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MISD draws up boundary map

■ Map illustrates proposed boundary changes in elementary attendance zones.

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

At this past week's pair of public meetings regarding MISD's agreed judgment settlement, parents had one overriding question on their minds: "Where will our children go to school?"

Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said he knew but couldn't yet tell them how the district has redrawn the elementary attendance zones.

Under its agreed judgment settlement plan, the Midland Independent School District is required to redraw some of its boundaries to achieve racial integration in 14 of its 23 elementary campuses.

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Specifically, according to the settlement document "at least six elementary schools shall each have an Anglo student enrollment percentage within plus-or-minus 10 percent of the district-wide Anglo elementary school student enrollment percentage, and at least eight elementary schools shall each have an Anglo elementary school student enrollment percentage."

The district's Anglo student population is 45 percent, according to Milton Evitt, executive director of computer and pupil services. The translation of the legal language is that six schools must have an Anglo population between 35 and 55 percent and eight must have an Anglo population between 30 and 60 percent.

To achieve that goal the district will have to bus some of its students, eliminating the possibility of all Midland children going to their neighborhood school.

The school district has yet to officially make the plan public.

Baressi said the reason he can't reveal the plan is because it's not finalized and still requires some input from the plaintiff parties and the public.

The Reporter-Telegram was able to obtain the proposed map and written description of the plan the school board currently has under consideration.

"I have seen the plan and I have some concerns with the way the boundaries have been redrawn," said trustee George Lara, who represents the majority-Hispanic District 1.

Lara said he felt the boundary zones would add to the racial divisiveness of Midland.

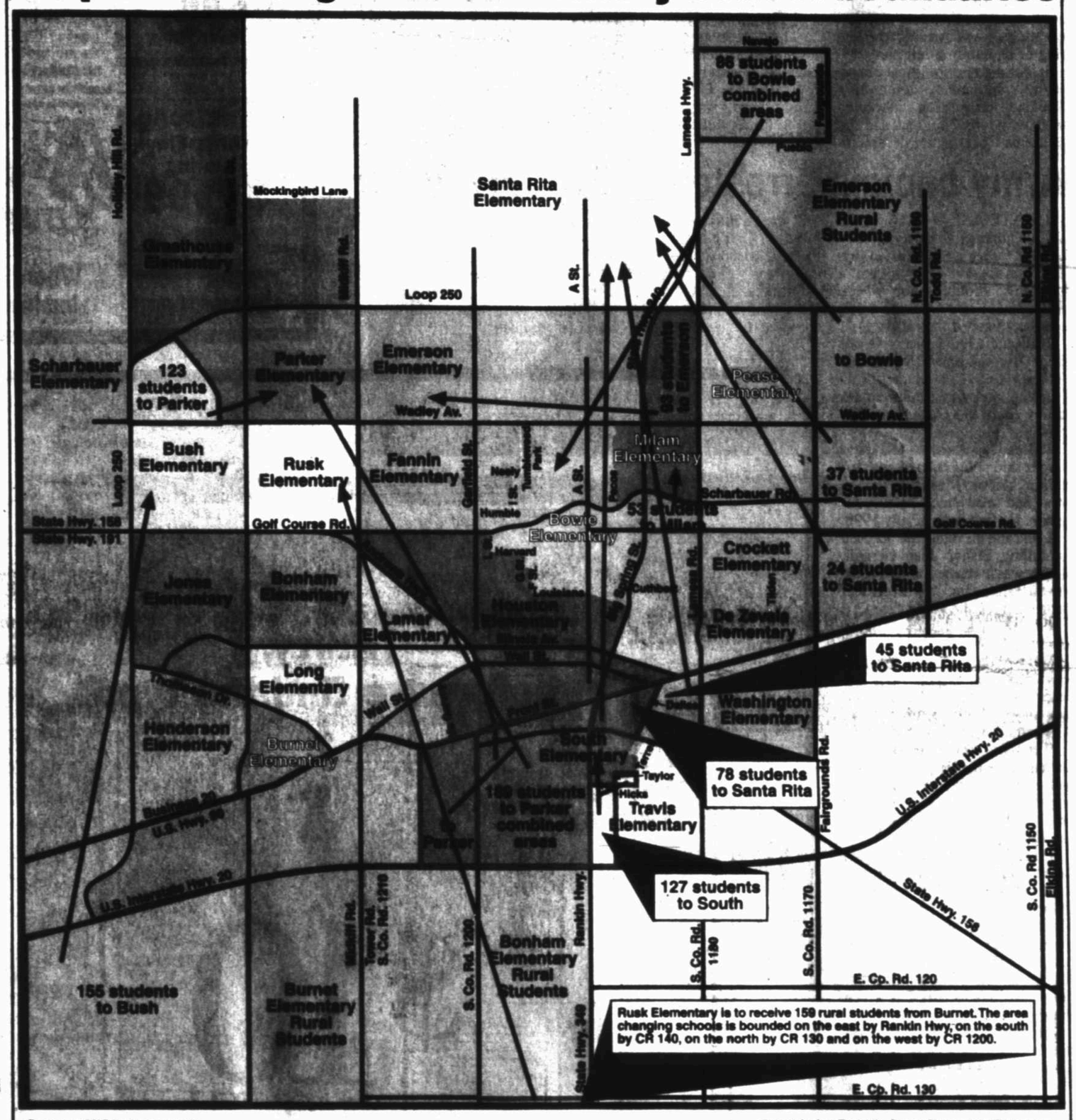
According to district documents of proposed boundary changes, "In summary, these changes would allow MISD to have six campuses (Bonham, Bowie, Burnet, Henderson, Houston and Jones) within 10 percent plus or minus of the district average of 45 percent Anglo, and eight campuses (Lamar, Long, Emerson, Rusk, Travis, Parker, Santa Rita and Bush) within plus or minus 15 percent of the district average."

Scharbauer (76 percent Anglo), Fannin (91.79 percent Anglo) and Greathouse (78 percent Anglo) would remain as schools with a majority Anglo population. Milam (97.4 percent minority), Pease (95.51 percent minority), DeZavala (99.19 percent minority), Crockett (99.26 percent minority), South (95 percent minority) and Washington (99.10 percent minority) will remain racially identifiable as minority campuses.

Those changes were brought about by redirecting the stu-

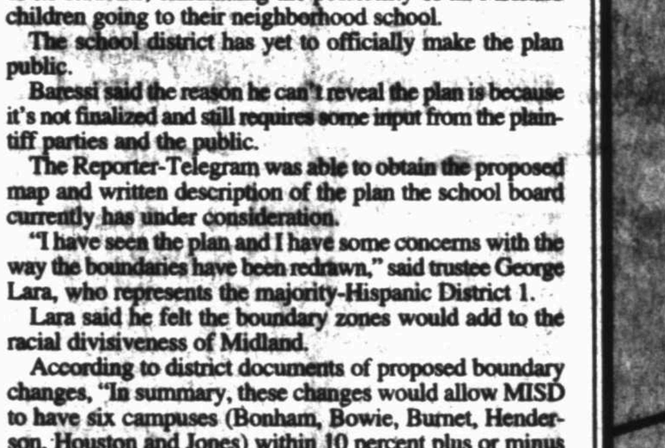
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Proposed changes in elementary school boundaries



Source: MISD documents

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MISD begins work on facilities bond issue

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

After months of discussion by district officials and community members, a bond issue to renovate Midland secondary campuses is finally under way. The Midland Independent School District board of trustees instructed its staff Saturday to begin action aimed at calling a September election.

"Well I'd like to have it in May," said trustee Martha Manulik, adding that she understood the logistics wouldn't allow the district to hold an election that soon.

The bond issue discussion came at the end of a day-long budget meeting and was introduced by Executive Director of Administrative Services Joe Cummins through a presentation about a related calendar issue.

Cummins told the board about restrictions concerning the calling of an election. According to Cummins, a bond election cannot be called in the year 2000 from Feb. 13 through May 11 or from Oct. 8 through Dec. 7. Exceptions to those rules would occur on May 6 and Nov. 7, the dates of general elections.

Cummins pointed out the problems of holding an election in the spring, as being too immediate. A bond election has to be called 45 calendar days before the election. In order to get the election on the May 6 ballot, the election would have to be called by March 22 at the latest.

"In terms of planning, that's tomorrow," Cummins said.

Wilson Heidelberg, executive director of auxiliary services added that he would need up to five months to get complete cost figures and architectural designs. The board decided against pushing the issue through so quickly. Quickly, however, is a relative term.

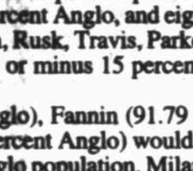
Earnest discussions about MISD facilities began as early as June 1999, as a focal topic of many Vision 2000 planning committees. In fact, the Vision 2000 December report identified facilities as the No. 1 goal of the education committee.

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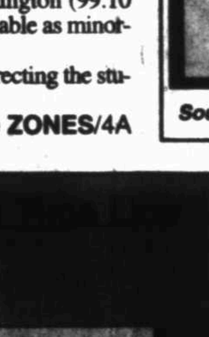
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Midlander resigns DOE post

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Bob Gallagher, special adviser to Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, announced Saturday that he had resigned at the Department of Energy to become president of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.

The Midland oilman and former city manager of Hobbs, N.M., who was picked by Richardson to represent the Department of Energy to the oil and gas industry, said he will begin his duties at the association immediately.



Gallagher

"I wasn't exactly ready to leave Washington," said Gallagher, "but this opportunity came along a few days ago, and I could not pass it up." He said he had been given a green light by Richardson to leave immediately and assume the post.

Gallagher said he had been offered the job by a bipartisan selection committee, and noted that a number of the members of the Association's Executive Board were from Midland. "Unlike West Texas, New Mexico is 51 percent democratic. If it is not a bipartisan effort, it just doesn't get done."

He said his agenda as the new president would be to retain and grow membership and to improve relationships with the various regulatory agencies in New Mexico. Oil and gas leases in New Mexico are 60 percent

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Conference to focus on Midland diversification

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

A spotlight will be focused on Midland's economy and its economic future Feb. 23 when the economic development conference "The State of Midland's Economy" is held at Midland Center.

Speakers will include representatives of cities who, like Midland, have a history of dependence on the energy industry and have diversified and expanded their economies.

While Midlanders are breathing a sigh of relief over higher oil prices, said Buddy Sipes, chairman of the board of directors for the Midland Chamber of Commerce, "we continue to lose oil and gas jobs and I hope with divestitures by the major producers, independents will step in and take advantage of those properties and help make Midland a capitol for independents."

Sipes, who made economic development the focus of his year as chair of the chamber board, said he hopes the

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Coup ends; military chief declares himself new leader of Ecuador

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuador's military chief announced late Friday a three-person junta to replace the unpopular president, who fled after a rebellion led by Indians and backed by the armed forces.

President Jamil Mahuad insisted he would not resign — but he abandoned the palace where he worked and lived in the afternoon after refusing a request from the military high command to step down.

Speaking in the name of the junta, Gen. Carlos Mendoza, the head of the joint military command who was named defense minister last week, said: "It is a government of the Ecuadorean people. We cannot speak of left or right."

Shortly before midnight the three members of the junta emerged from a meeting at the national palace to present themselves to the news media as Ecuador's new leaders. In addition to Mendoza, the members are Antonio Vargas, leader of an Indian federation that organized the protests, and Carlos Solorzano, a former Supreme Court judge.

Thousands of people streamed onto the plaza in front of the national palace, mingling with soldiers in combat gear and celebrating, some waving the red flag of an extreme-left party.

It was a day of political chaos, with Indians demanding Mahuad's resignation and forcing their way into Congress and the Supreme Court. After first backing Mahuad, the military later in the day decided to support the protest, saying it was the only way to prevent "a social explosion."

Mahuad had insisted he would not step down, saying during a nationwide television broadcast that anyone who wanted to overthrow him would have to do it by force. Late Friday, Interior Minister Vladimiro Alvarez said in a television interview that "the president has no intention of leaving the country."

Ecuador's economic woes appear to have led to the unusual Indian uprising. Last year, inflation reached 60 percent, the highest in Latin America, and only one in three in the labor force has full-time work. A vast majority of the nation's 4 million Indians live in poverty.

At an emergency meeting of the Organization of American States in Washington, Ecuador's ambassador, Patricio Vivanco, said Mahuad had abandoned the presidential palace in Quito and taken refuge at a military base in the city.

The OAS unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the attempt to overthrow the government and expressed full support for Mahuad.

South American leaders also lined up in support of Mahuad, issuing statements condemning attempts to oust him. A statement issued by the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, urged Ecuador's armed forces and police to uphold Mahuad.

"Whatever regime arises from this unconstitutional process will confront political and economic isolation, bringing more misery to the Ecuadorean people," the statement said.

Earlier in the day in Quito, guards stepped aside when hundreds of Indians accompanied by an unknown number of military officers stormed an empty Congress building, seized the podium and announced that they had created their own "Parliament of the People." Military leaders said 120 officers were involved in the rebellion, along with an undetermined number of troops.

While downtown Quito during the day was in chaos — with Indians armed with rocks and clubs paralyzing traffic and menacing pedestrians — most of the country and much of the city seemed unfazed and Mahuad said he had no intention of stepping down.

"I am not going to abandon you," Mahuad, 50, said his nationwide television broadcast, his only public appearance of the day.

"If you want to take power through force, gentlemen, take power through force," he said, directing his comments to the military high command, which only a few minutes before had asked him to resign.

Later, Mahuad left the national palace with close aides and was being protected by several military officers.

The actions by the armed forces seemed more a result of their growing impatience with Mahuad's inability to handle the Indian rebellion, which was part of a month of broader protests. They backed the attempted takeover mainly to prevent "a social explosion," said Gen. Carlos Mendoza, who was joint military commander until becoming defense minister last week.

"We are conscious that we must maintain order and discipline in the country," he said.

Two men were killed and eight were wounded by gunfire during protests and looting in Quito, Guayaquil, and two smaller cities, the Red Cross said. The two men who were killed were shot by merchants while allegedly looting a public market in Portoviejo.

Earlier in the day in Guayaquil, 165 miles southwest of the capital, a group of leftist-led unions, student organizations and neighborhood associations seized the provincial government building.

The protesters are also upset about Mahuad's plans to scrap Ecuador's currency for the dollar.

In becoming the first South American country seeking to adopt the greenback, Ecuador was hoping to curb inflation, bring down interest rates to U.S. levels and spur investment to end the country's deep recession.

Critics contended that Mahuad's decision to establish the conversion rate at 25,000 sucres to the dollar would have devastating repercussions for the thousands of Ecuadoreans whose savings are in sucres. A year ago, the sucre was valued at 7,000 to the dollar.

The vast majority of Ecuador's Indians live in the Andean highlands and speak Quichua, a dialect of the language spoken by the Incas.

Army captain arrested in bishop's death

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — A Guatemalan army captain and his father were arrested Friday for the 1998 slaying of a Roman Catholic bishop whose office had issued a human rights report critical of the military.

National Civil Police arrested Capt. Byron Lima Oliva and his father, retired Col. Disrael Lima Estrada, and took them under heavy guard to a Guatemala City prison.

Police spokesman Gerson Lopez said police also re-arrested a church cook, Margarita Lopez, who had been jailed by investigators for five days in July 1998.

Lima and his father are accused of killing Bishop Juan Gerardi. Lopez was re-arrested as part of the investigation, but it was unclear what charges she might face.

Gerardi was bludgeoned to death in his garage on April 26, 1998, two days after he presented a report blaming the military and pro-government death squads for most of the deaths during Guatemala's 36-year civil war.

The case drew international attention as the first slaying of a religious figure and political activist since the government and leftist guerrillas signed peace accords two years earlier.

Friday's arrests come one week after President Alfonso Portillo took office. Portillo, a former Marxist scholar with ties to a right-wing former dictator, had promised to resolve the Gerardi slaying. The Human Rights Office of the Archbishop, formerly led by Gerardi, had given him six months to do so.

Officials in the church's human rights office long have accused army officers of involvement in the killing. They say a car seen near the crime scene was linked to the military.

Investigators, however, initially insisted Gerardi was killed by a fellow priest, the Rev. Mario Orantes. Orantes spent seven months in jail but was released after church leaders and observers protested that investigators had overlooked possible military involvement.

It was unclear whether authorities would seek to arrest Orantes again. Orantes' lawyer, Jose Toledo, said armed police visited the priest's mother Friday at her home.

"They wanted to talk with him but didn't explain the reason for the visit or show any type of judicial order," Toledo said.

Orantes fled Guatemala in October after Toledo said he had received threatening calls. The lawyer declined to say whether the priest had returned to Guatemala.

"Father Orantes was already investigated," Toledo said. He said that to re-arrest him would be "unjust."

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Sweden hosts international forum to remember the Holocaust

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Three years ago, the government was stunned to learn that nearly a third of Swedish youths did not believe the Holocaust took place.

It immediately launched an ambitious information campaign, a so-called Living History project that included films, lecture series, seminars and a free book, translated into several languages, to guide parents in talking to their children about the Holocaust.

"I have my doubts if there is anybody in Sweden who doesn't know about the Holocaust anymore," said Lena Posner-Korosi, president of the Stockholm Jewish Community.

Sweden's effort is being highlighted at a conference starting Wednesday in Stockholm. The three-day International Forum on the Holocaust is drawing more than 600 delegates and more than 650 journalists from more than 40 countries and dozens of organizations.

The gathering — which coincides with the Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorated Thursday in many countries — will feature speeches by Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, German President Gerhard Schroeder and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, as well as panel discussions and remembrance ceremonies.

The 150-member executive committee of the World Jewish Congress also has planned a two-day meeting starting Tuesday in Stockholm to discuss Holocaust education, restitution and the future of Jewish communities.

"The international conference will turn the spotlight on the past and the future at one and the same time," Prime Minister Goeran Persson said Wednesday in a speech to the Riksdag, Sweden's parliament. "Naturally, the same applies to Swedish history."

The Swedish government began efforts to raise public awareness of the World War II-era genocide of 6 million Jews and 5 million other victims after a 1997 survey showed that nearly a third of youths between ages 12 through 18 did not believe the Holocaust took place.

The New York-based American Jewish Committee is releasing a Swedish public opinion survey on Monday in Stockholm that examines knowledge about the Holocaust, the importance given to Holocaust memory and attitudes toward Jews and other minorities.

While the current government has gone to great lengths to raise awareness, Sweden has come under more recent pressure to confront its own relationship with Nazi Germany.

A recent Swedish television documentary, which profiled Swedes who volunteered to fight for Adolf Hitler, has prompted some politicians and Jewish leaders to call for an official war crimes investigation. Sweden was neutral during the war and traded with both sides.

Persson has said he would consider a commission or research project to investigate but has stopped short of requesting a formal investigation.

"I would like to see a full analysis of both the official Swedish policy on Hitler Germany and the attitude of individual Swedes to the Holocaust," he told parliament.

The Scandinavian country, whose egalitarian ideals have been tested by an enormous immigrant flow, also has experienced several violent acts linked to neo-Nazi groups.

"It is really to worry about in a democratic society like Sweden that 55 years after the war (Nazis) are showing their ugly faces again," Posner-Korosi said.

Organizers said they hoped the forum would keep its focus on research, education and remembrance.

"The general goal is to prevent that these things happen again in any society," spokesman Goesta Grassman said. "We shall of course look at the history but not only stay there ... it's very much a conference about looking ahead."

Russian troops intensify operations in Chechnya

NOVAYA SUNZHA, Russia (AP) — Fighting Chechen rebels yard by yard for control of snow-coated Grozny, the Russian military claimed Saturday to have seized one-third of the Chechen capital — but it still had not reached the coveted, rebel-held center of town.

In Moscow, meanwhile, Russia's acting president replaced a top commander overseeing the offensive in the breakaway republic. And in Chechnya, a top official reported that dozens of civilians trapped in damp, unheated basements in Grozny have died of hypothermia in the past several days.

Russian aircraft and artillery unleashed some of their most intense strikes yet on Grozny Saturday, with four continuously airborne combat helicopters shelling repeatedly. The raids were concentrated on eastern Grozny and rattled the ground in nearby Novaya Sunzha, just east of the capital.

Fierce street fighting was reported in all four sections of Grozny. Despite the Russian advance, the rebels still control the core of the city, the federal military command said Saturday.

Federal troops have been advancing for weeks on Grozny, the war's biggest political prize. The Russians have faced strengthened rebel resistance as they have neared the center and are now taking just a few hundred yards of territory a day, ITAR-Tass said, quoting military sources.

From 8,000 to 25,000 civilians are believed to remain in the city, most too old or infirm to leave — or too scared to risk escape through almost continuous shelling. Most of the 37 residents who died of hypothermia were children and the elderly, ITAR-Tass quoted Chechnya's health minister as saying.

As the fighting continued, acting Russian President Vladimir Putin replaced the head of Russia's 250,000 Interior Ministry troops on Saturday. The Interior Ministry troops form one of Russia's largest security forces and have a large contingent fighting in Chechnya.

Col. Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, who was a commander with the Defense Ministry during the 1994-96 Chechnya war, was named to replace Col. Gen. Vyacheslav Ovchinnikov, Putin's press service said. Tikhomirov was also named deputy interior minister.

No reason for the reshuffle was given. Earlier this month, the Russian government replaced the two top combat generals in Chechnya. The military said the decision was routine, though the move suggested government frustration over failure to seize the Chechen capital Grozny.

Elsewhere in Chechnya, Russian forces also said they had occupied the rebel stronghold of Vedeno in the southeastern mountains, raising a Russian flag and searching house-to-house for militants, ITAR-Tass quoted the Defense Ministry as saying. The Russians had controlled the heights around Vedeno for some time but had been cautious about entering the town, which was believed to be well-guarded by Chechen warlords.

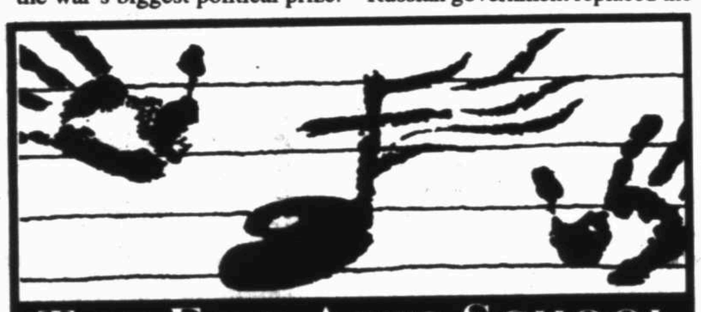
Heavy snow fell Friday night, and Russian soldiers complained that their green combat fatigues were making them perfect targets for rebel snipers. Sgt. Yuri Mankhov said white camouflage uniforms have been issued to security guards for Russian officials, but not to the rank-and-file soldiers.

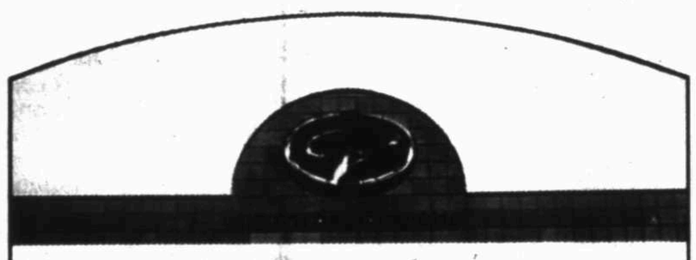
"They will come (into the field) for half an hour and rush away heroes, and we are like animated targets in a shooting gallery," Mankhov said.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 65	High 60	High 55
Low 35	Low 30	Low 32

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 60-65. Wind is expected to be from the northeast at 5-15 mph.

Sunday night will cloud with a low around 35.

Monday will be partly cloudy with a high around 60. Monday night will be partly cloudy with a low around 30-35.

Tuesday will be partly cloudy with a high around 50-55.

After an overnight low of 47, Saturday's high was 73, compared to the old record high for that date of 83, set in 1950. The record low of 2 was set in 1966.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.60 in.
Total for year	0.60 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.19 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	73
Low	47
Normal high	57
Normal low	29

Sunrise ... 7:47 a.m. **Sunset** ... 6:14 p.m.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Saturday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Atlanta	38	27	.09	rn
Atlantic City	20	4	sno	
Austin	74	58	cdy	
Baltimore	22	9	sno	
Baton Rouge	73	48	.29	rn
Bismarck	22	8	cdy	
Boise	42	29	.02	cdy
Boston	14	2	sno	
Buffalo	15	0	sno	
Casper	43	26	clr	
Cheyenne	38	24	cdy	
Chicago	24	0	.05	sno
Cincinnati	25	4	.08	cdy
Cleveland	15	-1	.02	sno
Dayton	18	-6	.05	cdy
Daytona Beach	65	34	cdy	
Denver	48	21	clr	
Des Moines	40	18	sno	
Detroit	16	-2	.02	sno
Duluth	15	-2	sno	
El Paso	66	58	cdy	
Elkins	23	-17	sno	
Erie	18	13	sno	
Fargo	17	3	cdy	
Flint	15	-13	sno	
Fresno	58	40	rn	
Harrisburg	23	7	.01	sno
Hartford Spgfld	13	0	sno	
Helena	36	26	cdy	
Honolulu	76	68	clr	
Houston	77	52	cdy	
Huntsville	34	25	1.01	rn
Indianapolis	26	9	.06	cdy
Jackson,Miss.	65	35	.17	rn
Jacksonville	60	27	.35	cdy
Juneau	34	25	.03	cdy
Kansas City	52	32	cdy	
Knoxville	26	20	.03	cdy
Lake Charles	74	50	.01	cdy
Lansing	15	-15	sno	
Las Vegas	65	50	cdy	
Lexington	26	14	.02	cdy
Lincoln	50	27	cdy	
Little Rock	40	38	.10	cdy
Los Angeles	63	54	cdy	
Louisville	30	19	.13	cdy
Lubbock	64	49	cdy	
Memphis	37	34	.67	cdy
Miami Beach	73	53	.57	cdy
Milwaukee	24	5	.03	clr
Mpls-St Paul	22	3	.01	cdy
Mobile	67	38	rn	
Montgomery	52	29	rn	
Nashville	34	24	.14	cdy
New Orleans	73	48	rn	
New York City	21	10	sno	
Newark	21	7	sno	
Norfolk,Va.	29	20	sno	
North Platte	50	21	cdy	
Oklahoma City	57	38	cdy	
Omaha	43	29	cdy	
Orlando	69	37	cdy	
Philadelphia	22	7	sno	
Phoenix	70	54	cdy	
Pittsburgh	15	1	cdy	
Pueblo	55	19	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	33	17	sno	
Rapid City	33	22	clr	
Reno	48	25	rn	
Richmond	30	9	sno	
Sacramento	53	42	rn	
St Louis	38	32	.01	cdy
St Thomas	83	74	cdy	
Salt Lake City	40	31	.04	cdy
San Angelo	78	53	clr	
San Antonio	71	58	cdy	
San Diego	63	55	cdy	
San Francisco	56	52	.09	rn
San Jose	63	49	rn	
Santa Fe	54	30	cdy	
St Ste Marie	0	-17	sno	
Savannah	49	23	rn	
Seattle	46	38	.02	cdy
Shreveport	72	49	cdy	
Sioux City	32	14	cdy	
Sioux Falls	25	1	cdy	
South Bend	21	0	.04	cdy
Spokane	27	27	cdy	
Springfield,Ill.	33	16	.02	sno
Springfield,Mo.	49	32	.01	cdy
Syracuse	8	-5	.05	sno
Tallahassee	60	27	rn	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	69	39	cdy	
Toledo	15	-5	.02	cdy
Topeka	54	28	cdy	
Tucson	71	50	cdy	
Tulsa	59	42	cdy	
Tupelo	37	31	.71	cdy
Waco	77	52	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	25	14	sno	
Wichita	56	30	cdy	

MISD had planned to release map Feb. 8

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District is set to release their redrawn boundary map to the public Feb. 8, according to Dr. Joseph Baressi Jr.

The agreed judgment settlement plan between MISD and the U.S. Justice Department requires the district to redraw some of its boundaries to integrate 14 of its 23 elementary campuses.

"At least six elementary schools shall each have an Anglo student enrollment percentage within ten percent of the districtwide Anglo elementary school student enrollment percentage, and at least eight elementary schools shall each have an Anglo elementary school student enrollment percentage," according to the settlement documents.

The district's Anglo student population is 45 percent, according to Milton Evitt, executive director of computer and pupil services. In other words, six schools have to have an Anglo population between 35 and 55 percent and eight have to have an Anglo population between 30 and 60 percent.

The district has developed a plan (printed in today's Reporter Telegram) that is currently in the hands of the plaintiff parties of the agreed judgment lawsuit. Baressi said. MISD is waiting for input from those parties.

"The plaintiff parties have been given 45 days to respond," Baressi said, adding that Thursday is the 45th day.

Because of scheduling conflicts with the staff, the school board will meet on Thursday of this week instead of its normal Tuesday meeting date. That meeting has an agenda item to discuss the boundary map and any responses from the Justice Department or the plaintiff-intervenors.

No action is planned regarding the map at Thursday's meeting.

"We're hoping that on the Feb. 8 board meeting that we would have a public report presenting the staff recommendation that at that point may be modified," Baressi said.

No action will be taken at that meeting, either; the report will just be presented to the public. MISD will follow that up by holding public meetings and seeking community input for the plan.

Baressi didn't offer much hope for that input being effective. "I don't believe there are very many options other than what we've already developed," he said.

Trustees George Lara and James Fuller, said however, that parental participation in those meetings is paramount.

"It is very important that parents attend and study that information," said Lara.

Fuller said that parental input and discussion also is vital to ensure equality. "Parents have to demand that the burden of bussing is equal across the board."

Baressi said the boundaries should be finalized by the end of March.

"Hopefully, they would approve the new boundaries, no later than the second meeting in March (March 22)," said Baressi, adding that expediency will allow MISD to make the necessary adjustments to implement neighborhood schools by August.

MISD Elementary Attendance Zones

CAMPUS	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	PERCENT ANGLO
Bonham	567	53.77
Bowie	497	54.7
Burnet	461	37.0
Crockett	402	0.74
DeZavala	328	0.91
Fannin	414	91.79
Henderson	402	50.13
Houston	519	48.27
Jones	534	52.67
Lamar	451	30.49
Long	415	32.13
Milam	358	3.6
Emerson	476	58.2
Pease	355	4.49
Rusk	589	59.4
South	332	5.0
Travis	583	31.0
Washington	205	0.9
Parker	602	58.4
Santa Rita	502	59.6
Scharbauer	422	76.0
Bush	525	59.3
Greathouse	597	78.0

ZONES: Bulk of reassignments come from South

(From 1A)

Changes were brought about by redirecting the students from nine campuses, primarily from south and east Midland. No students will be reassigned from Bonham, Bowie, DeZavala, Fannin, Henderson, Houston, Jones, Lamar, Long, Pease, Rusk, Parker, Santa Rita or Greathouse.

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The bulk of the reassignments will come from South Elementary. Seventy-eight South students will be bussed all the way across town to Santa Rita and 189 will be moved to Parker. South then will receive 127 students from Travis Elementary. The grand result of those maneuverings will be that South will go from 92.36 percent minority to 95 percent minority, made up of 332 students. South would have had 471 students without the changes.

Rural students (86) previously attending Emerson will be rerouted to Bowie. Bowie will end up with 497 students, 54.7 percent of which will be Anglo. The school currently has 409 students, of which 50.61 percent are Anglo. Without any changes, Bowie would have met the criteria of being naturally integrated — within plus or minus 10 percent of the district's Anglo population.

Along with sending 86 of its rural students to Bowie, Emerson will move 61 of its rural students to Santa Rita and receive 93 students from Milam. Emerson then will have 476 students, of which 58.2 percent will be Anglo. It would have had 530 students (64.53 percent Anglo).

Burnet will reassign 159 of its rural students to Rusk, leaving 461 students, 37 percent of which will be Anglo. Without changes, the school would have a 36 percent Anglo population with 625 students. The campus would meet the requirements of natural integration without any changes.

Rusk, however, is made compliant to the requirements by receiving the 159 Burnet students. Rusk will end up with 589 students, (59.4 percent Anglo). Without the redrawn boundaries, Rusk would have had 433 students (66.51 percent).

Crockett will bus 53 of its students to Milam leaving a total of 404 students. Milam will move 93 students to Emerson in addition to receiving the 53 students from Crockett. Neither Crockett nor Milam are changed enough to meet the settlement agreement requirements as both remain more than 95 percent racially identifiable as minority campuses. Crockett will end up with 99.26 percent minority students and Milam will have 96.4 percent minority students. The net change is not determined because the district documents do not reveal what Anglo percentages were before the reassignments. Those two campuses are the only ones in the document not identifying the statistics before the proposed reassignments. Milam will be left with 358 students.

Travis will move 127 students to South, leaving 583 students (31 percent Anglo.) Without a change, Travis would have 708 students, (25.85 percent Anglo).

Washington will move 45 students to Santa Rita, leaving 205 students, less than one percent of which will be Anglo. The move makes no significant change to the campus' ethnic makeup. Washington would have had 250 students, less than one percent of which would be Anglo.

Parker will receive 123 students from Bush and 189 students from South, for a grand total of 602 students (58.4 percent Anglo). Without mitigation, the campus would have 289 students (79.58 percent Anglo).

Santa Rita will receive 78 students from South, 45 students from Washington and 61 rural students from Emerson. That will change the campus' student body from 316 to 502 and the Anglo population from 86.08 to 59.6 percent.

Scharbauer will move 155 rural bus students to Bush, leaving 422 students (76 percent Anglo). Without mitigation, the campus would have 581 students (66.78 percent Anglo). The move will make the campus even more racially identifiable as an Anglo campus. However, the change will bring Bush into compliance of the settlement guidelines.

Bush will move 123 students to Parker in addition to receiving the 155 rural students from Scharbauer. That will leave 525 students (59.3 percent Anglo). The campus would have 495 students (70.91 percent Anglo) without any changes.

Baressi would not comment on any of this data other than to say that it should not be public information. Baressi did say at Tuesday's public meeting at Travis that approximately 1,100 of the district's 11,000 elementary students would be affected by reassignments.

The district documents sited state, "The following criteria were used to develop this recommendation: 1. Use existing bus routes as much as possible. 2. Keep elementary attendance zones aligned with secondary zones as much as possible. 3. Improve ratios of "integrated" campuses as much as possible. 4. Bus the fewest number of students possible. 5. Ethnic percentages used were 45 percent Anglo, 55 percent minority. 6. Try to avoid extreme differences in overall campus enrollment."

CONFERENCE: State perspective on economy also will be presented

(From 1A)

conference will convince Midlanders "of the need for economic diversification, tell them the cost to diversify and the cost not to diversify and lay out a clear choice, so people will understand what will happen under both scenarios."

"I'm excited about the conference," said Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the conference along with the Reporter-Telegram. "We will feature good speakers that are qualified to give us good insight on the economy of the region, what it's done and where we're headed. There will also be speakers from cities like Abilene and Tyler who faced similar issues of economies that weren't growing and were faced with finding ways to develop their economies."

Presentations will be made by Bill Wright of Abilene and Tim Brookshire of Tyler. A state perspective will be presented by Tucker Bridwell of the State Economic Development Board.

Economist M. Ray Perryman will give an overview of the local economy, returning after lunch to discuss transportation needs.

The conference is open to the public and Ken Burgess, a member of the steering committee and chair of the Vision 2000 task force on economic development, sees it as an opportunity to educate the public on ways to develop the economy and to generate excitement about the economic development process.

With an estimated 800 to 1,000 expected to attend, he said "I hope they'll ask questions and learn more about economic development and have input on where we go as a community."

The only way to be successful in economic development, said Burgess, chief executive officer of First National Bank of Midland, "is for the community to be unified and pull in one direction. All of us, private and public, have to work toward a common goal."

Following a 7:30 a.m. continental breakfast, Mayor Bobby Burns will kick off the conference at 8 a.m., followed by a representative of the oil and gas industry discussing where the industry is headed, said Dennis Clayton, director of economic development for the chamber.

"Oil and gas is the reason we're here and the reason we continue to be here," Clayton said. "We don't want to replace oil and gas, we want to add to it and support it while we expand so we're not as dependent on it and are more stable. Oil and gas made us who and what we are and will be a major part of the economy."

Part of economic diversification, he said, will be to study the changes the energy industry is undergoing and find ways to respond to those changes and "become the capitol for independent oil and gas operators."

Wynn said the luncheon speaker, Dr. David Smith, dean of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, would speak at noon on exploiting opportunities in the medical area. The luncheon will be followed by a panel discussion from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. where the public will have a chance to express their ideas and opinions.

Dean of Business at University of Texas of the Permian Basin Geralyn Franklin said she has worked in economic development and believes it something all cities should think about.

"The idea of the conference is to make the community aware of the state of the economy and its options in planning for the future," she said. "Everyone has a vested interest in economic development though they may not think of it. Economic development influences things you don't think about, from restaurants to retailers. Lots of professional people don't think about it until they experience an economic downturn."

Vince Matthews, director of the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, said that not only should the conference put into perspective the current state of the economy but provide ideas taken from those who have been successful in diversifying their towns.

With current economic indicators like average salaries and energy production trending downward, he said, "I think what the conference is about is seeing what we might do differently or better. I'm certainly concerned about the state of the economy."

Ms. Franklin said she hopes that next year, rather than focusing on Midland's economy, the conference will expand to focus on the Permian Basin because Midland, Odessa and surrounding communities are linked together.

BOND: New MHS is most pressing need

(From 1A)

"Goal 1: Improve and expand all MISD facilities, utilizing multi-use plans whenever possible."

Secondary facilities at MISD also were addressed by that group's economic development committee and its facilities committee. Additionally, MISD's own long-range planning committee identified facility needs as a top priority.

Specifically, the district has identified needs at Midland High School, Lee High School, Lee Freshman, Midland Freshman, Alamo Junior High, Goddard Junior High, San Jacinto Junior High, Carver Cultural Center, West Early Childhood Center and Bunche Early Childhood Center.

The district's total needs would cost in the neighborhood of $100 million and up, according to Heidelberg. Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. said the district must be cautious however, and not ask the public to fund too many of those projects at once.

"We've got to be aware of sticker shock," said Baressi.

The ultimate decision, relayed through a consensus of the board, was to shoot for an election in September. The board also seemed united in the idea that the most pressing needs were for a new Midland High School and renovations at Lee.

"That's my priority," said Trustee Glen Bufler.

According to Baressi, several items have to be addressed almost immediately to meet the September goal. The district will need to identify a site a for a new Midland High School by the end of February. February also would be the deadline for procuring an architect to draw up plans for MHS and LHS construction and the hiring of Monty Hunter to renew cost estimates for all proposed renovations. Hunter did the district's initial secondary needs estimates in 1995.

The results of Hunter's work and that of other architectural firms will be reported to the board in June. The board then will have to decide which campuses are priorities and how much of a bond to present to the public. The election would be called for in July, according to Baressi.

"Let's get started," said Ms. Manulik.

OIL: Gallagher says public awareness is critical

(From 1A)

owned by the federal government, 20 percent by the state and 2 percent by Indian reservations.

Gallagher said he was confident that everything that could be accomplished by the Department of Energy had been accomplished, but it was probably not enough. "Secretary Richardson, sometimes with not very much support, has been the strongest supporter of oil and gas."

Gallagher said challenges facing the oil and gas industry in the formation of a positive energy policy is to educate citizens about energy security, bring reason to many unreasonable environmental constraints and develop aggressive programs to meet growing natural gas demand.

"If we are going to meet ... demand by 2010, we need to get on with it. It's going to require double-digit growth, and I have serious reservations about our ability to meet it." He said if the Kyoto Accord is passed in its present form and the environmental climate of the next 10 years is like the last 10 years the nation would have serious problems meeting natural gas demand. "If we could get half as serious about our oil and gas productive capacity, as Kyoto and global warming, the domestic oil industry would be in much better shape." He said the environmental agenda already added $5 to every barrel of oil produced in the U.S.

He said public awareness of energy demand, environmental issues and dependence on exports was critical. "If we don't succeed in getting the public to pay attention to the energy component, we are going to pay for it." He said the average citizen was not aware of the danger of growing imports and gave little thought to energy security or national security.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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Missionaries convert scores of Buddhists to Christianity

BATTAMBANG, Cambodia (AP) — Children swimming in the Thakee River erupt in giggles when the first few converts, dunked beneath the surface, emerge with water sputtering from their noses.

As hymns soar from a riverbank choir, bemused motorists stop to gawk at the spectacle from a nearby bridge.

In a country where Buddhism has been the chief religion for more than 800 years, Christianity is gaining a firm foothold. Over the last 10 years, the number of Cambodian Christians has grown from 200 to an estimated 60,000, says Steven Westergren of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, based in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"The growth is typical of countries that have come out of a communist situation, out of a deprived situation," Westergren says in his office in Phnom Penh. "The isolation and violence created a vacuum, an enormous vacuum. When the doors opened in 1990-91, Cambodians were like sponges ready to soak up anything — both good and bad."

Some are skeptical, however, that Cambodia's new Christians are true converts. Critics assert that many missionary groups tie conversions to assistance — digging wells, building schools and distributing food only after a poverty-stricken village agrees to a new church.

This produces so-called "rice-bowl Christians," they say — superficial converts interested only in the accompanying aid.

The pastor on the Thakee riverbank is taken aback by suggestions his work might be motivated by foreign aid and insists his Protestant congregation does not dangle rewards in front of new members.

He is the Rev. Christopher LaPel, a former Cambodian refugee schooled in Los Angeles who baptizes almost 90 converts in a little over an hour.

"We don't take food and trade with them," LaPel says, gesturing with his hand to the baptismal riverbank. "This is love."

Twenty-one years ago, LaPel, the son of a palace official, was among thousands of Cambodians herded to the Thai border by the Khmer Rouge after Vietnam invaded and toppled that genocidal regime.

Starving and confused after four years in communist farming collectives, most of the refugees wound up in camps where Christian aid workers gave them food, shelter and Khmer-language Bibles.

LaPel says the story of Jesus "cut to my heart" and prompted instant conversion. "I gave my life to the Lord," he recalls. "Christ spared my life from the killing fields."

He emigrated to the United States in 1980, living in Lincoln, Neb., and Los Angeles, where he attended college. When the Cold War ended and Cambodia reopened, LaPel and other returning converts became front-line missionaries.

LaPel reasons that many in Cambodia lost faith in Buddhism after the horrors of Khmer Rouge rule and the harsh decade of Vietnamese occupation that followed.

"The Buddha never promised salvation," LaPel says. "He claimed only to be a good teacher, but a lot of Cambodians are looking for a messiah — someone to save them."

LaPel made international headlines last year when it was revealed he had "saved" one of Cambodia's most infamous killers — Duch, director of the Khmer Rouge's central prison Tuol Sleng, where up to 20,000 Cambodians, accused as political enemies, were tortured and killed.

Duch, using a false name, Hong Pin, began attending LaPel's sermons in 1996. Timid and sullen at first, he kept to the back of the church and watched silently as the pastor led the service with a 12-string guitar strapped across his chest.

In time, the incognito killer moved to the front pew. He took notes on LaPel's sermons and peppered him with Bible questions. Soon after, he was baptized.

"Hong Pin" hinted only once to LaPel how much blood was on his hands.

"He said, 'Pastor Christopher, I'm a sinner. I don't think my brothers and sisters around me can forgive me because my sins are so deep,'" LaPel recalls.

A Western photographer visiting northwestern Cambodia last year recognized Duch, a bit grayer at 56 years but otherwise unchanged from his portrait hanging in Tuol Sleng, now a museum of the genocide.

He was arrested and now awaits the outcome of negotiations between Cambodia and the United Nations on formation of a genocide tribunal.

LaPel calls Duch a model convert — a man who has pledged to confess his sins and be a star witness in a trial so other ex-Khmer Rouge will also face justice. Most observers agree that Duch appears a changed man, but there is plenty of disagreement over the faith of many others, the "rice-bowl Christians."

"I think for some Cambodians, conversion is not a big deal. They 'convert,' but they remain Buddhist," says Linda Hartky of Church World Service, a Christian aid group in New York City that does not engage in missionary activities.

Yin Soeum, a 33-year-old Cambodian who grew up in a refugee camp, agrees. Although he is grateful for the education he received in a church-run school, Soeum says he resented religious conversion being linked to extra food or passage to the West.

He asserts that the practice continues today in Christian organizations that offer well-paying jobs to young Cambodians, who in turn play a vital role in converting rural peasants in villages where aid is given.

"If our country was not so torn by war, I don't think it would be like this," says Soeum, who lives in Phnom Penh. "That's why Christians are considered so good. They offer jobs and give people money."

Crash victims' families to receive about $115 million

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The families of those killed on EgyptAir Flight 990 will receive a total of about $115 million in insurance payouts, the airline's chairman said in remarks published Saturday.

The figure conflicted with EgyptAir Chairman Mohammed Fahim Rayan's statements in November, when he said the payment would be $100,000 for every one of the 217 people on board the plane that plunged into the Atlantic Ocean on Oct. 31. Such payments would total about $22 million.

An EgyptAir spokesman was not available to explain the discrepancy.

The value of the insurance for the families of the victims will be between the equivalent of $86.9 million and $115.9 million, Rayan said, according to the pro-government newspaper Al Gomhuria.

Meanwhile, the head of Egypt's Civil Aviation Authority, Abdel-Fattah Qato, returned home Saturday after spending a week in the United States with investigators of the crash.

Upon his arrival in Cairo, Qato said he couldn't comment because investigations are still proceeding.

Qato held several meetings with Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and other American investigators, Cairo airport officials said.

Qato is expected to hand a report to Egypt's minister of transportation on the investigation.

Hall says his agency must conduct additional studies before determining the cause of the EgyptAir crash. He has disputed reports that investigators are increasingly convinced the jet was crashed deliberately.

Investigators have speculated that the crash was the result of a deliberate action by the co-pilot, Capt. Gameel El-Batouty.

EgyptAir has rejected the suicide possibility and said that all its pilots undergo routine physical and psychological testing. El-Batouty's family has reacted angrily to reports that the veteran pilot had a death wish.

India and Pakistan exchange fire, killing up to 10 soldiers

JAMMU, India (AP) — India and Pakistan traded gunfire and accusations Saturday, each blaming the other for an attack along their disputed Kashmir border that left as many as 10 people dead and villagers scurrying for safety.

The head of the Indian army's northern command, Maj. Gen. P.P.S. Bindra, said one Pakistani officer and six soldiers were shot dead when they attacked an Indian army post in the Himalayan territory, which is divided between the two South Asian rivals.

He said two Indian soldiers and an Indian civilian were also killed.

But Pakistan said it was the Indians who crossed the disputed Kashmir border and attacked a long-existing Pakistani post.

India and Pakistan, South Asian neighbors and rivals of 52 years, both control parts of the northern frontier region of Kashmir, two-thirds of which is controlled by India and the rest by Pakistan. Both nations claim Kashmir in its entirety.

In the latest fighting, 12 Pakistani soldiers were wounded, Bindra said.

"They came and attacked our post, and killed one junior commissioned officer and one soldier in the initial attack. We retaliated," Bindra told The Associated Press by telephone from his base in the town of Udhampur.

"This appears an attempt to create trouble on the Line of Control," he said — referring to the 1972 cease-fire line in Kashmir.

The fighting frightened villagers who fled the area in bullock carts, buses and on horses.

In a news briefing in Islamabad, Foreign Ministry spokesman Tariq Altaf said two Pakistani soldiers were killed and five others were missing. Army spokesman Brig. Rashid Quereshi said he didn't know how many Indian soldiers had been killed or wounded.

"This act of flagrant aggression was preceded by intense Indian mortar fire, whiles northwest of Jammu, the winter capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir. Pakistan said it was in Iftikharabad. It was unclear whether those are the same place, called different names by the two nations, or are merely near one another.

A spokesman for India's Border Security Force said two "intruders" from Pakistan were killed in the nearby Hiranagar region Friday.

India routinely accuses Pakistan of arming and funding a decade-old armed insurgency in Kashmir by Islamic guerrillas who want to carve out a separate nation or merge with Pakistan. Islamabad denies the charge but acknowledges political support to the rebels.

Also today, Pakistani police said Indian artillery shells hit a funeral procession in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, killing three people and wounding 14 others.

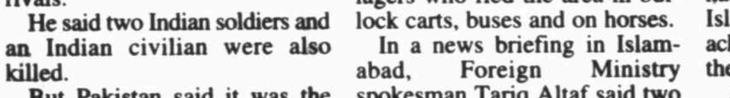
India has stepped up security across the country and especially in Kashmir to prevent possible border intrusions or violent attacks ahead of the country's Republic Day Jan. 26.

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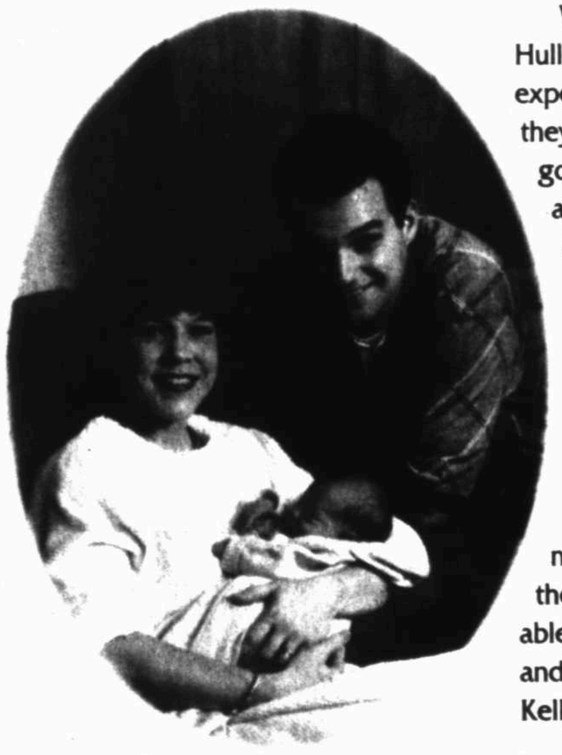
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Mexico's student strike drags on despite faltering public support

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The university directory calls it the Jose Valdano classroom, but to the band of students who have been living here for the last nine months it's "the Igloo."

"The light doesn't come in through the windows fully and it gets cold," says Alejandro, a 30-year-old architecture student who doesn't give his last name because of possible criminal repercussions.

Despite a referendum on Thursday in which administrators, faculty members and students at Latin America's largest university voted overwhelmingly in favor of ending a strike, the radical students who have occupied the main campus at the National Autonomous University are living just as they have for the past nine months — and don't plan to go anywhere.

Alejandro stretches under the blankets spread out on the classroom floor and rubs his eyes. Down a couple of flights of stairs in the philosophy department's kitchen, Oscar Castillo helps a group of students make an early lunch of eggs and tortillas.

"The administration has a majority of the support," concedes the 29-year-old philosophy student. "But it's a passive one. We are the active minority, and what happened (with the voting) won't change that."

Last April 20, the mammoth campus — buttressed on one side by a stadium built for the 1968 Olympics and on the other by the foothills of the mountains that ring the Mexican capital — exploded in a rebellion that saw thousands of students barricade their school's entrances with wire fences and debris and declare the university and its affiliated high schools closed until further notice.

Those were what the students here now call the good old days.

The strikers' main demand was clear: Scrap an idea to raise tuition from a token few cents to the equivalent of $150 a year.

A lot has happened since those spring days when revolution hung in the air.

In June, university President Francisco Barnes de Castro agreed to make tuition optional. In November, with a resolution nowhere in sight, he resigned. Soon after, his replacement Juan Ramon de la Fuente suspended the tuition increase altogether.

Nothing moved the strikers.

In January, de la Fuente also offered not to pursue criminal charges against the strike's ringleaders and create a university-wide congress of administrators, faculty members and students to rewrite the university's bylaws. Again, the strikers didn't budge.

Gradually, most of the hundreds of students camped out on campus abandoned the cause. Only a few dozen increasingly radical leftists remained. Public opinion steadily turned against the strikers.

The voting Thursday merely confirmed what most Mexicans already knew: Most people at the 268,000-student university want the strikers to move out and let things get back to normal.

To the students holed up on campus, however, the vote was no more than a blip.

"I can't say I'm not tired of this sometimes," says 28-year-old Joquin Escobar as he mopped the floor of the philosophy department, his home for nine months. "But it's not lonely here. We are not as alone as the government would have you believe."

The administration is increasingly sour over what it sees as a group of career students whose demands have escalated each time officials have offered concessions.

The latest demands center on an open-admissions policy for students from university-affiliated high schools, greater student control of the curriculum and no time limit for finishing a university degree in a country where being a 32-year-old undergraduate is not uncommon.

"It's a paradox because it's no longer an economic issue but a quest for political integration and profound change," says Mario Guzman, a striking philosophy student. "That doesn't have a definite end and won't end because of a vote like (Thursday's plebiscite)."

Guzman says he's content to continue the stalemate until after national elections in July. Mexican officials, so far at least, have appeared to share similar sentiments. Weighing heavily on their collective consciousness is a 1968 massacre in which the army opened fire on demonstrators, most of them students.

"The tensions are rising on both sides," says a 30-year-old literature student who didn't want to give her name. "But it's clear that the public would never support the use of force to end this or any strike, and the government knows that."

Jewish refugee takes Switzerland to court

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Switzerland's supreme court on Friday rejected an Auschwitz survivor's claim that the government should be held responsible for handing him over to the Nazis, but awarded him $63,000 in damages anyway.

Joseph Spring, then 16, was arrested as he tried to enter neutral Switzerland from Nazi-occupied France in 1943. Spring was turned over to German guards, an action his lawyers said amounted to complicity with genocide.

The Federal Tribunal ruled Friday that Swiss authorities did nothing illegal in the case. Still, by a 3-2 majority the judges said Spring, now 73, should be awarded the amount of money he had requested on ethical grounds and to cover his costs.

Spring, who sat impassively with his hands folded in his lap for most of the seven hours of deliberations, said he was disappointed by the judgment.

"I wanted to win and I didn't win," he said.

"But the money will be spent in any case," he added with a laugh. "I'm not bitter and life goes on." He planned to return to his home in Australia.

His lawyer, Paul Rechsteiner, said the court had awarded the money as a "sign of a bad conscience." Swiss Finance Ministry spokesman Daniel Eckmann said the ruling was an "equitable and just solution."

Surrounded by Germany, Nazi-occupied France and Nazi-allied Italy, neutral Switzerland took in nearly 30,000 Jews during World War II. But it expelled an equal number.

The unemotional legalistic debate in the majestic oak-paneled courtroom contrasted sharply with the heart-wrenching personal tragedy recounted by the bespectacled, gray-haired Spring.

On Nov. 13, 1943, he and his two cousins, 14-year-old Sylver and 21-year-old Henri Hemenberg, tried to make a midnight crossing into the safety of Switzerland over a mountain border crossing.

"Because Henri was seriously ill with tuberculosis and Sylver and I were still minors, we thought that the border guards might make an exception and let us in," he told the court.

The three were sent back to France. Two days later they tried again. That time they were arrested and handed over to German guards, along with identity papers proving they were Jewish.

After three weeks in prison, the young men were sent to Auschwitz, where they were separated. Henri joined the line of the sick, followed by his younger brother. Spring went with the healthy.

"The last time that I saw Henri and Sylver was when Sylver threw my portion of our bread ration to me," Spring said. "An SS man closed the door to the gas chamber behind them and they perished along with many others."

Initially, four of the five judges said the complaint should be rejected on strictly legal grounds. They argued that the Swiss had adhered to the narrow definition of refugees at that time, which didn't include those persecuted on grounds of race. They also said too much time had lapsed for Spring to have a valid claim against the government.

But Tribunal president Alain Wurzburger said regardless of legal arguments, the court should award Spring what he asked for either on ethical grounds or, failing that, to cover expenses.

In the end, two of the other judges backed Wurzburger's view.

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Elian's grandmothers meet with Attorney General Reno

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers told Attorney General Janet Reno "how much they are suffering" over the 6-year-old's continued stay in the United States and appealed for help Saturday in reuniting the youngster with his father in Cuba.

The grandmothers gave her a letter expressing the wish that Elian be returned to "the normality of life with his father, brother, family, friends at schools, his toys, dog and parrot."

Reno, who has supported Elian's return, said in a written statement the grandmothers "made a very compassionate and heartfelt plea" but that the matter now is in federal court.

"We maintain that the law recognizes the unique relationship between parent and child and that family reunification has long been a cornerstone" of U.S immigration law as well as Immigration and Naturalization Service practice, she said.

Attorneys for the boy's relatives in Florida have asked a federal judge to prevent his return before he has an asylum hearing.

Mariela Quintana, the boy's paternal grandmother, and maternal grandmother Raquel Rodriguez did not speak to reporters after the 45-minute meeting at the Justice Department. But their three-paragraph letter was released, and officials of the U.S. and Cuban Council of Churches described their sentiments afterward.

"The two grandmothers expressed how much they are suffering because of this separation from their family on behalf of Elian Gonzalez, the Very Rev. Oden Marichal, head of the Cuban church group, told reporters.

"This has been a very good opportunity for them to express their deep feeling as grandmothers to the (attorney general) asking the return of Elian to Cuba.

"We understand that grandchildren belong to every grandfather and grandmother."

The INS has ordered the boy returned to Cuba. Reno has agreed, saying the youngster belongs with his father in the communist island where he was reared. The grandmothers sought the meeting with Reno and Doris Meissner, the INS commissioner, U.S. officials said.

Officials from National Council of Churches, which represent mainline Protestant denominations, have been serving as the grandmothers' hosts during their stay of undetermined length in the United States.

The Rev. Bob Edgar, a former Democratic House member and general secretary of the church organization, said the grandmothers "shared with the attorney general their pain in the loss of this grandchild. Both grandmothers articulated as clearly as anyone could the hunger and passion that they have to return their grandchild to Cuba."

Edgar said the grandmothers' only plans so far were to return Saturday to New York City. No plans have been announced for the women to visit the boy, who is with his Miami relatives, or to return home. But the grandmothers wrote in their letter: "We only have Sunday to see Elian, and we not only want to see him, but we also want to return with him to Cuba."

The women must go to Miami to visit Elian, said Armando Gutierrez, spokesman for the Florida relatives caring for the youngster.

"The doors are open and the welcome mats are out. The family would love for them to come here to Miami. In fact, they are surprised they went to New York and Washington and have not come here," he said Saturday.

The grandmothers so far have chosen to avoid Miami, where Cuban immigrants staged massive protests after the INS ruling.

Edgar told reporters the meeting was intended "to open the dialogue and the conversation" with Reno. "The grandmothers had a wonderful opportunity to speak to them and that's really all that I can say at this time."

Amish mourn deaths of four young siblings

FRYBURG, Pa. (AP) — Small groups of men and boys dressed in black trudged across the snow-covered plains Saturday, leading a procession of horse-drawn buggies toward a hilltop cemetery.

Four small graves had been dug for the bodies of four young Amish siblings who died Thursday when their farmhouse burned.

The oldest, Moses, was 5.

Investigators suspect a kerosene lamp in one of the children's bedroom's started the fire while Levi and Anna Mast finished the morning chores in a nearby barn.

Mast tried to reach the children, but the heat was too intense. The two-story home had no electricity and the nearest phone was half a mile away. By the time firefighters arrived, the farmhouse was engulfed in flames.

About 30 buggies from Amish farms across the region began arriving early Saturday in Fryburg, a tiny farming and lumber village of 30 families.

The children's grandfather, Elmer Mast, said many of the 200 mourners would return to help Levi Mast build a new house. A stone foundation and charred beams were all that remained after the fire.

The home had no smoke alarms, phone or electricity because the community, part of an ultra-conservative branch known as Troyer Amish, believes in a life without modern conveniences.

The Troyer Amish began in Holmes County, Ohio, in the 1930s, and later built communities in Ontario, western New York and Pennsylvania, said Steve Scott of the Young Center for the Study of Anabapist and Pietist Groups at Elizabethtown College.

While some Amish groups allow gas kitchen ranges and smoke detectors, the Troyer Amish use ice-cooled refrigerators and coal- or wood-burning stoves.

The families who settled in Fryburg believe it is wrong to have modern technology in their homes, said John Mast, 37, Anna's brother.

"I don't think it's God's intended way," he said.

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Green served people of county in great fashion!

Charlie Green, the man to whom this weekend's 48th annual Midland County Livestock Show was dedicated, is a true man of the soil. And thousands of Midland County people who relied on Green for information and assistance are glad he was!

During the 33 years he served as the Texas Agricultural Extension agent (TAEX) in Midland County, Green worked tirelessly with local ranchers and farmers to increase their income, make their crops and herds more successful, overcome challenges — even that eternal worry of the agribusinessman, drought — and in the process, Green became something of a legend in agriculture circles here.

Of course, he also did some work that county extension agents rarely get credit for, but which counts big to the people he is serving — like the livestock shows and educational programs for youths in 4-H and FFA; the vital information he provided to residents on the best kinds of trees, shrubs and grasses to plant around their homes; or the help he provided to the person looking for an honest answer on the best type of insecticide to use on insects damaging plants.

Green was a compassionate, caring agricultural agent who embraced the concerns of the people of Midland County, and who worked ceaselessly to find solutions for their problems.

As Charles Neef, the TAEX district director in Fort Stockton, observed, "Charlie was always looked upon highly by his peers" and held "high credibility with his clientele."

That's to a great extent because Green was a compassionate, caring agricultural agent who embraced the concerns of the people of Midland County, and who worked ceaselessly to find solutions for their problems.

Neef called Green "a great Extension (TAEX) professional staff member who was always committed to service to people — trying to make life better for the people in the county."

Not only did Charlie Green try to make life better for the people of Midland County, he made their lives better.

Green fully deserved this honor for all he did for the people of Midland County.

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2000. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. The crew was released 11 months later.

On this date:

In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1849, English-born Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in America to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree, from the Medical Institution of Geneva, N.Y.

In 1920, the Dutch government refused demands from the victorious Allies to hand over Kaiser Wilhelm II, the dethroned German monarch who had fled to the Netherlands.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution proclaiming Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

In 1973, President Nixon announced an accord to end the Vietnam War.

In 1985, debate in Britain's House of Lords was carried live on television for the first time.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain at age 84.

Ten years ago: The 101st Congress convened its second session, facing an agenda that included clean air legislation and deficit reduction.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court ruled that companies accused of firing employees illegally could not escape liability by later finding a lawful reason to justify the dismissal.

One year ago: In his visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II urged his flock in the Americas to make the region a "continent of life."

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

Demagogues use false history of Confederate flag

WASHINGTON — Bigotry is an evil that has led to some of history's worst crimes, the Holocaust being the worst among them. But there are all forms of bigotry, and we are witnessing one of the most peculiar of them in the current controversy over the Confederate flag.



Anderson

It is a situation made for demagoguery. The claim is made that the flag is a symbol of slavery and secession, and therefore worthy of our disdain. The problem is that the slogan is great alliteration, but terrible history. Here are the facts:

Until the election of 1860 the winning ticket or cabinet was always regionally balanced, but the Republicans of that year chose Abraham Lincoln of Illinois and Hannibal Hamlin of Maine. Their message was clear: Southerners were not welcome. This was not simply a matter of slave states versus free states, but of competing economies and ways of life. As a result, the Republicans did not even bother to campaign in the South, but their divisive ticket won the electoral vote anyway, over a divided Democratic Party. They won it with the smallest plurality in American history: 39 percent.

South Carolina and six other deep South states then foolishly seceded, rather than bear up to the new administration until the next election. Then, even more foolishly, they allowed themselves to be maneuvered into a confrontation at Fort Sumter, a completely bloodless battle that Lincoln used to call for an invasion of the South. That decision, regardless of loyalties, must be regarded as the worst single political decision in our history, because in the stroke of a pen he did what no other event could accomplish: He forced the four upper South states out of the Union.

Those states — Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas — had recently voted by overwhelming majorities to reject secession, and each of them, by similar majorities, reversed those votes when compelled by Lincoln to choose between fighting for or against their fellow Southerners; civil wars allow no neutrals. And those states went on to provide more than 50 percent of the manpower for the Confederate armies, which guaranteed a long and bloody war.

Gen. Robert E. Lee's wife, Mary, best expressed the upper South sentiments when she declared South Carolina and Massachusetts ought to fight it out and leave everyone else alone. In short, the average Southerner was not fighting for slavery or even secession. After all, fewer than 5 percent of Southerners were slaveholders (385,000 out of a free population of 8,361,677, according to the 1860 Census), and the men in the ranks were hardly willing to die to protect their officers' right to perpetuate that peculiar institution. They fought because they were invaded.

And by fighting, they died by the thousands. More than 25 percent of all military-age Southern men and 10 percent of all military-age Northern men died in the war, making the Civil War America's holocaust. It was an unnecessary war, which Lincoln claimed was endured solely to preserve the Union. As he wrote to Horace Greeley in 1862, "If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it...."

Yet it is interesting to ponder what might have occurred had he simply blockaded the seven seceding states instead of invading them. Any course that kept the upper South in the Union would have been preferable to the carnage his invasion inflicted on the nation. The official death toll is listed at 623,000, but that does not include civilian deaths nor lives shortened by war wounds.

So when South Carolina flies the Confederate flag and Georgia retains the emblem in its state flag, the majority of their citizens are not celebrating slavery and secession. They are honoring the ultimate sacrifice paid by their forebears. And the misuse of the Confederate flag by such despicable organizations as the Ku Klux Klan or the Neo-Nazis is devastating to the sons and daughters of Confederate veterans, just as it is devastating to all citizens when the American flag is desecrated, carried upside down or flown by American communists, bigoted skinheads or even by those same Neo-Nazis.

Now the demagogues rally round the phrase of slavery and secession, using their false version of history to denigrate an honorable memory.

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COKIE & STEVE ROBERTS

Health care system is not working

NASHUA, N.H. — Mark Dierauf and Bill Faller are self-employed "piano technicians" who retune and retool instruments for a living. Ask what's bothering them these days and they immediately give the same answer — health care.



Cokie & Steven Roberts

Dierauf, who is single, has no insurance at all. Faller had a policy through a trade association, but since that was cancelled several years ago all he can afford are minimal benefits for himself and his two kids. Covering his wife, who has serious medical problems, is just too expensive.

"The system is not working," says Faller, and he's right.

Like most of the country, New Hampshire is booming. The job market is so tight that fast food outlets pay signing bonuses for new workers. The one disturbing ripple in this pond of prosperity is health care.

Money can't buy good health, and in many cases it can't buy peace of mind, either. Even folks who have insurance are often furious and frustrated with a system that seems far more interested in cutting corners than in curing patients.

As dozens of conversations with New Hampshire voters make plain, this issue affects virtually every family in some way. Even education and Social Security don't have quite the same impact. If candidates want to reach into American homes and hearts this year, health care is the best way to do it.

Our findings square with a nationwide survey conducted late last year by the Washington Post about "what worries Americans." No. 1 out of 51 choices was the power of insurance companies in making medical decisions. Number three was the cost of prescription drugs and number five was the fear of losing medical benefits.

This is good news for the Democrats. Voters give them a wide edge over the Republicans on health care issues and GOP leaders admit they're concerned. Majority Leader Dick Armey vows that when Congress reconvenes next week, strengthening patients' rights will top the Republican agenda.

It is still unclear whether Republicans are serious about a bill or just posturing. But as Armey concedes, "there's a lot of change in public awareness" about health issues, and that awareness comes from actual experience.

Some folks simply can't find affordable insurance. Others see their HMOs going out of business, leaving them high and dry. "I'm all done at the end of the month," said Maurice Allen, a retired carpenter whose health plan closed its local branch. "Now we have to go looking again, and I'm not happy with that."

A school teacher worries that after her impending divorce she'll lose her benefits, which now come through her husband. To make matters worse she has breast cancer, and she's having a "real tough time" getting her carrier to pay for special treatments at a Boston hospital.

"I'd pay the bills myself, but I don't have the money," said the teacher, as she waited for her teenage daughter to finish dancing lessons. "It's tough, it's tough, especially when you thought HMOs were the answer, and you find out the hard way that they're not."

After Don Buskey's mother died in a nursing home the government put a $20,000 lien on the family house to recover expenses paid out by Medicaid. Irv Grace's mother is in a home now and in two months "all her money will be gone." The two friends, retired factory workers, have been drained by the experience, financially and emotionally.

Too often, this campaign is focusing on issues that don't matter to average voters: gays in the military and subsidies for ethanol, flying the Confederate flag in South Carolina and returning a 6-year-old boy to Cuba. The candidates should be talking instead about real-life, every day concerns. And they should start with health care.

Cokie Roberts' and Steven V. Roberts' column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.

ANOTHER VIEW

Nation's Fed boss is up to challenge

Thankfully, President Bill Clinton has nominated Alan Greenspan to his fourth term as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

In this post, Greenspan has held inflation in check while still stimulating one of the longest periods of growth in the history of the United States. ...

Greenspan has never held an elected office, yet he is one of the most powerful men in the nation. In his post, he determines the interest rate we pay for consumer loans, mortgages and business loans, among other things.

Just a word from Greenspan about inflation and interest rates can cool Wall Street's heels when it becomes overheated. Not all of us may like it at the time, but sometimes that is what the stock market needs when it becomes overinflated and stock prices exceed stocks' true value.

Managing today's diverse, global economy is a difficult task, but the 73-year-old Greenspan is up to the task.

— Hobbs News-Sun
Hobbs, N.M.

GEORGE WILL

Internet has created new venue for crime

CALVERTON, Md.—To visit a crime scene, turn on your computer. Log on to a list of "bulletin boards" or real-time chat rooms, which come and go rapidly. Look for names like "Ilovemuchyoungerf" ("f" stands for females) or "vryvryvrybrlylegal" or "Moms'nsons" or "xyxoxuxnxgxdicks" (read that without the x's) or a title containing the word "asparagus," which refers to a young boy's penis.

The Internet, like the telephone and automobile before it, has created new possibilities for crime. Some people wielding computers for criminal purposes are being combated by FBI agents working out of an office park here a few miles outside Washington's Beltway.



Will

The FBI operation, named Innocent Images, targets cyberstalkers seeking sex with children, and traffickers in child pornography. As one agent here says, "Business is good—unfortunately." Criminal sexual activity on the Internet is a growth industry.

In many homes, children are the most competent computer users. They are as comfortable on the Internet as their parents are on the telephone. On the Web, children can be pen pals with the entire world, instantly and at minimal cost. But the world contains many bad people.

A child does not know if the person with whom he or she is chatting is another child or a much older person with sinister intentions. The typical person that the agents call a "traveler"—someone who will cross state lines hoping to have a sexual encounter with a child—is a white male age 25-45. He has above-average education—often an advanced degree, and he can find his way around the Internet—and above-average income, enabling him to travel. Many "travelers" are married.

But these cyber-stalkers do not know if the person with whom they are chatting is really, as they think, a young boy or girl, or an FBI agent. Some "travelers" who thought they had arranged meetings with children have been unpleasantly surprised, arrested, tried and jailed.

Since the first arrest under Innocent Images in 1995, there have been 487 arrests of "travelers" and pornographers, and 409 convictions. Most of the 78 nonconvictions are in cases still pending. The conviction rate is above 95 percent. However, the FBI is distressed by light sentences from some judges who justify their leniency by the fact that the offenders are socially upscale and first-offenders. Lenient judges also call the crime "victimless" because it is an FBI agent, not a child, receiving the offender's attention.

Agents are trained to avoid entrapment, and predators usually initiate talk about sexual encounters. But children implicitly raise the subject by visiting such chat rooms. Most children recoil when sexual importunings become overt. ("When you come to meet me, make sure you're not wearing any underwear.") But some importunings, including gifts and sympathetic conversation about the problems of children, are cunning, subtle and effective.

Publicity about Innocent Images may deter some predators, but most are driven to risk-taking by obsessions.

A booklet available from any FBI office, "A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety," lists signs that a child might be at risk online. These include the child being online for protracted periods, particularly at night. Being online like that is the unenviable duty of FBI agents running Innocent Images.

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

LETTERS

Clinton created more jobs, good economy

In looking back to 1999, the country prospered under the Clinton administration despite his problems in the White House. President Clinton should be congratulated and also his administration for the positive economic condition that exists now in this country. Wall Street is doing well.

I don't always agree with the president or his actions, but he has created more jobs and more economic growth than any post-war president or administration since World War II.

Clinton's last years as president should be remembered in a more positive form by Americans. The president has done a good job for the country.

Mark Buttery

Cartoon missed point of teaching abstinence

The editorial page cartoon on Sunday, Jan. 16th, attempted to ridicule the teaching of abstinence-only sex education by showing how stupid it would be if we taught Driver's Ed the same way, telling the students not to drive, ever, and not teaching them to drive safely.

The cartoon missed a very important comparison, and that is we don't teach under-age kids how to drive do we? We don't sit grade school children down and say "I know that you aren't old enough to drive, but just in case you find yourself behind the wheel of a car here is how you drive safely." We wait until they are old enough and are applying for a driver's license.

The cartoonist seemed to imply that we ought to teach sex education the way we teach Driver's Ed. Then maybe we should wait until the students are old enough and are applying for a marriage license?

Scott McGraw

We should ask Castro to free his people

Moses asked God to help in freeing his people from Egypt, which He did when the Red Sea was opened up for them to cross.

President Reagan asked the Russians to tear down that wall. And the wall was torn down.

Why don't we ask Castro to let his people be free and for him to leave.

Ron Bryson

Number of candidates equals high interest

Precinct 3 residents have a unique opportunity to chart the future growth and prosperity of their precinct in the upcoming election. They have the opportunity to voice their wishes by casting a vote for the candidate they believe will best serve the whole precinct and continue the positive growth in the community.

Yet, the prevailing sentiment is that because of the multitude of candidates, the strength of their vote will be diluted. The belief is that the vote will be split and hinder the strong candidate's victory. And there's a belief that the election will divide the community and result in strained relations.

These myths should be dispelled and laid to rest. Initially, a large slate of candidates is an indication of interest in the improvement of the community and the desire to hail the call to public service. Also a multitude of choices allows for the presentation of various views and community concerns.

Secondly, the informed voter will cast a vote for the candidate he believes will best serve the community and has displayed the highest level of sincerity in their campaign and has not engaged in personal attacks or made hollow political promises. The voter can come to their choice by attending the various candidate forums and by also contacting the candidates themselves. In essence, get involved!

Lastly, the community should recognize that a divided community is an ineffective advocate of progress, and thus people should put their personal feeling aside and recognize that the political process is cyclical and the opportunity for public service will return. And finally let your voice be heard and get out and vote!

Manuel R. Lujan

Be wary of who has access to information

I'm writing this letter in hopes it will help my fellow Midlanders from experiencing the horrible problem I am now going through. A local person obtained access to my Social Security number (through their employer) and used it repeatedly in Midland to gain credit. I must be naive, because I thought it was impossible to use someone else's Social Security number with their own name and get approved for credit — even though the name on the credit applications did not match mine!

This is only the start of the nightmare. This person used my perfect credit to get two vehicles and numerous items from local retailers, in the area of about $70,000! I've had to contact the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on my Social Security number, in addition to contacting the Social Security's fraud department. And the odds on me clearing this off my credit history are remote.

The best part of this mess is the great cooperation from the Midland Police Department. Without great help from Councilman Lee Wood and Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler this could have been worse! As I write this, the person has been arrested (and is already out on bail). This is a federal offense and this person will pay for their actions, but all this does me no good as my credit has been destroyed!

So Midlanders, watch who has access to your personal accounts and numbers, as this does happen in our community!

Tracy Johnson

Issue of Panama Canal should be top priority

The battle to keep America in Panama heats up again. For those who expected to hear the fat lady sing when the Panamanians acquired the Panama Canal on Dec. 31, 1999, think again. She was just warming up.

A Pentagon intelligence report calls Chinese influence over the Panama Canal a potential threat to U.S. national security. The report directly contradicts the Clinton administration's official position that China's presence near the canal poses no threat to U.S. national security interests. With the Pentagon report dated Oct. 26, 1999, one must wonder why didn't this report see the light of day before the canal was relinquished.

More importantly, why didn't this report have an impact on the administration's position. Legislation introduced by Rep. Dana Rohrabacher in the House (H Con Res 186) and Sen. Jeff Sessions in the Senate (S Con Res 61) "... express the sense of Congress regarding a continued United States security presence in Panama'' and call for an intense review of the dealings of China in the canal region.

We must continue to call upon House and Senate leadership and our own congressmen to push these resolutions. Call Speaker Hastert at (202) 225-0600 and Sen. Lott at (202) 224-3135. Also call your congressmen and urge them to make the Panama Canal issue a top priority for this next legislative session.

Peggy Gault

We should retire old flags with dignity

I am writing to applaud John Crosby and all others associated with the annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony which will be held on Feb. 6th at ClayDesta Inn. I have never heard of a private citizen taking the initiative to organize such an event.

As a veteran of the United States Air Force and as a United States History teacher new to MISD, the idea of such a dignified ceremony to properly retire our most recognizable symbol of freedom and sacrifice touches me deeply. I, for one, will be there throughout and I am encouraging all of my students to attend as well. I have seen quite a number of tattered flags being disgracefully flown by businesses throughout this city. On a number of occasions, I have bluntly brought this oversight to the attention of those working the counters at such establishments. My hope is that each of these businesses will have their flags retired at the upcoming ceremony.

Also, I would like to invite all voters in Precinct 1 to attend a forum of Precinct 1 County Commissioner candidates to be held in the auditorium of Alamo Junior High on Feb. 21, from 11:16 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.. Each attending candidate will speak, and a question and answer session will follow. I feel both of these events are good examples of ways to instill civic pride and responsibility in the children of our city. As adults, our responsibility is to set a positive example through our attendance at events such as these.

Mark W. LaCroix

First-aid and CPR training saves lives

I am writing to thank all the companies and workplaces that train their employees with the knowledge of first aid and CPR. On Jan. 16, my husband and I, with a friend, decided to go out to eat at a local restaurant in Midland. While enjoying our meal, I took my first bite and started gasping for air. I was choking! I got up and pointed to my throat, with my eves full of tears and not being able to make a sound. My husband, Jim, grabbed me and started his training routine.

After awhile I could breathe again! My throat was hurting, but I could breathe! The waitress came to check on me and others just sat and stared, probably scared just like myself.

Once again, thank you to those who train their employees with the knowledge of CPR, and first aid. Thank you Leamco Ruthco/Weatherford Inc. for taking the time and effort to train your employees. You have trained and certified my husband, Jim Gomer, and he saved my life. Thank you Russ Phillips and thank you Lord for my hero for I would not be here today without his help.

Elva Marie Gomer

Teachers' time and energy take priority

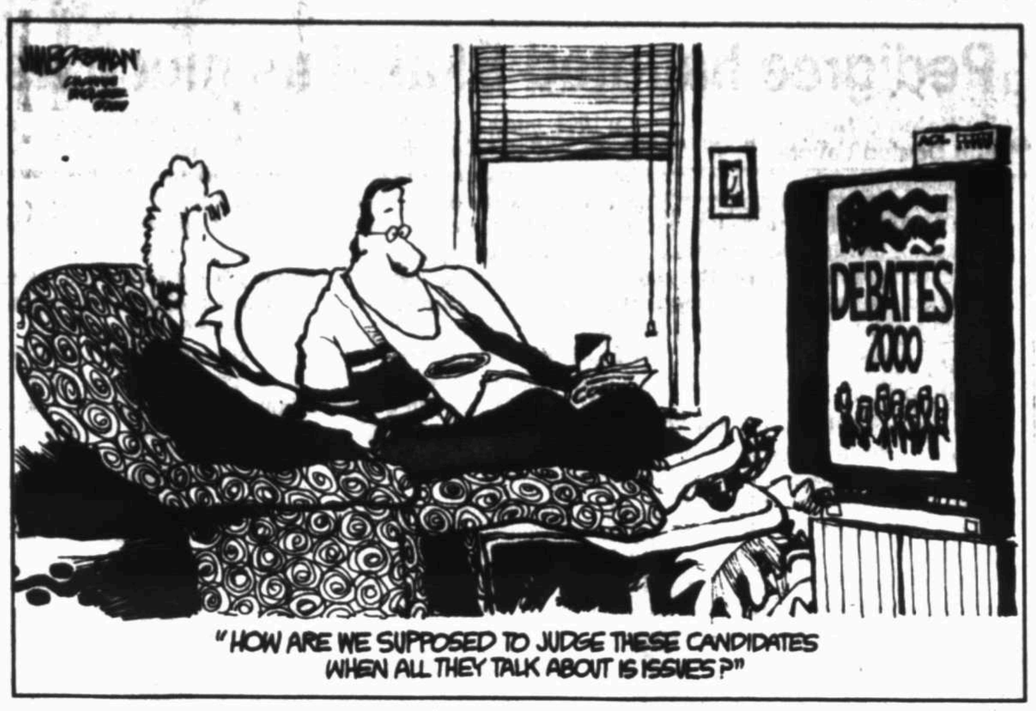
I daresay I am not the only teacher and citizen outraged by the comments published in your paper on MLK Day made by Robbyne H. Fuller, wife of one of our school board trustees, James Fuller. Her comments regarding why there were no teachers at the celebrations of MLK's life were: "This says to me that (teachers) don't really care about all students, that they don't care for any children and I think that is sad ... they can talk the talk but not walk the walk."

