fiction") and Bassett ("What's Love Got to Do With It").

Academy officials say criticism of the nominations themselves is groundless for several reasons. For one thing, the Academy only reflects the makeup of Hollywood — it's not doing any of the town's hiring and firing.

For another, Whoopi Goldberg and Quincy Jones — who both are black — are the host and producer respectively of the 1996 ceremony. Finally, some of the year's most acclaimed

white performers, from Nicole Kidman ("To Die For") to John Travolta ("Get Shorty"), also failed to be nominated.

Filmmaker Houston, the year's only black nominee, agrees with Davis that the complaints are misguided. "You cannot single out this year as a banner year for racism. It's not," says Houston, nominated for making the short film "Tuesday Morning Ride."

"I disagree with the notion that progress isn't being made — that's not true," she said.

"There is an issue about minorities getting a chance to work in the industry," Davis says. "But we can't recognize someone who hasn't been elevated first."

The Oscars are a natural target because they have come to represent Hollywood across not only the United States but also the world. They are the public face on what is largely a very private business. Furthermore, an Oscar protest or boycott is bound to attract global media attention.

The Academy is largely white because Hollywood itself is. Gays are far more recognizable — and powerful — in the movie business than blacks. There are few prominent black executives, and none in leadership positions.

Since executives tend to make movies they understand, a narrow spectrum in the corporate office yields a narrow spectrum of movies — and employment opportunities.

"Are there a great number of people in the decision-making process who are black? No, there are not," says Houston. "But the situation is constantly changing. I don't think Hollywood has its head in the sand."

Reid thinks it does. The former star of "WKRP in Cincinnati" and "Frank's Place" said he took his film "Once Upon a Time" to every major studio and independent company and failed to click with any buyer.

"There is no knowledge of, or respect for, the black audience," Reid says. "Surveys show one out of four movie ticket buyers is a person of color — they spent \$1.5 billion at theaters last year. But the studios are very myopic about that audience. Anytime a movie like 'Waiting to Exhale' surprises people, it should prove to you that the audience is out there."

Most movies "aimed" at black audiences are action films, Reid says. When he tried to sell "Once Upon a Time," based on the book by Clifton Taulbert about growing up in the Deep South after World War II, Reid was told it was "too soft." A handful of prominent black directors (from Spike Lee to John Singleton) work frequently behind the camera, but they are not usually given huge amounts of money to make their movies. In the same spirit, black actors are often relegated to secondary roles.

The Academy's Davis, who has pushed to bring more young executives and filmmakers into the organization's ranks, says he is eager to broaden the Academy's membership and honor the work of blacks.

"As minorities get more chances," he says, "we'll be waiting."

MOVIE: Former Midlanders works with real life

(From 1G)

was which."

Filmed in Tucson, Ariz., this past Christmas, "A Stranger to Love" stars Beau Bridges, Pam Dawber and Tess Harper.

"We had three pros to work with — talented veteran professionals," Clemmer said. "They knew how to do their work. They were absolutely responsible and reliable and, at the same time, they were comfortable enough with their place in the world of stars that they could have fun on the set. They treated people well, which is what we demand on our sets — that everyone treat everyone well."

The fictionalized story is based on actual events experienced by a Midwesterner in the 1970s. "We updated it to the present," Clemmer said. "The time period was not of any significance one way or the other. The setting didn't matter."

The film, which took 18 days to shoot, opens with Allan Grant (Beau Bridges), the owner of a successful Kansas City restaurant, mired in a mid-life crisis.

HE HAS a loving wife and two well-adjusted children, one of whom is grown. Something's missing in his life, he confides to his wife.

A routine trip to the store turns violent when Grant is clubbed by two carjacksers. The attack leaves him suffering from amnesia. He wanders homeless across the Midwest. When he meets Andi Stanton, the widowed owner of The Stanton Inn, his life changes again. Grant becomes a man with two loves and two lives. A choice lies in his future. What will it be?

"It (the film) has a lot of emotional impact because we know that it's based on real people's lives," Clemmer said.

Since its inception in 1988, Longbow Productions has produced a number of films based on true stories, including:

■ "A Private Matter," with Sissy Spacek and Aidan Quinn. The story of Sherri Chesson Finkbine, who made international headlines in 1962 when she sought an abortion after inadvertently using the birth-defect-causing drug Thalidomide. Co-produced with Sydney Pollack and Lindsay Doran for HBO Pictures, the film premiered June 20, 1992.

■ "A MOTHER'S Justice," with Meredith Baxter. The story

of a mother who sought justice for the rape of her daughter by becoming a decoy in a dangerous stakeout that captured the rapist. The film aired on NBC Nov. 25, 1991.

■ "Dying to Love You," with Tim Matheson and Tracy Pollan. A lonely man meets a woman through a personal ad, but his dream becomes a nightmare when she is a killer. The film aired on CBS March 16, 1993.

■ "A Child's Cry For Help," with Veronica Hamel and Pam Dawber. A medical thriller inspired by the story of a doctor who uncovers the terrifying truth underlying a mother's apparent devotion and love for her sick son. The film aired on NBC Nov. 14, 1994.

■ "Fighting For My Daughter," with Lindsey Wagner. A mother disguises herself as a prostitute in an effort to rescue her daughter from a life on the streets. The film, a Longbow/Mike Robe Production, aired on ABC Jan. 9, 1995.

■ And "The Stranger Beside Me," with Tiffani-Amber Thiessen, Eric Close, Gerald McRaney and country singer Lorrie Morgan. A young wife must save herself and her daughter from a serial rapist who turns out to be her husband. The film opened the fall season for ABC when it aired Sept. 17, 1995.

ADDITIONALLY, CLEMMER and Pace, co-produced the Penny Marshall 1992 box office hit "A League of Their Own," with Ms. Marshall's partner Elliot Abbott and Robert Greenhut. Starring Geena Davis, Tom Hanks and Madonna, the Columbia Pictures release is about the exploits of two sisters who join an all-girls professional baseball team in the early 1940s.

"It's exciting to have worked on 'A League of Their Own,'" said Clemmer. "We still get cards and letters from elementary school kids who were inspired to get into athletics or do whatever they wanted to do because of the film." Those cards and letters, Clemmer said, "matter a lot to us."

Longbow Productions' involvement with the project began when they met the members of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League Association and purchased the rights to their story.

"The people were really dear to us," Clemmer said. "They're in their 60s and 70s and became close friends of ours. It was a movie about these good people."

And it also seemed to touch the hearts and lives of so many people in the country when they watched it."

LONGBOW PRODUCTIONS whose chairman is Detroit businessman Richard P. Kughn, currently has four feature films and around 20 television projects in development as well as three dozen or more waiting in the background. "You've got to keep a lot of balls in the air to get them made," Clemmer said.

The former Midlander still has ties to the Permian Basin. He is the son of Midlanders Dale and Helen Clemmer and the brother of Terry L. Clemmer who teaches at Midland College.

On a recent visit, he spoke to MC students about his career as a movie producer. A former English teacher and host of the nationally syndicated "P.M. Magazine" at WJBK-TV, Detroit's CBS affiliate, from 1979-82, Clemmer regularly examines his career choice.

"WE'VE BEEN out here eight years, and the questions I ask myself periodically are: 'Is this what you still want to be doing with your life? Have you lost your values? Is this still something you can do and feel good about your life?' And the answer for me is a qualified 'yes'."

"All of us, in our lives, see the things we can do even better, so I'm never quite satisfied. But I really love this struggle out here, and I really am proud of the movies we're making."

If someone asked his advice about becoming a movie producer, Clemmer would say, "Turn back." After he'd told the person all the "difficult and painful and frustrating and financially unpredictable" aspects of the work, and the person still felt drawn to the business, Clemmer would say, "You might have a chance."

"The main thing you'd better like if you're going to be in the business is the process of putting a story together from beginning to end. That process can last from one year to four years. That's about 90 percent of what you do. Only about 10 percent of

what you do is actually making the movies."

MUCH OF a producer's time is spent, Clemmer said, "Finding stories, working with writers, rewriting scripts, convincing the networks or studios to make the film and finally, if you're lucky, you get to make it."

Along with the go-ahead usually goes a completion date.

Clemmer recalled the answer James Dickey, "a wonderful, gentle Southern poet," whose novel "Deliverance" was made into a movie, gave when asked how he knew a poem was finished. Dickey said, "I never finish a poem. I just abandon it."

"That's what we do with all creative projects," Clemmer said. "We rework it and rework it and rework it: Let me make it better. Give me one more week." Finally, with the help of completion dates and deadlines, Clemmer said, "We just abandon it and go on."

Enthusiasm is vital to each project.

"Being able to re-create that excitement and put that kind of passion into each movie is really important if you want each movie to have its own flavor and reach its highest potential."

THE BUSINESS of making movies, like any other, also has its downside. For Clemmer, the most frustrating aspect "is knowing that it's not always about the quality of the material that determines whether or not it gets made."

"So learning how to trip the other triggers that need to be tripped in order to get it made — even though that's not what gets you excited about the project — is the hard lesson in Hollywood and the frustrating part. You can spend a lot of time on those parts that are not about the joy of seeing a great story come to life."

Each successfully completed project holds its own reward.

"They're like your children," Clemmer said. "One might be a little more exciting run for you, but you get excited about every movie you make. You love them all."

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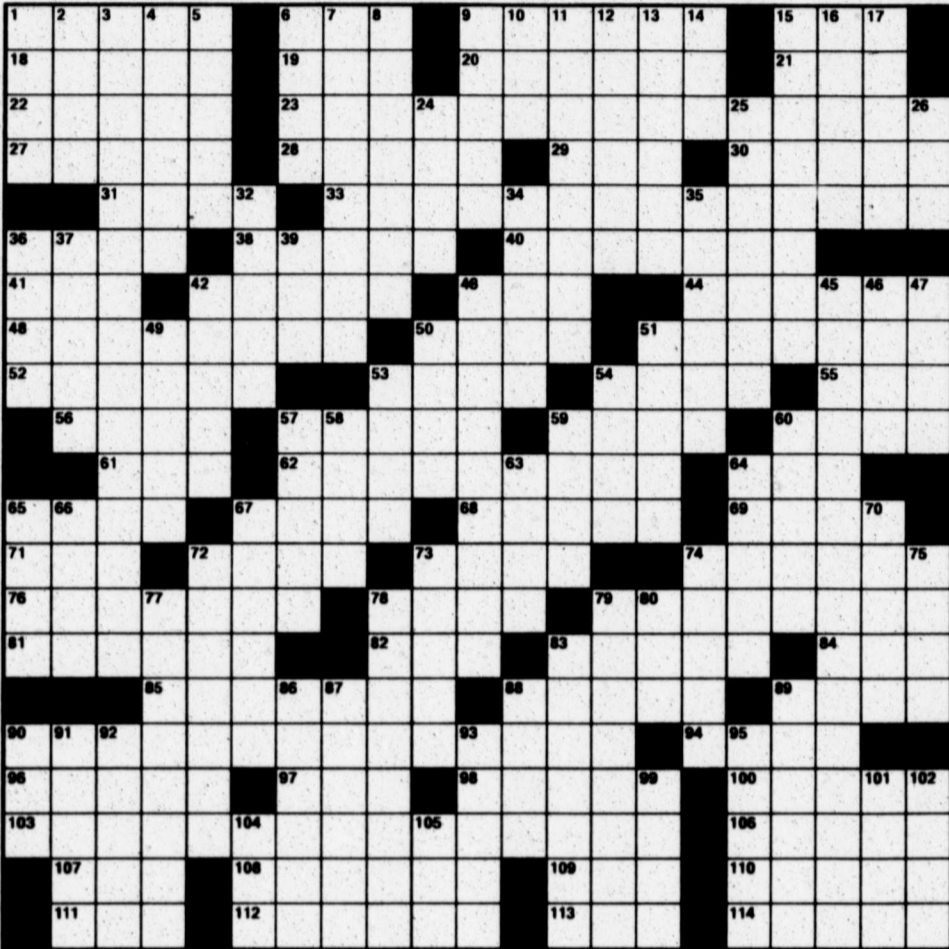
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- 14 Water. Fr.
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- 32 Memorable port
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- 35 Pill type
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- 42 Swindle
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- 45 How the wicked queen learned Snow White was the fairest?
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- 59 Puts on
- 60 Singer Lopez
- 63 Cards
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- 74 "Waiting for —"
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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger as well as many traveling exhibits on display. Those enjoying an adventure may take a ride in the SIMULATOR: "The Cyclone", a simulated ride in a roller-coaster, ongoing, located in museum gift shop; 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000, Admission charged.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: "Tenth Annual Open Show", March 30 through April 21, OPENING RECEPTION: March 30, 7pm, Free, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 685-9944, Free.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: 3600 N. Garfield, LRC Room 228, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4556, Free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: "Under Starry Skies," permanent collection; EXHIBITION: "The Search or Ancient Plainsmen", the Tarry Collection of Casas Grandes Vessels, ongoing; EXHIBITION: Student Art Festival, through April 21, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat. & Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: Tom Lovell Working Drawings, West Wing, through April 30; LECTURE: A Spacecraft Tour of the Solar System, Sunday, March 24, 2pm, Smithsonian Event, Admission charged; LECTURE: Rivers of Sand, Sunday, March 24, 4:30pm, Smithsonian Event, Admission charged; 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: "Print Types", through March 31, prints by contemporary American artists, EXHIBITION: "The Humbler Walks of Painting": Landscape, Still Life, and Animal Foundation, through May 4, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues.-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 550-3811, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E. Murphy St., Tues. 12pm-3pm, Wed.-Fri. 10am-3pm, Sun. 2pm-5pm, call 1-333-4072, Free.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: Annual Spring Art Show and Sale, through March 29; Mon.-Fri., 9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Presidential Museum: EXHIBITION: Black Soldiers in the 19th century army, through May 25; EXHIBITION: Primary Candidates '96; EXHIBITION: US-Russian Relations: Taft through Clinton (Phase II), through July 6; EXHIBITION: Seven Presidents: The Art of Oliphant, through April 27, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