Excuse me, is she lumping all teachers here as a group and presuming we are all the same based on her own assumptions? If that is the negative generalization and "talking" you have to "talk" and hear if you "walk the walk," you won't see me anywhere near there. How sad that comment was voiced on a day honoring MLK and his efforts to erase such stereotypical thinking toward any group of people as a whole.

Ignorance leads to prejudice. So I wonder if Mrs. Fuller knows about the group of teachers I work with at Pease Elementary that volunteer their after-work time to tutor small groups of students and accelerate their reading and math skills? She should also check the weekend sign-in sheets teachers use to access their classrooms on the weekends, or the number of Saturdays teachers sacrifice away from their family attending in-services targeted at increasing the educational experience of ALL children regardless of race or economics, and the money teachers spend out of their own pocketbook to help children learn ... these investments of a teacher's time and money are certainly a priority over making an appearance at an event for her sake. How dare she make such a broad statement as teachers don't care about ALL students.

Perhaps they were trying to catch their breath, or more likely, get caught up on lesson plans and grading. Inspiring children is my life's dream of a job, but it can certainly take its mental and physical toll if you let it ... or if you listen to comments made by Mrs. Fuller.

Alison Montgomery



"HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUDGE THESE CANDIDATES WHEN ALL THEY TALK ABOUT IS ISSUES?"

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Settlement sends clear message that Texas takes natural resources seriously

By Tony Garza

If you do business in Texas, you've got to play by the rules. Those who don't, pay a price. The recent announcement of a $35 million settlement with Koch Industries for violations to the state's Natural Resources Code and federal environmental laws is case and point.

From Texas' $17.5-million portion of the settlement, $6 million has been earmarked for the state's Oil Field Cleanup Fund, a proven program for abandoned well plugging and site remediation administered by the Railroad Commission.

The Koch settlement sends a clear signal that Texas takes the preservation and protection of its water and other natural resources very seriously. On the heels of Attorney General John Cornyn's and my announcement of the landmark settlement, I've called on the Railroad Commission to establish the Texas Resource Preservation Fund.

The Texas Resource Preservation Fund would use the agency's $6 million share of the settlement to clean 22 high-priority, contaminated oil field sites. The proposed sites are all within the vicinity of spills mentioned in the two Koch Industries lawsuits, including locations in Harris, Brazoria, Nueces, Cameron, Panola, Taylor and Coleman counties.


Garza

The 22 projects include clean up from sites in North and East Texas to in and around Laguna Madre and Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, home to migratory waterfowl. By focusing on these areas, we're taking care of Texas and helping to ensure that affected communities have their lands and water supplies protected from any crude oil-related environmental threats.

It's just one way we can maintain a balanced approach to Texas natural resources. And, as Railroad Commissioner, I've tried to be just that: Balanced. In fact, it's what I call "aggressively balanced," working to preserve our state's natural resources while striving toward a business environment that encourages Texas oil and natural gas production.

Since I took office last January and throughout my tenure as chairman of the commission, I committed myself to three basic goals: Energy, environment and efficiency. Those "Three E's" — as I like to call them — have helped guide me through a positive and pro-active first year at the commission.

Most notably, 1999 was an historic year for some ground-breaking environmental programs and partnerships at the Railroad Commission.

I started by joining Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commissioner John Baker in announcing an innovative partnership with the TNRCC. We're directing critical resources to the Upper Colorado River Basin in an effort to improve water quality. The $2.6 million partnership focuses on a portion of the Upper Colorado River near the E.V. Spence Reservoir, an area that has shown increasing levels of salinity in the water. The program will plug 171 abandoned oil wells, along with earmarking money for assessment and possible site remediation in the affected areas.

In keeping with my interest in working with other agencies to best meet Texas' needs, we merged Railroad Commission technical expertise with support and funding from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) under another collaborative effort. Under this innovative agreement — a first for the two agencies — bay and coastal wells posing the most serious environmental and safety threats will be plugged. Our first project addresses abandoned wells in the Galveston Bay area with more to follow.

The agency's fiscal year 2000 budget and reorganization plan gave us another opportunity to refocus on critical environmental programs while paving the way for a more efficient, technologically advanced and responsive agency.

We cut nearly $1 million from our fiscal year 2000 budget while focusing additional resources on the environment. An additional $636,000 was redirected to our Oil Field Cleanup Fund for site remediation and well plugging.

As stewards, we should always have an eye on protecting our state's natural resources. As effective leaders, we should always have an eye on ways to do business better cheaper and more efficiently. These joint projects take a big step in both directions and commit Texas to caring for its water, land and other natural resources.

So much can be accomplished if we look for a better sense of balance in our protection and preservation of Texas' oil, gas, land and water. The projects from this past year, coupled with this announcement of the Koch Industries settlement, form the cornerstone of my commitment to promoting and protecting Texas natural resources.

Above all, we're sending a loud and clear message to companies that choose to pollute: You can and will be held accountable. It's what Texans expect from our state, and certainly what this generation and future ones deserve.

Tony Garza is a Texas Railroad Commissioner and second vice chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

Taboo zone: That dreaded place from which no bumbler returns

After I expressed my intent to explore an area that strikes terror of embarrassment into so many hearts, a colleague warned, "I wouldn't go there if I were you."

Linguistic exploration rejects such faintheartedness. We will now deal forthrightly with the cliche that has been embraced by the squirming squeamish: Don't go there.

Its literal sense is of no concern. There, meaning "a place," can be construed as an adverb modifying go or a noun in its own right. But the figurative sense — of 'some undiscover'd country from whose bourn no shamefaced traveler returns — is what has gripped the bromide set.

It can mean "We'd better not talk about that." Or "If our conversation reaches that subject, you will be uncomfortable and I will be chagrined." Or "Now you're getting into a touchy subject." Or more severely, "Beware — you are approaching a taboo zone."

Interviewing Dan Quayle, the former vice president, last spring, before he withdrew from the presidential race, the Times reporter Melinda Henneberger noted this intelligent man's abiding need to prove he was not stupid. "Waking up from a nap on the campaign plane, he asked what I was reading," she wrote, "and it was 'Anna Karenina.' He squeezed his eyes shut, opened them again a second later. 'Russian, right?' Then, a look of relief. Why, oh why, does he go there?"


Safire

Where is there in this figurative sense? It is not uncharted territory; on the contrary, it is a subject area all too well charted or remembered for its embarrassments by the person not eager to get back to that place.

"I suspect this may have had its origin in psychobabble," writes Stephen Rosen of New York. "Where does it come from?"

Let's go there. David Barnhart, editor of the Dictionary Companion that bears his name (I like that archaic locution), suggests that the proto-phrase for the expression is "I don't want to go that route." If so, the meaning has changed from "way of getting there" to "being there, unhappily."

The first lexicographic listing I can find is in "Da Bomb!" — the March 1997 dictionary of slang compiled by Judi Sanders' intercultural communication class at the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. It defined Don't even go there simply as "Do not say that" and the shorter Don't go there as "Don't talk about it or mention it." (That's da bomb, by the way, is synonymous with the no-longer-so-cool cool.)

Tom Dalzell, the California slanguist, has no citation to offer but opines that "don't go there started with black drag queens and then found its legs with Ricki Lake," the talk-show host.

Barry Popik of the American Dialect Society found a 1994 usage of the imperative warning by the comic Martin Lawrence, talking to Entertainment Weekly about his Fox sitcom. "We started using the expressions 'You go, girl!' and 'Don't go there!'" Lawrence said, "and no one in television was doing that. No one. Now a lot of Fox shows are using the same stuff."

Now that its roots and overusage have been exposed, we can hope for the early demise of the cliche. As Yogi Berra once put it, "That place is so popular that nobody goes there anymore."

POO-TEEN

He may be with us for a while, so let's get his name right: The acting president of Russia is Vladimir Putin, pronounced POO-teen. "The stem for Putin's name is derived from put, meaning 'path' or 'road,'" notes Albert Weeks, a New York University professor emeritus now living in Sarasota, Fla.

Marat Akchurin of the American Name Society adds: "The meaning of Putin was 'the one who was born on the road'; that is, the mother was traveling when the birth took place. So, within the current political context in Russia, Putin could be taken to mean 'transitional.'" Another possible etymology is the verb putat, meaning "to swaddle, bind" and, by extension, "to confuse, make ambiguous, entangle."

Can it be connected to Rasputin, the derisive name for the swinging Russian monk, Grigory Novykh, who dominated the court of Czar Nicholas II? One meaning of rasputye is "debauched," but another is "crossroad"; putin without the prefix ras could mean "one-track road." Be careful not to read too much into this.

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Pedigree haunted Skakel as much as it helped him

By Helen O'Neill and Denise Lavoie
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GREENWICH, Conn. — Born to a life of privilege and wealth, burdened by a family name that expected so much, Michael Skakel seems never to have quite found his way.

Sure, he savored the trappings of wealth, the stately mansions, the whirl of weekend parties, the ski trips, private planes, country clubs and golf. Most of all he savored the heady invincibility of being a Kennedy — even a Kennedy once-removed.

"Rambunctious, bratty, arrogant and rich," is how Greenwich author Tim Dumas describes the Skakel he remembers from his youth. "There was always a sense of, Ooh, one of the Kennedys. He made sure that everyone was very aware of that pedigree."

But the pedigree haunted Skakel as much as helped him. Last Wednesday, the nephew of Ethel Kennedy was charged with the murder of his 15-year old neighbor, Martha Moxley. Her battered body was found under a pine tree at her home on Halloween 25 years ago. She had been bludgeoned to death with a golf club that was traced to the Skakel home.

In a town filled with prominent families, the Skakels were one of the most prominent. Michael Skakel, 39, the fifth of seven children, grew up in Belle Haven, a gated shoreline community where children attend private schools and parents play golf at private clubs. His father, industrialist Rushton Walter Skakel, is the brother of Ethel Skakel Kennedy, the widow of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Michael, then 15, and his 17-year-old brother, Thomas, were suspects from the start. Both brothers had a romantic interest in the popular Martha and both had partied with her and other teen-agers the night she died.

Initially cooperative with police, the Skakel family soon closed ranks, sending Michael into rehab while Thomas left the country. Over the years there was much speculation, including three books and a made-for-TV movie, but the murder remained unsolved.

In 1991, interest rekindled during the William Kennedy Smith trial, when a rumor circulated that he had been at the Skakel house the night of Moxley's murder. Though false, the rumor prompted a re-investigation, eventually leading to Skakel's arrest.

And so, Michael Skakel returned from Florida last week to his boyhood home, and turned himself in to Greenwich police. His bloated face surprised those who knew the skinny, long-haired teen.

"Old friends were shocked by his appearance," said Dumas, who wrote a book about the case in 1998, focusing on the culture of wealth in Greenwich. "He looked nothing like the Michael they remembered."

Dumas, who attended summer camp with Skakel, remembers an energetic, charismatic teenager. But he also describes an unhinged quality, which Dumas attributes to a long illness suffered by Skakel's mother, Anne, who died of cancer when Michael was 13.

"The family fell apart after her death," Dumas said.

Others recall a lack of parental supervision: unruly parties at the Skakel mansion, heavy drinking among the siblings, nannies and live-in tutors who couldn't control them, police who turned a blind eye to their pranks.

They "knew they could pretty well do what they wanted and not have to worry about the consequences," wrote former Los Angeles detective Mark Fuhrman in his recent book on the Moxley case.

In such an atmosphere, Skakel floundered, performing poorly at the private Brunswick School, developing an alcohol problem at an early age.

Dumas said boyhood friends repeatedly spoke of Skakel's "Jekyll and Hyde" personality, about how he lavished gifts on them but boasted of beating cats and squirrels to death with golf clubs.

Whatever the truth to the stories, Skakel did have problems. In 1978, after leading police on a high speed chase in Windham, N.Y., Skakel was sent to the Elan School in Poland Spring, Maine, a private school for teens with drug and alcohol problems.

"He was just your average good-looking kid who worked very hard on his problems and tried to change himself," said Joseph Ricci, founder of the school.

In court papers, a prosecutor quoted former Elan residents as saying Ricci overheard Skakel "make admissions as to the murder of Martha Moxley."

Ricci denies anything was said in his presence and defends his former student, saying Skakel should be allowed to get on with his life.

"The Kennedy family has gone from Camelot in America right to Dante's Inferno," Ricci said. "One wonders when are they going to stop persecuting this family which has been fraught with tragedy."

But the Kennedys seem to have disowned this particular tragedy, and Skakel himself.

"I think the Kennedys hate him," said Dominick Dunne, author of yet another book on the case, a 1993 fictional account titled "A Season in Purgatory."

In the beginning, however, the Kennedy connection was a charm.

After a decade drifting in and out of rehabilitation centers, Skakel graduated from Curry College in Milton, Mass., in May 1993 with a bachelor's in English.

He worked as an aide on Sen. Edward Kennedy's 1994 re-election campaign before joining his cousin, Michael Kennedy, in 1995 at Citizens Energy Corp., a Boston nonprofit. In 1996, he went to Cuba with cousins Michael and Robert Kennedy to meet Fidel Castro.

He got married and moved to Cohasset, Mass., where his wife, Margot, worked as a golf pro. They had a son, Steven, now 2. At last, Skakel's life seemed to be on track.

And then a Kennedy sex scandal unraveled it all.

In 1997, Skakel was identified as the main contact with prosecutors investigating Michael Kennedy's alleged extramarital affair with his children's underage baby sitter.

"The Kennedys hated what he did to his cousin by being the whistle-blower on the affair," Dunne said. Michael Kennedy later died in a skiing accident in Colorado.

But Dumas suggests that the baby-sitting incident was torture for Skakel in another way. Friends believed his involvement was part of a conscientious effort to discourage it.

"I think Michael felt in a real spot between that family and the Kennedy family," Dumas said. "It really stung him, when the Kennedys said 'You're out.'"

But out he was, without a job.

He moved to Hobe Sound, Fla., where he lives with his wife and son in a complex with his father and brother, Rushton Skakel Jr. He became involved in volunteer work, going on several overseas missions with AmeriCares, a disaster relief organization where his brother, Stephen, is vice president.

He continued to profess his innocence.

For friends, the real irony of Skakel's arrest is the timing. Just as his life seemed stable for the first time, his past came crashing down.

Because he was 15 at the time of the crime, Skakel will be arraigned Feb. 8 in juvenile court. He will be taken back 25 years, to a time when he was a juvenile, when he had a crush on a girl named Martha, when a night of teen-age partying turned deadly.



"WHY HAVE A MEMORIAL SERVICE"

Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people

Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C, SWA

Sometimes a family needs a memorial service, weeks or months after the funeral, to help them further cope with their loss. Many people literally don't even remember the funeral because they were in shock at the time. A memorial, as the word suggests, is to help you remember. And remembering (not forgetting) is a part of healing, as the memories slowly move from being painful to being joyous.

Hospice of Midland is holding a memorial service to honor the patients we've served over the past six months. Families of these patients will be able not only to remember them again in a ceremonial way but will have a chance to meet other Hospice of Midland families and reconnect with Hospice staff. This memorial will also enhance Hospice of Midland bereavement followup that provides continual service to these families through telephone contact, support groups, letters, and a monthly newsletter.

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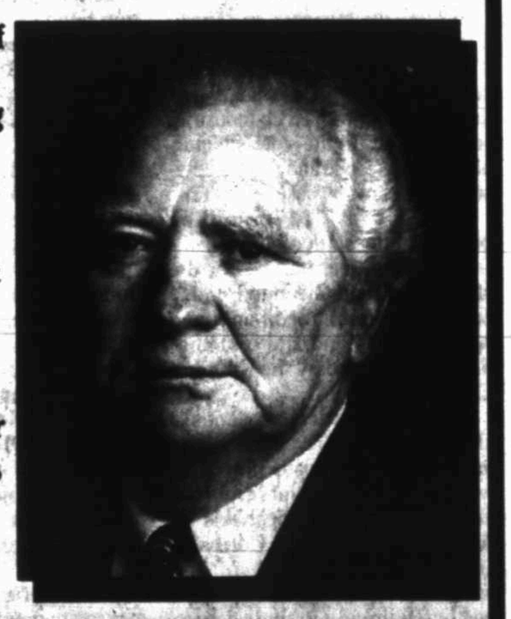
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Iowa caucuses to take center stage Monday

By Ken Foskett
N.Y. Times News Service

DES MOINES, Iowa — Jimmy Carter might never have been president without the help of Iowa voters in 1976.

Carter's showing in the Hawkeye State transformed him almost overnight from a little known Georgia governor into a national contender for the presidency.

Carter broke out from the pack by winning one of the enduring oddities of the modern presidential campaign: Iowa caucuses.

A fixture of the presidential circuit since 1972, the caucuses take center stage in the 2000 presidential campaign for a few brief hours Monday on what is expected to be a clear and cold January night.

Fewer than a dozen states still use caucuses as a method of choosing party nominees. The majority of voters in the country vote in primaries, similar to general elections, where voters cast ballots in the privacy of polling booths.

The Iowa caucuses are a different kettle of fish. Votes are cast in open meetings, either by a show of hands, paper ballot or by participants grouping themselves in corners of a room.

The caucus itself lasts up to several hours, beginning at 7 p.m. Each of Iowa's 2,142 precincts holds a separate caucus for Democratic candidates and another for Republicans.

Each party has its own method of voting. The Republicans vote by paper ballot after 30 to 45 minutes of discussion. The results are essentially equivalent to a straw poll, and as such are a fairly accurate measure of a candidate's support.

Democrats do things a little differently. In a Democratic caucus, voters separate into groups according to the candidates they are supporting. If a candidate fails to get at least 15 percent of those who have shown up, he is declared "nonviable" and won't be entitled to any of the delegates pre-apportioned to each precinct.

Some voters who show up may declare themselves uncommitted, in which case supporters from other candidates attempt to persuade them to join their corner of the room.

"There will be a lot of negotiating," said Art Sanders, a political scientist at Drake University in Des Moines. "It tends to be more intense on the Democratic side."

The precinct caucuses are only the first in a series, and their results are not binding, though elected delegates usually follow the wishes of the caucus voters.

Precinct delegates attend county caucuses to choose county delegates. County delegates go to a state convention to choose delegates that go on to the two national party conventions in the summer.

The caucus process rewards candidates who are well organized, Sanders said. "You have to get all of your people to all of these precincts at 7 p.m. on a Monday night," he said.

Sanders said there are two major flaws with the caucus system. Turnout tends to be much lower in caucuses than in primaries. Optimistic estimates call for only 10 percent of Iowa's 1.9 million registered voters to attend a caucus Monday night. Sanders said the turnout will likely be even lower.

Unlike showing up at a polling place to cast a secret ballot, attending a caucus requires a time commitment of at least an hour and frequently more. It draws only the most committed voters.

The low turnout contributes to the second failing of caucuses, Sanders said. "A small turnout allows any highly motivated, well organized group to have disproportionate influence," he said.

That disproportionate influence then gets magnified because so much media attention is focused on the Iowa caucus results. In past years, caucuses have allowed little known candidates to leap to the front of the field, like Carter did in 1976 by finishing ahead of everyone except "undecided."

In 1988, evangelist Pat Robertson placed second ahead of George Bush in the Iowa caucuses. The showing energized Christian conservative voters around the country, who ended up with a sizable representation at the 1988 Republican National Convention.

"It maintains its role and importance because its first," Sanders said. "If Iowa wasn't first it wouldn't get any attention."

Grass-roots politics

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What
The Iowa Caucuses are party meetings at precinct levels where average citizens express their presidential candidate preference and pick delegates to their county conventions.

When
8 p.m. EST Monday, Jan. 24

Where
The Democratic and Republican parties each will hold meetings at more than 2,100 locations across the state, from classrooms and fire stations to grain co-ops and living rooms of private homes.

Who
Registered voters who are members of the party.

Format
Democrats will elect delegates to county conventions reflecting their preference for a presidential candidate, discuss platform issues and more. Republicans will hold a straw poll for president, elect delegates to county conventions, consider platform issues and more.

Significance
Each candidate courts politicians and activists at the state and local levels in hope of getting supporters out in strong numbers. Persuading average citizens to show up in support of a candidate is a sign of organizational strength—and Iowa's first-in-the-nation status makes the state an important step on the road to the White House.

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports — AP

Activists mark 27th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of activists on both sides of the abortion debate converged on the nation's capital Saturday to mark the 27th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision with a weekend of vigils, marches and protests.

The weekend events were to lead up to Monday's annual March for Life rally and march up Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and the Supreme Court.

It was Jan. 22, 1973, that the Supreme Court made abortion legal.

Saturday, about 50 anti-abortion protesters, wearing T-shirts that read "Mr. Clinton Stop Killing Children" and "Abortion is Homicide," waited in freezing temperatures to tour the White House.

Protesters also gathered outside a downtown Planned Parenthood office less than five blocks from the White House.

"It's the same as always," said Anthony Sheehan, an anti-abortion activist from Alexandria, Va. "When they stop killing children, we'll stop showing up."

Jatrice Martel Gaiter, president and chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington DC Inc., said she was "appalled that 27 years after Roe vs. Wade we are still having the same sidewalk debate."

"The decision to choose should be a decision a woman makes for herself. Abortion existed before Roe vs. Wade and will always exist," Gaiter said.

The Saturday protests came a day after a federal judge in Washington ordered seven abortion protesters, including the director of Operation Rescue National, not to obstruct access to reproductive health care clinics in the Washington area.

The ruling from U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler came in response to a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Justice Department in June 1998. The permanent injunction prohibits the defendants from coming within 20 feet of any reproductive health facility within the Washington area.

The lawsuit had alleged that the seven defendants, including Philip Benham, Operation Rescue's director, and Patrick Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition, violated the Freedom of Clinic Entrances Act by obstructing entrances of an abortion clinic in January 1998.

Mahoney was among protesters outside the downtown abortion clinic Saturday. "Our presence here is to protect life, to say it is important," he said.

Troy Newman, a California man with Operation Rescue West, angrily accused the judge of showing her "true colors" and promised to return to March to challenge the judge's order.

Meanwhile, Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes noted the Roe vs. Wade anniversary while campaigning in Iowa on Saturday.

If elected, Forbes told about 250 people in Clear Lake, Iowa, "We will work to overturn one of the most disgraceful Supreme Court decisions in the history of this country, Roe vs. Wade."

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Voters looking for character, pollster says

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

BOONE, Iowa — The economy is sizzling, and the Cold War has thawed. So what are voters looking for in a president this year?

It's their character, stupid.

"The lack of an overwhelming issue has made personality and character traits a more important part of the campaign," said Republican pollster Ed Goeas of Alexandria, Va.

Recognizing the change in voter attitudes since 1992, presidential candidates this year are defining their character with policies and promises. "I pledge to uphold the dignity of the office," Republican national front-runner George W. Bush says at every stop, his right hand raised in the air.

Vice President Al Gore, the leading Democratic candidate who is trying to emerge from President Clinton's scandal-tinged shadow, says of his boss' involvement with a White House intern: "I wouldn't have done that."

Interviews with more than two dozen voters in Iowa and New Hampshire suggest the phenomenon cuts across party lines, though Republicans and Democrats are looking for slightly different qualities in the next president.

GOP voters cite integrity, honesty and even fidelity as key ingredients. Democrats mentioned the same characteristics in unusually high numbers, but seem more inclined to want experienced leadership.

Voters in both parties say Clinton's impeachment embarrassed the nation and is a major reason for their anxiety about who will occupy the White House.

"I feel Clinton betrayed my trust," said one Democrat, Cynthia Onigman, 74, of Manchester, N.H.. "That's something I don't think we'd have to worry about with Bill Bradley," Gore's sole rival.

Mike Fank's sigh left a trail of white vapor in the frigid Iowa air. "I just want a president who won't lie to me," the Republican said as snow piled atop his box of bakery-fresh donuts. "Is that too much to ask?"

This may be the legacy of the two-term president whose 1992 campaign tapped the fears of recession-weary Americans, particularly in New Hampshire. "It's the economy, stupid," read the sign posted in Clinton's Arkansas headquarters.

Exit polls from that election showed honesty far down the list of values that mattered most when people picked a president; at the top was "bringing change."

When things changed and the economy soared — when New Hampshire's high-tech industry replaced struggling textile mills as the symbol of that state's economy — the public's emphasis on values shifted, too.

In 1996 exit polls, honesty was tops along with "shares my view of government" in personal qualities that mattered most when choosing a president.

A year after Clinton's trial, a Los Angeles Times poll shows that nearly three-quarters of Iowa caucus-goers say they were supporting their candidate because of a personal trait rather than his stance on issues.

"Honesty and integrity are it for me," said Barbara Lund of Polk City, Iowa. "Health care and all that is important, but nothing they promise means much if they're lying about it."

Susan Henning of Boone, Iowa, watched through a storefront window as Steve Forbes boarded his well-appointed campaign bus. She only wanted to know one thing about the GOP candidate: "Is he faithful?"

"If you're not faithful in your marriage, you won't be faithful to the people," she reasoned.

Honesty and integrity are important to Bob Connett, but the Democrat said he is "mainly looking for somebody who has the ability and knows how to run this country."

Greg Lewis, who had been shooting the breeze with Connett at a Des Moines union hall, said the next president "needs to keep things on track."

Both backers of Gore, their sentiments reflect polls that show the vice president is a rare candidate whose supporters don't cite character issues as their No. 1 attraction. "Morality/Integrity/Honesty" ranked third, well behind his experience and education policies.

Democrats as a whole were only slightly less likely than Republicans to cite a character trait as the reason for choosing their candidate.

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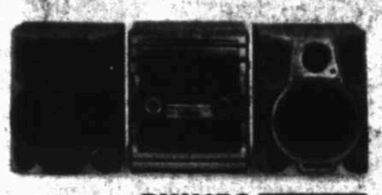
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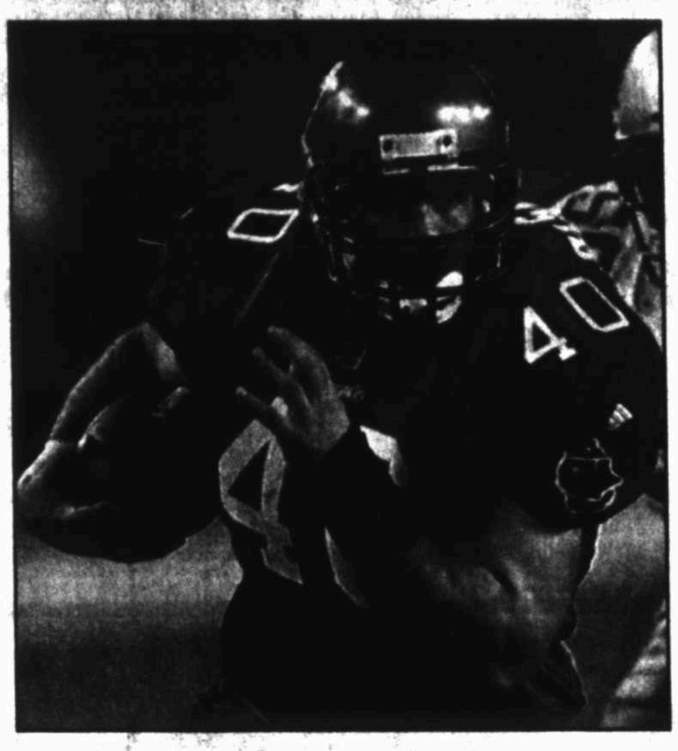
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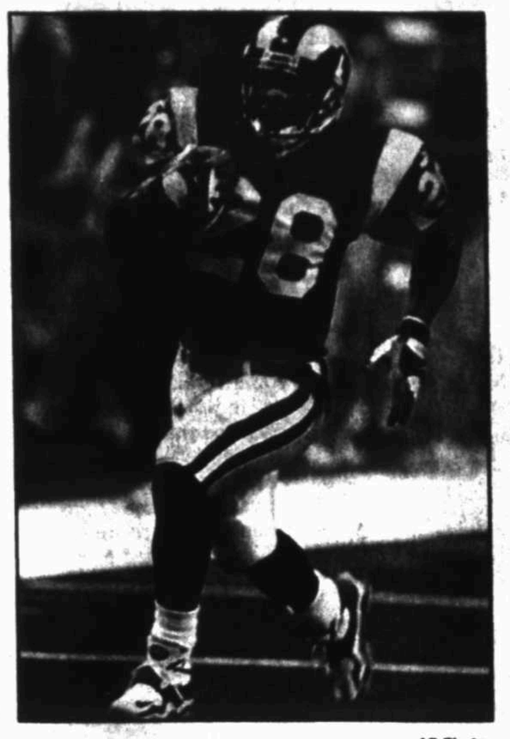
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(Left) Tampa Bay's Mike Alstott will lead the Tampa Bay Buccaneers into the NFC Championship game. The Bucs will play the favored St. Louis Rams, who are led by running back Marshall Faulk (right).

NFC Championship Game

Tampa Bay vs. St. Louis

Big plays will play a big part

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams get you with the big play. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers specialize in eliminating the big play.

Whichever team gets its way Sunday will wind up in the Super Bowl.

Don't expect something in between, either. The Rams need the quick strikes when they have the ball and takeaways when they don't. The Bucs need to slow the pace on offense, then force the Rams to do the same thing when Tampa is on defense.

It provides for a classic contrast in styles that will determine the NFC championship.

"We don't want to give up the big play," Bucs coach Tony Dungy said of his third-ranked defense, one that has the talent and speed to slow the Rams' Midwest Express offense. "We would rather be patient and hang in there and make you make first downs.

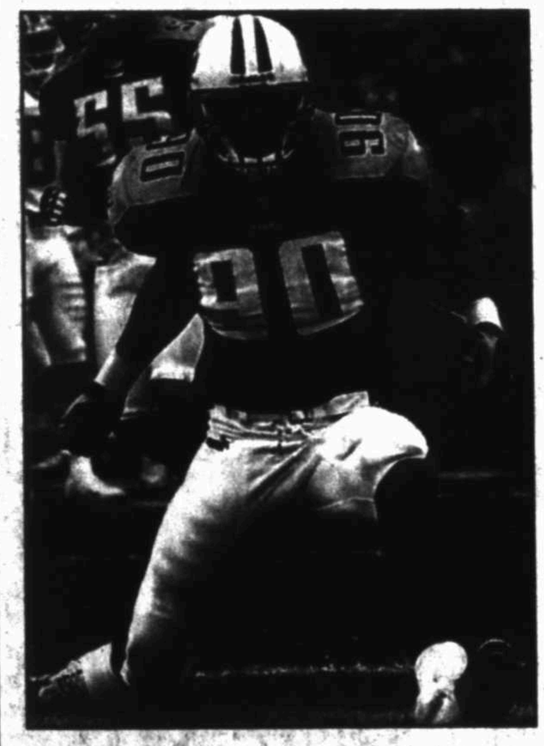
"Defenses have the tendency to want to make things happen. It's third-and-5 and they want to force something, and they line up tight and they get burned. If you make a first down against us, we just line up again. We always want to remain sound. We will take our chances on the next set of downs."

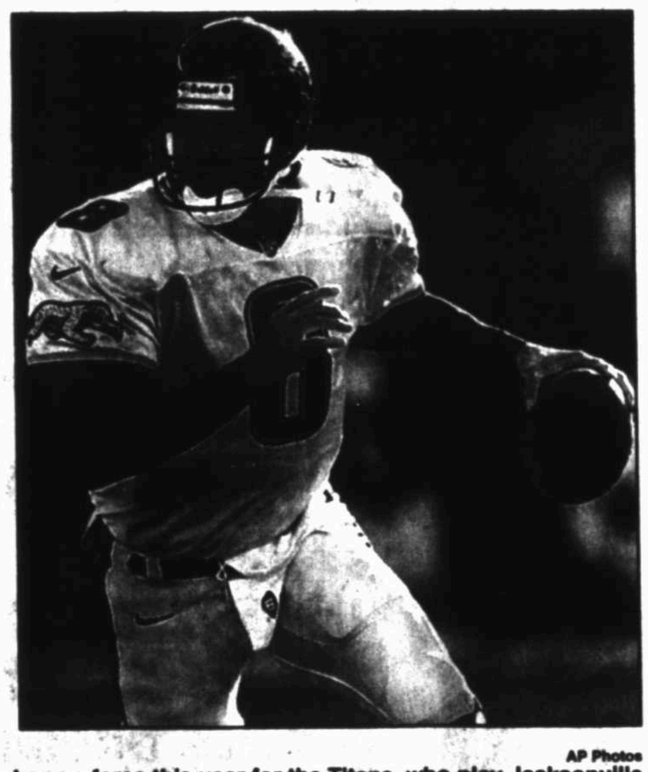
The philosophy is the same when the Bucs have the ball. They like to pound away with All-Pro fullback Mike Alstott, throw short passes to the wideouts and tailback Warrick Dunn, and keep the clock moving. Never will that be more essential than Sunday.

If the Rams get into a fast-break mode, the Bucs don't have the ammunition to combat it.

"We'll go into the game with the same approach," said quarterback Kurt Warner, the NFL Most Valuable Player this season. "Every game, we have to attack the dif-

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AP Photos

Tennessee defensive end Jevon Kearse (left) has been a force this year for the Titans, who play Jacksonville in today's AFC title game. Kearse and the rest of the Titans will have to stop the Jags' Mark Brunnell.

AFC Championship Game

Tennessee vs. Jacksonville

Teams battle for title, respect

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jimmy Smith led the NFL with 116 receptions, but he didn't make first team All-Pro. The Jacksonville Jaguars think they know why.

"I don't think we'll get any respect until we win the Super Bowl," says Leon Searcy, the Jags' offensive right tackle.

There's something to that. The Jaguars and the Titans come from two of the NFL's smallest markets and don't exactly carry the tradition and cachet of, say, Broncos vs. Dolphins.

But how can they not be legitimate? Jacksonville is 15-2, Tennessee is 15-3.

The Jaguars were one of the AFC favorites entering the season, but didn't get much notice despite a 14-2 regular-season record.

That's because this was a wacky season.

The Jags had a first-place schedule that included such teams as the 49ers, Falcons, Jets and Broncos. But all of those teams plummeted to the bottom. So Jacksonville played only one team that finished over .500 — Tennessee, to which it lost twice.

Beyond that, as a fifth-year team, it has yet to develop a national following even though it's made the playoffs four straight seasons and was in the conference title game its second year.

One reason is that it's bordered on all sides by teams with more tradition — Atlanta to the north, Tampa Bay and Miami to the south — this was prime Dolphins' territory before the Jags began play in 1995.

The Titans, the former Houston Oilers, went 8-8 each of the past three seasons, playing "home" games in three

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Home Sweet Ector

Jackalopes rattle Amarillo for second straight home victory

By Ted Battles
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — Immediately after Odessa outlasted the Amarillo Rattlers, 3-1, in WPHL action Saturday night at the Ector County Coliseum, the search for the mirrors began. There had to be mirrors some place.

Bouncing back from two straight road losses, the Jackalopes followed up Thursday's win over El Paso with their sixth straight home win and will be going for a franchise record seventh against the Monroe Moccasins at the Jack Shack Tuesday night.

The win over the young and dangerous Rattlers came, although the Jacks barely made it to the finish.

"This is a tired team. We've had four games in five days and we're playing short handed," said Jacks' coach Don McKee, now 12-7-3 since taking over the team.

Amarillo also was a tired bunch, but with more able-bodied hands available, the Rattlers kept the pressure on until the end.

"I've been selfish the last four or five games," McKee said, almost in apology, but not quite. "I told the team to play

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No. 14 Texas hands Tech 13-point defeat

By Pam Easton
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Chris Mihm and the Texas Longhorns pushed aside the undersized Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Mihm had 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead No. 14 Texas to a 72-59 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday night.

"Overall, we did a great job tonight of emersing the basketball and keeping the ball on one side of the court," Mihm said.

Chris Owens scored 14 points, Darren Kelley and William Clay added 11 apiece, and Lawrence Williams had 10 for Texas (12-5, 4-1 Big 12).

Texas Tech (9-6, 0-4) used an undersized lineup with 6-foot-10 Andy Ellis out for the season because of a shoulder injury. The Red Raiders had only three players taller than 6-7, while the Longhorns frontline includes the 7-foot Mihm and four others over 6-7.

"We shot 37 percent tonight and they had something to do with it," Texas coach Rick Barnes said of the Red Raiders. "No team has had more bad luck than Texas Tech as far as injuries. It makes you sick because you know what a good program James runs here."

Rayford Young led Texas Tech with 18 points, and Mario Layne and Jayson Mitchell added 11 apiece.

Texas' 30-20 halftime lead dwindled to 39-38 with 12:16 left in the game. But Texas' size and 3-point shooting helped the Longhorns pull away.

"Even though we were crawling back into it, they still had the headlock on us," Young said.

Kelly hit three of four 3-pointers as Texas shot 43 percent from 3-point range. Tech hit 18 percent of its 3-pointers.

"I'm confident if I get a good look, I can knock it down," Kelly said.

"He can't shoot, but he can make them," Barnes joked. "It may not be pretty, but when it counts, it goes in."

Aggies pull off shocker against Oklahoma State

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M finally found a ranked team it could beat.

Bernard King scored 17 points, including two clinching free throws with nine seconds left, as the Aggies defeated No. 12 Oklahoma State 64-59 for their first victory over a ranked team in 13 years.

"They stuck around and when the momentum changed, they bit us like a wounded dog," Cowboys guard Glendon Alexander said.

Fans stormed the court and confetti streamed down onto the court — a new feature after each Aggie home victory. The Cowboys were the fourth ranked team the Aggies have faced in their last five games.

It was the Aggies' first victory over a ranked team since the first round of the Southwest Conference tournament in 1987 when they beat No. 15 Texas Christian in the first round.

"It's been a brutal schedule so far," A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "We've grown up some. We've had a chance to get better and we have. This is special because it's a conference game and it's against a ranked team."

The Aggies (6-10, 2-3 in Big 12) had lost 29 straight games to ranked teams but they never backed off from the Cowboys (14-2, 3-1). Texas A&M took the lead for good at 58-57 with 2:37 to play on two free throws by Aaron Jack.

Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton thought a tough victory over Texas on Wednesday might have affected his team.

"Maybe our players didn't have the respect for Texas A&M that our coaching staff had," Sutton said. "We had a chance to break the game in the second half but just couldn't break through."

Oklahoma State took a 38-35 halftime lead and they scored the first five points of the second half before the Aggies went on a 13-2 run that gave them a 48-45 lead with 13:05 left in the game.

The Cowboys went scoreless for 6:25 during the run.

"They are a better ball club than they were last year," Sutton said. "In the second half, they out hustled us on the rebounds."

Tall City quartet stars for McMurry's women

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

There is at least one place where two graduates of Midland High and two graduates of Midland Lee can come to a consensus and work together toward a common goal: Abilene.

Or more specifically, McMurry University. Two former Lady Dawgs and two ex-Lady Rebels are regulars for the McMurry women's basketball team, and the Tall City connection has played well about 145 miles east down I-20.

MHS graduates Ogonna Merritt and Talitha Belcher and Lee grads Nisha Washington and Tamika Thurman fill out four of the starting five positions for the Lady Indians. The quartet has helped McMurry to a 13-2 overall record and a 3-0 mark in the American Southwest Conference.

When so many players from one town so dominate a team's lineup, it's often because they're hometown players, so it's slightly unusual that four players from outside Abilene are playing such a huge role for McMurry.

"It's pretty unique," said McMurry coach Sam Nichols of having four Midlanders on the team. "We were very proactive in recruiting all four of them."

The first of the four players to come in was Merritt, a senior who has been a four year starter. Merritt was in the first recruiting class of Nichols, who is in his fifth year at McMurry.

After leading MHS to a 12-0 District 4-5A mark and earning district MVP as a senior in 1996, Merritt was counted on as one of the biggest building blocks on which to restructure the program.

"It's good coming in and knowing you're one of the players helping to turn the program around," said Merritt. "Looking from where I was as a freshman to this year there are some things which help our image. Even things like our uniforms now are a sign of how much we've grown as a program."

Merritt was hand-picked by Nichols to quarterback the team at point guard from the start and she hasn't disappointed. Through 14 games she led the team in scoring with 13.4 points a game and in

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Spurs win NBA Finals rematch

Associated Press

■ Texas Teams

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 33 points and 15 rebounds to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 96-83 victory over the New York Knicks on Saturday in the first matchup between the teams since last season's NBA Finals.

Terry Porter added 18 points and 11 rebounds in his first start of the season in front 34,429 at the Alamodome, the Spurs' largest home crowd of the season.

The Spurs, who beat the Knicks four games-to-one in last season's finals, outscored the Knicks 25-11 in the decisive third quarter.

After leading 52-48 at the start of the period, the Spurs used a 17-9 run to open a 69-57 lead. Porter and Mario Elie each hit 3-pointers before Duncan converted a three-point play.

Duncan had 11 points in the third. The Knicks, who tied their season-low for points in a quarter, never again got their deficit below 10.

Allan Houston led the Knicks with 17 points and Chris Childs added 16 off the bench. Patrick Ewing, who did not play in the 1999 championship series because of an Achilles tendon injury, played 31 minutes and finished with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Nets 98, Mavericks 95

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Stephon Marbury scored 20 points and drove the length of the court for a go-ahead layup with 24.5 seconds left Saturday as the New Jersey Nets beat the Dallas Mavericks 98-95.

Marbury, who also added eight assists to pass 2,000 for his career, helped spark a late rally that denied Mavericks coach Don Nelson his 900th career victory. Nelson is 899-736.

Kendall Gill led the Nets with 23 points, tying his season-high, with seven rebounds, five steals and four assists. Kerry Kittles was the defensive star, blocking a shot that led to Marbury's go-ahead layup and limiting Michael Finley, the Mavs' leading scorer, to just 10 points.

Cedric Ceballos led Dallas with 36 points.



AP Photo

Jennifer Capriati, right, shakes hands with Patty Schnyder at the net after winning 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 at the Australian Open. Capriati qualified for her first major championship quarterfinal in seven years.

Comeback Capriati makes 1st major quarterfinal in 7 years

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Jennifer Capriati, cracking winners with the power and control of her golden teen years, surged to her first Grand Slam quarterfinals since 1993 on Sunday in the Australian Open.

Capriati won 20 of the last 22 points in a 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 victory over Patty Schnyder, who knocked off last year's runner-up, Amelie Mauresmo, in the second round.

If Capriati gets past the winner of the match between No. 4 Mary Pierce and Ai Sugiyama, looming as a likely semifinal foe is No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, who beat Anna Kournikova 6-4, 6-3 to reach the quarters.

After starting the tournament ranked No. 21, the 23-year-old Capriati is guaranteed at least a No. 17 ranking.

Capriati, who finished 1998 ranked No. 101, had been as high as No. 6 in 1991 and 1992, when she won the Olympic gold medal in Barcelona. She dropped off the tour for several years, amid much-publicized problems, after three quarterfinal finishes in major tournaments and a first-round loss in the U.S. Open in 1993.

"I finally got past that fourth-round mark that has been stopping me," said Capriati, who lost in that round in the French and U.S. Opens last year. "I feel confident. I'm a lot stronger physically (than in 1993), I'm in better shape, and I have more variety.

If she isn't fully back to where she was in her good old days, Capriati is close. She's serving consistently at close to 110 mph, ripping returns cleanly, and pounding groundstrokes close to the lines with confidence.

Against the No. 29-ranked Schnyder, Capriati simply wore her down in the third set. Serving at 1-1, Capriati fought off two break-points to start a run of 12 straight points, including a break of Schnyder's serve at love.

Capriati then yielded a couple of points while breaking Schnyder again, and closed out the match at love with an overhead, a brutally hard forehand winner and two errors by Schnyder.

Davenport's quarterfinal opponent will be No. 9 Julie Halard-Decugis, who advanced when Jana Kandarr pulled out because of a strained hamstring in her left leg.

On a good day for American players, Chris Woodruff reached a Grand Slam quarterfinals for the first time in his career, upsetting No. 11 Tim Henman 7-5, 1-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Woodruff, a 27-year-old who had never gone beyond the third round in a major, ended 1999 ranked No. 51, a leap from No. 1,342 the previous year. It was the biggest jump on the ATP Tour rankings last year. In 1998, he played only one tournament after sustaining a left knee injury in December 1997 while kicking field goals with Richey Reneberg. At the time of the injury, Woodruff was ranked No. 30.

Hicham Arazi also advanced to the quarters with a 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7) victory over Nicolas Escude, and will play the winner of the Andre Agassi-Mark Philippoussis match.

Notwithstanding Martina Hingis' catty appraisal of her "quite heavy" figure, Serena Williams is sprinting on court with the light-footed elan she flashed in their U.S. Open final.

The rust that clung to Williams in her first two matches at the Australian Open, three months after her last tournament, is all but gone. In beating Sabine Appelmans 6-2, 7-6 (2) Saturday night, Williams hit balls almost as cleanly as she did when she beat Hingis for the U.S. Open title.

There were the five aces at up to 115 mph, the volleys she crushed, the deep, topspin forehands that flew away from Appelmans, and, most impressively, the shots Williams walloped on the fly from midcourt.

It was an athletic ballet by a dancer in red sneakers, complete with leaps and pirouettes.

Whether playing in the breezy chill before the rain early in the second set, or playing under the closed roof the rest of the way, the third-seeded Williams exhibited controlled power.

To see Williams at full throttle is to behold a player capable of revolutionizing women's tennis. She has a big baseline game and a serve-and-volley attack reminiscent of Martina Navratilova's, but quicker, stronger and, in some ways, more daring.

Williams is not yet as dedicated to the serve-and-volley style as was Navratilova, hesitating on charges at times, and no doubt will have lapses in matches like any 18-year-old. Serve-and-volleyers typically take longer to mature than baseline players, yet Williams is well on her way.

Unlike her sister, Venus, or most of the other top players, Williams is thickly muscled, especially in the legs, back and shoulders. But she is toned like a body builder, and certainly not flabby as Hingis suggested.

"Serena is quite heavy," said Hingis, who could meet her in the semifinals. Then, throwing in a backhanded compliment, she added, "She lost weight, I think, since I saw her last time."

Told about that remark, Williams started to respond, then stopped and giggled.

Luxury tax hits Orioles hardest

Associated Press

While the New York Yankees won the most, the Baltimore Orioles paid the most.

Baltimore's total bill for the three years of baseball's luxury tax was $10,643,897, according to management records obtained by The Associated Press.

The Yankees, who won the World Series twice in the three years of the tax, were second at $9,919,651, followed by Los Angeles at $2,712,672, Boston at $2,205,960 and Cleveland at $2,065,496.

Only three others teams wound up with bills during the three years of the tax: Atlanta ($1,795,582) the New York Mets ($1,137,992) and Florida ($139,607).

Teams received their bills for the last year of the tax Jan. 10, and they are payable Jan. 31.

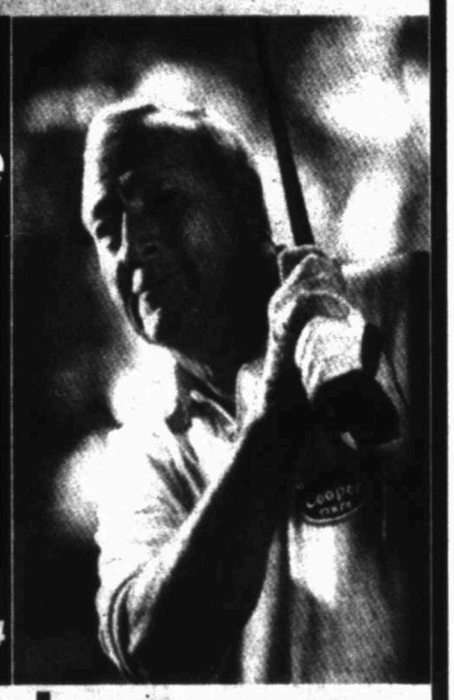
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Saturday's Results

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Results Saturday of the $6.1 million Australian Open tennis championships at Melbourne Park:

Men
Singles
Third Round

Nicolas Kiefer (4), Germany, def. Karim Alami, Morocco, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Magnus Norman (12), Sweden, def. Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (8).

Christophe Rochus, Belgium, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Arnaud Clement, France, def. Roger Federer, Switzerland, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov (2), Russia, def. Stefan Koubek, Austria 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, vs. Younes El Aynaoui, Morocco, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 2-2.

Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Adrian Voinea, Romania, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles
Second Round

Ben Ellwood and Michael Tebbutt, Australia, def. Robbie Koenig, South Africa, and Peter Tramacchi, Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Jared Palmer and Alex O'Brien (4), United States, def. Thomas Shimida, Japan, and Myles Wakefield, South Africa, 6-3, 6-4.

Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, and Andrew Kratzmann (8), Australia, def. Michael Hill, Australia, and Marcus Ondruska, South Africa, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Women
Singles
Third Round

Martina Hingis (1), Switzerland, def. Alicia Molik, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.

Serena Williams (3), United States, def. Sabine Appelmans, Belgium, 6-2 7-6 (2).

Barbara Schett (6), Austria, def. Florencia Labat, Argentina, 6-1, 6-3.

Sandrine Testud (12), France, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Conchita Martinez (10), Spain, def. Jelena Kostanic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.

Kristina Brandi, United States, def. Ruxandra Dragomir, Romania, 6-4, 7-6 (7).

Elena Likhovtseva (16), Russia, def. Els Callens, Belgium, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (13), Spain, def. Bryanna Stewart, Australia, 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles
Second Round

Lindsay Davenport and Corina Morariu (2), United States, def. Asa Carlsson, Sweden, and Emilie Loit, France, 6-0, 6-0.

Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, and Sonya Jeyaseelan, Canada, def. Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, and Paola Suarez (14), Argentina, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-3.

Julie Halard-Decugis, France, and Ai Sugiyama (10), def. Jana Kandarr, Germany, and Surina De Beer, South Africa, 2-6, 1-0, retired.

Mixed Doubles
First Round

Andrei Olhovskiy, Russia, and Elena Tatarkova (8), Ukraine, def. Piet Norval, South Africa, and Katarina Srebotnik, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.

Robbie Koenig, South Africa, and Cara Black, Zimbabwe, def. Andrew Ilie and Nicole Pratt, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.

David Adams, South Africa, and Kristie Boogert, Netherlands, def. Leander Paes, India, and Lisa Raymond (2), United States, 7-6 (7), 6-2.

Sunday's Results

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Results Sunday of the $6.1 million Australian Open tennis championships at Melbourne Park:

Men
Singles
Third Round

Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, def. Francisco Clavet, Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Younes El Aynaoui, Morocco, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Fourth Round

Hicham Arazi, Morocco, def. Nicolas Escude, France, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7).

Chris Woodruff, United States, def. Tim Henman (11), Britain, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Doubles
Second Round

Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde (2), Australia, def. Devin Bowen, United States, and Alejandro Hernandez, Mexico, 6-2, 6-3.

Nicklas Kulti and Mikael Tillstrom (12), Sweden, def. Mark and Scott Draper, Australia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Jan-Michael Gambill and Scott Humphries, United States, def. Paul Kilderry and Grant Silcock, Australia, 6-0, 6-4.

Third Round

Marius Barnard and Chris Haggard, South Africa, def. David MacPherson, Australia, and Peter Nyborg (16), Sweden, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, and Andrew Kratzmann, Australia (8), def. Lleyton Hewitt and Sandon Stolle, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Women
Singles
Fourth Round

Jennifer Capriati, United States, def. Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Lindsay Davenport (2), def. Anna Kournikova (11), Russia, 6-2, 6-3.

Julie Halard-Decugis (9), France, def. Jana Kandarr, Germany, 6-1, 3-0, retired.

Doubles
Second round

Els Callens and Dominique Van Roost, Belgium, def. Alexandra Fusai and Nathalie Tauziat (4), France, 6-3, 6-3.

Debbie Graham, United States, and Nana Miyagi, Japan, def. Irina Spirlea, Romania, and Caroline Vis, Netherlands (5), 7-6 (8), 6-3.

Jennifer Capriati, United States, and Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Karina Habsudova, Slovakia, and Anne-Gaelle Sidot (15), France, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Third round

Rennae Stubbs, Australia, and Lisa Raymond, United States (1), def. Florencia Labat, Argentina, and Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

Erika De Lone, United States, and Nicole Pratt, Australia, def. Annabel Ellwood, Australia, and Rika Hiraki, Japan, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles
First Round

Daniel Orsanic, Argentina, and Yayuk Basuki, Indonesia, def. Olivier Delaitre and Emilie Loit, France, 6-0, 6-4.

USC upsets No. 2 Arizona

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Bluthenthal scored 18 of his career-high 26 points in the second half as Southern California surprised No. 2 Arizona 80-72 Saturday night.

The Wildcats (16-3, 5-1 Pac-10) had their seven-game winning streak snapped and surrendered first place in the conference to the Trojans (12-5, 5-0).

USC won its seventh straight and ninth in its last 10 despite playing without leading scorer Sam Clancy and sixth-man Jarvis Turner, who are both out for the season.

Mississippi 79,
No. 4 Auburn 77

OXFORD, Miss. — Lataryl Williams' put back with 38 seconds left in overtime helped Mississippi upset No. 4 Auburn.

■ Top 10 Upsets

Ole Miss (13-6, 1-5 SEC) came into the game on a five-game Southeastern Conference losing streak. Auburn (16-2, 4-1) had won 14 straight.

Missouri 81,
No. 7 Kansas 59

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Clarence Gilbert hit seven 3-pointers and scored a career-high 27 points as Missouri beat Kansas.

The Jayhawks (15-3, 4-1 Big 12) have lost the last four times they have brought a Top 10 team into the Hearnes Center.

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Texas Men

No. 14 Texas 72, Texas Tech 59

TEXAS (12-6): Muoneke 1-7 7-8 9, Mihm 6-14 2-5 15, Wagner 1-3 0-0 2, Williams 3-7 2-2 10, Clay 3-8 3-4 11, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Wyatt 0-0 0-0 0, Owens 5-10 3-3 14, McColpin 0-0 0-0 0, Kelly 4-6 0-0 11, Ogden 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-55 17-22 72.

TEXAS TECH (9-6): Layne 4-13 3-4 11, Kennard 4-12 2-2 10, Phillips 1-4 2-2 4, Young 8-16 1-2 18, Ware 2-9 1-5 5, Malone 0-1 0-0 0, Hobbs 0-0 0-0 0, Mitchell 3-4 3-4 11. Totals 22-59 12-19 59.

Halftime—Texas 30, Texas Tech 20. 3-Point goals—Texas 9-21 (Kelly 3-4, Williams 2-5, Clay 2-6, Mihm 1-1, Owens 1-1, Muoneke 0-2, Wagner 0-2), Texas Tech 3-17 (Mitchell 2-3, Young 1-6, Malone 0-1, Layne 0-2, Ware 0-5). Fouled out—Wagner, Layne. Rebounds—Texas 41 (Mihm 10), Texas Tech 34 (Kennard 9). Assists—Texas 17 (Wagner 9), Texas Tech 10 (Layne 4). Total fouls—Texas 17, Texas Tech 18. A—14,045.

Texas A&M 64, No. 12 Oklahoma State 59

OKLAHOMA ST. (14-2): Jonzen 5-7 3-6 13, Montonati 4-8 1-3 9, Mason 7-9 3-4 19, Adkins 2-7 2-2 6, Gottlieb 1-6 0-2 2, Alexander 2-9 1-2 6, Williams 1-4 2-3 4, Keep 0-0 0-0 0, Webber 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-50 12-22 59.

TEXAS A&M (6-10): Gilchrist 3-10 5-6 12, Ress 0-2 0-4 0, King 6-15 4-8 17, Slocum 2-7 0-0 4, J.Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Jack 4-5 3-8 11, Leatherman 0-2 3-4 3, C.Brown 2-5 0-1 5, Scott 4-7 0-0 10, Jacobs 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 22-55 15-31 64.

Halftime—Oklahoma State 38, Texas A&M 29. 3-Point goals—Oklahoma St. 3-11 (Mason 2-3, Alexander 1-2, Gottlieb 0-2, Adkins 0-4), Texas A&M 5-18 (Scott 2-3, C.Brown 1-2, Gilchrist 1-4, King 1-8, J.Brown 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma St. 39 (Jonzen 11), Texas A&M 39 (Jack 7). Assists—Oklahoma St. 19 (Gottlieb 13), Texas A&M 15 (Gilchrist 7). Total fouls—Oklahoma St. 22, Texas A&M 21. A—5,563.

Nebraska 69, Baylor 55

BAYLOR (9-7): Kendrick 6-18 0-0 16, Black 2-7 0-2 5, Echols 4-6 0-0 8, Stukes 6-15 0-0 18, Minor 3-5 1-1 8, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Greenleaf 0-2 0-0 0, Naihe 0-3 0-0 0, Flippen 0-1 0-0 0, Othoro 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-58 1-3 55.

NEBRASKA (9-9): Florence 3-10 0-0 6, Bradford 6-10 2-3 14, Ffriend 8-12 5-10 21, Walker 3-10 0-0 8, Fields 2-6 0-0 4, Booker 0-0 0-0 0, Cochran 2-4 2-2 8, Buckendahl 0-1 0-0 0, Davison 0-0 0-0 0, Truscott 4-9 0-1 8. Totals 28-62 9-16 69.

Halftime—Nebraska 34, Baylor 27. 3-Point goals—Baylor 12-34 (Kendrick 4-11, Black 1-3, Stukes 6-14, Minor 1-2, Allen 0-1, Greenleaf 0-2, Naihe 0-1), Nebraska 4-10 (Walker 2-5, Fields 0-1, Cochran 2-3, Buckendahl 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 27 (Kendrick 7), Nebraska 50 (Ffriend 19). Assists—Baylor 15 (Minor 7), Nebraska 19 (Cochran 8). Total fouls—Baylor 20, Nebraska 9. A—8,644.

SMU 85, Fresno State 78

FRESNO ST. (12-7,2-1): Abney 7-9 1-2 15, Roberson 4-12 0-0 11, Ely 9-12 3-4 21, Porter 2-8 0-0 5, Alexander 11-22 3-4 26, Irvin 0-0 0-0 0, Felix 0-0 0-0 0, DeManby 0-0 0-0 0, Bona 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-63 7-10 78.

SMU (16-3,4-1): Davis 10-23 5-7 26, Floyd 3-5 0-0 8, Hancock 1-5 4-6 6, Sasser 9-25 5-7 26, Woods 4-17 0-0 9, Ross 1-3 1-2 3, Kelley 0-0 0-0 0, Forinash 2-3 1-2 5, Niemi 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 31-84 16-24 85.

Halftime—Fresno St. 42, SMU 39. 3-Point goals—Fresno St. 5-20 (Roberson 3-8, Alexander 1-7, Porter 1-5), SMU 7-31 (Sasser 3-8, Floyd 2-3, Woods 1-9, Davis 1-8, Hancock 0-2, Ross 0-1). Fouled out—Ely. Rebounds—Fresno St. 29 (Abney 10), SMU 58 (Davis 15). Assists—Fresno St. 21 (Roberson, Porter 7), SMU 14 (Sasser 4). Total fouls—Fresno St. 19, SMU 11. A—6,265.

San Jose State 58, Rice 56

SAN JOSE ST. (11-8,2-2): Landram 3-10 2-3 11, Williams 8-10 6-6 22, Griffin 1-2 0-0 2, Egans 3-7 0-0 6, R. Powell 3-5 1-2 10, Sanders 1-2 0-0 3, C. Powell 1-3 0-0 2, Blunt 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 20-40 11-13 58.

RICE (4-11,0-4): McKenzie 2-6 3-3 7, Christian 2-6 0-0 5, Bougaieff 5-7 1-2 11, Hudson 1-2 0-0 3, Wilks 4-11 7-7 18, Evans 0-2 2-5 2, Walton 3-6 0-0 7, Craig 1-2 0-0 3, Robison 0-0 0-0 0, Morgan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-42 13-17 56.

Halftime—San Jose St. 27, Rice 26. 3-Point goals—San Jose St. 7-18 (Landram 3-10, R. Powell 3-4, Sanders 1-1, Egans 0-2, C. Powell 0-1), Rice 7-16 (Wilks 3-5, Walton 1-4, Christian 1-3, Craig 1-2, Hudson 1-1, Bougaieff 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—San Jose St. 22 (Williams 7), Rice 25 (McKenzie 5). Assists—San Jose St. 16 (Landram 5), Rice 11 (Walton 5). Total fouls—San Jose St. 15, Rice 16. A—2,413.

TCU 80, UTEP 79

UTEP (10-7, 1-3): Smallwood 5-13 5-7 17, Wolfram 9-20 4-5 22, Mullahon 5-9 0-0 14, Smith 7-15 2-4 16, McRae 0-3 2-2 2, Nelson 3-5 0-0 8, Luces 0-1 0-0 0, Escobedo 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-67 13-18 79.

TCU (11-10, 2-3): Davenport 3-5 2-3 8, Gainous 6-12 6-8 22, McTyer 1-6 2-2 4, Laster 4-6 1-2 10, Carroll 5-9 0-0 13, Allaway 3-8 2-4 10, Anthony 2-6 0-0 4, Merriex 2-6 2-2 7, Paulk 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-59 15-21 80.

Halftime—TCU 42, UTEP 41. 3-Point goals—UTEP 8-20 (Mullahon 4-8, Nelson 2-4, Smallwood 2-4, Escobedo 0-1, Luces 0-1, McRae 0-1, Smith 0-1), TCU 7-16 (Carroll 3-4, Allaway 2-4, Laster 1-1, Merriex 1-5, McTyer 0-2). Fouled out—McRae. Rebounds—UTEP 40 (Wolfram 13), TCU 37 (Gainous, Laster 6). Assists—UTEP 22 (McRae, Smallwood 6), TCU 19 (Allaway, Merriex 5). Total fouls—UTEP 20, TCU 18. A—4,855.

Top 25 Men

No. 3 Stanford 81, California 70

STANFORD (19-1): Jacobsen 4-13 4-8 14, Madsen 7-8 5-5 19, Jar.Collins 1-5 6-6 8, McDonald 0-5 0-1 0, Moseley 4-9 4-4 13, Kirchofer 0-0 0-0 0, Borchardt 0-2 0-0 0, Giovacchini 0-2 2-2 2, Mendez 4-7 3-4 15, Jas.Collins 2-4 6-6 10. Totals 22-55 30-36 81.

CALIFORNIA (10-7): Vander Laan 5-10 5-7 15, Forehan-Kelly 0-0 0-0 0, Gordon 0-1 7-8 7, King 1-3 0-0 2, Wethers 1-8 6-10 8, Smith 2-5 2-2 8, Legans 2-2 0-0 4, Hughes 0-1 0-0 0, Lampley 8-18 0-0 16, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Shipp 4-10 1-2 10. Totals 23-58 21-29 70.

Halftime—Stanford 34, California 25. 3-Point goals—Stanford 7-20 (Mendez 4-4, Jacobsen 2-8, Moseley 1-5, Giovacchini 0-1, McDonald 0-2), California 3-14 (Smith 2-3, Shipp 1-7, Gordon 0-1, Lampley 0-1, Wethers 0-2). Fouled out—Jas.Collins, Legans. Rebounds—Stanford 44 (Madsen 11), California 34 (Vander Laan 11). Assists—Stanford 15 (McDonald 4), California 10 (Lampley, King 3). Total fouls—Stanford 25, California 28. A—12,172.

Mississippi 79, No. 4 Auburn 77, OT

AUBURN (18-2): Porter 3-9 7-8 13, Pohlman 7-16 3-4 19, N'dieye 2-4 8-9 12, Fishback 2-6 0-0 6, Robinson 4-11 3-3 12, Brewer 2-4 0-2 5, Sharp 0-2 0-0 0, Heard 0-2 0-0 0, McGadney 3-5 0-0 6, Hamilton 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 24-62 23-28 77.

MISSISSIPPI (13-6): Hicks 4-8 0-0 8, Williams 5-10 0-0 11, Lockhart 3-4 0-1 6, Flanigan 3-10 6-6 13, Harrison 5-12 0-0 13, Holmes 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 3-8 0-0 9, Gunn 6-7 1-2 13, Wade 1-2 4-6 6. Totals 30-61 11-15 79.

Halftime—Mississippi 33, Auburn 29. Regulation—66-66. 3-point goals—Auburn 6-23 (Fishback 2-5, Pohlman 2-7, Brewer 1-2, Robinson 1-4, Porter 0-1, Sharp 0-1, Heard 0-1, McGadney 0-2), Mississippi 8-24 (Brown 3-6, Harrison 3-7, Flanigan 1-5, Williams 1-6). Fouled out—Hicks, Harrison. Rebounds—Auburn 34 (Porter 8), Mississippi 37 (Williams 7). Assists—Auburn 17 (Robinson 7), Mississippi 18 (Harrison, Flanigan 6). Total fouls—Auburn 17, Mississippi 25. A—6,881.

No. 5 Duke 75, Wake Forest 61

DUKE (18-2): James 4-11 4-8 13, Battier 2-8 10-12 15, Boozer 4-8 2-2 10, Williams 8-10 0-0 19, Carrawell 4-10 2-2 11, Dunleavy 2-5 1-2 5, Christensen 0-1 0-0 0, Horvath 0-0 2-2 2, Sanders 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-50 21-28 75.

WAKE FOREST (11-7): Songaila 3-8 4-4 10, Arinze 2-9 0-4 4, Vidaurreta 3-8 0-0 6, O'Kelley 7-18 2-2 17, Dawson 0-3 0-0 0, Shoemaker 3-5 1-1 7, Howard 4-5 1-1 10, Hicks 0-5 0-0 0, Decker 2-9 2-2 7, Murray 0-1 0-0 0, Fuller 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-71 10-14 61.

Halftime—Duke 33, Wake Forest 31. 3-Point goals—Duke 6-23 (Williams 3-5, Carrawell 1-4, James 1-5, Battier 1-7, Dunleavy 0-2), Wake Forest 3-12 (Howard 1-1, Decker 1-2, O'Kelley 1-6, Hicks 0-1, Dawson 0-2). Fouled out—Arinze. Rebounds—Duke 35 (James, Battier 7), Wake Forest 45 (Songaila 8). Assists—Duke 10 (Williams, Carrawell 3), Wake Forest 9 (Arinze 3). Total fouls—Duke 14, Wake Forest 21. A—14,407.

Missouri 81, No. 7 Kansas 59

KANSAS (15-3): Collison 3-6 2-2 8, Bradford 1-2 2-5 4, Chenowith 2-8 2-3 6, Boschee 1-6 0-0 3, Gregory 7-12 1-4 15, Gooden 0-3 2-4 2, Earl 0-1 0-0 0, Nooner 0-0 0-0 0, Hinrich 3-6 2-2 9, Carey 0-0 0-0 0, London 0-3 0-0 0, Johnson 3-5 1-1 7, Axtell 1-5 2-3 5. Totals 21-57 14-24 59.

MISSOURI (11-6): Hafer 4-6 0-1 8, Soyoye 6-9 4-8 16, Gilbert 10-18 0-1 27, Dooling 3-7 4-4 12, Grawer 1-6 4-4 7, Kroenke 0-0 0-0 0, Parker 4-5 0-0 9, Gage 1-2 0-1 2. Totals 29-53 12-19 81.

Halftime—Missouri 37, Kansas 26. 3-Point goals—Kansas 3-10 (Boschee 1-2, Axtell 1-3, Hinrich 1-4, Gregory 0-1), Missouri 11-22 (Gilbert 7-10, Dooling 2-4, Grawer 1-5, Parker 1-2, Hafer 0-1). Fouled out—Hafer. Rebounds—Kansas 39 (Collison 7), Missouri 31 (Hafer, Gilbert 6). Assists—Kansas 13 (Bradford 4), Missouri 18 (Dooling 7). Total fouls—Kansas 19, Missouri 18. A—14,098.

No. 8 Connecticut 92, Georgetown 71

CONNECTICUT (13-3): Mouring 2-6 11-11 17, Freeman 1-5 4-6 6, El-Amin 6-14 9-9 22, Voskul 5-5 5-6 15, Wrenn 2-4 0-0 4, Deng 0-1 0-0 0, Robertson 2-4 5-6 10, Wayne 4-4 0-0 8, Cox 0-0 0-0 0, Saunders 3-4 4-7 10. Totals 25-47 38-45 92.

GEORGETOWN (10-7): Braswell 10-19 3-4 26, Perry 2-7 0-0 5, Samnick 2-4 0-0 4, Watkins 0-0 2-2 2, Boumtje Boumtje 4-8 3-6 11, Hunter 2-5 0-0 6, Freeman 0-2 0-0 0, Burton 1-3 2-2 4, Gibson 0-0 0-0 0, Scruggs 4-9 5-6 13. Totals 25-57 15-20 71.

Halftime—Miami 42, Georgetown 34. 3-Point goals—Connecticut 4-11 (Mouring 2-5, El-Amin 1-4, Deng 0-1, Robertson 1-1), Georgetown 6-13 (Braswell 3-6, Perry 1-3, Hunter 2-2, Burton 0-1, Scruggs 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Connecticut 29 (Freeman 6), Georgetown 33 (Braswell 7). Assists—Connecticut 11 (Freeman, El-Amin 3), Georgetown 14 (Burton 4). Total fouls—Connecticut 19, Georgetown 27. Technicals—Connecticut bench, Georgetown bench. A—16,989.

No. 9 Florida 77, Alabama 73

FLORIDA (14-3): Wright 3-6 3-4 9, Miller 7-12 10-11 25, Haslem 4-8 0-3 8, Dupay 3-4 3-4 12, Weaks 3-9 0-0 8, Harvey 2-8 0-1 4, Nelson 0-3 0-0 0, Hamilton 2-4 0-0 6, Bonner 2-2 0-0 5. Parker 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 26-58 16-23 77.

ALABAMA (9-8): Cotton 6-13 1-3 15, Grizzard 10-17 2-3 26, Dudley 3-8 1-2 7, London 0-1 0-0 0, Meade 7-12 1-1 20, Martin 1-6 2-2 5, Moss 0-0 0-0 0, Haginas 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 27-60 7-11 73.

Halftime—Florida 40, Alabama 33. 3-Point goals—Florida 9-21 (Dupay 3-4, Hamilton 2-4, Weaks 2-5, Bonner 1-1, Miller 1-3, Wright 0-1, Nelson 0-1, Parker 0-2), Alabama 12-24 (Meade 5-7, Grizzard 4-10, Cotton 2-4, Martin 1-3). Fouled out—Meade. Rebounds—Florida 37 (Miller 9), Alabama 34 (Grizzard 10). Assists—Florida 8 (Dupay 6), Alabama 17 (London 7). Total fouls—Florida 14, Alabama 21. A—9,507.

No. 10 Michigan State 69, Northwestern 45

NORTHWESTERN (4-13): Lepore 3-9 2-2 11, Burke 2-9 0-0 5, Deren 3-4 1-2 7, Johnson 1-5 0-1 3, Drayton 0-0 0-0 0, Blake 1-3 0-0 3, Newman 1-3 0-0 3, Hardy 2-3 0-0 4, Jennings 3-5 3-4 9. Totals 16-41 6-9 45.

MICHIGAN STATE (13-5): Anagonye 3-4 1-3 7, Peterson 4-14 2-2 11, Hutson 3-5 5-6 11, Cleaves 3-9 0-0 7, Bell 5-7 2-3 14, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 4-4 0-0 8, Ishbia 0-0 0-0 0, Chappell 2-8 0-2 4, Cherry 0-0 0-0 0, Richardson 0-0 0-0 0, Granger 2-2 0-0 5, Ballinger 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 27-57 10-16 69.

Halftime—Michigan State 33, Northwestern 17. 3-Point Goals—Northwestern 7-18 (Lepore 3-8, Blake 1-1, Burke 1-2, Johnson 1-3, Newman 1-3, Hardy 0-1), Michigan State 5-14 (Bell 2-3, Granger 1-1, Cleaves 1-3, Peterson 1-4, Chappell 0-3). Fouled out—Anagonye. Rebounds—Northwestern 13 (Burke 3), Michigan State 45 (Anagonye, Hutson, Peterson 8). Assists—Northwestern 7 (Johnson, Lepore 2), Michigan State 13 (Cleaves 7). Total fouls—Northwestern 13, Michigan State 14. A—14,659.

Purdue 83, No. 11 Indiana 77

INDIANA (14-3): Haston 6-10 0-0 12, Washington 2-3 0-0 4, Newton 2-5 2-2 6, Mi.Lewis 4-9 4-4 13, Guyton 10-16 4-4 27, Fife 1-1 2-2 4, Jimenez 0-1 0-0 0, Hornsby 0-1 2-2 2, Richardson 2-2 3-5 7, Odle 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 28-50 17-19 77.

PURDUE (13-5): Robinson 6-9 3-9 15, Cardinal 6-13 9-12 21, McQuay 3-7 4-8 10, Cornell 8-17 3-5 25, Cunningham 3-8 2-2 9, Kerkhof 0-0 0-0 0, Ma.Lewis 1-2 0-0 3, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Allison 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 27-60 21-36 83.

Halftime—Purdue 41, Indiana 36. 3-Point Goals—Indiana 4-12 (Guyton 3-7, Mi.Lewis 1-3, Jimenez 0-1, Hornsby 0-1), Purdue 8-17 (Cornell 6-11, Ma.Lewis 1-1, Cunningham 1-2, Cardinal 0-3). Fouled out—Fife. Rebounds—Indiana 33 (Haston 9), Purdue 32 (Cardinal 11). Assists—Indiana 13 (Mi.Lewis 6), Purdue 14 (Robinson 8). Total fouls—Indiana 27, Purdue 19. A—14,123.

No. 13 Ohio State 65, No. 19 St. John's 64

OHIO STATE (13-3): Ocokoljic 0-5 0-0 0, Redd 6-14 2-3 15, Johnson 3-8 1-2 7, Penn 5-10 2-2 16, Brown 6-8 2-3 16, Reese 2-7 0-0 4, Savovic 3-3 0-0 7, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0, Darby 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-55 7-10 65.

ST. JOHN'S (12-4): Postell 4-12 0-0 8, Jessie 2-7 2-2 6, Glover 1-11 1-2 3, Barkley 4-15 5-5 15, Thornton 9-19 4-5 26, Gray 1-5 2-2 4, Emanuel 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 21-71 14-16 64.

Halftime—St. John's 29, Ohio St. 23 . 3-Point goals—Ohio St. 8-16 (Penn 4-8, Brown 2-3, Savovic 1-1, Redd 1-3, Ocokoljic 0-1), St. John's 8-18 (Thornton 6-8, Barkley 2-7, Gray 0-1, Postell 0-2). Fouled out—None Rebounds—Ohio St. 37 (Redd 7), St. John's 42 (Postell 12). Assists—Ohio St. 17 (Brown 6), St. John's 13 (Barkley 5). Total fouls—Ohio St. 17, St. John's 14. A—15,164

No. 15 Tulsa 100, Hawaii 78

HAWAII (13-5): Pulda 2-4 2-2 6, Ostler 1-4 2-2 4, Alexander 7-14 5-5 19, Savovic 4-8 1-3 11, White 6-8 6-6 19, McIntyre 0-0 0-0 0, McIntosh 3-5 5-8 11, Robinson 2-4 1-2 5, O'Connor 1-3 0-0 3, Fields 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-50 22-28 78.

TULSA (18-1): Coley 7-13 0-3 14, Kurtz 7-12 4-4 18, Harrington 3-6 11-12 18, Hill 3-8 3-6 9, Heard 4-7 0-0 11, Davis 2-3 0-0 4, Swanson 1-2 0-0 3, Reed 0-1 1-2 1, Hooper 1-1 0-2 2, Shelton 3-5 4-5 11, Johnson 3-5 2-2 8, McDaniel 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 34-63 26-38 100.

Halftime—Tulsa 41, Hawaii 34. 3-point goals—Hawaii 4-15 (Savovic 2-5, White 1-2, O'Connor 1-3, Pulda 0-1, Alexander 0-1, McIntosh 0-1, Robinson 0-2), Tulsa 8-14 (Heard 3-6, Shelton 1-1, Harrington 1-1, Swanson 1-2, Hill 0-4). Fouled out—Ostler, McIntosh. Rebounds—Hawaii 25 (Pulda, Ostler 4), Tulsa 40 (Coley 11). Assists—Hawaii 11 (Savovic 4), Tulsa 20 (Harrington, Heard 4). Total fouls—Hawaii 26, Tulsa 23. A—8,355.

No. 17 Oklahoma 80, Iowa State 75, 2OT

IOWA ST. (16-3): Fizer 9-13 2-5 20, Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Horton 3-11 2-2 11, Tinsley 6-15 5-6 17, Nurse 6-15 4-6 19, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Hawkins 0-1 0-0 0, Shirley 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 28-63 13-19 75.

OKLAHOMA (15-3): Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Najera 8-16 8-11 25, Stone 1-2 0-0 2, Price 2-6 0-0 4, Raymond 7-18 0-0 20, Heskett 6-10 0-0 18, Avila 3-10 1-2 7, Haywood 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-67 9-13 80.

Halftime—Oklahoma 34, Iowa St. 19. Regulation—59-59. First Overtime—63-63. 3-point goals—Iowa St. 6-20 (Nurse 3-11, Horton 3-7, Tinsley 0-2), Oklahoma 13-27 (Heskett 6-8, Raymond 6-15, Najera 1-2, Price 0-2). Fouled out—Shirley. Rebounds—Iowa St. 38 (Johnson 7), Oklahoma 41 (Najera 14). Assists—Iowa St. 13 (Tinsley 6), Oklahoma 13 (Raymond 4). Total fouls—Iowa St. 16, Oklahoma 20. A—10,925.

No. 18 Kentucky 81, No. 20 Vanderbilt 73, OT

KENTUCKY (13-5): Prince 2-7 1-3 6, Allison 7-10 3-3 23, Magliore 8-13 7-9 23, Bogans 2-8 1-2 6, Smith 3-9 3-4 12, Blevins 1-2 0-0 3, Tackett 0-1 0-0 0, Stone 1-2 0-0 2, Camara 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 27-57 15-21 81.

VANDERBILT (12-3): Williams 4-9 1-1 9, Langhi 5-13 5-6 15, LaPointe 4-10 1-1 9, Prater 2-6 0-0 4, Strong 5-13 5-8 15, Coulibaly 1-1 0-0 2, Howard 4-11 2-2 14, Jones 1-3 0-0 3, Lekwauwa 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 27-70 14-18 73.

Halftime—Kentucky 39, Vanderbilt 38. Regulation—67-67. 3-point goals—Kentucky 12-27 (Allison 6-9, Smith 3-6, Blevins 1-2, Prince 1-5, Bogans 1-5), Vanderbilt 5-27 (Howard 4-11, Jones 1-3, Williams 0-2, Strong 0-3, Langhi 0-4, Prater 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Kentucky 42 (Magliore 15), Vanderbilt 31 (Williams, Langhi 7). Asissts-Kentucky 18 (Bogans 6), Vanderbilt 11 (Prater 5). Total fouls—Kentucky 18, Vanderbilt 16. A—14,168.

Florida State 76, No. 21 North Carolina 71

FLORIDA ST. (8-8): Hale 7-15 0-0 17, Simmons 2-5 4-4 8, Dav.Anderson 3-5 0-0 6, Dam.Anderson 9-15 3-5 25, Arrington 4-6 2-3 12, Tucker 1-2 0-0 2, N.Dixon 1-2 1-1 3, A.Dixon 1-3 0-0 3, Chlebek 0-2 0-0 0, Mott 0-0 0-0 0, Mathis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-55 10-13 76.

NORTH CAROLINA (11-8): Capel 5-10 2-2 14, Lang 4-9 0-0 8, Haywood 5-11 5-7 15, Forte 7-16 0-0 15, Newby 0-0 0-0 0, Everett 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Holmes 2-3 0-0 5, Owens 3-4 0-0 7, Peppers 2-2 1-2 5, Brooker 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 29-58 8-11 71.

Halftime—Florida St. 37, North Carolina 36. 3-Point goals—Florida St. 10-18 (Dam.Anderson 4-5, Hale 3-6, Arrington 2-2, A.Dixon 1-3, Chlebek 0-2), North Carolina 5-13 (Capel 2-4, Owens 1-1, Holmes 1-2, Forte 1-5, Brooker 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Florida St. 27 (Simmons 7), North Carolina 33 (Haywood 9). Assists—Florida St. 15 (Arrington 8), North Carolina 18 (Holmes 6). Total fouls—Florida St. 14, North Carolina 19. A—21,572.

No. 22 Utah 69, Wyoming 61

WYOMING (11-8): Jones 8-19 3-3 19, Bailey 5-7 1-1 12, Davis 3-8 0-0 8, Blakes 2-4 2-2 6, McMillian 1-6 2-2 5, Abrams 0-0 0-0 0, McFall 0-0 1-2 1, Lostetter 0-0 0-0 0, French 1-5 0-1 2, Mann 3-10 0-0 8. Totals 23-59 9-11 61.

UTAH (14-3): Mottola 3-8 1-1 7, Jensen 6-14 6-7 19, Althoff 4-8 5-5 13, Colbert 1-3 0-0 2, Killion 5-9 1-3 14, Sharp 0-0 0-0 0, Harvey 2-6 2-2 8, Johnsen 2-5 1-1 5, Cullen 0-6 1-2 1, Puzey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-59 17-21 69.

Halftime—Utah 37, Wyoming 32. 3-Point goals—Wyoming 6-22 (Davis 2-3, Mann 2-8, Bailey 1-2, McMillian 1-3, Blakes 0-2, Jones 0-4), Utah 6-22 (Killion 3-7, Harvey 2-4, Jensen 1-5, Mottola 0-3, Cullen 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Wyoming 36 (Jones, Bailey 8), Utah 38 (Jensen 14). Assists—Wyoming 12 (McMillian 4), Utah 11 (Mottola, Jensen 3). Total fouls—Wyoming 20, Utah 17. A—13,659.

Saint Louis 73, No. 23 DePaul 69, OT

SAINT LOUIS (10-7): Jeffers 4-7 1-2 9, Tatum 1-7 3-5 5, Heinrich 4-4 1-2 9, Love 5-17 6-6 18, Perry 1-2 0-0 2, Fergerson 6-8 4-5 18, Robertson 1-2 1-2 4, Redden 0-0 0-0 0, Baniak 4-6 2-4 10, Braun 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-54 18-26 75.

DEPAUL (12-6): Richardson 7-16 5-6 22, Simmons 2-7 9-10 13, Hunter 1-2 0-0 2, Burno 4-9 5-6 13, Hartfield 3-4 0-0 8, McPherson 1-6 2-3 4, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 2-9 3-4 7. Totals 20-53 24-29 69.

Halftime—Saint Louis 30, DePaul 23. Regulation—Saint Louis 58, Depaul 58. 3-Point goals—Saint Louis 5-14 (Fergerson 2-3, Love 2-8, Robertson 1-1, Perry 0-1, Braun 0-1), DePaul 5-17 (Richardson 3-10, Hartfield 2-3, Simmons 0-2, Burno 0-2). Fouled Out—Heinrich, McPherson. Rebounds—Saint Louis 34 (Tatum, Heinrich 7), DePaul 33 (Simmons 12). Assists—Saint Louis 14 (Jeffers, Fergerson 4), DePaul 10 (Burno 6). Total fouls—Saint Louis 25, DePaul 23. A—12,174.

No. 24 Maryland 74, Clemson 62

CLEMSON (6-12): Jurkunas 4-6 5-6 16, Holt 0-2 0-0 0, Allenspach 6-16 2-6 14, Solomon 4-14 3-3 12, Bains 4-10 0-0 9, Braddock 3-5 2-2 9, Gilmore 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 22-56 12-17 62.

MARYLAND (13-5): Miller 6-17 0-2 15, Holden 4-6 4-7 12, Baxter 4-11 2-3 10, Dixon 5-11 4-4 18, Blake 3-5 2-2 10, McCall 0-2 0-0 0, Nicholas 1-7 0-0 3, Cephas 0-0 0-0 0, Mardesich 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 26-65 12-18 74.

Halftime—Maryland 38, Clemson 22. 3-Point goals—Clemson 6-14 (Jurkunas 3-4, Solomon 1-4, Bains 1-4, Braddick 1-1, Holt 0-1), Maryland 10-31 (Dixon 4-7, Miller 3-13, Blake 2-4, Nicholas 1-6, Holden 0-1). Fouled out—Gilmore. Rebounds—Clemson 38 (Jurkunas 7), Maryland 41 (Holden 10). Assists—Clemson 15 (Solomon 4), Maryland 16 (Blake 7). Technical—Solomon. Total fouls—Clemson 18, Maryland 18. A—14,500.

No. 25 UCLA 83, Arizona State 77

ARIZONA ST. (11-6): Storey 7-13 7-8 21, Redhage 2-8 0-0 4, Prewitt 5-10 0-0 11, House 5-17 4-6 18, Mason 2-5 0-0 6, Smith 2-5 0-0 4, Shell 4-8 2-2 13, Dodd 0-1 0-0 0, D.Knight 0-2 0-0 0, Allen 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 27-72 13-16 77.

UCLA (11-5): Moiso 7-13 8-10 22, Kapono 8-12 4-4 24, Gadzuric 1-2 0-2 2, Hines 0-0 0-0 0, Watson 1-1 1-2 3, Young 4-8 0-0 10, Barnes 6-13 4-6 17, B.Knight 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey 2-2 1-2 5. Totals 29-51 16-26 83.

Halftime—Arizona St. 42, UCLA 39. 3-Point goals—Arizona St. 10-23 (House 4-7, Shell 3-6, Mason 2-4, Prewitt 1-1, Dodd 0-1, D.Knight 0-1, Allen 0-3), UCLA 7-12 (Kapono 4-6, Young 2-4, Barnes 1-2). Fouled out—Prewitt. Rebounds—Arizona St. 35 (Storey, Prewitt 8), UCLA 36 (Moiso 7). Assists—Arizona St. 17 (Mason 5), UCLA 19 (Watson 5). Total fouls—Arizona St. 19, UCLA 15. A—9,557.

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

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Arkansas 83, Mississippi St. 73
Lamar 70, Nicholls St. 63
Oklahoma 80, Iowa St. 75, 2OT
Oral Roberts 79, Youngstown St. 63
SMU 85, Fresno St. 78
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Dayton 83, George Washington 76
Detroit 71, Cleveland St. 68
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Illinois 87, Penn St. 76
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Miami, Ohio 74, Buffalo 54
Michigan St. 69, Northwestern 45
Missouri 81, Kansas 59
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Nebraska 69, Baylor 55
Notre Dame 81, Pittsburgh 66
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Belmont 96, Texas A&M-CC 81
Bethune-Cookman 95, Howard 70
Centenary 89, UT-Pan Am 86, OT
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Coll.-Ch'ston 73, UNC-Grnsboro 59
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Davidson 80, VMI 69
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Duke 75, Wake Forest 61
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Louisiana Tech 78, Arkansas St. 70
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GOLF ROUNDUP

Hope Classic Scores

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. (AP) — Scores Saturday after the fourth round of the $3 million Bob Hope Chrysler Classic played on the 6,829 yard, par-71 Bermuda Dunes Golf Course, the 6,478 yard, par-72 Indian Wells Golf Course, the 7,060 yard, par-72 La Quinta Golf Course and the 6,969 yard, par-72 PGA West Arnold Palmer Private Course:

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Mark Brooks	68-67-72-64 — 271
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Dana Quigley fires a shot during Saturday's third round at the Senior Mastercard at the Senior Mastercard Championship. Quigley will be among the leaders when today's final round gets underway.

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LPGA Naples

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Scores Saturday from the third round of the $650,000 LPGA Suburu Memorial of Naples played on the 6,328-yard, par-72 The Club at The Strand (a-denotes amateur):

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Senior Mastercard

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — Scores Saturday after the second round of the $1.2 million MasterCard Championship, played on the 7,063-yard, par 36-36—72 Hualalai Golf Club:

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Joe Inman	72-77 — 149
J.C. Snead	72-78 — 150
Isao Aoki	70-80 — 150
Tom McGinnis	73-78 — 151
Jack Nicklaus	73-80 — 153
Dave Stockton	73-82 — 155

South African

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Leading scores Saturday after the third round of the $1 million South African Open on the 7,390-yard, par-72 Randpark golf course:

Darren Fichardt	68-67-67 — 202
Des Terblanche	66-72-65 — 203
Paul Eales	66-69-69 — 204
John Mellor	72-72-63 — 207
Mathias Gronberg	70-70-67 — 207
Retief Goosen	68-71-68 — 207
Ashley Roestoff	69-69-69 — 207
Greg Owen	68-72-69 — 207
Wallie Coetsee	65-71-71 — 207
Jean-Francois Remesy	68-70-69 — 207
Also	
Nick Price	72-69-67 — 208
Lee Westwood	69-68-72 — 209
Ian Woosnam	70-66-74 — 210

Eagle gives Sabbatini final round Hope lead

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. — An eagle on the 18th hole Saturday gave Rory Sabbatini a one-stroke lead going into the final round of the Bob Hope Classic, but it didn't make him the clear-cut favorite to win what figures to be another shootout in the desert.

Never mind that Sabbatini, who had an 8-under 64 on the pitch-and-putt known as Indian Wells, has never won on the PGA Tour before. Or that defending champion David Duval, who closed with a 59 last year, is only two strokes behind.

With amateurs like John Elway and Bill Murray finally going home, Sabbatini has to worry about any of the 21 players who are within five strokes of the lead.

Sabbatini, at 23-under 264, sounded like he was up to the task.

"It's not like I'm sitting there wondering, 'I've had four good days — when am I going to have a bad day?' I'm ready to go out there and shoot even lower tomorrow," said the 23-year-old South African.

Matt Gogel, a six-time winner on the Nike Tour who finally made it to the big leagues this year, had a 3-under 68 at Bermuda Dunes and was at 265.

Another stroke back was Mr. 59, who doesn't believe he has to match history to cash the $540,000 first-place check on Sunday.

"I can promise you, if I shoot 59 I'll win," Duval cracked.

He also knows that he'll have to start making some putts. Duval failed to convert several birdie chances and wound up with a 68 at Bermuda Dunes. It could have been worse except for an exceptional shot that stirred memories of the PGA Championship.

He pulled his tee shot on No. 16 and had no back swing — there was only about 18 inches between his ball and a tree, and a root was under the ball. Duval threw caution to what little wind there was and punched a 7-iron some 70 yards to the right of the green.

The ball hooked sharply to the left and stopped 25 feet from the hole. The only thing he didn't do was sprint down the fairway and leap like a pixie, just like Sergio Garcia did last year at Medinah.

"I looked to see if I had a chance to hit out of bounds, which I felt like I had a pretty good chance of doing that," he said. "But I wasn't making any putts. It was almost like I was in a position where I had to try to force something."

He wound up with a par, a string of eight in a row before a birdie on the 18th.

Also tied with Duval at 266 were Rich Beem, Stephen Ames and Jesper Parnevik. Frank Lickliter had the best score of the day and of his career — a 10-under 62 at Indian Wells — and was in the group at 267.

One player who won't be around Sunday is Casey Martin, although his debut as the first PGA Tour member in a cart ended on a memorable note.

Needing a birdie on his final hole at La Quinta to make the cut, Martin's 3-wood rolled to the edge of the water. He took off his socks and shoes — even the stocking that helps control the swelling in his right leg — and stood in the water.

Just like Jean Van de Velde in the British Open, Martin thought the better of it. He took a drop, made double bogey and finished with a 69.

Marsh putts his way into Mastercard lead

Associated Press

■ Golf Roundup

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Australia's Graham Marsh made four putts over 50 feet en route to a 5-under-par 67 and a two-stroke lead Saturday in the MasterCard Championship.

Marsh, a six-time winner on the Senior PGA Tour, made a 60-foot putt on the second hole, a 54-footer on the fourth, a 51-footer on the sixth and a 66-footer on the 11th. He had two other birdies and a bogey — when he left his approach short and three-putted on the 440-yard 16th — to reach the 36-hole mark at 9-under 135.

Hale Irwin, Lee Trevino and Dana Quigley followed at 137. Irwin, a 25-time winner on the 50-and-over circuit, and Quigley shot 69s. Trevino, a 28-time senior winner, had a 70.

John Jacobs, the first-round leader after a 64, shot a 74 to drop into a fifth place tie with George Archer and Jim Colbert at 138. Allen Doyle followed at 139, and Raymond Floyd was at 140.

Marsh, who started the round four strokes behind Jacobs, had four birdies on the front nine on the windy Hualalai course to tie for the lead. Marsh's final long birdie putt, on the 416-yard 11th, put him into the lead to stay.

Meanwhile, Trevino, Irwin and Quigley moved within striking distance.

Quigley made the turn in 2-under 34 and added a birdie on the 10th to go 7-under. Irwin joined him despite a bogey on the back nine, while Trevino birdied two of the final five holes for his 70.

Hanna takes two-stroke lead into final round

NAPLES, Fla. — The crowd roared, but Jen Hanna didn't hear them.

The television cameras followed her every move, but she paid them no attention.

The rookie fired a 5-under-par 67 to grab a two-shot lead after the third round of the Memorial of Naples on Saturday at The Club at The Strand.

"I told my caddie that I felt like I was in a bubble out there because nothing really bothered me," Hanna, 23, said. "The crowd didn't bother me. The cameras didn't bother me."

Hanna, 13th on the Futures Tour money list last year, birdied three of the final four holes for a 13-under 203 total. She is attempting to become the first player to win in her first event since Beverly Hanson in 1951.

Hanna, 23, attended Furman and qualified for the tour by tying for 13th in the tour qualifying school tournament. Her only previous LPGA tournament was the 1998 U.S. Women's Open in 1998, when she shot 91 and 82 and tied for last.

LOCAL SPORTS

MC girls rout FW Christian

FORT WORTH — The Midland Christian girls basketball team led the entire way Friday night in routing Fort Worth Christian 76-35 in a Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools District 1-4A game.

The Lady Mustangs (12-12 overall, 4-3 in district) gave up only 11 points in the first half to move above .500 in district. Haley Whiteside led the way with 21 points. Sasha Hollar had 17 points, Paige West added 11 and Susan Scarborough had 10.

Midland Christian 76, Fort Worth Christian 35

Midland Christian (12-12, 4-3): Sasha Hollar 8 1-2 17, Ashley Donnell 2 2-2 7, Haley Whiteside 9 3-4 21, Kristin Stallings 3 0-0 6, Marcie Deffenbaugh 2 0-0 4, Amy Lowery 1 0-0 2, Paige West 5 1-2 11, Susan Scarborough 5 0-0 10. **Totals 35 7-10 76.**

Fort Worth Christian: Perry 0 0-0 0, Cronin 0 2-2 2, Clark 0 1-2 1, Beavers 0 0-0 0, Hutchinson 0 1-2 1, Walsh 1 1-3 3, Tyndall 2 0-0 4, Hood 0 0-0 0, Pickett 3 3-4 9, Miller 2 5-6 9, Dennis 3 0-2 6. **Totals 11 13-21 35.**

Midland Christian	13	20	20	23 —76
Fort Worth Christian	4	7	9	13 —35

Three-point goals: MC 1 (Donnell). **Total Fouls:** MC 20, FWC 13. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None. JV: FW Christian 52, Midland Christian 48. For MC: Kelly Philbeck, 20.

Buffs beat Plains by 7

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes rallied from a 31-22 deficit to defeat Plains, 55-48, Friday night in District 3-2A action.

The Buffs' comeback started in the third quarter with a 14-4 run which enabled Stanton to take the lead at 36-35.

Stanton (13-4 overall, 2-1 in district) was led Blaine Smith with 12 points, while Will Harris and Brady Cook added 10 apiece.

The Buffaloes next host Coahoma at 8 p.m. Tuesday in another District 3-2A matchup.

Stanton 55, Plains 48

Plains (18-6, 2-1): McGinty 3 4-5 10, Gallegos 5 0-0 10, Six 1 0-0 3, Blundell 3 0-0 9, J. Bell 4 0-0 8, Ja. Bell 3 0-0 6, Bennett 0 2-2 2. **Totals 19 6-7 48.**

Stanton (13-4, 2-1): Will Harris 3 2-5 10, Blaine Smith 4 4-6 12, Clay White 2 4-6 8, Keith Cook 0 2-2 2, Jeremy Hull 2 1-2 5, Brady Cook 4 1-2 10, David Butler 1 2-2 4, Ace Keele 2 0-1 4. **Totals 18 16-26 55.**

Plains	10	21	4	13 —48
Stanton	10	12	14	19 —55

3-point goals: S 3 (Harris 2, B. Cook 1), P 4 (Six 1, Blundell 3). Total Fouls: S 16, P 25. Fouled Out: Six, Ja. Bell.

Lady Chargers romp in victory

The Trinity Lady Chargers had no problem against El Paso Faith Christian in a 59-28 victory Saturday afternoon.

With the win the Lady Chargers improve to 12-11 overall and 5-0 in TAPPS 1-3A. The victory also sets up Tuesday's 6 p.m. district showdown against Lubbock Christian, the defending state champions.

Leading the Lady Chargers' attack was Catherine Durbin with a game-high 20 points.

Trinity 59, El Paso Faith Christian 28

El Paso Faith Christian (1-3): Ramirez 1 2-4 3, Webb 0 2-4 2, Alvarado 1 2-4 4, Smith 4 0-8 9, Shape 2 0-3 4, Molina 2 1-7 3. **Totals 10 7-30 28.**

Trinity (12-11, 5-0): Jessica Clay 1 0-0 2, Valerie Power 3 0-1 6, Chrystal Liebrock 1 0-0 3, Susan Stasney 3 0-0 6, Kristen Stoltz 4 0-0 8, Catherine Durbin 7 2-2 20, Katherine Collier 1 0-0 2, Kelley Griffin 2 1-2 5, Renee Rougeaux 2 1-1 5, Jana Floyd 0 2-2 2. **Totals 24 6-6 59.**

Faith Christian	5	10	9	4 —28
Trinity	18	19	4	18 —59

3-point goals: FC 1 (Smith), T 5 (Liebrock 1, Durbin 4). Total Fouls: FC 16, T 24. Fouled Out: Ramirez, Rougeaux.

Chapman wins tourney

Josh Chapman of Midland Lee won the 152-pound weight class at the Rio Hondo Wrestling tournament this weekend in Roswell, N.M. Chapman defeated four opponents, finishing the tournament with a pin over Orville Castillo of Carlsbad, N.M.

Jeremy Smith of Lee placed second at 103 pounds and Eric Rose of Midland High placed third at 160 pounds.

Other wrestlers to score points were Chris Lee, Adam Tischer and Mack Paulins, all from Lee.

Basketball

Individual statistics are points unless otherwise noted

Freshmen Boys

Midland Purple 69, Odessa Crockett 46. Midland: A.J. Lawrence 17, 12 rebounds; Louis Watson 14, 10 assists; Daniel Stoval 14, 11 rebounds; Ollie Fitts 10, 12 rebounds.

Freshmen Girls

Bowie 65, Lee Freshman Maroon 64. Maroon (10-1) Reeha Johnson 25, Lauren Hinsley 16.

Midland Freshman Purple 62, Crockett 40. Purple: Shannon Creamer 17, Candy Morris 12.

Hood 61, Lee White 60. Lee White: Crystal Blakeney 9, 13 rebounds; Colleen Kimbro 16; Mary Griffin 16, nine rebounds; Britney Worley 11; Rachel Dillon nine rebounds, four blocked shots.

Midland Freshman White 39, Hlmitz 32. White: Adrienne Monroe 13; Landry Hollfield 13, 12 rebounds; Ashley Hightower 10 rebounds.

8th Grade Girls

San Jacinto White 42, Crockett 30. SJ White: Claire Williamson 21. SJ White takes third place in the Odessa Tournament.

Abell Blue 59, Bonham 49. Abell Blue: Christie Rasmussen 26, six steals; Megan Rhoads 11, eight steals; Holly Hillman 15 rebounds.

Abell Blue 51, Bowie 46. Abell: Rhoads 12, 11 steals; Caroline Brewster 10, 19 rebounds. Abell Blue finished in fifth place of the Odessa Tournament with a 5-1 record.

SJ Green 54, Goddard White 43. SJ Green: Gerogia Foster 16, Tovah Olmo 14, Laursha White 13.

SJ Green 31, Abell White 20. SJ Green: Olmo 11, 12 rebounds; White 14 rebounds. SJ Green won consolation championship of the Odessa Tournament.

Goddard Black 56, Goddard White 36. Goddard White: Sarah Bertelson 8. Goddard Black: Jesse Harkins 19, 24 rebounds; Lindsey Moore 12, 15 rebounds.

7th grade Girls

Midland Christian 35, Monahans 24. MCS: Jacci Vallee 8.

Midland Christian 47, Pecos 17. MCS: Amy Stretcher 22.

Midland Christian 38, Wink 23. MCS: Stretcher 9. MCS wins Wink Tournament.

UTPB softball schedule

The University of Texas-Permian Basin has released its softball schedule for the 2000 season. It starts Feb. 12, and conference play starts March 11.

UTPB Softball Schedule

*Denotes conference game

Feb. 12 — Schreiner College (2), noon, at UTPB; Feb. 15 — Eastern New Mexico University (2), 2 p.m., at UTPB; Feb. 23 — Howard College (2), 2 p.m., at UTPB; Feb. 24 — Midland College (2), 2 p.m., at UTPB; Feb. 29 — Howard Payne University (2), 2 p.m., at Brownwood; March 2 — Midland College (2), 2 p.m., at UTPB; *March 11 — Houston Baptist (2), 1 p.m., at Farmers Branch; *March 12 — University of Science & Arts (2), 1 p.m., at Farmers Branch; March 21 — Howard College (2), 2 p.m., at Big Spring; *March 25 — Wiley College (2), 1 p.m., at UTPB; *March 26 — Northwood University (2), 1 p.m., at UTPB; March 27 — Sul Ross (2), 2 p.m., at UTPB; *March 31 — University of Science & Arts (2), 6 p.m., Farmers Branch; *April 1 — Houston Baptist (2), 2 p.m., Farmers Branch; *April 2 — Northwood University (2), 1 p.m, Farmers Branch; April 5 — Sul Ross (2), 2 p.m., Alpine; April 11 — Eastern New Mexico University (2), 1 p.m. (MST), Portales, N.M.; *April 15 — Wiley College (2), 1 p.m., Marshall; May 5-6 — Texas Sectionals, Farmers Branch.

JACKS: Odessa beats Amarillo, 3-1

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defense and forget offense. We haven't even been aggressive on power plays. But it has paid off."

Without Savo Mitrovic and Paul Vincent, two of the Jacks' most dangerous scorers, McKee's strategy makes sense.

"We've been doing what ever we have to get the W," said McKee.

Good news, defenseman Ron Gray comes back Tuesday. Bad news, Eric Perricone and Carl Paradis are out with concussions. Perricone incurred his against El Paso Thursday and didn't play Friday. Paradis, playing with a nose broken at New Mexico earlier in the week, suffered a check into the boards Friday and joins the sick bay list.

Meanwhile, "Sami Laine, the franchise player, is back in Finland," laments McKee.

With all this bad news, it has to be the mirrors. Somewhere.

"The bottom line," says McKee, "is that we are playing better defense and killing penalties."

Goalie Michael Tornquist emerged as the game's No. 1 star with a 28-save effort. Amarillo's Trever Amundrud wasn't bad in the nets either, surviving a 4:53 short handed run in the second period, during which the Jacks had a 5-on-3 edge for 57 seconds. In the third period, he withstood another 5-on-3 assault.

Jason Heywood gave Odessa a 1-0 lead less than 2:20 into the game on the Jacks' first shot of the game. Paradis and Scott Hillman set it up.

At 13:39 of the first, John Bossio struck as Chris Morque fed Mark Smith in the defensive zone and Smith headmanned the puck to Bossio.

Tornquist's bid for a third shutout this season was thwarted when Eric Anderson scored as a skirmish swirled around the net less than two minutes into the second period.

Paradis gave Odessa a breathing room goal at 4:16 of the second with Heywood and Jeremy Vokes assisting. That enabled the Jacks to concentrate on defense and by the third period, it was just a case of lasting the distance.

"We were down to 20-second shifts in the third period," McKee said, "And if we had to, we would have cut it even shorter."

McKee added, "Rob Lukacs had four fights in four games and that takes a lot out of you. And Gary Coupal has helped give us respect." After Friday's game, McKee said, "Other teams try to push us around. Against El Paso we were fortunate to have the right people on the ice at the right time," he said referring to the fisticuffs in the opening period of that game.

JACK SLAPS - Heywood and Paradis, each with a goal and assist, were the No. 2 and No. 3 stars... The Jacks have won 18 of their last 30 at home.... "The big thing for us after those two losses on the road earlier in the week was to win at home and get away from those defeats," McKee said... Midland Lee football coach John Parchman had to be relieved after his two-time state champion Rebels were introduced between the second and third periods and, with all the slipping and sliding, no one broke a leg...

Odessa Jackalopes 3, Amarillo 1

Amarillo	0	1	0-	1
Odessa	2	1	0-	3

First Period: 1. O Heywood 8 (Paradis 1, Hillman 11) 2:20. 2. O Bossio 26 (Smith 14, Morque 14) 13:39.

Second Period: 3. A Anderson 2, (Norman, Mancini) 1:57. 4. O Paradis 1 (Heywood 5, Vokes 4) 4:18

Third Period: None.

Shots on Goal: Amarillo 11-6-11-30. Odessa 12-16-6-34. **Goalies:** Amundrud (9-18-3) 27 saves. Tornquist 12-9-1) 29 saves. **Power Plays:** Amarillo 0 for 3. Odessa 0 for 4. **Penalties-Minutes:** Amarillo 8-19. Odessa 5-13. **Ref:** Brown, Linesman: Pohl and Hughton. **Att:** 4,049.

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QBs Pennington, Redman put on air war in Mobile

By Jenna Fryer
AP Sports Writer

MOBILE, Ala. — Call it a draw.

Chad Pennington and Chris Redman, considered by most scouts as the top two quarterbacks in the NFL draft, each directed two scoring drives Saturday while leading the North to a 24-21 victory over the South in the Senior Bowl.

"Each of them at one time or another demonstrated something that I think would lead people to say 'He's a guy who can play in the NFL,'" North coach George Seifert said. "They both played well."

The two, friends since meeting at the 1998 Motor City Bowl, had insisted all week there was no competition between them.

"Everyone here is working hard and trying to move on to the next level," said Penningtonn. "We're just two of those chasing the same dream as everyone else."

That attitude led both to say they didn't care who was drafted higher, much less who started the game.

But it mattered to the scouts, who charted their every move Saturday.

Pennington got the starting nod, but played only four series. The Marshall quarterback threw for 92 yards and a 4-yard touchdown pass to UCLA's Danny Farmer in the first quarter.

In the fourth quarter he led the North on a game-tying scoring drive, completing four of five passes before Michigan's Aaron Shea scored on a 2-yard run that made it 21-21.

He completed 11 of 14 passes and was the game's Most Valuable Player.

"I felt really comfortable out there and I think the key to that was to approach the practices like an actual game," Pennington said. "Then when the game came, I just tried to have a little fun, toss the ball around and put some points on the board."

Redman, of Louisville, entered the game on the North's third possession and played five series.

He didn't throw for any touchdowns, but led the North on two scoring drives. He helped the North take a 14-7 second quarter lead by directing a nine-play drive that ended with a 6-yard touchdown run by Ohio State's Michael Wiley.

He later led the North on its game-winning drive, moving them 12 plays — and completing a 15-yard pass to Farmer on fourth-and-11 — before Michigan State's Paul Edinger kicked the go-ahead field goal with 5:19 to play.

Redman finished 12-of-20 for 134 yards and was the North's Most Valuable Offensive Player.

"I don't think it was vintage Chris Redman, but I think I played well," said Redman, who played two series in the first half then not again until the fourth quarter. "I had to come in kind of cold from the sidelines, and that's the biggest thing about these games."

Penn State's Brandon Short was the North's Most Valuable Defensive Player. He had seven tackles, six unassisted.

New Mexico's Brian Urlacher was the South's Most Valuable Defensive Player with five total tackles — one for a loss.

Arizona State's J.R. Redmond was the South's Most Valuable Offensive Player, leading all rushers with 61 yards on 10 carries.

Blocked kick leads to Hula Bowl Tie

WAILUKU, Hawaii — Hula Bowl rules say teams aren't supposed to rush the kicker. Unless, of course, the game is on the line, in which case the rules get tossed out.

With the South poised to kick the winning field goal on the game's last play, Wisconsin linebacker Donnel Thompson blocked the 25-yard attempt by Virginia Tech's Jimmy Kibble to preserve a 28-28 tie in the Hula Bowl on Saturday.

"We couldn't just let him win the game like that," said North coach Barry Alvarez of Wisconsin, who before the game was worried the teams would abandon rules that prevent blitzing and rushing the kicker. "It ended up the way it should have."

South coach Phil Fulmer of Tennessee ran onto the field after the block, but couldn't get a penalty called.

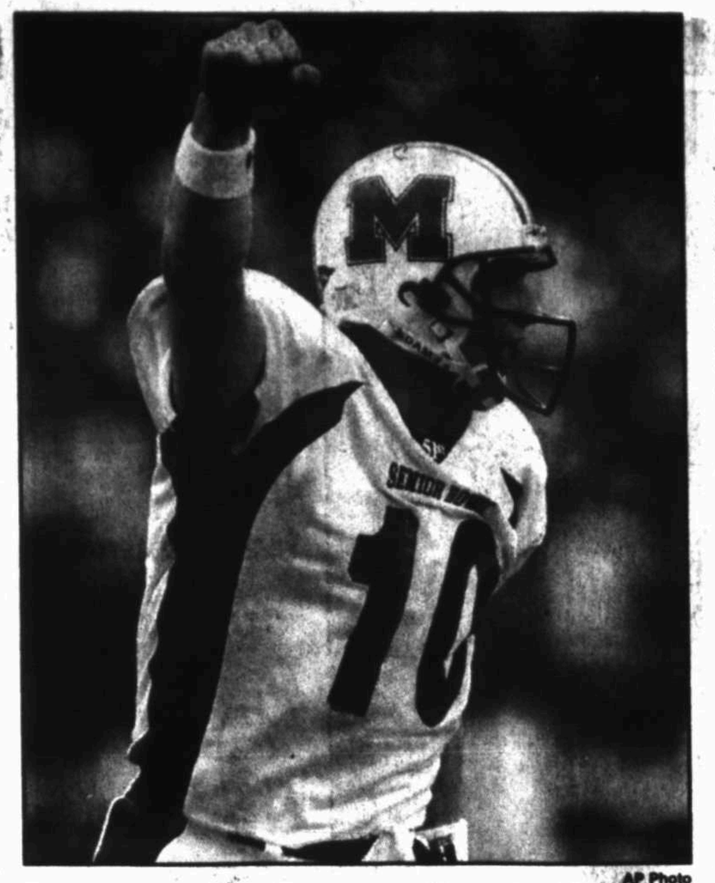
"I think we're going to turn that one into the (NCAA) ethics committee," Fulmer joked. "It was a great ball game and it's probably appropriate that it ended in a tie."

The North rallied from a 28-7 third quarter deficit, with a 1-yard run by Marshall's Doug Chapman sandwiched around runs of 1 and 3 yards by Minnesota's Thomas Hamner, whose second TD tied it with 3:15 left.

The South then took the ball to the North 5 on a 63-yard pass from West Virginia quarterback Mark Bulger to Texas A&M's Chris Cole, then ran down the clock to set up Kibble's field-goal attempt.

Bulger, who was 4-of-6 for 112 yards, gave the South a 28-7 lead with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Duke's Scottie Montgomery early in the third quarter.

The North rally started when Nebraska defensive end Aaron Wills recovered a fumbled handoff between Bulger and Dylan Ching of San Diego on the South 15 and returned it to the 3.

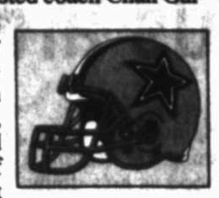


AP Photo

North quarterback Chad Pennington of Marshall celebrates after his team scored a fourth quarter touchdown during Saturday's Senior Bowl. Pennington was named the game's MVP.

Cowboys lose defensive line coach Bates to Miami

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, still seeking a replacement for ousted coach Chan Gailey, lost another coach Friday when Jim Bates, who carried the title of assistant head coach and defensive line coach, informed owner Jerry Jones he won't return.



Bates, who has been with the Cowboys for four years, is expected to be introduced as the defensive coordinator of the Miami Dolphins at a Monday press conference, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram quoted Bates as saying, "Everything is heading in that direction, ... (and) I would get the job on Monday."

Bates, 53, is scheduled to fly to Miami on Sunday afternoon and meet with new Dolphins head coach Dave Wannstedt on Monday.

Meanwhile, Gailey is scheduled to be in Miami next week to interview for the offensive coordinator vacancy.

The Dolphins asked the Cowboys on Thursday for permission to speak to Bates. Dallas, which had tried unsuccessfully to extend Bates' contract during the regular season, said yes.

Bates has been a coach at the professional and collegiate level for the past 29 years. He joined the Cowboys staff as a linebackers coach in 1996 and spent two years there before moving to the defensive line, helping to develop such linebacker talent as Fred Strickland, Randall Godfrey and 1999 Pro Bowl selection Dexter Coakley, then getting the most out of the Cowboys' highly successful defensive-line rotation this year.

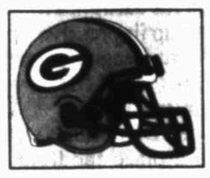
"I've enjoyed this organization as much as any coaching job, or more so, than any I've ever had," Bates said. "I've had nothing but good times with Dallas and a great experience. ... But I'm excited about this opportunity."

Jones wished Bates well and complimented him on doing an outstanding job.

Packers ask for $160 million for Lambeau

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers want Brown County residents' support for a 0.5 percent sales tax to pay for renovating historic Lambeau Field, and team president Bob Harlan said Saturday the Packers are confident the community will come through.



The Packers hope to raise $160 million from the sales tax in Brown County that would cost people an extra 5 cents on every $10 spent to help lift the team's tumbling financial standing in the NFL.

The 0.5 percent sales tax would help cover the cost of the $295 million renovation, but Packers season-ticket holders also would bear $92.5 million of the burden with one-time fees, Harlan said.

Green Bay ticket holders would pay $1,400 and Milwaukee ticket holders would pay $600, with Packers officials still working out a way for fans to pay the "user fee" over the course of several years, Harlan said.

The team would contribute $125.9 million for the renovations.

Lady Raiders beat Kansas

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Aleah Johnson scored 21 points and Plenette Pierson had 17 as No. 15 Texas Tech beat No. 23 Kansas 76-56 on Saturday.

Katrissa O'Neal and Tanisha Ellison each added 10 points for Texas Tech (15-2, 4-2 Big 12), which shot 50 percent from the field and held Kansas (12-5, 3-2) to 35 percent shooting.

Brooke Reves and Suzi Raymant each scored 12 points for Kansas and Jaclyn Johnson had 11 rebounds.

"We really concentrated on not giving them anything easily," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "Once we made some steals and got some easy buckets and got our crowd involved, I think that really helped us a lot."

Kansas led the game by as many as nine points during the first 11 minutes of the contest. Melinda Pharies led Tech on a 14-2 run that tied the game at 21 with 8:25 left in the half. Pharies hit three 3-pointers in the first half, two of them in the 14-2 streak.

"Melinda's threes in the first half, ... I think that broke their back," Sharp said.

The Lady Raiders outscored Kansas 14-0 over the final 4:20 of the first half for a 43-29 lead.

Kansas Coach Marian Washington said her team didn't respond to the game's physical play.

Overall, Tech shot at 50 percent and scored 24 points off of turnovers. Kansas shot at 35.4 percent and made 10 points off of turnovers.

"There were a lot of things that scared me coming into it," Sharp said of the victory, "but we are bigger on the perimeter than we ever have been before."

The victory was Tech's fourth straight victory and third straight win at home.

Katrissa O'Neal got her 228th career steal, breaking Sheryl Swoopes school record by two. Swoopes now plays in the WNBA for the Houston Comets.

■ Texas Women

Nebraska 74, Texas A&M 71

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Cornhuskers grabbed a nine-point halftime lead, then held off Texas A&M on for a 74-71 win.

Brooke Schwartz led five players in double figures with 18 points. She was supported by Casey Leonhardt's 15 points, 12 from Charlie Rogers and Nicole Kubik and Amanda Went with 11 each.

Rogers led Nebraska (9-7, 3-2 Big 12) with eight rebounds. Kubik added 10 assists.

Jaynetta Saunders scored a game-high 21 points for Texas A&M (9-7, 1-5) and led all rebounders with nine. She was supported by 15 points from Prissy Sharpe and 14 points by LaToya Rose.

HOOPS: Foursome stars in Abilene

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assists at 3.6.

Defensively, Merritt has been every bit as tough. Last season as just a junior, she broke the conference's career steals record. In last weekend's 68-43 win over Sul Ross State, Merritt passed the 1,000 point career barrier.

The common thread in Merritt's basketball career has been winning, both at MHS and McMurry. Both Nichols and former MHS coach Jim Raughton entrusted Merritt with a lot of responsibility, meaning a lot of her team's success and failure depended on her.

"You have to get everybody involved before you can think about scoring," said Merritt of her point guard role. "When we do lose, I do take it personally."

Merritt's work in the classroom has been every bit as impressive as that on the court. She received the Arthur Ashe Jr. All-American Academic Scholar Award as a double major in English and communications.

After she graduates in May, Merritt will attend law school, and she will take with her valuable lessons from academics and athletics.

"You get to travel a lot and see a lot of different things," said Merritt of her college basketball experience. "It teaches you a lot of discipline and how to manage your time."

Merritt has passed those lessons on to Belcher, her former MHS teammate who has become a backcourt mate at McMurry and is starting beside her former Lady Dawg teammate for the first time this season. In Merritt, Belcher found a perfect mentor.

"It helped out a lot," said Belcher of knowing Merritt when she arrived at McMurry. "O and I were real good friends. I'm more of a follower than a leader and O helped me. I really admire her game."

Belcher has given other players a lead to follow as well. She is averaging 8.1 points a game, but what's perhaps even more impressive is that despite being an undersized guard, Belcher is tied with forward Washington as the team's leading rebounder with 6.2 a game.

Athletic ability has never been a question for Belcher, a junior who also is a sprinter on McMurry's track team, where she was named the ASC's newcomer of the year last year. But she found out that she had to adapt to a totally different game on the court.

"I had to learn how to get more physical and learn to shoot under pressure," said Belcher.

Washington arrived at McMurry the same season as Belcher and cracked the starting lineup last season. At 5-feet-9 1/2 inches, she's one of the team's taller players.

But size doesn't come into play all that often according to Washington, since all the McMurry players are pretty much called on to do the same things.

"The only difference was that it was a bigger challenge," said Washington of making the transition from high school to college basketball. "Now I have to rebound all the time because we need everybody on the team to do it."

Washington has earned the reputation of being the team's foremost blue collar worker. Last season she led the conference in offensive rebounds, and Nichols has compared Washington to Dennis Rodman, "only her dresses aren't as flashy" according to Nichols.

Kidding aside, Washington has stuck to the work ethic she developed at Lee and that has carried her through her college career.

"My height has never been a problem because I've always been confident in my abilities," said Washington. "Most of the girls we play are bigger and wider than we are."

Like Belcher did with Merritt, Thurman followed Washington from Midland to McMurry. Thurman, who missed the last half of her senior year at Lee with a broken foot, saw mostly spot duty as a freshman last season.

This season, though, thanks in large part to Washington's encouragement, Thurman has cracked the starting lineup. Thurman gives her former Lady Rebel teammate credit for making the transition to college smooth.

"(Washington) played a big part on me deciding on coming here," said Thurman.

At 5-10, Thurman is the team's post, and she's tied with Belcher for the team's single game high in rebounds this season with 11. She has found her experiences to be an eye-opener.

"It's a totally different game," said Thurman of college. "With the girls here it's no holds barred. In high school I was considered a big one, but here I'm not."

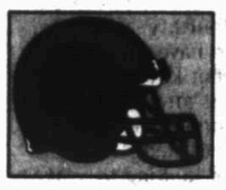
So far, though, being one of four has been good enough.



Warner becomes a hero for football's anonymous army

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

They are hidden away in football's shadows, playing in places like Albany and Iowa, Grand Rapids and San Jose, far from the glare and glamour of Sunday afternoons on network television.



Or else they head overseas, exported to spots like Berlin or Barcelona, Frankfurt or Amsterdam, sent by NFL teams to get some work, hone their skills, find out if they can really play this game.

Football's anonymous army hangs out in the Arena League or NFL Europe, sometimes in both places, waiting for somebody to find them, just like somebody finally found Kurt Warner.

Warner was a football vagabond, cut in training camp by the Green Bay Packers in 1994, playing for the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena League for three years, then spending a year with the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe.

He was one of those guys just waiting for a break and then, suddenly, he turned up as the NFL's MVP, playing for the St. Louis Rams in Sunday's NFC championship game.

Warner was not exactly an overnight sensation. But his success is what keeps a whole community of faceless football players strapping on pads, hoping it happens to them, too. He is their poster boy.

"I'm ecstatic," said Jake Delhomme of the New Orleans Saints. "This is just a great thing. He's setting a standard. As good as he's doing, the better it is for somebody like myself. A team gave him a chance and look where he's got them. It helps all of us."

Some of them have helped themselves.

The NFL Europe quarterback alumni association includes Brad Johnson of the Washington Redskins, who played for London in 1995; Jon Kitna of the Seattle Seahawks, MVP of the World Bowl with Barcelona in 1997; and Damon Huard of the Miami Dolphins, who played for Frankfurt in 1998. They are among 11 former overseas quarterbacks who started games in the NFL this season.

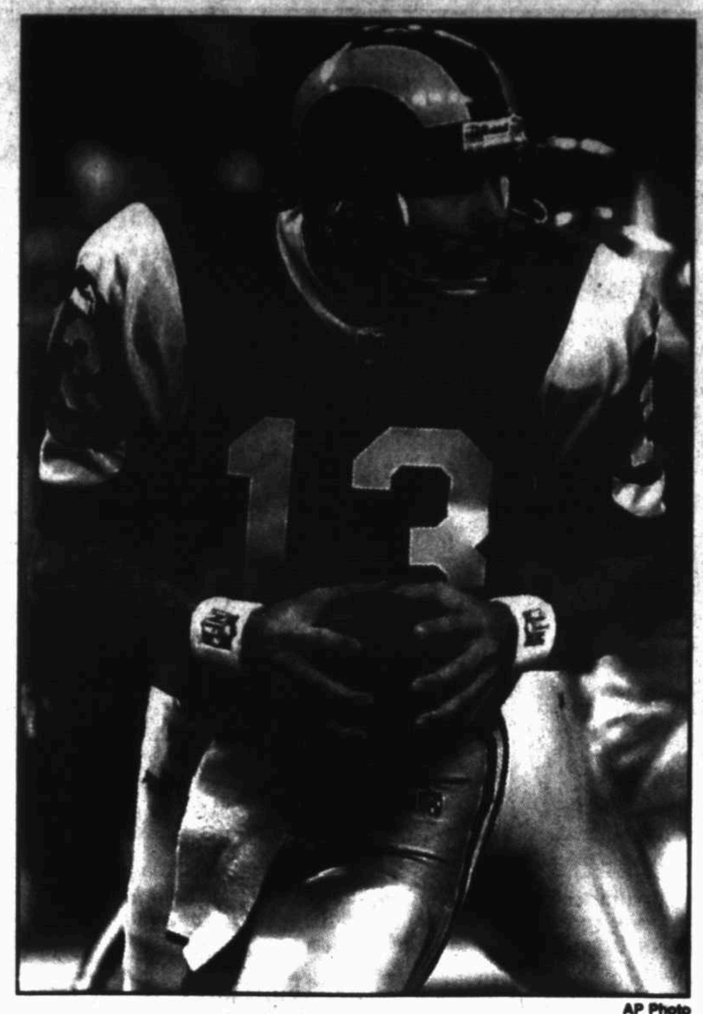
Delhomme backed up Warner at Amsterdam in 1998, lived next door to him in the team hotel, sharing a unique football experience.

"We had a good working relationship, but it was tough," he said. "I wanted to be on the field. You go there to play. It's a developmental league."

Warner developed big time. He led the league with 2,101 yards passing and threw for 15 touchdowns, leaving little playing time for his backup. That came after he put up impressive numbers in the Arena League, passing for 10,164 yards and 183 touchdowns in three seasons.

So Delhomme waited his turn, in a place far from his roots in Lafayette, La.

"It's difficult," he said. "You leave all the luxuries of the United States behind. It's a difficult lifestyle. There's no network TV. You're living in a hotel for 11 or 12 weeks."



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St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner has come from nowhere to lead the Rams to the NFC Championship Game. Warner is an inpsiration for many Arena League and NFL Europe players.

Warner moved on to St. Louis, in the right place at the right time when Trent Green was injured in training camp. He took over the starting job and enjoyed a dream season.

Meanwhile, Delhomme went back to NFL Europe last year and led Frankfurt to the championship. The environment was special.

"We had 15,000 to 20,000 for every game and they were loud," he said. "They bring in air horns and blow those things. It was a fantastic atmosphere. This time, I played and I won. It was well worth it."

Then Delhomme turned up with the Saints in time to upset Dallas in the next-to-last game of the season.

It was a significant victory in a season in which the Saints won only three games and important personally for a young quarterback trying to establish himself.

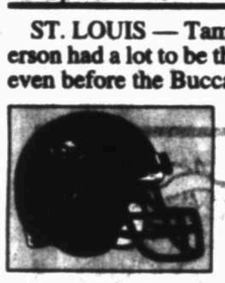
The first message waiting for Delhomme when he got home that night was from Warner, one NFL Europe quarterback congratulating another.

Maybe on Sunday, he'll get a chance to return the compliment.

Patience pays off for Bucs' LB

By Fred Goodall
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Tampa Bay's Hardy Nickerson had a lot to be thankful for this season, even before the Buccaneers earned a spot in Sunday's NFC championship game.



A year ago, the middle linebacker was recovering from pericarditis, his future in football uncertain.

He bounced back from the illness, which doctors describe as an inflammation of the sac surrounding the heart, in time to play in the Pro Bowl in January. However, no one could be sure how it would affect his play during the course of an entire season.

Nickerson responded by having one of his most satisfying years, finishing second on the team with 141 tackles. He also forced three fumbles and had two interceptions, including a last-minute, end-zone pick that sealed a 17-10 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

He's headed to the Pro Bowl for the fifth time, one shy of Hall of Famer Lee Roy Selmon's club record for appearances. He also was selected to second team All-Pro.

Nickerson has had years when his individual stats have been better, but considering where he was a year ago and where the Bucs are now — the NFC championship game, one step away from the Super Bowl — it ranks among his best seasons.

"I was talking to a friend or mine, and it was like: 'Man, you've gone from basically your deathbed to a championship game, and what a difference a year makes," the 34-year-old linebacker said. "Yeah, it's special. I'm excited about it. As a player, you couldn't ask for anything better."

In terms of seniority, only three players have been on the Bucs roster longer than Nickerson, who's finishing his seventh season with Tampa Bay and 13th overall.

But unlike left tackle Paul Gruber and center Tony Mayberry, who were drafted, or tight end Dave Moore, who signed as a practice squad player after being cut four times by the Miami Dolphins, Nickerson had a choice — twice.

He signed with the Bucs as an unrestricted free agent in 1993, saying he relished the challenge of helping then-coach Sam Wyche build a championship contender. It didn't happen, but he still re-signed with Tampa Bay after Tony Dungy replaced Wyche following the 1995 season.

"I just believed that with the players we had here, with Tony coming in ... that he would be the guy that would be able to turn around and turn this team into a contender. And sure enough, he has."

Playoffs keep distractions away from Little

By R.B. Fallstrom
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — The longer the St. Louis Rams play, the longer linebacker Leonard Little is distracted from his off-field problems.

The postseason means no jail time, no visits with youth groups and lots of blessed Xs and Os. Football is a haven for the second-year player who pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in a fatal drunk-driving auto accident a little more than a year ago.

"I pray that everything turns out fine," Little said. "I love this game, and no matter how much money I make, once I'm playing this game I'll be all right."

When the NFC West champions (14-3) are finished playing, either Sunday in the NFC championship game or next week in the Super Bowl, it'll be back to harsh reality. Little was sentenced to 90 overnights in the city workhouse and four years' probation, and was ordered to perform 1,000 hours of community service.

Little's attorney, Scott Rosenblum, said his client has completed one-third of the jail time and a large chunk of the community service. Little plans to complete the sentence in two or three months after the season is over, Rosenblum said.

"He's put a dent in it," Rosenblum said. "He'll be fine. He's a great kid."

Little also faces a wrongful death suit brought by the family of the victim, a St. Louis County woman, which occurred after he celebrated his 24th birthday. He'd like to meet with the family after the season and do whatever it takes to get things resolved.

"We're going to try to put an end to this," Little said. "There's been a lot of suffering."

Outwardly, Little may seem the same. In the locker room, he still wears his bright orange University of Tennessee sandals with pride, and teammate Rich Coady brings out smiles with special teams jests.

"We joke back and forth about who's going to get more tackles, who's going to be first down on the kickoff and things like that," Coady said.

Others have noticed a much more subdued player.

NFC: Rams have 9-0 record at TWA Dome

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ferent things the defense is trying to do.

"We've hit a lot of short passes in some games if they don't give us the deep stuff. We adjust, and we still make the plays. We'd love to have the big plays, but the Bucs' defense is not one that gives up big plays."

What the Bucs defense does so well is get offenses off balance. It didn't let Washington establish a running game with NFC rushing leader Stephen Davis last week. It has the speed to negate NFL Offensive Player of the Year Marshall Faulk out of the backfield, whether it's linebacker Derrick Brooks or one of the backs guarding him.

"We have to be fundamentally sound and disciplined and keep the ball in front of us," said Warren Sapp, the league's Defensive Player of the Year. "They pride themselves on the big play. We shut down their running game, and then they turn into a one-dimensional team."

Not quite. Even if the Rams are forced to throw, they are so explosive — especially at home, where they are 9-0 — and have so much depth they can win that way.

Against Minnesota, Warner came out hot, including a 77-yard strike to Isaac Holt and a 41-yard screen pass TD to Faulk in the first quarter. Of course, Minnesota doesn't have a defense to match the Bucs and is not equipped to halt big plays.

Tampa Bay has enough speed and savvy on defense to match up well enough with the Rams. But can the Bucs — or anyone else — shut down this wide-open, sometimes wild attack for an extended period?

"We have great explosion, guys who make plays and make the other guys say, 'Hey, I want to contribute, too,'" Warner said. "And those guys feel they can make the plays, too."

St. Louis also has had its share of huge plays on defense. It returned seven interceptions for touchdowns and tied for the league lead with 57 sacks. All-Pro end Kevin Carter led the NFL with 17.

"It is an addiction," Carter said of sacks, but he could have been speaking of any kind of game-turning play. "The rush and the feeling of accomplishment in doing what you are trained to do, helping your teammates win games. It's such an addiction because it is an achievement. Just like winning is an addiction."

NFC Title Game

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Matchups for Sunday's NFC championship game between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and St. Louis Rams:

WHEN THE BUCS HAVE THE BALL

Tampa Bay must run successfully against the NFL's stingiest run defense. It's as simple as that.

The Buccaneers, with a rookie quarterback in Shaun King (10), a mediocre group of receivers and without veteran left tackle Paul Gruber (74), will need to control the ball and the clock. They can't afford to have their offense on the sideline more than it's on the field.

That means All-Pro fullback Mike Alstott (40), who is used just as much as the featured tailback these days, has to pound inside. He also has the ability to break outside, as he did on a touchdown run against Washington last week.

Also critical is getting some quick breaks by RB Warrick Dunn (28), who doesn't get as much playing time as he used to, but was very effective against the Redskins.

Alstott will see plenty of Rams middle linebacker London Fletcher (59), who led St. Louis in tackles and is extremely active. But Dunn is more likely to be matched up with a defensive back or outside LB Mike Jones (52), particularly on pass patterns.

King has been given conservative game plans and done relatively well with them. He'll need a strong effort from Pete Piersen (69), Gruber's replacement, against DE Grant Wistrom (98), who comes off a big game. All-Pro Kevin Carter (93), the right DE who led the league with 17 sacks, could be a handful for RT Jerry Wunsch (71) and the tight ends who will try to help. And DT D'Marco Farr (75) requires regular attention.

St. Louis, which had seven interception runbacks for TDs, has some big playmakers in the secondary. CB Todd Lyght (41) is the best and should be able to handle Jacquez Green (81) or Bert Emanuel (87) one-on-one. Dexter McLeon (21), the other cornerback, struggled last week.

Billy Jenkins (22) is a big-time hitter in the secondary and will find his way to Alstott. But he'll be outweighed by 40 pounds in those collisions.

The Bucs don't throw much to the tight ends, although John Davis (80) caught the winning pass against the Redskins.

WHEN THE RAMS HAVE THE BALL

This is the classic matchup. St. Louis scored a league-high 526 points. The Bucs' defense ranked third overall and allowed as many as 20 points only four times.

Kurt Warner (13) was the league MVP, throwing for 41 touchdowns during the regular season and compiling a 109.2 rating. He takes deep drops as his line, anchored by LT Orlando Pace (76) and RG Adam Timmerman (62), give him plenty of time to scan the field. And he makes accurate throws, short or deep.

Where Tampa Bay should fare better than Minnesota is in the secondary, which usually plays a zone. SS John Lynch (47) is an All-Pro who will patrol the deep alleys and try to keep plays in front of him. He's also excellent against the run.

CB Donnie Abraham (21) gets the key assignment of WR Isaac Bruce (80), who went 77 yards on St. Louis' first play against the Vikings. Ronde Barber (20) and nickel back Brian Kelly (25) must hold their own against wideouts Torry Holt (88) or Az-Zahir Hakim (81).

But Warner also has an even better weapon in RB Marshall Faulk (28), the NFL Offensive Player of the Year. Faulk gained a league-record 2,429 yards and was the second player (Roger Craig in 1985) to get 1,000 yards as a runner and 1,000 as a receiver.

Faulk is most dangerous on delays and screen passes. The Bucs often will counter with outside LB Derrick Brooks (55), whose speed and sure tackles (a team-high 180) will make him a formidable shadow for Faulk.

If the Rams try to run inside, middle LB Hardy Nickerson (56) must be handled by center Mike Gruttadauria (60) or he will disrupt St. Louis' running schemes.

NFL Defensive Player of the Year Warren Sapp (99) says the game will be decided in the trenches. If he is the one wreaking havoc, it will bode well for Tampa Bay. Sapp is the motivator of the defense, and when he stands out, the Bucs generally win.

Timmerman and LG Tom Nutten (61) will see plenty of Sapp. They'll also hear plenty from Sapp.

DE Steve White (94) comes off a terrific effort vs. Washington. Can he come close to repeating it against All-Pro tackle Pace (76)?

Should the Bucs somehow slow down all of those weapons, Warner might turn to his tight ends. Roland Williams (86) and Jeff Robinson (45) caught touchdown passes last week. Heck, so did center Midland Lee product Ryan Tucker (50) on a tackle-eligible play.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Another great matchup is St. Louis' top-ranked kickoff return squad, led by Tony Horne (82), facing the No. 2 coverage squad, featuring Shelton Quarles (53) and Don Davis (58). Horne turned the playoff game with Minnesota in the Rams' favor with a 95-yard touchdown runback to start the second half. He also had two TDs in the regular season and averaged 29.7 yards, tops in the league.

But the Bucs yielded only 17.6 a return; they also were tough against punt runbacks (7.3), but the Rams were even better (6.3).

If it comes down to field goals, Tampa has the edge in thunder-footed rookie Martin Grammatica (7). St. Louis placekicker Jeff Wilkins (14) is having knee problems and is a question mark.

Veteran punters Mark Royals (3) of Tampa and Mike Horan (2) of St. Louis are a wash.

COACHING

Dick Vermeil, who basically is a delegator, was elected Coach of the Year as the Rams went from 5-11 and 4-12 his first two seasons to 13-3. In Mike Martz, he has one of the most creative offensive coordinators in football, and Frank Gansz always has been a superb special teams coach.

Tony Dungy waited about five years longer than he should have before landing a head coaching job. He's gotten the previously moribund Tampa franchise turned around and into the playoffs two of the last three years. A defensive mastermind, he also is very popular with his players.

INJURIES

Buccaneers: OUT: WR Reidel Anthony (quadricep); QB Trent Dilfer (clavicle); LB Al Singleton (leg). QUESTIONABLE: DT James Cannida (hamstring). PROBABLE: CB Donnie Abraham (knee); CB Ronde Barber (knee); DT Brad Culpepper (foot); RB Warrick Dunn (ankle); S John Lynch (quadricep); DE John McLaughlin (hand); S Damien Robinson (hip); DT Waren Sapp (hamstring). Rams: PROBABLE: S Keith Lyle (shoulder); K Jeff Wilkins (knee).

INTANGIBLES

The Bucs never have been to the Super Bowl and are one of the losingest franchises in NFL history. Who knows when they'll get another chance?

The Rams never have been to the Super Bowl while representing St. Louis — and only once while in Los Angeles. They were the losingest franchise of the 1990s before this season. Who knows when they'll get another chance?

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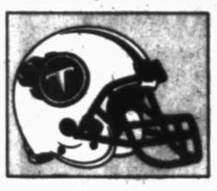
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No one needs to tell Titans how to handle stress

From switching stadiums to last-minute wins, this Tennessee team is battle-tested.

By Teresa M. Walker
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — NFL teams have changed cities, but it's safe to say that no one has ever, or will ever, go through what the Tennessee Titans have survived to reach the AFC championship game.



Four different stadiums in four years. Hated in one city, ignored in another. Nomads with more questions than fans.

That is why the former Houston Oilers feel that nothing can bother or distract them now as they shoot for the first Super Bowl appearance in the franchise's 40-year history.

"It's like we've been battle-toughened," offensive guard Bruce Matthews said.

"We've been through the wars, and that isn't just football. That's the circumstances that we played under and just all the things that we've gone through."

Imagine not knowing if you're playing home games in Nashville or Houston in 1997 until a month before training camp. Or being a national joke with the NFL's worst attendance in Memphis' Liberty Bowl, a commute that left families driving 400 miles round-trip for home games.

Then came 1998 and tiny locker rooms at Vanderbilt's stadium, the NFL's smallest with 41,000-seats. And they filled that up only three times.

"You couldn't give Tennessee Oilers tickets away," running back Eddie George said.

The head of the players' union in 1997 criticized their temporary practice facility, a collection of trailers and areas tacked to the back of a medical office building. Rain forced players to run plays in the parking lot.

But the worst came before the Oilers ever left Houston.

"The uncertainty and the newness of leaving really didn't pose as much a disappointment as actually seeing no one come out and see us," left tackle Brad Hopkins said.

"You'd go around town and hear people talking mess about us, like, 'Why don't we just leave now?'"

Seeing busloads of Cleveland Browns fans fight to keep their team when Art Modell announced plans to move it to Baltimore only made it worse as crowds dwindled in the Astrodome.

"We realized that we were all alone," running back Rodney Thomas said.

Once the move came in July 1997, coach Jeff Fisher tried to keep his players focused on football despite the problems. Hopkins said the fact they went 8-8 three straight seasons was great.

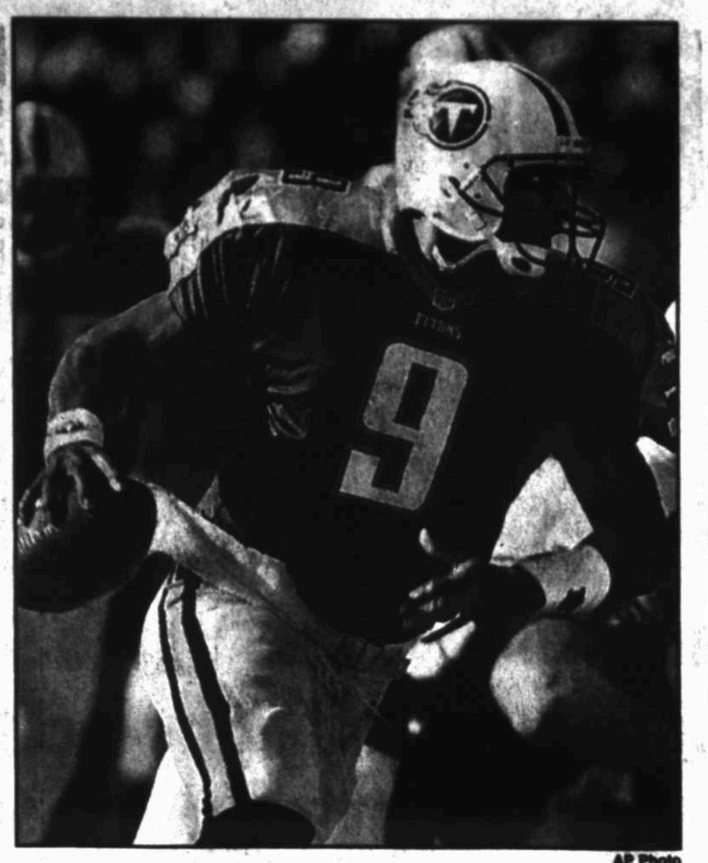
"It would be easy for us to have below-500 seasons, and we never did. So is that to say had this been in place three years ago would we have gone to the Super Bowl three years ago? You have to pose that question," he said.

"This" includes an 80,000-square foot, state-of-the-art practice facility with three outdoor fields and an indoor field and the 67,000-seat Adelphia Coliseum.

Tennesseans finally have connected with the original AFL franchise thanks to the new nickname, logo and uniforms. Their playoff run has merchandise flying off the shelves, ranking the Titans behind only St. Louis and Indianapolis in NFL sales by Pro Player Inc.

At least 7,000 fans followed the Titans on the road last week, and up to 10,000 greeted them on their arrival home, something none of them had ever seen before.

The Titans are 9-0 playing on a true home field for the first time since owner Bud Adams announced in August 1995 that he wanted to move his team to Nashville.



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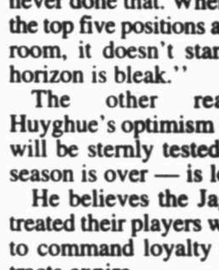
Tennessee' Steve McNair is just one of many Titan players who survived the many frustrating seasons after the franchise left Houston. Today, the Titans play for the right to go to the Super Bowl.

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Jags expect to stay competitive in future with good decisions

By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Like everyone else in the Jacksonville Jaguars' organization, senior vice president Michael Huyghue has his eye on the Super Bowl.



He also has an eye on the salary cap and the future.

Huyghue is convinced that the Jags, unlike so many franchises that mortgage the future for success in the present, can keep things rolling smoothly in the future.

He has seen the way free agency ravages successful teams and the way salary cap issues can turn them into shells of their former selves.

His optimism is based in part on the fact that the Jaguars have always managed their money well enough to finish each season in the top third of the league in cap room. To close this season, they're fifth, $957,000 below the league limit.

"When San Francisco was building a dynasty, they were doing things like signing Deion Sanders and doing artificial deals," Huyghue said. "We've never done that. When you're in the top five positions as far as cap room, it doesn't stand that the horizon is bleak."

The other reason for Huyghue's optimism — one that will be sternly tested when this season is over — is loyalty.

He believes the Jaguars have treated their players well enough to command loyalty when contracts expire.

Among those who will test that theory are defensive end Tony Brackens and cornerback Aaron Beasley, two key players in Jacksonville's surge from 25th to fourth in the league in yardage allowed.

"We'll find out," Huyghue said. "Maybe I'm living in a fantasy world, but I think we'll find out for the first time what loyalty on one side of the stick means on the other."

Beasley, a fourth-year veteran, says the Jaguars have always treated him well, but knows the real proof will come after the season.

"When it comes to numbers, I just want to be treated fairly," he said. "I'm not looking to move anywhere. I'm just looking for a fair deal. I know that guys who have been here and played well have been rewarded."

Huyghue believes Brackens, also in his fourth season, will accept $1 million less than the highest bidder to stay in Jacksonville, where the cost of living is relatively low and there is no state income tax. Brackens, who finished the season with 12 sacks, is expected to fetch up to $7 million per year.

To make more cap room available, the Jaguars will have to exercise the common practice of restructuring deals involving almost all their high-priced players. Most notable among them is quarterback Mark Brunell, who is scheduled to count $7.85 million against Jacksonville's cap next season.

Owner Wayne Weaver says Huyghue taught him the principles of sound financing when he bought the team. Weaver says his role is simply to remind Huyghue of those principles when big-money issues come up.

Part of Jacksonville's success has been its ability to strike quickly once the free-agent period begins.

"We'll face some critical issues of how well we can keep this football team together and how well we manage that," Weaver said.

If the Jaguars can keep Keenan McCardell, Jimmy Smith, Brunell, Fred Taylor and Tony Boselli — offensive stars all in the prime of their careers — both Huyghue and coach Tom Coughlin figure they'll be in good shape for the next several years.

AFC: Titans own 2-0 record vs. Jaguars

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cities — Houston, Memphis and Nashville, where they played at Vanderbilt's stadium. When they finally got their own stadium this year, Adelphia Coliseum, it was the first time in four seasons they had a crowd behind them.

"It's finally our time," says safety Marcus Robertson, one of the nine players left from the franchise's last playoff team — the 1993 Houston Oilers.

Who are these guys?

A pretty good sprinkling of well-known players, obscured perhaps by the small markets.

The Titans are led by 17-year veteran Bruce Matthews, who has played every position on the offensive line. He's going to his 12th Pro Bowl and this season set an NFL record for most games played by an offensive lineman, a mark that currently stands at 264.

Beyond Matthews, there's Eddie George, the 1995 Heisman Trophy winner and quarterback Steve McNair, the third overall pick in the 1995 draft.

And beyond them is a solid nucleus that includes cornerback Samari Rolle and right tackle Jon Runyan, two emerging stars. And, of course, defensive end Jevon Kearse, the defensive rookie of the year, who set a rookie record with 14.5 sacks.

Jacksonville's best known player, left tackle Tony Boselli, will not play because of knee surgery. Quarterback Mark Brunell had an off season, throwing only 14 touchdown passes, and running back Fred Taylor, who was supposed to be a 2,000-yard rusher in his second year, was bothered by hamstring injuries most of the season.

And while Smith and Keenan McCardell are one of the best receiving tandems in the NFL, they've been overshadowed by the likes of Cris Carter and Randy Moss in Minnesota, San Francisco's trio of Jerry Rice, Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes and even Keyshawn Johnson and Wayne Chrebet in New York.

Still, whichever team makes it to the Super Bowl will get the glory it thinks it deserves.

"I think it's great. The Dallases, the Green Bays, the Denvers are out," Robertson says. "It's a great time for us to step up."

AFC Title Game

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Matchups for Sunday's AFC championship game between the Tennessee Titans and the Jacksonville Jaguars:

WHEN THE TITANS HAVE THE BALL

The offensive game plan rarely varies for Tennessee. It wants Eddie George (27) to run, run and run some more. The Titans don't necessarily need George to break a 68-yard touchdown run, as he did in the win over Indianapolis last week, but they do want him to get field position and keep the Jacksonville offense off the field. And even though quarterback Steve McNair (9) threw five of his 12 regular-season touchdown passes in the Titans' 41-14 win in Nashville a month ago, Jacksonville considers him more dangerous when he scrambles.

George, a classic north-south runner, will be successful if the Titans' offensive line, lead by 38-year-old left guard Bruce Matthews (74), can open creases for him. Two of the middle defenders for the Jaguars are former Titans — tackle Gary Walker (96) and middle linebacker Lonnie Marts (56) — but the key to running on Jacksonville is blocking Kevin Hardy (51), the strong side linebacker. That task will go much of the time to one of the better pairs of tackles in the NFL, Brad Hopkins (72) on the left and Jon Runyan (69) on the right.

The Tennessee passing game, conservative during the playoffs, will have to open up against the Jaguars. So far, McNair has thrown for just 188 yards in two playoff games and rarely gone deep, preferring to dump off the ball to tight end Frank Wycheck (89), the team's leading receiver. On Sunday, he has to look deep to Yancey Thigpen (82), Chris Sanders (81) and Kevin Dyson (87). Dyson is known for two things — being drafted ahead of Randy Moss last season and returning Wycheck's lateral 75 yards for the winning touchdown in the wild-card playoff game against Buffalo.

Under new defensive coordinator Dom Capers, Jacksonville has improved from 25th to fourth in the league in yards allowed and had three players with double figures in sacks — Tony Brackens (90) with 12, and Hardy and Walker with 10 each. The Jacksonville secondary is led by right cornerback Aaron Beasley (21) and has gotten ability and leadership from free safety Carnell Lake (37), an 11-year veteran signed as a free agent.

WHEN THE JAGUARS HAVE THE BALL

Quarterback Mark Brunell (8) got a break last week when he was able to rest his ailing left knee for most of Jacksonville's 62-7 victory over Miami. Brunell had an off season, just 14 touchdown passes, but Jacksonville still has one of the NFL's most balanced offenses, even without injured left tackle Tony Boselli. Fred Taylor (28) is a big-play running back who went 90 yards for a score against the Dolphins, and James Stewart (33), his backup, led the team with 931 yards. Jimmy Smith (82) led the NFL in receptions with 116 and Keenan McCardell (87) had 78 catches.

Ben Coleman (62), who started at guard most of the season, has replaced Boselli at left tackle and the difference didn't show last week. But Pro Bowl right tackle Leon Searcy (72) has the biggest task, blocking Jevon Kearse (90), who had 14.5 sacks and was the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. Searcy controlled Kearse well in both games with Tennessee this year.

Kearse is part of one of the league's best front sevens. He was shut down last week, but the Titans put constant pressure on Peyton Manning with right end Kenny Holmes (99) leading the way. Veterans Josh Evans (91) and Jason Fisk (97) alternate at the tackles with rookie John Thornton (78). Linebackers Barron Wortham (52), Joe Bowden (58) and Eddie Robinson (55) have 22 years of experience among them.

The leaders of the Tennessee secondary are the safeties, Marcus Robertson (31) and Blaine Bishop (23), who have played their entire careers, a combined 16 years, with the Oilers-Titans. But the most dangerous Titan might be second-year-man Samari Rolle, who is becoming one of the NFL's best man-to-man coverage backs. Still, look for multiple defenses against Smith and McCardell.

■ Tennessee Titans vs. Jacksonville Jaguars, 11:35 a.m., Today. TV: FOX. RADIO: KCRS (AM 550).

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Titans might have an edge in one aspect: kicking. Punter Craig Hentrich (15), signed as a free agent from Green Bay last year, is one of the NFL's best at putting the ball near the goal line and also has one of the strongest legs in the league — he's also used on kickoffs. The kicker, 37-year-old Al Del Greco (3), was 21-of-25 during the regular season and was 4-of-4 last week in the 22-16 win in Indianapolis.

Jacksonville punter Bryan Barker (4) did not have one of his better years, averaging just 41.8 yards. Kicker Mike Hollis (1) is both reliable and long — he was 31-of-38, including 11-of-16 from 40 yards or more.

Give the Jaguars the edge on returns with Reggie Barlow (84), who is also the third wide receiver. Barlow had a 74-yard punt return for a touchdown, and Alvis Whitted (86) had a 98-yard kickoff return for a TD. There was also, of course, that "Music City Miracle."

Derrick Mason (85) is Tennessee's primary kick returner, but his mission is more to make sure of the catch than to return it. He averaged just 8.7 yards on punts this season and 19.6 yards on kickoff returns. Dyson was on the field in the Buffalo game only because Mason, who was supposed to run that play, was injured

COACHING

Until this season, in which the Titans finished 13-3, Jeff Fisher was 32-38, largely because the team had distractions. He plays conservatively, hoping his defense can control and take advantage of offensive mistakes.

Tom Coughlin, the only coach the Jaguars have ever had, has had almost nothing but success following a 4-12 start in 1995, the team's first season. By the second year, the Jaguars were in the AFC title game, where they lost to New England. Overall, Coughlin is 53-34.

Like Fisher, he comes from a conservative background, having been an assistant under Bill Parcells on the 1991 championship Giants and then head coach at Boston College. He prefers ball control, but has opened up with weapons like Brunell, Smith and Taylor.

INJURIES

TITANS: QUESTIONABLE: TE Larry Brown (ankle); DT Josh Evans (ankle); CB Steve Jackson (knee); QB Steve McNair (toe). **JAGUARS:** PROBABLE: RB James Stewart (ankle); G Zach Wiegert (elbow).

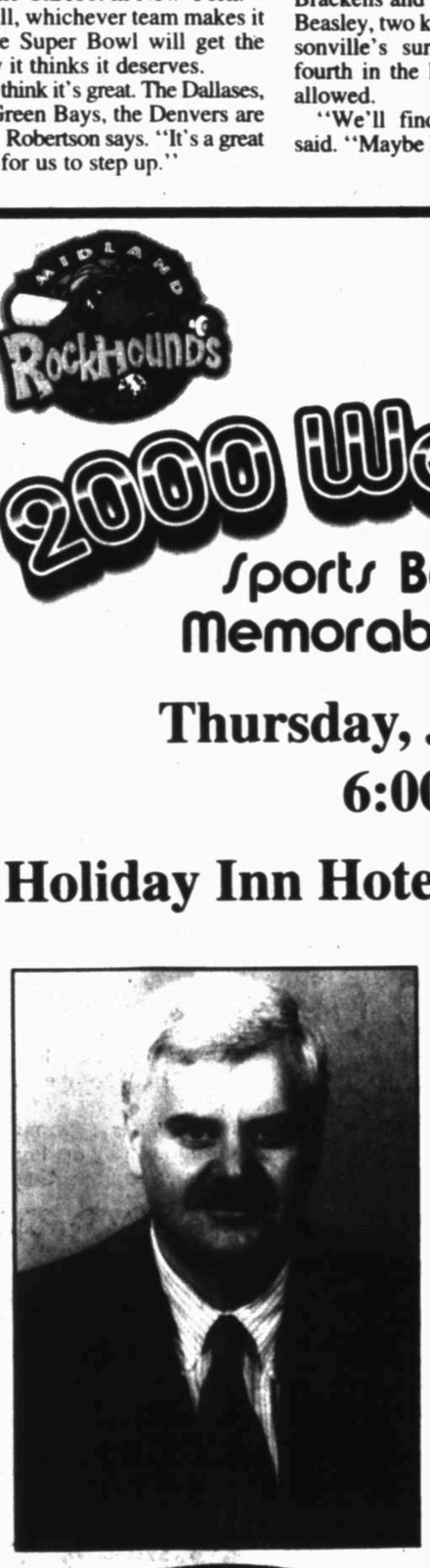
INTANGIBLES

The Titans won both meetings this season, 20-19 in Jacksonville and 41-14 in Nashville but are underdogs by a touchdown. Those were Jacksonville's only losses, which makes the Jaguars wary and gives Tennessee confidence.

On the other hand, three-game sweeps are very rare. Since 1970, teams have met three times in a season 41 times with only seven sweeps. Since 1990, there have been eight chances for three-game sweeps and only three times have they happened. And the only three-game sweep completed in a conference championship game was by the New York Giants over Washington in 1986 and the Giants had home-field advantage in that one.

One factor that could favor the Titans is their recent history. Until this season, they had played four seasons without a home-field advantage — two lame-duck seasons in Houston, one in Memphis, then one at Vanderbilt in Nashville. They believe that has hardened them for a title game on the road with a hostile crowd.

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BOOKS IN BRIEF

Best sellers

Local best sellers are based on weekly sales at Midland bookstores and reflect varied reading interests. This week's local best sellers are from Waldenbooks, Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff, Midland.

National best sellers are from The New York Times.

LOCAL

Hard Cover Fiction /Non-fiction

1. **The Rock Says ...**, by the Rock with Joe Layden.
2. **Tuesdays With Morrie**, by Mitch Albom.
3. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**, by J.K. Rowling.
4. **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**, by J.K. Rowling.
5. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**, by J.K. Rowling.
6. **Have A Nice Day!**, by Mick Foley.
7. **False Memory**, by Dean Koontz.
8. **The Lion's Game**, by Nelson DeMille.
9. **Atlantis Found**, by Clive Cussler.
10. **Body for Life**, by Bill Phillips.

Mass Market/Trade

1. **The Testament**, by John Grisham.
2. **Courtship**, by Cathrine Coulter.
3. **Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution**, by Dr. Robert Atkins.
4. **The Green Mile**, by Stephen King.
5. **Angela's Ashes**, by Frank McCourt.
6. **Bittersweet Rain**, by Sandra Brown.
7. **Cat Who Saw Stars**, by Lillian Jackson Brown.
8. **Celebration**, by Fern Michaels.
9. **Silk & Steel**, by Kat Martin.
10. **Welcome To the World, Baby Girl**, by Fanny Flagg.

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5. **Timeline**, by Michael Crichton.
6. **The Lion's Game**, by Nelson DeMille.
7. **Atlantis Found**, by Clive Cussler.
8. **Monster**, by Jonathan Kellerman.
9. **Sick Puppy**, by Carl Hiaasen.
10. **A Walk To Remember**, by Nicholas Sparks.

Nonfiction

1. **Tuesdays With Morrie**, by Mitch Albom.
2. **The Rock Says ...**, by the Rock with Joe Layden.
3. **The Greatest Generation Speaks**, by Tom Brokaw.
4. **The Greatest Generation**, by Tom Brokaw.
5. **'Tis**, by Frank McCourt.
6. **Have A Nice Day!**, by Mick Foley.
7. **When Pride Still Mattered**, by David Maraniss.
8. **The Art of Happiness**, by the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler.
9. **And The Crowd Goes Wild**, by Joe Garner.

Book signings

Waldenbooks in Midland Park Mall has scheduled several authors for book signings, according to Pam Wright, manager.

D.R. Meredith, author of "Murder in Volume," will be signing copies of his book from 1-3 p.m. today at the store.

On Jan. 29th, from 2-4 p.m., Larry and Sue Scoggin will be autographing copies of their book, "Lady's Day Out In West Texas."

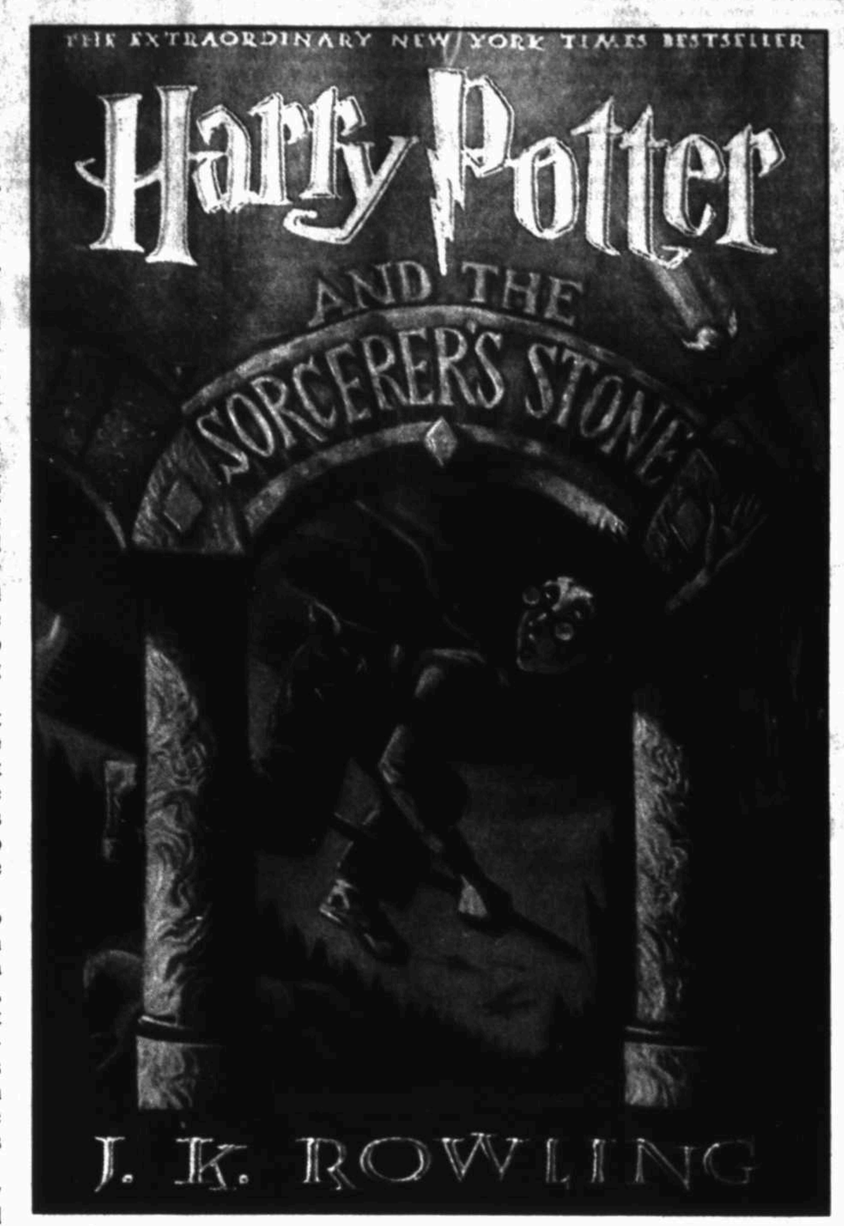
And on Feb. 5th, Eileen Wilks will be signing copies of her book, "Midnight Promise," and Ben DeWitt will be signing copies of his book, "Graveyard Grove," from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ms. Wright also said that any group or organization wishing to hold a Book Fair should contact her by telephoning 697-7617., by Deva Sobel.