First Presbyterian Church: LUNCH HOUR MUSIC FOR LENT: The Chap Singers, noon, 800 W. Texas, call 684-7821, Free.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

First Baptist Church: COMMUNITY EASTER CELEBRATION: "At the Name of Jesus", presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, and Drama Cast, 7:30pm, 2104 W. Louisiana, call 683-0600, Free.

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Midland Community Theatre: PICKWICK PLAYERS: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", 2000 W. Wadley, 2:30pm, call 682-4111, Admission Charged.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149.

HOROSCOPE

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1996

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Distant places and unusual adventures beckon. Visit faraway friends and relatives this summer. A raise or promotion rewards your superior performance on the job. Continue to stick to a budget. Sensible business arrangements prove highly profitable. A windfall early in 1997 will help with household and college expenses. Teamwork is the key to greater professional progress. Avoid undermining your allies.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: comedy legend Norman Fell, costume designer Bob Mackie, famed escape artist Harry Houdini, legendary actor Steve McQueen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A change of scene promotes relaxation today. Choose a place that will appeal to the entire family. Showering loved ones with affection leads to new understanding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A happy day lies ahead. Postpone conducting business in order to concentrate on your family and friends. Avoid overindulgence at the dinner table.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do not let past events color your feelings toward a loved one's announcement.

A lifestyle change is for the better. It is possible to entertain attractively without going into debt.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone may be trying to deceive you. Avoid spending more money than you can afford. A good book proves much more entertaining than a mediocre TV show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Friends offer well-intentioned financial advice. Tell them diplomatically that you will make your own decisions. A visit from you would do a nursing home resident or hospital patient a world of good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not a good day to contact influential business associates. Discuss any problems during regular office hours. Shopping at the mall could lead to an intriguing encounter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Leave nothing to chance in romance. When discussing your hopes for the future, speak from the heart. Tact and tenderness can accomplish wonders. Be yourself when meeting romantic partner's family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An occasional weekend mini-vacation will help put the romance back in a longtime marriage. Communication

is the key to renewed rapport. Loved ones will ask probing questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Long journeys are best postponed. Stick to familiar territory. A budget needs overhauling. Keep your emotions in check when discussing financial matters. Seek your loved one's cooperation in curbing spending. Secondhand stores are worth another look.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be prepared to deal with the fallout from yesterday's events. Do not risk your future by adopting a take-it-or-leave-it attitude. A conciliatory approach is much more endearing. Attend a group gathering.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A child could overreact to a disappointment. Observe carefully to find out the cause. Loved one may feel under the weather. Serve a light dinner tonight; everyone will feel much better. Keep in touch with grandparents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to despair if you feel unappreciated by family or friends. Do something special to have fun! See a new movie or pursue a favorite hobby. A late-night phone call boosts your ego.

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

STAY AWAY FROM DANGER

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♠ 6
♥ K Q 6 2
♦ K 8 4 3
♣ K J 9 6

WEST
♠ Q J 9 8 5
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 7
♣ 7 5 3 2

EAST
♠ 7 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 8
♦ A J 10 6
♣ 8

SOUTH
♠ A K 10
♥ J 4
♦ Q 9 5 2
♣ A Q 10 4

The auction was textbook. After South's one-no-trump opening, North used the Stayman Convention to check for a possible 4-4 heart fit. When South denied a major, North leaped to the no-trump game. West led the queen of spades, taken by declarer. South could count six fast tricks in the black suits, so the problem was to score three tricks in the red suits before East could gain the lead, thereby preventing that defender from making a fatal return through declarer's spade tenace.

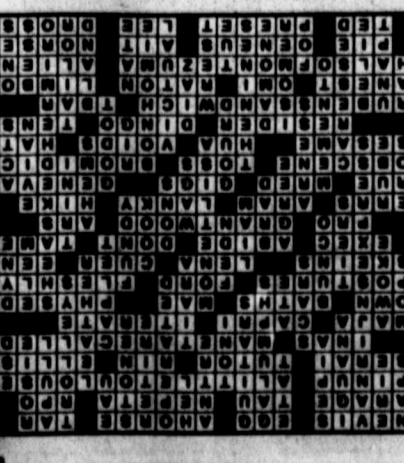
The solution is quite simple. The red suits had to be led from dummy to stop East from capturing an honor and shifting to a spade. Declarer crossed to the table with a low club to the nine at trick two. Does it make any difference which red suit South tackles first?

You betcha! A diamond would be a subtle error. East can rise with the ace and return a spade, and because of the 4-1 break declarer can score only two tricks in the suit for a total of eight — two spade tricks, two diamonds and four clubs.

When declarer elected to lead a low heart, East could not rise with the ace — that would present declarer with three tricks in the

suit. After the jack won, declarer returned to dummy with a club to lead a diamond. Again East could not afford to take the ace, so South's queen became the second red-suit trick. Declarer now reverted to hearts to secure nine tricks before the defense can collect five.

PUZZLE ANSWER



ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 3G)

Texas Non-Profit Theatre Conference in Corpus Christi in April. Movies raised at the The Midland fund raiser will go toward the cost of the trip.

Abuelo's Restaurant is providing a mariachi band that will perform from 7 to 8 p.m. The food, in part, will be provided by Gili's Mexican Restaurant.

The play begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for dinner and the play. For more information or to make reservations call 682-4111.

Comedy to open

ODESSA — Center Stage Theatre opens the comedy "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" April 12.

During an ostentatious wedding reception at a Knoxville, Tenn., estate, five reluctant, identically clad bridesmaids hide out in an upstairs bedroom, each with her own reason to avoid the proceedings below.

Tickets are \$8. Show dates are April 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. For reservations call 1-915-335-8881.

Fund-raiser set

ODESSA — The Permian Playhouse of Odessa will present its 1996 fund-raiser, "A Toast of Broadway," at 8 p.m. March 29 and 30.

The event will include some of the best songs from Broadway's greatest musicals performed by local talent.

A catered reception by the Odessa College Culinary Arts Department will precede the show nightly. The reception is free to ticket holders and will begin at 7 p.m.

A highlight of the evening will be the performance of "Conversation Piece" from the musical "Side by Side" by Sondheim with Dana Ritter, Patsy Allen and Dale Jenkins. Playhouse audiences will remember that this production was entered in the American Association of Community Theatres annual festival in 1991. The production advanced to the national level.

General admission tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Special reserved VIP seats are available and will include a listing in the program and a reception following the production Saturday evening. These tickets are \$25 and \$50 each and need to be reserved by March 27.

For more information or reservations call the Playhouse, 1-915-362-2329, Monday through Friday between noon and 6 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Playhouse, a non-profit cultural arts organization.

Open show set

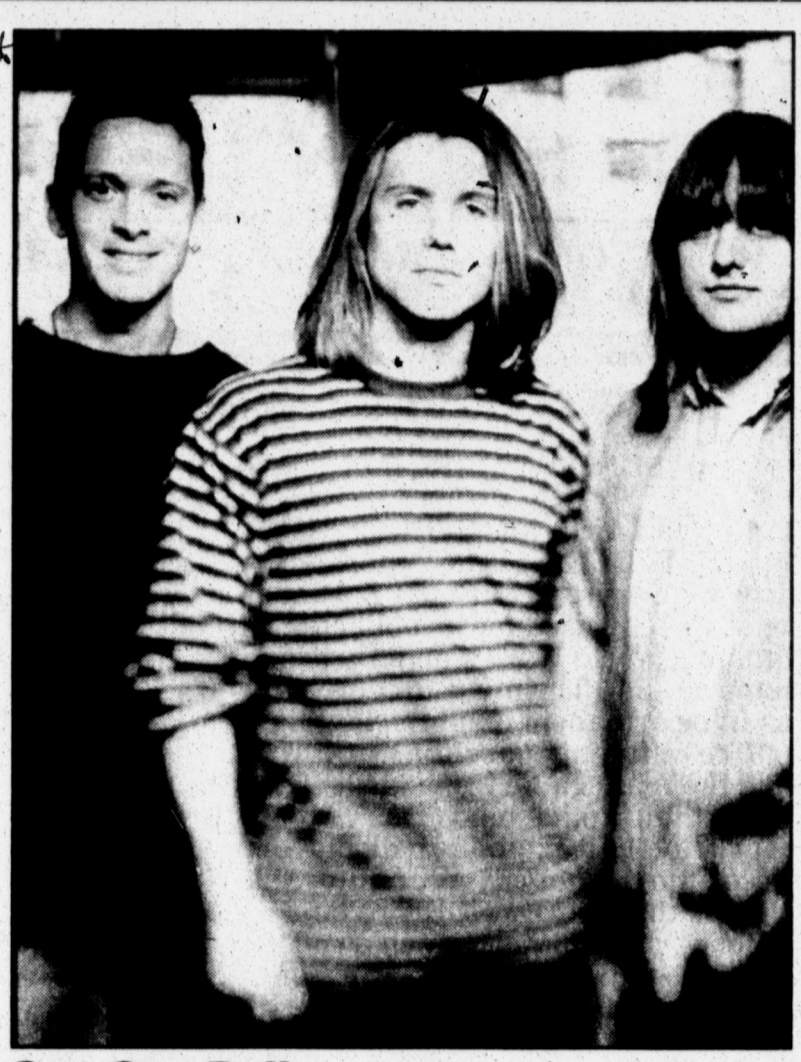
Gallery 1114 is hosting its 10th annual Open Show March 30 through April 21.

Deadline for entries is today between 1 and 5 p.m.