Adults enamored with children's book

HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE
by J.K. Rowling
(Scholastic Inc. paperback, 1997; $5.99, 309 pages)

Reviewed by Linda Anderson



In the last couple of years, the big news in juvenile literature has been the Harry Potter series of books written for younger readers. But adults have been falling in love with the series about an 11-year-old boy who discovers he has unusual powers, and the books have been in constant demand from readers of all ages.

However, some parents have been less than pleased with the series, saying that if the young hero is a wizard — or at least, a wizard-in-training — then the books are glamorizing the occult and therefore must be evil. Other parents say their children, who have never wanted to read books before, can't wait until the next Harry Potter book comes out; so therefore, the series must be a good thing since it encourages kids to read.

I decided to read one for myself just to see what all the fuss was about. Quite by accident, I found a copy of the first book in the series, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," at a local store. It was just sitting there by the cash register, so I grabbed it, paid for it and took it home with me.

Harry Potter is an 11-year-old boy who has been orphaned and sent to live with his aunt and uncle, Vernon and Petunia Dursley, and their 11-year-old son, Dudley. The Dursleys are your worst nightmare relatives — they make Harry sleep in a closet underneath the stairs and wear Dudley's hand-me-down clothes, among other indignities. And the favorite game of Dudley and his friends is to beat up on Harry.

So things are not as rosy as Harry would like them to be. His parents died when he was just a baby, and he has no memory of them, but he knows this is not a normal way to live.

What Harry doesn't know is that his parents were both graduates of Hogwarts, a school that specializes in teaching magical arts to wizards and witches, and that Harry himself has inherited their talents. All he knows is that sometimes strange things happen around him — things he can't explain — like the time he was visiting the snake house at the zoo and was able to carry on a conversation with the boa constrictor. Or the time Dudley and his friends were chasing Harry, who somehow managed to escape them by jumping straight up several feet and landing on a roof.

Right before his 11th birthday, Harry starts getting mysterious letters — letters that his Uncle Vernon refuses to let him see. In fact, Uncle Vernon goes to great lengths to prevent Harry from getting his mail, but in spite of his best efforts Harry's mail is delivered. It turns out to be an invitation to enroll in Hogwarts, which up until that point, Harry didn't even know existed.

Harry's adventures at Hogwarts, where he learns about his talents and his heritage and makes all kinds of new friends, begin at this point in the book.

Ms. Rowling has populated her book with ordinary people — called Muggles — as well as witches, wizards, dragons, centaurs, etc., those with magical talents that most people don't recognize.

These magical powers — or the ability to tap into them — are just a kind of talent, kind of like the ability to play musical instruments or paint landscapes. Some people have them and some people don't. And having these powers doesn't make anyone evil — the witches and wizards, etc., are as good or as evil as they want to be, just like ordinary people.

Sure, there are evil wizards in the cast — you've got to have a villain or two or the plot doesn't go anywhere — but they aren't evil because they are wizards, they are evil because they choose to be.

Besides, what is more evil, a wizard who tries to control others through magic, or members of a family who treat a child like some kind of unwanted, unloved slave, the way Harry's aunt and uncle treat him?

Hogwart students learn a lot of lessons that have nothing to do with magic — like how to face your fears, how to stand up for what you believe is right, how to protect your friends.

And perhaps the greatest lesson they learn is stated by Albus Dumbledore, the head of the school, when he tells Harry that love conquers all — love is the most important thing in life. "Your mother died to save you. ... love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark. Not a scar, no visible sign ... to have been loved so deeply, even though the person who loved us is gone, will give us some protection forever. It is in your very skin. ..."

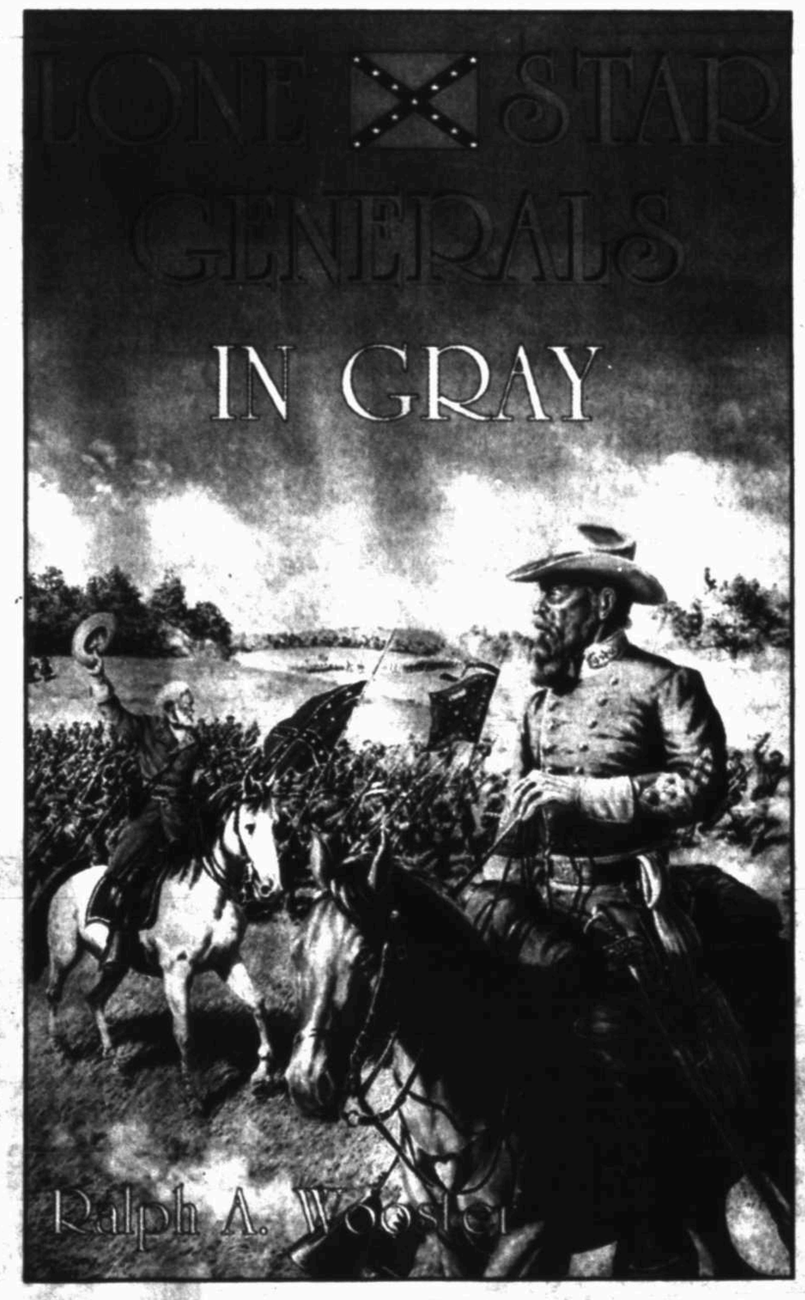
"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" is a sweet little book in which kids become their own heroes, solve their own problems and learn from their own experiences — with a little help from some caring adult mentors, teachers and friends. And the Bad Guys who are trying to keep them down are thoroughly and satisfyingly sent packing.

And love still conquers all.

I wouldn't have any problem letting my child read this book. In fact, I'm looking forward to reading the others in the series myself. It's always gratifying when the Good Guys win and the Bad Guys lose, whether magical powers are involved or not.

Work chronicles Texas generals' role in Civil War

LONE STAR GENERALS IN GRAY
by Ralph A. Wooster
(Eakin Press — Austin; $24.95, 330 pages, photos, endnotes, index)



AUSTIN — Although still a frontier state during the Civil War, Texas played a significant role in the War Between the States. More than 70,000 Texans served in the military during the war, the majority in the Confederate Army.

Others served in state forces protecting the frontier. Of the total, 37 Texans reached the rank of general. Several of these men, notably Albert Sidney Johnson, John Bell Hood, Ben McCulloch, Samuel Bell Maxey and Tom Green, have been studied in separate biographies. This work provides additional insight into their careers and sets them within the context of Texas' involvement in the conflict. Individual photos complement the detailed profiles of each general.

Dr. Ralph A. Wooster, a graduate of the University of Houston and the University of Texas, has done extensive research on the Civil War and, with this book, magnifies the specific actions of Texans who led, or in some cases misled, their troops.

Wooster, who has spent his academic career at Lamar University in Beaumont, is past president of the Texas State Historical Association, East Texas Historical Association and the Texas Association for College Teachers.

He is author of more than 70 articles in historical journals and books. He also has authored five other books including "Texas and Texans in the Civil War."

Hard for authors to get noticed

N.Y. Times News Service

Even though Americans are reading more — book sales are up nearly 15 percent in the '90s, according to industry surveys — the chances of talented, lesser-known writers becoming bestselling superstars are worse than ever.

The primary reason, analysts and authors agree, is the business philosophy of major publishing companies. Most are part of diversified corporate conglomerates whose mission is to make as much money as possible for shareholders.

"It's a numbers-crunching business now," says Texas author Carlton Stowers, who has won two prestigious Edgar awards for best true crime writing. "Take Random House," Stowers says. "Now they're run by this big German outfit who are huge in the auto industry. They know how to make money selling cars, so they run their new book business like a car dealership. The big names get all the attention."

Accordingly, when publicists contact TV and radio talk-show hosts and print journalists urging interviews with authors, their first efforts concentrate on the big names.

"It is frustrating," says Norton publicist Catherine Melnicki. "Usually to break out an author, it takes major media hits (coverage), but most of the (media) people we contact just want the big names. Well, they want ratings or lots of readers, and the big names bring that. Everyone works by the rules of a capitalism-driven marketplace."

Novelists are in the highest risk category. "Up until the '60s and '70s, the book industry was driven by fiction," says Kenneth Kirkland, an independent publishing-industry analyst based in New York City. "But titles like 'In Cold Blood' (by Truman Capote) and 'Helter Skelter' (by Vincent Bugliosi) changed that. It has evolved to a point where I'd estimate two-thirds of the titles sold each year are nonfiction. Bookstores, which are now mostly huge chains like Barnes & Noble, push those."

Hillerman's Navajo heroes live on — for now at least

By Jeff Guinn
N.Y. Times News Service

Tony Hillerman doesn't have specific plans to stop writing mysteries featuring Navajo policemen Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee — not yet, anyway.

But he says he's continually evaluating his work for signs of burnout, and, after a dozen bestsellers based on the same main characters, the 74-year-old Hillerman doesn't plan to disappoint his audience by letting the series go on too long.

"In a way, every book is harder," Hillerman says on the phone from his New Mexico home. "You don't want to repeat yourself. I think I'll reach the time the quality is diminished. I'm concerned about that."

As far as Hillerman's fans are concerned, at least, there's no reason he should worry. "Hunting Badger" (HarperCollins, $25), released in December, continues to hold a high place on every national bestseller list. It moves at a brisk pace and is characterized, as always, by the author's insights into tribal culture. It bespeaks the care Hillerman took to make it at least a little different from previous Leaphorn/Chee adventures.

"I try to keep moving (the main characters) all around the reservation," he says. "This one takes place in the north area. When I write these books, I write them with maps of the reservation spread all around me. Readers do pay close attention. I get letters from ones who just read to find errors. They'll say I have characters going in the wrong direction to get to a place. And they're probably right — I have a habit of meaning left and saying right."

But, Hillerman notes, he writes about New Mexico and its Navajo reservation because it's geography he knows.

"I love this land, I really do," Hillerman says. "I first came here on furlough after World War II. I became a reporter for the United Press International bureau in Santa Fe, and then became bureau manager in 1952. I also taught for 20 years. My first book was published in 1970. But writing, whether news stories or, later, books, is the thing I do naturally. That's my work and hobby. I can't imagine playing golf."

Hillerman spends a lot of his time studying writing technique.

"I go back and read the guys and gals who make magic with words," he says. "Joan Didion, for the way she establishes mood. Tom Wolfe, just for the way he uses words. I want to be conscious of when I fail."

Hillerman tries to be his own toughest critic.

"For each book, I always start out with a grandiose notion, and I read it when I'm done and try to grade how far it falls short," he says, chuckling. "I haven't written anything I think is perfect yet."

His plot inspirations, Hillerman says, come from reading and from simply looking around as he goes about normal life.

With another Leaphorn/Chee adventure in the works, Hillerman says he'll simply work from book to book until he decides he no longer is delivering the quality his readers deserve.

"And when that happens, I'll stop the series," he says firmly. "I don't want readers to ever say, 'These aren't as good as they used to be.'"

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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria. All boys' and girls' basketball fans are invited to attend...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of each month through May 4 in Conference Room A at MHS. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Contact Patti Heard at 688-9239 or David Askew at 686-7025 with questions...

The Midland Lee Lady Rebel Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Lee cafeteria. Call Bryan Hargrove at 686-1537 for more information...

Golf...

McCamey Country Club will host a **three-person scramble** on Feb. 26. The shotgun start will be at 11 a.m. The fee of $35 per player includes mulligans. The field is limited to the first 40 paid teams. For more information, call the pro shop at 652-8904...

Baseball...

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Midland Junior Baseball Association will be holding sign-ups for spring baseball on Feb. 5 and Feb. 12 at Crestview Baptist Church Student Center. Sign-up is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign-up can also be done at Stadium Sports. Call Robert Thomas at 688-3422 for more information...

Soccer...

Registration for a **spring youth league** is being accepted through the Midland Soccer Association. Players can sign up during office hours at the MSA office, with a fee of $40. New players must submit a copy of their birth certificate at registration. For more information, call the MSA office at 684-5425...

The **Fusion '85 team** is holding tryouts for girls born between Aug. 1, 1984 and July 31, 1985. The tryouts will start at 2 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the Hogan Soccer Complex. All players registered with the Midland Soccer Association in the fall need a signed release from their current coach. For more information, call Jeff Brammer at 682-2617 or Flynt Chancellor at 686-1822...

Referee Clinics are being offered in various disciplines through early February. They are: Lineman, Jan. 28-29, fees are $27; Associate, Jan. 30, fees are $27; Recreational, Feb. 4-5, fees are $35. Anyone interested in attending these clinics should contact the MSA office at 684-5425 or call Gary Stull at 686-8848...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Cost is $45 per month, $65 for a couple. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Rita Simmons at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

The **COM Masters Swim Team** is open to anyone 20 and over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Monday-Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Diving lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755...

The **Midland YMCA** offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. Private lessons are available. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

Midland YMCA is offering **water aerobics classes**, including Hydro-fit and Deep Water aerobics. Classes are available both morning and evening. Call Leaf Faller or Deborah Poseon at 682-2551 for more information...

Basketball...

The **Boys & Girls Club of Midland** is accepting registration through Feb. 8 for an after school basketball program for seventh- and eighth-graders. Cost is $10 per child, plus a $3 membership fee, and the child will get a T-shirt. Volunteer coaches also are needed. For information, call the Halff Park Unit at 683-5297 or the Taylor Park Unit at 683-0050...

The YMCA is accepting registration for **boys' basketball leagues**: one division for seventh- and eighth-graders, and one division for ninth- and 10th-graders. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. The registration deadline is Feb. 1, and the league starts Feb. 15. For more information, call the Central YMCA at 682-2551...

The **Tish Stay All Star Basketball Camp** is accepting applications for boys and girls ages 7-19. Players for the camp are selected by invitation only, and many past attendees have included future NBA players. One of the camps is located in Commerce. To pick up an evaluation form, call (704) 372-8610 through March 20...

The **5th Annual All-Star Classic Men's Open Basketball Tournament** is Feb. 12-13. Cost is $200 per team (10 player limit). Deadline to enter is Feb. 7. For more information call Chris at (915) 223-1309.

Tennis...

The **Midland Women's Tennis Association** is beginning its spring league Feb. 1. Play will take place on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Green Tree Country Club and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. A $15 fee should be sent to Jennifer Wilson at 3609 Springmont Drive, Midland, 79705. For further information, call Teresa Krisa at 687-5433. The organization is also conducting an Icicle Freeze Tournament at Midland College on Jan. 25 (moved to Jan. 27 if weather interferes) from 9 a.m. to noon....

The **Kimber-Lee Swim & Tennis Club** will be holding clinics for junior tennis players starting Feb. 7 for: 4th-9th grades beginning and intermediate from 5-6 p.m. Mondays or Fridays; 6th-9th grade tournament players from 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays or Fridays; and 9th grade and up for competitive players 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays. Deadline to register for these clinics is Feb. 3. Please call Luis Valdez or Shane Williford at 689-2237 or 570-6245 for more information...

The **Kimber-Lee Swim & Tennis Club** is holding Ladies Clinics for: Beginners 10 a.m. Mondays or Thursdays; Intermediates at 9 a.m. Mondays or Thursdays; or 7 p.m. Mondays for Beginners or 7 pm. Thursdays for Intermediates. Mens league 3.5-4.0 is Tuesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call Luis Valdez, Shane or Roddy at 689-2237 or 580-8929.

The **Tennis Association of Midland** is holding the Northwest ZAT Tournament Feb. 5-6. Events are boys and girls singles for players in the 12, 14, 16 and 18 age brackets. For more information, call 682-2255 or 687-4046...

The **Midland Tennis Club** is welcoming new members, who can enjoy MTC tournaments and have the privilege of using Midland College tennis courts all year included in your membership. If dues are paid prior to Feb. 15, dues remain as follows: adults - $40, juniors - $25, family - $100. Dues increase on Feb. 15 to: adults - $50, juniors - $30, family - $125. New members may pick up a member application card at the college pro shop or call Darlene at 563-1333 for mailing. If you are renewing it is not necessary to complete another membership card...

The schedule of upcoming Midland Tennis Club events: Jan. 29-30, Fred Middleton Mixed Doubles (member/guest); Feb. 12-13, Men's Doubles/Women's Doubles; Feb. 19-20, Men's Singles/Women's Singles; March 4-5, 4-5 Mixed Doubles...

Softball...

The **West Texas Heat '86 girls fastpitch team** will be holding try-outs for the 2000 season on Jan. 29. The try-outs will be held at 1 p.m. at MUGS Field in Midland. Girls must have been born after Aug. 1, 1987. For more information, call Steve Gorse at 686-8006 or Tod McDaniel at 520-9090...

Umpires are needed to work high school games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall. For more information, call Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508...

The Midland Softball Association is seeking **slowpitch umpires** for the 2000 season. Umpires will be paid $12 per game. For more information, call Marcelino Armendarez at 684-8481, Al Enriquez at 684-8481 or the MSA at 683-8741...

The **Midland United Girls Softball Association** is having spring sign-ups for T-ball and fast pitch softball for girls ages 4-18. Signups will be every weekend the entire month of February until the weekend of March 18-19. All signups will be held at Midland Park Mall. Season begins April 13. Any questions please call Delynnda Witte at 697-0288...

Miscellaneous...

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

The Midland branch of the **American Escrima Wing Tsun Organization** is holding adult self defense combat classes in association with the Midland Wrestling Club. Classes will be held three times a week. For more information, call David Lesser at 687-6973 or 685-0531...

The **Midland Inline Hockey League** will hold registration for the spring session at Xtreme Sports located at 4310 Illinois (next to Furr's). Registration will continue each weekend in January. The Saturday times will 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. For more information call Don Lassetter at 682-6785 or Xtreme Sports at 522-1773. New players will a copy of birth certificate at time of registration...

A **track and field mini-clinic** will be conducted by Texas Tech head coach Wes Kittley on Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Texas Tech campus. The cost of the clinic, designed for coaches and athletes in high school and junior high, is $50. Strength training, sprints, hurdles, jumps and throws will be emphasized. To register, call (806) 742-3355, ext. 227...

Bowling...

The **Midland Women's Bowling Association** is hosting its 45th annual City Tournament with Singles and Doubles on Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at Cactus Lanes and the team event will be bowled at AMF Midland Park Lanes on Feb. 13 and Feb. 20 (10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.). Entry forms are available at both lanes. Entry deadline is midnight, Jan. 31...

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Midland International terminal turns one today

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Today marks the one-year anniversary of the opening of the new terminal at Midland International Airport. And, taking into account the Permian Basin's 1999 economic downturn, it was a successful first year.

Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler said the terminal building generated $580,000 more than the previous year at the old airport. Revenue sources include airline landing fees, leases from rental car companies, concessions and passenger facility charges (PFCs) — a $3 fee ascribed to each passenger ticket entering or leaving Midland.

There were fewer enplanements — passengers departing from Midland International — in 1999 than in 1998, a period that saw a drop in oil prices.

Hackler said that the 6 percent decrease isn't a significant number and that enplanements should be on the incline again soon.

Enplanement numbers are important because the PFC revenue from each airline ticket is reinvested in the airport. "The PFC mechanism was created by Congress for major airport capital improvements which is why the airport is sensitive to enplanement numbers," said Hackler.

Parking-lot revenue for the first 12 months was up about 16 percent from the year before at the old airport. And, airport reserves rose from an estimated $400,000 to $2.1 million at fiscal year end — a very good indicator, Hackler said.

Hackler said the various food-court businesses met or exceeded expectations in the terminal. For calendar year 1999, concessions generated $229,541 for the city compared to just $125,742 in 1998.

"It was a good year," said Glenda Davis, manager of the gift shop Paradies, located on the second level of the airport. "The oil industry is on the rebound. We're very happy to be here. This has to be one of the nicest airports I've been to. It's wonderful to be a part of this."

Hackler said the four airlines — Southwest, American, America West and Continental — paid the city a grand total of $720,000 for the year in landing fees.

According to Continental Airlines Spokeswoman Michelle King, business has been good with Midland.

"I know that business is good and we've been very happy with our service to Midland and our partnership with the community," said Ms. King. "Recently, it seems very positive for us. We're very happy and content with our situation. We have five daily flights between Houston and Midland, which is a pretty healthy frequency."

Hackler said the car rental agencies pay more than $1 million in leasing charges at the airport. "They pay a square-foot figure and percentage of gross receipts," said Hackler.

And travelers have had nothing but good things to say about the facility.

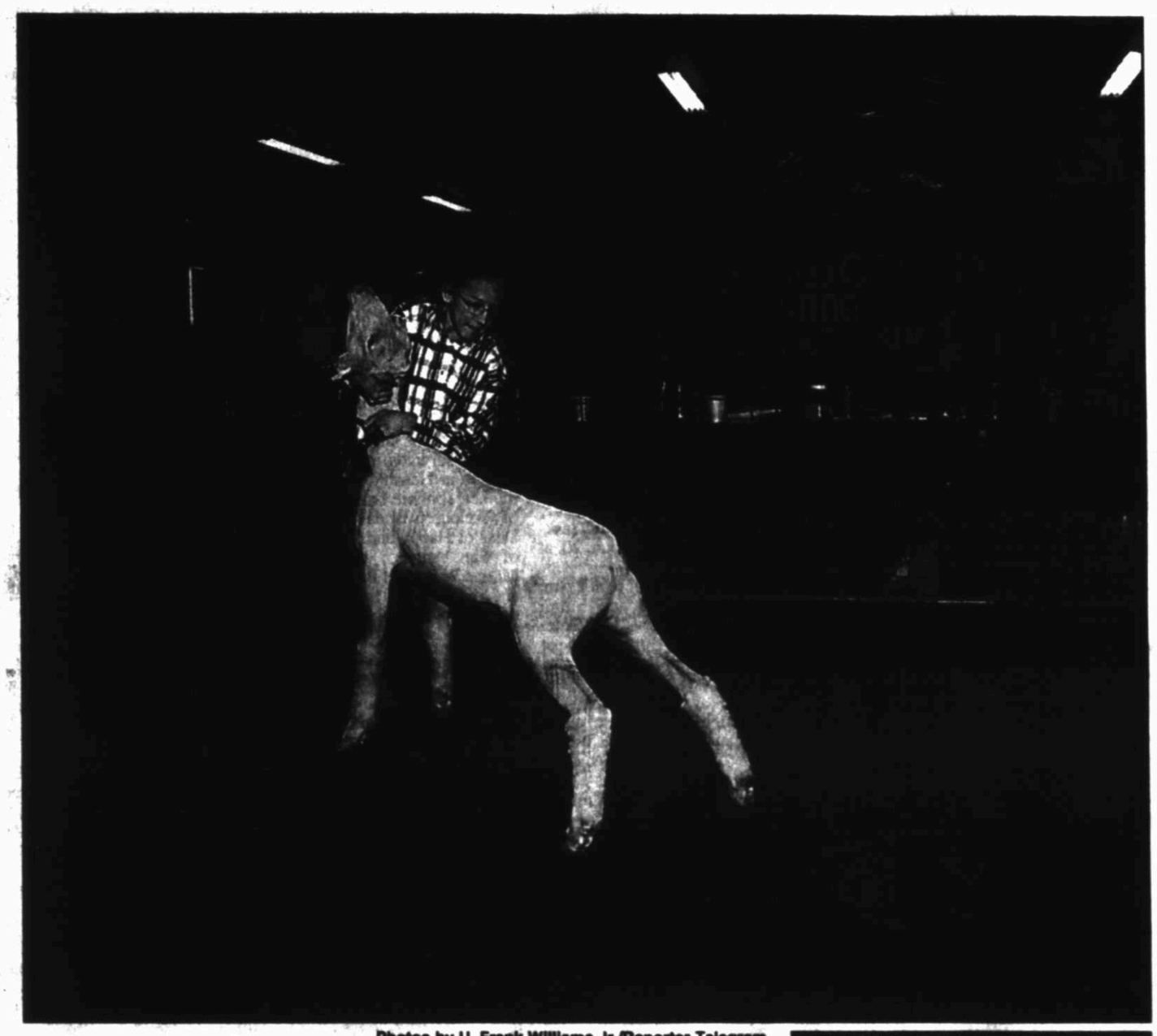
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Construction crews work on the roof of the new terminal. For many months, visitors to Midland International Airport saw scenes such as this one.

MRT file photo

Going once ...



Photos by U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Brittnee Nix, 10, of Greenwood shows a fine wool lamb, above, at the Midland County Livestock Show Auction. The lamb earned a bid of $425. Auctioneer Bill Stone, below, tries to encourage higher bidding during the auction at the Midland County Exhibit Building.



Greenwood's Betsy Langdon scores dual win with calves in stock show

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Greenwood 4-H Club member Betsy Langdon, who "hit a home run" in showing the grand champion and reserve grand champion calves in the 48th Annual Midland County Livestock Show, earned $6,500 in the auction of her two steers on Saturday.

"It was overwhelming," said Betsy, a 16-year-old Greenwood High School sophomore. "It's a big deal for me. I have a cousin, who is older than me, and he won the championship." That was Brody Blissard who, at age 12 in 1994, showed the grand champion steer, a shorthorn named Stormy.

This year, Betsy's 1,260-pound coal-black Maine-Anjou steer, Mac, brought her $3,600 in the bidding. Her 1,375-pound white-faced black Simmental-Maine-cross steer, Sosa, brought her $2,900.

The grand champion, Mac, is named after America's 1998 and 1999 baseball home-run champion, Mark McGwire. Sosa is named after

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Midland real estate agents join forces, form new company

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A concept popular with accountants and physicians, among others, is that of forming a cooperative — a group of individuals sharing office space but essentially working for themselves.

A group of 11 established real estate agents is forming Real Estate One Midland, which will open its doors Monday at 900 W. Loop 250 next to Swensen's Ice Cream.

Jon Short, one of the 11, said the concept is to bring together a group of professionals under one roof but let them act as stand-alone brokers.

The members of the group stressed that they are not forming the new business because of dissatisfaction with their previous agencies.

"This came forth as a dream of everyone in this group to own something for themselves and to attain the highest level they could as a Realtor," said Skeet Doss. "Everyone tries to be the best they can be, and our best way to express that desire is this cooperative and to grow to the highest potential we can."

'The people in this group have been here for years, they've been selling real estate for years. There is a pipeline of knowledge on the city and the community that we can offer.'

— Skeet Doss, member of new Real Estate One Midland

The group is forming the business at a time when it feels very optimistic the market will rebound from the downturn caused by energy prices, said Bill Scott, another member of the group.

Home builders, who will be working with the agents, anticipate a better year this year, said Mark Payne of the Permian Basin Home Builders Association.

"Last year was not a good year, but there were homes being built," Payne said, noting that "even when there are other homes on the market, some customers want a new home."

According to the city of Midland, 133 permits for new homes were issued in 1999, down 46 percent from the 245 issued in 1998.

The Permian Basin Board of Realtors said that in 1999, 1,438 homes were sold, down from 1,642 homes in 1998, while sales prices rose 2 percent to $95,601 from $93,686 in 1998.

The Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University found that Odessa-Midland was among the 10 Texas cities with the least frequent housing turnover. The two cities were also among the 10 Texas cities with the least home building activity and the largest inventory.

Scott said the cooperative concept has been tried elsewhere in the country, and Vickie Garrett, another member of the group, said she expects the concept to spread.

"Typically brokers don't want to be on their own," Scott noted. "They like the image of a large company, yet they want to control expenses and how they operate."

Jo Braden said she anticipates no problems in working with the other members of the group.

"Real estate is competitive," she noted, "but we're all good friends."

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GARY OTT

'Surf's up!' ... even if you happen to be in West Texas

The advertisement in the magazine, which featured lots of perfectly tanned women wearing brightly colored swimsuits, certainly accomplished its mission: It stopped me in my tracks and caused my eyes to bug out. Suddenly, I quit turning the pages and started gawking at what was before me. Perfectly tanned women wearing brightly colored swimsuits — even those in an advertisement — do that to me.



Ott

But it doesn't end there. When those women appear in person, it gets downright embarrassing. Not only do my eyes bug out, but my tongue rolls out of my mouth and the word "va-va-va-voom!" suddenly springs forth. The reaction is not unlike something Curly of The Three Stooges would do.

But the point is, the advertisement worked. It got my attention.

And it did so while promoting a product I have absolutely no use for ... a surfboard.

Still, there I was on a Saturday afternoon in the middle of West Texas, surrounded by nothing but blowing dust and mesquite trees, pondering the cost of a Hobie surfboard. I eventually opted to remain landbound, of course, but for a few fleeting moments I did picture myself riding the giant waves off the coast of Australia. Suddenly, I was one of the "beautiful people," just like those showcased on the pages of that magazine. I had a perfect tan. My sun-bleached hair had magically turned a golden color. And my body was wonderfully sculpted. I was, to be completely honest, a thing of beauty.

And all because of a photograph of a surfboard.

Funny how the imagination can get carried away, isn't it? But it does. And that, in a harmless sort of way, keeps us young at heart.

The reason this particular photograph conjured up such an absurd fantasy is that everyone of us — at least those under the age of 55 — has at one time or another dreamed of being a surfer.

Never mind the fact that the nearest beach is a thousand miles away. Or that we nearly drowned the last time we visited a friend's swimming pool.

All that matters is that another Beach Boys song, or maybe one by Jan and Dean, just came on the car radio and that means "surf's up" and pretty girls are on the prowl.

Yee-hi!

Indeed, the mere mention of surfing brings to mind one word: "carefree."

And why not?

The music — and ultimately it is all about the music — sends that message loud and clear.

Take the song "Surf City," for example. It goes out over the airwaves and suddenly grown men and women all over America — even those wearing the most rigid business attire — stop what they are doing and immediately begin fantasizing about sitting under an umbrella on a beach, wearing white pants and a flowery shirt, sipping a fruit drink of some kind.

Call it the lure of the sea. There is just something about a large body of water, with majestic seagulls circling overhead, that makes the average person want to throw away his, or her, life and become a character in a Jimmy Buffett song.

Maybe it is because beer commercials on TV, like the surfboard advertisement in the magazine, are always showing people on the beach laughing and having fun. Or perhaps it is because somewhere in the back of our minds we remember seeing the stage production of "South Pacific" and somehow those mental pictures of native girls doing hula dances remained with us. Or maybe it is because when we were 15 years old we were convinced the best way to "pick up chicks" was to be seen cruising around town with a surfboard strapped to the top of our cars, even if we were in the middle of desolate West Texas at the time.

But whatever the reason, being on a beach became synonymous with being cool.

And it still is today.

If you don't believe, just ask that middle-aged man over there. Yeah, the one wearing the three-piece suit and singing along with an old Beach Boys song.

Hey, "surf's up!"

And I hope it always is.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Today's Agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

11th Step Study group for people in recovery, 10:30 a.m., 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 697-4751 or 682-1646.

Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge & Novice Duplicate Bridge, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center.

Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street. 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 7 p.m., 1904 Rankin Highway. (lic.: 1-51-0171588-4).

Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m. 311 S. Pecos St.

Study group, "A Search for God," 7 p.m. 689-9331.

Sex Addicts Anonymous—Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

SHOW: Langdon earns $6,500 in Midland livestock auction

(From 1B)

baseball star Sammy Sosa who trailed McGwire in home runs.

"We're big baseball fans," explained Betsy. "And I play softball all of the time."

Her two steers were bred in the O'Donnell area north of Lamesa.

"She's doing good," said her brother, 11-year-old Bryce Langdon, whose 908-pound British-breed heifer was runner-up to his sister's 1,106-pound championship exotic heifer.

Twelve-year-old Hoot Fox, who showed the grand championship steer, a Hereford named Lucky, in the 1998 livestock show, exhibited the best-of-breed American and British calves in the 2000 show.

Before Saturday afternoon bidding by auctioneer Bill Stone, a Stanton rancher-farmer, Midland County Commissioner Mike Bradford judged the kid goats exhibited by boys and girls too young to be in the regular show for 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America (FAA) youths.

More than 130 calves, swine, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits were in the auction in which the youthful exhibitors are allowed to keep their animal projects, and the high bidders donate their bid amounts to the boys and girls.

The 1998 auction grossed the boys and girls about $100,000, and the 1999 auction brought them about $82,000, according to Eileen Welch, secretary-treasurer of the sponsoring Midland County Livestock Association.

Christa Ralston, a 17-year-old Midland High School student, won the Culinary Arts show with her German-chocolate cake that she baked according to her great-grandmother's recipe. The cake was auctioned for $250.

Exhibitors of championship animals and the top bids included: Brandy Wheeler, goat, $1,700; Ky Smith, swine, $1,600; Taryn McNeil, lamb, $1,600; Rhett Price, rabbit, $700; and Lauren Fitzgerald, poultry, $600.

The Reporter-Telegram is to publish results of the show's judging and the auction this week.

AGENTS: New company came from dream to own something

(From 1B)

Scott said Real Estate One Midland will offer a full scope of services, from residential to commercial brokerage and property management. Doss said the group has invested heavily in state-of-the-art telephone and computer systems.

The combined experience of the agents is about 150 years, said Bill Lanier, one of the group, who said the number of years in the industry ranges from 10 years to 25 to 30 years.

Vickie Garrett said the scope of the experience the members bring to Real Estate One will benefit clients.

"We're knowledgeable, we're committed," she said. "We'll be a plus to the community because not only will we serve the real estate needs of the community but we'll be involved in the community. And we're going to have fun."

Doss called it a pipeline of knowledge: "The people in this group have been here for years, they've been selling real estate for years. There is a pipeline of knowledge on the city and the community that we can offer."

Other members of the group include Mary Jo Drury, Lori Lanier Denise Underwood and Sandy Scott.

TERMINAL: Most say new building is good first impression of Midland

(From 1B)

"We love the new facility," said Jackie Olson, Avis Rent A Car manager. "It's a lot nicer to work in. All the travelers that come in are very impressed with it. It's a good first impression of the city."

Overall, travelers seemed pleased with the facility.

"I think it's a tremendous improvement," said Midland traveler Newt Newton. "For folks flying in, they say it's aesthetically pleasing and a great first impression. I find it very easy to get around."

"It's great," said traveler Tom Holland. "We love it. A lot of the comments I get from people flying in is it's the nicest one they've flown into anywhere."

Newton said it was a much needed change from the old airport. "I can't even imagine it lasting as long is it did. It needed to be replaced. I think it was a great idea to build a new one. It's something the city can be really proud of."

"It's definitely better than the old airport," said traveler Novert Morales. "The way the gates and everything are set up. I enjoy the food court area. It's nice, it's clean and as far as parking goes, it's hassle-free. You don't have to worry about too many things."

Police Reports

Midland Police Department

Friday

Burglary: Burglary of a habitation was reported at 1603 W. Griffin at 11:45 p.m. A back door was kicked in and an item removed from an open safe, it was reported.

Burglary: Burglary of a habitation was reported at 1207 W. Cuthbert at 9:30 a.m. TVs, a VCR and a microwave were reported stolen.

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

OBITUARIES



Jean Smith

Jean O. Smith died on January 22, 2000 at Manor Park, Inc. Mabee Health Care Center, where she resided the last 5 years. Jean was born in Midland on September 3, 1907 to Henry R. and Arrie Stegall Smith, but was reared from the age of two by her maternal grandparents, Frame Wood Stegall and wife, after her mother died. The family moved to Phoenix, AZ when Jean was ten years old. In 1928 she was graduated from Arizona State University with a BA in education and taught in the Phoenix school system until 1934, when she returned to Midland and lived here until her death. In the early 1950's she earned an MA from Columbia University, NY City, then worked as a psychological counselor in Midland for 22 years in private practice.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Find Arts Club, the Play Readers' Club, the Women's Club, the League of Women Voters and served on the boards of High Sky Girls' Ranch and Planned Parenthood.

She is survived by her nieces, Sue Bassett of Ft. Worth, TX; Katherine Cannon of Dripping Springs, TX; Mary Ann Crone of Winnsboro, TX; Sarah Jean Rhodes of Corona, CA; and Kathleen Speed of Grand Junction, CO.

Memorial services will be on Tuesday, January 25, 11:00 a.m. at the Newnie Ellis Funeral Home with the Reverend Dr. Ray Riddle officiating. Memorials may be directed to the SAFE PLACE of the Permian Basin (formerly Permian Basin Home for Battered Women), P.O. Box 2942, Midland, TX 79702.

Jean Paulsen

Jean M. Paulsen was born July 13, 1905 in Anthony, Kansas. She was a member of the Christian Church of Midland. Her husband, Walter Paulsen, died in 1982. She has lived in Midland since 1982.

Mrs. Paulsen died at a local hospital Friday, January 21, 2000.

She is survived by her daughter, Joleen, and son-in-law, Henry Patke of Midland; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 24, at Memorial Park in Amarillo with her son-in-law, Henry Patke, conducting the service. Ellis Funeral Home handled local arrangements.

Daisy Kelly

Daisy Evonne Pierce Kelly, daughter of Kit and Carmen Pierce was born on August 4, 1926 and died on January 21, 2000.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Langford and husband, Johnny of Midland, and Paula Northcutt and husband, Curtis, of Andrews; two granddaughters, Melanie Langford of Midland and Melissa Hedrick and husband, Jamey of Andrews; one great-granddaughter, Kennedy Hedrick of Andrews; one sister, Peggy Harber and husband, John E. of Odessa; two nieces and four nephews.

Graveside services will be held Monday, January 24, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. at the Kermit Cemetery in Kermit, Texas.

Evonne was a unique person, living her life as she saw fit. After being born in Nolan County, she and her family lived in several places including Eastland and Wickett, but settled in Wink, Texas in 1942. After graduating from Wink High School in 1943, she worked as a telephone operator for several years. She quit working to raise her family with her husband, A.M. "Club" Kelly, Jr.

In 1977 she went back to work as an operator, retiring from Basin Answering Service in 1989.

There were many things in her life she was proud of, but her two granddaughters were at the top of her list. She was glad to tell anyone who would listen that her granddaughter, Mel, was a UTPB graduate and a paralegal; and her granddaughter, Miss, was a Texas Tech graduate and a school teacher.

Evonne loved to watch baseball on TV, especially if her team, The Cubs, were playing. She would often talk about a trip to Houston with her daughters to see the Cubs play the Astros. She was so excited when the Cubs announcer, Harry Carey, waved at her.

During her life she taught her daughters many things they will never forget — the importance of giving a baby a powder bath, how to get a taxi cab, to put Vicks and hot towels on your chest for a cold, patience, endurance and grace. We will miss you.

DEATH NOTICES

Bill Chappell

FLOWER MOUND — Bill Belton Chappell, 72, formerly of Midland, died Thursday, Jan. 20, at a Lewisville hospital.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, in the Glass Chapel at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lane Boyd officiating, under the direction of Dalton Funeral Home of Lewisville.

He was born April 5, 1927.

He practiced business as Bill B. Chappell, Attorney-at-Law, until 1997, when he moved to Flower Mound, which was more convenient for his treatment.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Lee Clark

Lee Clark died Friday, Jan. 21, at a Midland retirement home.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Sunday in Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 15, 1913 in Eureka Springs, Ark.

He was an independent paint contractor.

Survivors include three daughters, Rebecca Halcomb of Lillington, N.C., Rachel Allen of Pelsor, Ark. and Marguerite Aldana of Midland; a brother, Herbert Rickard of Edmond, Okla.; two sisters, Marguerite Kline of Chandler, Okla., and Reba Winter of Meeker, Okla.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lawrence Flaming

TULSA — Former Midlander Lawrence Allen Flaming, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 20.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Rose Hill Funeral Home Chapel in Tulsa. Burial will be at Rose Hill Memorial Park.

He was born June 21, 1925 in Corn, Okla.

He worked for Mobil for over 25 years in Midland, then he founded Flamco Energy in Midland, where he lived for over 20 years. He was a member of the Eastland Baptist Church in Tulsa and former member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland. He supported Campus Crusade, Gideons, Int., and the Jesus Project.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Flaming; a daughter, Marietta Morrison of Sapulpa; a son, Richard Flaming of Tulsa; three brothers, Harold, Joel and Bob Flaming; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gideons, International.

Grady Gaskins

BIG SPRING — Grady Gaskins, 77, died Thursday, Jan. 20, at a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jess Colegrove officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 29, 1922 at Knott.

He was a lifetime resident of the Knott Community. He was a farmer, retiring in 1988, then moving to Big Spring. He was a deacon and member of Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Tera Gaskins, Butch Gaskins and Casey Carlile; and five brothers and sisters, Mamie Metcalf, Bernice Chapman, Alta King, Junior Gaskins and Emory Gaskins.

Survivors include his wife, Dean Gaskins of Big Spring; a son, Ronnie Gaskins of Coahoma; two daughters, Wanda Hendrickson and Donna Marlow, both of Big Spring; a sister, Sylvia Sullivan of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Edwin Henson

WELCH — Edwin Henson, 60, brother of Midlander Darvin Henson, died Friday, Jan. 21, at a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Welch Baptist Church with the Revs. Troy Williamson and Truman Hayes officiating. Burial will be at Lamesa Memorial Park. Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

He was born Aug. 11, 1939 in Tishomingo, Okla.

He owned and operated an agricultural Custom Spraying Service. He worked in the Rio Grande Valley, Taylor, Uvalde, St. Lawrence and Midkiff. He had been a resident of Welch for 59 years. He was a member of Welch Baptist Church. He was a former member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Other survivors include his wife, Ann Reid Henson of Welch; his mother, Johnnie Laurane Henson of Welch; two daughters, Kim Doss of Happy and Jan Sherman of San Angelo; three sisters, Margie Wilkins of Redding, Calif., and Sharron Jones and Patsy Cates, both of San Angelo; and four grandchildren.

Estella Taylor

Estella Elaine Taylor, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 22. Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Ranger. Burial is to follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Gorman.

She was born Nov. 14, 1913 in Eastland County to J.R. and Dessie Hale. She married Euless Taylor in December 1937.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers and a sister.

She is survived by her two children, Charlene Boyce, of Colorado City, and Mickey Taylor, of Midland; six grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Charles Fierro

Charles Fierro, 66, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 21, in a Lubbock hospital.

Rosary is to be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Myers and Smith Chapel, in Big Spring. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 7, 1933 in Big Spring and lived there all his life. He worked at Pragers Men's Store, Marchant Optical, Terrazas Store and most recently at the Spanish Inn until retiring due to ill health. He was a member of the Big Spring Tigers Sandlot Baseball Team.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

He is survived by three brothers, Gus Fierro, Tele Fierro and Jim Fierro, all of Big Spring; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Guy Farmer

BIG SPRING — Guy Farmer died Friday, Jan. 21 at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Ray Rackley

BIG SPRING — Ray Rackley, 86, died Friday, Jan. 21, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Nuke watchdogs discuss proposed waste site in Monahans

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

MONAHANS — Representatives from several area nuclear watchdog groups aired opinions on low-level radioactive waste at a public meeting Saturday, in response to a proposal by Envirocare of Texas to build a low-level radioactive waste facility in Ward County. The forum was sponsored by Friends of Ward County — Leaders Against Nuclear Dump in Ward County, a group opposed to the Envirocare proposal.

Don Moniak, program director of Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping, and Mavis Belisle, director of Peace Farm, focused on what they called "basic information about radiation and radioactive waste, the Texas-Maine-Vermont Nuclear Waste Compact, state and federal laws and regulations and common issues of concern about all radioactive waste facilities."

"Our goal is to provide community activists with the information they need to begin evaluating Envirocare's proposal and determine how appropriate this is for their community," said Ms. Belisle. "We know that less than 1 percent of all radioactive waste is from medical sources and that most of the waste is from nuclear power plants. This is not a low-risk operation."

"This looks like the latest in a long line of nuclear industry proposals that understate hazards and liabilities by overstating economic benefits," said Moniak. "Low-level waste is defined only by what it is not, and people should be made aware that some low-level waste is more radioactive than high-level waste."

"We invited experienced activists to help educate the community and to send a strong message to Envirocare that they are not welcome in Ward County, except by a few people more interested in jobs than our wonderful environment," said Liz Martinez and Laura Burnett, members of Friends of Ward County.

A different point of view was taken by Monahans Mayor David Cutbirth, who said in a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram that "this stuff is really pretty safe." Cutbirth lamented that the issue has become very emotional. "Let's get it out of the emotional realm," he said "It's an extremely emotional issue and it's the end of the world for (opponents to the project).

"I'm a layperson," said the mayor, who operates an oil field service company, "but looking at it, (the proposal) doesn't seem to be unsafe and will provide some jobs." Cutbirth said the possible jobs are not being put in first place. The number of jobs has been estimated to be from 45 to 100 jobs. "But if they're going to build one of those sites, where they are going to put it about as good as any," he said.

The Envirocare of Texas proposal comes out of legislation passed by Congress 20 years ago, when Texas formed a compact with Maine and Vermont for the disposal of nuclear waste. A site was found in Sierra Blanca, just outside El Paso, about two years ago, but the building of a facility was halted.

Officer shoots at suspect while being dragged by car

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

A Midland Police Department officer fired four rounds from his pistol at a speeding suspect early Saturday morning, while being dragged 75 feet down Sentinel Avenue, according to MPD spokesman Jim White in a prepared statement.

Officer Matthew Sowle, 27, a two-year veteran of MPD, was treated and released from Midland Memorial Hospital for multiple cuts and abrasions sustained while being dragged by a suspect's vehicle following a routine traffic stop about 12:30 a.m.

Sowle was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation by an MPD shooting team and a grand jury hearing.

The Texas Rangers were notified and will participate in the investigation, White added.

The suspect, Robert K. Belcher, 21, of Midland, was treated for a gunshot wound to his little finger at Odessa Medical Center where he had allegedly fled after the altercation with Sowle. Midland police detectives went to Odessa to detain Belcher, who was taken to an Odessa justice of the peace and transported to Midland County Detention Center where he is being held for aggravated assault of a police officer, said White.

Sowle stopped Belcher just after midnight at Alpine and Sentinel, said White. While making a computer check of the suspect's license, Belcher was allegedly found to be driving with his license suspended.

"When the officer attempted to arrest the suspect, a struggle followed at which time the suspect entered his vehicle and attempted to drive off. The officer was still struggling with the suspect and was dragged by the vehicle approximately 75 feet before he was able to free himself," White explained in a prepared statement.

Officers followed a blood trail to the suspect's brown Honda in an alley on Godfrey. White said there was no response at the residence.

At 2:31 a.m., the suspect was reported to be at Odessa Medical Center.

Aggravated assault of a police officer is a first degree felony, punishable by no less than five years in prison and no more than 99 years with a fine up to $10,000.

Death penalty opponents push for execution moratorium

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Death penalty opponents gathered Saturday to push for a moratorium on executions, on a weekend sandwiched between four of the seven scheduled for January.

The two-day conference comes during what is scheduled to be second-busiest month for the Texas death house since capital punishment resumed in the state in 1982.

"We see this weekend as an opportunity to meet and work out concrete action plans to achieve a moratorium," said Charles Sullivan, director of the conference's sponsor, the prison reform group Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants.

This weekend is bookended by two executions on either side, and three of the four men put to death or scheduled to die have been lightning rods for death penalty opponents.

Many of the conference's attendees protested Friday's execution of Larry Keith Robison, saying a history of mental illness should have been a basis to spare his life. Those calls were echoed by the Vatican, the European Union and mental health activists.

Robison, convicted for a 1982 quintuple murder in Lake Worth, had dropped all of his appeals and asked to be executed.

On Tuesday, Glen Charles McGinnis, 27, is to die for the robbery-slaying 10 years ago of a Conroe woman. Activists said McGinnis should not be executed since he was only 17 at the time of the crime.

"I think people in this country are just waking up to the fact that we are executing juveniles and the mentally ill," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the conference was also scheduled to call attention to the scheduled execution Monday of longtime death row activist and inmate Billy George Hughes, condemned for fatally shooting a state trooper in 1976.

Hughes has become somewhat of a celebrity for his numerous educational accomplishments while on death row — he attained two college degrees, became a certified paralegal and drew hundreds of cartoons while on death row.

"When you use the term exemplary or model prisoner, that's an understatement with Billy," said Ray Hill, a former convict and host of Houston-based radio show about prison life. "If you could make a case for a discretionary stay of execution, this would be the one."

Gov. George W. Bush has the power to issue a one-time 30-day stay of execution, but only the 18-member Board of Pardons and Paroles can grant clemency.

The conference continues today, with several speakers scheduled to address the crowd and a strategy planning session to close the seminar.

Dallas area residents asked to curb water use

DALLAS (AP) — People in Dallas and 19 area cities will be asked to reduce the number of times they water their lawns and plants and wash their cars for up to 60 days as officials try to cope with one of the driest periods on record.

Starting Wednesday, the more than 2 million customers served by Dallas Water Utilities will be asked to voluntarily conserve water. The City Council could extend the two-month effort if conditions persist.

"This is a proactive measure to help the citizens of Dallas help protect the water supply," Janell Mirochna, a spokeswoman for Dallas Water Utilities, told The Dallas Morning News.

The utility can meet current demand, but lower water levels in three western Dallas County lakes that supply the utility company have caused concern.

Last year was one of the driest years on record, and weather forecasts call for dry conditions to continue. Rainfall totals in 1999 were below half of the annual average in several parts of the state, the Texas Department of Agriculture said.

During the unusually dry fall and winter months, average daily water consumption has reached new records, Ms. Mirochna said. Currently, the region's total rainfall is about 10 inches below normal.

Increased water usage could prompt a call for the first mandatory water restriction since the drought of the 1950s, she said.

But the water supply would have to be severely compromised before the city would take such an action, Ms. Mirochna added.

Residential users who are trying to quench their parched lawns are likely to blame for the shortage rather than population increases, she said.

Dallas isn't the only metropolitan area grappling with water-shortage issues.

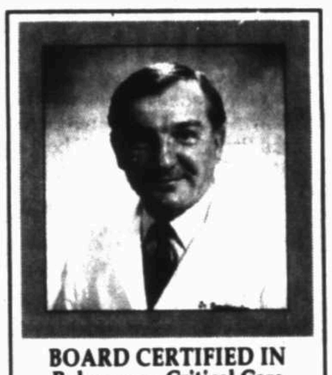
San Antonio, the nation's largest metropolitan area that relies solely on ground water for its municipal supply, could face mandatory rationing for home and commercial users as early as mid-March if the dry conditions persist. Projections of the Edwards Aquifer's level show it could drop 35 feet from its current level of 665 feet above mean sea level by July.

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Bush sets 50-year low for number of pardons issued

FORT WORTH (AP) — Republican Gov. George W. Bush has issued 16 pardons since taking office in 1995, the fewest number in half a century, according to state records examined by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"Pardons are not easily obtained in this state, and they're less easily obtained in the Bush administration, particularly while he's running for president," said Bill Habern, a Democrat and Huntsville attorney who has represented Texans seeking pardons.

The last time a governor issued fewer than 16 pardons was between 1941 and 1947, when Democrat Coke Stevenson had six, state records show. Bush's predecessor, Democrat Ann Richards, issued 70 during her four years in office. In two nonconsecutive terms between 1979 and 1991, Republican Bill Clements approved 822, while Democrat John Connally issued 1,048 between 1963 and 1969.

Bush said the low number of pardons wasn't politically motivated. He said he just learned to me more careful after pardoning Steven Raney in 1995 for a 1988 marijuana conviction.

In that case, the unpaid Ellis County constable was caught stealing cocaine from a drug bust a few months after Bush wiped his drug conviction clean.

"That caused a complete review of the process," Bush said. "I have nothing against pardoning. I just haven't been very aggressive on it."

Many victim's rights groups said they supported Bush's stance.

"It's a question of accepting responsibility for your actions," said Rusty Hubbarth, a spokesman for the crime victims' group Justice for All.

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"There's no such thing as a get-out-of-jail-free card, or get-out-of-stigma-free card," he said. "If they don't meet the state criteria, they don't get a pardon; that's the bottom line."

Granting a pardon effectively wipes out a conviction and restores a person's civil rights. As with death penalty commutations, it can be granted only after a request from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

According to state figures, the governor-appointed board has recommended 118 pardons since 1995. Bush granted 16 pardons and rejected about 350, a number which includes requests pending from the previous administration.

Bush has taken no action on some three dozen board recommendations.

"I think it's really an abdication of leadership and responsibility not to exercise powers that are vested in him," said Gary Cohen, an Austin defense attorney specializing in pardon and parole matters.

The governor is considering the recommendations, said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

Board officials said most of the cases in which pardons were recommended were misdemeanors, many of them stemming from drug offenses in the 1970s or 1980s.

Bush also has used the power in several death penalty cases. The life of one-eyed drifter Henry Lee Lucas was spared after Bush commuted his sentence to life because of flimsy evidence in his capital case. Lucas had confessed to over 600 murders nationwide but later recanted all of them. The parole board voted to recommend clemency.

Bush issued some pardons for petty crimes committed years ago. Janie Burrell, for example, was convicted of stealing a Christmas wreath off the front door of a home in her Jasper neighborhood in 1990.

Bush could probably relate to the woman's plight: He got caught stealing a Christmas wreath in the 1960s when he was a college student playing a fraternity prank. His misdemeanor charge was dropped.

Judge presiding over jail shakedown trial recuses himself

CLUTE (AP) — The federal judge who presided over the trials of four jailers indicted for a videotaped prisoner shakedown at the Brazoria County jail abruptly recused himself just before the second trial of a jailer was to begin.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt did not offer any immediate explanations for the move, which came around 5 p.m. Friday. Hoyt was to preside at K-9 officer David Cisneros' second trial, scheduled to begin this week.

But Cisneros' attorney had told the judge's staff that morning he would ask Hoyt to recuse himself based on comments made last week at former Lt. Lester Arnold's sentencing.

"As we saw with a couple of the trials, there is no end to what these law enforcement officers will do to avoid responsibility," Hoyt said from the bench at Arnold's sentencing Tuesday. "They will lie, they will cheat, they will steal, they will do whatever it takes."

Those comments, defense attorney Guy Womack said, suggest the judge had already decided Cisneros was guilty.

"If he did say the things that were attributed to him, the honorable thing for him to do was to recuse himself," Womack told The Facts, a Brazoria County newspaper. "This did not sound like a judge who was neutral and objective."

The judge had previously caused some controversy with his courtroom behavior at the first trial in September when he voiced opinions — while jurors were out of the room — about whether the defendants were guilty.

In November, Hoyt refused the government's request to dismiss the charges against Cisneros after his trial ended with a hung jury.

The former sheriff's deputy, who is now a Lake Jackson police officer, has been under indictment since 1998. His retrial is postponed until another judge is assigned the case. Cisneros is accused of violating the civil rights of a Missouri inmate who is seen screaming on the 1996 jail videotape as he is bitten by Cisneros' police dog.

The videotape also shows other sheriff's personnel and jailers from Capital Correctional Resources Inc. forcing inmates to lie on the floor and crawl around during searches. Some were electrically jolted and kicked.

Earlier this month, a federal judge approved a $2.2 million settlement in a class-action case brought by Missouri inmates who claimed they were abused while housed in Texas jails. The lawsuit was sparked by the videotape.

All 2,100 inmates are included in the $1.12 million in damages, although their portions will depend on the severity of any injuries they suffered. The settlement also provides $800,000 for attorneys' fees and $300,000 to cover costs of the massive civil rights litigation.

Womack said he hopes the government will reintroduce its November motion to dismiss the case against Cisneros.

"If the government has the moral courage I believe they do, they'll refile that motion," Womack said. "I'm confident the replacement judge will follow the law and grant that motion."

Arnold, the only defendant in the case who took a plea bargain to avoid going to trial, was sentenced by Hoyt to one year in federal prison last week and waived all rights to appeal.

Another defendant, former jailer Wilton David Wallace, is appealing his convictions for violating inmates' civil rights. He was to be sentenced by Hoyt Feb. 22 and faces up to 11 years in prison.

Jailer Robert Percival was the only defendant found not guilty.

Program offers birth control, money to crack addicts

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston is now one of 10 cities with a controversial program to offer $200 to crack addicts who agree to permanent or long-term birth control to prevent drug-damaged babies.

The program CRACK, for Children Requiring a Caring Kommunity, was originally founded by Barbara Harris of Anaheim, Calif., who adopted four infants born to the same drug-addicted woman.

"But most of these babies are medically dependent and unadoptable. They end up floundering around in foster care," Ms. Harris is quoted as saying in the Houston Chronicle.

Houston, CRACK's first Texas chapter, was founded Friday. There are also chapters in cities in New York, Florida, Minnesota, Illinois, Arizona, Nevada and California.

Like other cities, Houston has billboards stating, "If you use drugs/alcohol — Get birth control — get $200 cash."

Female callers get either a free tubal ligation sterilization operation or the birth control Depo-Provera or Norplant and receive the cash in exchange afterward, Ms. Harris said.

The plan has been criticized for giving money to addicts which could be used to buy drugs. The group has also been accused of racism.

"We're not targeting the race; we're targeting the behavior. We don't drag these women in. They have a choice," Ms. Harris said.

Of the 140 women who have participated in the program, 56 are white, 60 are black, 20 are Hispanic, two are American Indians and two are biracial, she said.

Though the number of clients does not seem high, Ms. Harris said those women had more than 950 pregnancies between them. Of those, 609 children were born, 344 were aborted and 342 of them ended up in foster care.

While men are allowed to participate; none has stepped forward for a vasectomy, Ms. Harris said.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our January 23 insert, we advertised *Supreme Clientele* by Ghostface Killah as available Tuesday, January 25. Due to a manufacturer delay, this title will not be available until Tuesday, February 8. However, we will be offering rainchecks on this title.

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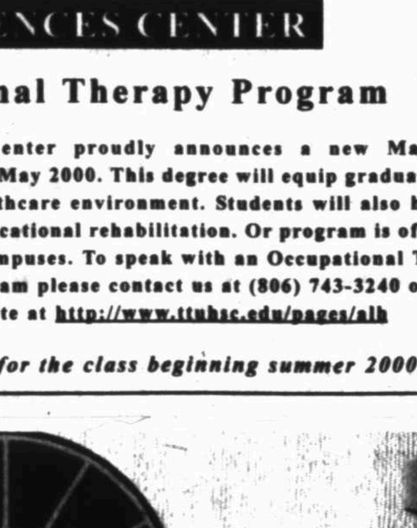
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Universities concerned by booming business of lecture notes posted on Internet

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Debra Wright either is an example of free enterprise naturally blending with academia or a threat to the fabric of higher education. It depends upon whom you ask.

Ms. Wright, a sophomore communications major at the University of Houston, is paid to post lecture notes from three of her courses to StudentU.com, which offers class notes from universities across the country on its Web site.

"I think my notes are good. I make good grades in all my classes," Ms. Wright said. "For other people to trust them, that's their responsibility."

Houston-based StudentU.com, along with rivals VErsity.com, based in Palo Alto, Calif., and Miami-based Study24-7.com, have gone nationwide with their lecture notes. They're free for anyone who surfs their sites, which generate revenue by selling advertising.

Oran Wolf, who began a campus note-taking business at the University of Houston after seeing the success of Paradigm Books' operation at the University of Texas at Austin, said the notes are designed to augment — not replace — students' own work.

"I'm hoping it opens up an avenue for students to go and participate in lectures," said Wolf, 28.

Net Strategy Corp., a Internet venture capital firm based in Houston, took Wolf and his concept to the Internet this fall. Students at dozens of schools across the country are paid about $300 to audit their classes for the service.

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Peter Wood, associate provost at Boston University, calls note-takers "a problem nibbling at the edge of higher education for a long time." He said he's concerned that attendance will drop in classrooms monitored by online note-takers because students will feel less pressure to show up.

"No matter how much Mr. Wolf and other entrepreneurs say it's beneficial and harmless, the fact remains that it puts the temptation in the way of students who are less motivated and already, perhaps, in peril," Wood said.

But Robert Berry, an assistant professor of finance at the University of Houston, vouches for Wolf, saying he's had the best interests of both students and educators in mind since he opened his business.

"Students always have borrowed notes from friends and classmates," Berry said. "This is a little more formal than the informal network."

Paradigm Books owner Robert Pyeatt said his company's 26 years of experience has proved that a student's motivation to attend class is independent of the presence of note-takers. But he criticized Wolf's operation, saying Paradigm and other traditional services are in a different league because they use higher-paid graduate students as auditors and get the professors' permission.

"We're totally opposed to all these people," Pyeatt said. "I call them bootleg lecture notes. They do it without professors' approval. I'm kind of horrified by that."

Wolf said the students who use the notes establish the quality control by rating the monitors' work. He acknowledges that his note-takers may work without permission, but he's willing to back off if a professor demands that the note-taking cease.

"We don't want to step on any toes," Wolf said. "I love talking to professors and love meeting with them. One of the things we're building is a network of professors so they have a place to put their own notes online."

The idea of sharing notes was nothing new for Sally Cole when she worked at Stanford University. Now executive director of the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke, Ms. Cole said online notes have made waves in the North Carolina academic community.

"The only issue I've heard that may have some real substance is the issue of intellectual property rights of faculty," Ms. Cole said.

Wood, of Boston University, concurred, suggesting that educators may reign in their thoughts if they believe anything

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ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

Most powerful phrase of generation summed up in one syllable

By Eric Setzler

Good teachers should have well-developed communication skills. To be effective, they should be in touch with the latest sayings and expressions of their students. Who can forget such gems as the following?


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"He's the cat's pajamas" — unknown (before my time)

"Peachy Keen" or *"Just Peachy"* — unknown (way before my time)

"Groovy"—unknown (in the '60s, which are barely my time)

"Dyn-o-mite" — J.J. Walker of "Goodtimes" (sadly during my time)

"Duh" and *"No duh"* — somebody very duh'm (a '70s-something)

"Up your nose with a rubber hose" — Horshack of "Welcome Back, Kotter" ('70s)

"Where's the beef?"— Wendy's spokeswoman (late '70s)

"For sure, dude" ('80s)

"Don't have a cow, man!" — Bart Simpson (Who cares when? It's still stupid.)

"No pain, no gain" — every fitness fanatic (Obviously, the '80s were ripe for trite expressions.)

"In your face" — (late '80s)

"You go, girl!" — (early '90s)

"You are so phat!" (One of my students said this to me this two years ago and swore it meant "cool"— I still have my doubts.)

Over time, trends and fashions change. Expressions are no exception. The battle cry of today's generation is heard dozens of time every day from my eighth graders.

It's not "Just do it" or "Eat mor chiken", but something simpler. In a single syllable, the younger generation captures the complexities of the modern world and the uncertainty of tomorrow. Here it is (drum roll please) — the word "Um".

For example,

"Um, Mr. Setzler, the answer to the problem is, um, 9,234 joules of thermal energy."

"Can I wear this and still be in, um, uniform?"

"My locker is jammed. Um, could you help me?"

"Um, yea, um, I forgot what I was, um, going to say."

While the word "um" is overused, there are several others running a close second, including the words, "like" and "okay" as well as the sounds "ahhh", "uhhh" and "ohhh". A typical conversation with some students might go something like this—

"Um, Mr. Setzler, ahhh, I have a question. What would happen, ohhh, if the sun would get really, uhhh, big? Like where would we ahhh go? Maybe to like another planet or um what?"

I even received the following e—mail (the e—mail addresses and names have been changed to protect the embarrassed)—

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Date: 10/03/1999 9:28 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Surfer...com @ quick-mail.com (Penny Spear)
To: Teacherman2001 @ teach.com
Um, Mr. Setzler,
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My reply was designed to be effective and capture the spirit of the local dialect.

Subject: Maximum
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Uh Penny,
Oh that would be like um really nice. Like the uh lizard would be um really happy if you would donate your uh old turtle's um stuff. Thanks. Um, see u in school. Later Dudette (which is a way of saying "dude" to girls). Uh, Bye. THANX.
Signed Mr. "MaximUM" Setzler

I don't want anyone to take offense at my portrayal of the word "um." The world would probably be a better place if people said words such as "um" or "ahhh" more often. It would provide more time for thought and less time for action.

Here are some examples.

Um, maybe I shouldn't put a paperclip in the electric plug (this happens more often than you think).

Ahhh, perhaps I should study for that test instead of going out with my friends.

Ohhh, I can't go to your party because there might be drugs there.

Like, you shouldn't drive because you have been drinking too much.

Uhhh, I like you, but not enough to do that with you.

Um, maybe our military forces shouldn't get involved in that country unless there are clear cut goals.

Ahhh, no way! You are only an intern and I am a married man and the president of the United States of America.

Ohhh no, I won't smoke that because it's illegal and not good for me.

Uhhh, I'll wait until I can ask my parents first.

In other words, maybe my students are right to pause before acting or answering.

Perhaps it reflects not their uncertainty, but a reasonable sense of caution. So much that's wrong in this world is caused by impulsive and poorly thought out decisions.

Maybe the world would be a better place with the attitude, "Umm, I need to think about it" instead of "Just do it."

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Johnson

As a distinguished graduate of the USAFA class of 1998, Johnson was selected as the outstanding graduate in mechanical engineering.

Lt. Johnson was the 1994 Valedictorian for Midland High School. He received a nomination from U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Charles A. Helmer, son of **Charles A. Helmer Sr.** of Kermit, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, home ported in San Diego.

He is a 1973 graduate of Fruitport High School of Fruitport, Mich. he joined the Navy in September 1973.

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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven R. Woods, son of **Julius R. and Sharon E. Woods** of Midland, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, home ported in San Diego.

He is a 1987 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, joined the Navy in May 1997. Woods is a 1989 graduate of Midland College, Midland Texas with a AAS degree.

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NOTES: Some professors worry of note's affects

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they say could be posted on the Internet.

"It could be a discouragement to faculty members who want to talk about their own unpublished research in classes," Wood said. "The stuff that goes out may be in a mangled form before it was ready to be published."

Janet Cardinell, spokeswoman for Versity.com, said her company hopes to change Wood's mind about note-takers.

"In the past it's been considered unsavory," Ms. Cardinell said. "Our mission is to change that and establish a high-quality academic Web site."

Rather than attack note-takers, Texas A&M geography professor Doug Claycomb chooses to address what he considers a deeper problem.

Classes have grown so large, filling huge auditoriums, that students feel disconnected from the professors, making disembodied lecture notes a viable substitute to attendance.

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B. Bidders may secure copies of the bid documents as follows:

1. Contractors: A maximum of two sets from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers Architects • Planners, 5214 Thomas Drive, Midland, Texas, upon deposit of $100.00 for each set. Deposits shall be Company check or cashiers check made payable to Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc. Deposit is refundable as stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders.

2. All prime Mechanical and Electrical Subcontractors and other Subcontractors may obtain one complete set with a plan deposit of $100.00 per set. Deposit is refundable if returned as indicated above in Item #1.

3. Additional sets of plans and specifications over what is listed in Item #1 and Item # 2 above may be obtained for the total non-refundable cost of $65.00.

4. All plan deposits and plan purchases shall be made in the form of a company check made payable to Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. No cash will be accepted.

5. No partial sets will be issued.

1.8 PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference will be held on February 1, 2000 at 9:30 A.M. C.S.T., at Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert. Attenders shall meet at the southwest entry.

1.9 BID SECURITY: Bid security in the sum of 5% of the greatest amount bid and in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or Surety Proposal Bond, shall accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

1.10 OPENING OF BIDS: Bids will be publicly opened in the Administration Building Board Room immediately after closing of bid time.

1.11 FORMALITIES: The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject all bids.

1.12 APPLICABLE GOVERNING LANDS AND REGULATIONS

A. In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, all bidders must comply with State Labor Laws concerning wage rates.

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

NO. 00-207 0536
DATE 1-9-00

On the 9th day of January, 2000, I impounded the following Estrays:

KIND OF ANIMAL
(2) Cattle

BREED	(No.1) Cross	(No.2) Cross
COLOR	Red	Red
SEX	Bull	Cow
AGE	1 yrs approx.	Adult
SIZE	700 lbs	750 lbs
BRAND, MARK, IDENTIFYING CHARACTERS	None	Horns

And on the 20th day of January, 2000, I filed a NOTICE OF ESTRAY in the Estray Book of Midland County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Midland County, Texas, for the owner of the said Estray, but the search did not revel the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said Estray is not determined by the 25th day of January, 2000. Said Estray will be sold at Public Auction Sheriff's Sale at Western Livestock Auction Co. @ 10:00 AM.

Witness my hand this 20th day of January, 2000.

Gary Painter, Sheriff
Midland County, Texas
Sgt. J.D. Stuard, Deputy

FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JUNE 4, 2000.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the Purchasing Office according to the Policy/Procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
2200 WEST ILLINOIS
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for the **TRANSURETHRAL MICROWAVE THERAPY SERVICES FOR BPH** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Monday, January 24, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #417-012000 ENCLOSED".

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JUNE 8, 2000.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the Purchasing Office according to the Policy/Procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals for Irrigation Pump Station Renovation at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa, Texas, will be received until 3:00 P.M. cst. February 1, 2000, and then publicly opened and read.

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 3:00 p.m., January 20, 2000 in room 453 of the main campus building. Copies of the bid documents including specifications will be available January 12, 2000 at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Rm. 485 at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa, Texas 79762, upon receipt of a $25.00 refundable deposit. (915) 552-2790.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. EOE/AA

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Midland Memorial Hospital is accepting sealed bids for the construction of the Midland Memorial Hospital- Kent Street and Allison Cancer Center Parking Lots at Midland Memorial Hospital at 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas. Bids will be received at the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas until:

Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 12:00 pm (Noon)

Bid opening will be at 2:00 pm in the Laboratory Conference Room of Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 W Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701 on Tuesday, February 8, 2000. Results of the bid will not be made public until after the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors has awarded the contract.

Bids shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
2200 W Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #416-011300 ENCLOSED".

No bid which has been submitted or filed in response to this notice may be changed, amended, or modified by telegram or otherwise after the time noted above. A bid may be withdrawn, however, and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of bids.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) and a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bidders may obtain bid documents at the Office of the Architect, Rhotenberry Wellen Architects by contacting Mr. Steve Tilt at the following address:

1102 W. Texas Avenue
Midland, Texas 79701
915-682-1252 Phone
915-682-1257 Fax

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal 00-01-0001) for Security System Installation. Address sealed Proposal #00-01-0001 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. For overnight delivery the mailing address 2811 LaForce, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., February 9, 2000. Proposal forms may be obtained beginning January 24, 1999 at Region 18 ESC or by call Gary Bond, Purchasing Agent, at (915) 567-3258.

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

NO. 00-00302
DATE 1-12-00

On the 12th day of January, 2000, I impounded the following Estray:

KIND OF ANIMAL
Sheep (1)
BREED Unknown
COLOR White
SEX Male- Mutton
AGE Adult
SIZE Large
BRAND, MARK, IDENTIFYING CHARACTERS None

And on the 20th day of January, 2000, I filed a NOTICE OF ESTRAY in the Estray Book of Midland County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Midland County, Texas, for the owner of the said Estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said Estray is not determined by the 28th day of January, 2000, said Estray will be sold at Public Auction, Sheriff's Sale at 4904 FM 1213 @10:00 AM. Witness my hand this 20th day of January, 2000.

Gary Painter, Sheriff
Midland County, Texas
Sgt. J.D. Stuard, Deputy

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for the **HOLMIUM/ YAG SURGICAL LASER.**

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Monday, January 17, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #414-011300 ENCLOSED".

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JUNE 4, 2000.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the Purchasing Office according to the Policy/Procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 12.913 mi of seal coat on SH 191 from SH 158 to Ector-Midland County Line covered by CPM 2296-2-17, on SH 191 from LP 338 to Midland-Odessa County Line covered by CPM 2296-1-39 and on SH 158 from LP 250/158 to SH 191/SH 158 covered by CPM 483-2-53 covered by CPM 2296-2-17, etc. in Midland and Ector Counties, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 3, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Dan Daiger, Area Engineer, Odessa, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notified all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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6-D-22087
6-76-2296-02-017, etc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for the **THIRD PARTY SECURITY SERVICES.**

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Monday, December 17, 1999.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #413-011300 ENCLOSED".

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JUNE 1, 2000.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the Purchasing Office according to the Policy/Procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Baker Petrolite Corporation (BPC) welcomes our neighbors to attend our public meeting at Building A, Ector County Coliseum on January 26, 2000 @ 8:00 am. BPC will proudly discuss our operations as a service to the oil and gas industry, our commitment to the safety of employees and the community, and our responsibility to protect the environment.

The purpose is to inform our neighbors that Baker Petrolite Corporation is committed to enhancing the community by supporting community efforts, continuous improvements in protecting the public and the environment, and meeting our local customer's needs. Seating may be limited. Please RSVP by 01/24/00 by calling the number listed below. For further information, contact D'Ann Wilkinson @495-7213 Baker Petrolite, Health Safety, Environmental Contact.

PUBLIC MEETING to describe and discuss local implications of the risk management plan including a summary of the off-site consequence analysis, submitted by LG&E Natural Gathering and Processing Company for the Sale Ranch Processing Plant located at Section 23, Blk 37, T-1N of Martin County, Texas pursuant to section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. The meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon at the Holiday Inn in Midland, Texas located off of Highway 80.

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Dinner at 6:30 PM.
John P. Cox, WM
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

NOTICE Of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy landlords' Lien. Per Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, contents of Unit(s):
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#107 Gordon Vosiw

At ABC Secured Storage, 3105 W. Industrial, Midland, TX will be sold as a closed bid Feb. 15th, 2000, 9:00 A.M.

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Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual

- Wyatt Chandler
- 41 Year old Male
- Indecency with a Child
- 504 S. Terrell, 79701
- Photo available at: http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

- Terry Hendricks
- 30 Year old Male
- Indecency with a Child
- 4620 Wilshire, 79703
- Photo available at: http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive bids for New Vehicles, Bid #0-0025 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, 7201 West County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 until 2:00 p.m. CST, February 7, 2000. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

Fax It! 682-6999

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for the **MOBILE IN-HOUSE LITHOTRIPSY SERVICE.**

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Monday, January 17, 2000.

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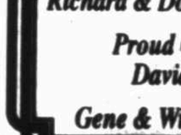


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110 Lodge Notices | 110 Lodge Notices

Midland Chapter #253 Order of Eastern Star- 1600 W. Wall, Stated Mtgs. 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30 pm WM/WP Betty & Bill Stark

Acacia Masonic Lodge#1414 1000 Upland Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Mike Pipes, W.M. Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club 2019 Trade Dr.- 689-7003 Reg. Meeting. 3rd. Thurs. Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. meeting. 8 pm. Keith Hughes, Pres. Marvin Witcher, Secty.

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150 Lost & Found

SUBSTANTIAL REWARD Lost: 3 PLUS Karats, Ladies Marquis diamond ring, gold solitaire setting. Lost Thursday January 20th, 2000. Possibly H.E.B. vicinity. Great sentimental value. Call 683-1941.

FOUND: 01/18/00, short, chubby, mostly black/ white, some brown, female (Terrier?). Midland/ Humble area, 699-0174.

LOST: Appliance Dolly. Garfield & Loop 250 Wednesday, 01-18-00, 6:45 am. Please call 687-2632. Dolly needed for Hospice work.

FOUND: Domesticated yellow bird. Possibly Cockateil, 4800 Block of Harvard, 694-0849.

FOUND: DALMATIAN. Call to identify. 686-9821.

FOUND: Long haired Dachshund or mix, female, flea collar, Midkiff/ Neely. Call 498-6284 x34/ 699-1903.

FOUND: 2 tan female puppies (approx. 10 mos) Contact 684-0063.

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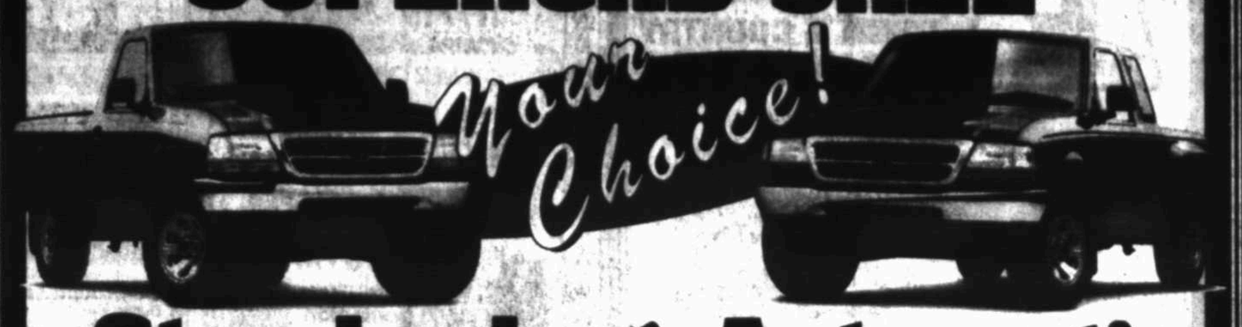
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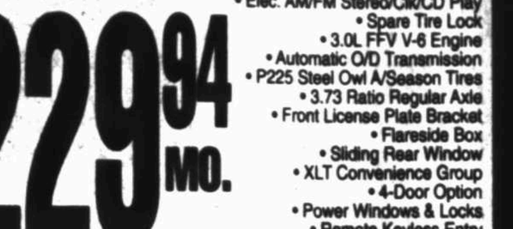
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800-458-4576
Odessa, TX.

COMMERCIAL METALS Company, a leader in the scrap metal industry, is seeking experienced persons in plant dismantling, salvage, and demolition fro work in the West Texas area. Top pay with full benefits. (915)337-1513.

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→NEW TODAY←

Information Plus Corp.