The show is open to everyone in the West Texas area and all entries done with sincere expression and pride will be exhibited. Each year the show draws an eclectic range of entries from hand-crafted technology to poetry, with of course, the expected drawings, paintings and photography. The idea of the show is to have fun and demonstrate that creativity is a part of everyone's life.

Work to be included in the exhibit must be brought to Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St. There is a \$5 fee per entry. A Best of Show prize of \$49.95 and honorable mentions will be awarded at the opening.

All wall art must have finished edges and be wired for hanging.



Goo Goo Dolls

Bush and special guests Goo Goo Dolls play Odessa's Ector County Coliseum Tuesday, March 26. Beaver Productions brings both acts to Lubbock's Fair Park Coliseum today. For ticket information or to order by phone call 1-800-462-7979.

For more information call 685-9944.

Regular gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Gallery 1114 is a cooperative for modern and contemporary art.

Talent search set

The Arts Assembly of Midland is conducting a talent search for the 13th annual Celebration of the Arts May 18-19.

Musicians, singers, dancers, specialty acts and other entertainers will perform continually on four stages during the two-day festival in downtown Midland.

COA is a regional festival that spotlights all the arts in the Permian Basin. Soloists as well as representatives of choirs, bands, dance schools and other groups are invited to apply.

Special entertainers during the festival will be Jerry Jeff Walker, classical guitarist Susan Grisanti and "Friends in High Places," a nine-foot tall couple from New York who dance on stilts. More than 70 visual artists from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Oklahoma and Indiana have been chosen to display, sell and give demonstrations of their techniques. The children's activity tent has arts, crafts and games. A wide variety of food booths benefit local non-profit organizations.

Performers from all over the Southwest are invited to be a part

of COA. For information call Patty Loftis, 699-1343, before April 15, or contact the Arts Assembly, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, 79701, or call 687-1149.

Annual event set

ODESSA — The 47th annual Desert Squadron Fly-In Breakfast and Afternoon Event is set for Saturday, March 30, at Schlemeyer Field at CAP-CAF Hanger.

No admission will be charged. The event includes World War II aircraft, military vehicles and other World War II artifacts.

Sponsored by the Desert Squadron West Texas Wing, Confederate Air Force.

Jackson performs

ODESSA — Country music star and Arista recording artist Alan Jackson will bring his show to Ector County Coliseum April 12. Show time is 7 p.m.

Also performing will be Wade Hayes and Emilio. Jackson's latest record success, "Alan Jackson's Greatest Hits Collection," debuted in the No. 1 position on Billboard's Top Country Album chart and sustained that position for four consecutive weeks. Within two months of the album's release date the disc was certified platinum (over 1 million sales).

Most recently, the Georgia

native kicked off another tour with eight consecutive sold-out performances. According to Performance Magazine, Jackson sold the most country concert tickets in 1995.

As long as they last, tickets, priced at \$21.50 plus service charge, may be purchased in Odessa at Endless Horizons and Comm West; in Midland at Midland Sound; in Big Spring at Sound Decision; and in Pecos at Dan's Music and Video. Tickets went on sale Saturday, March 16.

Miss Cayce's open

Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, Fairmont Park, Midland Drive at Wadley Avenue, is open for the first time in its 11 year history for a nine day "Spring Fling," which ends March 30.

The event includes a series of classes and workshops open to the public and free of charge, but available only by pre-registration. Interested parties need to call Miss Cayce's, 689-7192, to sign up.

Demonstrations are being conducted by design experts, Dept. 56 Village classes on how best to display Village collections, a workshop on how to create a "mountain" for a Dept. 56 Village display and how to decorate bookcases and shelves with florals and greenery.

Miss Cayce's will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday through March 30. After the 30th, Miss Cayce's will be open by appointment.

opened the MAA Art Gallery, located in the Executone Building, 112 S. Loraine St., across from the Hilton.

Local artists will exhibit and sell various art mediums from oils and watercolors to sculpture and ceramics. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call the business office, 685-5050, for more information.

The arts organization has existed since December 1963 when it held its first meeting with 31 charter members. The organization now has more than 200 members living in the Permian Basin.

Art displayed

Midland Arts Association and Midland American Bank are exhibiting Mary Tucci's oils and watercolors this month.

Mrs. Tucci has participated in classes and workshops taught by Kathy Martin, Judy Morrison Griffith, Betty Lynch, Fae Sitton, Cristina Robbins, Peggy Catlett, Bill Hagerman and Warren Taylor.

In addition to her membership in the MAA, she is a member of the Palette Club.

West Texas has been her home since 1957, but she grew up in Oklahoma and Arizona. She and her husband, Jack, have two sons and six grandchildren.

Gallery opens

Midland Arts Association has

Exhibition set

ODESSA — The Presidential

Museum, 622 N. Lee St., brings to West Texas an exhibition called "Seven Presidents: The Art of Elephant" through April 27.

The exhibition is locally supported by a grant from the Odessa American.

Currently on display through May 25 at The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee, is the exhibition, "Black Soldiers of the 19th Century Army."

Spanning seven administrations — from Lyndon Johnson to Bill Clinton — "Seven Presidents" surveys the course of three eventful decades in the history of this country.

No admission is charged. Donations are appreciated. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 1-915-332-7123.

Concert planned

ODESSA — Juan Gabriel presents his 25th Anniversary Concert at 8 p.m. March 29 at Ector County Coliseum.

Tickets, priced at \$20, \$30 and \$40, may be purchased in Odessa, Lechuga Video, Endless Horizons and Comm West; in Midland, Midland Sound; in Pecos, Dan's Music & Video; and in Big Spring, Sound Decision. They may be charged by credit card by calling 1-800-462-7979.

In 1971, Gabriel recorded his first hit "No Tengo Dinero," and 25 years later he comes here with his 25th Anniversary Performance, in which he will be accompanied by his popular mariachi band and 14 piece orchestra and chorus.

The Odessa show is produced by Resendez & Associates.

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Drilling retreats

Drilling activity retreated during the week ended March 15, according to Baker Hughes Inc.

The Permian Basin rig count slipped five rigs to 93 for the week, below last year's count of 112.

The U.S. rig count dropped 26 rigs to 693 but remains above year-ago levels. A year ago the count was 667.

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Mobil Pipeline

FAIRFAX, Va. — Mobil Pipe Line Co., a subsidiary of Mobil Oil Corp., is negotiating exclusively to finalize an agreement with Texaco Pipeline Inc. to connect Mobil's crude oil pipeline system to the Cushing, Oklahoma, distribution and trading hub.

Under the agreement, a new segment of Mobil pipeline, with a capacity of more than 100,000 barrels per day, will be built to extend Mobil's system from Ringgold, Texas, to Texaco's Basin Pipeline facilities at Wichita Falls, Texas, to provide direct access to Cushing through Mobil-leased capacity on Basin Pipeline.

Mobil will also lease capacity from Texaco on Basin Pipeline from Midland, Texas, to Cushing so shippers may move domestic crude directly from Mobil's Midland hub facility to Cushing.

As part of this arrangement, Texaco Pipeline would obtain Mobil Pipe Line Company's crude pipeline from Midland to Corsicana, Texas, for potential use in products service.



A horsehead from the Petroleum Museum's pumpjack collection.

Prices wild ride

Oil futures rode a roller coaster this past week, climbing to \$26.34, a level not seen since November 1991, on reports that the nations' oil stocks were at 18-year lows and indicating that the Iraq-United Nations dispute would not quickly be resolved.

By Tuesday, the April contract had risen 30 percent over seven trading days on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Prices then began to retreat, erasing some of the gains by Friday, when the contract closed at \$24.88.

PERMIAN BASIN OIL & GAS RECOVERY CONFERENCE

Recovery conference will take business approach

■ 'Business' is key theme of upcoming conference, expected to draw record crowds.

By Ellen Hopkins

The 1996 Permian Basin Oil and Gas Recovery Conference is expected to attract record crowds this year due to its timely theme "A Business Approach to Exploiting Permian Basin Potential." The biennial conference is scheduled for March 27 to 29 at the Midland Center.

"We are extremely pleased with the response from general attendees, exhibitors and technical session authors," said Pamela Boring, Recovery Conference General Chairman. "Key to our theme is the word 'business'."

"For the first time the conference is offering a session on 'Production Cost Management' topics and a three-hour panel discussion to kick-off the conference will highlight 'Permian Basin Investment Competitiveness' in a global environment."

Boring said the conference has evolved over the years to be more in tune with the needs of the industry.

"There have always been two factors in the survival equation for oil and gas projects: opera-

tional cost and production enhancement," she said. "The production component has received more attention in the past, but shrinking supplies and prices have forced us to look at this with a different perspective in the 90s."

"Economic pressures have forced all of us in the industry — including engineers, field personnel and managers alike — to become businessmen rather than the pure technicians and scientists we once were."

Conference topics will include drilling, nonconventional hydrocarbon recovery, reservoir management, production operations, stimulation and completions, environmental and safety issues, computers and field automation, formation evaluation, and reservoir characterization and simulation.

This year's event, co-sponsored by the Permian Basin (Midland) and Trans-Pecos (Odessa) sections of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, will include a distinguished group of speakers and panelists, along with over 100 technical paper presentations. Among the keynote speakers are James Henry, CEO of Henry Petroleum, Raymond Plank, CEO of Apache Corporation, and SPE President Peter Gaffney of Gaffney, Cline & Associates.

Key executives, assembled in a panel format,

will provide their insight into several oil and gas business areas. Speaking on "Permian Basin Investment Competitiveness Requirements" will be Hugh Ebutt, manager Upstream Business for A.S. Little, Inc. Gene Davis, Santa Fe Energy's exploration manager, will discuss "The Permian Basin Exploration Business," and Steve Marino, manager New Business Opportunities for Mobil, will present "The Permian Basin CO2 EOR Business."

Other speakers will discuss related industry business topics, including Mark Papa, president of Enron NA, who will talk about "The Gas Business and its Future."

"It is now more critical than ever before to have a forum to discuss with professionals past and current experiences about new methods, along with what has or has not worked in the past," Boring said. "We can no longer afford to reinvent the wheel. This is especially timely in today's downsizing environment where the old-timers who saw it all are no longer down the hall ready for consultation."

Boring said the chance to visit with top managers from oil companies about their perspective on current and future Permian Basin prospects is impor-

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New NMR tool to be shown at conference

■ New Schlumberger tool, field-tested in Basin for a year, helps in difficult formations like the Delaware.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Technology that allows doctors to map the inside of the human body is now allowing oilmen to map the insides of an oil reservoir.