IPC, the leading provider of automated sorting systems for the textile rental industry, has the following positions available:

Installation Tech/Welder- (3 needed)
Duties include: erection and assembly of automated systems at client locations in accordance with installation documentation. Position requires mechanical aptitude, ability to read prints, attention to details, and proficiency with hand and power tools. Stick welding knowledge desired, and basic electrical skills are a plus. Position involves considerable travel and high- energy work demands. Attractive compensation package includes travel allowances and overtime pay. Will work as Fabrication Technician when not involved with installations. (see below)

Fabrication Tech- (1 needed)
Duties include: fabrication and assembly of components needed for sorting systems in accordance with design documentation. Position requires mechanical aptitude, ability to read prints, proficiency with hand and power tools, including saws, drills, and grinders. Concern for accuracy, quality and safety is essential. Must be reliable and must provide own hand tools. Stick welding and/or basic electrical skills a plus. Attractive compensation package.

All positions are based in IPC's Irving, TX location. To schedule an interview, please call (972)756-5242, or send resume to:

Information Plus Corp. c/o Aaron Ellison
3250 W. Story Rd., Suite 108
Irving, TX 75038

PRESSMAN TRAINEE

The Midland Reporter- Telegram has a full time opening in its Production Department for the position of Pressman Trainee for our Harris N-1650 Printing Presses.

This 5-6 day per week, fast-paced, deadline-oriented position requires night shift/ weekend work with strong emphasis on safety.

The Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program.

Send resume to:

John Maddox, Production Director
Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, Texas 79702

or come by
201 E. Illinois
to fill out an application

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·HOURLY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Community Service Aide (CSA),
Odessa and Midland
Community Living Instructors (CLI),
Odessa and Midland

For details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. E.O.E.

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- ★ Start date ★Classification

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We Need 10 Experienced Drivers that want to run hard and make a hand. We offer new Petes/ Freightliners and base pay .30 cpm to start. Paid weekly/ all benefits. Serious inquiries only. Call Owen

800-379-3809

EXPERT DETAIL Now hiring for full and part time Detailers. Apply in person 1307 South Midland Drive.

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·ELECTRICIAN TRAINEE

Openings for high school grads ages 17-34. Must be in good physical condition and willing to relocate. Good pay and benefits. Call today for interview, 1-800-292-5547, 8 am- 4 pm, Monday- Friday. Local interviews available.

·AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TRAINEE

No experience required. We provide training at our expense. High school graduates under age 34. Call 1-800-292-5703, 8 am- 4 pm, Monday- Friday. Local interviews available.

HIRING IMMEDIATELY: Truck Drivers needed for oil field work. Prefer ex-Dowell, ex-BJ, ex-Halliburton hands. Must be able to travel. No need to relocate. Class A CDL, clear driving record, 2 years truck driving experience a must. Call 1-800-588-2668 Monday-Friday, 8 am- 5 pm. No calls after 5 pm.

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NOW HIRING

Our Company will hire Men & Women for carpet shampooing and display work. $2,200 monthly guarantee, company will train. Must be neat in appearance and have own transportation, First 100 calls will be taken. Bonuses and vacations for those who qualify. Full time positions. For interview call Monday only.

(915)520-5259

★★★★★★★★★

★NEW IN TOWN? For your FREE "New Resident" Welcome Packet. Call Newcomers Unlimited, 570-8045.

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HOUSEKEEPER/ some driving. Must have phone/ car. Part time, honest, reliable, 699-4142 after 10am.

HOUSEKEEPING applications are being accepted. Some experience preferred. Apply Days Inn, 1003 S. Midkiff. No phone calls please.

→NEW TODAY←

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Professional Janitorial Service has a Project Manager position and positions for office cleaning Supervisors, Floor care Specialist, Janitors and Maids. Drug test, background check and employment authorization required. Midland area. Fax resume or call 1-800-524-0290.

EOE

KD's BAR-B-Q- WANTED: Cheerful & Energetic individuals. Floor help needed. 3109 Garden City Highway, 683-5013.

KENT KWIK
24 Hour 1 Job Hotline
520-4053 ext. 371

LITTLE CAESARS Pizza hiring part-time drivers Must be 18, courteous, have good driving record. $6/ hour. Apply at 1000 North Midkiff.

MAINTENANCE/ MAKE Ready part time- heating and air conditioning helpful, not required. Call 694-2466 between 5 pm- 9 pm.

WESTWOOD

PATIENT ACCOUNT COORDINATOR
Full-time position available; Experience with hospital Collections required.

INFECTION CONTROL/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR
Full-time position available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing, Texas license required; APIC Certification preferred.

CERTIFIED OPERATING ROOM TECH
Full-time position available; Certification from an accredited program required. Operating room experience required.

BIRTHPLACE REGISTERED NURSE
Full and part-time positions available; Graduate of an accredited school of Nursing; Texas License required; OB experience required.

EMERGENCY SERVICE NURSES
Full-time and PRN positions available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing. Texas license required, emergency room experience required.
Bonus Eligible

OPERATING ROOM NURSES
Full-time and PRN positions available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing. Texas License required; operating room experience required.
Bonus Eligible

SAME DAY SURGERY
Full-time registered nurse position available. Graduate of an accredited school of nursing; Texas license required. Same day Surgery or PACU experience strongly preferred.

LABORATORY
Part-time and PRN MT (ASCP)/MLT (ASCP) positions available. Must be certified as a lab tech. Microbiology Skills preferred.

CARDIOPULMONARY
PRN CRTT/RRT positions available. Graduate of an accredited program. Texas license required; experience in an acute care hospital setting strongly preferred.

Westwood Medical Center offers its staff competitive salaries. Medical/dental/vision insurance, tuition reimbursement, 24 days paid time off per year, shift/weekend differential, credit union membership and 401K. For details on our exciting opportunities, interested persons should contact:

J. Rick Brown
Director of Human Resources
P.O. BOX 51070 • Midland, Texas 79710
(915) 522-3030
EOE

Westwood Medical Center is a substance free workplace. Drug screens will be performed on all applicants considered to be final candidates for a position with Westwood Medical Center.

Westwood Medical Center does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation or any other legally protected status.

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Become a part of a quality healthcare team!

RN in Labor & Delivery*
Labor & Delivery experience required and charge nurse capably preferred.

3 RN Positions in Med/ Surg*
Two Positions for 7pm- 7am Shift
One Position for 7am- 7pm Shift
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RN Position in ICU*
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RN/ LVN Position in Express Care
3pm- 3am Shift- Full- Time.

3 MLT or MT Positions in Laboratory
Part- time ASCP certified or eligible.
Perform all lab analysis, clerical, phlebotomy and other duties as needed.

***$2,500 Sign- On Bonus**

For more information please contact the Odessa Regional Hospital Human Resources Department at 915/334-8397 or stop by the office at the corner of 5th and Muskingum in Odessa. The Human Resources Department is open Monday through Friday 8 AM- 5 PM. EOE

→NEW TODAY←

$5,000 BONUS

OPERATING ROOM NURSES

Westwood Medical Center is offering a $5,000.00 BONUS to any Operating Room Nurse that receives an offer of employment based on an application filed during the week of January 24 - 28, 2000.

Bonuses are awarded in three (3) steps: $2,000.00 upon employment; $1,500.00 after 6 months; $1,500 after one (1) year. Westwood Medical Center provides a comprehensive benefit plan and excellent salaries.

WESTWOOD MEDICAL CENTER

Westwood Medical Center
Attn: Human Resources
4214 Andrews Hwy
Midland, TX
(915)522-3039 - Office
(915)522-3032 FAX
Don't Wait! Call today!!

Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine, Texas currently has the following positions available:

Registered Nurses: Emergency, Med/Surg, Obstetrics, Hospital Coordinators

LVN: Med/Surg

Pharmacy: Staff Pharmacist, Pharm Tech

Directors: Human Resouces, Plant Engineering, Quality Improvement, Health Information Management

Additional Openings: Medical Technologist, Human Resources Assistant, Unit Secretary

Interested candidates please call (915) 837-3447 or fax resume to (915) 837-0330. EOE

Big Bend Regional Medical Center

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Manor Park, Inc. offers competitive salaries, uniform allowance, 13 days time off with pay per year, credit union membership, and 401K. Applications may be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. Substance Free Workplace

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RN, LMSW, LMFT, LPC, NP, PA, PhD Needed

Crisis clinical office staff needed to perform psychiatric crisis assessments. Above average communications skills, ability to work with diverse clients, and strong desire to become part of an excellent professional team.

We also need RN's- Psychiatric experience preferred and ability to direct a team.

Comprehensive training provided. Full time, weekend PRN and PRN positions available for qualified candidates. Must have current Texas license. We offer competitive salary. E.O.E. Please contact:

Human Resources
Desert Springs Medical Center
3300 S. FM 1788, Midland, TX 79706
563-1200, or fax your resume to 563-8752

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Patient Accounting Representative- Billing

Needed, experienced Patient Account Representative to bill Medicare/ Medicaid/ Insurance/ Managed Care/ Contract Payers for Healthcare Services. Minimum one year experience with billing of this type. Organized, self starter. Above average communication skills. We offer competitive salary.
E.O.E.

Box P-6107
c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram
P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

→NEW TODAY←

DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Crockett County Care Center a county owned & operated fifty-six bed nursing home, is accepting resumes for a Director of Nursing. Applicant must be a Registered Nurse, 3 to 5 years of Long Term Care experience is preferred. Competitive pay & excellent benefits.

Send resumes to:
Crockett County Care Center
Attn: Administrator
P.O. Box 640, Ozona, TX 76943
or fax your resume to (915) 392-3553

Crockett County Care Center is an equal opportunity Employer.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WEST TEXAS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

An immediate opening exists for a Head Nurse in OR/ PACU at the Big Spring, Texas facility. Provides first line Supervision of the Nursing Staff assigned to those areas. Assists with all components of peri-operative care in surgical and/ or diagnostic procedures.

Excellent federal benefit package, including negotiable salary, vacation and sick leave, family leave, retirement, health and life insurance, uniform allowance, additional pay for speciality certification.

PHONE OR WRITE:
Walter A. Dickerson
Resource Management Service (05)
West Texas Health Care System
300 Veterans Blvd.
Big Spring, Texas 79720
(915)264-4828
1-800-472-1365, ext 7015

→NEW TODAY←

MEDICAL ARTS HOSPITAL LAMESA, TEXAS

Excellent opportunities in Correctional Nursing available now!

LVNs and Medication Aides for evening shifts at TDCJ Preston E. Smith Unit in Lamesa. Dental Hygienist position now open; Mon.-Fri., 8 to 5. Full time staff positions with great benefits and competitive salaries based on experience.

Now staffing full time LVN floor nurse and RN charge nurse positions on evening shift. Extensive benefit packages and excellent wages based on experience.

Send resume/ inquires to:
Human Resources
Medical Arts Hospital
1600 North Bryan
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-2183
806-872-3935 fax

→NEW TODAY←

Patient Accounting Representative- Collection

Needed, experienced Patient Account Representative to collect for Healthcare Services from Medicare/ Medicaid/ Insurance/ Managed Care/ Contract Payers/ Patients. Someone who understands and demonstrates ability to complete and support documentation and insurance qualification documents with patients and others payers. Minimum one year experience with billing of this type. Organized, motivated, self starter. Above average communication skills. We offer competitive salary.
E.O.E.

Box P-6106
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

→NEW TODAY←

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING:

Parks Methodist Retirement Village in Odessa, TX a non- for- profit provider of skilled nursing and LTC services, is seeking an RN for the position of ADON due to the expansion of our Nursing Facility and the addition of our Assisted Living Center. The successful candidate will be knowledgeable of LTC and SNF policies, MDS's, Medicare, Medicaid, possess strong management and interpersonal communication skills, and be willing to work with an excellent team of LTC professionals. Professional development and growth opportunities are available with our expanding organization. Excellent salary and benefit package. Send resume to K.T. Morrell, Director of Nursing, Parks Methodist Retirement Village, 111 Parks Village Drive, Odessa, TX 79765 or fax it to 915-563-9204.

Nursing Career Fair -- January 26-27th

Nurses interested in part-time or full-time employment in the Dallas/Fort Worth area are invited to attend a **FREE** career fair January 26-27 (Wed./Thurs.) at the Garden Inn of Abilene *(formerly Holiday Inn)* 1625 State Hwy 351 at Interstate 20. A representative will be available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. to discuss nursing opportunities offering *excellent compensation, benefits, bonus programs, and sign-on bonuses.* Please call **(800) 754-2116** to R.S.V.P.

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Must have at least orie year experience in related field. Benefits and 401(k) available to full time employees.

For more information please contact Kelli or Terri at (915)580-2015 or come by and fill out an application at 700 N. Grant, Suite 100, Odessa, TX 79761.

Monday- Friday 8- 5 EOE

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SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER

PATIENT FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE

Energetic individual to assist patients in resolving account balances. Must be organized and possess excellent communication skills. Previous collection experience preferred. Excellent career and financial opportunity.

MEDICAL BILLING SUPERVISOR

Team player needed to manage billing and collections for multiple physician specialty groups. Must be a self-starter with strong leadership and organizational skills. Knowledge of all 3rd party payors required. Recent management experience preferred.

Please Send Resume to:
ATTN: BOM
1601 W. 11TH Place
Big Spring, Texas 79720
915-268-4961

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Nurses Needed...

Permian General Hospital located in Andrews, Texas a growing community is currently recruiting for Registered Nurses. The following positions are available:

ICU/ ER part time, experience preferred, 7am to 7pm
ICU/ ER part time, experience preferred, 7pm to 7am

Comprehensive benefit package with competitive salary.
Send resume or fax to:
Sandy Bufler
Director of Human Resources
Permian General Hospital
P.O. Box 2108
Andrews, Texas 79714
915/523-2200 ext. 203 or fax 915/523

→NEW TODAY←

·REGISTERED NURSE NEEDED IN ODESSA, TX

Texas RN license required. 1- year psychiatric nursing preferred. Assist in medication services and coordinate medical and non-medical aspects of client's treatments. Conduct staff training as necessary. Salary is $2278 per month.

For details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. E.O.E.

UMC

Speech-Language Pathologist
Physical Medicine

Masters degree in speech-language pathology required. Speech-language pathologist will gain experience with a diverse pediatric population. Will have the opportunity to work with medically challenged children, neurologically challenged children and children with speech, language and/or feeding disorders. Will work with a highly skilled Speech Pathology team.

UniversityMedicalCenter
Department of Human Resources
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TELEMARKERTERS needed full time/ part time. Guaranteed salary plus commission. Call 570-9509 from 1 to 4 pm.

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TEMPORARY Laborers & Cashiers. Need 4 people to unload trucks and 2 cashiers @ Chuck Hornier's Truckload Sale. See Hornier Sale Manager @ Midland Center, 105 N. Main, Midland. 8 am, 1/26/2000. Pays $7.00/ hr. No Phone Calls.

RANCH Hand/ guide/ housekeeping livin positions available on a large hunting ranch. Call 915-446-4348.

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→NEW TODA←

SEEKING: FULL TIME Hair stylist, Apply in person. 4324-A Andrews Hwy

TAMPICO SPANISH Inn is currently hiring kitchen staff. Please apply in person. 2411 West Wall, ask for Robert or J.R.

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THE PETROLEUM Club- Needing professional waitstaff experience in fine dinning. Offering health and dental insurance, credit union membership and paid holidays and sick pay. Please send resume or come by for application from 9- 11am or 2- 4pm, Monday- Friday. No phone calls please.

THE WILD SCALLION is now hiring full time wait staff. Apply in person 4400 North Midland Drive, suite 504.

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VERY PART Time Courier Driver needed with insured economy car. 1- 2 hours nightly. 570-9509.

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DENTAL FRONT Desk Coordinator Needed in San Angelo. Must have experience with filing dental insurance, and scheduling patients. Excellent benefits, hours and compensation. Long term employment in a growing practice. Fax resume to: 915-944-0424 or mail to 3812 Arden Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76901.

HOME HEALTH Aides/ Sitters; We will train and certify caring hard working people in these challenging positions. Excellent pay. Call 570-7587, Rhonda Grissom, for an appointment today.

INHOME CARE, INC. RN's & LVN's needed Bilingual and home health experience preferred. Please come by 808 W. Indiana, Midland for more information. No phone calls please.

MED TECH Ambulance is currently accepting applications for Paramedics, EMT-I and EMT-B, in Midland and Odessa. Full time, Part-time and PRN. Call 580-5262.

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MEDICAL FACILITY has positions open for prevention oriented LVN and RN, Registered Dietitian and a Certified Physical Therapist! Please send resumes to PO Box 4186, Midland, TX 79704

→NEW TODAY←

MEDICAL OFFICE Receptionist/ Billing Clerk. Experience preferred. References required. Reply to: Box P-8006, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NURSE NEEDED For busy Doctors Office. Full or part time. Please bring resume to 3620 N. Big Spring Street. Monday- Friday 8am- 5pm.

TERRACE WEST Nursing Center, has current openings for LVN/ RN on 6-2 & 10-6 shift. If interested, please apply in person at: 2800 North Midland Drive, Midland, Texas, 79707.

THERAPIST Needed for growing physical rehabilitation program located in Midland. Specific knowledge of Anatomy Kiniesiology, Physiology needed. Athletic Trainers and registered Massage Therapists welcome. Salary based on experience. Will train in the use of biostimulation for soft tissue conditions. Mail resume to: BioLase, Inc., PMB 227, 5960 W. Parker Road, Plano, TX 75093 or fax to: 972-335-7309. EOE.

LOGGING ENGINEER

An established California-based water and environmental company seeks a qualified engineer to operate our Arizona office. Prefer Q.H. experience, but will consider a C.H. engineer. Prefer NIMS equipment experience. Full benefits. Fax resume to:
661-834-2550.

LEASE SPACE for a Hairdresser or Nail Tech or both. Low lease. Call 694-4161 between 10am and 4pm, after 6pm 694-2471, ask for Pat.

MICHELINO'S PIZZA opening soon. Hiring delivery drivers and inside personnel. Apply at 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 106 Thursday 10- 7, Friday- Monday 10- 7.

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NEED ONE Experienced backhoe operator and one roustabout pusher for full time work in the Big Spring area. Drivers license required & drug testing enforced. Benefits include uniforms and vacation. Call Dub Clinton at 915-267-6429 for details & interview appointment.

Call Today! 682-6222

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TELEMARKETERS NEEDED- Apply 10am- 5pm at 802 N. Baird, Midland.

NOW HIRING for Maintenance. Experience is a must. Apply at Canyon Creek Apartments, 5244 West Loop 250. Please no phone calls.

NOW HIRING- Lead Service Technician. Must be HVAC certified. Please apply at Polo Park Apartments 687-0511.

OPTOMETRIC ASSISTANT/ Receptionist. Full time. General office duties, assistant optical, pre- exam testing. Experience preferred. mail resumes to Midland Vision Center, 2101 N. Midland Dr., #8, 79707. No phone calls please.

Telemarketing phone work. Like talking on the phone? Easy- Easy- Easy! $8- $16/ Hour, Full-time or Part-time- days or evening. Hourly/ Commission plus Bonuses daily. No experience necessary. Will train! Call today- Start Tomorrow! Delivery Drivers Also Needed Call Now!! 683-7395.

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PINNER TRANSPORTATION is now accepting applications for experienced OTR Drivers. Excellent equipment and travel lanes. Apply at County Road 130 West and 1285 in Midland County, 79703. Contact Jack Saxon, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, 915-563-4923. After 4:00 pm 915-570-8900.

PIPE INSPECTORS Helper needed. VIP Employment 4305 North Garfield Suite 202, Midland.

→NEW TODAY←

TWIN CITIES Communications; Now hiring Telesecretaries for 3 pm to 11 pm shift. Excellent communication skills required along with typing skills. May apply at: 2002 South County Road 1276. Located at Air Terminal (directly behind Big 2 News). Mondaythrough Friday- 10:00am to 2:00 pm.

→NEW TODAY←

ASSISTANT Support Counselor. Part- time position. Minimum 20 hours/ week plus fills in for holidays, staff vacation, etc. Pays $7/ hour. Primary function is to provide transportation for Center residents. Secondary function is to assist in presenting classes and to maintain a small caseload of residents. Must have high school diploma and good driving record. Knowledge of alcohol/ drug abuse field helpful. Apply Midland Court Residential Treatment Center, 215 W. Industrial Ave., Midland, TX, between 8:00am- 5:00pm, Monday- Friday. Cutoff 4:00pm, January 28, 2000.

SAFE PLACE has an opening for substitute support staff. Starts at $5.40 hour. Must be at least 23 years old. Must have a clean driving record and be available midnight to 8:00 am and holidays. Call 570-1485 for an application.

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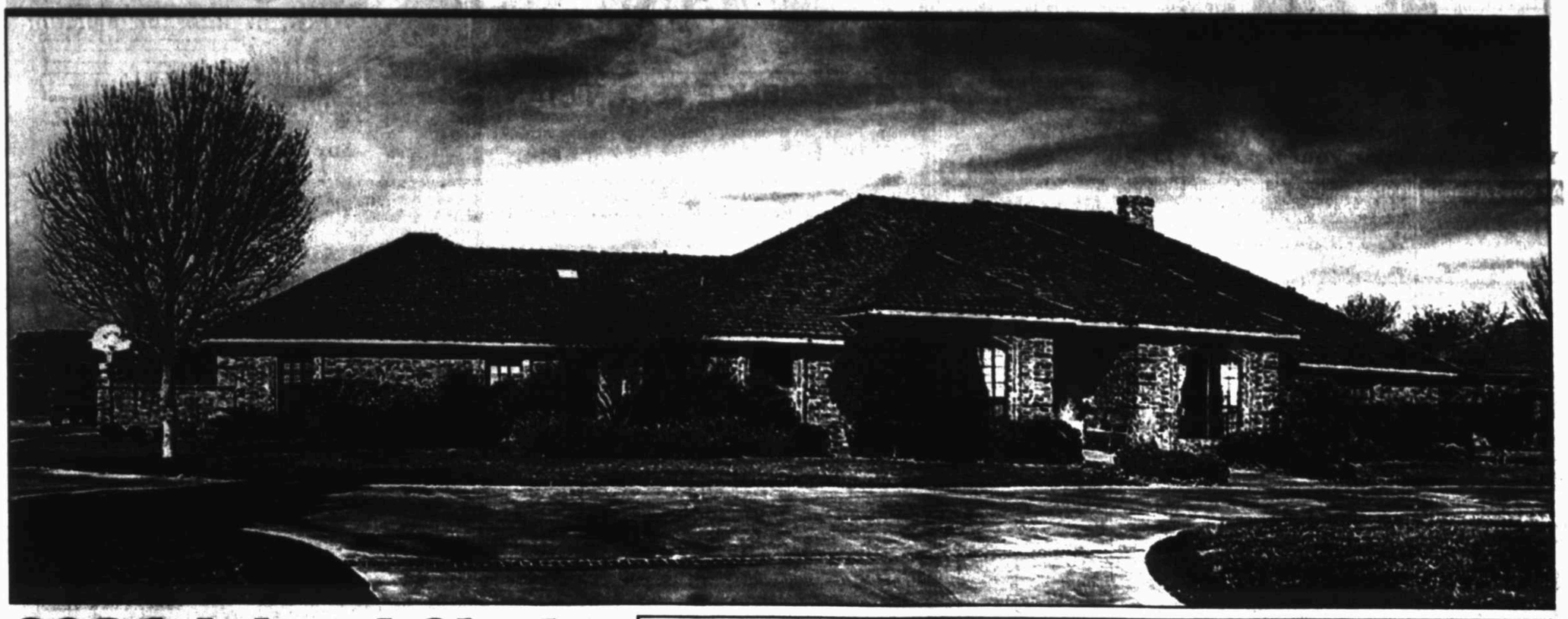
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HOMES & CLASSIFIED



2031 Island Circle
This one has it all

This week's beauty is a variegated brick home on a quiet circle in Green Tree. This lovely home has a large circle drive with an extension that leads to the side entry garage. The driveway, sidewalk and walkway to the house have brick insets that match the home's exterior. This home has a wide profile and an elegantly designed roofline. The mature landscape of the front yard, with its manicured shrubs and brick-lined beds gives this home great curb appeal.

There are tile walkways throughout the home in high-traffic areas. This walkway wraps around the living room and leads to the patio and the den. The walkway also stretches from the kitchen to the children's wing. The areas of the house that are not tiled are covered in a low-pile plush beige carpeting. This home has a security system, auto sprinklers, a central vacuum system, zoned heating and air, two water heaters and a dog run. Pocket doors are used for many of the rooms. The home is wired for stereo throughout. This 3/4 acre lot is located off the fourth tee of the golf course.

The front door is an elegant showpiece with insets of etched glass with a matching transom and side panels. Just inside the door is the tiled foyer. The foyer has a pan ceiling with a pendant light fixture. The walls are papered in a linen style with watercolor-look streaks of pink and pastel green. From the foyer is a great view of the living room, patio and pool area.

The living room is a spacious area with a pan ceiling and a lighted ceiling fan, as well as recessed lighting. Two huge windows with transoms look out onto the marvelous back yard. Along one wall is a brick fireplace with a raised hearth and brass and glass enclosed firebox. To the left of the fireplace is a built-in bookcase.

To the left of the foyer and forward is a piano room or sitting area. This carpeted area has its own pan ceiling with a brass chandelier. From this point, if one turns back towards the front of the house, one can see the formal dining room. The dining room has a picture window on the front wall, a stepped ceiling and a brass chandelier.

To the right of the foyer and down the walkway a bit is the office. This room has a pan ceiling with recessed lighting.

At the far left end of the house is the gourmet island kitchen. This room features custom cabinetry and laminate countertops with pink trim. Coordinating pink wallpaper and borders in a art deco floral print tie in with the pink on the counters. A large double sink is set below a window with a great view of the neighborhood. A disposal and reverse osmosis system are built into the sink. The custom island has a lowered "bar" area and lots of storage space. This kitchen also has a built-in desk and hutch. Appliances in this kitchen include a Whirlpool trash compactor, Maytag dishwasher and flat-topped range, and GE double oven and range hood.

Adjacent to the kitchen is the breakfast nook. This room has a canted ceiling. A large window overlooks the manicured beds along the side of the house. The back wall of the breakfast nook is a built-in china cabinet. It takes up the whole wall.

Behind the kitchen is a hallway. In this hallway is the roomy pantry and the utility room. The utility room has a recessed washer and dryer area with a drain, white custom cabinets, a built-in ironing board, folding counter, clothes rod, and a hand-washing sink. The countertops match the kitchen. A door in the utility room opens to the three-car oversized garage.

Further down the hall is a half bath. This bathroom has green and pink art deco style wall paper, recessed lighting and a tile floor. The countertop of the vanity is white laminate with green trim.

At the end of the hall is a mother-in-law style guest suite that would also work well as a teenager's room. This room has a large picture window on the rear wall, a lighted ceiling fan and a walk-in closet. This room's private bath is papered in a green and pink art deco print. A skylight brings in extra sunshine to this room. This room also has a roomy vanity, a storage closet and a tile tub and shower combo.

Also at the end of the hall and to the right is the den or sunroom. This room has lots of windows and a light and airy feel to it. There is a great view of the yard and golf course from this room. This room has a storage closet, a lighted ceiling fan, recessed lighting and a door that opens into the wet bar.

The wet bar has a window that opens into the formal living room. There is a sink and a nook for a small fridge. The countertops are in a tiny check pattern in beige and blue.

The covered patio's walls are finished in a light grey paint. The home's stereo system has two speakers set up on the patio wall. The uncovered areas of the patio have brick-lined flower beds. A pool and hot tub are set into the patio and have custom tile detailing. The pool has steps into it, three seating ledges and a diving board. The pool and hot tub each have independent controls. A privacy wall shields the pool area from the view of the golf course. The rest of the yard wraps around the patio and behind the wall. The fence of the yard is iron with brick columns.

Back inside and to the right of the formal living room is the children's wing. The front bedroom has a pan ceiling with a lighted ceiling fan. This room has a walk-in closet.

This bedroom shares a bathroom with another bedroom. This bathroom has a wide vanity with recessed lighting. A tub and shower combo is to the right. The wallpaper is in a Victorian rose theme.

The other bedroom has a pan ceiling also. There is a tall window on the side wall. This room is finished with a walk-in closet and lighted ceiling fan.

Behind the living room is the master suite. This room also has a pan ceiling with a Southwestern-style border. A v-shaped bay window juts out into the back yard. Glass doors open out to the patio.

The master bath, behind double doors, has two skylights. Her vanity is L-shaped and has a makeup area. His vanity has a wide counter. The countertops are white laminate with blue trim. This room has Southwest-style wallpaper with a coordinating border. In one corner is a large tiled shower with a seat, in another corner is a vented water closet for the commode, with a storage unit. Along the wall opposite to the door is a walk-in closet that wraps around the tub enclosure. This closet has shoe and sweater shelving, custom cabinetry and a high shelf over the walk-through area. This bathroom has a deep bathtub — a steeping tub, the owner said. The tub has armrests and is designed with a sloped back so one can recline and soak the cares of the day away.

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The back yard features a pool and a hot tub hidden behind a privacy wall. The rest of the large yard wraps around the patio and behind the wall.



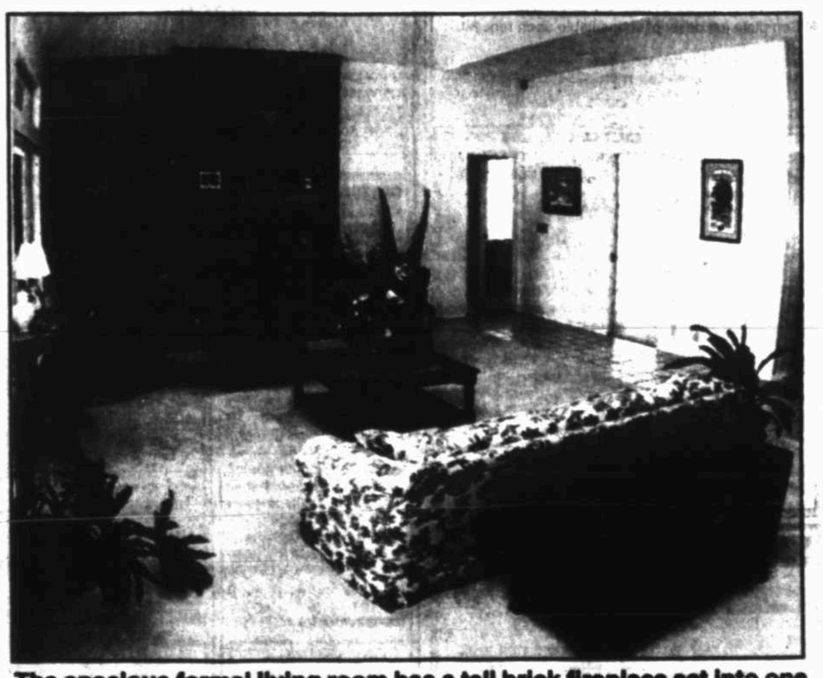
The gourmet island kitchen has updated appliances and a custom designed two-level island.



The master bedroom has a pan ceiling and a v-shaped bay window.



The den has a sunny feel to it.



The spacious formal living room has a tall brick fireplace set into one wall. A built-in bookcase is set beside the fireplace. Large windows look out onto the patio, pool and yard.

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Computers Never Listen!


Garrett

Real estate agents have computers that can store vast amount of data about local housing and prices. FAX modems can be plugged into cigarette lighters in their cars to transmit purchase offers. Pocketsize cellular phones provide their communications link back to the office, and "sonic" tape measures can help figure the square footage of a home.

Futuristic technology is already in the hands of professionals, quickening the pace of real estate activity to a fever pitch. The array of electronic equipment is both impressive and effective yet lacks the ability to replace a single part of the human anatomy - the ear.

Whether you plan to buy or sell a home, you will need an agent with good ears - to listen to you. No amount of technology can replace, or improve upon, the time you spend describing your real estate needs and desires when buying or selling a home.

In fact, the first step in any real estate transaction involves attentive listening. To sellers, it is critical that the agent understands their price objectives, their timetable for moving, and their desire to limit showings only to qualified buyers. There's not a computer around that can give a nod of approval to those shared feelings.

To buyers, an agent who listens is even more valuable. Buyers often have a lengthy "shopping list" of features they want in a home. They want to see only homes that meet their criteria, and will give their loyalty and their business to the agent who makes sure they do.

Is there a happy medium between super technology and the human ear? Look for the successful agent, and you will find both. Today's most successful agents use the advanced tools to save time, yet attribute their achievements to their ability to listen closely to clients and customers.

Technology in the hands of a warm, sensitive human being can turn real estate dreams into reality. Expect it.

(Submitted by Vicky Garrett, Broker/Owner, ABR, CRS, GRI- Real Estate One Midland)

CLOSING!



When are you closing! An exciting question you hear asked when you are around Buyers, Sellers, or real estate people. Closing the transaction, completing the deal, finished, settlement, whatever, it is all the same. Money or other consideration has exchanged for certain rights, privileges, property, or other goods and services. About 99 percent of all residential real estate deals are closed with the help of a title company. The reason being that everyone wants to be protected as much as possible. One of the ways a title company protects is to issue title insurance. The title company researches the chain of title to the home, sometimes back to the original purchase, the information is reviewed and the buyer gets "good and marketable" title to the home. The title company acts as escrow agent to hold your earnest money and acts as an agent for the lender. Generally the closing is held in the title company offices, and buyers and sellers take their turn in the closer's office. Sometimes the buyer or seller closes by mail and is not present at the closing. In most closings, sellers don't have a lot to sign. Sometimes, it will seem as if the buyers are endlessly signing documents, but again this is for the protection of all parties. Some of the documents that may be required to be signed are: the deed; the bill of sale, an affidavit of title, a disclosure statement; an IRS form; the settlement statement; the note; and the list goes on to include any other documents required by the contract or the note; and the list goes on to include any other documents required by the contract or the lender. The closing officer will go over the documents with you and answer any questions you may have, however, to feel more informed and secure, ask if you can have copies in advance of closing so you can review them with your Realtor.

This article submitted by Anita Noles, Marilyn Jo Smith and Norma Pine, Owners of RE/MAX of Midland/Chaparral Realtors.

REFINANCING ADVICE


Sutton

"Two years and two points..." This is the response Kay Sutton, owner of Century 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors gave the person asking her what are the first two items to think about if you are considering refinancing your existing mortgage.

Interest rates are lower than they've been in years and many homeowners are wondering if now is the time to refinance their higher-interest mortgage loans.

Is the time right for you to refinance? It depends.

A standard rule of thumb is to refinance if the current mortgage rate is at least 2 percent points below your existing mortgage rate because you need a considerable rate reduction to compensate for the refinancing expense. Costs associated with refinancing can include points charged by the lender and fees for appraisal, title and other related services.

Another major factor tied into the interest rate is how long you plan to live in your house. Figure out how long it would take to recover the refinancing costs through the monthly savings from the lower interest rate. Divide the annual payment savings into the total refinancing costs to determine the break-even point.

If this point is at least a few years before you think you will move, you could be in a good position to refinance.

Finally, it is important to determine what your financial goals are. There are several reasons homeowners choose to refinance.

Some homeowners want to pay off the mortgage earlier and usually choose to refinance to a shorter term mortgage. Some owners simply want to lower the monthly payments.

Now is certainly an attractive time to refinance, but each owner's case is unique and is a matter you should talk about thoroughly with a mortgage lender of your choice.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors)

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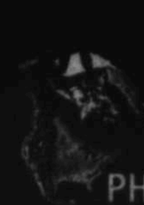
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Lucent Technologies has a sales position available immediately for Midland, Odessa, and the surrounding cities. Candidates for this position should have at least 2 years of outside sales experience in telecommunications or data related equipment. The successful candidate will be selling telecommunications equipment to businesses with 20 or more telephones.

Salary plus commission. Starting pay based on experience. Excellent Benefits.

Send resume to the following:
Lucent Technologies
Attn: Tommy Haislip
3000 N. Garfield. Ste 285
Midland, Texas 79705
Or Email thaislip@lucent.com

316 Mgmt. Help Wanted

"Restaurant

Gulley Enterprises, a Village Inn franchise, is expanding in Colorado, Wyoming and other areas. Due to this expansion, we have Immediate openings for Managers and General Managers with the possibility of advancement to District Manager. We are looking for motivated, high energy managers with at least 2+ years of restaurant experience and/ or multi-unit supervision. If you are friendly, goal oriented and a team builder with a "passion" for the restaurant industry - we want you. We will provide you with the tools to succeed. We offer:

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- 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year
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Gulley Enterprises
attn: VP of Operations
5220 Mountain Road
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Security

LOSS PREVENTION SUPERVISOR

The Home Depot, the World's Largest Home Improvement Retailer, seeks an experienced Loss Prevention Supervisor for the El Paso, Albuquerque, Midland and Odessa areas.

REQUIREMENTS

- 5+ years experience Multi-Store Loss Prevention
- Must be highly motivated, ambitious and competitive
- Must have strong managerial, presentation & training skills

We offer a strong salary, excellent benefits including 401(K), employee stock options, medical, dental & outstanding advancement opportunities.

Please fax resume, if you satisfy above requirements to:
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505-875-1652 or deliver to the nearest Home Depot location.
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www.nwyc.com

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

American Energy Services, a fast growing fracturing and acidizing company, has several openings for equipment Operators at our Midland, Texas District.

Requirements
- Minimum 21 years of age
- Good driving record
- Pass DOT physical and drug screen
- Class A CDL license preferred
- Disability Insurance

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- Starting Pay $7.50- $14.00 Hr DOE
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Please apply at:
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Monday - Friday, 8:00 am- 5:00 pm
Come Grow With Us

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LAND ASSISTANT

EEX Corporation, an independent oil & gas exploration and production company, has an immediate opening for an experienced Land Assistant to work in our San Antonio office. The main responsibilities of the position involve providing technical land support and coordination for the Land Department. Duties of the position include establishing and maintaining all land and gas marketing files, which includes entering lease, contract and well information into the lease records management system. Other duties include assembling and preparing letter agreements, farmout agreements, operating agreements, assignments, gas contracts, gas nominations, transportation agreements and other legal instruments. The position will coordinate with partner companies on joint venture properties, process land and legal invoices, prepare letters, reports and schedules and other duties related to land administration.

Knowledge of petroleum land work required, with a minimum of ten (10) years experience in petroleum land activities.

Please fax resume with cover letter and salary requirements to:
Kelly Stewart, Sr. H.R. Administrator
EEX Corporation
2500 CityWest Blvd., Suite 1400
Houston, TX 77042.
Fax: 713-243-3293.

MUD ENGINEERS

WANTED: Mud Engineers with 10 years minimum Permian Basin experience. Excellent benefits. Please submit resume. Responses held in strictest confidence. Joe Henderson, Newpark Drilling Fluids, Inc., PO. Box 11245, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

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For confidential consideration mail to 1825 B Kramer Lane, #100, Austin, TX 78758, Attn: Human Resources. Fax resume to 512-381-1966 or email jobs@clearsource.com. Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug Free Work Place.

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MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR IV LOCK AND DOOR TECHNICIAN

Annual salary $29,232 plus benefits. Minimum qualifications High school diploma or GED and three (3) yeas full-time, wage earning experience as a millwright, detention equipment technician or in electronics.

Applicants must submit a State of Texas Application for Employment to TDCJ Facilities Division Human Resources. ATTN: Terri Hall, One Financial Plaza, Suite 302, Huntsville, TX 77340 by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 8th. A complete job description and all applicants forms may be obtained at the above address or by calling the Facilities Division Human Resources Office at: (409)437-5585.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

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SMALL INDEPENDENT Looking for Field Engineer with 20+ years down hole experience, works overs, completion, mechanical, etc. Send resume with salary requirements to: Box J-5003, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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WANTED: Experienced pipeliners, equipment operators, CDL drivers. Good Pay/ Benefits for honest, hardworking individuals. Must pass D.O.T., drug & alcohol screenings. Send resume to P.O. Box 357, Post, TX 79356.

320 Skilled Trades

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P.O. Box 60335
Midland, Texas
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400 Auctions

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LOCKSMITH- Lubbock Lock & Key, a 30 year old full service locksmith company is seeking experienced inside and outside service technicians. We offer salary, bonuses, overtime, commission, vacation and holidays. Larry, (806)795-7117.

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320 Skilled Trades

Now Hiring CNC Machine Shop Foreman. 10 Years machining experience required. 5- Years Foreman required. Knowledge of CNC Fadal Mill and. CNC Hitachi Seiki Lathe Knowledge of Hardinge Screw machine helpful Quality Control also an important aspect of the job Excellent Pay and Benefits Call for an appointment or send in resume If calling attn: 1-915-363-8185 Attn: Danny Cox. If mailing resume: PO Box 4781, Odessa, TX 79760. Attn: Danny Cox

THE HANOVER Company is seeking Field Service Mechanics to service natural gas engines and compressors in Gillette, Wyoming. Minimum 2 years experience. Must have own hand tools. Company truck provided. Competitive wages, 401K and insurance. Relocation allowance. Submit resume to the Hanover Company, P.O. Box 1599, Gillette, Wyoming 82717.

330 Situations Wanted

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CONTRACT WORK WANTED: To prepare JIB's & run Oil & Gas Revenue. Available evenings & weekends. Work will be handled in a professional, accurate and confidential manner. References available. 520-3956, voice mail.

336 Adult Care Providers

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341 Child Care Providers

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79707

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GARAGE SALE ZIP CODES



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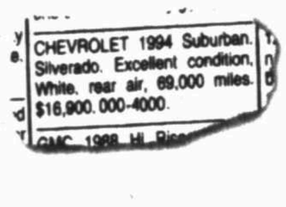
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3403 WEST LOUISIANA- Pretty, bright, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood .$650 monthly. Call 683-7057

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1/2 MONTH FREE rent, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms, 950-1,651 square foot, double garage, washer dryer connections, fans, microwave. 697-9768.

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OFFICES, single or multiple. Executive suites. 4500 W. Illinois, Call Midland, 620-1500.

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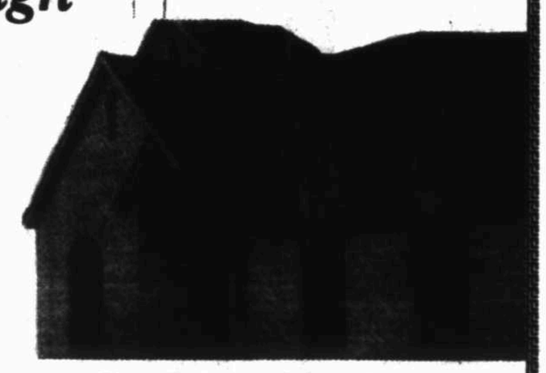
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→NEW TODAY←
REDUCED BEST value in Northgate, 4508 Amistad. Market value $75,000, asking $69,000. Attractive floor plan, three bedroom, two bath, formal living, dining, large den, fireplace, laundry, two car garage, fenced. Best schools. Open Saturday- Sunday, 1-6. Owner must sell. 697-0261.

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730 Homes for Sale

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OWNER: 2304 Chretien Place, 3 bedroom, formal dining, 2 living, fireplace, 2 baths, double garage, $126,000. 687-1649.

REDUCED BY Owner! Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2600 sq/ft, sprinkler system. 4204 Skyline. 697-5142.

2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath, 1 living. Central heat/ air. Make offer. Please call 520-5154.

BY OWNER- 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Large & spacious, totally updated, lots of extras. 2946 sq. ft. plus! $119,000. 685-1999.

THREE BEDROOM, TWO bath with study, walk-in closets, fireplace, two car garage, sprinkler system, 4905 Concho. Call 520-4048 or 498-3661.

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FINANCING AVAILABLE: Five bedroom, three bath, three living areas, appraisal $85,500. Old Midland. Call 682-7837.

OWNER Financing: 10% down. Updated. Motivated seller. 2707 Barkley 683-3549/ 561-1198 pager after 5PM.

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NEW LISTING! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Vista West Addition.

3605 CRESTMONT..... $105,900
4 bedrooms, 2 baths in Fairmont Park. MUST SEE!

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3409 BOYD..... $67,800
Darling family home. Quiet neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, workshop.

5001 RAINBOW..... $67,500
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2806 STOREY..... $61,000
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4503 Brookdale 3/2 $65's
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PATIO HOME: Good location, three large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, plantation shutters, double garage, extra parking. $134,500. 682-4479.

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HUD/ VA/ OTHER PROPERTIES
3306 Canemont 3/2 $87
4508 Lanham 2/2 $71's
1602 McDonald 3/2 $69
1902 Ward 3/2 $68
4503 Brookdale 3/2 $65
325 Tanglewood 3/1.5 $52
302 Pylant 3/2 $43
1820 E Maple 3/1 $25
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OWNER WILL Finance brick home, 1107 East Oak. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, dining room, 1 car garage, lots of extras. $3000 down. Under $300 Monthly. 425-9995

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GREENTREE, very nice, newer four bedroom, three bath home on golf course, $169,500. Call 697-3830.

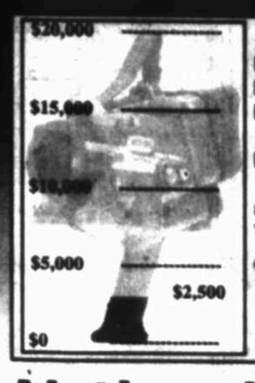
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1414 Ainslee; 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, $69,950.
1211 Godfrey; Townhouse, 2 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas. $69,500



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The City of Midland bought a camera for one of the nine Midland fire stations. Midland's Junior League bought the second and this fund bought the third camera.

This year CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton Realtors is again contributing a portion of each sale our office closes to the fund to purchase additional Thermal Imaging Cameras. Your contribution may be made to the Midland Citizen Fire Academy Alumni Association Special Account at Community National Bank. **Thank you, Midland!**

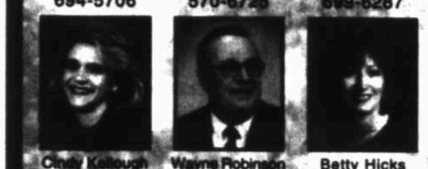
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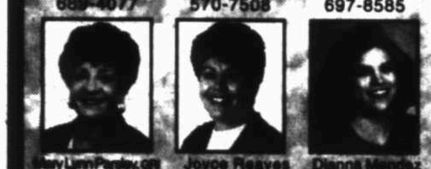
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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS

COUNTRY CLUB....Pick Your Colors in "Old Midland": 4 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-Office/Study could be 5th bdrm .. $ 359,000
CHADWICK ..... UNDER CONTRACT
VERDE GLEN....Great New Whitley: 4 or 5 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-Landscape Package-Front Shutters ..... $ 289,000
ALMEY...Beautiful! 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Study/Builtins/Fantastic Kitchen/Pool/Seq.Master Suite .. $ 252,500
DOUGLAS....Beautiful Contemporary Tri-Level: 5 bd-4.5 ba-3 liv-Gourmet Kit.-Sep.Guest Qtrs ..... $ 239,500
CRANSTON....New Graham: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Hydromulched Yard+Sprinklers-Shutters/Miniblinds . $ 228,500
DEVLIN.....Beautiful 1-Owner Custom: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Light/Bright-Tons of Extras ..... $ 210,000
HILLCREST.....Beautiful Pool: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Wrapped Around Corner Lot-Loaded with Extras ..... $ 199,900
HEARTLAND...Exceptional: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Great Kit-Lots of Storage-5th bdrm could be study .. $ 175,000
WINDDRIFT....Beautiful One-Owner: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Could be 4 bdrm w/Study-Light & Bright .. $ 172,500
GRASSLAND....Beautiful Cunningham Custom: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Mint Condition-Amenities Galore ... $ 169,900
HILLCREST ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 169,900
Tile Walkways: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Big Kitchen w/Island-Study off Master
RUSTIC.....On the Course! 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Seq.Master-2 Story Green Tree North Beauty ..... $ 166,900
GREENRIDGE...One-Owner Graham Resale: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Rec. Carpet/Paint-REDUCED! $ 164,900
RIDGEMONT.....Beautiful Robt.Graham Built in '97: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Bright/Open-Seq.In-Law Plan ..... $ 161,500
GREENRIDGE.....Grassland Estates: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Seq.Master-Open Living/Kitchen/Dining ..... $ 159,900
BISHOPS CASTLE.....Beautiful: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-High Ceilings-Speakers Thruout-2 Fpl ..... $ 159,000
COLEMAN.....Wonderful: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-2 Fireplaces-Customized Kit-Gar.Wrkshp Room ..... $ 154,900
DRIFTWOOD...Grace and Charm: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-2 Story-Nice Course View-Sunken Living w/Fpl .... $ 152,000
CULPEPER.....Courtyard Entrance: 4 bd-3 ba-4 liv-Spacious Bedrooms-His 'n Her Master Bath ... $ 148,500
WHITMAN.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan ..... $ 145,950
HIGHLAND ..... UNDER CONTRACT
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Your Colors & Options ..... $ 142,950
TEAKWOOD.....Lots of Privacy! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Large/Open Plan-Seq.In-Law Plan ..... $ 138,000
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan ..... $ 137,950
RIDERS RD (Odessa)...Country Club Est: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Updates Galore-2 Patios-Water Well .... $ 134,900
OAKRIDGE ..... UNDER CONTRACT
CASTLEFORD ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 134,900
Light & Bright: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Great Flow-Huge Kitchen-Lots of Storage
CLAYTON CT....New Jackson Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Concept-Make Choices Now . $ 134,900
CASTLEFORD.....Open Floor Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq.Master w/Large Bath-Many Updates .... $ 130,000
TEALWOOD ..... UNDER CONTRACT
CULPEPER.....Great Closet Space: 4 or 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Seq.Mstr-Jacuzzi Tub-Pool ..... $ 129,900
KANSAS.....'Old Midland' Charmer: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Large Rooms-Great Yard & Pool-REDUCED! ... $ 129,900
CRISTA LN.....Pretty New Canton: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Many Extras-Ready to Move Into ..... $ 129,900
HEREFORD ..... UNDER CONTRACT
WHITMAN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
CANTERBURY.....Flowing Plan: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Fpl in Mstr Bdrm-Hot Tub-3% BUYER INCENTIVE! $ 124,900
BARMON ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 124,000
Spacious/Beautiful: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-In Law Plan-3% BUYER INCENTIVE-HOME WARRANTY
CASTLEFORD ..... UNDER CONTRACT
DEVONSHIRE....Wonderful Viewing: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open, Large Windows-Large Master Suite ... $ 119,900
SEQUOIA.....Good Plan: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-$1,500 Flooring Allowance-Home Warranty ..... $ 119,900
PINEMONT ..... UNDER CONTRACT
CULPEPER...Well-Maintained: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Seq.Bdrm;Beautiful Yards-HOME WARRANTY ... $ 119,500
CRESTWOOD.....Robt.Graham Resale: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Great Plan-Large Bedrooms ..... $ 114,900
MOSS.....Huge Rooms: 3 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Great Kitchen-2nd living area could be 4th bdrm ..... $ 113,900
WHITTLE WAY...Great Open Living: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Beautiful & Bright-HOME WARRANTY ... $ 113,500
ST ANDREWS ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 112,000
Super Home: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Seq.Master has sep.tub & shower-Move-In Condition
AUBURN.....Nice Large Bedrooms: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Recent Inside Paint & Carpet-Great Updates ..... $ 109,000
GLENEAGLES.....Beautiful Curb Appeal: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-High Ceilings-Gorgeous Marble Tile .. $ 102,500
BELLECHASSE.....Very Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Kit.Paint/DW/Cooktop-Fresh Ext.Paint ..... $ 99,000
MORRIS (Odessa)....Beautifully Landscaped: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Split Level-Horse Stalls-Tackroom-RV Barn ..... $ 97,000
BRUNSWICK.....Updated! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint-Flac.Roofing-$3,000 BUYER INCENTIVE ..... $ 96,000
SHERWOOD ..... UNDER CONTRACT
BOYD.....Lovely Home: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Parklike Yard-Sunroom-Separate Office ..... $ 92,500
EMERSON.....Quiet Cul-de-Sac: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Close to Shopping, Schools, Eating ..... $ 89,900
GLENEAGLES.....Fairmont Addition: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Liv.Area-Seq.Master-Workshop ..... $ 89,900
CIMMARON ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 89,500
Spectacular Two Story: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Fabulous Patio-Well for Yard
PRINCETON.....Townhome w/Skylights: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq.Mstr-French Doors-Assumable Loan ..... $ 89,000
CAMARIE.....Open/Light/Bright: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Woodburning Stove-Builtins-Walkin Closets ... $ 87,000
DENTCREST.....Ready for Move-In: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Gorgeous/Cozy/Warm-HOME WARRANTY ... $ 86,900
CASPER.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR ..... $ 86,000
SPENCE.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make Your Selections ..... $ 86,000
RIO GRANDE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan ..... $ 86,000
CASPER.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 86,000
NEELY.....Close to Elem.School: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Granite Kit.Counertops-HOME WARRANTY ... $ 84,900
FLOYD.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now ..... $ 83,900
REGAL ..... UNDER CONTRACT
N 'C'.....Lots of Room: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Super Kitchen-Workshop in Back ..... $ 81,900
WADLEY ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 80,500
Pretty Large Condo: 2 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Separate Formal Dining
LEHIGH.....Skyline Terrace: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fireplace-Fenced Yard ..... $ 79,900
PROVIDENCE ..... UNDER CONTRACT
TATTENHAM....Secluded Area: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Approx 2700 sqft Divided Workshop/Office/Garage/Barn ... $ 79,500
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Huge Bedroom w/Bath ..... $ 79,500
TREVINO.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 78,500
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bedroom ..... $ 76,400
RIO GRANDE.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available ..... $ 75,500
CAMARIE.....Sparkling Pool w/Hot Tub! 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Beautiful Landscaping-REDUCED! ... $ 74,900
CASPER.....By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors-Pick Options! ..... $ 72,800
SPENCE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan ..... $ 72,800
BONHAM (Odessa)...Cute: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Some Updating-Oversized 2-car Gar/Wrkshp in Bckyrd ... $ 72,000

GRAHAM.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours ..... $ 70,200
IMPERIAL....Cozy Neighborhood: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Spacious Kitchen-Large Fenced Backyard ... $ 70,000
McDONALD.....Convenient Location: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Home Office Space-Walk to Schools ..... $ 70,000
FREDNA ..... UNDER CONTRACT
CIMMARON.....Ready for You: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Large/Open Living-Nice Berber Carpet ..... $ 69,000
ANDREWS HWY....Light/Bright/Roomy: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-8 Ceiling Fans-2 Storage Units-Bonus Room w/AC ... $ 69,000
FRONTIER.....Lovely: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Trees-Heated Garage-Clean and Updated ... $ 69,000
OHIO.....Wonderful Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated and Clean ..... $ 69,000
GOLF COURSE.....Very Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Yard-Dog Run-Lots of Storage and Room ..... $ 69,000
GRAHAM.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan ..... $ 68,200
PRESTON.....Light/Bright/Open: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent Paint/Carpet-Very Pretty ..... $ 67,900
SAN ANTONIO ..... UNDER CONTRACT
CIMMARON.....Roomy: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Fireplace-Outside Storage-Quiet Street ..... $ 64,950
MICHIGAN....Old Midland Corner Location: 2 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Cooktop Island in Kit-Nice Workshop ... $ 59,900
MCDONALD .....Lots of Updates: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Recent Carpet & Skylights-Cute! ..... $ 59,900
SENTINEL....Indoor Grill: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Gourmet Kitchen-Many Updates-HOME WARRANTY . $ 57,500
EVERGLADE (Odessa)....Good Workshop: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Garden Room-Rear Apartment ..... $ 55,000
BROOKDALE ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 54,900
Ready for New Owner: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Well=Gardner's Bonus-2% BUYER INCENTIVE
RIC ..... UNDER CONTRACT
DOUGLAS.....Fresh and Ready! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint-3% BUYER INCENTIVE ..... $ 52,500
DEWBERRY.....Large Well-Maintained: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Extra Parking in Rear-'I' Fence ..... $ 49,950
BURCHILL.....2-Story: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Downstairs Master Bdrm-Bonus Room-Gorgeous Kit ... $ 49,900
BENTWOOD.....Cute-Clean: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Close to Schools-Huge Liv.Area-Ask About VA Assumption . $ 49,900
LEDDY.....Great Workshop w/Office: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Nice Home ..... $ 49,800
MONTY.....Well-Maintained: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated Kitchen-Ask About Home Warranty ..... $ 49,500
BARKLEY....Move-In Ready: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Recent HVAC & Roofing-HOME WARRANTY ..... $ 48,000
ILLINOIS.....Well-Cared For One-Owner: 3 bd-1.5 ba-2 liv-Nice Sized Backyard-REDUCED! ... $ 48,000
DAWN (Odessa) ..... UNDER CONTRACT
IDLEWILDE.....Cute Townhome: 2 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Flooring Allowance-Home Warranty ..... $ 59,900
KESSLER....Beautiful/Fresh Starter: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Sprinkler-Rec.Cent.Heat-Air/Ceiling Fans ... $ 39,900
BENTWOOD.....Much Recent: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Rec.Fence,Carpet,Range,Heat/Air,HWH-Come See!! .. $ 39,500
THOMAS.....Nice Neighborhood: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Lots of Kit.Cabinets ..... $ 39,000
KENTUCKY.....Close to Museum/Downtown: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Great Fix-Up Plan ..... $ 38,500
FRANKLIN....Really Cute: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Rec.Central Heat & Air-Roomy/Clean/Neat-Workshop ... $ 38,000
IDLEWILDE.....Nice Condo: 2 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-All Upstairs Bedrooms ..... $ 29,500
TRAVIS.....Recent Appliances: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Neutral Carpet-Central Heat/Air ..... $ 34,500
ANETTA.....Very Clean: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint In & Out-On 2 Lots=Lots of Space ..... $ 33,500
ROOSEVELT ..... UNDER CONTRACT
KANSAS.....Duplex: Each side = 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Washer/Dryer-Ready to Occupy ..... $ 29,500
TYLER.....Large Home w/Hardwood Floors: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Has Extra Building-Zoned Light Industrial ... $ 28,000
LORAINE.....Investment Potential: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Fresh Carpet and Paint ..... $ 26,500
BRUNSON.....Investment or Beginner: 1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Call to See ..... $ 25,000
BRUNSON.....Investment Potential: 1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Poss. Starter ..... $ 25,000
STONEWALL.....Investment or Starter: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Choose Your Possibility ..... $ 13,000
BOULDER....Four Fairmont Condos: Each = 1 bd-1 ba-2 liv-Perfect for Single/Couple/Investor ..... $ 11,000 ea

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SUBURBAN LISTINGS

W. CO RD 58...Paces Acres: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Amenities Galore-Morris Bit-Brick Stall-Riding Arena .. $ 272,900
N. CO RD 1130....Must See! 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Apprx 4 ac-Shop w/Guest Qtrs-HOME WARRANTY ... $ 185,000
N. HWY 349.....Super Property: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Large Barn & Wrkshop-Apprx 10.6 acres ..... $ 180,000
S CO RD 1185.....Storage! 3 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Apprx 24x24 liv + 22x22 Plymn-Shp w/3 O.H. Doors ..... $ 125,000
MORRIS (Odessa)...Split Level: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Horse Stalls-Tackroom-RV Barn-Apprx 1.6 Acre ..... $ 97,000
E. CO RD 110.....Ready for Horses: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Barn-Stalls-ArenaTraining Pen-More ! ..... $ 96,000
ROBIN (Odessa)...Great Remodel: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Appox 12x24 Portable Storage w/AC-2 Storage Barns .. $ 85,000
TATTENHAM....Quiet Street: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Apprx 2700 sqft Divided Workshop/Garage/Office/Barn ... $ 79,500
N. ASTER (Gardendale).....Cute Modular Built '97: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Apprx 3.67 Acres ..... $ 79,000
E. CO RD 127.....Your Country Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 2 ac-Fresh Paint-2 Patios-Horse Stalls .. $ 72,500
W. CO RD 121 ..... UNDER CONTRACT
FRANCIS (Odessa).....Nice: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Study-Kennels for Business Opportunity, Too! ..... $ 59,900
W. CO RD 118....Yr-Round Insulated/Wired Wrkshp: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Mob.Home-Apprx 1.84 Ac ... $ 44,500
W. CO RD 119....Livestock OK Here: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 1.26 Ac Fenced-3 Out-Buildings ..... $ 28,000

LOTS & LAND

DORIS (Odessa) ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 1,200
Res.Rural Lot-Apprx .46 ac-Horses & Mobile Home OK
W. CO RD 1127 ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 3,500 ea
Two Rural Lots - Each Apprx 1 Ac - No Mobile Homes!
SPACE 104-B.....Eternal Light Mausoleum Space @ Resthaven ..... $ 4,000
S. CO RD 1208.....Apprx 1 Acre-Mobile Home OK-Ask About Owner Financing-Apprx 208' Frontage ..... $ 4,000
MARK LN.....Two Lots-Can Build Attached Townhomes-Apprx 37'x100' each ..... $ 4,500 ea
S. CO RD 1187 & CO RD 90.....Greenwood Corner Lot-Apprx .998 Ac-No Mobile Homes ..... $ 4,995
FLOYD CT.....One Res. Lot/Fairway Park/70' Frontage per MCAD ..... $ 5,000
S. CO RD 1210.....Apprx 1 Acre-Mobile Home OK-Ask About Owner Financing-Apprx 208' Frontage ..... $ 6,000
SANTA CRUZ (Odessa).....Zoned Res or Multi-Fam/Apprx 62' Frontage ..... $ 6,800
W. 87th (Odessa).....One Res. Golf Course Lot ..... $ 8,000
S. CO RD 108.....Corner Lot behind Greenwood School-Apprx .5 Acre-Great Access ..... $ 8,000
S. CO RD 1122.....20 Lots in Super New Subdivision-Resta Ranch Estates-Pick Yours Today! ... $ 10,000 ac
S. CO RD 1198....8 lots in Southland Hill Addtn ready to develop-May sell together or as package ... $ 16,000 ea
S. CO RD 1195.....Water Well on Property - Ready to develop-Southland Hills Addition ..... $ 12,000
W. CO RD 133 (Odessa).....Ridgewood Subdivision-Apprx .66 Ac ..... $ 19,500
S. CO RD 1218....Apprx 10+Ac-Horses OK-No Mob.Homes-Deed Restricted to Min.1200 Sq.Ft.Home ... $ 25,000
S. CO RD 1218....Apprx 10+Ac-Horses OK-No Mob.Homes-Deed Restricted to Min.1200 Sq.Ft.Home ... $ 25,000
I-20.....22+ Acres-Prime I-20 Frontage ..... $ 385,000
COWDEN ADDN.....10 Lots in 1200 Block of Keith-To be Sold as Package-Land Only ..... $ 400,000
PARKLEA ADDN.....12 Lots in 200 Block of Circle Drive - Zoned Light Retail ..... $ 450,000
E. LOOP 250 N.....Apprx 640Ac - Develop for Country Estates ..... $ 1,248,000

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JASMINE ..... I-20 Accessible - Zoned IPI ..... $ 10,000
HUMBLE.....Two Lots-50' Frontage each-Zoned MF-May be sold Separately! ..... $ 12,000
JASMINE ..... Great I-20 Access - Zoned IPI ..... $ 25,000
N. MAIN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
ANDREWS HWY.....6 Rooms + Kitchen-Could be DayCare, Office or Light Industrial ..... $ 65,000
BILLINGSLEY.....Planned for Storage Facilities-RV Parking-Approx .87 Acre ..... $ 87,500
ANDREWS HWY....Hot Corner Location - Near Hospital - High Visibility & Traffic Count - Ideal for Drive-Thru ... $ 89,000
N. MAIN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
MICHIGAN.....Perfect for Dr.Office-12 Rooms-3 Baths-2 Multi-Use Rooms-Fireplace ..... $ 160,000
ANDREWS HWY (Odessa)...Retail Auto Service Center-Ready to Use-Six 12x30' Front Bays-47x120' Side Str ... $ 225,000
INDUSTRIAL LOOP....Industrial Manufacturing Facility-1 High/6 Low Bays-Office-Warehouse w/Loading Ramps-Rail Spur .. $ 799,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

TOM CANTON
CRISTA LN.....Ready For You! 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Lots of Extras-In Crestgate ..... $ 129,900

ROBERT GRAHAM
CRANSTON PL.....Great Plan: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Front Shutters/Both Miniblinds-Hydromulch ... $ 229,900

MIKE JACKSON
CLAYTON CT.....Wonderful Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq.Master Suite w/Jacuzzi ..... $ 134,900

WHITEHEAD CONSTRUCTION
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan ..... $ 139,900
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan ..... $ 142,950
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow ..... $ 137,950
CASPER.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR ..... $ 86,000
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Private Bedroom is Large ..... $ 79,500
RIO GRANDE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan ..... $ 86,000
CASPER.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 86,000
FLOYD.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now ..... $ 83,900
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Your Amenities ..... $ 79,500
TREVINO.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 78,500
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bdrm ..... $ 76,400
RIO GRANDE.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available ..... $ 75,500
TREVINO.....New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great for Retirees ..... $ 75,000
CASPER.....By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors ..... $ 72,800
SPENCE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan ..... $ 72,800
GRAHAM.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours ..... $ 70,200
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1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

3006 Mesa Av - $113,900
3 bd - 3 ba - 2 liv - 2 gar
Could be 4 bd + 2 liv areas
Low Maintenance Townhome

1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

2215 Cimmaron - $69,900
3 bd - 2 ba - 2 liv - 2 gar
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3702 W. Ohio - $69,500
3 bd - 2 ba - 1 liv - 2 gar
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2404 Camarie - $87,000
3 bd - 2 ba - 2 liv - 2 gar
Wonderful/Open/Light/Bright
Walk-In Closets in Bdrms
Alarm System/Storm Windows

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

2408 Bellechasse - $99,900
3 bd - 2 ba - 1 liv - 2 gar
All Bedrooms are Large
Great Storage Throughout
Recently Replaced Cooktop

2:15 - 3:30 P.M.

6213 Sequoia - $119,900
$1500 Flooring Allowance &
Home Warranty Transfers
3 bd - 2.5 ba - 2 liv - 2 gar
Good Floor Plan/Super Drive-up

3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

3315 Whittle Way - $113,500
4 bd - 2 ba - 1 liv - 2 gar
Beautiful - Open - Bright
Large Kitchen/Breakast Area
AON Home Warranty at Closing

3:00 - 4:30 P.M.

6000 Brunswick - $96,000
3 bd - 2 ba - 1 liv - 2 gar
$3000 Buyer Incentive
Oversized Master Suite
Recently Replaced Roofing

3505 Dentcrest - $86,900
3 bd - 2 ba - 1 liv - 2 gar
Gorgeous - Cozy - Warm
Move-In Ready Condition
Home Warranty at Closing

NEW LISTINGS

5011 Castleford Rd - $134,900: Light/Bright Flowing Plan. This 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2 living area home has lots of storage and a huge kitchen. Den could be a gameroom. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200/evening 697-4434.

2100 Wadley Av #10 - $80,500: Beautiful Ground Floor Condo. This 2 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2 living area home includes all appliances. Call Mary Lynn Parsley, 570-8200/evening 683-7070.

6505 Hillcrest - $169,900: Wonderful Floorplan. Light, bright 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2 living area home great storage, a big kitchen with an island, beautiful yard and a study off the master. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200/evening 697-4434.

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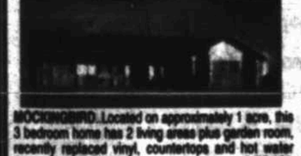
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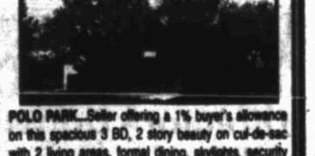
MOCKINGBIRD...Located on approximately 1 acre, this 3 bedroom home has 2 living areas plus garden room, recently replaced vinyl, countertops and hot water heater. Workshop in back $110,000

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Pecan Acres.....$319,900
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3 bd, 2 bath, darling home w/soaring ceilings and walls of windows. Victoria 689-4800.
Culver.....$77,900
2 living areas, formal dining, will lease. Call Clemmie.
Lanham.....$75,900
Pretty townhouse. Call Clemmie.
Gulf Ln.....$75,000
Tile entry, recent dishwasher, 2 car garage. LA w/fireplace. Call Shari, 742-2819 pgr.
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4823 Laura.....Big Reduction $72,000
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3912 Roosevelt.....
Wonderful update, super kitchen, spacious, 1 1/2 BA. Clayton 682-9494.
Louisiana-Trees Galore!.....Reduced! $72,500
3BR, 2BA, 2LA home. New carpet, ... Pine, 682-0662.
1004 Bonham-"Pretty" New Listing.....$71,500
This has everything - too pretty for words - joyce brickey 682-3191.
Providence-New Price.....$69,900
Great Price! 3br/2ba/2c gar. Workshop. Cute! Cute! Call Sam or Jane 699-2163.
4416 Haner.....$68,900
Nice home in Odessa - Call Clemmie.
Abbey-Quiet cul-de-sac-3 BDRMS.....$68,900
Open plan. Call Jo.
Newly-Updated...woodmidland.com.....$68,900
Huge LA, FD, Fabulous. Ask for Larry & Debbie 684-0369.
Epperson.....$68,000
3BR/2BA, Seq. master, office, enclosed porch. Call Anita.
W. Co. Rd. 92.....Reduced to $66,000
Quiet 3/2/1LA, 2 story w/acreage.
Shell.....$67,900
Nice 3BR house, updating, corner lot, 2LA, & ceramic tile. Chris, 567-6200 pgr.
3228 Cimmaron-Recent Tile.....$65,000
Clean, Clean! 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 LA, 2 car garage. Call Sam or Jane 699-2163.
305 W. 3rd-Land 100 AC. 70 AC Cleaned. 30 AC in Oak Trees.....$63,000
3BR, 2BA, 2LA, 2GA, Large storage shed.
3606 Monclave...www.victoriaprintz.com.....$62,500
3/2, Fabulous TH. Victoria 689-4800.
Harvard.....$62,500
Handyman special, 3BR, 1BA home w/new paint. Choice Old Midland location. Norma Pine, 682-0662.
Elmo-Light & Bright...woodmidland.com.....$62,500
Darling! Lots of cabinets - great closets. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.
Lamesa, Tx.....$62,500
4 bed, efficiency syst., studio, 3 stg. bldg. Ruth Young 697-1217.
LaSalle Circle.....$61,500
Great 1st time buyer home. Formal dining. Recent carpet, paint, and vinyl.
1404 Pueblo...www.victoriaprintz.com.....$59,900
3/2/2 w/seq. master, vaulted ceilings, special landscaping & lots of updates! Victoria 689-4800.
Storey.....Too Cute.....Reduced $58,900
Story book home. 3BR, 2BA, 2 LA, hardwood floors. Call Jane or Sam 699-2163.
4322 Bedford.....Reduced Again $58,450
3 BR, 2BA, Lots of new WORKSHOP. Alice Howard 694-3040.
Miller...Over 1700 sq. ft.-Great Bargain.....Only $58,000
Pretty carpet, tiles, pretty home; Fairway Park, call joyce brickey 682-3191.
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3BR, 2BA, 2LA. Stone fireplace in den. Much TLC! Call Norma Pine 682-0662.
4621 Thomason...www.victoriaprintz.com.....Reduced $57,900
4 bd, 3 baths, seq. master & guest, double fireplace. 2 car garage, circle drive! Victoria 689-4800.
4817 Ric Dr.....$57,000
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Call Linda 520-5522.
4511 Pasadena...www.woodmidland.com.....W/C.....$56,000
Darling! Super den w/FD, light & bright. Call for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.
320 Willowood.....Under $1800 Total Move-In!.....Reduced $55,900
3 bd, 2 bath, updated, 2 car garage, recent paint, French doors, tile! Victoria 689-4800.
Woodcrest-New Listing.....$55,300
Fresh paint, FP, sprinkler, berber carpet. joyce brickey 682-3191.
4300 Parkdale.....
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas. Call Linda 520-5522.
Denton-New Listing.....$55,000
Newer 3BR, 2BA, 2 garage. decor allowance.
Illinois.....$54,900
3BR, 2BA - all brick in nice location. Call Gloria, 563-2732.
300 Kessler.....$54,900
3 bed, 2 ba., sprinkler System. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444.
Roosevelt.....$54,900
3 BD, 2 BA with a fresh makeover. Clayton 682-9494.
Melton Alley.....woodmidland.com.....$54,500
Superb! Tiled kitchen, loads of storage! Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.
104 N. Bentwood-New Listing!.....$54,000
Lots of updating, very cute. big yard!
4603 Crenshaw.....$54,000
Cute, Clean, Ready to Own! Call Cheryl 689-4800.
Princeton.....Reduced $53,500
Low Down, Low Payments. Adorable. Call Chris, 567-6200 pgr.
5125 W. Illinois.....$53,000
3BR, 2BA nice brick home, good location. Call Gloria Valdez Farmer.
1506 Pueblo...www.victoriaprintz.com.....$52,900
Darling 3 bd, 2 bath w/tons of updates! Excellent condition. 349 Ranch Estates. Victoria 689-4800.
5200 Thomason...www.victoriaprintz.com.....$52,900
Updates everywhere include tile & cabinets! 3 bd, 2 bath, 2 living, large utility too! Victoria 689-4800
Melton Alley.....woodmidland.com.....$52,500
Fantastic! Brick floors, sep. tub/shower. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.
Bedford-$1,000 to Buyers.....Price Reduced $52,000
3 bedroom, 2 bath, wood deck. Call ... pgr. 742-2819.
Humble.....
3 bdr, 2 bath, large living area. Tall ceilings. Call Deborah 520-2112.
Humble.....$50,000
Great 3BR, 2BA, 2LA home on corner of Midland Dr./Humble. Call Linda, 520-5522.
Thornridge-Sooo Special.....Reduced $49,900
3/4BR, FP, water well, pretty house. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.
4404 Anetta.....$49,900
Neat 3 bed, 2 living & 2 large storage sheds. Call Lavonne 694-0444.
Odessa-Halifax.....$49,000
3/2, 1 car garage. cute! Call Anita 694-5255.
Illinois.....Reduced $48,000
3BR, 2BA, nice brick home with new carpet & paint. Call Gloria, 563-2732.
2805 Kessler.....$48,000
Completely refurbished! 3 BD, 1.5BA. Call Alice Howard 694-3040.
Parkdale.....$45,700
Updated, 2 living areas, 2 car garage. Call Clemmie.
3200 Mariana...www.victoriaprintz.com...Owner Finance!.....$45,000
3 bd, 2 bath, updated kitchen w/fireplace! Guest house w/1bd, 1bath, 1 garage. Victoria 689-4800
Avondale.....$45,000
Cute & Cozy 3BR, 1.5BA.
Odessa-Santa Rosa.....$44,900
3BR's, 1LA, 1.5 baths, fresh updates. Call Cheryl 689-4800.
Brooks Dr.....W/C.....$44,500
Cute 3 BR, 1.5 bath with fireplace, ... and lg. dining area. Call Anita.
Parkdale.....SOLD.....$40,000
Bona Fide Bargain! Call Lisa Kelly ...
Main.....$40,000
2BR, remodeled BA, Lg. 2 car garage & Wash. Apt. in back.
4715 Erie...www.victoriaprintz.com.....Reduced! $39,900
Nice 3/2 w/berber carpet, formal dining, ref. AC, recent paint & 1 garage! Victoria 689-4800.
Roosevelt-Some Updating.....$39,900
3 bed, 1 1/2 baths. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.
Devonian.....Reduced $38,900
$4,000 allowance for central air, carpet. Call Shari, 742-2819 pgr.
3011 Roosevelt-NEEDS work & new Owner!.....$37,500
Bargain 3BRs, 1.5BAs, new central heat & air. Chris Beckett 567-6200p.
3008 W. Ohio.....Reduced $36,000
Lge. older home, pretty hardwood floors. Call Clemmie.
4617 Storey...www.victoriaprintz.com.....Reduced $35,000
Nicely updated! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 living, 1 garage & enclosed patio. Victoria 689-4800.
1413 E. Parker...www.victoriaprintz.com.....$35,000
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4415 Erie...www.victoriaprintz.com...Owner Finance!.....$34,900
Fresh paint! New flooring! 3 bed, 2 baths & 2 living areas! Corner lot! Victoria 689-4800.
4206 Pasadena.....www.woodmidland.com.....$34,500
Cute! Nice carpet, lg. den, light & bright! 1 CG, sprinkler. Larry/Debbie 888-254-5613.
4700 Crockett.....$32,000
Very nice 3 BR on corner lot.
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Parklane.....$29,900
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3BR, 1BA w/2 lots. See it w/Lisa Kelly, 684-3912.
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1BR, 1BA, Duplex w/water well. See it w/Lisa Kelly, 684-3912.
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2 bedrooms TH. Great investment opportunity! Jody Smith 694-9426.
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MLS #28405
3211 S. Co. Rd. 1118.....$297,000
Supreme horse farm. Unlike no other! Call Caleb.
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5 BR, 3 BA plus guest house, barn, horse stalls, dog kennel, 2-stock ponds. Call Sam.
Co. Rd. 84-Saddle Club Ranch.....$294,500
4 bedrooms, 6.5 Acres, Workshop.
WCR 150 & SCR 1295-Attention Developers!.....$224,000
Approx. 64 acres off I-20 and FM 1788. Shari Hamilton 742-2819 pgr.
Orleans.....$199,000
2 acres, 4BR, 2BA, 3 car garage, 2 water wells. Call Ruth Young 697-1217.
4301 N. Co. Rd. 1303.....$168,000
3 bedrooms, basement, 2 AC. Call Clemmie.
Pilot.....$155,000
Prime Airport central location. Income producing property. Gloria Farmer 563-2732.
Office Building in Central Business District.....$150,000
Approximately 9,742 square feet with parking.
917 Carol Lane.....See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com.....$128,000
MLS #27934
700 North Loop 250 West.....$120,000
Approx. 19.94 Acres on Loop 250 West. Partial C-3 Zoning.
4908 Rustic Tr.-Green Tree Rental.....$120,000
6 lots for sale, owner will also build, call Norma Pine for more details 682-0662.
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3 liv. areas, in-ground pool, storage sheds, call Clemmie.
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MLS #27764
2905 S. Co. Rd. 1083.....$107,500
New Construction in Greenwood, call Clemmie.
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3407 DOUGLAS 65,000

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1-2:30

4308 CRESTMONT Amy Johnson 82,500
Best buy on the block. 3/2 with bonus room that could be 4th BR. Great home, location.

5115 GREEN TREE BLVD. Laura Manulik 149,900
Smashing home on golf course. Better than new. Seller will pay closing costs.

1800 HUMBLE Danny Norwood 159,900
Wonderful new listing in Old Midland w/tons of space, room and updates!

2014 SINCLAIR Patti Wallace 219,000
Like new in Old Midland neighborhood. Totally remodeled 4BR/3BA.

OPEN 1-3

2611 DENGAR Martha Manulik 94,900
Incredibly spacious 4BR w/lots of extras in Fannin area. Will consider lease.

OPEN 1:30-3

5003 HIGHLAND BLVD. Pam Messer 119,900
4BR/2.5BA. Modern design w/many amenities, neutral decor. 3% incentive.

OPEN 2-3

3001 GULF Betty Ford 85,000
Fantastic 3/3/2, 2LA, hot tub in MaMar.

2209 HARVARD Fran Billingsley 174,500
About 4000 sq. ft. in this Old Midland home. Large living areas, 4/3, sparkling pool.

OPEN 2-3:30

305 OXFORD Sharon Hyde 68,900
Lovely 3/2 w/cathedral ceiling in den. Located on quiet street. Great area.

OPEN 2-4

3002 MEADOWBROOK Dana Chandler 124,500
PERFECTION! Updated 4BR/2.5BA/2LA, side yard for pool or workshop.

OPEN 2-4 (CONT.)

2503 SINCLAIR Joanne Langston 199,935
Luxurious townhome w/pool, formals, study. 3BR/4BA. Perfect everywhere!

5602 FENWAY Joanne Langston 223,000
The most gorgeous TH on the market! 3BR/2.5BA, formal + den (off Wadley, N. of Abell Jr. Ht)

OPEN 2:45-4

3904 CONROE CT. Danny Norwood 76,500
Wonderful new terrific listing in "Northgate" w/all the updating done for you! You'll love it!

OPEN 2-5

3101 LOCKHEED Joanne Langston 129,900
Lease option possibilities on this totally remodeled beauty! Nearly 3000 sq. ft. Pool!

OPEN 3-4:30

2404 LOCKHEED Amy Johnson 72,000
Located in Old Midland! Lovely 3BR/2BA/2LA. Set different on lot to provide for more yd.

1202 WHITNEY DR. Betty Ford 68,500
Lots of new, roof, interior and exterior paint, carpet, ceiling fans and fence. 3/2/2LA.

2411 SHELL Patti Wallace 139,900
This one shines! 4BR/2BA/3LA plus office/computer room.

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SADDLE CLUB ESTATES-Incredible space, style, appointments. 5BR/6BA, formals + study + den + playroom. Gorgeous newer pool, lavish landscaping and trees. Owner Agent 650,000
COUNTRY CLUB-The ultimate custom home in "Old Midland" - wonderful updating, fabulous yard 555,000
WINCHESTER CT-Incredible TH - indoor pool in fabulous living area; 4BR/6BA; MBR w/library, stunning studio, office, 3FP, 5 garages, absolutely wonderful 495,000
ISLAND CIRCLE-Super location, great plan, lovely decor, wonderful amenities, sparkling pool 475,000
FAIRWOOD-Absolutely stunning 5/4/3 with 3-car garage and 3FP's. Pool & the list goes on! Wonderful 469,000
LAZYWOOD LANE-A special world of Southern charm, private gardens, beautiful terraces, brick floors, French doors, elegant moldings. 4BR/3.5BA, formals, garden room, den, incredible setting on 1 1/3 acres 459,000
RACQUET CLUB-Stunning Frank Welch architecture, 4BR/5BA, formals, walnut study, gameroom, pool, ... 435,000
SINCLAIR-2 story Warwick beauty. 4/3.5/2LA + study, custom gourmet kitchen, sparkling pool, paddle tennis court 399,500
TATTENHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mkt! 5BR/6BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality. Owner Agent 395,000
SEABOARD-Gracious 2-story charmer, 5-6BR, formals, den, garden room, playroom, pool 395,000
SADDLE CLUB TH-Large, livable, beautifully decorated. High ceilings, pool, fabulous guest house 339,950
DOUGLAS-Completely remodeled in Old Midland! Fabulous 3BR w/bonus room & exquisite decor 339,000
BEDFORD-Fabulous Old Midland location w/wonderful new construction. Best of both worlds! 335,000
RUSTIC TRAIL-Gorgeous in Greentree! 4/3/2 with sparkling pool, quality amenities and beautiful decor! 299,000
COUNTRY CLUB-Old Midland colorful, comfy home, large 6BR/5BA/2LA, 2-story w/pool, 10,000 paint allow 295,000
CRESCENT PLACE-Fabulous Crescent Place home with great space, wonderful updating, sparkling pool 295,000
BAYBROOK CMP-4BR/3+BA, gourmet kitchen, seq. master, Bill Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you! 278,000
HIALEAH-Gracious home in Saddle Club Estates. Lovely yard & pool, excellent plan, much updating 265,000
BOYD-Lots of charm & character in this 4BR home. Remodeled master bedroom and baths, French doors & more 259,900

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RUSTIC TRAIL CMP-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA/3 garage and 3 super living areas plus newer pool, gorgeous golf course view, could be 5BR, new paint 229,000
TEAKWOOD TRACE-Fabulous contemporary 2-story w/enormous bonus room, 3-car garage, lots of amen 225,000
BOYD-Lots of charm and character in this 4BR home. Remodeled master BR's and bath. French doors and more 225,000
BASSWOOD-Huge 2-story in Green Tree. 4BR/3.5BA. Enormous den w/wet bar. Very large rooms 224,000
FENWAY CMP-Exquisite patio home. Extraordinary quality, amenities, decorating. Fabulous 3BR/2.5BA/2LA/2GA Plan 223,000
SINCLAIR-TOTALLY remodeled in fabulous Old Midland neighborhood 4/3/2 lots of trees, great drive-up 219,000
BAYBROOK-Like new custom, gorgeous everywhere, incredible landscaping, best buy in Mockingbird 215,000
OAKLAWN-Wonderful Oaklawn TH - beautiful area, great plan, very well maintained - bonus room 210,000
LOCKHEED-Gorgeous 4BR in lovely Old w/beautiful pool 205,000
SHELL-Owner/Agent. MaMar. Smashing 3BR/4BA, heated pool. French door/windows, sub-zero 205,000

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NEW LISTINGS	30
TRANSACTIONS UNDER CONTRACT	40
TRANSACTIONS CLOSED	21
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	91

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SINCLAIR CMP-Outstanding TH, luxurious mstr w/2BA, gorgeous formals, den, hi ceilings, lush landscaping, pool 199,935
CHERRYWOOD-Simply beautiful 4BR/3BA with gorgeous pecan cabinets and granite island 199,900
DREXEL CMP-Fabulous 2 story in Grassland 195,900
CRANSTON-Beautiful new construction - great price, loaded w/super features 195,000
WEDGEWOOD-Spacious 4BR/3BA in Trinity Estates. Wet bar, huge yard, priced below appraisal 193,500
S L-Super 4BR plus lovely apartment for in-laws. All in Old Midland 190,000
LOS ALAMITOS-Smashing custom built 4/3.5/3. This is a beautiful, spacious home. Don't miss it 188,500
HIGHLAND-Super 4/3/3 Grassland beauty! Light, bright, very spacious and only 2 yr. old 184,500
YSLETA-Beautiful setting in Mission Country Club, spacious 3 BR/3LA, nice pool 183,500
SPRING MEADOW-Exciting, luxury TH under construction in Meadow Park 183,500
SPRING MEADOW-Versatile, luxurious new construction TH by Gilbert Bates 183,500
COUNTRY CLUB-Great Old Midland location, pretty landscaping, 3BR + 2BR guest house 179,000
HARVARD-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA, sparkling pool in Old Midland, family or entertaining home 174,500
HEREFORD-Graham resale in Grassland. Great yard & location 169,900
SHELL-Wonderful neighborhood! 4/3 with 3LAs and shop. Pretty yards! 169,500
DRIFTWOOD-Victorian charm in Green Tree Country Club. 4BR/3.5BA/2LA 169,000
HEATHER-Saddle Club-2 story contemporary 4BR w/dynamite good looks 168,000
OAKLAWN-Oaklawn Park TH. 2BR/2BA w/23 x 15 hobby or home office. Offers please 167,500
RIDGEMONT-Great floor plan on corner lot in Grassland Estates 164,900
COMMUNITY LANE-Beautiful 4BR. Separate guest quarters. Old Midland 164,500
HUMBLE CMP-Fabulous 4 BR in Fannin. Loads of sq ft, move-in condition, beautiful master suite 163,000
HUMBLE-Old Midland charmer w/tons of updates, space, storage, plus a gleaming swimming pool 159,900
TEAKWOOD TRACE CMP-Teakwood beauty on golf course 4BR/2BA 2-story 159,500
DRIFTWOOD-Smashing 3BR w/3LA + garden room on Green Tree golf course 153,900
RICHMOND-Great location in Polo Park, beautiful home with security system, marble fireplace 4BR 153,000
BOYD-Beautiful & affordable 4BR in coveted Warwick Addition 152,000
TERRA CT.-Stunning 4BR/3BA with many custom features 150,500
HUMBLE-Updated and impeccable 4/3 w/2LA and gorgeous landscaping 150,000
GREEN TREE-2% buyer incentive. Better than new, spacious 2-story TH, bedrooms upstairs. Everything updated 149,900
CROWLEY-4BR w/workshop, large master BR/BA, light & bright arched windows, 3-car garage 149,900
KNIGHTS PLACE-Outstanding 4BR in Polo w/exceptional landscaping in large yard 149,500
GRASSLAND-Lots of light, spacious rooms, super kitchen, whirlpool in MBR 145,000
MEADOWPARK-Really nice 4BR in popular Meadowpark. Great plan, pretty decor, many extras 144,900
PARKHURST-Gorgeous quality built 4BR on quiet cul-de-sac 143,000
NORMANDY-Terrific Polo Park 4BR with wonderful "teen retreat" room! 141,900
SINCLAIR-You'll feel right at home. Almost 3500 sq ft! 3BR/2BA/3LA. Immaculate! 140,000
KESWICK-Your new home is here! 4BR/2.5BA, open kitchen w/island and breakfast bar 140,000
STOREY CMP-Well maintained and nicely updated home in great neighborhood in Old Midland 139,900
SHELL-Perfectly maintained 4/2 w/3 living and office in Fannin area, super updates 139,900
HIGHLAND-Like new 4BR/2.5BA in Grassland w/large rooms, great entertainment plan. Seq. master 139,900
STONELEIGH-Beautiful Polo Park 4BR w/3-car garage 138,000
GARFIELD-Move right into this smashing TH, stunning decorator furniture included! Gorgeous pool 137,500
HEATHER-What a find! Immaculate, charming, so spacious, great price! 4BR/3BA, den, garden room 135,250
SINCLAIR-Stunning and spacious 3BR/2BA/3LA + office in Fannin area. Great corner lot w/RV parking 130,000
LOCKHEED-Extra special and spacious 3BR/2LA w/fabulous yard, beautifully maintained 130,000
LOCKHEED-Recently remodeled Old Midland with pool 129,900
SHELL-4BR in Fannin, great neighborhood, nice landscaping 128,000
BEDFORD-Wow! Old Midland 4BR w/brand new look! See today 126,000
COUNTRY CLUB-Light, bright, happy! Super updates w/hardwood floors, master bath w/spa tub & skylight 125,000
LANCASHIRE-Simply superb! Beautiful decor, lush lndscp, 4/3, fab kitchen, cabinets galore, great price 125,000
AUBURN CMP-Lighted trees, quiet cul-de-sac location, nicely appointed, spacious 4BR, very roomy lot 125,000
MAMAR-Fabulous home plus a great room for studio or in-law quarters. The possibilities are endless 124,900
STUTZ-Like new from top to bottom! A great 4/3 with swimming pool 124,900
MEADOWBROOK-Mint condition! 4BR/2LA/2.5BA, side yard, 1 yr best warranty, sprinkler, GDO, fans 124,500
CRESTRIDGE-Spacious 4BR in Crestgate. 3 living areas (pool table sized playroom) 122,900
SENTINEL-Fabulous home nestled in Old Midland w/sparkling in-ground pool. Remodeled beyond belief 120,000
SHANDON-Fabulous 5BR/3BA/2LA. Lots of tile, super kitchen 119,900
HIGHLAND-Gorgeous Grassland 4BR/2.5BA 119,900
ARROYO-Townhouse type. 3BR/3BA, high ceilings, huge master and bath 119,900
WESTMINSTER-Wonderfully different plan, gorgeous pool & terrace, humongous closets, 2LA/3BR/2.5BA 119,500
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National Pie Day



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Butternut Brownie Pie.

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Pie makers meet for cooking showdown

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

One full calender week before the big football showdown — otherwise known as the Super Bowl — people from all over the country are meeting in Orlando, Fla., for the ultimate head-to-head competition.

Years of studying and practicing, successes and failures have come down to one signal day in January. One will go home the champion while countless others will just go home.

It is the National Pie Championships hosted by the American Pie Council. If you think these are a bunch of Susie Homemaking Donna Reeds, think again. These are simply the best pie makers in the country who are passionate and knowledgeable about the art of making pie.

The championships are in conjunction with National Pie Day on Jan. 23, which was the brainchild of Charlie Papazian, president of the Small Micro Brewery Association, and John Lehndorff, food editor of the Boulder (Colo.) Daily Camera.

Lehndorff said they are the type of guys who would have pie on their birthdays instead of cake. One day they decided that there should be an American holiday to honor the American Pie.

"We felt that the art of pie making was being lost," Lehndorff said. "The art used to be passed down through the generations, but that is being lost."

With the official holiday, Lehndorff said he hopes to see the art of pie making take root in America once again. Lehndorff encourages those who can make a pie to make one, and those who can *really* make a pie to show someone how.

"I think America would be better place if we all had pie for breakfast," Lehndorff said. "I grew up in New England and mom was a huge pie maker. I moved to Colorado and worked as a baker for many years, so I have always had a love for pies.

"I think pie is one of the few foods you can say is generally American. We didn't make pie, but we made it our own. We don't say, 'As American as spaghetti.' We say, 'As American as apple pie.' "

Lehndorff said he has a simple solution to keep pie making from becoming a lost art in Texas.

"In Texas you probably have thousands of grandmothers who have made millions of pies," he said. "If they are sitting around feeling useless, I think a good governor would get those grandmothers in the schools and teach the children how to make pies."

Lehndorff said in past during National Pie Day, festivities have included pie festivals, pie-throwing contests (which Lehndorff frowns on because he said pies should be eaten, not thrown) and the National Pie Contest.

It may not sound like a major event, nor will it be on ESPN anytime soon, but the people who compete in the contest are dead-serious about pie baking.

The contest attracts pie makers and pie eaters from all across the country who hope to walk away with a first prize ribbon — or a slice from the first-place pie.

The short list of front runners for the coveted Best of Show ribbon come from different parts of the country, specialize in different kinds of pies and have different ideas about the best way to make pies.

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Susan Gills of Boulder, Colo., comes to the 2000 National Pie Day Contest with 1998 and 1999 Best of Show awards under her belt.

Ms. Gill, who specializes in fruit pies, won her Best of Show honors for her apple pie and her rhubarb-strawberry-raspberry pie. She said she learned how to make pies from her grandmother in the 1960s.

"My grandmother taught me with lard, scooping flour and stuff by feel," Ms. Gills said. "I always enjoyed making them, and my family enjoyed eating them. I have made pie for 20 years and my favorite was a concord grape pie."

Ms. Gills entered a local contest in Boulder and won a $50 gift certificate to a cooking school. She said she learned more and more about what people liked in their pies.

"I asked people what judges look for in an apple pie and they said they wanted one that tasted like apples, so that is what I made," Ms. Gills said.

She said people are afraid of making a crust, which she said she can understand. However, she said if people would just trust their recipes and follow them carefully, the crust should turn out fine.

The following is the Ms. Gills' Best of Show 1998 National Pie Championships Pie recipe:

RHUBARB-STRAWBERRY-RASPBERRY PIE

FILLING:
1 cups strawberries, cut in half or quarters
1 cup raspberries
2 cups rhubarb, cut into 1/2 inches pieces
3/4 cups sugar
1/3 cup flour
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon lemon juice

PASTRY:
2/3 cup shortening
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
4 tablespoons ice cold water
Sugar

To make filling: Mix sugar and flour. Add to fruits. Refrigerate overnight. Just before adding to pan, add melted butter and lemon juice.

To make pastry: Mix flour and salt. Add fats; mix until texture is like course cornmeal. Take out 1/3 of mixture. Add water and form a paste. Put this back with the rest of the flour mixture and mix in. Form a ball. Let sit at least 20 minutes in refrigerator before rolling out. Divide in half. Roll out bottom crust and place in pie pan. Pour in filling. Roll out top crust an and place on top. Crimp edges. Brush lightly with half-and-half. Sprinkle lightly with sugar.

Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes, then turn the temperature down to 350 degrees. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes until the crust is golden brown.

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One woman who has a great chance at taking the crown of Best Pie Maker in America is Nikki Norman of Florida, who has entered a pie in every flavor for the 2000 national contest.

Ms. Norman has won every state contest in Florida and is ready for a national championship.

"I have won the pie contest in Florida State Fair and won the most blue ribbons, and one of my pies was picked as the Best in the State," Ms. Norman said. "I have many first-place ribbons and a grand championship."

Ms. Norman's passion for cooking is not limited to baking. She is a full-time volunteer and gives all her prize money to charity. She said she started cooking just for fun.

"I started reading cookbooks when I was 6 years old," Ms. Norman said. "I started out making fried pies before I got into the real ones."

Ms. Norman said the secret is in improving both the cook and the recipe. She said that cooking is like fashion — it changes all the time — and if someone wants to be on the cutting edge he or she has to get out there and learn.

Ms. Norman is not only on the cutting edge, she may as well *be* the edge. West 175, the group that puts on a number of cooking shows, hosted a nationwide amateur cooking contest. Ms. Norman won the contest, and is soon to be featured as a guest on a PBS cooking program.

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Rhubarb-Strawberry-Raspberry Pie.

Top 10 — or so — ways to celebrate National Pie Day

Staff Reports

The American Pie Council has offered its "Top 10 — or so" ways to celebrate National Pie Day.

1. **Eat pie.** Whether you make it yourself, buy it at a supermarket or bakery or order it at a restaurant, eat some pie on National Pie Day. Pie is great as breakfast, with lunch or dinner or as a late-night snack.

2. **Make pie.** Bake your favorite homemade pie on National Pie Day.

3. **Share pie.** If you make or buy a pie, share it. By its very nature, pie is meant to be eaten with others. Have a pie potluck with something in crust for every course.

4. **Teach pie-making.** Stage classes and demonstrations and samplings at stores and school. Invite seniors who KNOW pie to teach a class. If you don't know how to make pie, ask a pie maker to show you or attend a pie-making class.

5. **Hold a pie night.** Gather family and friends for a pie celebration. Everyone must bring one homemade pie for a pie buffet. There have been events where more than 100 folks come with 100 pies.

6. **Hold a pie-making contest.** Invite the best pie-makers in town to compete for prizes in various categories. Be sure to include the kids. Ask cooking teachers, pastry chefs and pie lovers to be judges. The APC will send you a sample of a pie judge's sheet; there is also one available at the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

7. **Hold a charity pie-throwing or pie-eating contest or a pie auction.** This could be used as a fund raiser for local charitable organization.

8. **Hold a pie sale and sampling.** An excellent opportunity for pie retailers and commercial bakers to introduce consumers to pie though National Pie Day sales and promotions. Bakeries can also donate pies to a pie raffle or pie auction. Restaurants should offer a pie sample plate or a free pie with a dinner on Jan. 23.

9. **Stage kids' pie activities.** Have kids compete in pie making, pie poetry and pie art contest. Show kids how to make pie and then serve it at lunch, preferable a la mode. Teach American and world history, math and science through pies.

10. **Pass along pie memories.** Our pie heritage is slowly fading away. Call older members of the family and ask them for pie recipes. Ask them to teach you how to make pies. Talk about your favorite pies and the family history behind them. Publish pie memories and recipes. Make pie often and serve them to the next generation.

11. **Eat more pie.** You can always have another slice, preferably warm and a la mode. And be sure to say, "Pie!" to everyone you meet.

12. **Do pie stuff.** Sing pie songs, read pie books, quote pie poems, make pie charts.

13. **Get more pie information.** Contact the American Pie Council, the only national organization devoted to eating, making, selling, promoting and enjoying pie.

Pie recipes to celebrate 'Pie Day' with

BUTTERNUT BROWNIE PIE

4 extra-large egg whites, at room temperature
1/8 teaspoon baking powder
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
14 graham cracker squares broken into 1/2-inch pieces
1 cup pecan pieces
1 cup whipping cream
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Chopped pecans

Heat oven to 300 degrees. Lightly grease 9-inch pie plate.

In large mixing bowl, beat egg whites and baking powder until soft peaks form. Add cream of tartar, beating constantly. Add 1 cup sugar, a tablespoon at a time, beating constantly until stiff peaks form. Using rubber scraper, fold in graham crackers and pecan pieces. Spoon into pie plate.

Bake 30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire cooling rack.

In chilled small bowl using chilled beaters, beat cream just until begins to thicken. Add remaining 1/4 cup sugar and vanilla and continue beating until peaks form. Do not overbeat. Top pie with whipped cream. Sprinkle with pecans and refrigerate until served. Makes one 9-inch pie.

TIPS:

- Separate eggs carefully. A single speck of yolk can prevent egg whites from forming stiff peaks. Eggs are easier to separate when cold.
- Allow egg whites to come to room temperature before beating. They'll beat up higher and lighter.

LEMON ICEBOX PIE

1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
4 extra-large eggs, separated
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (3 to 4 lemons)
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 (9-inch) graham cracker crust

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In medium bowl, combine milk, egg yolks, lemon juice and lemon peel. Mix until well blended. Pour into crust.

Bake 5 minutes. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add sugar, a tablespoon at a time, beating constantly until stiff peaks form. Spread over filling to edge

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Community Concerts opens new season

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

An evening of trumpet music entertained Community Concert members when they attended the first program of the new year recently in the Midland High School auditorium. Guest artist Joe Burgstaller's concert featured the influence of Mexico's memorable performer and composer, Rafael Mendez.



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With the genial stage presence of an M.C., Mr. Burgstaller related anecdotes about the late Mr. Mendez, who was born in Mexico into a large musical family. He began his trumpet career at the age of 5 with lessons from his father, a respected band leader. Mendez' childhood was a colorful one that saw him become the personal trumpeter of the famed Mexican bandit, Pancho Villa.

Flavors of Mexico echoed in "La Virgen de la Mararena," but the program included a wide range of folk and traditional selections. Mr. Burgstaller's talents were a delight to the audience as he demonstrated a range of techniques, from crisp staccato to slithering "blues" glissandos.

He graciously held a question and answer session with the audience following the program.

His accompanist for the evening was Katherine Faust of the University of North Texas Music Department in Denton.

The Community Concerts features outreach sessions with some of its guest artists, Mr. Burgstaller among them. He entertained and instructed 130 Greenwood students in David Fortenberry's band classes. The students were very receptive and appreciative of the opportunity to study with an artist of Mr. Burgstaller's status.

A few of those seen enjoying the Monday night concert were Shirley and John Moreland, Barbara and Bob Cox, Lynn and Earl Freeman, Jean and Bob Noah, Jean and Pat Thomas, Gloria and George Eng, Linda and Jack Evans, and Neva Rousselot.

A RECENT ISSUE of People magazine brought back memories for native Midlander Carolyn Sutton. A picture, taken in 1977, shows Carolyn with fashion designer Bill Blass at a charity event in Tulsa. It was one of several photos in a story about Mr. Blass's plans to retire from the fashion industry after a six-decade career.

Now a sales associate for Sam L. Majors Jewelers, Carolyn recalls those days. Modeling for Mr. Blass was one of the highlights of her acting and modeling career. "I modeled one Blass show a year over a 10-year period. I loved his designs, and he knew how to make you look your best. It was fortunate for me that he liked the way I wore his clothes," Carolyn says of the man who has been called "one of the most celebrated and influential men in American fashion."

"It's more like he is semiretired than completely out of the business," Carolyn says. "He is living the good life at his home in Connecticut. He likes to entertain and be entertained." A mild stroke last year made him decide to take life easier.

After retiring from her acting and modeling career, which included eight years as a runway model with the prestigious Kim Dawson Agency in Dallas, Carolyn spent some time in Maui before returning to her West Texas roots.

Today, much of Carolyn's free time is spent with the Midland Community Theatre, both onstage and off. She is currently in rehearsal for "The Music Man," in which she portrays one of the "pick-a-little" ladies. Her past acting credits include "Guys and Dolls," "Pirates of Pinzance," and "Nunsense Jamboree." "And I have the distinction of being the first female stage manager for the Summer Mummers," she tells us.

THE LOCAL ALUMNAE chapter of Alpha Chi Omega recently conducted a 50-year pinning ceremony for one of its members at the home of Patsy (Mrs. Michael) Hochman.

The honoree, Ann (Mrs. Donald) Wambaugh, was presented her badge by Patti (Mrs. Jim) Frizell, also a 50-year member, and she received a congratulatory letter from the Ohio State University chapter in which she was initiated on Nov. 1, 1949.

Other alumnae participating in the festivities included Julie Stevens, Brookie Green, Joan Rice, Pam Lookabaugh and Kris Ross.

THE MIDLAND CHI OMEGAS were the last of the local alumnae to hold their annual mother-daughter tea. It was hosted in early January at The Pottery by Raye Ann (Mrs. Boley) Embrey and Gretchen (Mrs. James) Bakke.

Among those enjoying the festivities were Gretchen's daughters, Harriet and Elysse Burrow, and her mother, Marilyn (Mrs. Bernold) Hanson, and Audrey (Mrs. Michel) Curry, president of the alumnae group, and her daughter, Katherine.

Also seen at the tea were Carol Ann (Mrs. Lynn) Hunt and her daughter, Terry Lynn; Nancy (Mrs. David) Holland and her daughter, Marcie; Jill (Mrs. Mark) Spannaus and her daughter, Lindsay; Sarah (Mrs. Henry) Calloway, Wanda (Mrs. Roy) Campbell, Beverly (Mrs. John) Philbeck, Jo (Mrs. Ken) Speed, Tish (Mrs. Steve) Deffenbaugh, Barbara (Mrs. Damon) Shupp, Nancy (Mrs. Vince) Johnson, Caroline (Mrs. John) Holmes, Emily (Mrs. David) Goodfellow, Barbra (Mrs. Trey) Grafa, Julia Vaughan and Schattie (Mrs. Charles) Tighe.

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Tips from great cooks for making great pie

From Staff Reports

The following is a list of tips from "1,001 Secrets of Great Cooks," by Jean Anderson (The Berkley Publishing Group: 1995), found at: http://food6.epicurious.com/e_eating/e02_secrets/index2.html.

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979. For a crustless quiche, butter a pie plate with 2-1/2 tablespoons butter, then cover with toasted bread crumbs, pressing them firmly into the butter. Chill well in the freezer, fill with your favorite quiche filling recipe, and bake as directed.

—Simone Beck, adapted from Food & Friends (Viking Penguin)

825. When making your next apple pie, try crumbling a little marzipan with the flour and butter. Omit the cinnamon and add a bit of lemon juice and zest.

—Jean Anderson

804. Try heightening the flavor of any lemon dessert (chess pie, cake, sorbet, ice cream) with lemon grass, lemon verbena, lemon geranium, or lavender.

—Jean Anderson

759. Sauté ground spices in oil to intensify their flavor or roast them briefly in a pie tin in a 350 degree oven.

—Conventional kitchen wisdom

739. Use leftover pie or tart pastry to make pastry cases for hors d'oeuvre. If you like, freeze and save for a special occasion.

—Dione Lucas, adapted from The Dione Lucas Book of French Cooking, with Marion Gorman (Little, Brown)

740. To use up leftover pie or tart pastry, reroll, cut in fancy shapes, sprinkle with cinnamon sugar, and bake. Kids love them.

—Conventional kitchen wisdom

738. To make leftover fruit pie taste "just-baked," wrap in foil and warm 10 minutes in a 350 degrees oven.

—Conventional kitchen wisdom

657. For a practically fat-free crust, substitute frozen phyllo pastry for traditional pie crust. Thaw as directed; lift two leaves from the stack and center in a 9- or 10-inch pie pan sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Lay two more leaves in pan at right angles to first, then two more on the bias to fill gaps, then two more so pan is fully lined. With damp paper toweling, gently press phyllo into pan. Take care removing towel so you don't tear the phyllo. Fill pie as directed, then to "crisp" the crust, bake the pie 10 minutes on a heavy-duty baking sheet, preheated with the oven to 425 degrees. Finish baking the pie, still on the baking sheet, at 350 degrees or as recipe directs.

—Jean Anderson

606. When you make a pie, make a double- or triple-batch of dough (it's the same amount of work) and freeze it in portions to thaw and roll for a quick dessert. Simplest is to roll it into a big flat circle, cut it into strips or shapes, and bake it like that. Then arrange the crisp crusts over individual bowls of berries or cooked fruit and ice cream.

—Sally Schneider

557. Keep your favorite crumb and nut crust mixtures on "ice," placing in each self-sealing plastic bag or freezer container the amount needed for one pie shell. Once thawed, the crumbs can be fitted into pie pans and filled as recipes direct.

—Jean Anderson

555. Freeze pie dough in one-crust wads or discs, tightly wrapped in self-sealing plastic bags you have labeled and dated.

—Richard Sax

556. When fruit is in season, make lots of pie shells and fill them with fruit. Freeze the unbaked pies, then bake them in winter (good insurance against drop-in guests). If you and a friend work together, it's both easy and fun.

—Joan Nathan

429. Never boil a cornstarch-thickened pie filling longer than 3 minutes. It will thin out.

—Conventional kitchen wisdom

428. Use tapioca rather than cornstarch to thicken high-acid fillings like cherries, which can cause cornstarch to fail.

—Rose Levy Beranbaum, adapted from Cookies, Cakes & Pies (Videocraft Classics, NYC, 1988)

427. Two sure-fire ways to keep meringue toppings from shrinking: first, spread on the pie while the filling is hot. Second, make sure the meringue touches the crust all around.

—Jean Anderson

424. If the crimped edge of your pie is browning too fast, tear off a long strip of foil, fold it lengthwise, and crimp it around the edge.

—Marie Bianco

425. If the entire pie is browning too fast, tear off a square of foil, fold in half, then using the fold as the diameter, cut a half-circle. Unfold and lay the circle of foil over the pie.

—Jo Ann Brett

420. Nuts and pie crusts have one thing in common. Both have much more flavor when well browned. Always toast nuts before using them in recipes. And when baking pie shells, ignore the recipe time and bake until deep brown. If the edges threaten to blacken, cover with strips of foil.

—Jan Weimer

419. If you like pies with rich brown crusts, use dark metal pie tins that absorb and hold the heat. Bright shiny ones reflect it.

—Conventional kitchen wisdom

418. Baking a pie on a pizza stone absorbs excess moisture and makes the bottom crust crisper, especially if you use a pie tin with a hole in the bottom.

—Rose Levy Beranbaum, adapted from Cookies, Cakes & Pies (Videocraft Classics, NYC)

417. When beating eggs for chess, custard or pumpkin pies, brush a little of the egg over the pie shell and set in the freezer for 10 minutes. This helps seal the crust and keep it crisp.

—Conventional kitchen wisdom

416. For perfect pre-baked pie shells, set another pie pan of the same size on top of the pie shell, then turn the two pans upside down and bake for 10 minutes at 400 degrees. Press down on the top pan to keep the shell from shrinking and bake 10 minutes more. Turn the pans right side up, remove the top pan, and bake the shell 15 minutes longer until golden brown.

—Jim Dodge, adapted from Baking with Jim Dodge, with Elaine Ratner (Simon & Schuster)

415. Freeze a pie or tart shell before baking to minimize shrinkage.

—Craig Claiborne, adapted from Craig Claiborne's New York Times Video Cookbook (Warner Home Video, Inc.)

413. To roll pie crusts easily and avoid adding excess flour, roll the pastry between two clear plastic produce bags that have been cut down one side and across the bottom and opened — cheaper than plastic food wrap.

—Jan Weimer

412. Use wax paper to measure pie dough. The standard pie pan is 9 inches in diameter, so you'll need a 12-inch circle of dough. Since wax paper comes in a 12-inch width, simply tear off a piece 12 inches long, then roll your circle of dough so it touches the center of all four sides of the square.

—Ken Haedrich, adapted from Ken Haedrich's Country Baking (Bantam)

410. Add a teaspoon of vinegar to pie dough if you plan to roll it right away. Vinegar relaxes the gluten.

—Rose Levy Beranbaum, adapted from Cookies, Cakes & Pies (Videocraft Classics, NYC)

278. Use scissors to trim the pastry overhang on a pie. It's quicker, easier and neater than using a knife.

—Jo Ann Brett

CONTEST: Contenders share their prized recipes with Midlanders

(From 1E)

pies work comes from research and commitment. "Here is what I have learned," Ms. Norman said. "Lard can't be beat, it is the secret to a flaky crust. Things that taste good can't always be good for you. Precook the crust and protect the edges to help the crust cook better. Use a conventional cooking oven with the circulating air. It makes a better-looking product and there are no hot spots."

The following is the recipe Ms. Norman thinks is her best shot of winning a national title.

NIKKI NORMAN'S ZESTY KEY LIME PIE

2 cups finely crushed vanilla wafer crumbs
1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1-1/2 sticks unsalted butter (1 stick melted, 1/2 stick reserved)
1 can (14-ounce) condensed milk
1 package (8-ounce) cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup freshly squeezed Key lime juice (use bottled Key lime juice, if necessary)
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

TOPPING:

6 ounces white chocolate, chopped
2 cups heavy whipped cream
2 ounces macadamia nuts, chopped
1 Key lime, thinly sliced for garnish (may use Persian lime)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a medium mixing bowl combine the vanilla wafer crumbs, brown sugar, nutmeg and 1 stick melted butter. Pat mixture evenly onto the bottom and sides of a deep dish 9-inch pie pan. Bake for 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. In a blender combine the condensed milk, cream cheese and Key lime juice. Blend on low speed until smooth. Add vanilla. Pour into precooked nutmeg crust.

TOPPING: Melt white chocolate and 1/2 stick reserved butter in a double boiler. Stir occasionally. Allow mixture to cool. Beat cream until stiff. Fold into cooled chocolate. Fold in macadamia nuts. Spread topping on pie.

Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving. Garnish with lime slices.

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Another front runner of the title of best pie maker in the country is Marles Riessland from Riverdale Neb.

Ms. Riessland will not be alone in Florida. She has taught three grand-daughters and two daughters how to make pies and they in turn taught their families. In all Ms. Riessland said their will be about 10 or 12 family members at the contest.

"I started making pies when I was younger," Ms. Riessland said. "I learned from my grandmother and went to state fairs for 10 years and won every year I participated."

MARLES RIESSLAND'S RASPBERRY PAINTED PEACH PIE

PASTRY:

3 cups flour
1 teaspoon sugar
1 cup + 1 tablespoon butter-flavored shortening, chilled
1/3 cup ice-cold water
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 large egg, well beaten

FILLING:

3 cups peaches, peeled and sliced
1 cup raspberries
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons minute tapioca
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
2 tablespoons butter

GLAZE:

1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tablespoons butter

PASTRY:

Sift together, flour, salt and sugar into mixing bowl. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles cornmeal. Combine water, vinegar and egg. Gradually add liquid to flour mixture using a fork to form a soft dough. Shape into three equal discs, wrap in plastic and chill. (Extra pastry may be frozen for later use.)

FILLING:

Heat oven to 450 degrees. In a medium bowl, mix together peaches, raspberries, sugar, tapioca, salt, and almond extract.

Pour into crust lined pan and dot filling with butter. Adjust top crust, vent top, brush with egg white and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes, reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees and bake 30 minutes longer or until golden brown.

How to make a basic crust for all your pies

Staff Reports

ONE-CRUST PIE

9-Inch:
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon shortening or 1/3 cup lard
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 to 3 tablespoons cold water

10-Inch:
1/2 cup shortening or 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons lard
1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 to 4 tablespoons cold water

TWO-CRUST PIE

9-Inch:
2/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons shortening or 2/3 cup lard
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
4 to 5 tablespoons cold water

10-Inch:
1 cup shortening or 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons lard
2-2/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
7 to 8 tablespoons cold water

Cut shortening into flour and salt until particles are size of small peas. Sprinkle in water, 1 tablespoon at a time, tossing with fork until all flour is moistened and pastry almost cleans side of bowl (1 to 2 teaspoons water can be added if necessary).

Gather pastry into a ball. Shape into flattened round on lightly floured cloth-covered board. (For two-crust pie, divide pastry in half and shape into 2 rounds).

Roll pastry 2 inches larger than inverted pie plate with floured rolling pin. Fold pastry into fourths; place in pie plate. Unfold and ease into plate, pressing firmly against bottom and side.

FOR ONE-CRUST PIE: Trim overhanging edge of pastry 1 inch from rim of plate. Fold and roll pastry under, even with plate; flute. Fill and bake as directed in recipe.

FOR BAKED PIE SHELL: Heat oven to 475. Prick bottom and sides thoroughly with fork. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light brown; cool.

FOR TWO-CRUST PIE: Turn desired filling into pastry-lined pie plate. Trim overhanging edge of pastry 1/2 inch from rim of plate. Roll other round of pastry. Fold into fourths and cut slits so steam can escape.

RECIPES: Delicious pies to make in observance of National Pie Day

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of crust.

Bake12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Refrigerate until served. Makes one 9-inch pie.

TIP:

• Sweetened condensed milk has been cooked to reduce its water content, then sweetened with sugar. DO NOT substitute evaporated milk for sweetened condensed milk.

HAWAIIAN DELIGHT PIE

1/3 cup of margarine, melted
1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
3 extra-large eggs
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons cornmeal
1-1/4 cups drained canned crushed pineapple
1-1/4 cups flaked coconut
1 unbacked 9-inch pie flour shell

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In medium bowl, beat together butter, sugar , eggs, flour and cornmeal until well blended. Add pineapple, coconut and vanilla. Mix well. Pour into pie shell.

Bake 45 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out almost clean (filling will be very moist). Makes one 9-inch pie.

TIP:

• Thoroughly drain pineapple in a wire strainer before measuring.

BANANA CREAM PIE

5 cups half-and-half
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1 cup granulated sugar
3 extra-large eggs
1/4 cups corn starch
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup miniature marshmallows
3 cups sliced bananas
1/4 cup pineapple juice
2 baked 9-inch pie shells
Sweetened whipped cream

In medium saucepan, combine half and half and butter. Bring just to a boil over medium heat.

In medium bowl, whisk together sugar, eggs, cornstarch, vanilla and salt until cornstarch is completely dissolved and mixture is well blended. Gradually add to mixture in saucepan, beating constantly with a wire whisk. Cook, stirring constantly, about 2 minutes or until thickened. Add marshmallows. Stir until marshmallows melt and mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature.

In medium bowl, toss bananas with pineapple juice until evenly coated. Drain and discard juice.

Fold bananas into filling mixture. Spoon into crusts. Press plastic wrap directly onto filling. Refrigerate at least 4 hours.

Remove plastic wrap. Top with whipped cream. Makes two 9-inch pies.

TIPS:

- Pineapple juice keeps sliced bananas from turning brown. Lemon juice and lime juice would do the same thing, but their flavors are too strong for this pie.

BUTTERMILK CHESS PIE

1-2/3 cups granulated sugar
2/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
4 extra-large eggs
1-1/3 cups buttermilk
1/2 teaspoons vanilla
Dash of salt
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Heat oven to 375 degrees.

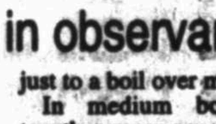
In large bowl, combine sugar, butter and flour. Mix well. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add buttermilk, vanilla and salt. Mix just until blended. Do not overmix. Pour into pie shell.

Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out almost clean. Do not overbake. Makes one 9-inch pie.

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AROUND TOWN

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will dedicate its newly completed Visual Arts Studios 2 p.m. Feb. 7 in the gallery of studios. The $4.1 million complex encompasses 27,000 square feet and houses two-dimensional and three-dimensional design studios, an art gallery, classroom and related work areas for study and lectures.

Guest speakers will include UT System Chancellor William Cunningham and Rita C. Clements, chairman of the facilities and planning construction committee for the UT System Board of Regents. Reception and guided tours will follow the dedication.

Construction was made possible through state legislation that authorized the issuance of tuition revenue bonds. The legislation garnered $25.8 million for building the new art facility and a library/lecture center, now under construction on the UTPB campus. For more information call 552-2806...

...KAPPA DELTA sorority will meet for KD Fiesta 2000 Feb. 18-20 at Menger Hotel in San Antonio. Julie Johnson, the sorority's national president, will be keynote speaker. For registration information call 682-3376...

...AARP CHAPTER #5271 will meet at noon Jan. 31 at Casa de Amigos, 1107 E. Garden Lane. All interested people age 50 and older are invited to attend. For more information call 682-9701...

...MIDLAND COUNTRY Club Ladies Association will meet Jan. 28 at the club. Social time will be 11:15 a.m. with luncheon to follow at 11:50 a.m. Sam L. Majors will present a program on the David Yurman jewelry collection...

...AMERICAN LUNG Association's Better Breathing Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Feb. 1 at Westwood Medical Center. Call 522-2273...

...TRINITY HIGH School's choir will host a spaghetti dinner fundraising event, featuring songs from Les Miserables, on Feb. 5. Seatings will be 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students, and may be purchased or reserved by calling 699-0552 or 694-0147. Proceeds will benefit the choir's trip to Europe in March...

...WEST TEXAS Bass Club will meet 7 p.m. Feb. 1 at Big Daddy's Catfish in Odessa. New members are invited. Call 520-2692 or visit the web site at http://pages.prodigy.net/doyle.wayne/...

...PERMIAN TOASTMASTERS #1509 will sponsor a Speechcraft Course noon-1 p.m. each Thursday from Feb. 3-March 30 at the Permian Basin Graduate Center, Main and Illinois Streets in Midland. Fee is $40 payable on the first day of the course. Call 684-0044...

...MIDLAND PI Beta Phi Alumnae Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Jan. 28 at Toddy Cafe as guests of the new restaurant at a trial run. Alumnae new to the area are invited to attend. For reservations call 686-8328 by Jan. 24. As part of Pi Phi Philanthropy Month, the local club will support Pi Phi's national Links to Literacy progam by collecting books and donating them to local nonprofit organizations. Each member is asked to bring at least one new or used book to the meeting for this project. Call 687-5544...

...PERMIAN BASIN Legal Secretaries Association will meet at noon Feb. 8 in Conference Room 215 of the Arco Building. Terry Allbright, family counselor, will be the speaker. Cost of $9 per person includes lunch. For reservations call 683-5501 by 5 p.m. Feb. 4. No cancellations after Feb. 7...

...PETROLEUM MUSEUM will host its Family Night 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 27 at the museum, 1500 I-20 West in Midland. Themed "Soil to Oil," the event will feature more than 25 discovery stations. Admission will be free. Refreshments will be served and the gift shop will be open...



Dancers from the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland Inc. include, back row from left: Ellie Reyes, Celena Rendon and Kade Wurtz; and front row from left: Leonard Chavez, Kristen Chavez and Alle Bixler.

Dancers set to perform at Woman's Club fundraiser

Staff Reports

Midland Woman's Club will host its annual Mexican Fiesta Dinner fundraiser beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park.

A dinner of traditional Mexican foods will be served. Decorations will be provided by Mari's Imports. Silent auction will feature items donated by board members, shareholding clubs and local merchants.

Dancers of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland Inc. will perform. The group, which was founded three years ago, are instructed by Charlene Wurtz, Laura Flores and Lliliana Guerrero, with Norma Chavez as program director.

Tickets for the event are $15 and are available from any member of the board of directors of the Midland Woman's Club or by calling 694-5583 by Jan. 25.

Collectors wonder: Which '90s designs will increase in value?

Associated Press

Did you inherit your parents' lamps from the 1950s? Where's that kidney-shaped coffee table you grew up with? They're valuable today. And if you guess right about the future value of the designs you buy now, your heirlooms could pay for your child's college education.

According to an article in the January/February issue of Metropolitan Home magazine, it's easier than ever to predict the future market for collectible design and furnishings. While it once took decades to discover which pieces would be valuable, in the last 15 years, '50s, '60s and '70s designs have recycled. Metropolitan Home polled the experts and came up with three guidelines for buying furniture, accessories and objects that will be highly collectible in the next century:

■ The introduction of playfulness to humble objects.

■ The marriage of new materials to ergonomically engineered products.

■ The use of high-tech materials in low-tech craft production.

What should you buy and save? According to Metropolitan Home, here's what to look for:

■ Performance plastic: Before the '90s, plastic meant cheap. Now it's glamorous. Look for Authentics housewares and anything from Kartell, the Italian furnishings company.

■ High fashion sporting gear: High performance sporting gear got hot in the '90s. Nike's magnetic sunglasses and Triax Watch are good examples.

■ Unusual forms, innovative materials: Chairs rank high, in examples ranging from bent wood to knotted macrame. Frank Gehry's Hat Trick chair for Knoll is a perfect example.

■ High-tech meets craft: Ingo Maurer's hologram lamp and anything by Italian designer Gaetano Pesce are the right idea.

■ New technology: New technology for popular electronics grew explosively in the '90s. Canon's Elph, Apple's iMac, the Palm Pilot and IBM's Thinkpad with butterfly keyboard are sure to be valuable.

■ Novel forms: Some '90s products were designed to define the period and become instant collectibles. Ron Arad's Bookworm in plastic for Kartell, for example.

■ CD-Rom computer games: Computer culture came to life in the '90s and CD-ROM games are sure to be as collectible in the future as old board games are today. Save Doom and Quake, as well as mystery games like Myst and Tomb Raider.

■ Funny stuff: Household objects designed to amuse, like Philippe Starck's spiderish cast-aluminum lemon squeezer. Just about anything by Starck, from toilet brushes to moderately priced, witty chairs, will be valuable.

■ Extraordinary versions of ordinary things: There are wonderfully well-designed mass-produced household objects and they'll bring value. Save your Tupperware. Newer Tupperware designs like the Morison Cousins 1991 soup-to-nuts bowl is a good prospect.

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for Jan. 3-9.

MONDAY
1. Marie Morris, Gloria Crites
2. Frances Levin, Jimmy Cox
3. B.J. Filley, Herb Wales
4. Helen Wise, Nancy Harris

TUESDAY
Millennium Party
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Deborah Brookins, Marie Morris
2. Frances Mills, Janet Stoltz
3. Debbie Kemp, Jimmy Branch
EAST-WEST:
1. Sandy Rea, Jimmie Penn
2. Ann Servatius, Dorothy Lloyd
3. Dixie Gifford, Mary Hammond

WEDNESDAY
Birthday party for Ken Hill
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Deborah Brookins, R.J. Englert
2. Jean Pistole, Gloria Crites
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
EAST-WEST:
1. Mary Renton, Ken Hill
2. Helen Wise, Nancy Harris
3. Sue Gardiner, Leonora Slusher

THURSDAY
1. and 2. Tie: Joyce Mitchell, Debbie Kemp, Jean Banks, Bitsy Loewenstein
3. Carolyn Hancock, Mildred Stuart
4. Betty Marlow, Millowee Mills

FRIDAY
STRAT A:
1. Jerry Williamson, Betty Sheeler
2. and 3. Tie: Nancy Liberty, Jimmie Branch, Gloria Crites, Linda Evans
STRAT B:
1. Jimmie Branch, Nancy Liberty
2. Nancy Wise, Helen Wise
3. Carolyn Hancock, Bitsy Loewenstein

SATURDAY
1. Deborah Brookins, R.J. Englert
2. Gloria Crites, Jean Pistole
3. Sally Whiteley, Charlie Grimes
4. Wayne Rector, James Simpson

SUNDAY
1. Leonora Slusher, Jimmie Penn
2. Belle Harris, Charlie Grimes
3. Glenda Simmons, Barbara Steinert

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CLUB NEWS

MUSICIANS' CLUB

The Musicians' Club met in the new parlor of First Baptist Church. Hostesses were Mrs. Oley F. Hedrick, Mrs. Elmo Weyel, Mrs. R.M. Carroll and Mrs. Jay Hardy.

Ms. R. Donnald Janssen led the hymn of the month, "God of All, Whose Love Surrounds Us." National Federation of Music Clubs Founder's Day was observed. Mrs. Sanford Smith gave a brief history of the Musicians' Club.

Program on "Enjoying History: Looking Back at the 20th Century," was directed by Vera Osadchuk. Performers were Martha Lewis, Kathleen Janssen, Dorothy Matthews, Edith Hardy and Allison Smith.

MIDLAND PALETTE CLUB

Midland Palette Club met with Plyna Nesbitt presiding. Doris Welch read the minutes and Aimee Sanchez gave the treasurer's report.

Jackie Zweiger of Monahans gave a program on painting with a palette of three colors. Ms. Welch and Peggy Catlett served refreshments.

Programs are partially sponsored by Arts Assembly of Midland and Texas Commission on the Arts.

MIDLAND STUDY CLUB

Midland Study Club met at Trinity Towers. Hostesses were Dorothy Rush, Mary Ritchie and Jan Moore.

Winnie Kidd appointed a nominating committee — Mary Lou Hogan, Dixie Osborne, LaJuana Rathjen, Genie Bailey and Norma McGrew — to select a new slate of officers.

Mary Lou Bodie, a representative of Project Adam, gave the program. Vernie Jorden was a guest; 18 members attended.

PRECEPTOR ETA UPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Neva Garvin. Genell Emerson presided.

Virginia Earhart discussed plans for the Super Bowl Party. Rita Noah discussed plans for the next meeting. Peggy Brown spoke about a prospective member. Cel Wiginton reported on profits from the Boutique Auction and Donna Snyder read a thank-you note from the Salvation Army for donations at Christmas.

Beverlye Bristow discussed future projects. Beverly Acker gave additions to the yearbook. Ms. Garvin gave a video program on a Cajun Swamp Tour.

YUCCA GARDEN CLUB

Yucca Garden Club met at the Girl Scout Program Center. Anna McMann presided; 13 members attended. Elizabeth McKenzie read the minutes and Mary Crosby gave the treasurer's report.

New officers are Virginia Manusos, president; Katrena Cain, first vice president; Clara Johnston, second vice president; Mickey Hewitt, recording secretary/reporter; Ms. McKenzie, corresponding secretary; Ms. Crosby, treasurer; Billye Neuhardt, historian/scrapbook; Bettye Jones, director to Midland Woman's Club; and Virginia Gilbert, alternate director.

Ms. Cain introduced Hazel Somerville, master flower show judge, trustee of Texas State Garden Club and member of Tejas Garden Club, who critiqued flower arrangements brought by members and gave tips on what judges look for.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International of Midland Inc. met at the Hilton Hotel and Towers. Janis Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Altrusa Grace, and Ruth Price gave the Accent.

Ms. Moore gave the financial report of the Altrusa Foundation. JoAnn Posada reported on the "Babies Into Books" project.

Mary Gillam appointed a nominating committee of Ms. Moore, Robin Reynolds and Betty McMullan. After luncheon, Ms. Posada led the benediction.

MIDLAND FEDERATION OF BLACK WOMEN'S CLUBS

Midland Federation of Black Women's Clubs met with representatives from Black Image, Dozen Dames, Members at Large, Rainbow and Social-Lites clubs.

New officers are Margie McCoy, president; Launer King, vice president; Billie Mason, secretary; Brenda Haven, treasurer; Audrey Merritt and Doris Wiley, business managers; Ivell Webb, financial secretary; Doris Maloy, sick chairman; Clara Organ, assistant secretary; Essie Moore, sergeant at arms; and Winney Maxey, chaplain.

Two youth clubs have been organized: Black Image sponsors the Rosebuds and Dozen Dames sponsors Class. Plans to attend the Stokes-Parker Founders Day Brunch in Odessa were discussed.

XI EPSILON EPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Xi Epsilon Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Christine Erb with Lily Owen as co-hostess. Janet Cox gave a program on the history of Midland.

PRECEPTOR EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Members of Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and their spouses met for a couples' night out at LaBodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar.

EN AMIE REVIEW CLUB

En Amie Review Club met for luncheon and program at Green Tree Country Club. Dorise Watson reviewed "Where the Heart Is," by Billie Letts.

Hostesses were Tess Latham, Patsy Gardner, Alta Henderson, Isabel Angevine and Betty McMullan. Guests were Rose McIntire and Dr. Lora Beth Grieneeks-Nelson.



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ENGAGEMENT

DUNAWAY-PATTERSON

Allison Ann Dunaway and Stacey Monroe Patterson, both of Lubbock, are planning a wedding for 7 p.m. March 11 at Caprock Winery in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McDonald of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dunaway of Grand Prairie are the parents of the bride-elect. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Patterson of Lubbock.

Miss Dunaway is a 1995 graduate of Lee High School and a student at South Plains College in Levelland. She is employed with United Supermarkets. Her fiance graduated from New Deal High School in 1993 and attended Texas Tech University. He is employed with Central Freight Lines.



Allison Ann Dunaway and Stacey Monroe Patterson

ANNIVERSARIES

Couple celebrates with reunion

VAIL, Colo. — Joanne and Leland Franz of Midland, Texas, and Vail celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion Dec. 27 and a dinner reception at their home in Vail on New Year's Eve.

Franz and the former Joanne M. Kastrup were married Dec. 31, 1949, at First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, Kan.

They are the parents of Sigrid M. Stewart of Midland; John C. Franz of Golden; Richard L. Franz of Denton, Texas; Kathryn A. Heslinga of Eagle-Vail; Robert E. Franz of Englewood; Lt. Col. Holly R. Franz of Satellite Beach, Fla.; and Heidi K. Hanson of Eagle-Vail, and the grandparents of eight.

Both are graduates of Kansas State University. The couple lived in several areas before moving to Midland in 1973. Since retirement, they have divided their time between Texas and Colorado.



Joanne and Leland Franz

Franz served in the U.S. Army of Occupation in Italy following World War II and was a communications officer of the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division during the Korean War.

Couple honored New Year's Eve

Clark and Betty Moreland of Midland were guests of honor at a golden wedding anniversary celebration Dec. 31. Hosts were their children.

Moreland and the former Betty I. Parker were married Dec. 31, 1949, at Valley View Baptist Church. They are the parents of Roland Moreland, Roger Moreland, Roshelle Van and Bryon Moreland, all of Midland. They also have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The couple has lived in Midland County since their wedding, and have worked in farming and ranching.

They are members of Cotton Flat Baptist Church.



Clark and Betty Moreland

The Ghan:

Riding Australia's notoriously lethargic train to the Outback

By Hugh A. Mulligan

ABOARD THE GHAN (AP) — The lady school teacher from Tucson, Ariz., is gazing out the bar car window of The Ghan, Australia's notoriously lethargic train to the outback.

"I came halfway around the world to find scenery much like Arizona," she remarks.

We are on our way north from Adelaide to Alice Springs, deep into the parched heart of Australia, passing stations with names like Snowtown, Coonamia and Mambray Creek. Trackside taverns in scattered settlements fly banners advertising "POKIES," which my wife and I later learned were slot machines.

The Ghan had departed at 2 p.m. — "on the advertised, for a change," as the bartender boasted. But it already was running an hour late on her 850-mile journey into the outback. Twice it had pulled into sidings to give the right-of-way to freights and once to let a southbound Ghan go by on the single track.

Sunset is gilding the low sand hills as the 23-car train snakes into Port Augusta, the connecting point on the east-west Sydney to Perth line. Several dozen more passengers come aboard, among them a gaggle of school girls in pleated plaid uniforms singing "Waltzing Matilda," the unofficial national anthem.

At twilight, the shrieking diesel horn scatters flights of long-beaked birds nesting in a sparse underbrush of burrs and thistles. The conductor summons us to the dining car, elegantly appointed with large picture windows, linen napery and fresh flowers.

The school teacher reads one menu offering aloud to us: "Kangaroo fillets seasoned with native pepper leaf and served with a bush tomato tartlet. And they've also got camel pate and emu sausages."

She asks the waiter if a Penfolds cabernet shiraz from the nearby Barossa Valley would go well with kangaroo.

"A bonza choice, and that's dinky-die," he replies, which she takes for an affirmative.

Two tables of German tourists seated nearby settle for 16-ounce cans of Victoria lager and serenade the dining car with Munich beer hall songs. The beer is served on cardboard coasters decorated with the Ghan's camel logo. Effigies of camels are everywhere: on the glassware and napkins, etched on the art deco door frames, carved in the polished light wood paneling, embroidered on the sheets and pillow cases in the sleeping compartments.

THE GHAN, a train of the Great Southern Railway, Ltd., was nicknamed for the wide-hoofed Afghanistan camels imported to build the line through shifting desert sands where horses bogged down. The one-hump beasts of incredible burdens could go for days without water in one of the hottest spots on earth.

Before dark, Tent Hill, Bookaloo and Wirrappa slip by in a sandscape dotted with several varieties of cactus, stunted eucalyptus trees and, after the briefest of showers, a surprising carpet of pink and yellow wild flowers spread across the desert floor.

Occasionally the desolation is interrupted by a puff of dust from an imploding joey — a young kangaroo — and by herds of sheep that must number in the thousands. A wind sock here and there marks a dirt runway for the "Flying Doctors" to land at a remote sheep station, and sometimes above clumps of silvery spinifex bushes looms a tall radio antenna for the children of the outback to attend the "School of the Air."

If you go:

One-way fares in either direction on The Ghan range from $127 for a coach seat without meals to $402 for a sleeping compartment with breakfast and dinner in the diner.

Unlike the gussied-up Orient Express or those posh maharajah trains in India, the Ghan is not a luxury train. Cattle ranchers, sheep herders, commercial travelers, backpackers and kids coming home from boarding schools get off at far away places with strange sounding names like Burando, Wirraminna, Kingoonya, Tarcoola.

The buffet and dining cars echo with Aussie-speak, a Down Under linguistic brew, also known as "Strine," which some say resembles a tea bag of Cockney steeped in rich Irish stout. "It hasn't rhined here in dies, and we hope our chine of likes doesn't tyke a notion to dry up," broods a bearded herdsman in a leathery bush hat. He gets off in the middle of the night at Wirrida. Our best guess was he was worried that the lack of rain for days might dry up the chain of lakes supplying water to his sheep station.

Dawn purples a line of mesa-type, flat-topped hills outlined against a cloudless blue sky. The Ghan follows a dry river bed around an S-shaped curve that enables us to see, from the window of our cozy, two-berth cabin (with shower), the bright yellow diesel engine up ahead and the very last coach car snaking round the bend.

A string of wild camels passes by in stately procession as the train crosses the border from South Australia into the Northern Territory. "There's 50,000 camels roaming wild out there," our breakfast waiter tells us.

The Ghan races through a gap in the James range and, with her whistle shrieking triumphantly, pulls into Alice Springs at 10:25 a.m., only a half-hour late. She had made the 1,360-kilometer journey in a little over 21 hours.

With its collection of vintage locomotives and rail memorabilia, the Old Ghan Museum on the outskirts of town tells the bizarre history of this steel outreach to the outback. It took over a half-century to reach the terminus named for Alice, the telegrapher's wife.

The narrow-gauge line was begun on Jan. 19, 1878, to serve cattle and sheep ranchers who began moving into the outback. They occupied enormous scattered holdings along old aborigine trails that could only be supplied by camel caravans.

Scotsman Thomas Elder began buying up leases in 500-mile square blocks until his spread of sheep stations was larger than his native Scotland. He established his own camel breeding station with 123 pack animals imported from Karachi.

Hundreds more camels from Afghanistan, India and Pakistan began working on the railroad. The outback rang with cries of "hooshta," the cameleer's command for a camel to kneel and take on 500 pounds of rails and ties. Some of the bulls could lift half a ton.

It took two years to lay the first 60 miles of track through flat country. The pace slowed to a "scorpion's crawl" when crews reached sand hill country where temperatures hovered around 110 in the shade to 130 in the unrelenting sun.

Windstorms off the Simpson Desert sandblasted the camels, which toiled with lanterns hung from their necks. Drifting sands 4 feet high buried the right-of-way, while stalled work crews emulated the cameleers and wrapped their heads in makeshift turbans.

Northern monsoons from December to February turned dry creeks into raging torrents. Sometimes a year's rainfall — 11 inches — fell in three days. Riverbeds dry for decades, like the Finke, reputedly the oldest in the world, suddenly gushed a torrent 17 feet deep and 100 yards wide, wiping out bridges and stranding work trains for weeks.

" Navvies," the roadbed diggers, deserted from the heat or downed their tools to join the rush for gold, then copper and rubies and later opals as mining madness swept the outback. Among those who stayed, there were donnybrooks galore involving gangs of sheep shearers and the railroad workers when the traveling "wine shanties" opened for business on Sunday. Section bosses tried to cool tempers by arranging cricket matches between the combatants.

Dingos — wild dogs — and "myroos," Australian rats bigger than cats, ate food stockpiled for the crews, which now also included aborigines, English and Irish settlers, Ethiopians, Senegalese, Ceylonese and, as one museum picture caption noted, "Chinese in black chimney pot hats."

PLAGUES OF grasshoppers made the rails so slippery work trains skidded off the tracks. Camels bloated up and died from munching "gastrolobium," a poisonous plant that grew along the right of way. Deadly snakes lurked everywhere.

In 1884, the line reached Oodnadatta, about three-quarters of the way to Alice Springs. Then came the lamentable "Long Pause," when work halted for decades because of declining profits, lack of investment funds, a general strike and feuding among political factions. Camel trains, some of them 200 animals long, kept freight and passengers moving north at 4 mph.

"The Ghan," as it was now called, finally reached Alice Springs on Aug. 6, 1929. Bands played and politicans orated as the first passenger train steamed into the old Stuart terminal. Clamoring aboard, the locals admired the luxurious cars but marveled most at the indoor toilet in the dining car. Outhouses were more common in the outback.

Regular service became notorious for its irregularity. Flash floods and sandstorms sometimes delayed the Ghan for days so that food had to be parachuted in and camels again brought to the rescue. On its best runs, the train averaged only 20 mph. Tales of its "loveable dawdling" still evoke affectionate laughter in the bar cars.

In the early 1970s, the federal government took over the line, rerouted it farther west to avoid flood areas, upgraded the tracks to standard gauge and replaced the steam engines with diesel-electrics. The camels were turned loose for lack of work.

The old steam panting Ghan made its last run in 1982, after making its movie debut in a "Mad Max" sequel. Camels, however, still figure prominently in the local economy.

The Ghan's modern diesel engines still come equipped with a camel catcher out front. "The southbound trine bopped one last week," reports a guide at the rail museum, who waves to her engineer husband when the Ghan hoots by.

"Be sure to come back in July," she urges. "Out at the rice track, you'll see the fastest camels in the world rice for our Camel Cup."

Listing of hotel, dining ratings expected to get tougher

By Jerry Morris
N.Y. Times News Service

BOSTON — Mobil is shaking up the hotel and restaurant world with a fresh look at who gets its coveted five-star ratings.

One winner is the Four Seasons Hotel, Boston, which just received its first five-star rating, making it the first Boston hotel in years to hold the distinction. Mobil annually reviews 22,000 properties in the country, and this year only 42 made the five-star list. Another 425 received four-star ratings.

Mark Jacobson, who heads Mobil's rating system, said winners of the five- and four-star ratings are all excellent, but the five-star winners are "the best of the best." At a five-star hotel, Jacobson said, "guests receive attention that is unparalleled" and leave with the "most memorable experience of a lifetime."

The Mobil Guides, which have become a traveler's bible for accommodations and dining, are taking a fresh look at the food and lodging industry, with many longstanding five-star properties being downgraded to four-star status.

Jacobson said his job is to make the guides the preeminent rating system in the country, and last year he embarked on ways to improve the rating committee. He recruited travel writers, restaurant critics, hotel school professors, and people in the industry to upgrade the committee. Mobil does all its inspections anonymously.

In New England, other properties holding five stars are the Mayflower Inn in Connecticut (five years with five stars) and Twin Farms in Vermont (five years). The Point in Saranac Lake, N.Y., also continues its five-point rating (three years).

Winning four stars for lodging in Massachusetts are the Boston Harbor Hotel, The Eliot, and Ritz-Carlton Hotel, all in Boston; Blantyre, Lenox; Charlotte Inn, Edgartown; the Wauwinet, Nantucket; and the Wequassett Inn, Chatham.

In Maine, four-star properties are Bar Harbor Hotel-Bluenose Inn, Bar Harbor; Captain Lord Mansion, Inn at Harbor Head, and The White Barn Inn, all in Kennebunkport; and the Lodge at Moosehead Lake, Greenville.

In New Hampshire, the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel, Colebrook. In Vermont, Governor's, Ludlow; Inn at Sawmill Farms, West Dover; Rabbit Hill Inn, Lower Waterford; Topnotch at Stowe Resort & Spa; and Woodstock Inn & Resort. In Connecticut, the Inn at National Hall in Westport.

No restaurants in New England received the five-star rating.

Winning four stars for dining in Massachusetts were Four Seasons' Aujourd'Hui, Biba, Clio, Grill 23, Hamersley's Bistro, L'Espalier, Radius, and Rowes Wharf, all in Boston; Chillingsworth in Brewster; and Wheatleigh in Lenox.

Reduced to four-star ratings were The Greenbrier in West Virginia (38 years with five stars); The Carlyle in New York City (a 31-year winner); Marriott's Camelback Inn in Arizona (30 years); and the C Lazy U Ranch in Colorado (22 years).

Longtime hotels and resorts still holding five stars are Four Seasons Hotel, New York City (five years); Little Nell, Aspen, Colo. (five years); Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas (11 years); St. Regis, New York (5 years); The Peninsula, Beverly Hills, Calif. (seven years); the Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla. (18 years); the Phoenician in Arizona (seven years); and The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Fla. (12 years).

The 2000 Mobil Guides are available in seven regional volumes, each $16.95.

For those wishing to read about just the best of the best, there's the "Mobil Travel Guide: America's Best Hotels and Restaurants: The Four- and Five-Star Winners of 2000."

SAFETY FIRST

Jiminey Peak in Hancock, Mass., is going all out to reduce accidents and provide a more enjoyable environment for skiers. The most visible safety effort is the creation of Non-Speed Zones where skiers and snowboarders are required to keep at the averge speed of the users of that particular slope.

On the seven trails marked, Mountain Safety Patrol members will be giving tickets to those who violate the rules. Consistent violators will lose their lift ticket but get an opportunity to redeem it by watching a mountain safety video.

The safety patrol is a volunteer organization with 40 members (very visible in their bright yellow jackets) that started five years ago. For more information, check out www.jiminypeak.com.

HANDS ON ASHEVILLE

Each weekend in February and March, Asheville, N.C., artisans will host workshops in a variety of mediums, including pottery, glass blowing, fiber arts, nature crafts, jewelry design, and culinary and musical arts. Visitors can join in making an object in the field of their choice.

Workshops cost $30 to $80 and include materials and the finished object. Many workshops are geared toward children.

During "Hands on Asheville," Biltmore Estate will offer guided tours as part of its complementary event, "Winter Pastimes: The Arts in America's Largest Home." Theater and musical performances will be offered in Asheville.

For more information on workshops and hotels, call the Asheville Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-280-0005 or, on the Web, go to www.ashevillechamber.org/crafts.htm. To book a Hands On package, call 888-874-7799.

EAGLE VIEWING

Eagles are soaring in the Connecticut River Valley and travelers can view them by cruising on the Connecticut River or joining a walk.

On Saturdays through Feb. 26, the Deep River Navigation Co. will offer cruises (call 860-526-4954 for prices and information), and on Sundays, Feb. 6-27, Capt. John's Bald Eagle Cruises will take place (860-443-7259).

On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays through Feb. 26, the Audubon Shop of Madison will offer walking tours that include information on how to spot and identify the eagles and the flora and fauna of the river ($16 including lunch; call 860-443-7259).

For information on the area, call the Connecticut River Valley & Shoreline Visitors Council at 800-486-3346 or, on the Web, visit www.cttourism.org.

BOSTON WALK

Boston is known as the walking city, because it is easy to get around on foot. One can follow the Freedom Trail and wander through 300-plus years of history in three miles or less, without strain.

Now there's a new way to discover old Boston, the Shawmut Peninsula Walk, which traces Boston's original shoreline. The walk captures a time when the fledgling city was a rough Colonial settlement on a hilly promontory in Boston Harbor.

The Shawmut Peninsula Walk opens a new window onto Boston's Colonial and genealogical past, said Ann Hershfang, president of WalkBoston, the pedestrian advocacy organization, which produced the map. Using the self-guided map, walkers can trace the original shoreline along present-day streets.

The map also contains lively historical notes, neighborhood information, and transit stops.

The map is $5 and can be found in bookstores or from Bryant Altman Map and Book Distributors, Endicott Street, Building 26, Norwood, Mass. 02062; telephone 781-762-3339.

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WEDDINGS

LeBLANC-SIGN

LAFAYETTE, La. — Laura Anne LeBlanc of Lafayette and Christopher Paul Sign of Midland, Texas, were married at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette. The Rev. Keith DeRoven officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert LeBlanc Jr. of Lafayette. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sign of Arlington, Texas.

Katherine Grettner was honor attendant for the bride. Her other attendants were Claire Callais, Petrina Milligan-LeBlanc, Rosie Rosich, Hannan Jichi, Lauren deMahy, Lily Landry, Cameron Travis, Mark Landry and Don deMahy.

Jay Smith was the bridegroom's honor attendant. He was also attended by Ryan LeBlanc, Matthew Sign, Robert Sign Jr. and Adam Jichi. Ushers were Steven Sage, Michael Ray and Sage Spree.

After a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple will live in Midland.



Mrs. Christopher Paul Sign

WILLEY-REED

Audrey Jeanette Willey and Stephen Clay Reed, both of Midland, were married 2 p.m. Dec. 18 at Midland Bible Church in Midland. The Rev. Chuck Williams officiated.

Parents of the bride are Randy and Debbie Willey of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Milton Reed of Lubbock.

Brandy Taylor was honor attendant for the bride. Mitch Gumpl served the bridegroom as honor attendant. Ushers were Kyle Willey and Chad Price.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple lives in Midland.



Mrs. Stephen Clay Reed

KINSEY-POLLARD

Hollyn Elizabeth Kinsey and Adam Files Pollard, both of Midland, were married 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at Memorial Christian Church in Midland. The Rev. Gray Groves officiated.

Parents of the bride are Clyde and Freda Kinsey of Midland. Robert and Janet Pollard of Midland are parents of the bridegroom.

Sherea Hill was the honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by Cari Caudle, Kayla Brown, Mary Claire Pollard and Addison Pollard, daughter of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom's honor attendant was his brother, Graham Pollard. His other attendants were Shane Byrd and Cody Brown. Ushers were Jeremy Brown and Alvie Asbury.



Mrs. Adam Files Pollard

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple lives in Midland.

CHENOT-ELDER

ODESSA — Highland United Methodist Church in Odessa was the setting for the Dec. 18 wedding of Lori Gayle Chenot and Phillip Wayne Elder, both of San Angelo. The Rev. David Weyant officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Lois Chenot of Odessa. Parents of the bridegroom are Wayne and Sue Elder of Midland.

Laura Abbott was honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by Krissy Woodard, Becky Evans and Christie Earp.

Zack Burns served the bridegroom as honor attendant. His other attendants were Cody Cobb, Brad Evans and C.J. Sibert.



Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wayne Elder

After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple lives in San Angelo.

LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

The deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, about 10 days before the item is to appear in the newspaper.

AROUND TOWN

Items submitted for the Around Town column will be published at least once; more than once if space allows. The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week, beginning on Monday. The space is free of charge and is offered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

CLUB NEWS/LUNCHEONS/ FASHION SHOWS

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Soccer moms stage own revolution

By Joanna Weiss
N.Y. Times News Service

EPPING, N.H. — There are moms in shinguards everywhere you look. Moms body-checking each other into plexiglass walls, shouting at referees, knocking soccer balls off knees and heads.

On a recent evening at the Crossroads Sports and Entertainment Center, an indoor arena in small-town New Hampshire, mothers are part of the indoor soccer frenzy. They play, often aggressively, late into the night, while their children are busy with homework or crawling into bed. Or playing games of their own. Or doing nothing at all.

News flash, children: One night a week, for one hour, some mothers have their own things to do.

"I get my kids rides if there's a conflict," said Cecelia Carroll, 48, a Derry teacher whose team of mostly moms won its game, 8-2. "I missed my daughter's winter chorus. I missed my staff dinner for the playoffs. I guess this has been a priority."

Consider it a revolt of the soccer mom, the car-pool-driving, child-toting, husband-cheering, one-woman family support system. In the presidential campaign four years ago, she was the bedraggled symbol of selfless motherhood — enabler of the affluent modern childhood, where weeknights bring a stream of sports games, band practices, and lessons of all kinds.

Now, as some of the mothers step back from that role, they are admitting it feels like defiance: a shift in the family dynamic, a modest rebellion from the idea that your children are your world.

"It's my one night," said one mother, who has missed a child's basketball games for her once-a-week soccer fix. "The kids have their nights."

SOME CHILDREN are watching that change with bemusement. Alyssa Park, 9, admitted she was surprised when her 35-year-old mother, Deb, took up the sport.

"I didn't know they had older ladies' soccer," she said.

But many children are encouraging, even begging their mothers to play, and increasingly families are viewing a once youth-centered sport as an all-encompassing affair. As indoor arenas rise across the country, more households find themselves focused on the same field three or four nights a week, attending games for brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers.

It's happening in earnest in places like Crossroads, the newest indoor soccer site in a state where six arenas have sprung up in the past six years, and at least two more are under construction.

Like many arenas, this one looks, from the outside, like a warehouse: a modest, no-frills metal building beside a busy highway. Inside, it is cavernous, with two oval-shaped playing surfaces surrounded by plexiglass walls. In the afternoons and evenings, the fields fill and empty with mechanical precision, as teams stream on and off for hour-long games.

Children still make up the bulk of Crossroads' 140 soccer teams, owner T.J. Shaughnessy said. But in numbers surprising to many, more and more women are taking part. Two or three women's teams quickly grew to 12 teams of women over age 30. Two years ago, he said, many of them had never kicked a soccer ball.

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"They would say, 'I'm so sick of my kids playing, and my husband playing, and I want to play,' " Shaughnessy said. "They're having more fun than any other group, the moms."

Indoor soccer is a perfect way to start the revolution, aficionados say. It's a faster-paced version of the outdoor game. Teams are smaller, and balls can't go out of bounds; they just bounce off the walls and back onto the field. To participate, the player doesn't have to be a great athlete, a fierce competitor, or highly trained. And little time is devoted.

At Crossroads, the teams do not practice, and they play for only an hour a week. At the Seacoast United Soccer Club arena in Hampton, teams of mothers take turns baby-sitting toddlers on an Astroturf field strewn with coloring books, while other teams play a few yards away.

During night games at Crossroads, husbands watch, calling out advice or keeping vigil for old injuries that could spring up again. Children shout encouragement and explain complex rules that, to them, are second nature.

Courtney Nelson, 13, acts as unofficial coach of the Oyster River Hurricanes, shouting pointers to her mother, Anne, in the goalkeeper's box.

One of Anne Nelson's teammates recently asked Courtney if she worried about balls flying at her mother's head. Courtney was unmoved.

"If she can handle birth," she said, "she can handle getting the ball in her face."

There are a lot of balls in faces on indoor soccer fields, and fingers slammed into walls, ankles swollen by errant kicks, and women quietly cursing their opponents as they stumble off the field. Some women say they've had to adjust to the aggression, though they still take pride in being a different sort of player than men.

"When we knock somebody down, we say, 'Are you OK?' " Deb Park said. The men? "They just keep going."

But that doesn't mean the women take it easy. When the Bloomers recently played the New England Crew at Crossroads, the game came to a halt as the women argued with referee Michelle Weaver, 17, over whether a kick was legal. They wouldn't continue playing until they got a second opinion. Women tend to argue more than children, Weaver said.

The pressures on women are different, many say, as they shed their insecurities in favor of sneakers and shorts. Julie Spuria, 33, a newspaper columnist from Auburn, admits that she puts makeup on her carpet-burned knees when she wears dresses.

And image worries left the name of Deb Park's team in flux. The players considered Blue Thunder, but worried that people would call them Thunder Thighs. They switched to Blue Lightning, but nobody could remember it. Finally, they settled on the Hornets. Baggage-free.

Generations of women, who grew up playing hopscotch while the boys took to the sports field, have had to drop old ideas as they've now turned to sports, said Sharlene Hess-Biber, a Boston College sociology professor.

In large part, she said, they've taken ideas and encouragement from their daughters.

THE LEAGUES are open to all women over 30, and they do not have to be moms to qualify. But the majority of players are mothers who have spent years watching their children and husbands play.

Soccer-playing moms are learning a new feeling of pride; they urge newcomers onto the field and cheer even when their teammates fail. Spuria, a seasoned player, passed the ball repeatedly to rookies, hoping they would have a chance to score.

She loves to watch mothers play, she said, and hear their children scream out support. When they yell, "Go, Mom," she said, "My heart flips."

But many women find that support from their teammates is enough for now. Celeste Dietterle, 43, a Newmarket secretary, said she tells her husband not to come to her games.

"They criticize you too much," she said. "This is what I do, and I don't want him. This is my thing. Go away."

Lynn Allen, 43, a Durham teacher, said her four daughters, all soccer players, wanted to see her first-ever game with the Hurricanes. She borrowed their soccer shoes and shinguards, but she wouldn't let them come. She wanted to do it alone.

So, for the first time, she pulled on a pink team shirt and matching pink ponytail holder, and bounded onto the field. She crunched her face with concentration and stabbed at the ball.

And she made a discovery: After years of watching her children's games, scrutinizing their teams, and tracking their successes, she knew what she was doing. Enough to do it well, scoring one of the team's two goals that night.

As teammates congratulated her, Allen gave the credit to her children. "I've been watching for a really long time," she said.

Then she thought for a second and added: "Well, it's hard to believe they got it all from my husband."

Fashion's forecast for summer 2000

By Barbara De Witt
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Pink pony-print boots with square toes and heels. Dainty slides decorated with silk flowers. Platforms wrapped in denim and lined in red gingham. Could these cobblers' cream puffs really knock black stilettos off their heels?

Yes, without so much as a scuffed toe.

At the Los Angeles Shoe Market, held this week at the downtown CaliforniaMart, 125 shoe manufacturers displayed their wares for spring and summer, and nobody asked, "Does it come in black?"

At the sight of so many pink, orange, turquoise and red shoes, hundreds of black-clad fashionistas (otherwise known as buyers and trend analysts) left their urban edge at the door. They clutched wooden slides handpainted with pink and yellow canaries, stroked the mother-of-pearl inlay on highly varnished red wooden sandals and even slipped their feet into sequined mules.

And those trends, says Jeff Yeh, a designer for N.Y.L.A. shoes, include mirrors, Asian prints, painted wood and sequins. "Anything with a novel approach, like our Furby or Chia Pet-inspired shoes with pink fake fur," he says, chuckling.

The shoes that are getting the most interest — and orders — he says, are the Ducky wedge, named for the little birds painted on them, and also his evening shoes with floral designs stitched in sequins.

Last year fashion critics claimed the platform style was dead, that flat was phat and stilettos still sexy. But don't believe it.

"People are still jumping on them (platforms) because they're comfortable and because they like being five inches taller," says Yeh.

Animal prints on platforms, boots and sandals are the buzz at the Sacha London booth. According to Sacha representative Vince Sorge, we're reliving the days of disco when gaudy was good. And the hot tickets? A pair of hot pink-and-black pony-print ankle boots trimmed in pink lizard-print leather, sporting squared toes and heels.

"Pointed toes are sexier, but the boxy toe is a lot more comfortable," he says. Another detail that's new, says Sorge, is the barber pole or cylinder-shaped heel, in stripes of color such as orange, pink and red.

Ted Ackerman, a designer for the Yellow Box Shoe Co. based in Westlake Village, said it's the Asian influence that's hot for spring. He's ready with plenty of thongs accented with beads, flowers and dragons. Like other designers, he's carving his shoes out of wood and varnishing them like fine furniture.

More woodworks are spotted at numerous manufacturers' booths, some sculpted from a block of wood to create a stunning profile, others modeled after classic Birkenstocks, all topped with strips of decorative fabric across the toes.

More fabric, less leather, seems to be where shoe fashion is headed — and leading the way are floral prints, followed by denim.

Ed Todd

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Tonya D. Williams of Midland will become the bride of Jamie O. Pierce of Lamesa, Texas January 29th at the First United Methodist Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Pat and Marilyn Williams of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Ron & Judy Butler and James & Terri Pierce of Lamesa, Texas.

Miss Williams is employed with Big Spring Fire Department as a Firefighter. Her fiance is employed by Butler Seed and Delinting Co. of Lamesa and is a volunteer firefighter with the Lamesa Fire Department.



Train buffs preserve railroad relics in Russia

By Robert Barr

PERESLAVL-ZALESSKY, Russia (AP) — Just 15 cents buys a ride on the narrow-gauge Pereslavl Railway.

But for $450, you could run the whole railroad for a day, dispatching restored steam engines through the forest and along the shore of Lake Pleshcheyevo, where Peter the Great once tested prototypes for his navy.

Pereslavl's attractions also include the imposing Goritsky monastery and a museum that houses Peter the Great's Botik, the first boat he built. The town is also the birthplace of Alexander Nevsky, the Russian hero who defeated invading Swedish and German armies in the 13th century.

The Pereslavl Railway and Museum, about two hours north of Moscow by car, is still in its infancy. There is no schedule for steam operation, and there is no admission charge: Because of government red tape, it's simpler to ask visitors to make a donation.

"This really is the first year that we have had enough exhibits to warrant tourists to visit," says Anatoly Gusev, the only private raiway owner in the country. In 2000, "when people buy a ticket for a tour of Pereslavl, we will be on that ticket," he says.