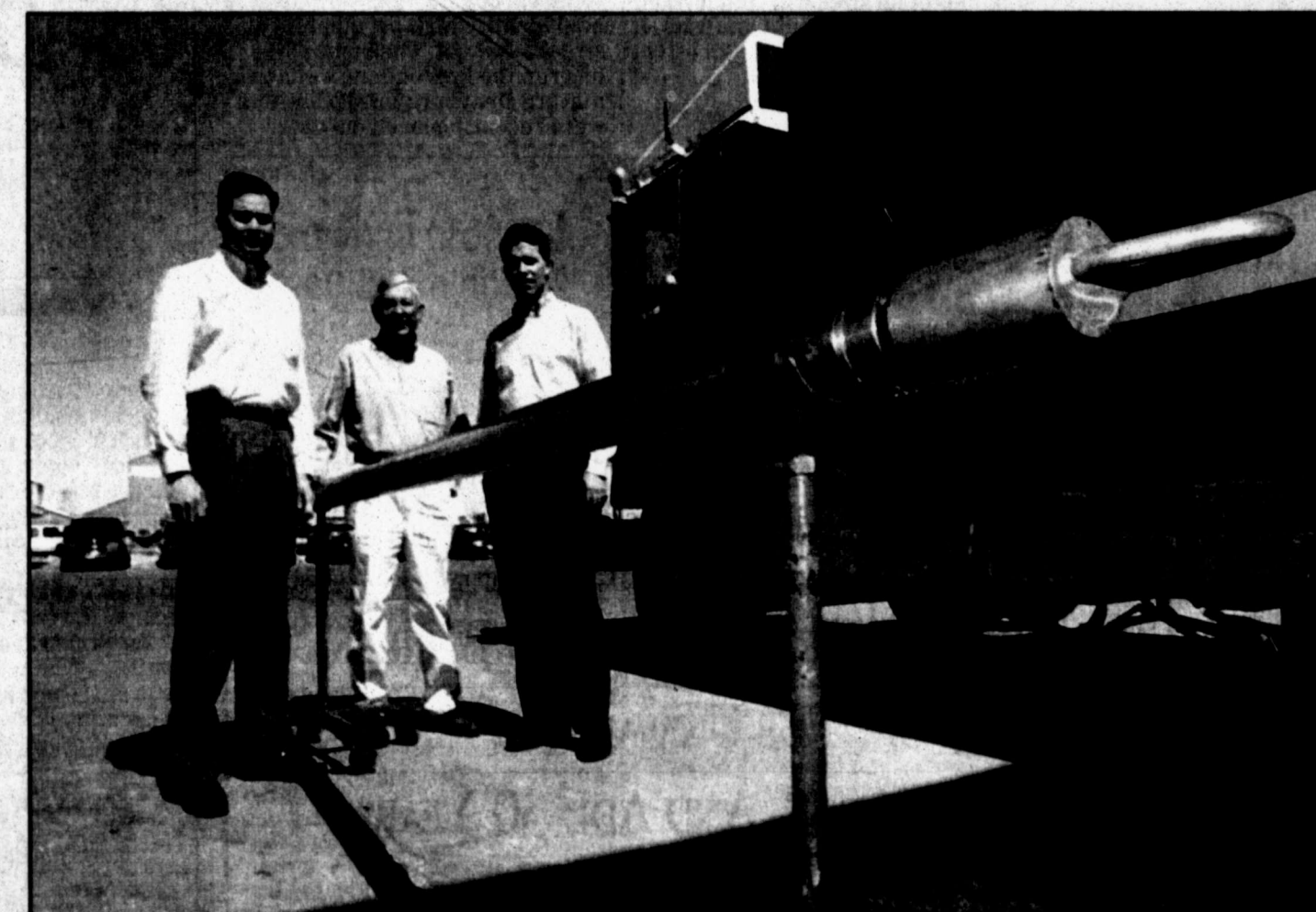
Nuclear magnetic resonance technology has been incorporated into new tools for use in the oilfield. Schlumberger will formally introduce its Combinable Magnetic Resonance tool this week during the Permian Basin Oil & Gas Recovery Conference sponsored by the Society of Petroleum Engineers. The company calls the CMR tool the fifth generation of NMR technology.

NMR technology involves the manipulation of hydrogen molecules in magnetic field, explained Dale Logan, application/interpretation manager for Schlumberger Wireline & Testing in Midland.

Hydrogen molecules are polar, acting like small bar magnets when exposed to a magnetic field. In NMR, the hydrogen is lined up in a static magnetic field and then a second, pulsed, magnetic field tips the hydrogen out of the static field.

The pulsed field is continuously turned on and off and during the off cycle, the hydrogen attempts to return to the static field. During these attempts, the hydrogen emits its own small magnetic field that is detected by the NMR device.

In medicine, these small magnetic fields allow physicians to detect and differentiate between layers of tissue in the body. In the oilfield, the movement of the hydrogen molecules in the magnetic fields is a function of porosity, pore size and fluid type. By measuring the magnitude of the signal sent back to the NMR device by the molecules, as well as the rate at which it



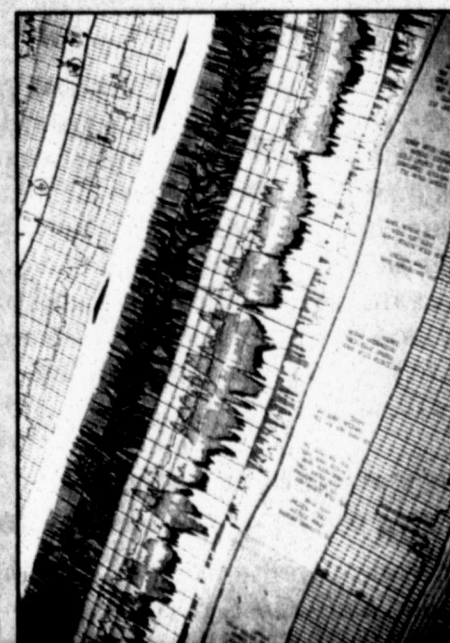
returns to the static field, technicians can quantify the petrophysical properties of the reservoir that are critical to the success of a well.

Logan, a native of Canada, has led the introduction of the CMR tool in the Permian Basin because of his experience testing the technology in Canada. The CMR tool has been field tested in the area for the past year and Logan believes three-quarters of Permian Basin operators could take advantage of this tool.

One company participating in field testing the tool is RK Petroleum Corp., a Midland independent.

Art Schmidt, exploration manager for RK, said his company has used the tool in the Delaware Basin, specifically in the Bell, Cherry and Brushy Canyon formations. The formations are fine-grained with high irreducible water saturation, making it difficult to find productive zones conventionally.

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Schlumberger will unveil its newest logging tool, the Combinable Magnetic Resonance tool at the SPE conference this week. Above, left to right, Donald J. Sweet, District Manager of Schlumberger, Art Schmidt with R.K. Petroleum, and Dale Logan with Schlumberger pose by a tool. Left, a close-up of a log generated by the tool.

Photos: Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Conference workshops to offer technology transfer



A E.J. Services water, tank and computer-controlled valves in Brownfield. Service companies such as E.J. Services are the target audience for a technology transfer short course to be held with the SPE Oil Recovery Conference.

■ Technology transfer important component of this year's conference.

By Ellen Hopkins

Technology transfer is an important component of this year's Permian Basin Oil and Gas Recovery Conference, sponsored by two local chapters of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Two of the conference's highlights are one-day courses covering fracture treatment optimization and advanced completion technology.

A Gas Research Institute technology transfer workshop entitled "Onsite Fracture Treatment Optimization" will be given on March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The workshop will illustrate a hands-on approach to fracture design, implementation, and analysis using multiple examples. It will show how advances in data acquisition, coupled with laptop-

based computing power, allows for the estimation and modification of fracture geometry onsite during the treatment.

Designed for engineers or field personnel — such as service companies and producers — who design and pump fracture treatments, the workshop will present a methodology for maximizing hydraulic fracturing results. Included in the instruction are fracture treatment diagnostics as well as net pressure estimation and analysis.

The afternoon session will encompass onsite real time analysis, post-fracture analysis and practical case studies. Identification of tortuosity and multiple fractures is included. The use of diagnostic pump tests (miniature fracture treatments, stepdown rate tests, closure tests, etc.) for removing many of the uncertainties associated with fracture treatment pressure analysis will be discussed.

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MEETINGS

Petroleum accountants to honor employers

The Petroleum Accountants Society of the Permian Basin will host Employers Appreciation dinner Tuesday at the Petroleum Club beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner speaker will be Jim Wuerth, finance manager, Central Asset area with Shell Oil Co. He will discuss the Shell-Amoco Permian Basin property merger.

Oil, gas attorneys to address gas producers

The Natural Gas Producers Association will meet Thursday at the Petroleum Club beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Guest speakers will be Deborah Taylor and James Hammett Jr., partners in the law firm of Hammett & Taylor. Their presentation will focus on issues that are appearing in new gas contracts and how they may have an impact on gas producers. Together, Taylor and Hammett have authored "Oil, Gas and Mineral Law," 48 SMU Law Review 1423 (1995) and "Oil, Gas and Mineral Law," 47 SMU Law Review 1439 (1994).

Reservations should be made by calling 563-1170, extension 206 by noon Tuesday.

Eastern New Mexico chapter, AOSC to meet

The Eastern New Mexico chapter, Association of Oilwell Servicing Contractors will meet Wednesday at the Hobbs County Club in Hobbs, N.M. beginning with social hour at 6:30 p.m.

D. Van De Graaff, president of the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, will discuss oil-related business resulting from the 1996 New Mexico Legislative Session along with the New Mexico Legislative Special Session.

Orlando to host AGA marketing conference

The American Gas Association will sponsor its 1996 Marketing Conference April 10-12 at the Stouffer Hotel in Orlando, Fla. The theme of this year's conference is "Competing in a Restructuring World: Becoming the Customer's Choice."

Featured speakers will include AGA Chairman George A. Davidson Jr., chairman and chief executive of Consolidated Natural Gas; Richard J. Rudden, president, R. J. Rudden Associates; Jeff Skilling, chairman and CEO, Enron Capital & Trade Resources; Oliver "Rick" Richard, chairman, president and CEO, Columbia Gas System; Paul Elbert, executive vice president and chief executive officer, natural gas, Consumers Power; Robert Schjerven, president and CEO, Lennox Industries; Earl Taylor, senior vice president, Cambridge Reports/Research International; and Dennis Smith, director of natural gas vehicles for Atlanta Gas Light.

Independent producers to 'pitch' to investors

The Independent Petroleum Association of America will host an Oil and Gas Investment Symposium April 17-18 in Manhattan.

The leaders of 48 independent companies of all sizes will "pitch" their companies and the U.S. oil and gas industry to investment analysts. It is called "the" chance to attract much-needed capital from Wall Street for exploration and drilling activities domestically.

CONFERENCE: Addresses tough challenges

(From 1H)

tant because the Basin competes with other domestic and international areas for a limited number of oil and gas investment dollars.

"It is hoped that this type of technical discussion may fuel thought on Permian Basin potential, eventually drawing more investment dollars to our area," she said.

Prior to the technical sessions, a one-day "Technology Transfer Workshop" will be given on March 25. The workshop will emphasize real time treatment optimization and on-site identification of such critical fracturing mechanisms as tortuosity and multiple fractures. An "Advanced Completion Technology Short Course," taught by

Vithal Pai, is also scheduled for that day and will include the latest techniques, procedure designs and calculations used in both new and old wells.

"Reservoir Aspects of Horizontal Wells," a previously presented course brought back on request, will cover such topics as reservoir selection, fluid flow calculations, horizontal well spacing, drainage, formation damage, and water and gas coning.

The conference also includes a field trip to Mobil's Salt Creek CO₂ injection project. Along with touring the entire project from the CO₂ supply to the reinjection after CO₂ is stripped from production, lectures and a discussion about the project -- and lunch -- are included.

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A wide variety of oil and gas industry exhibits from around the country will be displayed at the conference showing participants the latest in technology and equipment. Some of the toughest operating challenges will be addressed in the conference's exhibits, particularly difficulties in completions, stimulation, water handling, logging, core analysis and EOR. An exhibits reception will be held both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Proceeds from the biennial conference fund two years of professional and charitable activities that the two local SPE sections sponsor. Boring said charitable activities include sponsorship of

scholarships for approximately 30 engineering students and scholarships and awards for local Regional Science Fair elementary and secondary school students.

Professional activities include petroleum technology transfer throughout the two years to business and industry in the Permian Basin.

"Via what I've outlined, the conference not only pumps several hundred thousand dollars into our local economy every two years," Boring said, "it also leverages those dollars into a much larger influx of revenue for the Permian Basin by helping to generate and catalyze new ideas for production enhancement and cost reduction."

TOOL: Designed to improve well completions

(From 1H)

"This lets us look at water saturation from our own independent viewpoint," Schmidt said. "Resistivity and porosity logs don't show how much of the water is movable."