The rails, 750mm (29-1/2-inches) apart, were laid in the 1920s to haul peat. That width was adopted nationwide for Russia's narrow-gauge lines in 1928, and the country had about 60,000 miles (100,000 kms) of narrow-gauge line as recently as the 1970s.

"We tend to forget it, but 90 percent of the narrow-gauge railroads were used in the gulags," says Andrei Bespaly, referring to the forced labor camps of the Soviet era.

One of the museum's unique attractions is a 1950s Zim limousine fitted with railroad wheels to accommodate Soviet bigwigs on tours of the camps. It doesn't have any brakes — to stop it, the driver had to turn the wheels to scrape the flanges hard against the rails.



AP Photo

Private railway owner Anatoly Gusev stands outside his engine shed with one of his three working steam locomotives in Pereslavl-Zalessky, Russia. The Pereslavl Railway and Museum, about two hours north of Moscow by car, is still in its infancy. There is no schedule for steam operation and no admission charge: Because of government red tape, it's simpler to ask visitors for donations.

PERESLAVL IS RIGHT on the 101-kilometer (63-mile) line around Moscow which defined "internal exile." Those sentenced to internal exile could go no closer to the capital.

Bespaly, who once worked in the Soviet space program, is one of a handful of full-time employees at the museum. He is learning as he goes, but his colleague Vadim Mironov is a graduate of the Railroad Institute.

"Once you stopped seeing steam on the broad gauge, I switched to narrow gauge," Mironov says. "It is so cozy and homey here."

On a clear and warm fall day, Gusev apologizes for being unable to fire up a steam engine. The railway is in a national forest, and flying sparks are too great a danger for the soaring pines after a hot, dry summer.

So Mironov and Bespaly hooked a diesel engine to a coach and set off from the museum at Kupanskoe, a settlement northeast at Pereslavl. As the train trundled along at a jogger's pace, twigs of birch lashing and scraping on the car testified to the minimum standard of maintenance.

No steam engines were left when Gusev took over, so enthusiasts have looked far and wide for three operable steam engines.

One, which has eight drive wheels (0-8-0), was built in Poland in 1955 to Russian blueprints, and found in Tatarstan. Some 5,000 engines of this type were built, and a sister engine is awaiting restoration at the museum.

The second is a German engine of the same wheel arrangement, one of 300 built in 1950 as part of the German Democratic Republic's war reparations to the Soviet Union. It was found in Grozny in the republic of Chechnya.

"Unfortunately, reparation engines were done on the theory of 'Here, get out of my hair,'" Bespaly says. "It looks big and powerful, but it cannot go over 35 (kph, or 22 mph). It bucks and sways."

The third is a Finnish engine with six drive wheels (0-6-0), one of 32 built to Russian designs in 1945. First used in a peat bog, it ended up in an amusement park in Armenia.

Inside the engine house is an outside-frame engine built in 1927 and found on display near Nizhny-Novgorod.

"It is lacking an important part," Bespaly says, pointing out the absence of the main rods which transmit power from the cylinders to the wheels.

Gusev, a pioneering capitalist in nearby Yaroslavl, bought the bankrupt railroad in 1989. The 80 kilometers (50 miles) of track came with 89 freight and passenger cars, and 80 workers. He fired more than half of them.

Thirty-two people are still at work on the railway running a commuter service, if that term applies to a low-speed service offering three round-trips per day.

Those trains average about 20 people per trip, with a one-way fare of 4 rubles (15 cents). That generates income of about $500 a month which is shared among all the employees, or less than $16 each.

The railway still hauls peat to the central heating plant in Kupan. In exchange, the city provides diesel fuel for the railway. The jobs of 30 peat diggers depend on the continued operation of the railway.

"On the other hand, they protect my property," Gusev says.

Sitting in the warm kitchen of his dacha — equipped with both gas and electric stoves, in case one power source or the other isn't working — he complains about the lack of support from the government and tourist agencies.

"There is really very little future for the line. I can keep it up for only two or three more years if the state doesn't invest. I can't maintain 80 kilometers of track out of my own pocket," he says.

The solution may be to abandon much of the track but keep a short stretch for museum operations.

"My love is not the steam engine per se, but as you approach the age of 50 you begin to think what you will leave behind," Gusev says.

"Your house, your garden, they are nice, but they existed before me, and will after I am gone. My dream is that what is written on my coffee mug — Anatoly Gusev, founder of the Pereslavl Railroad Museum — may someday be on a plaque."

If you go:

Don't try driving unannounced to the museum unless you have a good command of the Russian language. There are few signs to point the way. And if you do just show up, there's no assurance that museum trains will be operating.

It's better to make contact in advance, and the best way is by fax to the museum at 7-085-230-4283.

If at all possible, travel with someone fluent in Russian because you will encounter few people in Pereslavl who speak anything else. The museum can arrange for an English-speaking guide.

Additional information on the railway is available on the Internet at http://pavel.physics.sunysb.edu/RR/USSR/kupan.html

Moab: Town that remade itself

By Sam Allis
N.Y. Times News Service

MOAB, Utah — Out here, no one thinks twice about ghost towns, those bleached specters that rise in the desert, screen doors slapping in the wind. Boom-bust cyles, after all, have defined the American West. Folks in these parts regard such fluctuations with a near-Zen acceptance unknown in New England, where people eye them with Puritan panic and opprobrium.

So when the uranium processing plant in Moab folded in the early '80s, many assumed the town would become another Cisco, the community an hour's drive up the Colorado River that faded like a daguerreotype after Interstate 70 bypassed it. Today, Cisco is best known as the set location where Geena Davis blew up a sexist truck driver's rig in the movie "Thelma and Louise."

But Moab refused the death rattle. Instead, it performed the classic American act of reinvention. For starters, the Colorado courses through it. Arches National Park, whose iconic Delicate Arch graces everything from postage stamps to license plates, is a five-minute drive. And the canyonlands of southern Utah, arguably the most spectacular landscape in the United States, surround it.

So Moab transformed itself into a mecca for river rafters and, later, mountain bikers from all over the world who came to herniate themselves on the endless expanse of "slick rock," the smooth canyon stone of the area. They also introduced dreadlocks, lip rings, and contraband to the conservative Mormon community. This invasion produced a wonderful melange of young hard-bodies in North Face gear and rawboned farmers in straw Stetsons.

INCREASINGLY, Moab became a magnet for thousands of lunatics prone to physical torture. First there was the legendary Slick Rock Trail, 12 brutal miles of stone and sand laid out 30 years ago for motorbikes. Then came the Canyonlands Fat Tire Festival, an annual bash for biking addicts that was 15 years old last fall. And who can forget the 24 Hours of Moab race, a Le Mans-style exercise in exhaustion held around the clock in spectacular desert surroundings?

For terror on water, there is always Cataract Canyon leading to Lake Powell. This offers class 5 whitewater (class 6 is navigable only by fish). Slightly less scary is Westwater Canyon above Cisco with class 4 rapids. Both are on the mighty Colorado.

"Moab isn't a town," wrote Lee Benson of the Deseret News in Salt Lake City. "It's an aerobic sport."

Hollywood, meanwhile, has been shooting movies in the area since John Ford discovered Monument Valley to the south half a century ago. Parts of 100 films have been made in the canyonlands. More recently, television sponsors grew enamored with Moab, as mountain biking morphed into a religion. Schwinn even named one of its fat tire models after the place.

Moab, in short, became seriously hot. Today, the place teems with tawny young outdoor types who don't yet know just how complicated life can get. They ride the seasonal thermals at winter ski areas and summer river and bike towns, their Cannondale bikes permanent fixtures on the roofs of their SUVs.

Some follow this circuit for a few years after college and return to the fold through law school or environmental biology. Others find themselves approaching 40 still guiding young portfolio managers through slick rock or white water. They profess no love of the mainstream and remain refugees from reality, eschewing 9-to-5 jobs and health insurance.

MORE RECENTLY, Moab has been pushing culture as well. For the past five years, it has had its own film festival. Sundance it is not, but the program is growing. And for the last seven years, the town of 4,300 has mounted a classical music festival. Moab even has a decent book store, Back of Beyond, named from the writing of Edward Abbey, the environmental icon who took no prisoners in his fight to protect the back country of Utah and Arizona.

So what's going on here? Are we looking at another Telluride, Colo., in the making?

Not a chance. Moab is too tacky. Its main street is littered with fast-food outlets, cheap Indian jewelry and T-shirt shops, and cinderblock motels.

Hollywood wouldn't go near the place except to shoot movies. Moab offers nothing like Robert Redford's chic eatery, Zoom, in Park City, home of the Sundance Film Festival and the upcoming Olympic games, no upscale hotels for agents dressed for funerals.

Moab's summer temperature, which routinely tops 100 degrees, is suitable for mad dogs and Englishmen, not emigres from Santa Monica, Calif., or the Hamptons. There exists no ski area to transform the place into a year-round affair like Sun Valley or Aspen, Colo. And it is a monumental schlep to reach by car. So whatever else happens, Moab will never be precious. That's the good news.

The bad news is that, like countless other Western towns, it is growing ugly fast. Telluride, like Santa Fe and Aspen, is too expensive to get ugly. But absent large money, the West succumbs to its pathological obeisance to individual rights at the expense of everything else. Along with its raw muscle and breathtaking beauty comes a relentless rejection of coherent growth. The mere thought of zoning is considered as heinous as horse thievery.

So towns out here get bigger in one of two ways. Places like Moab grow inexorably toward mayhem. Others, like Redford's Sundance ski resort and film institute near Provo, are tightly controlled by a few people with power and money. There appears to be no middle ground. Redford has been criticized for his iron-fisted control over Sundance, and indeed nothing happens there without his approval. But his absolute monarchy remains a far better option than the development-devouring Park City and its environs, and the awful sprawl south of Salt Lake.

SPRAWL IS NOT only a Western curse. Just ask Al Gore. It is horrible in southern New Hampshire, too. But southern New Hampshire wasn't all that beautiful to begin with. Sprawl is shocking out here, in contrast, because of the breathtaking beauty it ruins.

Many Moab lefties read much into the disappearance last year of the Star Diner, a kitschy place that epitomized the local counterculture. It attracted a loopy clientele who came for the vegetarian confections made by the owner, who sang scat in the kitchen as he cooked. The Star was pure Moab. No longer. The owner sold out last spring. To Burger King.

"What happened to the Star Diner is a real metaphor for what's happening to Moab, and that story is being repeated all over the West," says Jim Stiles, owner of The Zephyr, the town's spirited alternative paper whose credo reads, "All the news that causes fits." "Moab is no longer a community. It has lost its soul."

So Moab sheds more of its charm each year as it swells with outlanders. Purists fear for its future, and for good reason. All is not lost yet — it's too damned beautiful for total ruination — but the signs aren't encouraging.

Information system developed

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont have joined forces to help tourists when they visit northern New England. The three states are developing an information system for motorists that will provide weather reports, tourism information, hotel accommodations, events listings, road closings and construction slowdowns.

The states are seeking federal start-up money for the first five years, says Bill Boynton, spokesman for the New Hampshire Transportation Department.

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Katherine Watkins, a student at Midland High School, has been named Student of the Week by Midland Morning Lions Club. The daughter of David and Karen Watkins, she is vice-president of student council, member of Senior Girls, MHS newspaper staff, cross country, soccer, Symphony Belles, Teen CBS, VM Youth Group, VMY choir, Young Life and a volunteer for Septemberfest.

Julie Leventhal, daughter of Harry and Janice Leventhal and a student at Lee High School, has also been named Midland Morning Lions Club's Student of the Week. She is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, All-Regional Orchestra, Strictlee Strings Orchestra Chamber Group, a volunteer for Midland/Odessa Symphony & Choral office, Pancake Jamboree, Sunday School teacher, Septemberfest and on the executive Board of the Youth Group.

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Koby West, 18, a Lee High School senior, has been named Student of the Week by Midland West Rotary Club. He is a member of band, National Honor Society, orchestra, Spanish Honor Society, church youth group, choir, handbell choir and basketball. He has been named to All-Area Band, is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and won the Randy Storie Award for Leadership and Inspiration.

West plans to attend Texas A&M University.

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Brent Allan Winter of Midland was listed on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus honor roll for fall 1999 semester. To qualify, students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

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Midland students listed on the dean's list for the fall semester at Angelo State University are: **Betsy Ann Blaylock, Michael Boatwright, Jason Brooks, Roxanne Segura Castro, Jennifer Lee Cherry, Jason Michael Crunk, Courtnee Dickerson, Kristi E. Forsberg, Brad C. Gibson, Reagan R. Graham, Julie Louise Jaup, Lesley Ann Keel, Josh Aaron Kidd, Kelly Elizabeth McCarty, Vanessa Lynn Owens, Lindsey L. Paswater, Brandon E. Speed, Jami Deeann Stewart, Carrie Lynn Walker, Myra E. Warren** and **Andrea Linnet Wirshing.** To be eligible, students must have at least a 3.25 grade point average and be enrolled full time.

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Cody Schulte, son of Eddie and Jane Schulte and a 1998 graduate of Greenwood High School, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester in the College of Business Administration at the University of North Texas. Eligible students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average.

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Louisiana State University has announced its dean's list for the fall 1999 semester. Midland students named to the list are: **Jennifer Dee Dannels** and **Jeanne Margaret Bennett.** To be included on the list, students must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average.

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Brian Harrington of Midland was named to the president's list for the 1999 fall semester at the University of North Texas. To qualify, a student must earn a 4.0 grade point average and carry at least 12 course hours. Harrington is a student at Texas Academy of Math and Science (TAMS) at UNT in Denton.

Harrington's name was submitted to the National Dean's List, a publication that recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students across the country.

EDUCATION NOTES

Permian Basin Graduate Center Continuing Education will offer the following courses:

- Intermediate Excel 2000: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, $90
- Canvas for the Geoscientist: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, $175
- Intermediate Excel 97: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 31, $90
- Windows 98: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 1, $90
- Beginning Access 97: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 2, $90

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THUNDER (Tribal Hands United to Network and Determine Educational Resolve) Alliance announces the publication of its first cookbook, "THUNDER in the Kitchen: Recipes and Memories." All proceeds benefit the THUNDER Alliance scholarship fund for Native American students in the North Texas area.

The 45-page cookbook contains both traditional and contemporary recipes, as well as family stories and memories. For more information or to order (cookbooks are available for $6 each) contact THUNDER Alliance, P.O. Box 154466, Irving, Texas 75015 or call (972) 513-9232.

THUNDER Allianace provides mentoring, educational programs and scholarships for Native American students.

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Two Midland residents — **Lesley McCrary,** a graduate of Midland Christian School, and **Anthony Swift,** a graduate of Grady High School — are participating in an Austin College January Term class, "Hands-On Conservation: Restoration of a Native Prairie." The class is working to restore prairie vegetation to the college's Sneed Environmental Research Area.

The four-week January Term program, in which students take only one course, allows students the opportunity for in-depth study of one subject, often outside their regular area of concentration.

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Crow Canyon Archaeological Center will host its annual month-long High School Field School July 2-29 in Cortez, Colo. Students will take part in field excavation and lab work, field trips, hiking and camping, and study and discussion. The school will focus on Southwest prehistory, an excavation at an Ancestral Puebloan (Anasazi) site, archaeological methods of site dating and site formation, and geological processes.

To request a detailed itinerary of the program or to register call 1-800-422-8975 ext. 130 or (970) 565-8975. Crow Canyon's web site is www.crowcanyon.org

MISD announces junior high honor roll for third six-weeks

Midland Independent School District announced the junior high school honor roll for the third six-weeks of the 1999-2000 school year.

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ABELL 7TH GRADE: **Alyssa Barker, Brenton Bennett, Katie Benton, Jennifer Browning, Brad Burgess, Rachel Campbell, James Carpenter, Angelica Carrasco, Ejhen Chau, Paige Copeland, Mary Criner, Meghan Davidson, Tara Dunn, Brady Ellison, Amanda Fly, Trevor Foote, David Frank, Jennifer Fuller, David Fultz, Crystal Garcia, Ryan Gartner, Robert Goates, Joshua Guinn, Lauren Herr, Elise Hilgemeier, Miranda Hocutt, Gregory Hughes, Jared Ivanhoe, Kari Jones, David Kahlich, Ryann Lamb, Klarissa Lott, Daryl Luck, Nicole Luna, Krystal Marquez, Julie McCown, Megan Murrill, Karen Olson, Jenae Pharr, Jennifer Roberson, Leonard Sammons, Ashlyn Samuels, Amanda Schaneman, Sara Schneider, Amanda Schwarz, Kyle Sheldon, Maegan Sheppard, Sarah Smith, Ruben Sosa, Carrie Spannaus, Matthew Tully** and **Ashley Watson.**

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ABELL 8TH GRADE: **Farzana Amin, Aaron Ashlock, Victoria Banks, William Bolla, Tara Butterfield, Katherine Camp, Laura Carr, Chuy Cordero, Kyle Czirr, Austin Davis, Lisa Decker, Jason Ferris, Mark Ferris, Lyndsey Fox, Taylor Fritschen, Santana Garcia, Danielle Garlington, Jessica Gray, Marc Hall, Jimmi Ham, Holli Hillman, Clayton Hubbard, Valerie Jackopin, Meagan Jackson, James Jordan, Ann Lowe, Laura Marshall, Hamilton Marx, James McCown, L. McDaniel, Tyler Moody, Ryan Morris, Amanda Mueller, Ezekiel Nelson, Nicholas Obright, Courtney Oehler, Melinda Oknefski, Rajiv Penmetcha, Scott Petersen, Megan Rhoads, Sarah Richards, Nicole Rodgers, Lindsay Spannus, Sarah Taylor, Heidi Willett, Andrew Winston** and **Ryan Yarbrough.**

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ALAMO 7TH GRADE: **Lajuanda Asemota, Brittany Atchley, Robert Bell, Savanna Bernal, Elva Chang, Cody Clay, Kent Copeland, Raquel Corrales, Andrew Courtner, Jordan Cox, Samuel Cumings, Martin Diaz, Max Dobler, Kevin Dominguez, Emily Fanning, Logan Forest, Diana Garces, Gregory George, Adriel Gonzalez, Matthew Graves, Hayden Greener, Flora Hernandez, Bethany Hill, Ashley Hodges, Laci Holcombe, Nathan Holder, Taylor Hord, Krista Knight, Cheryl Kuss, Karrie Littlejohn, Jessica Martinez, Stacy McBurney, Rebecca McEwen, Chanel Mercadel, Daniel Meysing, Eder Montoya, Elizabeth Myers, Kourtney Nichols, Kady Phe, Kayla Ratliff, Brittany Rice, Patricia Rodriguez, Priscilla Rodriguez, Scott Rogers, Meagan Rountree, Amanda Sanchez, Amanda Scott, Justin Smith, Joshua Southerland, Jennifer St. John, Kelly Stanley, Britni Thompson, Kasi Thompson, Kimberly Trimble, Austin Williams, Jenna Wright, Elissa Yeates** and **Elizabeth Zachry.**

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ALAMO 8TH GRADE: **Krystal Adams, Darlene Alimbuyao, Manuel Beltran, Spencer Blake, Sarah Bondick, Nathaniel Brummert, Nicole Burge, David Duarte, Jessica Dunn, Rachel Earl, Stephanie Helms, Jayla Hicks, Jenifer Hopper, Mandy Hutchinson, Stephanie Lees, Cara McBurney, Chelsea Mullinix, Jessica Pillado, Bobbie Prewit, Kailyn Rogers, Ashley Scott, Jacob Serrano, Whitney Shaeffer, Marc Shatzer, Heather Sheppard, Elizabeth Solis, Jessica Stewart, Jonna Stringer, Sarah Tranum, Mark Tschirhart, Mariene Walker** and **Colby Woods.**

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GODDARD 7TH GRADE: **Lissette Aguirre, Alyssa Andrews, Emily Baker, Elayna Barton, Colby Burns, Destinee Bushman, Andrew Castle, Corey Culp, Michael Denny, Thomas Elliott, Lindsey Ewing, Melissa Flores, Thomas Frisbie, Jessica Fuchs, Cassandra Grizzle, Megan Haynes, Kaime Houk, Shannon Jackson, Philip Kaake, Rachel Kerr, James Lucas, Zachary Luikens, Amanda Martin, April Mason, Sara Maurer, Vanesa Navarrete, Jamie Nieto, William Peeler, Tracey Pickering, Lindsey Pitts, Neill Ramos, Elizabeth Rowan, Dustin Rucker, Joshua Scrivner, Jennifer Swanson, Tiffany Taing, Kayla Valencia, Arturo Valles, Blair Wellen, Ryan Wheeler** and **Angela Zemkoski.**

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GODDARD 8TH GRADE: **Riley Blake, Allison Bower, Joseph Colvin, Beth Craig, Robert Davis, Rebecca Delarosa, Timothy Ennis, Stephanie Gryzmala, Matthew Guisinger, Shelly Gupta, Ryan Hall, Jenny Holzer, Meagan Hughes, Des Shun Jeffery, Caribe Kahler, Amy Lawler, Alicia Lopez, Michael Maddox, Courtney Mlajor, Natalie Meek, Lindsey Moore, Laura Nelson, Nora Odisho, Julianna Potter, Amanda Richter, Megan Roberts, Ashley Sapp, William Sparks, Katie Taylor, Cristina Tercero, Brandon True, Christina Tumbusch, Jesse Walker, Sarah Walker, Austin Wallace, Jessica Waller, Ashley Ward, Rebekah Ward, Kenzi Watson** and **Chelsie Wheeless.**

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SAN JACINTO 7TH GRADE: **Matthew Beall, Kelsey Brown, Kevin Brown, Russell Brown, Casey Buss, Helen Byrd, John Clifton, Maritza Espinoza, Shaderia Evans, Mary Faulkenberry, Kathryn Fields, Kenley Ganem, Matthew Garza, Lauren Gemmill, Jacquelyn Gonzales, Timothy Guenthner, Arali Gurrola, Laura Hambrick, Amy Johnson, Carleigh Knight, Candace Koehl, William Krause, Jennifer Kreuz, Holly Landenberger, Katherine Logan, Gareth Morton, Michael Owen, Catherine Palmer, Robert Peetz, Kala Raglin, Devon Ramey, Rebecca Reid, Britany Roman, Stephanie Sanchez, Evan Sewell, Kristee Sharp, Megan Terrell, Alexandra Thomas, Tyler Timmons, Bryne Ulmschneider, Patrick Wayland, Andrew Wood** and **Michael Zant.**

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SAN JACINTO 8TH GRADE: **William Boyd, Catherine Cobb, Kari Cooper, David Hobby, Stephani Leach, Rachel Malehorn, Anna Ramsey, Iris Sanchez, Jordan Stevens, Katherine Truitt, Kiri Ulmschneider, Sara Vest, Jessica Wallis** and **Claire Williamson.**

What's for lunch at school?

GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Week of Jan. 24-28)
MONDAY

BREAKFAST: Pancakes and sausages on stick, juice, milk

LUNCH: Steak fingers, potatoes w/gravy, buttered corn, hot rolls, chilled peaches, milk

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST: Bacon and eggs, biscuits, juice, milk

LUNCH: Grill cheese sandwich, garden salad w/low-fat dressing, chips, mixed fruit salad, milk

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST: French toast sticks, juice, milk

LUNCH: Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce-tomato salad w/low-fat dressing, corn bread, fresh oranges, milk

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST: Eggs and sausage, biscuits, juice, milk

LUNCH: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, milk

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST: Pop Tarts, cereal, juice, milk

LUNCH: Hamburgers, french fries, hamburger salad w/pickles, ranger cake, milk

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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Week of Jan. 24-28)
MONDAY

BREAKFAST: Quesadilla, waffles, juice, low-fat milk

LUNCH: Ham or corndog, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, cornbread, fruit drink, low-fat milk

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST: Sausage biscuit, juice, low-fat milk

LUNCH: Rotini with meat sauce or Hot Pockets, green salad, cinnamon apples, french bread, fruit drink, low-fat milk

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST: Cinnamon rolls, juice, low-fat milk

LUNCH: Nacho grande or soft chicken tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit drink, low-fat milk

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST: Cinnamon swirl bread, juice, low-fat milk

LUNCH: Chicken fried steak or baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green salad, fruited gelatin, wheat roll, fruit drink, low-fat milk

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST: Breakfast burrito, assorted cereal, juice, low-fat milk

LUNCH: Hamburger or toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, potato wedges, lettuce & tomatoes, fruit cocktail, fruit drink, low-fat milk

EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Deadline for all education items is 2 p.m. Friday that is 10 days before the Sunday the item is to run. Deadline is the same whether the item is mailed in, brought in or sent by e-mail or over the computer modem.

As with all free editorial items, education news is published on a first-come, first-served basis, as space allows.

The Reporter-Telegram reserves the right to edit all submissions to conform to Associated Press style and space allowances.

MAKING THE GRADE

Making the Grade section honors high school and college students' academic achievements. Items submitted for Making the Grade must be no more than 100 words in length.

Items that are not accepted are:

- Announcements of students applying to colleges.
- Announcements of students being accepted to colleges.
- Students' places of employment or hobbies.
- United States Achievement Academy winners because USAA will not verify honorees.
- Junior high school honors.

Use of photographs:

- Photographs will NOT be used with scholarship announcements.
- Photographs will NOT be used to announce college graduations since we do not publish photos for high school graduations either.
- Photographs WILL be published for Students of the Week presented by Midland Lions Clubs and Rotary Club.

EDUCATION NOTES

Included in Education in Brief will be:

- Announcements of all upcoming school and education-related events.
- Announcements of teacher academic honors.

Submissions should be no more than 100 words in length.

OTHER

Photographs will NOT be published with "Top Dawg" and "Top Rebs" that are submitted for each six-week period.

Students are not announced individually for being named as Duke Talent Identification honorees or being named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. These students are announced as a group when the press releases are received from the organizations.

University Interscholastic League winners:

- Lists will be published of all UIL winners in all categories — speech, debate, writing, math, vocational technology, etc. — for students winning first through third places in all divisions — district, regional, state.
- Photos will be taken of students who win first place at state or who place in state categories which make them eligible for national competitions.

Cheerleader honors:

- Cheerleader awards from summer camps and competitons — including sweepstakes awards — are announced with education news.
- Squad photos will be published for first place in the state competition awards.
- Squad photos will be taken of cheerleaders leaving to perform at Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl and other prestigious events.
- Photos will not be taken of squads for just receiving invitations to attend such events.

Junior high school honor rolls:

- The Reporter-Telegram has had an agreement with MISD for many years to publish a lengthy list of junior high school honor roll students every six weeks.
- Other junior high school honors — including other academic achievements, end-of-year academic awards, academic pep rallies — will not be published.

High school honor rolls are not published; instead high school academic honors will be published in Making the Grade.

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Versailles' gardens get needed 'push' from storm

By Suzanne Daley
N.Y. Times News Service

VERSAILLES, France — The gardens of Versailles, the result of centuries of grooming and planning to satisfy royal whim, look more like a logging camp these days than a place where nobles in satin pumps liked to stroll.

The damage is striking. In the English gardens, Marie Antoinette's much-loved Virginia tulip tree, planted in 1783, went down, its soil-clotted roots ripping a hole in the lawn big enough to turn into a swimming pool. By the Temple of Love, a Corsican pine planted for Napoleon in 1810 shattered as it crashed to the ground. Elsewhere, 10,000 trees lie in ruin.

But Versailles' officials say the destruction caused by the two fierce windstorms that roared across Europe over the Christmas holidays may actually turn out to be a good thing for the park, speeding efforts to restore it to its finest days under the extravagant Louis XIV, who was king from 1643 to 1715.

Officials say that much of the park, built on a drained swamp, should have been replanted 30 or 40 years ago. Many of the trees on Versailles' 1,500 acres were too tall and in some cases weak from age and disease. The garden's first architect, Andre Le Notre, foresaw trees no more than about 60 feet high. But many had grown to more than 120 feet, and with roots close to the surface because the water table is so high, they were particularly vulnerable to high winds.

Still, a lack of funds and a general disinclination to do anything too abrupt that might upset the public had slowed major replanting efforts. Even when park officials had to replace 182 diseased chestnut trees, their press operation went into high gear to explain why it was necessary. "The storms of 1999, however, have forced everyone's hand," said Hubert Astier, the president of the state-run museum and park. "A lot of work has to be done. The only real issue is getting the money."

THE CHRISTMAS storms toppled trees throughout the park, from the groves carefully laid out near the chateau where footmen once raced ahead of the king to make sure the fountains were on, to the more woody areas surrounding the Trianon and the Petit Trianon. One of the park's chief gardeners, Alain Baraton, likened the destruction to a World War I battlefield. "It actually looks like Verdun," Baraton said. "Every space is touched. All kinds of trees are down."

The government will pay some of the nearly $40 million that repairing the chateau and the grounds is expected to cost, and the public will help as well. What will be done with the funds, however, is already decided. Officials developed a program for the park nine years ago, after a 1990 storm took down 1,600 trees. The plan aims to restore much of the park to the way it was under Louis XIV, the flamboyant Sun King, who hovered over every intricate detail.

The gardens were at their peak under Louis XIV, and have never since been so carefully, and expensively, maintained. In fact, major renovations of the gardens have taken place about every hundred years, usually spurred by fierce storms. As a result, a messy collection of partial restorations accreted on top of changing royal visions. Louis XIV himself redid parts of the park more than once in his lifetime.

The restoration plan that was developed by a committee of 20 experts generated little controversy. Restorations in France generally aim to go back to the earliest version that can be authenticated through plans, documents or paintings.

"There really wasn't much argument about restoring the garden that Louis XIV built," said Olivier de Rohan Chabot, the president of the Friends of Versailles Association, a nonprofit group that raises funds for the museum and the park. The committee generally agreed to restore it the way Le Notre designed it and, over time, to eliminate some of the overgrown trees.

But the restoration will not be totally true to the original plans. The Grove of Apollo's Baths created under Louis XVI will not change, because the committee found his design for the grove too beautiful to ignore. Parts of the gardens around the Trianons, really developed by Louis XVI, will be restored to his vision, because the Sun King spent little time on them.

Other treasures from the Louis XIV era will be restored. The current Queen's Garden (a not very exciting place) will be remade into the intricate maze garden designed for Louis XIV. Under him, the garden contained 39 little fountains, with painted statues of animals from Aesop's fables. It was used to teach the royal children about morality.

Much of the intricate hedge work will also be restored, as young trees return the gardens to their original proportions. What is truly regrettable, officials said, is that a slower replanting would have kept the modern apartment buildings that surround the park out of view. That is no longer possible. "It could take us 10 years to be able to keep the modern world from view again," Astier said.

Trees like the ones planted for Marie Antoinette and Napoleon will be replaced, species for species. The problem is that with more than 60 percent of France's forests damaged by the storm, getting young trees may be difficult and expensive.

Luckily, however, the storm did little harm to the garden's statues, though in some places trees crashed through walls and there was damage to the chateau's roof and some windows. Nonetheless, the basic structures remain intact.

"It was, in some ways, a polite storm," Astier said. "In one place, there was a tree that fell, but the branches parted just in time and laid on either side of a statue, without injuring it."

It was Louis XIII who first began a garden at Versailles. He would ride out from Paris because the hunting was good and spend the night in a local tavern. Soon, however, he wanted more than a straw bed and built a small chateau.

His son Louis XIV had the grander vision for Versailles and eventually moved the French court there. By his early 20s, he was something of a 17th-century jet-setter. He concentrated on the gardens, creating a sort of amusement park, with groves and fountains, intended to delight and surprise. He held huge parties that went on for days, each day bringing a new spectacle: plays, ballets, equestrian parades, fireworks. Designed to amuse, the spectacles were also an exercise in prestige, a display of his power and riches.

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INDEED, the garden reflected the thinking of the time. Unlike medieval gardens, which were islands of civilization in a chaotic world, the Versailles gardens were designed as a monument to the human hand on the landscape. Every vista led to infinity, as did Louis XIV's view of his rule.

It was not land that was particularly suited to such a garden. No matter. It was flattened and drained. Earth was moved to create terraces and embankments. Lakes and canals were used to drain mosquito-infested bogs. Trees were imported from all over the world. Those that survived were submitted to rigorous pruning and shaping, like everything else in the garden.

In Louis XIV's later years, the garden became less ostentatious. Much of the trelliswork was done away with, banks of grass replaced stone parapets, and gardens became more natural looking. Louis XV — whether because of a lack of interest, a lack of money or a new taste for the more natural — let the garden continue to grow out of its original rigid format. By the 1740s, many trees were in a poor state, overgrown and abused by several exceptionally cold and stormy winters.

But Louis XV had trouble making decisions. It was left to his successor, Louis XVI, to bring the ax down on the gardens, which he quickly did, beginning in 1774, opting for cheaper local trees: oaks, poplars, maples and silver birches.

A hundred years later, the gardens were in the hands of Napoleon III and overgrown trees were once again being replaced, when another storm accelerated the pace of those renovations.

By the 1960s, say Versailles officials, another restoration should have begun. But there was no money and no clamor for such an event. It took the storms that bracketed the last decade to make those alterations a certainty.

DEAR ABBY

Incentive for organ donors should be to do right thing

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am not normally a person who would write to you, but I am prompted to do so as a result of the letter you printed relating to obtaining inheritance tax, estate tax or income tax incentives for people to become organ donors.


Van Buren

I am a lawyer who practices in the estate and tax field, and I thought that the proposition was interesting from that standpoint.

However, as a registered organ donor, I question both the proposition and your support of it. My questioning does not concern the need to get more organ donors, but it concerns the motivation of people to donate organs in return for tax relief.

I am concerned that our society needs to have "incentives" to do that which is right. Do we really need to have income tax deductions to support our favorite charities? Do we need tax incentives to encourage people to employ persons otherwise unemployable? Will charitable giving collapse if, for some reason, charitable deductions were eliminated from the Internal Revenue Code?

I would hope that the answer to these questions would be no, so I am not in support of the person who suggests that we give incentives to encourage people to become organ donors.

The incentive should be that you are doing the right thing for the right reason. There is no other incentive necessary. — ALFRED K. HETTINGER, ALLENTOWN, PA.

DEAR MR. HETTINGER: The answer to all of your questions could well be "yes," And I agree with you that no incentive other than doing the right thing for the right reason should be necessary.

However, at this time 66,717 people are on organ-donor waiting lists, praying for a heart, a kidney or a liver that will save their lives. Last year, 4,800 people died waiting for that prayer to be answered. Is it more immoral for someone to die because there is a shortage or organs available, or to offer tax incentives to those who would otherwise bury their dear departed, organs and all? To me, it seems like a terible waste.

My philosophy coincides with that of the late Robert Test, who wrote the following:

TO REMEMBER ME

At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my "deathbed." Call it my "bed of life," and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my blood to the teen-ager who has been pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body, and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her windows.

Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all my prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

DEAR ABBY: I liked the letter from "Knowing in the Northwest" regarding depression. However, I wish you had made the point that there is a difference between emotional depression, which usually happens in response to an unfortunate event (such as death or divorce), and biochemical depression, which is often genetic and usually requires medication to be fully treated.

The misunderstanding about the differences between these two conditions is widespread.

I have had polar depression for more than 30 years. I am doing well on medication and am very grateful for this. However, I am tired of people who do not understand that there is such a thing as biochemical depression.

People repeatedly ask what is depressing me. When I reply that I am not depressed ABOUT anything, and that the problem is biochemical, they insist that isn't possible. These same people understand that diabetics need to take insulin because their bodies do not produce or properly use it. Why can't they comprehend that there are people who need antidepressants because their bodies are lacking a chemical?

Abby, please do all of us who suffer from polar depression or bipolar depression a great service by informing the public that some forms of depression are purely medical in origin. Anyone who thinks otherwise is stuck in the misinformed thinking of 20 years ago, when getting in touch with your feelings was thought to cure all emotional ailments. I tried that. It simply didn't work for polar depression. — ALSO KNOWING IN SUNNYVALE, CALIF.

DEAR ALSO KNOWING: I agree there is much confusion about emotional depression and biochemical depression. However, after reading your letter, I'm sure there will be much less confusion. You have explained the difference very well.

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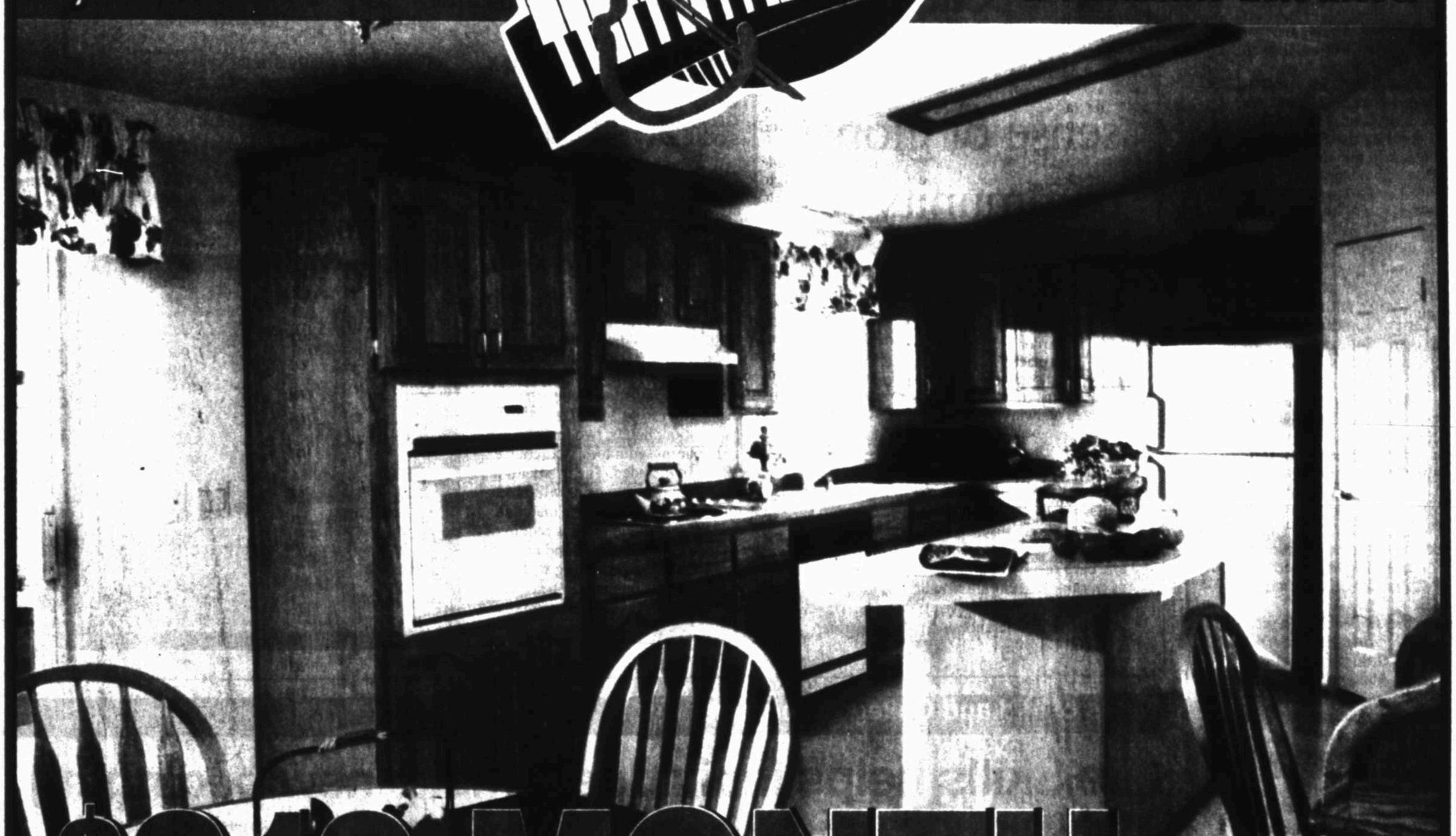

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Late registration for Spring 2000 classes at Midland College is through Jan. 27 in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Student Center. For information about the TASP test, registration or financial aid, contact a counselor at 685-4505.

McCormick Gallery

An exhibit, "A Retrospective Exhibition and Current Works" by Midland College art instructor Warren Taylor, will be on display in McCormick Gallery of the Allison Fine Arts Building through Feb. 18 .

The show includes representative work from several phases and periods of Taylor's art career over the last 25 years. Large-scale watercolors, prints, drawings and collages are being exhibited.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

New courses begin

The following Continuing Education courses begin at Midland College in the next several weeks For registration:

Woodworking I will be 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 25 through April 18.

Hand Quilting I will be 6:30-9 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 27 through Feb. 24.

Woodworking II will be 7-9 p.m.,Thursdays, January 27 through May 4.

E Bayeics will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29.

Stained Glass I will be 2-4 p.m., Saturdays, Jan. 29-March 4.

Real Estate MCE will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 29 and 30.

Real Estate Principles II will be 6-10 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, Jan. 31-Feb. 10.

Take the Terror Out of Debt will be 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Decorating with Paint will be 10 am-12 pm Thursdays, February 3 through March 2.

Drawing with Markers will be 7-9 pm Thursdays, February 3 through March 9.

Quickbooks will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays, Feb. 4-11.

Assertiveness Training will be 7-9 p.m., Mondays, Feb. 7-28.

Private Pilot Ground School will be 7-10 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 7-May 8.

Country and Western Dance I will be 7:45-9:15 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 8-24.

Beginning Watercolor will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, February 8-29.

Wine Appreciation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, February 18 and 1-5 pm Saturday, February 19.

Also, Midland College is Senior friendly, offering programs specifically designed for senior citizens.

College Classics, a program for people 50 years of age and older, returns Jan. 31. Call 685-4618.

Continuing Education will custom-design a basic computer, Internet or email class for groups of five to 10 people. Call 685-4661.

Health Sciences Continuing Education offers ongoing training courses, educational presentations and resource information for seniors and those who care for them. Call 685-4803.

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Destination: Education

"There is something in the notion that a well-educated person is also well-traveled," —English Instructor Dr. Pam Howell

Trip offers 'up close' look at capital



"There is something in the notion that a well-educated person is also well-traveled," Dr. Pam Howell, Midland College English instructor, said.

Dr. Will Morris, chair of social and behavioral sciences, said he agrees.

"We want everyone to realize there's more to education than books and a classroom," Morris said.

Classrooms and books aren't the only way to an education. For an educational option MC faculty members Morris, Lee Almaguer, Mike Schneider and Terry Gilmore are sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. during the spring interim session in May.

Originally a dream of Almaguer, MC government instructor, and Charles Simmons, a former MC faculty member, the trip, in its seventh year, offers students a chance to see United States government up close and personal.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Almaguer said, adding that many participants may never have the chance to go back to Washington again.

Aside from the historical value, the trip offers a more practical incentive: students can take the class for history, government or sociology credit. Classes begin by meeting on campus for a few days before leaving Midland.

Even though requirements for each class differ, students get the chance to see a variety of Washington, D.C., landmarks.

"We expect students to learn how to get around the city on their own," Morris said. "We do not escort them to all of the monuments. The Washington Metro (subway) is clean, safe, and quick. We introduce them to the Metro right away, taking it from National Airport to the hotel."

This allows each student to plan his/her own itinerary and choose where to go, requiring self-discipline to get all course requirements included in the few days they have.

"We've had some great experiences," Almaguer said. "Two years ago we heard Newt Gingrich, then Speaker of the House, give a presentation. Afterwards we shook his hand and visited. On another trip we heard Clinton speak on a National Day of Remembrance for police officers killed in action."

There are side-trips as well to Mt. Vernon and Manassas Battlefield.

"Not only do the students get to see these places and the ways people lived," Morris said, "they get to experience the climate as well. In addition, we get a feeling of belonging of who we are as Americans, not just West Texans."

Morris said the Holocaust Museum and Civil War battlefields are two of the most powerful experiences students have had.

"I've often had students who have faced battlefield conditions value their trip to Manassas highly," Morris said. "They have a special appreciation of how the Union and Confederate forces faced the carnage there."

Morris also goes to services at the National Cathedral on Sunday and welcomes any student to come along.

"Our National Cathedral is also called the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul," Morris said. "It's the sixth largest church in the world and is located at the highest elevation in Washington."

Almaguer also plans to take any interested student to a Baltimore Orioles game.

Classes start May 15 and leave for Washington May 18. The classes will return May 25. The cost of the trip will be around $1,200. The price includes airfare, the Washington hotel, breakfast, tuition, and $200-$300 cash for incidentals.

"We would like those interested to make a deposit as soon as possible," Morris said. "We already have about 2 dozen people signed up."

A non-refundable deposit is due Feb 11, with the remainder due April 10. For more information, contact Monica Sosa, 685-4640.

European trip encourages sense of global community

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ENGL 2332 Masterpieces of the Western World I

Call Dr. Pam Howell, 685-4628 or Carol Bailey, 685-4652.

Another hands-on educational opportunity, for credit or audit, is a trip to Spain and Paris sponsored by Dr. Pam Howell and Carol Bailey, MC art instructor. The trip is planned and organized by American College Independent Studies (ACIS).

"In the past we've worked with ACIS and found their preparation excellent and the guides licensed and very knowledgeable," Bailey said.

The group will fly to Madrid. Other stops on the journey include Toledo, Segovia, Burgos, Bilbao, San Sebastian, Biarritz, and Paris.

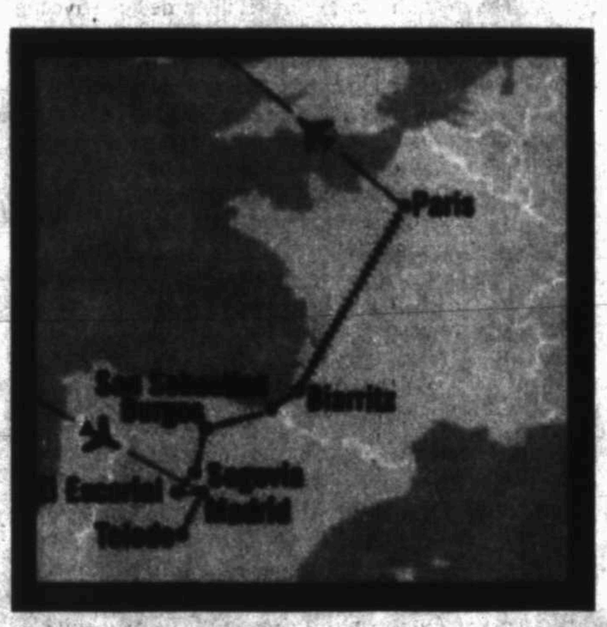
Howell and Bailey have organized other tours, and according to Howell, each group has a special personality.

"I find there's an openness to travel, culture, and each other," Howell said. "The interaction to learning and culture is energetic as well as dynamic that is extremely pleasurable. Travel also increases tolerance and builds a greater sense of global as well as personal community."

Course requirements may include reading, suggested videos, and a journal to be turned in on the way home.

The cost of this trip, open to anyone college-enrolled, is approximately $2100, which includes round-trip transportation from Midland, ground transportation, hotels, two meals a day, and all tour museum fees. MC course fees are not included. The trip dates are July 17-26, but participants will meet beforehand for introductory material.

A financial commitment is required by March 1. An afternoon and an evening information meeting will be held in February on dates to be determined, but a packet of information is available to callers.



News of Midland College Programs

Life Skills helps individuals make new beginning

The Midland College Cogdell South Facility is now part of a partnership between employers and the federal government that is helping people receiving public assistance move to gainful employment in the private sector.

On August 22, 1996, President Clinton signed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, that will end the traditional welfare system.

In a response to the act, Midland College and the Texas Workforce Commission have joined to offer Life Skills, an on-going program to establish a welfare-to-work program, funded by a $106,000 grant from the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board.

The program began last August and gives students the opportunity to get off welfare and into the job market by providing training and education for students currently receiving welfare, South Facility Director Mozella Garcia said.

"This program will help welfare recipients develop a bridge between the academic world and a job," she said. Life Skills helps reach those in the community who are currently receiving assistance—helping them during their transition from dependence to self-sufficiency.

Michael Makowsky, coordinator, and Michael Allen, Life Skills instructor, staff the program.

TWC first determines if an individual is eligible for the program, and then MC provides the training. The training involves a four-week, 120-hour Life Skills course that individuals can take at Midland College or Casa de Amigos. A new Life Skills class begins Jan. 24.

Some of the criteria for eligibility includes: being a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipient; lacking a GED or high school diploma; and, having a poor work history.

Since there are now time limits on welfare benefits, time is running our for many recipients, Makowsky said. So, individuals who think they are eligible for the Life Skills course are urged to contact Allen at the South Campus.

"This is a very successful program, Allen said. "If a person is receiving TANF, they can just come by the South Campus. If they are qualified, I can refer them to TWC and get them started as quickly as possible."

The course provides job readiness skills, career planning, self advocacy, parent training, basic education, vocational training, and the opportunity to pursue a college degree/certificate to enhance employability.

Allen says the proof of the program's success is the number of program graduates who have moved from welfare to jobs around the city.

Makowsky and Allen work closely with the Texas Workforce Commission and other local community service agencies to ensure a client's successful transition.

Makowsky has a double major in English/Philosophy from Texas Tech. Allen's degree is in sociology from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

For more information about the Life Skills program, contact Allen or Makowsky at the Cogdell South Facility, 201. W. Florida or call 684-4100.

Valentine luncheon scheduled

Staff Reports



Frances Stapp

Midland Christian Women's Club will have a "Victorian Valentine" luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 1 at Green Tree Country Club.

Frances Stapp will present stories of the Scarborough-Linebery House in Midland. Ms. Stapp, a Midlander for more than 25 years, has worked with the historic home for three years.

Cathy Fleck will present a musical program. Guest speakers will be Neil and Jody Curran of Lewisville.

Cost of the luncheon is $11 per person. Free nursery will be available with reservations; mothers are asked to bring sack lunches for their children.

Midland Christian Women's Club is non-denominational and has no membership or dues. All interested women are invited to attend. For luncheon and nursery reservations call 570-8945 or 682-5851.

Real wealthy don't play games

By Bill Hendrick
N.Y. Times News Service

Millionaires like Tom Stanley know there's one simple formula for getting rich, and it's not winning big bucks on one of the new TV game shows, or picking the next Microsoft on the stock market.

It's this: Live within your means.

Most of the millionaire wannabes — or never-will-bes — who ply metro roads in Mercedes Benzes and live in half-million-dollar-plus houses operate by another credo: Live within your means, even if you have to borrow money to do it. Despite the trappings, few of them will ever become millionaires.

Stanley, a former Georgia State University marketing professor, spent 20 years interviewing thousands of millionaires, then used their secrets to become one himself. In 1996, he published "The Millionaire Next Door" (Longstreet, $22; Pocket Books, $14) which has been on The New York Times Bestseller Lists in hardback or paperback practically ever since.

He's likely to make millions more when his latest book, "The Millionaire Mind," hits the shelves Feb. 7. It reveals more about the personalities and habits of millionaires, building on the moderate-living, guy-next-door picture that his first book drew.

For example, most millionaires don't do well in school, scoring low on SATs, and aren't deemed most likely to succeed. Another common trait — they have stable marriages, lasting decades. And many still mow their own lawns.

Stanley, who's been married to the same woman for 29 years, didn't do that well in school, but doggedly kept at it, improving his grades from Cs to As and finally earning a doctorate in marketing.

He retired as a professor 10 years ago at age 45 at a peak salary of $55,000. He still lives in the same metro Atlanta house he built 15 years ago for less than $175,000. He wears a Seiko, not a Rolex.

In short, he — like the millionaires he studied — is frugal. He saves or invests most of his income. He's debt-free, with no mortgage or car notes. His wife Janet doesn't sport a big diamond — she doesn't even like highfalutin jewelry.

"She'd be thrilled with a new tennis racket," he laughs.

He worries that the new wave of instant-millionaire game shows — ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," Fox's "Greed" and others — may actually make some people poorer. The shows may send regular Joes scrambling to try to get on TV, into the stock market or into lottery ticket lines in convenience stores, he says.

"We have an awful lot of people looking for the quick fix, the lottery," Stanley says. "But few of them ever become millionaires."

One reason: Making a million is almost always a process that takes years, but in the current get-rich-quick milieu, many people start spending like millionaires long before their ship comes in.

This is true regardless of income, he says. Doctors, company execs and stockbrokers may earn big money, but if they buy trophy homes, expensive jewelry and cars that scream "I'm rich," they're unlikely to ever really be rich. Only 6 percent of doctors and 8 percent of lawyers, many of whom earn hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, have a net worth of $1 million or more.

In Atlanta real estate, for example, the sales of big, expensive houses are growing faster than the number of millionaires. Since 1997, sales of $1 million-plus houses have grown 135 percent, according to Smart Numbers, a real-estate statistical firm, while millionaire households are up 64 percent.

"It's nuts out there," says Steve Palm of Smart Numbers. "We're more leveraged in housing than we've ever been. People are putting less down."

It's common for people with $75,000 incomes to buy $400,000 homes, he says. Even if they have a 20 percent down payment, they'll still face monthly mortgage payments of more than $2,000, twice as much as they should spend for housing according to traditional income-to-payment formulas.

True millionaires don't live like this, Stanley says. "Most millionaires' houses don't have 15-foot ceilings. Typically they are houses that have three or four bedrooms and were built in the '40s or '50s."

Half of millionaires live in homes worth $320,000 or less. Most wouldn't think of spending more than $400 for a dress suit.

Jonathan Robbin, head of Ricercar Inc., an economic consulting firm in Bethesda, Md., says about 7 percent of metro Atlanta households are worth $1 million. According to Stanley's research, the typical millionaire:

- Lives in a three- or four-bedroom house that's 20-plus years old, has lived in it for 20-plus years, and is outnumbered in his neighborhood 3-1 by non-millionaires.
- Drives American-made cars between one and six years old, and is more likely to drive a Ford than a Cadillac.
- Works 45-55 hours a week.
- Has a "go-to-hell" emergency fund that would allow his family to live without lowering its lifestyle for 10 years or more. (Most high-income earners couldn't live more than a year or two if they quit working.)

"People who watch the TV shows like 'Greed' and 'Millionaire' think 'This could happen to me,' " Stanley says.

But the odds of it happening are terrible, says Bernard Siskin, an expert on probabilities who co-authored the 1989 book, "Chances: Risks, Odds & Likelihood in Everyday Life."

You're almost as likely to get hit on the head by a meteorite than win a million on a game show, he says.

Bill Hendrick writes for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Inflation aside, it's still a big chunk of change

By Bill Hendrick
N.Y. Times News Service

Remember the "Austin Powers" scene where Dr. Evil, freshly transported from the '60s, declares that he has a dark plan that will net "a million dollars"? His team of crooks laughs — a million bucks just isn't what it used to be.

Yet the $1,000,000 figure still appeals to us. ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" is a huge hit, with all seven episodes last week scoring in the Nielsen prime-time Top 10 and spawning a small school of knockoffs on other networks.

"The word 'million' still resonates powerfully in the American brain," says Robert Thompson, head of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. "It's the cut-off point between a lot of money and a spectacular amount of money."

Big-bucks game shows, Thompson says, "promote this notion of reinventing yourself, this idea that you can really bypass your social profile, your birth and in fact become a millionaire."

In truth, as Dr. Evil learned, $1 million is no longer a spectacular amount of money. Maybe not even enough to reinvent yourself.

"If you get on a game show and win a million, taxes take half. Nobody thinks of that," says Thomas Stanley, author of "The Millionaire Next Door."

"If you invested $500,000 you might make $50,000 a year for life. That won't get you off the treadmill. These people shouldn't quit their jobs."

"I saw one of these shows in which each contestant was asked what he or she would do if they won the big prize, in this case $2 million," says Michael Dean Murphy, an anthropologist at the University of Alabama. "Of course, that means $1 million after taxes. (But) almost all said they wanted a big house on the beach and a ridiculous car — Ferrari, Lotus, Hummer — and a condo for dear old mom and to quit their job at Blockbuster."

There may be other reasons beyond the chance for perceived riches that account for "Millionaire's" popularity. The show makes people feel smart because the questions are so easy, theorizes Stuart Vyse, a psychologist at Connecticut College. "The questions are multiple choice, and often people at home know or can guess the answers," he says.

Indeed, Murphy says, the show seems designed to weed out "braniacs" by its use of questions about TV, rock music and movies.

"Much of the knowledge being tested is just the sort expected of the bright, perky, committed consumer," Murphy says. (It's) celebrity, entertainment, media and product knowledge, with a few questions like 'How did Socrates kill himself?' thrown in for their perplexity value."

In the 1950s, prime-time game show questions were much harder, Thompson says. The current big-bucks shows "present the notion that a person who is fairly good at trivia can become a millionaire.

"We're watching people just like us. They make us feel better about being stupid."

Cookie recipe makes kitchen skirmishes

By Monica Frazier Anderson
N.Y. Times News Service

They were not the sounds that I usually associate with baking. I was expecting whirring and stirring with perhaps the occasional sound of a cabinet door opening and closing. You know, the customary Mom's-in-the-kitchen type sounds that precede the delicious aroma of fresh-baked cookies.

Instead, there was a lot of banging, clanging and sawing going on in the kitchen. Even for two boys, it seemed like a lot of noise just to make a few dozen sugar cookies.

Granted, I'm not an expert on these things. For me, it's just too easy to swing by the bakery and pick up a cake. However, because my mother inspects my kitchen periodically, I try to keep the basic ingredients for baking in the cupboards. I even use them sometimes — just not often.

So, when my two sons asked me to help them bake some sugar cookies one evening, I was flattered. Unfortunately, because of a looming deadline on an important project, I had to decline with regrets.

"We can do it tomorrow," I offered.

"That's all right, Mom," Junior said. "It's a simple recipe. I think we can do it, if it's OK with you. I'll read the directions and my brother can mix it all up."

"OK, go ahead," I said, reminding myself how good they'd gotten at microwave bacon and French toast. "Remember to turn the oven on first, and clean up the kitchen when you're done. I'm sorry, but I really need to finish this work so don't disturb me unless it's really important."

I should have defined "really important."

First, there was the banging. I think they opened and closed every cabinet in the kitchen. Then, there was this long, loud argument about who was in charge. I couldn't hear all of it, but I heard enough of it. After about 10 minutes of bickering, I yelled, "I'm in charge tonight. Junior, read the directions. Kevin, mix everything together and then you can both take turns with the blender. Now, keep it down! You're baking cookies, it's a quiet sport."

After that, they whispered their argument.

A few minutes later, there was a knock on my bedroom door. It was Junior. "Mom, do we have any vanilla?"

"Yes, it's in the cabinet near the salt, far left, small red-and-white box."

Five minutes later, Junior returned.

"Mom, do we have any almond extract or tartar sauce?"

I had to smile at that question.

"No, we don't have almond extract or cream of tartar. The cookies will taste fine without it."

He looked skeptical.

"Son, just because I don't bake often doesn't mean that I don't know how to bake. In fact, I'm also quite good with a sewing machine, but don't tell your father. Listen, all you need for sugar cookies is: sugar, butter, vanilla, an egg, flour, and baking soda. And before you ask, the baking soda is in a red can near the vanilla. Do not use that baking soda in the yellow box in the refrigerator. It's a deodorizer, and it's been in there a couple of years."

Impressed by my culinary expertise, he turned to leave the room. Imagine my joy.

I returned to my project with total concentration. I had a good 20 minutes of peace before I heard the electric chain saw. We own so few power tools that I immediately recognized the sound. I ran into the kitchen. Kevin had my best cookie sheet perched on the sink and he was preparing to amputate a big section of it.

"Stop!" I screamed. "What are you doing?"

"It won't fit in the oven," he said. "I have to cut some of it off."

"Did you try turning it sideways?"

"Oh."

I looked around. There was flour and sugar everywhere. The oven was on 375 degrees and "broil." The hand blender had only one of the two metal stirrey things in it. And there seemed to be a lot of egg shells for a recipe that required only one egg.

I turned the oven dial to "bake" and washed my hands.

"What about your project?" Kevin asked.

"I'll do it later. This project looks like a lot more fun," I said, smiling.

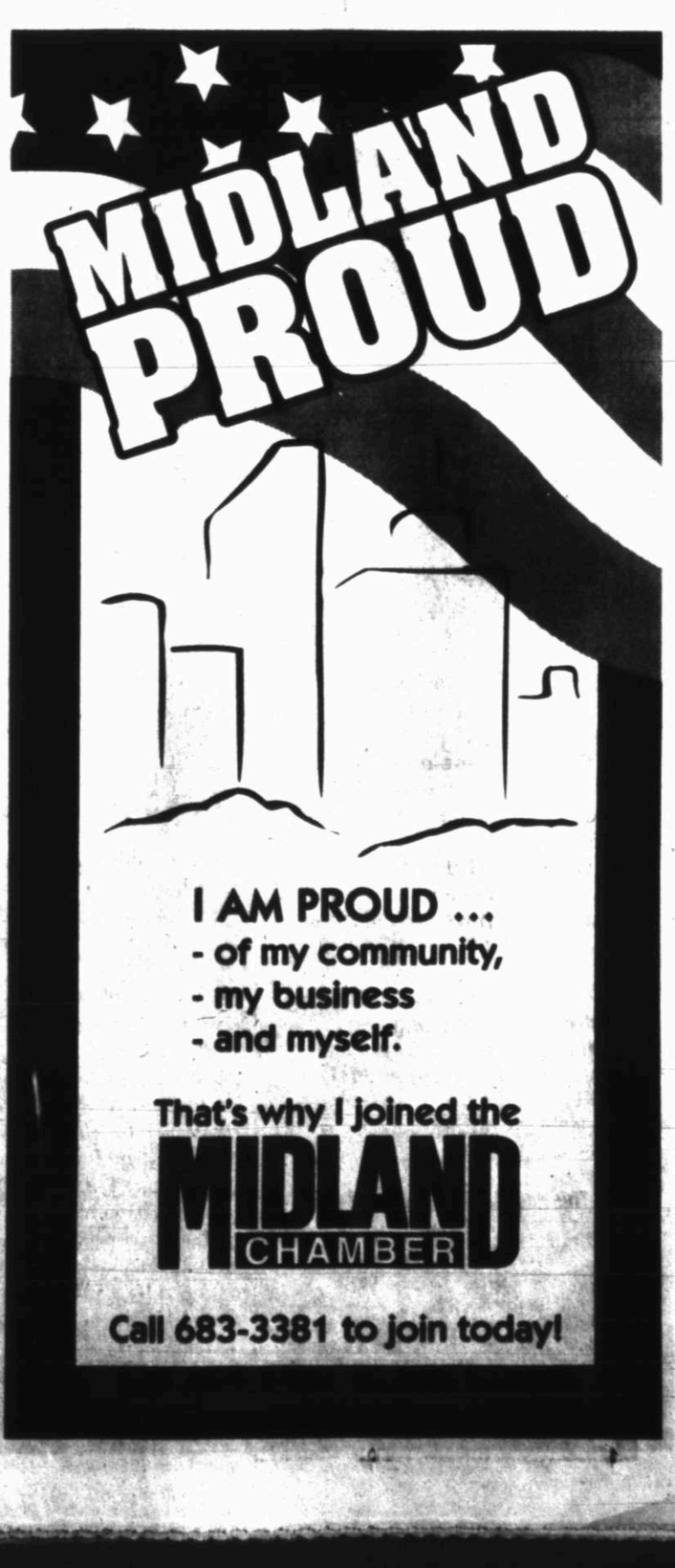
Yes, I was trying to save my cookie sheet and avoid a visit to the ER. Yes, I was up well into the AM trying to beat that deadline.

And yes, those were the best sugar cookies I've ever had.

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Made for the shade:

Plants to fill the dark patches of your garden

By Kathleen Fields



Above: Obedient plant
Below: Pavonia

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One of the most common questions raised at any gathering of gardeners is: What can be planted in shade?

It is not an easy question to answer without first analyzing the conditions of the location and the interests of the gardener: Does the spot get any sun during the day? If so, at what time of day and for how long? What direction does the site face? Is there reflected light or heat from surfaces surrounding the location?



Turk's cap

These are important factors in determining the suitability of plant material, whether you are seeking shade plants specifically or are willing to experiment with different plants based on your landscape ideas.

As a general rule, most flowering plants require a minimum of five hours of sun per day. Keep that in mind next time you are checking out plants at your local nursery or home building center and the tag indicates either full or partial sun.

Consider conditions here in West Texas. Partial sun usually means the plant will do best with morning sun and either some or full protection from the hot afternoon blaze of summer.

If the tag indicates the plant is well suited to full sun, take that advice with a grain of salt. We hardy souls populating West Texas are aware that our summers are a bit harsher than those in other parts of the country.

If a grower tells you the plant is suited to full sun, it may be the sun found in Indiana or California. I know, we all have the same sun; however, we do *not* have the same conditions. In this area, stress conditions caused by low humidity, high winds, poor water condition and all those other peculiarities bless us with having a sense of humor to survive out here. Unless the grower stresses how drought-tolerant a plant is, chances are, if it's planted out here, it could do with some shade, particularly afternoon shade.

How much shade are we talking about? If your landscape is wall-to-wall mulberry trees and you cannot get grass or even weeds to grow, chances are you won't have much luck with any other plants either. Some shade plants are developed for extremely shady conditions, while others do best in partial shade. Partial shade can mean that the location gets a few hours of sun during a particular time of day, or perhaps it gets dappled shade all day long.

If the area is beneath a deciduous tree that allows dappled shade, conditions during the winter when the foliage drops from the tree will be different.

Study your landscape and note the conditions during the different daylight hours and the different months of the year. You may be able to use plants that flower before your trees put on their spring canopy.

Or take a walk around the neighborhood. Study the landscapes of similarly-sited houses and see what seems to be working. It helps our pocketbooks to note what does and does not work in a similar light location.

Consider your landscape needs. If you want flowering plants in high-shade areas, your options are more limited. If you are looking for foliage color, fruits, texture and visual impact, your options begin to broaden. Flowering plants require a certain number of hours to develop their blooms. You can still use these plants if you are not interested in the flowers and are instead looking at the beauty of their foliage color or shape.



Columbine
Photo by Burr Williams

Shade areas require a little extra work in preparing the soil. You will need to add organic material to loosen the soil and allow for proper drainage. This helps in all areas of the garden, but is crucial for shady spots and can make the difference between life and death for your plants. Be careful not to disturb existing root structures as you amend your soil.

Now let's talk about specific plants.

Yellow columbine offers color early in the year when most plants are still suffering from the freezing temperatures. It also has the advantage of being evergreen, with its lacy blue-green foliage looking its best when temperatures are cooler. This plant may be situated in both semi-shade and full shade. It grows to a height of 1 to 3 feet and offers spurred blossoms between 3 and 5 inches long that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. It has an attractive woodland look to it, which softens our distinctly non-woodland ambience.

Turk's cap can be used in full and partial shade (in addition to full sun). This adaptable native takes advantage of where it is situated. When growing in shade, expect it to grow to 2 to 4 feet and offer uniquely sculpted scarlet flowers all summer and fall, which attract hummingbirds and butterflies. It develops small red fruit, which are quickly eaten by the birds. This shrubby, woody stemmed beauty with heart-shaped leaves dies back during the winter months and spreads by self-layering. Turk's cap is a landscape winner in this area.

Inland sea oats offer a delightful counterpoint in your landscape. This clump-forming grass can grow to 2 feet in full shade, and can be used in masses for visual impact. The broad, bamboo-like leaves are bright green, and the gracefully arching seed heads capture the light as they sway in West Texas breezes. These same seed heads turn a beautiful straw color in the fall and remain attractive throughout the winter when this grass goes dormant. After trimming in February, you will see new growth appear. The attractive seed heads can be used in flower arrangements.

Pavonia offers 2-inch velvety rose-pink blossoms along its sprawling branches. This shrub remains evergreen except in the harshest winters. The flowers appear in spring and will continue until the first frost. Because this plant lives only three or four years, save some of the seedlings that spring up around the base of the plant to replace the original plant. And share it with your gardener friends. Although it reseeds freely, it is not considered invasive.

Obedient plant might be the answer for a gardener who has a shady, seasonally-moist area to contend with. This specimen is drought-tolerant in its dormant stage. This striking plant grows from 2 to 6 feet tall with slender, upright tooth-edged leaves and has 1-inch flowers atop 4- to 6-inch spikes. Colored either pink or lavender, these blossoms draw your eye as they sway in the breeze. They make excellent cut flowers to liven up your house.

If you would like to add a little native spice to your garden, try **chile pequin.** This hot little number will grow to a height of 2 feet or more with more sun. The tiny delicate white blossoms bring forth the bright red fruit from April through November. You will have to share your hot peppers with the birds, but should have enough to make everyone happy. This deciduous shrub will die back to the ground after a hard freeze, but will reappear to give zest to your garden again the next spring.

Coralberry has arching branches that give an airy feel to your garden. This deciduous shrub grows 3 or 4 feet high and sprawls in a mound approximately 3 to 6 feet wide. Along with offering delicate bluish green leaves, this plant develops small pink flowers in the spring, and forms deeply colored pink or purple clustered berries in the fall that remain on the branches through the winter after the leaves drop. This member of the honeysuckle family adds texture and variety to your landscape.

Violet ruellia inhabits shady spots and grows to a height of 1 to 2 feet. Its 2-inch violet or lavender bell-shaped blooms offer beauty from March to December.

When polling other local gardeners about which plants they had success with (in partial or full shade conditions), I heard the following plants recommended many times: fescue, blood grass, Boston ivy, Carolina jessamine, coleus, coral honeysuckle, cranesbill, cross vine, erodium, Foster's holly, holly ferns, English ivy, Mexican petunia, mondo grass, mountain laurel, nandina, ox-eye daisy, periwinkle, Texas wisteria, sedge, violets and yew.

This list includes both native plants and others that do well in the Permian Basin.

KEEP MIDLAND BEAUTIFUL

KMB *Award Winners*





WATER WISE

This landscape at 501 W. Broadway, which features reduced turf area and low-water use ground covers, was winner of the Water Wise Yard of the Month award for January from Keep Midland Beautiful and Texas Agricultural Extension Service Permian Basin Master Gardeners.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT

Britt Imports, 2200 W. Wall, received the Keep Midland Beautiful Community Achievement Award for January for planting trees, ornamental grasses and various shrubs and vines. Larry Shroyer designed, planted and maintains the landscape. Mike Britt is the business's owner.

LANDSCAPING AWARD

Montessori House, 1011 Austin St., was nominated for the Keep Midland Beautiful School Landscaping Award for January because of its incorporation of drought-tolerant plants into the landscape. Shannon Klunick has volunteered her time to the design and planting of the landscape. Montessori House is owned and operated by Laura Morrow.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Crossword Puzzle/2F
Midland Marquee/2F

Playhouse director seeks collaborative efforts with other theaters

by Georgia Temple

The opportunity to merge his hobby and his work made the position of executive director of the Permian Playhouse an offer Dr. Chris Mitchell could not refuse.

"I'm really happy here," said Mitchell, who joined the Playhouse this month. "I look forward to coming to work everyday and interacting with people and just watching the shows come alive. It's a wonderful process."

His plans include the Playhouse participating with area theaters and he has discussed the idea of collaborative efforts with Tim Jebsen, executive director of Midland Community Theatre.

"Since we have such a tight theater community, it really helps us to work together," Mitchell said. "Cooperation with area theaters, such as Midland Community Theatre and the Globe, can only help the theaters. I don't like working in isolation. I think it's counterproductive in theater. The more people you have in your circle, the stronger you are."

A native of northeastern Pennsylvania, Mitchell moved to Odessa in August to work as chairman of the theater program at Ector Junior High School.

"I liked the town very much," Mitchell said of his impressions upon arriving in Odessa. "I liked the kind of twin-city aspect of the area. And I immediately recognized how friendly the people were."

Mitchell, who is single, moved here from Athens, Ga., where he earned a doctorate in theater history, theory and criticism from the University of Georgia. Before living in Georgia, Mitchell lived in Washington, D.C., and holds a master of arts degree from The Catholic University and a bachelor of science degree from Georgetown University. He has been involved in professional and

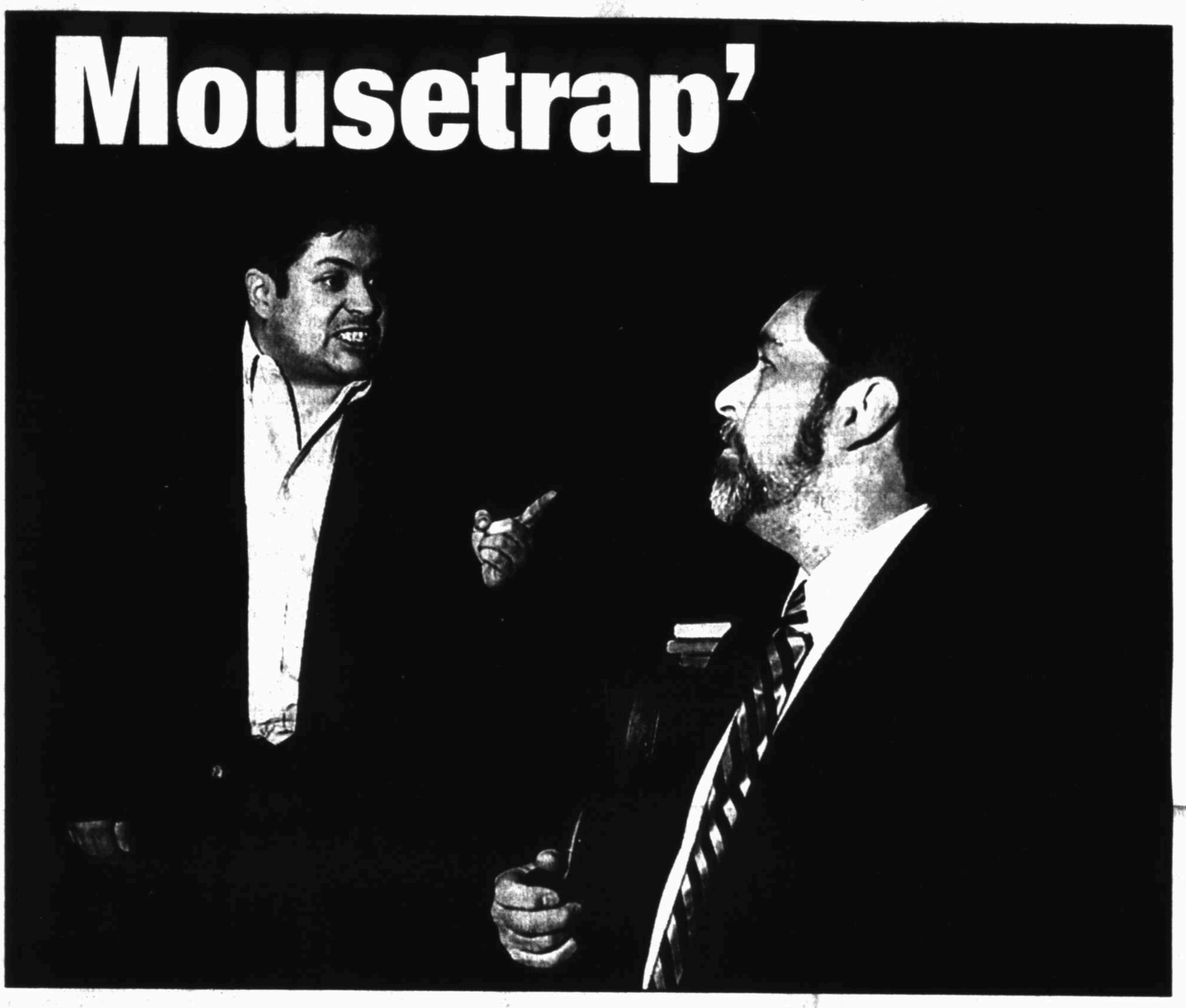
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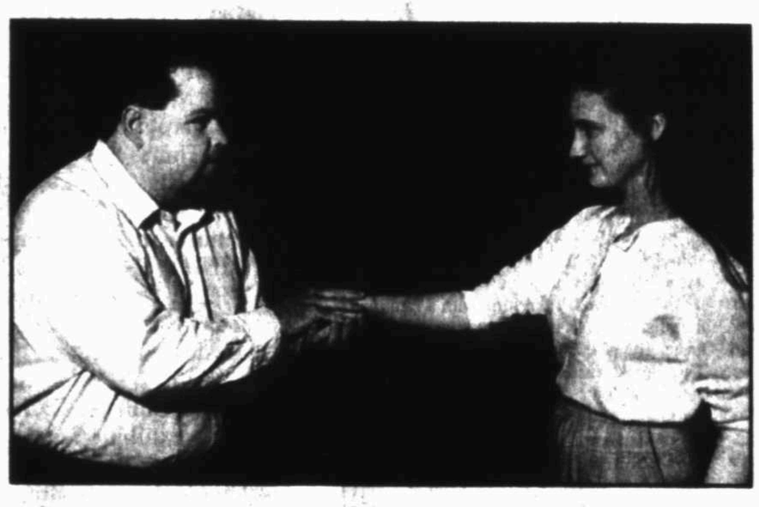
'The Mousetrap'



At right, Victor Lopez, left, reacts angrily to Allan Jeter in the Permian Playhouse production of "The Mousetrap." Below, Jhenai Mootz rehearses her role in the play. Below right, Kent Stallcup, left, leers at Ms. Mootz. At bottom left, Darci Georges stands by an old-time radio.

U. Frank Williams Jr.
Reporter-Telegram







Who-done-it mystery to haunt Playhouse stage

by Georgia Temple

A murderer walks the halls of Monkswell Manor Guest House in Agatha Christie's who-done-it mystery "The Mousetrap," opening Friday at Odessa's Permian Playhouse.

"I've always been a fan of Agatha Christie," said Allan Jeter, who plays the retired and authoritarian Major Metcalf. "And when I found out the Playhouse was going to be doing an Agatha Christie mystery, I thought that's something I haven't done before. It seemed like the perfect opportunity to try a mystery."

"The Mousetrap" opened in London in 1952 and has played there continuously since. The plot focuses on a group of people trapped during a blizzard. One is a killer with a grudge against a member of the group. The cast includes Jhenai Mootz and Beau Dameron as the young couple who own the guest house and victor Lopez as Detective Sgt. Trotter. Jeter along with Darci Georges, Kent Stallcup, Cherri Timms and Scott Timms play the quirky and suspicious guests.

Acting has played a major role in the lives of Cherri and Scott Timms. Although they have known each other since they were 13, Timms said they fell in love on the stage of the Garza Theater.

"We played romantic leads," said Timms, who teaches theater at Ector Junior High.

"We got engaged about two months after that, so I guess we really carried on that relationship after the show," said Mrs. Timms, who bills insurance for a psychiatrist.

Please see PLAY/4F

Conductor turned author: 'In the truest sense of the word, I'm still conducting'

By Georgia Temple

Thomas Hohstadt has directed his baton toward the future role of the church in his book, "Dying to Live: The 21st Century Church."

"My life has been a preparation for this moment in history, a preparation for the birth of a new millennium church," said the former Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale director, who will have a signing for his recently published work at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The book, which offers a potential solution to the declining membership faced by many Christian churches, was inspired by the author's years of working as a symphony conductor.

"My parents gave me the best music education in this country and in Europe," Hohstadt said. "And I went on to conduct some of the greatest orchestras in the world.

"Through this experience, I've known what you might call close-encounters-of-the-God kind through the arts. And through the years, I've wondered why some concerts had power and depth and meaning, and other concerts that were equally sophisticated and equally flawless had no power or depth and no meaning.

"And then, in a moment of revelation, the Lord showed me there is a difference between culture and spirit. In other words, a difference between the traditions and achievements of cultures and the more profound revelations of the heart.

"So I began a lifelong search for the mysterious language of art that transcends the veneer of culture. And I discovered it in what I call prophetic metaphor. Then later I found it documented in scripture, and finally I foresee it in the language of the future."

Hohstadt defines prophetic metaphor as "the language of the ancient past as well as the language of the future.

"The church must learn to communicate with a new language, and the language of the future will combine parables with technology. And its greatest power will probably be called virtual reality. It will involve all forms of communication in a sensual, emotional multimedia more real than reality itself."

He believes that orchestras face a similar challenge. "I've also seen that what was happening to symphony orchestras was also happening to churches. And what is necessary for orchestras to survive

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Former MOSC director, Thomas Hohstadt, has written a book, "Dying to Live: The 21st Century Church," on the future role of the church.