Logan said that during the past year 70 Permian Basin wells were logged with the tool, of which 40 were in the Delaware because, he explained, it was the area that needed the most help.

Chevron has also been testing the tool in the Grayburg formation in New Mexico.

While not endorsing the Schlumberger tool, John Fricke, senior petroleum geologist with Chevron's Permian Oil Profit Center in Midland, said the NMR technology was encouraging.

Chevron is applying NMR to some carbonate reservoirs to help identify high permeability streaks he said. The company has run the logs on four wells in mature Grayburg producers that were recently placed on water-

flood.

"The intent is to identify those type of permeability streaks independent of having to take core data so we can avoid those streaks during completion. These logs tentatively show that we can achieve higher than average oil cuts with significantly less-cycled water or produced water in the management of our waterfloods."

The data acquired, along with actual core data, is still being evaluated, but Fricke said the results were encouraging enough "to give us the incentive to keep

'This can show us what zone to test first and which zone not to test.'

— Art Schmidt,
Exploration manager, RK Petroleum

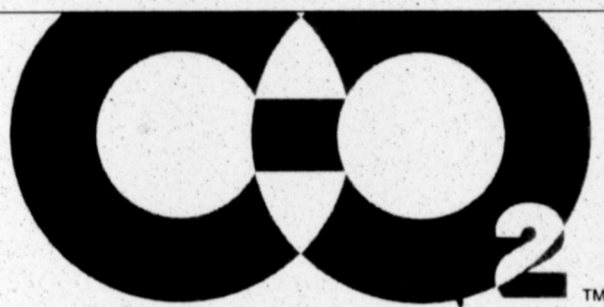
working and keep evaluating it."

Schmidt said that not only does the tool give a measurement of irreducible water saturation relative to actual permeability, it is not dependent on the salinity of the water and works in fresher water as well as salt water.

"This can show us what zone to

test first and which zone not to test," he said.

News of the technology has spread as the tool was field-tested. In fact, Schmidt said, an operator offset to RK is also using the tool, which he said he believes has been introduced at a reasonable cost.



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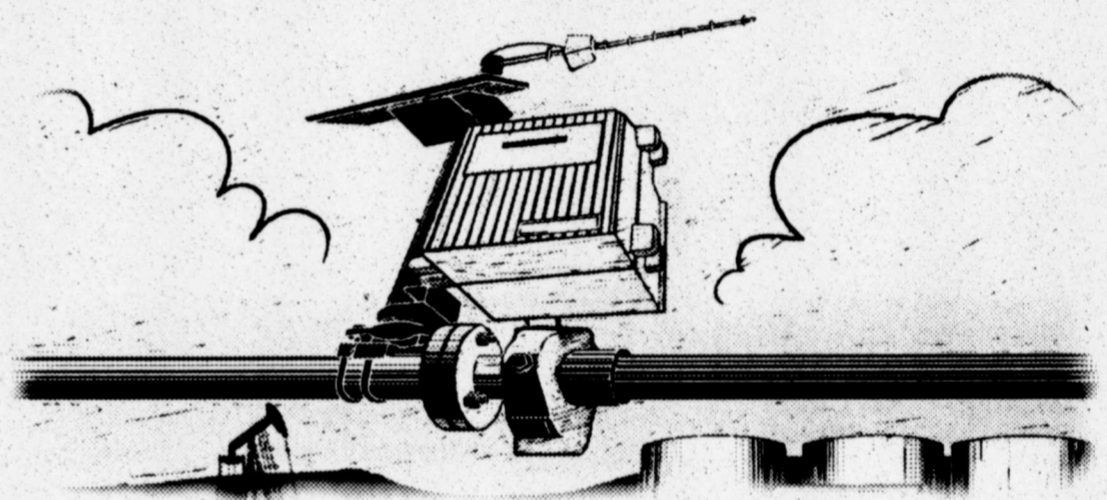


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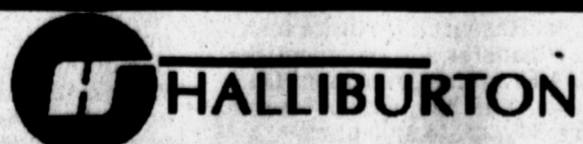
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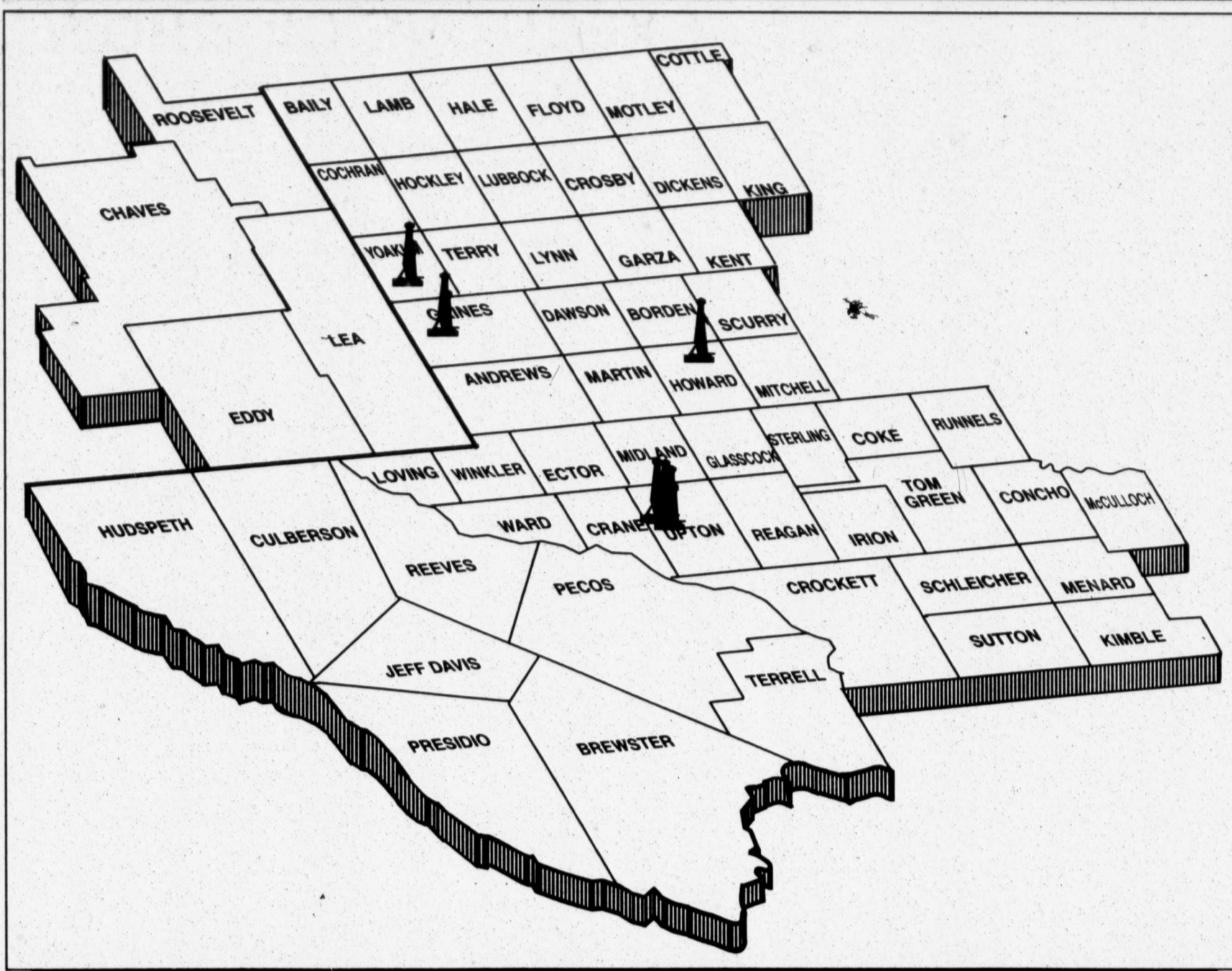
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The rigs on the map above show counties in which significant drilling activity has taken place, as reported in the Activity Highlights below.

Howard yields 122-barrel Cisco Reef strike

Staff Reports

A Cisco Reef discovery has been recorded in Howard County, 1.5 miles west-northwest of like production, 10 miles north of Coahoma.

FEDERAL OIL INC. potentialized the No. 1 Wildhorse to flow 122 barrels of 46 gravity crude and 500 Mcfd on an 18/64 inch choke with flowing tubing pressure of 1,280 psi. The well flowed from perforations 7,694 to 7,700 ft., which had been acidized with 1,000 gallons of 15 percent NeFe acid.

Permitted as an 8,400 ft. project, the well was drilled to 8,175 ft. and plugged back to 8,000 ft. with 5 1/2 inch casing set at 8,174 ft.

The well topped the Upper Wolfcamp at 6,178 ft., Cisco at 7,690 and Strawn Limestone at 8,108 ft. on ground elevation of 2,346 ft.

Location is 2,110 ft. from north and 1,250 ft. from east lines of Section 29, Block 27, H&TC survey, Abst. 30.

Devonian discovery tested for 109 barrels

BROWNING OIL CO. INC. has potentialized a Devonian discovery in Yoakum County, nine miles west-southwest of Plains.

On potential test, the well pumped 109 barrels of 40.5 gravity crude, 3 Mcfd and 430 barrels of water. Production was natural from open Devonian interval 11,965 to 11,979 ft.

Drilled as a 12,500 ft. test, the well was drilled to 11,979 ft. with 5 1/2 inch casing set at 11,965 ft. The well topped the Devonian at 11,962 ft. on ground elevation of 3,768 ft.

Location is 2,279 ft. from north and 1,433 ft. from east lines of Section 470, Block D, John H. Gibson survey, Abst. 1586.

The operator has requested a field designation of 7-G (Devonian) for the discovery.

Chevron completes three horizontal wells

CHEVRON U.S.A. has completed three horizontal producers in the Upton County portion of the McElroy field, all existing vertical wellbores reentered for horizontal drainholes, all located 14 miles northwest of McCamey.

The No. 1062 J.T. McElroy Cons. was tested to flow 49 barrels of 32.8 gravity crude, 3 Mcfd and 39 barrels of water from open Grayburg interval 2,873 to 3,826 ft. The interval was acidized with 8,500 gallons

of 20 percent HCL acid. Originally drilled to 3,826 ft., the well was plugged back to 3,043 ft. with 5 1/2 inch casing set at 3,220 ft. Kick-off point was 2,873 ft.

Surface location is 1,220 ft. from north and 540 ft. from west lines of Section 194, Block F, CCSD&RGNG survey. Bottom hole location is 339 ft. south and 813 ft. east of surface location.

Chevron tested the No. 507 J.T. McElroy Cons. to flow two barrels of 32.8 gravity crude, 3 Mcfd and 143 barrels of water from open Grayburg interval 2,854 to 3,864 ft.

Original depth was 3,864 ft. with 5 1/2 inch casing set at 3,450 ft. Kick-off point was 2,854 ft.

Surface location is 724 ft. from north and 1,036 ft. from west lines of Section 194, Block F, CCSD&RGNG survey. Bottom hole location is 343 ft. south and 846 ft. east of surface location.

On potential test, the No. 782 J.T. McElroy Cons. flowed 21 barrels of 32.8 gravity crude, 4 Mcfd and 400 barrels of water from open Grayburg interval 2,857 to 3,685 ft.

The well was originally drilled to 3,685 ft. with 5 1/2 inch casing set at 3,205 ft. Kick-off point is 2,857 ft. Surface location is 1,760 ft. from north and east lines of Section 194, Block F, CCSD&RGNG survey.

Bottom hole location is 561 ft. north and 490 ft. west of surface location.

Horizontal producer tested in Gaines field

OXY U.S.A. INC. has tested a horizontal producer in the Seminole West (Devonian) field of Gaines County, nine miles west of Gaines.

The Nod. 10 Proctor was tested to pump 81 barrels of 35.4 gravity crude and 810 barrels of water from perforations 11,190 to 11,194 ft. The interval was acidized with 500 gallons of 15 percent NeFeHCL acid.

Total depth is 11,300 ft. with 5 1/2 inch casing set at 11,279 ft. Kick-off point was 4,600 ft.

The well topped the Barrett Shale at 10,513 ft., Mississippian from 10,570 to 10,681 ft. and Devonian at 11,153 ft.

Surface location is 990 ft. from north and 660 ft. west lines of Section 355, Block G, CCSD&RGNG survey, Abst. 90. Bottom hole location is 1,790 ft. north and 820 ft. west of section lines.

The operator plans to plugback to 4,600 ft. and kick off the wellbore for a directional sidetrack.

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Application of the instructed approach can lead to significant benefits in the form of cost savings through fluid optimization, increased productivity due to optimal proppant placement and the alleviation of operational problems like premature screenouts.

Instructors for the one-day workshop are Randall Edgeman, a technical advisor at Halliburton Energy Services, and Ray Johnson, Jr., a technical consultant for BJ Services Company.

Edgeman has a B.S. in petroleum engineering from the University of Oklahoma and will present his work on post and real-time pressure matching of fracture treatments in the Permian Basin. Johnson has a B.S. in chemistry from Texas A & M and over 15 years experience in fracturing design and evaluation. He will be speaking on fracturing design optimization and abnormal pres-

sure analysis.

Also in conjunction with the Oil and Gas Recovery Conference, Vithal Pai from XACT Technologies will conduct an advanced completion technology short course. The course is scheduled for March 25 at the Hilton Hotel, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The course is designed for both office and field engineering personnel. Participants will learn about conducting routine as well as state-of-the-art completion operations. The latest techniques, completion procedures, designs and calculations will be reviewed for

use in both new and old wells.

Course highlights include formation damage, extreme overbalanced perforating and stimulation, the limited entry technique of perforating and completion fluids. Also covered in the course are the use of N₂ and CO₂ in completion, acidizing and hydraulic fracturing.

Dr. Pai will also discuss multi-zone completion - bomb and baffles - as well as paraffins and asphaltene. Pai is a recognized industry leader in completion technology in the Permian Basin for the last 20 years.

American Exploration and Dominion to buy offshore reserves

HOUSTON — Dominion Reserves, Inc. and American Exploration Co. have jointly purchased working interests in five Gulf of Mexico blocks from a private seller for \$56 million. Dominion Reserves, an oil and natural gas unit of Dominion Energy, Inc., of Richmond, Virginia, owns 75 percent of the acquired interests and American Exploration owns 25 percent.

The estimated proved reserves net to the acquired interests total 45 Bcf of gas and 2.4 million barrels of crude oil and liquids. Thirty-five percent of the proved reserves are undeveloped and additional unproved reserve potential has been identified. The developed properties currently have net production of approximately 23,000 Mcf of gas and 2,600 barrels of crude oil and liquids per day. American Exploration will operate three blocks, High Island 45, East Cameron 129 and South Marsh Island 133 which together represent 97 percent of the proved reserves.

Commenting for American Exploration, Mark Andrews, Chairman and CEO said, "In addition to having a positive impact on per share reserve value, production and cash flow, this acquisition fits well with our strategy of establishing a position in areas of the Gulf of Mexico where we see opportunities to use our operating capabilities to create additional value."



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Pride acquires South American driller

HOUSTON — Pride Petroleum Services, Inc. has entered into a letter of intent with Perez Compan S.A., Astra C.A.P.S.A. and other shareholders for the acquisition of Quitral-Co. S.A.I.C., the largest drilling and workover contractor in Argentina, with additional operations in Venezuela.

The transaction excludes certain non-oilfield service investments of Quitral-Co., which have been accounted for under the equity method.

For its last fiscal year (ended June 30, 1995), Quitral-Co. generated revenues of approximately

\$180 million.

Quitral-Co. operates 23 drilling and 57 workover rigs in Argentina and seven drilling and 21 workover rigs in Venezuela. The company has approximately 2,800 employees.

The transaction, which is valued at approximately \$140 million, will be funded by a combination of cash and notes to be issued to the sellers. Closing of the transaction is subject to, among other things, the negotiation and execution of definitive purchase agreements. It is expected that closing will occur in 60-90 days.

Benton to sell Louisiana assets to Shell

CARPINTERIA, Calif. — Benton Oil and Gas Co. has signed a definitive agreement with Shell Offshore Inc., an affiliate of Shell Oil Company, to sell all of the issued and outstanding shares of Benton Oil and Gas of Louisiana, which includes its interest in its Louisiana oil and gas properties for \$35.4 million. Closing of the sale is anticipated to occur on or before April 30, 1996, subject to regulatory approval. The definitive agreement follows the signing of a letter of intent between the two companies, which was announced in January 1996.

In conjunction with this sale, the Company will repay the \$35 million of 13 percent senior unsecured notes held by John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, along with prepayment premiums of \$11.1 million. Repayment of \$15 million of the notes along with \$3.4 million of prepayment premium will be made upon the closing of the sale. Repayment of the remaining \$20 million of the notes plus \$7.7 million of prepayment premium will be made on or before June 30, 1996.

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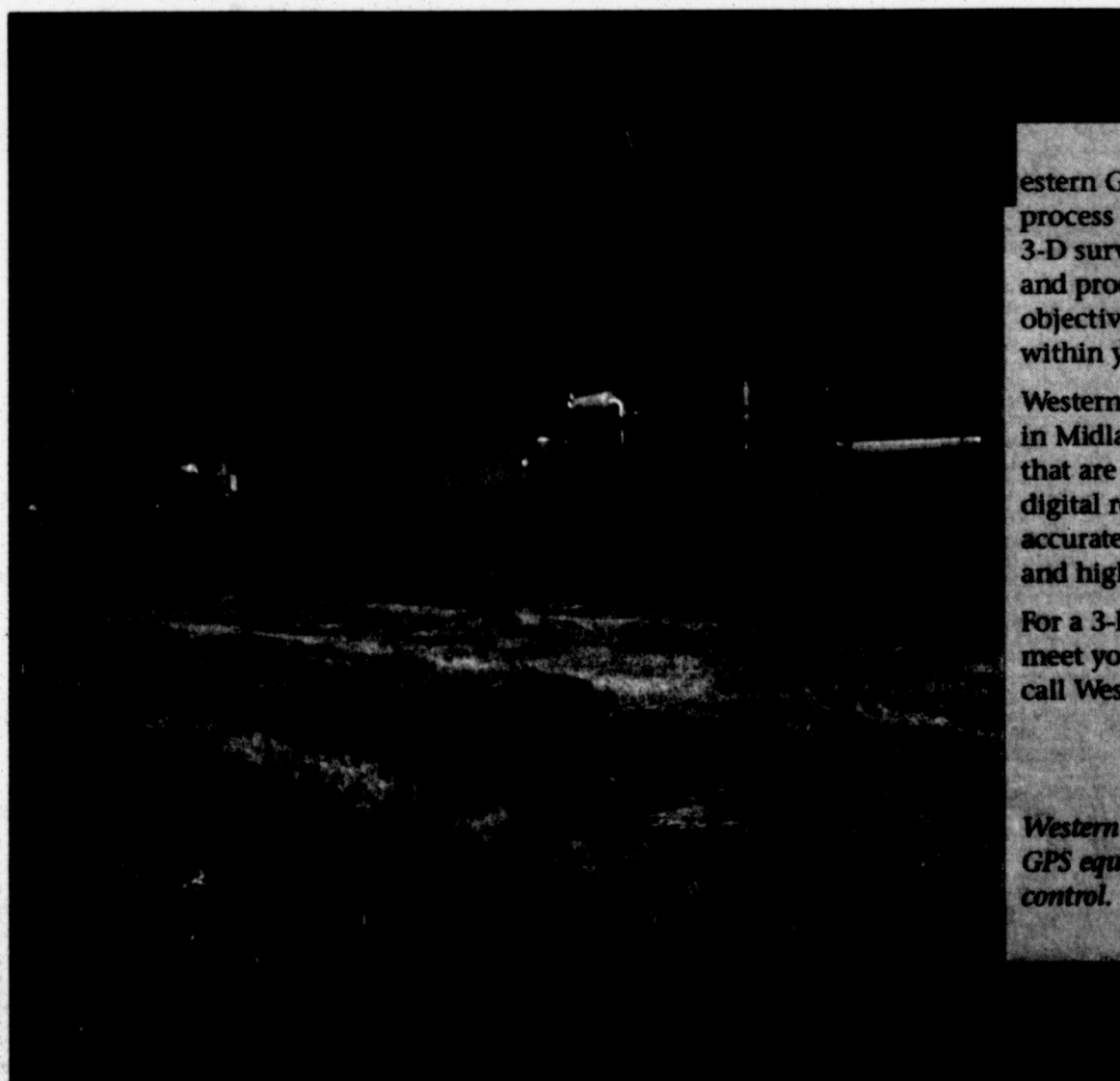
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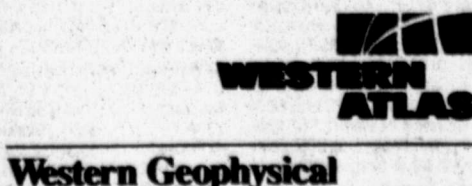
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Gas hub operators form association

HOUSTON — K N Energy, Inc., Bay Gas Storage Company, Ltd., and Market Hub Partners have announced the formation of the Hub Association of North America (HANA). The association will promote and advance the progress and development of the natural gas hub industry for the purpose of improving service to energy suppliers and consumers.

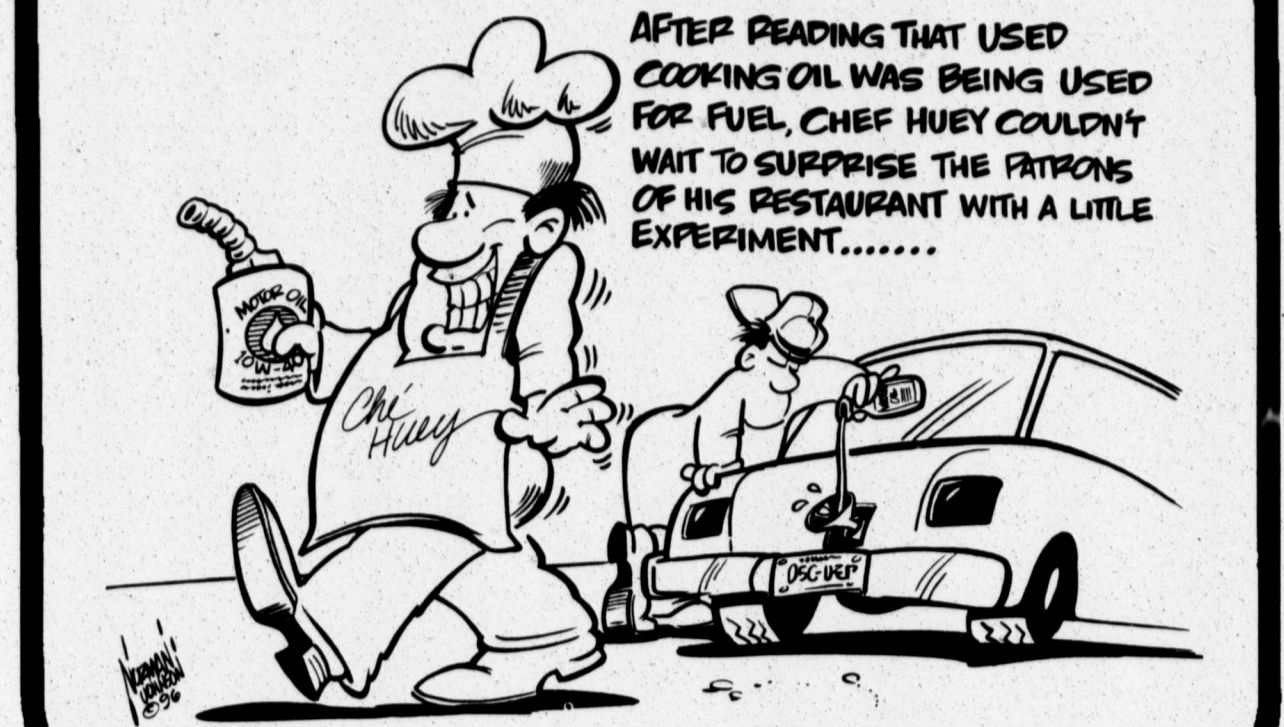
HANA will actively develop and promote technical enhancements, legislation, and government regulations to improve business conditions in the natural gas hub industry. Membership is open to all qualified Hub Operators. Associate memberships will be available to other participants in the North American natural gas industry. A special Foreign Affiliate class of membership is also offered for those not located in North America who are interested in learning about this industry.

The incorporators operate (and are developing) numerous hubs across the United States. They believe HANA will make a meaningful contribution by providing a forum for consideration and articulation of natural gas industry issues from the perspective of hub operators.

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Business

By Norman Johnson



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Obj. 9875 (Wolfcamp).
UNION OIL CO OF CAL
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 PARKER (WOLF-CAMP)-D. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk 4-44 sec 18. 710 ft 610 tel of sec. 2030 ft 610 tel of sec. 4800 acre. 2.5 mi SSW of Andrews. EL 3163 GR. Obj. 9861 (Wolfcamp).
UNION OIL CO OF CAL
PARKEUR UNIT #8-11A
 PARKER (WOLF-CAMP)-D. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk 4-43 sec 11. 735 ft 605 tel of sec. 4545 ft 5885 tel of sec. 4800 acre. 3.6 mi SW of Andrews. EL 3190 GR. Obj. 9875 (Wolfcamp).
UNION OIL CO OF CAL
PARKEUR UNIT #8-7E
 PARKER (WOLF-CAMP)-D. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk 4-44 sec 7. 500 ft 820 tel of sec. 832 ft 820 tel of sec. 4800 acre. 2.7 mi SW of Andrews. EL 3175 GR. Obj. 9873 (Wolfcamp).

CRANE COUNTY
APACHE CORP
MCCLROY NORTH UNIT #4710F
 MCCLROY-D. UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 30 sec 47. 1320 ft 1320 tel of sec. 3967 ft 3969 tel of sec. 11612 acre. 4.2 mi NE of Crane. EL 2571 GR. Obj. 3300 test.
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MCCLROY NORTH UNIT #4711F
 MCCLROY-D. UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 30 sec 47. 1320 ft 1320 tel of sec. 3967 ft 3969 tel of sec. 11612 acre. 4.2 mi NE of Crane. EL 2578 GR. Obj. 3300 test.

ECTOR COUNTY
GOLDSMITH SAN ANDRES UNIT #1-1183
 GOLDSMITH-RE-ENTRY D. T & P RY CO sur blk 44 wpt 15 sec 27. 250 ft 5 mi of sec. 21120 ft 5280 ft of sec. 19840 acre. 6 mi SW of Goldsmith. Summary Original Drill Well. GOLDSMITH C.A.T. #1183 PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 6355 (Goldsmith).
CHEVRON U S A INC
GOLDSMITH SAN ANDRES UNIT #1-632
 GOLDSMITH-RE-ENTRY D. T & P RY CO sur blk 44 wpt 15 sec 27. 250 ft 5 mi of sec. 1998 ft 9900 ft of sec. 19840 acre. 6 mi SW of Goldsmith. Summary Original Drill Well. GOLDSMITH C.A.T. #632 PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 6356 test.
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 T & P RY CO sur blk 43 wpt 15 sec. 560 ft 410 tel of sec. and sec. 160.3 acre. 5 mi NE of Goldsmith. Obj. 5475

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 PENWELL (SAN ANDRES)-PLUG BACK D. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk 18 sec 4. 1650 ft 1650 tel of sec. 2450 ft 1100 tel of sec. 4680 acre. 4 mi W of Penwell. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 4364 (San Andres).

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
DYAD PETROLEUM CO
POWELL #2
 COBRA (WOLF-CAMP)-REPERMIT D. T & P RY CO sur blk 4-43 sec 11. 735 ft 605 tel of sec. 4545 ft 5885 tel of sec. 4800 acre. 3.6 mi SW of Andrews. EL 3190 GR. Obj. 9875 (Wolfcamp).
UNION OIL CO OF CAL
PARKEUR UNIT #8-11A
 PARKER (WOLF-CAMP)-D. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk 4-43 sec 11. 735 ft 605 tel of sec. 4545 ft 5885 tel of sec. 4800 acre. 3.6 mi SW of Andrews. EL 3190 GR. Obj. 9875 (Wolfcamp).
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HOWARD COUNTY
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CONNALLY UNIT #1
 MOORE (FUSSELMAN DEEP)-D. T & P RY CO sur blk 33 wpt 15 sec 28. A-594. 944 ft 160 tel of sec. 944 ft 506 tel of sec. 80 acre. 5 mi SW of Big Spring. EL 2515 GR. Obj. 10100 (Fusselman).
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 HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-PLUG BACK D. W & N W RY CO sur blk 29 sec 88. 330 ft 330 tel of sec. and sec. 160 acre. 13 mi SSE of Coahoma. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 2175 test.

TAYLOR LINK OPERATING CO
HYMAN - E #1
 HOWARD GLASSCOCK (GLORITA)-PLUG BACK D. W & N W RY CO sur blk 29 sec 88. A-1228. 467 ft 990 ft of sec. and sec. 160 acre. 13 mi SSE of Coahoma. Geomorph. 9-18N-10U Summary Original Drill. Oper. FOSTER W P Field HOWARD GLASSCOCK (MID CLEAR FORK) EL 2410 GR. Obj. 3900. Compl on 06/14/88 OILP-Zone: 3093-3804 (mid Clear Fork) Summary Plug Back Oper. SATEX ENERGY INC Well: HYMAN E #3. CANCELLED ON 06/08/95. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 2679 (Glenneta).

MARTIN COUNTY
BLAIR EXPL INC
HILL #2 #1
 J L M-HORIZONTAL WP. BAUER & COCKRELL sur blk A sec 62. 662 ft 1976 tel of sec. 662 ft 1984 tel of sec. 160 acre. 19.9 mi N of Stanton. B.H.C. PRODUSED. 1258 ft 168 ft of sec. 62 Coord X = 68134.1000 Y = 29896.000 - 1258 ft 973 tel of sec. - S. 36 sec 46 198' E. 664 ft 4 ft from surf loc. Obj. 11200 test. Note: Operator plans to kick off Snyder Oil Corp's existing vertical wellbore reference ID #435521 completed oil well 12/11/90, for horizontal drainhole #1)

MITCHELL COUNTY

FINA OIL & CHEMICAL CO
WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT #1301
 WESTBROOK-RE-ENTRY D. H WRIGHT sur blk 28 wpt 1N sec 40. A-1488. 330 ft 2310 tel of sec. 6234 ft 2943 tel of unit. 4700 acre unit. (H Wright sur also known as T & P RY Co) 2 mi NW of Westbrook. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 3300 test.
FINA OIL & CHEMICAL CO
WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT #612
 WESTBROOK-RE-ENTRY D. E C MORRISON sur blk 28 wpt 1N sec 28. A-1541. 330 ft 1800 tel of sec. 4998 ft 3507 tel of unit. 4700 acre unit. (E C Morrison sur also known as T & P RY Co) 3 mi NW of Westbrook. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 3300 test.
S D X RESOURCES INC
MORRISON TUM #6
 TURNER GREGORY (CLEAR FORK)-D. T & P RY CO sur blk 29 wpt 1N sec 36. A-1526. 1650 ft 334 tel of sec. and sec. 160 acre. 5 mi NW of Westbrook. EL 2156 GR. Obj. 3200 (Clear Fork).

PECOS COUNTY
MARATHON OIL CO
UNIVERSITY 18 #1
 SADDLE BUTTE WEST (GRANITE WASH)-D. MARY R ROBERTSON sur blk 141 sec 18. A-8669. 1889 ft 1136 ft of sec. and sec. 640 acre. (Mary R Robertson sur also known as T & S T L RY Co) 17 mi W of Garvin. Obj. 4850 (Granite Wash).

STERLING COUNTY
BENNETT R C CO
BADE #2
 CONGER (PENNSYLVANIAN)-D. H & T C RY CO sur blk 22 sec 21. 660 ft 1980 tel of sec. and sec. 160 acre. 11 mi W of Sterling City. Obj. 8185 (Pennsylvania).

WARD COUNTY
CHEVRON U S A INC
ESTES V A #13
 H S A (SAN ANDRES)-RE-ENTRY D. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-19 sec 25. 1650 ft 1710 tel of sec. 330 ft 690 tel of sec. 20604.5 acre. 6 mi SW of Monahans. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 5100 (San Andres).
CHEVRON U S A INC
ESTES V A #8
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DEVON ENERGY CORP
ABSHIER MABEL #3
 PITZER SOUTH- WP. H & T C RY CO sur blk 34 sec 101. A-228. 467 ft 1980 tel of sec. and sec. 320 acre. 8 mi SLY of Pryte. EL 2656 GR. Obj. 7100 test.
SMITH & MARRS INC
HATHAWAY J F #9
 WARD ESTES NORTH-RE-ENTRY D. H & T C RY CO sur blk 34 sec 37. 1980 ft 1320 tel of sec. and sec. 60 acre. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 7 mi SW of Monahans. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 3200 test.

WINKLER COUNTY
PARKER & PARSELEY DEV LP
CRUM M E MRS #9
 KEYSTONE (HOLT)-D. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 7. 660 ft 350 tel of sec. and sec. 150 acre. 7 mi NE of Kermit. EL 2977 GR. Obj. 5500 (Holt).
PENNZOIL EXPL & PROD CO
LOVETT H E - A #2
 KEYSTONE (YATES)-DEEPPEN D. PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-3 sec 17. 380 ft 380 tel of sec. and sec. 80 acre. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 2.5 mi NE of Kermit. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj. 3000 (Yates).

Texas RRCD 8A
CROSBY COUNTY
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
FORBES UNIT #305
 FORBES (GLORIETA)-D. K AYCOCK sur sec 1. A-428. 400 ft 325 tel of sec. 5686 ft 3491 tel of sec. 2260 acre. 21 mi SSW of Crosbyton. EL 2727 GR. Obj. 3800 (Glorieta).
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
FORBES UNIT #306
 FORBES (GLORIETA)-D. K AYCOCK sur sec 1. A-428. 1075 ft 900 tel of sec. 5327 ft 2895 tel of sec. 2260 acre. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 21 mi SSW of Crosbyton. EL 2728 GR. Obj. 3800 (Glorieta).
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
FORBES UNIT #308
 FORBES (GLORIETA)-D. K AYCOCK sur sec 1. A-428. 325 ft 1425 tel of sec. 5608 ft 1425 tel of sec. 2280 acre. 21 mi SSW of Crosbyton. EL 2709 GR. Obj. 3800 (Glorieta).
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
FORBES UNIT #402
 FORBES (GLORIETA)-D. K AYCOCK sur sec 1. A-428. 1750 ft 500 tel of sec. 4653 ft 3273 tel of sec. 2260 acre.

DEVELOPMENTS/7H
ENRICH OIL CORP
DOE FREDRIC W #2
 DONAHUE WEST (GOEN)-DO. JOHN L LYNCH #442 GR. A-346. 900 ft 1832 tel of 15 ft of sur. 750 ft 1832 tel of sec. 208 acre. 5 mi SW of Winters. EL 1950 KB. Obj. 4900 test. 02/06/96. Perm #44524. ID #42-399-34426. ID #T-473482. Contr. Ringo #5. Spud: 02/15/96. TD: 4452 on 02/23/96 in Goen. Compl on 02/29/96 GAS (Last Info: 03/11/96)Pzone: 4448-4452 (Goen) IS: (Goen is 4448-4452) F 103 BOPD grav. 42. 75 MCFGPD on 12/84. ck. no oil. W/F 1701 Casing: 8 5/8 @ 180 w/150 - 5 1/2 @ 4448. FORTSON OIL CO
ROBINSON #1
 MOTLEY NORTH (PALO PINTO)-DO. GEORGE W PERRYMAN sur. A-913. 962 ft 2496 tel of sec. 982 ft 845 tel of sec. 220 acre. (George W Perryman sur also known as G H & H RY Co #14) 12 mi NW of Ballinger. EL 1838 GR. Obj. 4800 test. 02/29/95. Perm #443193. AP # 42-399-34420. ID #T-472732. Contr. Smalley. Spud: 01/05/96. TD: 4450 on 01/15/96. Pzone: 4375-3757 (Palo Pinto) IP: (Palo Pinto 3755-3757) P 32 BOPD. GSTM: 50 BWPD. Casing: 8 5/8 @ 240 w/100 - 5 1/2 @ 4015 w/640
WESTERN PRIDE RESOURCES
ALLEN RUFUS - C #10
 WINTERS SW (PALO PINTO)-PLUG BACK DO. H T & B RY CO sur blk 63 sec 43. 800 ft 800 tel of sec. and sec. 640 acre. 6 mi SW of Winters. Summary Original Drill: 03/01/96 OIL. Last Info: 03/11/96)Pzone: 3755-3757 (Palo Pinto) IP: (Palo Pinto 3755-3757) P 32 BOPD. GSTM: 50 BWPD. Casing: 8 5/8 @ 240 w/100 - 5 1/2 @ 4015 w/640
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(From 6H)

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ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
FORBES UNIT #503

ise. (Located in tract 12) 12.2 mi S of Seminole...
COASTAL OIL & GAS CORP
HARRIS SOUTHWEST UNIT #4-11

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COMPLETIONS

(From 6H)

bld d sec 49, A-120, 1990 ft 2080 fwl of sec. 648 flt 576...
DEVON ENERGY OPELG CORP
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MEANS SOUTH

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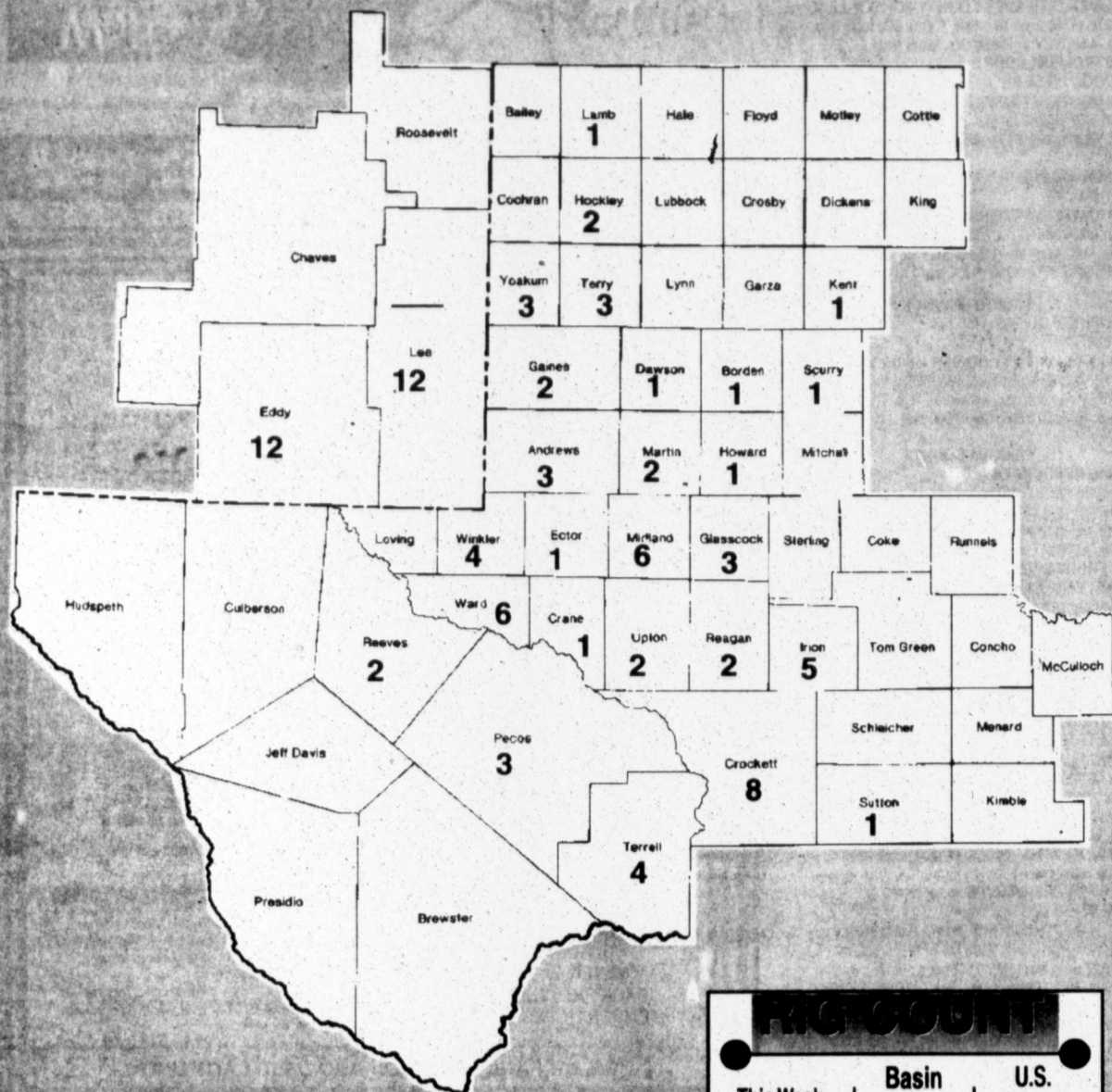
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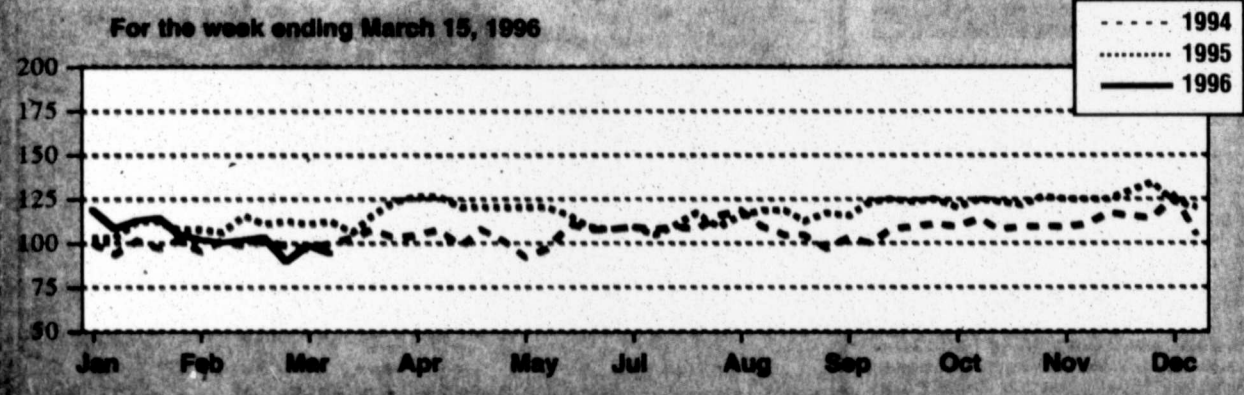
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Rig Record



BHP oil discovery flows 11,000 barrels per day

By N.Y. Times News Service kerosene. Shelf Pty. Ltd. has a 100 percent interest in the area.

Melbourne — Australia's Broken Hill Proprietary Co. has struck one of the best oil flows on the North West Shelf, off the coast of Western Australia state.

The company said Laminaria East 1 exploration oil well in offshore area WA-260-P flowed oil at the rate of 11,000 barrels a day.

The flow was recorded through a 52/64 inch choke or surface valve from the interval 3,293 meters to 3313 meters below the surface. The oil was accompanied by a flow of 2.165 million cubic feet of gas a day.

The oil measured 54.9 degrees on the American Petroleum Institute scale indicating it has a specific gravity between gasoline and

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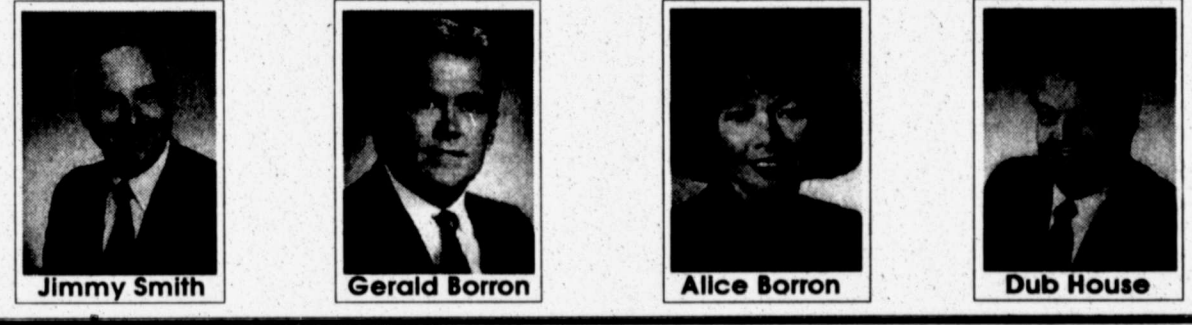
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This Week's Average:

Company	Price
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Arco	21.50
Chevron	22.00
Citgo*	19.50
Conoco	19.50
E.O.T.T.	21.50
Exxon	22.75
Fina*	\$19.50
Koch*	21.50
Marathon*	21.50
Mobil*	22.00
Navajo*	19.75
Navajot	20.75
Phibro*	21.50
Phillips*	\$19.50
Scurlock	
Permian*	19.50
Shell*	22.00
Sun*	21.50
Texaco	19.50
Unocal	22.75

*New Mexico Intermediate *Net price without transportation charges
Note: Prices are effective Thursday prior to publication.

Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile

Waha Averages: This month \$1.75, Last month \$1.67

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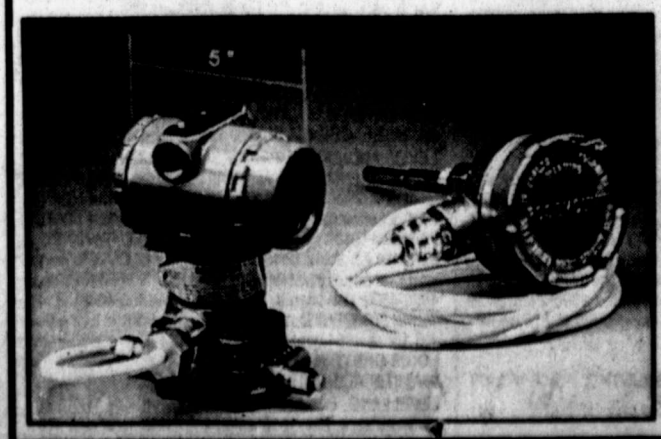
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