Brian Ademola
Reporter-Telegram

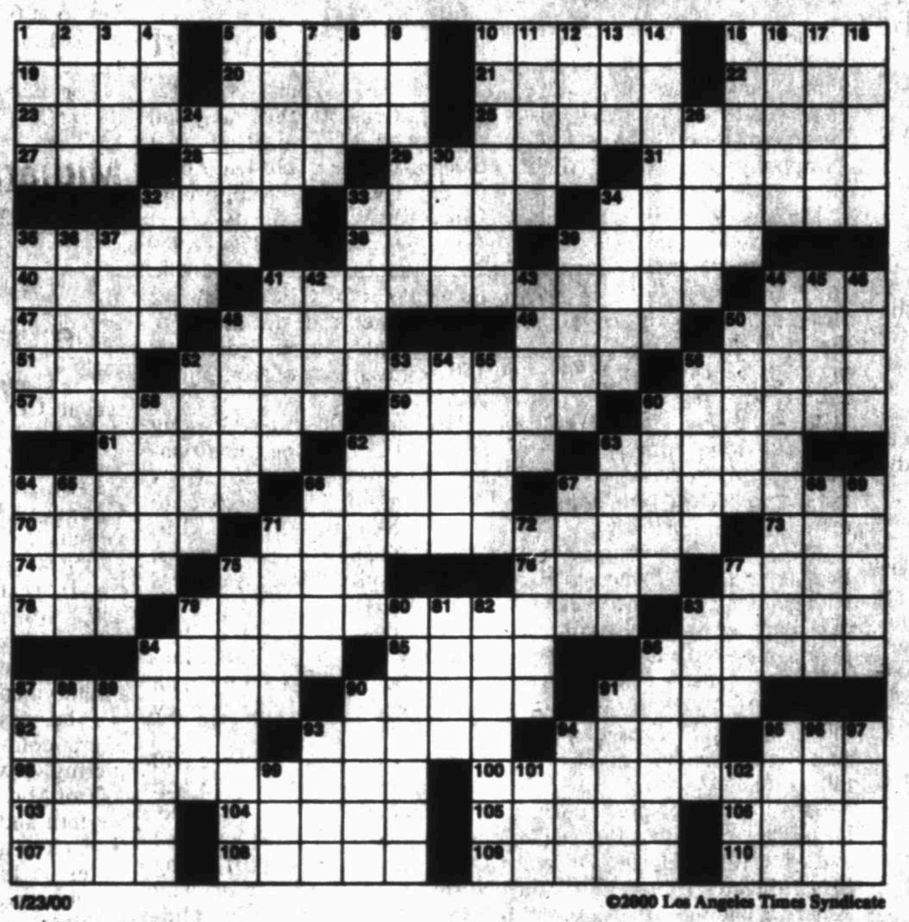
Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

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ACROSS
1 Parachute
5 Grating noises
10 Millionaire start
15 Indian weight
19 Location
20 Put far away
21 From Formosa
22 Author Leon
23 Canine from Cardigan
25 Edam, e.g.
27 New South Wales cap.
28 Hebrides isle
29 Military chaplain
31 Verdi opera
32 Regarding
33 Spread out awkwardly
34 Plait maker
35 Hankered after
38 Popular shirts
39 Refreshing
40 Leather flasks
41 Campbell's soup
44 Aliens
47 RR stops
48 Bangkok native
49 Sturdy trees
50 Alphabet series
51 Sea bird
52 Dijon departure
56 Wood: Comb. form
57 Most like April
59 Tidal bore
60 Cereal grass
61 Screenwriter Lavien of "State Fair"
62 Unit of capacitance
63 Post position, perhaps
64 Unstressed vowels
66 Savage
67 Forcible restraints
70 Of sound
71 Like Uncle Sam
73 Lamar, Mo. favorite son
74 "It's —!": bargain
75 Role for Liz
76 Roasted
77 Shindig
78 Alphabetical run
79 Taper for Titus
83 Martinique's spewer
84 Mystiques
85 French possessive
86 German port
87 Alberta city
90 Barrio buddy
91 Lamentation
92 Pied- —
93 In existence
94 Appraise
95 Certain little piggy
98 X for Zorba
100 Dublin dithers
103 Ireland
104 Funny lady Fields
105 Nary a soul
106 Standstill
107 Points of time
108 Rosebuck's partner
109 Methods: Abbr.
110 "Or —!"

DOWN
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2 Chemistry Nobelist
3 Put together
4 Pope
5 Tape
6 On one's own
7 Rail in the marsh
8 Glutton
9 Brief passage
10 Rapid departure
11 Shylock's trade
12 Calorie counter's choice
13 Part of XXX
14 Falls heir to
15 Rutabaga
16 Mountain nymph
17 Vine of the rain forest
18 Up and about
24 Jazz pianist "Fatha"
26 Rubbish
30 Writer Waugh
32 Natives: Suffix
33 Self-controlled
34 Tamed
35 Also-ran
36 Conservative beginning
37 Madrid madman
39 Hunger for
41 "— Good Skate, Charlie Brown"
42 Shoptalk
43 Surf or snow follower
44 Hampshire hardwood
45 Pitch
46 Point of land
48 Playing cards
50 Distance units
52 Ultimate
53 "I — Rhapsody"
54 Former CA pro
55 Alike, in Aix
56 Sheets and such
58 Never!
60 Fr. revolutionary martyr
62 Law-breaker
63 Desi's daughter
64 Headliner
65 Corn units
66 Canine's bane
67 Pickling herb
68 A Lauder
69 Dutch artist Jan
71 Revlon rival
72 Ham's receiver
75 Makes amends
77 Sense
79 "Something of Value" author
80 Lady's wearables
81 Evil kid
82 Heads
83 Busybodies
84 Sides with
86 Gets wet
87 Pent up
88 Airy entries
89 Watchful
90 Norse gods' abode
91 Common contraction
93 Spanish wine container
94 Grande et al.
95 Dabbling duck
96 Late-nighters
97 Italian noble family
99 Lobster coral
101 A Rogers
102 Common article



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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000:
Work as a team in your personal and professional lives. You might not always see eye to eye with others, especially when it comes to long-term goals. You are changing; what and who you value now could be different in a year. If you are single, you'll want and need a very close relationship. Another easily takes you to nirvana this summer and fall. Try to be realistic. If attached, your relationship develops a newfound closeness. Togetherness counts. The two of you might differ about friends and long-term goals, however. VIRGO wants to pitch in.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Manage security issues and make key decisions. You might decide to make a change in your work. Exploring options could be frustrating and challenging. Just do what you need to do. Don't forget to get some exercise. Tonight: Get some needed R & R.
This Week: Plug your volatile energy into work, and you could glide through the next few days. Others want to talk peace after an initial upset.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are creative, dynamic and full of fun. A loved one or child reaches for you. Don't be judgmental about his manner of communicating. Focus on feelings. Be of the heart, not of the head. Let go and enjoy. Tonight: Walk over an obstacle.
This Week: Problems occur on Monday that take the rest of the week to resolve. Your willingness to go beyond the call of duty separates you from others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take some downtime with a loved one. Don't push so hard. You may see others as demanding and touchy. Worry less about what others are doing and thinking. Handle your own personal matters. Hang around family and the hearth. Tonight: Happy at home.
This Week: Think carefully before losing your cool. Rather than overreacting, mull over problems. Success lies in finding creative solutions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. Touch base with friends. The more, the merrier. Allow your playful side to emerge. Caring abounds; just let it happen. You have pushed yourself very hard, and fatigue could slow you down a little! Tonight: Hanging out.
This Week: Communication runs amok without any help. Be understanding as others sort their way through it. Ignore another's sarcasm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Deal with finances head-on. Avoid any emotional or financial risks. Someone you put on a pedestal makes a strong request that might feel like a burden. You'll meet another's need, even if it is difficult for you. Tonight: Make a must appearance.
This Week: Finances bounce way out of control. Talk, think and discuss potential solutions. Others are at your beck and call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Beam in what you want. Your personality melts barriers. You feel good discussing the future and what you want and expect. Let go of a certain vision about how a domestic matter can and will work itself through. Tonight: You're top dog.
This Week: You might mean well, but anger and frustrations take over. Know what you want. Be practical and diplomatic. They are one and the same.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Togetherness marks a relationship. Feel free to express your vulnerabilities and needs. Another shows how much he cares. You could be extremely sensitive and more controlling than you are aware of. Move with the moment. Tonight: Vanish — mystery becomes you.
This Week: Temper, temper! Use your charm and wisdom, and you'll be unusually successful. Don't forget your objectives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Friendships build as you spend time together. You naturally relate with ease and draw others. Someone you find very difficult responds to your overtures. Count on your magnetism and perceptive abilities. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.
This Week: You could think that your best-laid plans are backfiring. You aren't far from wrong. Mellow out and think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ All eyes turn to you. Decide what is possible as you assume more responsibilities. Are you sure you want this? Listen to another, even though you might not agree. Avoid conflict with powerful figures in your life. Tonight: Do what you must.
This Week: Bosses and higher-ups push your buttons. Stop letting them. Do what is ultimately good for you. You know what you need to do to get there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Build on established ties, even though you might not feel comfortable with what is happening. Take time with a child or a special friend. Stop and take an overview. You could be emotionally charged into another's story. Tonight: Catch your favorite TV show.
This Week: Getting a perspective may take way too much, even for you. Just buckle down and do your work. Everything else will pass.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might not be sure what to do with a contrary friend. Finding solutions is tough, but if you listen to a trusted friend, you come up with excellent alternatives. Take time with a family member. Discuss the pros and cons of an issue. Tonight: Togetherness counts.
This Week: Listen to another's point of view, but don't be surprised if you conclude that he is way off base. Try walking in his shoes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others, even if you feel that another is playing out his willfulness. Pull back and think before you take action. Caring moments come as a result of an important talk. Another sees how very serious you are. Listen to his side, too. Tonight: Say yes.
This Week: It really isn't you, or is it? Your anger might be coming through, even if you don't recognize it. A partner or associate gives you gentle but important feedback.

BORN TODAY
Actor Richard Dean Anderson (1950), actor Rutger Hauer (1944), actress Tiffani-Amber Theissen (1974)

Goren Bridge

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 10 3
♡ A 10 6 2
◇ A J 8 3
♣ 7 4

WEST
♠ 9 7
♡ Q 8 4
◇ 7 4
♣ A K 9 6 3 2

EAST
♠ 6 5 4 2
♡ 7 5 3
◇ Q 6 5 2
♣ J 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 8
♡ K J 9
◇ K 10 9
♣ Q 10 5

The bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
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Opening lead: Two of ♣

Rubber bridge and duplicate are more like two different games than two forms of the same game. One of the chief differences is the extent to which experts at the tournament game will go in search of an overtrick. On this deal, West laid a tempting morsel on declarer's plate and came away with a glorious triumph.

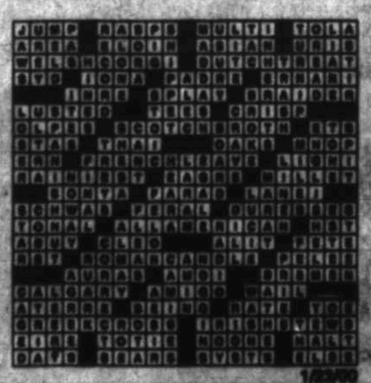
The auction was not quite routine. With a ruffing value in clubs, North should have used the Stayman Convention to probe for a 4-4 heart fit. That would have made no difference to the final contract since South's major was spades.

Rather than the standard fourth-best lead of the six of clubs, West elected to attack with the lowest card in the suit. When the queen won the first trick, declarer could count nine tricks – five in the black suits and two in each red suit. Both red suits, however, offered the possibility of extra tricks, but declarer had no idea which one to tackle. To complicate matters even further, declarer had a two-way finesse in each suit, and an expert hates to guess in such situations.

The opening lead of the two of clubs made it look as if the suit was dividing 4-4. In that event, South could enlist the opponents' help to collect an overtrick. After winning the first trick, declarer cashed four spades, discarding a diamond from dummy as West casually let go of a card in each red suit, and then exited with a club! South expected the defenders to take three club tricks and then lead a red suit to give declarer an extra trick in that suit. Five club tricks later South was still debating the wisdom of the chosen line!

THOSE ELUSIVE OVERTRICKS

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m. Call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: EXHIBIT: The second annual Art in the Park features four sculptures by Tim Glover, Meredith Jack, Paul Kittelson, and Jim Robertson, all of Houston. Exhibit continues through August 2000, Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar, 687-1149. Free.

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Are We Alone? 2:30 p.m. and Understanding the Universe, 4 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged. Children must be accompanied by adult. School field trips and adult programs may be scheduled by calling 683-2882.

The Brigl Collection: EXHIBIT: Selected works by William A. Brigl, Garden Room, Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Highway 349, through February, 683-8445.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: ART CLASSES: Adventures in Art 1999-2000 classes, a fun program of art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art classes for students ages 6-12, held 2:30-4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month. The topic for the next class Feb. 6 is "Artist as an Architect". Tuition charged. **EXHIBIT:** Art Focus XC, paintings by Dallas area artists, through February 13. **EXHIBIT:** Journeys, children's book illustrations by Diane Stanley, through February 13. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811. Exhibits are free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Featured artists are Robert Greene of Abilene, Becki Smith of Odessa, and Janet Whitman of Midland. Modern and contemporary art are featured. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring; 685-9944. Free.

Thomas Kinkade Signature Galleries: EXHIBIT: 2101 W. Wadley, Suite 12, 682-9911. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday. No admission charged.

Midland College: EXHIBIT: A retrospective exhibition and current works by art instructor Warren Taylor, including watercolors, prints, drawings and collages, through Feb. 18, McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Bldg., Midland College campus, 3600 N. Garfield. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Stones Unturned, records of Confederate veterans buried in Fairview Cemetery, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free. Also available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale: CONCERT: Lindsayan String Quartet, 2 p.m., Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, Odessa, 563-0921. Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Picasso Ceramic Editions: From the Edward Weston Collection, through Feb. 20, South Wing Galleries. **EXHIBIT:** Deborah Newburg: Monotype, through Feb. 27, Here and Now Gallery. **EXHIBIT:** In the Third Dimension: Sculpture selections from the Museum's collection, through Jan. 7, 2001, Sculpture Gallery, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m., **Fri.** 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m., **Sat.** & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 915 335-6646. Free.

The Presidential Museum: Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806. Free.

West Texas Jazz Society: ANNUAL MEETING: "Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon" presents Dave Alexander of Dallas with the Societies Jazz Combo, 2-5 p.m., Zucchi's Restaurant, 1541 JBS Parkway, Odessa, 563-1701 or 682-4124. Free.

White Pool House Museum: EXHIBIT: A collaboration of pictures that depicts the Dust Bowl and The Great Depression of the 1930s. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest, spur collections, saddles from ranching pioneer families, and archival collections including photographs of turn of the century ranch life. The library houses 30,000 volumes on settlement of the region and the cattle industry. 1805 W. Indiana. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 682-5785. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBIT OPENING: Scaling Up, a traveling exhibit from the Chemical Heritage Foundation, displays achievements of chemists, engineers, and industrialists, through Apr. 1, 1500 I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-4403. Admission charged.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Splash! Bang! Boom! explores the properties of matter, through January. **EXHIBIT:** My Town, an interactive cityscape, the latest permanent exhibit. Museum hours Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Parker House Ranching Museum: EXHIBIT: Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, including paintings, photographs, posters, and memorabilia. Museum hours are 10 am-3 pm Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple (Maple and 13th St.), Odessa, 915-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

The Petroleum Museum: FAMILY NIGHT: Discover "Soil to Oil",6:30-8 p.m. Discovery stations and museum exploration. Refreshments served, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Free admission.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Are We Alone? 8 p.m., every Friday except holiday weekends. Star talk and telescope viewing following show, weather permitting. Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members. Children must be accompanied by adult.

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✔ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Jan. 23-29

Sunday, Jan. 23

Gallery 1114

The Gallery will present the works of three artists during it's first show for the year 2000. Featured artists are Robert Green of Abilene, Becki Smith of Odessa, and Janet Whitman of Midland. This show runs through Feb. 27.

Gallery 1114 is a cooperative center for modern and contemporary work. Member artists include Kitt Beck, Julia Bias, Ramah Bosecker, Mark Cox, Karen Hembree, Joyce Howell, Gabriel Lewis, Sharon Navage, Susan Randle, Becki Smith, and Kathy Williams.

Gallery's hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appointment, Call: (915) 685-9944.

Oil paintings

An exhibit of oil paintings by Aimee Bourgue Sanchez is on display at Bank United, 401 W. Texas Ave.

The works remain through January. Ms. Sanchez is a member of the Midland Art Association, and the Midland Palette Club.

Brigl Collection

Select pieces of the William A. Brigl Collection will be on exhibit in the Garden Room at Midland Country Club through February.

The William A. Brigl Collection consists of the remaining original oils and watercolors painted by the artist during his lifetime.

Brigl, who was born in Bavaria in 1903, came to the United States in 1930 and lived and painted in Midland from 1980 until his death in 1990. The artist studied with Monet early in his career as well as Joseph Sailer and Nicoli Fechin.

A full biography of the artist will be made available during the exhibit by Mike and Carole Byford of Studio MiCa.

MC exhibition

The first exhibition of 2000 in the McCormick Gallery at Midland College is a retrospective of the past and present works of college art professor, Warren Taylor.

The exhibition features works from the past 25 years and a current series of works with music themes. Taylor joined the MC faculty in the fall of 1979. This marks his first solo exhibition in the college gallery, which is located in the Allison Fine Arts Building.

A section of this exhibition will travel to Kansas in March-April and will end at the Dearing Galleries of Taos, N.M. in July-August this year.

The artist is currently featured in the Winsor-Newton International Competition at St. James Palace in London. This exhibition will travel to Stockholm, Brussels and New York. Taylor is one of five American artists represented in the exhibition that globally drew 22,000 entries.

Annual meeting

ODESSA — West Texas Jazz Society's annual meeting and "Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon" presents Dave Alexander of Dallas from 2 to 5 p.m. Jan. 23 at Zucchi's Restaurant, 1541 JBS Parkway.

Alexander is with the Societies Jazz Combo. Admission is free. For information call (915) 563-1701, (915) 682-4124. The event is sponsored by the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Photo exhibit

Photographs by Michele Olliff Derck will be exhibited in Belgium and then in Germany and Holland over a month-long period beginning Wednesday. Ms. Derck's 18 photographs are of West Texas and New Mexico.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Laser Vaudeville

The Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities is sponsoring Lazer Vaudeville — a family show that combines the high-tech effects of lasers and black lights with the traditional vaudeville arts of juggling, comedy and acrobatics — at Deaderick Auditorium, Odessa College Campus, at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Lazer Vaudeville offers clean, classy fun for the entire family. The show features original music by Jesse Manno and scenery by Maia Robbins-Zust.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens, $3 for students and children 4 years through high school and free to children 3 years and under. OC student discounts do not apply. Tickets are available at Luskey's Western Wear in Odessa and Midland.

For more information call: (915) 337-1492. The first fifteen minutes of this vaudeville are in black light. No latecomers will be admitted during this section.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Radio broadcast

Former Midlander Susan Graham will be heard on the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Broadcast on Jan. 29. The broadcast will be heard locally over KCRS.

Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" will be heard at noon (Central). Ms. Graham sings the role of Octavian.

James Levine will conduct, and the announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

Ms. Graham also was heard in the world broadcast premiere of Harbison's "The Great Gatsby." Miss Graham, a mezzo soprano from Rosewell, New Mexico, performed this fall with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

Watercolor event

Adventures in Watercolor by Herb Cooper will be held at Midland Palette Club, the week of Jan. 31 through March 6, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Cost for members is $100 and non-members, $130. Class limit is 10. For information and registration, call Cooper, 683-2295.

MCC venue

Remaining on the Midland Community Concerts' venue for the 1999-2000 "Season of a Century" are The Cassidys presenting Celtic music and step-dancing, Feb. 4; and Jay Ungar and Molly Mason playing the fiddle and guitar, April 7.

All concerts are held at Midland High School Auditorium. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets for individual concerts, if available, may be purchased at $25 for adults and $10 for students. For more information call 620-0033.

Exhibition set

Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Art Exhibition will be held March 2 to April 9 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The show is by slide entry with due date for slides by Jan. 5. An opening reception for the show is set for 7 to 9 pm. March 2. Cash awards of $2,500 will be presented at that time.

Three slides may be entered for an entry fee of $25 for MAA members and $30 for non-members.

Juror for the show will be Xiang Zhang, a member of the Oil Partners of America.

For more information call 682-8401 or 699-7136.

The exhibition is partly supported by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Artist Xiang Zhang will present a workshop in oils March 3-5 at the Midland Palette Club.

Advanced registration is required. The fee is $175 for three days, $67 per day, and is due by Feb. 3.

Zhang is a member of the Oil Partners of America. He grew up in China and graduated from the Central Academy of Drama in Beijing.

The artists' work has won awards in both regional and juried shows. His painting "Kid's Band," a group portrait of young jazz musicians, received a merit award in the 1995 Arts for the Parks Competition.

The three day workshop will include working with a model and still life.

Contact Doris Spires or Marie Marinovich at 682-8401 or 699-7136 for more information.

Guest conductor

The Midland-Odessa Symphony will perform its third Masterworks concert under the baton of guest conductor, Murray Gross, music director of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra of Michigan.

The concert will be at Lee High School Auditorium Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. MOSC's Conductor, Rob Hunt, will welcome Maestro Gross to West Texas and present the preconcert lecture, "Symphony 101," at 7:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

The symphony will perform Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, one of the 20th century's greatest statements of hope and optimism.

Also on the program is Beethoven's Third Piano concerto with guest artist Fred Moyer, who is recognized for his imaginative playing and refined musicality.

Tickets available at the door, or call (915) 563-0921. Admission is $10 for adults, $9 for senior citizens, $5 for students and free to music students.

The concert is sponsored by Drs. Terry and Elvira Burns, Dr. and Mrs. Bart Mayron, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Miller, Bank of America, and the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Watercolor exhibit

An exhibit of watercolor art by Janis Petty Moore will be held at Bank United in February.

Mrs. Moore has studied at Midland College and in workshops for the past ten years, but only since her retirement three years ago has she had time to devote to developing her work in watercolor. Since that time her paintings have been accepted by juried art exhibitions. She is preparing to show in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Hilton Head, S.C. this spring. She displays her paintings on corporate sites and in private collections.

Her interest in art goes back many years. She also is interested in music and theater. Her paintings try to capture interesting and beautiful things.

The exhibit can be viewed during banking hours at 401 W. Texas Ave. Feb. 1-29.

Oil glazing program

The Midland Arts Association has scheduled a program on the Old Masters method of glazing in oil. The program will be presented by Michael Mark, a noted artist from Millerton, N. Y.

Mark received his master of fine arts from Tufts University in Boston. He has taught in Europe, and currently teaches in Massachusetts. The program here, planned for Feb. 6 beginning at 2:30 p.m., will last 3 to 4 hours and includes a slide show and a hands-on workshop.

'Texas Toast'

ODESSA — Permian Playhouse is presenting another helping of "Texas Toast." This year's production will be "That's Show Biz," a musical comedy that chronicles the variety of ways that man has invented to entertain himself. The stars of the show are locals.

The production is being directed by Frank and Betty Ann Barrow of Denton. This marks the 6th time that Texas Toast has come to Odessa. The show is scheduled for February. Dates and times will be announced later.

For more information call 550-5456 or (915) 362-2329 after 1 p.m.

Bulegrass concert

ODESSA — Friends of Bluegrass presents Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys in a bluegrass concert Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Deaderick Auditorium, Odessa College campus.

In 1946, Stanley and his brother, Carter Stanley, formed The Stanley Brothers. Carrying on since Carter's death in 1966, Ralph Stanley has recorded over 150 albums, many of them still in print today.

His latest project is a 36-song set called Clinch Mountain Country. Among the guest artists doing songs in Stanley's style are Ricky Skaggs, Vince Gill, Dwight Yoakum, Alison Krauss, George Jones, Patty Loveless and Bob Dylan.

The disc is up for a 1998 Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album. This marks the sixth Grammy nomination for Stanley since 1994.

Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the gate. Students are $5 and children under 12 years are free.

Advance ticket locations: Desert Rose Records-1201 N. Big Spring, Midland, Hideaway Music-350 N. Midland Dr., Midland, Mainstream Music-2828 Andrews Highway, Odessa, and Endless Horizons, 2525 Andrews Highway, Odessa.

For more information contact: Friends of Bluegrass (915) 687-1535.

Dedication

Odessa — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will dedicate its newly completed Visual Arts Studios. The $4.1 million square-foot complex encompasses 27,000 square feet and houses two-dimensional and three-dimensional design studios, an art gallery, classroom and related work areas for study and lectures.

The two-dimensional studio is designed for printmaking, painting, drawing, and graphic design, and the three-dimensional studio will accommodate ceramics, sculpture, woodworking and metal fabrication.

Guest speakers will include UT System Chancellor William Cunningham and Rita C. Clements, chair of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee for the UT System Board of Regents.

A reception and guided tours will be conducted immediately following the dedication.

The dedication is to be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 7 in the gallery of the studios. For more information call (915) 552-2806.

Family concert

Odessa — Campfire Boys and Girls is having a family concert that features Trout Fishing in America.

Closer to the Truth, the 9th release from the award-winning acoustic "power duo" Trout Fishing in America, was produced by Fred Bogert and recorded at Nashville's Studio B. The new album includes 12 original tunes plus a cover of the Vince Bell-penned "The Sun and Moon and Stars" and features quest appearances by Vassar Clements, Jerry Douglas, Tim O'Brien and Mickey Raphael.

The concert will be held Sat. Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Deaderick Hall, 201 W. University Boulevard.

For ticket information call: (915) 520-1522.

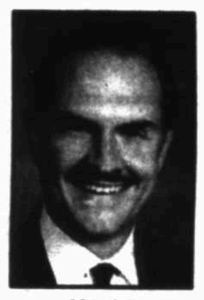
Midlanders/Odessans in the News

The Centurymen

The Centurymen, and its most recent CD release, "Beautiful Star," has been nominated for the 2000 Grammy Award for Best Classical Crossover Album.



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Now in its 31st year and over 100 voices strong, The Centurymen is as busy as ever, completing a tour of Midwestern and Southern states in October and making a big splash with a live appearance on the 1999 Dove Awards telecast.

Two local ministers of music are active members of The Centurymen: George Koehl of First Baptist Church since 1987 and Ty Morris, Jr. of Crestview Baptist Church since 1978.

Buryl Red, whose name is ubiquitous in choral circles and whose work was described by the Washington Post as "uncommonly creative," has been the music director and principal arranger for The Centurymen since its inception.

Grammy Award winners are to be announced on the Grammy Awards Show, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. on CBS Network.

For more information call: (423) 546-9661 or FAX (423) 546-3732 or Email — Ehattaway@fbcknox.org.

BOOK: Former MOSC conductor shares his knowledge with church

(From 1F)

is the same thing that is necessary for churches to survive."

With the approach of the year 2000 in the Western world, many celebrated the dawn of a new millennium. Hohstadt said that the turning of the calendar this past New Year's marked the turning of civilization.

"What they really celebrated was a new civilization," Hohstadt said. "Historians are saying that this is the end of one civilization and the beginning of another. ... Three major forces are revealing a radical change in history, postmodernism, the digital age and the youth culture."

Hohstadt, who has spent his summers teaching at the International Worship Institute in Dallas, described postmodernism as "a rejection of cold logic separate from feelings or intuition. Postmodernists, for example, believe that language is simply a form of manipulation by those who are in power."

The digital age will bring, Hohstadt said, "The greatest opportunity for the church in its history. For the first time in centuries, the church will operate on its own turf. No longer will it have to compete with the world on the world's own terms. ... The 21st century promises a return to the powerful oral tradition of the first century church."

Thus far, Hohstadt has been pleased with the response to his book, which is self-published.

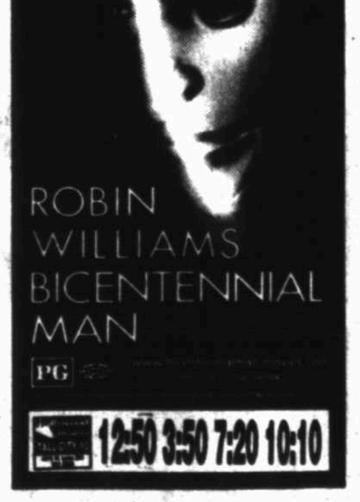
"The book is recommended reading by religious sources on the Net," said Hohstadt, who was conductor of the MOSC for 15 years. "I'm doing increasing speaking engagements and radio interviews. A bookstore in New Mexico gave a party for area pastors and gave a signed copy of it to all the pastors. I'm getting a lot of email from people who have read it. One person, a few days ago, said the book was keeping him awake at night."

The book is available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in the store and online, by calling (888) 323-5218, through Amazon.com, through Borders Books and an online version is available at Fatbrain.com. Cost is $10.

Hohstadt said that when he's asked: "How can you just walk away from a career as a symphony conductor and start writing books?" he replies, "When I was conducting, I was always looking and listening for the hidden language beyond the music itself, the language that underlies all the arts, that underlies the deepest experience of life including worship and faith.

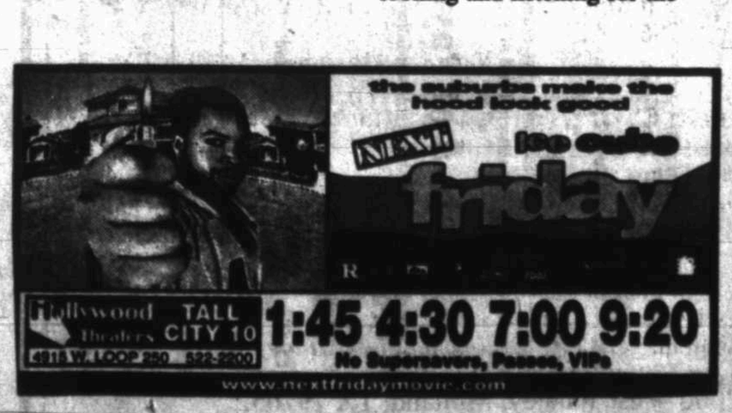
"And I found that language. And today I'm sharing that with the church. So, in the truest sense of the word, I'm still conducting. I never stopped."

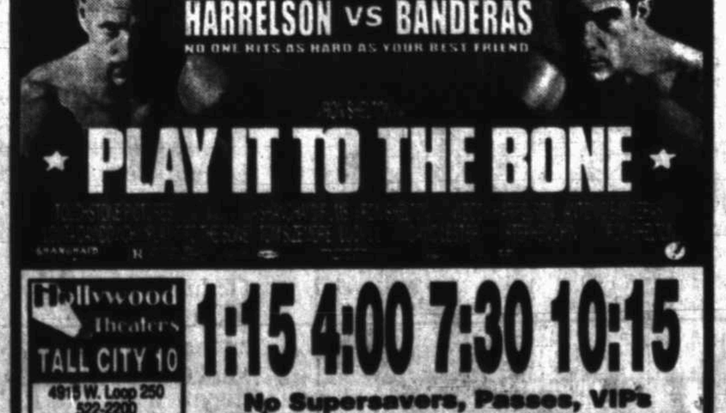














PLAY: Permian Playhouse to present mystery 'The Mousetrap'

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"And four years from then we're still married," Timms quipped.

Timms, who played Beauregard in the Playhouse production of "Auntie Mame," has been involved in theater productions since he was around 5 or 6 years old and played a shepherd in a church Christmas play. "Since then, I've been involved in close to 100 productions" including a season of the outdoor drama, "TEXAS," in Canyon.

For a while, they took a hiatus from acting, Timms said. "We quit theater because it was such a big part of our lives, and we were always doing it. We'd do four or five shows at a time, so we never had any time."

Then, they made "a vow that we won't do a show without each other," said Timms. "She really wanted to audition for this, and I came and auditioned with her. The murder mystery thing is always fun to do."

"It's fun to keep the audience guessing," said Beau Dameron, who was in Midland Community Theatre's production of "The Mousetrap." "This is one of the better Agatha Christie shows when it comes to the character interaction, and the character action is really what drives this play."

The cast must keep the secret and that can be difficult to do, said Ms. Mootz. "It's hard trying to look like you don't know what's going to happen next. You know who the murderer is. You don't want to give it away with your actions."

Lopez, who is a fan of Agatha Christie mysteries, agreed. "The hardest thing is not giving away the outcome before it gets there."

The murderer will be revealed Friday. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Additional production days and times are Saturday, Feb. 4 and 5, all at 8 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students and seniors. For reservations call 550-5456 or (915) 362-2329 Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

Directing the mystery is Rene Brister Chambers, formerly director of education at Midland Community Theatre and currently director of the Midland High School Drama Dwags.

She is not a newcomer to the Playhouse stage. In the 1960s, when the Playhouse first opened its doors with the musical "South Pacific," Ms. Chambers was in the cast. During her junior high and high school years, she was in more than 15 plays and worked backstage on most shows that she was not in onstage.

"It is both a privilege and an honor to be at the Playhouse again and directing 'The Mousetrap,'" Ms. Chambers said. "I have a wonderful cast, and we are having a great time putting the play together. It is a great blend of Playhouse veterans and novice actors."

DIRECTOR: Theater is career, hobby for Mitchell

(From 1F)

amateur venues.

"I've worked in professional, amateur and community theater for as long as I can remember," said Mitchell, who has directed and acted on stage and in film around the country, particularly in the Washington, D.C. area.

His teaching experience before coming to West Texas had been at the college level.

"I just realized that teaching on a secondary level wasn't for me," Mitchell said of his decision to accept the position at the Playhouse. "I taught for five years before coming here. I was used to working with that type of student — 18 (years old) plus and able to take responsibility for themselves."

The draw of directing a theater also inspired Mitchell's choice.

"Every theater person really dreams of running their own theater," Mitchell said. "I have done theater management at many levels before, but this is the first time that I've actually run an entire organization — been an executive director."

The position was offered to him in October-November, but Mitchell felt he must finish the semester and give the school system time to find a replacement.

"I stressed to them that I wanted to make it as easy as possible for the school to find someone new," Mitchell said.

He enjoys academia and hopes to teach a course or two at the college level. As an active theater researcher, Mitchell has had a number of articles published in domestic and international journals and is working on a book that presents an analysis of the early works of the Swedish playwright, August Strindberg. He has spent work-study time in Sweden and lists Swedish theater and film as among his scholarly interests along with feminist drama and the integration of computer technology with stage performance.

"I think of myself as being half scholar and half practitioner," Mitchell said. "I'm always researching and writing papers. And I've gone to a lot of academic conferences, some here and some in Sweden."

Mitchell discovered the Playhouse soon after arriving in Odessa.

"I started to hang out at the Playhouse pretty early in the game. Being a theater person, especially being head of a theater department at an educational institution, you get to know all the venues in town. I saw 'Nunsense' and was very impressed with it. That pretty much led to a deeper relationship with the Playhouse. I was coming to rehearsals pretty often to watch."

Now, he's spending hours a day in his new position.

"When you're doing something that happens to be not only your career but your hobby, you don't mind spending 12, 14, 16 hours a day at it," Mitchell said. "I love being here."

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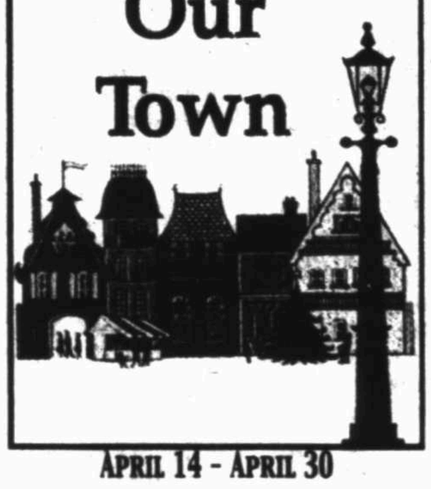


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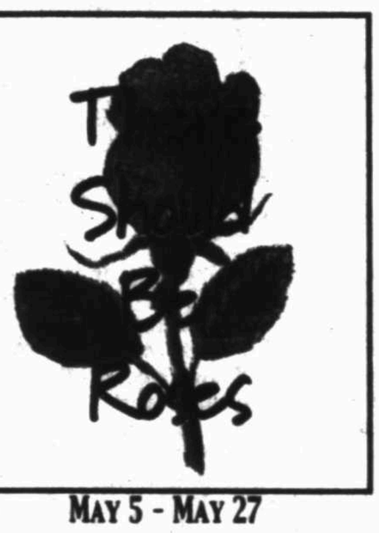


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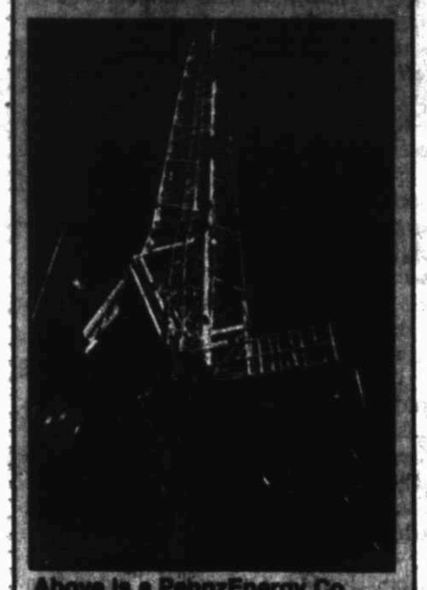
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Williams asks for $1.2 billion

TULSA, Okla. — Williams Cos., the largest U.S. natural-gas pipeline owner, said it asked U.S. regulators to rehear its proposal for a $1.2 billion pipeline project in the Northeast.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last month asked Williams for more information about the pipeline's impact on the environment. Politicians in New Jersey and Ohio objected to the pipeline because of safety and environmental concerns.

The project includes two sections. Williams and two partners, Coastal Corp. and National Fuel Gas Co., would spend $677 million to build a 460-mile segment through Ohio and Pennsylvania. Williams also wants to build a 152-mile extension of its existing pipeline in New Jersey and Pennsylvania for $500 million.

Conoco strikes alliance with McLane Co.

TEMPLE — McLane Company Inc., the largest distributor of products and services to the convenience store industry, announced today that it has formed a strategic alliance with Conoco Inc.

Under a five-year, national, supply agreement, McLane is now serving Conoco's company-owned U.S. stores. This program will be available to Conoco marketers and dealers. McLane will customize the program to meet the business needs and situation of the individual marketers and dealers who qualify.

McLane is recognized for its expert distribution service, responsive customer service and cutting-edge technology capabilities. Along with these core services, the Conoco/McLane program will offer a complete and flexible menu of optional services that provide additional support, flexibility and value to participating Conoco marketers and dealers.

Baker wins contact to operate Burlington facilities

HOUSTON — Burlington Resources, Inc., one of the world's largest independent oil and gas producers, has awarded a contract to outsource the operations of its Gulf of Mexico properties to Baker Energy, a leading provider of operations and maintenance services.

Under the contract, Baker Energy will operate and maintain all of Burlington's Gulf of Mexico properties on the outer continental shelf. Baker Energy is a unit of Michael Baker Corporation.

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Oilpatch goes *on-line*

More and more oilpatch internet sites are coming on-line as the industry discovers the benefits and advantages of buying and selling oil properties, goods and services in the cyber market.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Two Midland landmen, brothers Doug Heck and Jim Heck and Doug Ferguson, are part of a growing breed of oil and gas internet entrepreneurs.

The trio are betting that their recently launched oil property auction site, OilProperties.com., will be to oil and gas properties, what E-bay was to stuff. "We want to be the world's largest internet auction web site for oil and gas properties," said Jim Heck, a former investment banker.

The Midland-based internet venture will allow oil and gas companies to sell properties, royalty and working interest on-line or search for acquisition opportunities. "We are not ready for prospects," said Heck.

Properties will be accessible by a number of categories including: state, region, county, gas, oil, operated, non-operated and daily production. Once all categories have been selected, properties matching the buyers preferences will be displayed on the screen. "If you want to buy an operated 10 barrel per day well in Winkler County, the search can narrow it down that far," said Heck.

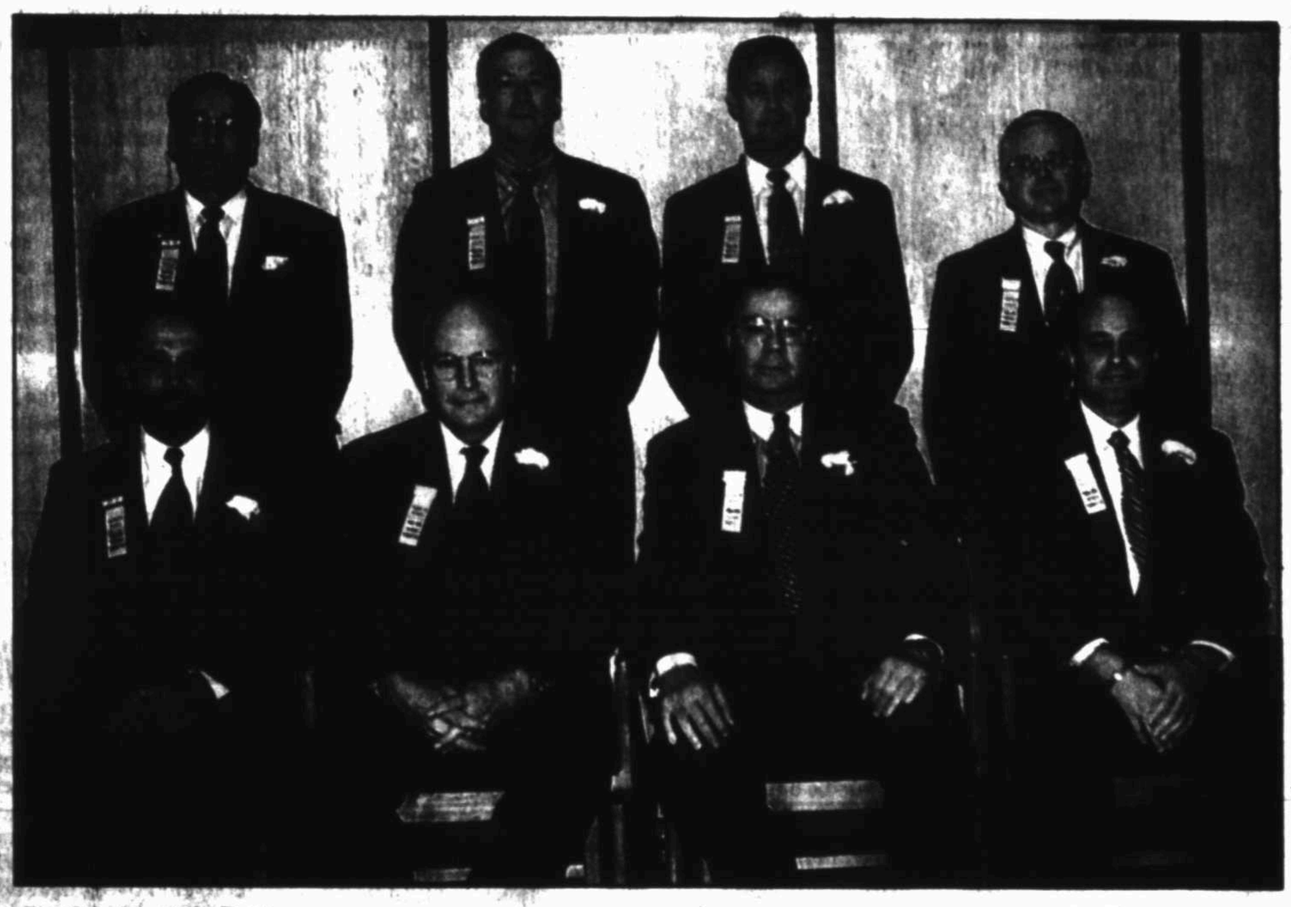
From that list of properties, the potential buyer can do further research on the internet by requesting a standard report that will show average daily production for the past three months and monthly cash flow along with the location, operator and interests for sale. The property report also contains a text box to add comments and recommendations, and a bid box which lists the maximum bid, remaining reserves and a bid space based on the number of months of current cash flow.



Other pertinent information available at the site to registered buyers includes lease operating expense, oil and gas buyers and terms. OilProperties.com will also have a data room for selected multi--well properties. Each property will remain on the website for 30 days, then will be open for bidding for one week. Bidding will begin on a Thursday and end on a Thursday. Bidders must be registered with approved credit. All sales will be in hard cash, although some smaller properties may be bought with a credit card.

For their services, OilProperties.com will collect a commission that starts at 7 percent and declines based on the amount of the sale. The first auction for the new oilpatch internet venture is set for February 17-24. Heck says the number of properties being auctioned have been kept deliberately low to work the bugs out of the first auction. The web site can be accessed at www.oilproperties.com.

The worldwide web, illustrated above, is growing fast. For oil companies wanting to learn how to use the internet and to develop their own web site, CompuMaster, a training company from Mission, Kansas will offer a conference on web site design and development at the Midland Hilton on March 24. Companies and individuals wanting to enroll in the conference can call 1-800-867-4301.



Executive lineup

Halliburton executives honored at the historic Wildcatter were: Seated left to right, Edgar Ortiz, President Halliburton Energy Services; Dick Cheney, CEO; Bill Bradford, Chairman; Jed Dipaolo, Senior Vice President Global Development. Standing, left to right is: Craig Floyd, David Lesar, President and COO; Mike Hogan, Regional Vice President; Jim Renfroe, Global Vice President Business Development.

Halliburton event makes history

■ **For the first time in its 30 year history the Midland Wildcatters Committee honored a service company.**

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Oil Editor

Usually reserved for the nation's top E&P companies, the Midland Wildcatters, this week recognized the top executives of the Halliburton Co. Recent companies honored include: Mobil, Texaco, Chevron, Clayton Williams Energy, GPM Gas Corp. and Altura Energy.

"Over the years we have honored 136 oil companies," said Joyce O'Bannon who has helped coordinate the event since 1983. "Starting with Humble Oil & Refining in December 1969, we have honored virtually every major oil company and most of the major independent oil companies in America — but never an oilfield service company." O'Bannon said the 306 in attendance was one of the largest groups ever.

"We are delighted to be the first," said Dick Cheney, Halliburton Chief Executive Officer.

Ted Collins, who shares chairmanship of the Wildcatter Executive Committee with Don Evans, said the Halliburton reception reflected a change of mind. "We might have had it wrong, that the producer is king. We need these service companies as much as they need us, and we will be honoring more of them in the future."

He said Halliburton was chosen

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John Paul Pitts

McCain oil and gas policy not for oil and gas

If there are some in the oilpatch who are down on George W. for his hear no oil, see no oil, speak no oil policy, they evidentally have not looked into John McCain's oil and gas policy.

A look on the Arizona Senator's website makes one wonder what oil and gas ever did to this presidential candidate. The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) has accessed McCain's website, and copied his energy policy for distribution. It's not very pretty, in fact it is downright scarry.

In his campaign to "eliminate corporate welfare" in order to give the working class a break, the Senator has proposed the elimination of just about every investment incentive for the oil industry.



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First, he says he would "deduct all capital costs associated with drilling exploration and production." IPAA is still not sure what this very vague and disjointed statement means, but they are assuming it refers to intangible drilling costs (IDC). Don Sparks, a member of the Board of Governors of IPAA noted: "These are the invisible expenses incurred in drilling a hole — expenses such as a hole, pipe, testing and completion. Does he want to totally eliminate IDCs, or capitalize them? Nobody knows. It sounds disastrous."

Sparks said being able to expense IDCs is a tremendous tax benefit to the oil and gas industry because it doesn't view a hole as a piece of equipment to depreciate over a number of years. "To eliminate it would require oil companies to borrow more money for drilling."

McCain would also eliminate a 15 percent tax on enhanced oil recovery. A mistaken assumption often made at the federal level, is tax benefits to any group is the same as cheating the government.

In Texas, a basketful of tax incentives were given to operators to encourage production from costly enhanced recovery projects, marginal wells, shut-in wells and deep gas. The results were astonishing. The increase in taxable income generated by increased production and increased jobs far exceeded the tax incentives.

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Oildness

By Norman Johnson



Conoco to spend $300 million in Venezuela in 2000

CARACAS (Bloomberg) — Conoco Inc., the fourth-largest U.S. oil company, said it will spend $300 million in Venezuela this year to help finish building a heavy-oil venture.

Conoco will invest half of the $600 million needed to complete an oil refining unit at Petrozuata, which will upgrade heavy crude into a lighter blend for export. The project is a joint venture with Petroleos de Venezuela SA, which plans to put up the other half.

"Most of our Venezuela investment will go toward Petrozuata," said Gary Merriman, president of Conoco's exploration and production for the Americas. "It's a huge reservoir."

Petrozuata, one of four projects under construction to extract heavy oil from Venezuela's southern Orinoco Belt, is expected to produce 120,000 barrels a day of upgraded crude oil by the end of 2000 from current output of 93,000 barrels a day.

Of the $2.2 billion in capital spending Conoco earmarked for this year, 40 percent to 50 percent will be spent in the Americas, Merriman said. Houston-based Conoco operates in 40 countries throughout the world.

Petrozuata, a 35-year project, is considering doubling its production capacity to 240,000 barrels of oil a day in coming years, Merriman said. The company awaits government approval for the possible plan.

Conoco shares fell 11/16, or 2.7 percent, to 24 7/8.

Paria

Conoco said it will leave its "significant" oil discovery in Venezuela's Paria Oeste offshore field idle because contract conditions with the government make a planned $1 billion exploitation project impossible.

High income taxes and an unwieldy royalty structure make Paria a losing venture for now, Merriman said. Conoco said it discovered potential production of at least 4,200 barrels a day of crude and 10.6 million cubic feet of gas a day there.

Conoco is beginning talks with PDVSA on a possible re-negotiation of its contract in Paria, which straddles the northeastern states of Monagas and Delta Amacuro, Merriman said.

"We hope the government will give us signs shortly" to allow the project to go ahead. Conoco had said a 67 percent income tax, which the government charges on all oil projects it cropped out to private operators during the 1990s, was too high for Paria.

Conoco in September said that it discovered oil in the Gulf of Mexico, but it hasn't designated funds to a commercial production operation in its Mexican Green Canyon 562 block, which it shares with Unocal Corp.

"We don't know how big it is yet," Merriman said.

Life is just a heartbeat away

Automatic external defibrillators could make oilpatch safer place to work

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Thanks to a genuine industry concern for safety the oilpatch is generally a safe place to work. Now, thanks to a new public access defibrillator the oilpatch will be an even safer place to work.

Many oilfield sites are remote, and a heart attack in the field is often fatal, but new automatic external defibrillators could reduce the odds significantly.

Over 350,000 lives are claimed each year by sudden cardiac arrest. Unlike a heart attack that restricts blood flow, cardiac arrest occurs when the hearts normal electrical signals become erratic and cause the heart to fibrillate (vibrate) rather than effectively pump. The automatic external defibrillator (AED) applies an electrical shock to make the heart pump normally.

"Studies have shown that survival rates can exceed 70 percent if defibrillation is administered within the first few minutes. The chance of survival decreases by 10 percent for each minute that passes from the time of the initial attack," said Lenard Garrett, Senior Trainer with Midland Safety and Health Training Center, an oil field safety company.

Garrett says defibrillator units strategically placed in the oil field may be able to save as many lives as CPR training. He said, the life-saving devices which have been the subject of a number of news and television articles in recent months, could become as common in the oil field as the first aid kit. Already standard equipment at some airports, on some airliners, and police vehicles, the safety trainer envisions a time when AEDs could be a standard part of the equipment at gas plants, compressor stations, field offices, drilling rigs, well service units and even at oil company offices. The Huntsman petrochemical complex at Odessa has an AED, and Burlington Resources has purchased two for the Permian Basin.

External defibrillators have been around for some time, and thousands of lives might have been saved in the past but for the liability factor. There is no denying that the fear of litigation and trial lawyers played a big role in preventing the widespread spread use of the devices, but now many see the *absence* of external defibrillators as a liability issue. One airline is under suit for not having one on a flight when cardiac arrest claimed the life of a passenger during a flight. Southwest is putting the life savers on all their flights.

"Liability is still a primary concern," said Garrett, "but that's the price of living in America. There is never a guarantee that you will not be sued in America, even for trying to save a life." He also noted that advancements in the automatic external defibrillators have taken away some of the litigation risk. "The AED will automatically determine if a shock is needed. If it is cardiac arrest you press the button. If it is not, you don't. It doesn't remove the risk of litigation, it only reduces it."



Compact and easy to use, automatic external defibrillators, above, could save thousands of lives at remote oil and gas facilities.

So far OSHA has not made the purchase and training in the use of AEDs a workplace requirement, but it is under review, said Garrett. He said he didn't see the possibility of an OSHA requirement on defibrillators in the near future, but the ability of the devices to save lives was bound to make them widespread.

"In the future schools, churches, office building, and all police and fire vehicles could carry AEDs," Garrett said. To acquaint the oilpatch and community with the use of automatic external defibrillators Midland Safety & Health Training will host a open house, February 1, from 8 a.m. till noon at its training facility at 1701 Loop 250 South.

Williams' Exploration registers record year

TULSA, Okla. (PRNewswire) — Williams announced that its exploration and production unit experienced record growth in 1999.

The unit, which is part of Williams' energy services business, primarily drills for natural gas in the northern Rockies, New Mexico's San Juan Basin and onshore along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast.

Year-end 1999 proved natural gas reserves were 1.05 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) equivalent, compared with year-end 1998 reserves of 708 billion cubic feet (Bcf) equivalent. The unit also replaced 694 percent of its 1999 production of 57.9 Bcf. In 1998, the unit replaced 350 percent of production.

Ralph Hill, senior vice president and general manager of petroleum services and exploration and production, stated, "Three years ago we had reserves of 532 Bcf. At that point we set an ambitious goal of increasing our reserves to 1 trillion cubic feet by year-end 2000. We exceeded the goal by a year and believe that our results will rank us among the top 25 independent producers in the nation once data from other companies is reported over the next few months."

The growth is attributed to new discoveries, an aggressive drilling program and a $106 million acquisition in 1999, according to Bryan Guderian, vice president of exploration and production.

"Last year was our strongest ever, which gives us a lot of leverage as a key player in the industry. We made some decisions over the past couple years that are making significant contributions today.

For example, our acquisition last year gives us an attractive foot print in the Jonah Field, a large gas reservoir in Sublette County, Wyo. Essentially, it's a low-risk, high-return property. We drilled 35 wells there last year and hit pay dirt at every one. We're planning to drill at least 35 more wells in the same area this year," Guderian said.

About Williams

Williams, through its subsidiaries, connects businesses to energy and communications. The company delivers innovative, reliable products and services through its extensive networks of energy-distributing pipelines and high-speed fiber-optic cables. Company information is available at www.williams.com.

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McCain would also eliminate percentage depletion which provides a 15 percent tax credit on the first 1000 barrels of production. There's no doubt about it. This is a tremendous incentive, but it works. Over the years it has attracted billions of investment dollars into the oil industry, and made thousands of oil and gas drilling and development projects possible. Tax incentives don't cost, they pay off.

Here's an economic lesson I pass on to John McCain for free: More money equals more projects — more projects equal more production —more domestic production equals less foreign imports equals improved energy security and an improved trade balance.

"McCain has obviously not sat down and seriously considered what his plan would do to U.S. energy security or the balance of trade," said Sparks.

According to McCain's website, he would also eliminate passive losses which protect passive investors and independents. Again, nobody is sure what he means here, except that it would probably drive investors out of the market.

He would treat certain injectants as an operating expense rather than a depreciating asset. It is assumed that this refers to CO2 and the tremendous expense at putting the slug in the ground. Don Sparks believes this is a mistake on his part, because, as it reads, it would probably benefit the industry.

If and when Bush advisors allow him to talk about oil and gas issues, I don't think it will be nearly as disastrous as McCain's ill-conceived bundle of disintives. Don Sparks, an independent producer for 26 years, agrees: "Bush will not do something as negative to the industry as this, and I feel very comfortable saying that."

Robin Hood McCain needs to go back to the drawing board with this energy policy. In his mind, stripping rich producers of favorable tax incentives to provide a tax break for the working class makes sense. Not so much sense, to the thousands of roustabouts, well service hands, roughnecks, truck drivers, mud salesmen, rig mechanics, pumpers, and pipeline welders whose job depends on oil and gas investment capital generated in part by tax incentives.

At a critical time in the history of the domestic oil industry, when politicians should be laying awake at night dreaming up policies and incentives to get the domestic oil industry back on track and more American oil into the tanks, McCain schemes would empty the tanks.

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John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

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because they are a big part of the Permian Basin community and have become partners in many of the drilling projects of the Permian Basin. "They support producers with vendor financing and in some instances have become actual partners in our business. Some of the service companies have more employees than oil companies."

Collins said the Wildcatter Committee was proud to honor Halliburton as its first service company. "I think they were a bit flattered at being the first," said Collins, noting that Halliburton was just the first of more to come.

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Union Pacific Resources update on North American onshore gas exploration drilling programs

FORT WORTH (BUSINESS WIRE) — Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. announced details of gas exploration drilling programs underway in southwest Wyoming, south Louisiana, and the Texas Austin Chalk.

Wyoming

The initial flow test of UPR's Sidewinder No. 1H well has produced water with only minor amounts of gas. The test is an offset to the Rock Island No. 4H well, which was successfully brought on production in May of 1999. These horizontal wells are testing the applicability of horizontal drilling in the deep, pressured Frontier in the Greater Green River Basin. (See attached map.) The Sidewinder 1H found excellent reservoir quality, over 1,000 natural fractures and over a dozen faults in its 1,334-foot horizontal extension, but the water was not expected. The most likely source of the water is the Frontier formation, but problems in the wellbore or communication through faults to another formation have not been ruled out as water sources.

"The initial test of the Sidewinder 1H is disappointing, but the area condemned by this well is small, and the well found encouraging reservoir quality. Vertically drilled Frontier wells considerably deeper than the Sidewinder 1H that have been plugged and abandoned because they were uneconomic have tested gas, water free. The area of the pressured Frontier updip from the Sidewinder 1H covers over 160,000 acres," George Lindahl III, UPR's chairman, president and CEO, said. "We still believe the pressured Frontier is a large potential resource. The possibility of water is a additional risk factor to consider in future wells, but we must drill several more wells before we know how significant this risk will be."

Two other horizontal wells are currently in progress in the vicinity. The Texaco-operated Table Rock 115H, located five miles to the southwest of the Sidewinder 1H, has been drilled and is preparing to test, and UPR's Sidewinder No. 2H, 2 miles to the northeast and downdip of Sidewinder 1H, is beginning to drill horizontally in the Frontier formation. In addition, the Sage Flat No. 7H, an exploratory well located 13 miles northwest of the Sidewinder 1H, will begin drilling before the end of January. UPR has working interests of approximately 50 percent in all horizontal wells in the area.

Louisiana

Drilling continues at 16,000 feet on UPR-operated Continental Land and Fur (CL&F) No. 2, a vertical confirmation well to the CL&F No. 1, which found a gross pay interval of 260 feet starting at 18,500 feet. This second well will be drilled to 21,000 feet to test for the possibility of pay sands deeper than the depth drilled in the CL&F 1. CL&F 2 should reach total depth in early March, and, if successful, be on line during the second quarter. Work continues on production facilities and pipeline for CL&F1, and first production is expected early in March. UPR also plans to begin drilling the test well for its Turtle Soup prospect, CL&F No. 7-1, before mid-February. This prospect will be drilled vertically to 21,000 feet. It is 5 miles east of the CL&F 1 discovery, and has similar reserve potential. UPR has a working interest of 67 percent in these projects.

Texas

UPR holds a 35 percent working interest in the Colburn No. 1, a confirmation well drilled by Magnum Hunter in Walker County's Glen Rose horizontal play. The well was turned to sales on January 7, producing 7.4 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMCFD) and 40 barrels of condensate per day. The well was drilled in an area of mutual interest (AMI) covering 36,000 gross acres, in which UPR has a minimum 35 percent working interest.

UPR will be the operator and have a 75 percent working interest in a second confirmation well scheduled to begin drilling in early February. As many as 20 wells could be drilled in the AMI, with reserve potential of 1.5 to 2.5 billion cubic feet of gas per well. The Glen Rose formation occurs about 2,000 feet below the Austin Chalk. UPR may be able to use its horizontal drilling expertise to expand the play onto its extensive leasehold in the Austin Chalk trend in Brazos, Robertson, Burleson, Lee and Fayette counties.

Caravel Resources Energy Funds announces drilling in Palo Pinto County

DALLAS (BUSINESS WIRE) — Caravel Resources Energy Funds, an oil and natural gas investment fund, sponsored by Tauren Exploration, Inc., announces the drilling of the Yeats No. 1 well located in Palo Pinto County.

Drilling operations began on the Yeats No. 1 on Dec. 17, 1999 and the well reached the Strawn Sands at 2,300-3,000 feet and Conglomerate Sands at 3,600-4,000 feet.

Casing was set at a total depth of 4,187 feet. Logging was conducted by Schlumberger and Platform Express and FMI logs were run. The well was completed on Jan. 7, 2000 with an initial flowing tubing pressure of 1,250 P.S.I. and a bottom hole pressure of 1,920 P.S.I. representing a virgin reservoir.

A similar well Tauren Exploration, Inc. drilled adjacent to this lease has a $1,708,000 net revenue value as determined by third party engineering reservoir analysis.

Caravel Resources Energy Fund L.L.C. (the "company") is a Texas Limited Liability Company, managed by Tauren Exploration Inc. ("Tauren"), with the primary objective of generating quarterly income through the production and sale of oil and gas. The company, through Tauren the sole manager, will have access to Tauren's extensive in-house geologic and engineering technical expertise. This relationship will provide the company with opportunities to participate in highly evolved developmental prospects from Tauren's inventory.

Energy Secretary to raise issue of high oil prices

New York (AP) — Crude oil fell, ending a weeklong rally, on speculation that prices close to a nine-year high would prompt the U.S. to urge exporters to increase output.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said he would raise the issue of high oil prices during talks with oil ministers at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, at the end of January, London futures broker GNI Ltd. said in a report.

"The higher prices get, the more and more politics get into the mix," said Michael Fitzpatrick, a trader at Fimat USA Inc. in New York. The U.S. could threaten to sell oil from its Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the world's largest stockpile, he said.

Crude oil for February delivery was recently down 20 cents at $28.65 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier touching $29.02, the highest price since January 1991.

Prices had risen 19 percent in the previous six sessions as exporters cut output, draining inventories. Ten of the 11 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries led efforts by world producers to reduce output by 5 million barrels a day, or about 7 percent of total supply, from February 1998 levels.

OPEC had agreed to keep the cuts in place until the end of March to ensure that a glut of oil, which sent prices to a 12-year low in December, is eliminated. Now, some OPEC members say those cuts will be kept in place beyond March.

Richardson's energy department controls the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which holds enough to supply the U.S. with all of its oil for a month. While the government so far has resisted calls to sell oil to keep prices in check, the recent surge could force a change in policy, analysts said.

"Richardson, in passing, might say that he'd look at an SPR sale," Fitzpatrick said. "That could get wacky."

Richardson said last month that there was no need to sell oil from the nation's stockpile because oil prices appeared to be stabilizing. Oil has gained 7.4 percent since then.

Traders are also waiting for further signs that U.S. oil inventories outside of the SPR are falling. The American Petroleum Institute is to issue its weekly inventory report after the close of futures trading today.

In London, crude oil for March delivery was recently down 23 cents at $25.82 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Meetings

The **PERMIAN BASIN CHAPTER OF THE ADE** will be holding it's next meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Jan. 25 at Greentree Country Club.

Featured speaker will be Randall Taylor with Schlumberger Anadrill. He will speak on the "Underbalanced Drilling Success in the Permian Basin."

Social, buffet dinner with beverage ticket, and program to follow will be offered. Cost is $20 per person. For more information call Jerry Cox at 683-6565 or Jim Ward at 557-8010.

The **PETROLEUM ACCOUNTANTS SOCIETY OF THE PERMIAN BASIN** will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 25 at the Petroleum Club of Midland.

A technical session will be given by Kevin Schmidt, President Enertia-Software about "Windows Based Oil & Gas Systems, Data Integration." After the session lunch will be served.

The **SPE DRILLING STUDY GROUP** will hold its meeting at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 8 at the Midland Center.

Doug Love, Area Technical Specialist for Halliburton Energy Services, will give a talk on "Coiled Tubing Drilling: Does it have application in our part of the world?" Love has been with Halliburton for 11 years. He is a 1988 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is a member of SPE and the International Coiled Tubing Association.

This presentation will discuss a recent Coiled Tubing Drilling project in Southwest Wyoming. The pro's, con's, limitations and lessons learned with respect to this process will be discussed as applicable to the Permian Basin.

Cost of the meeting is $15. To make reservations, call (915) 683-2065 by Noon Feb. 7.

SEG Course

SEG Distinguished Instructor Short Course postponed

The Permian Basin Geophysical Society of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' Distinguished Instructor Short Course has been postponed. The date was scheduled for Feb. 7 at the Midland Center.

Look to the *Permian Basin Oil & Gas Report* for further details of when the course will begin. Below are the details of the class:

The first part of the course is devoted to overcoming the difficulties associated with shear wave acquisition. Converted mode operation is covered in detail using real-life examples. The particularities of sea bottom receivers will also be examined.

The second part of the course reviews the processing and the main challenges of the shear converted modes: static corrections, gathering, velocity analysis and compensation for shear wave splitting in axial anisotrophy. The course will gives a detailed description of processing sequences. 2-D and 3-D results, yielding natural axis orientation of layers, will be compared in shear and PS converted modes.

The third part of this course is devoted to case histories where new attributes, such as Vp/Vs ratio, crack density, or fracture orientation, are illustrated in a reservoir characterization context. These case histories can guide the geophysicist to decide if a particular geological situation can be best handled using shear waves.

For registration information or for information concerning the next date of the course contact Martha George at (915) 686-1917.



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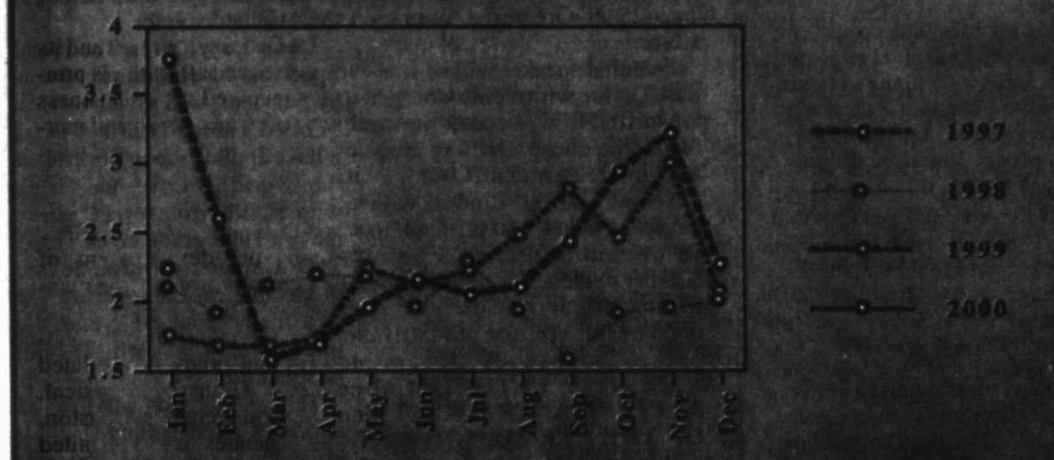
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Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



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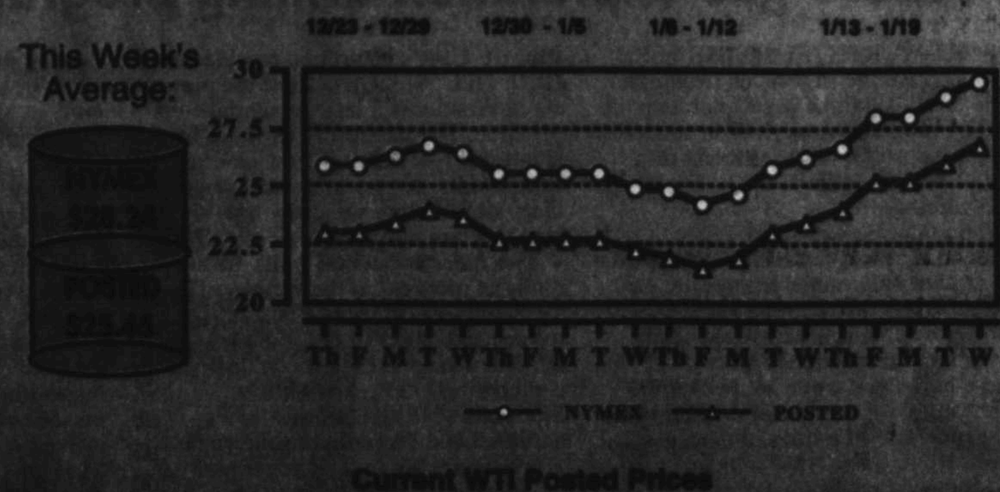
Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
$2.23	$2.05

Current Spot Prices

- Mid Continent (Arkoma) $2.20
- Gulf Coast (Louisiana) $2.36
- Rocky Mountain (Wyoming) $2.15

Crude Oil Prices



Current WTI Posted Prices

Amoco	$28.00	Equiva	$28.75	Phillips*	$28.00
Arco	28.75	Exxon-Mobil	28.00	Plains*	28.75
Genesis*	28.75	Koch*	28.75	Sun*	28.75
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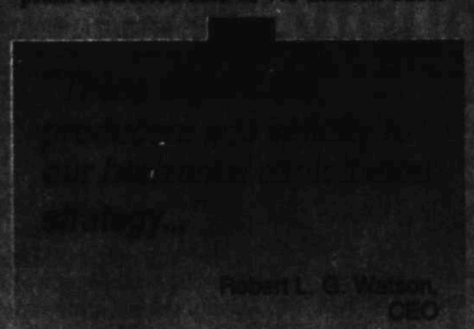
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Abraxas Petroleum Corporation announces new horizontal completions in South Texas Edwards Trend

SAN ANTONIO (BUSINESS WIRE) — Abraxas Petroleum Corp. announced the successful completion of two horizontal wells in the Edwards formation in the Yoakum Field, DeWitt County, Texas.

The Kuester No. 1H is a dual lateral well with the first lateral drilled to a total depth of 16,353' which includes 2,132' of horizontal section. This lateral has been temporarily suspended after testing commercial rates of natural gas. The second lateral was drilled to a total depth of 14,858' which includes 707' of horizontal section. The second lateral has been on production for several months and is currently producing at a plant restricted rate of 7.3 million cubic feet per day with flowing tubing pressure of 2,475 psi. Abraxas owns a 100% working interest in this well.

The Hensen GU No. 1H, located approximately one mile north of the previous well, was drilled to a total depth of 17,217' including a single horizontal lateral of 3,357'. This well has recently been placed on production and is currently producing natural gas at a plant restricted rate of 7.0 million cubic feet per day with flowing tubing pressure of 3,600 psi. Abraxas owns a 75% working interest in this well.



Robert L. G. Watson, CEO

The field is currently curtailed due to plant capacity. The Company expects production from the Yoakum Field to be 20 MMcfpd once additional plant capacity is installed in the next 30 days.

The Company plans to keep a rig in the field to drill at least two additional locations during the first half of 2000. This new production, at the currently restricted rates on a net basis, represents an approximate 15% increase to the Company's gas production.

Robert L. G. Watson, C.E.O., stated, "These significant producers add validity to our horizontal exploitation strategy which we will continue to employ in the Edwards Trend as well as other similar reservoirs in North America."

Abraxas Petroleum Corporation is a San Antonio-based crude oil and natural gas exploration and production company that also processes natural gas. It operates primarily along the Texas Gulf Coast, in the Permian Basin of western Texas, western Canada and southwestern Wyoming.

Contour announces exploration drilling success

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Contour Energy Co. announced the successful drilling and completion of the last three wells in its 1999 exploratory drilling program, one Offshore Gulf of Mexico and two in South Louisiana.

The OCS-G-4481 A-22 well, located in Main Pass Block 77 in the Gulf of Mexico was recently completed as a new fault block discovery and is currently producing 19.3 million cubic feet of gas per day and 1,500 barrels of oil per day on a 7/16 inch choke with 5,900 pounds per square inch of flowing tubing pressure. Contour has an eighteen-percent (18%) working interest. Chevron, the operator, is one of several working interest owners participating in this well.

The Contour-operated Joseph Walker 1 well, located in Humphreys Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, is currently producing to sales at 8.3 million cubic feet of gas per day and 178 barrels of oil per day on a 17/64 inch choke with 3,375 pounds per square inch of flowing tubing pressure. The well is completed in a new Tex W reservoir at approximately 10,300 feet. Contour and Williams each own a fifty-percent (50%) working interest in this well.

The A. Billiot 1 well in the Golden Meadow Field area in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, was completed in the targeted objective sand at 2,600 feet in a previously untested fault block. It tested at 3.7 million cubic feet of gas per day on a 48/64 inch choke with 951 pounds per square inch of flowing tubing pressure and should be producing to sales upon completion of facilities within approximately three months. Contour has a fifty-percent (50%) working interest in this well which is operated by Fina Oil & Chemical Co.

Contour Energy Co. is engaged in the development, exploration, acquisition and production of oil and natural gas. Natural gas represents about 80% of the Company's equivalent production and proved reserves.

Contour Energy Co. common stock and preferred stock are traded on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbols CONC and CONCP.



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Burlington Resources announces fourth quarter and full year 1999 results

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — Burlington Resources Inc. reported a fourth quarter 1999 operating loss of $59 million and a net loss of $84 million or $.38 basic loss per share.

Fourth quarter 1999 results included two charges: a pretax, non-cash charge of $225 million ($140 million after tax or $.65 per share) to reduce the carrying value of certain properties due to downward reserve revisions in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 (SFAS 121); and a pretax charge of $37 million ($26 million after tax or $.12 per share) for merger costs associated with the acquisition of Poco Petroleums Ltd. (Poco).

Excluding the effect of these charges, operating income for the fourth quarter would have been $203 million and net income would have been $81 million or $.38 per share.

For the same period last year, the Company had an operating loss of $671 million and a net loss of $411 million or $1.95 per share. The 1998 amount includes a non-cash charge of $706 million ($390 million after tax or $1.85 per share) related to the write-down of oil and gas properties in accordance with SFAS 121, which occurred in conjunction with the conversion of Poco from the full cost method to the successful efforts method of oil and gas accounting. Excluding the effect of this charge, fourth quarter 1998 operating income would have been $35 million and a net loss would have been $21 million or $.10 per share.

Natural gas sales averaged 2,090 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) during the fourth quarter of 1999 compared to 2,097 MMCFD in the same period last year. Fourth quarter 1999 oil volumes totaled 88,600 barrels per day compared to 98,500 barrels per day in 1998's final quarter. Gas price realizations were $2.24 per thousand cubic feet (MCF) in the fourth quarter of 1999, up 14 percent in comparison to $1.97 per MCF in the fourth quarter of 1998. Oil price realizations rose 94 percent from $11.61 per barrel in 1998's last quarter to $22.52 per barrel in the same period for 1999.

For the year ended December 31, 1999, operating income was $236 million and net income was $1 million or $.01 per share. These amounts compare to an operating loss of $413 million and a net loss of $321 million or $1.52 per share for the year ended December 31, 1998. The 1999 and 1998 amounts include the aforementioned charges. Excluding the effect of these charges in 1999 and 1998, operating income would have been $498 million and $293 million and net income would have been $166 million or $.77 per share and $69 million or $.33 per share, respectively. Operating cash flow in 1999 was $1,102 million compared to $980 million in 1998.

The financial information for 1998 has been restated to include the operations of Poco.

Operational Update

The Company also reported that it replaced 142 percent of 1999 worldwide production at an average cost of $.70 per thousand cubic feet of gas equivalent (MCFE). Worldwide reserve additions from all sources totaled 1,318 billion cubic feet of gas equivalent (BCFE).

Total reserves stood at 10,256 BCFE at year-end 1999, up 4 percent from 9,875 BCFE at year-end 1998. Approximately 81 percent of 1999 year-end reserves were natural gas and 19 percent were oil.

Extensions, discoveries, additions and revisions totaled 1,118 BCFE, replacing 121 percent of 1999's production. Significant reserves were added from drilling and development activities in the Company's San Juan Basin and Canadian operations. The Company also booked its first reserves associated with its sour gas fields in the East Irish Sea and its joint venture in Egypt in 1999. Acquisitions in 1999 totaled 200 BCFE, or approximately 22 percent of production. The majority of the proved reserves acquired were in the San Juan Basin in New Mexico, the Madden Field in Wyoming and the O'Chiese and Brazeau areas in Alberta, Canada.

For the three-year period 1997 through 1999, including Poco, the Company replaced an average of 168 percent of worldwide production at an average cost of $0.87 per MCFE, including acquisitions. Excluding acquisitions, BR replaced 126 percent of worldwide production for the three-year period at an average cost of $0.90 per MCFE.

BR's 2000 capital spending program for exploration and development is targeted at $1 billion compared to 1999 spending of approximately $800 million.

Bobby S. Shackouls, BR's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "1999 was a pivotal year for us. We began to see the positive effects of the value enhancement strategy that we started several years ago. This is most evident in the reserve replacement numbers we achieved with significantly lower capital spending. This focus on higher quality, value-added projects, supported by an improved commodity price environment, provided the basis for the operational success we enjoyed in 1999."

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U.S. Horizontal	52	51	42
U.S. Gas	638	627	466
U.S. Oil	142	158	133

Last week's information said it was updated as of Jan. 7, 1999. It should have read Jan. 7, 2000. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

This information updated January 14, 2000

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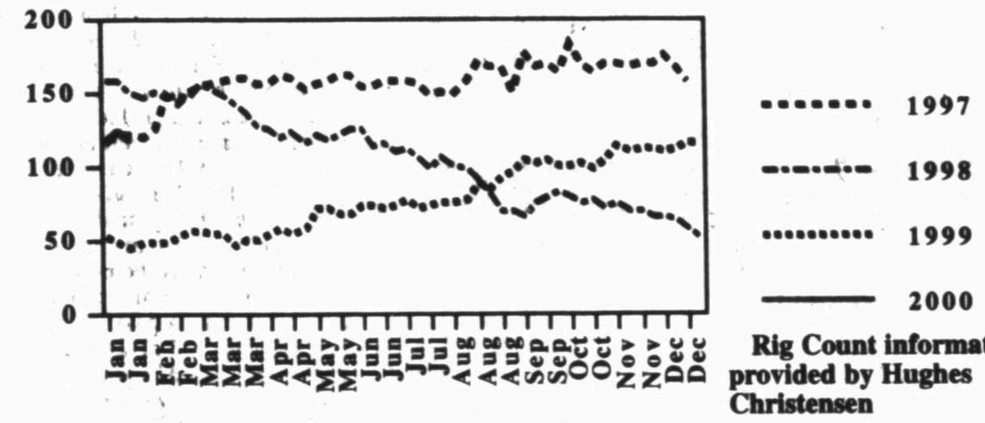
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Grant Geophysical, Inc. announces tender and acceptance of $56.32 million of 9 3/4% Notes

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Grant Geophysical, Inc. ("Grant") announced that $56.32 million of the outstanding $100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 9 3/4% Senior Notes has been tendered and accepted for exchange pursuant to Grant's offer to exchange all of the outstanding principal amount of the 9 3/4% Senior Notes for shares of 8% Convertible Preferred Stock.

The exchange offer will remain open until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on February 7, 2000. Holders of 9 3/4% Senior Notes may tender their notes to LaSalle Bank National Association, the exchange agent. The address and telephone number of the exchange agent are LaSalle Bank National Association, Corporate Trust Administration, Room 1960, 135 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, Attention: Sarah H. Webb, telephone (312) 904-2444.

Grant also announced today that it has received the requisite consents from the holders of its outstanding 9 3/4% Senior Notes due 2008 to adopt certain proposed amendments to the indenture governing the 9 3/4% Senior Notes. In connection with this receipt of consents, Grant and LaSalle Bank National Association, the trustee under the indenture, today executed a supplemental indenture that amends certain definitions and modifies certain restrictive covenants, as discussed in the Consent Solicitation Statement dated November 22, 1999, as amended, and the related Consent Form, which have been sent to all holders of the 9 3/4% Notes.

Grant Geophysical, Inc. and its subsidiaries and affiliates, is principally involved in the business of acquiring, processing and marketing 2D and 3D land and transition zone seismic data. Such data are used by oil and gas companies in the exploration for new reserves, the development of existing reservoirs and the management of producing oil and gas fields and other specialized geophysical and production related services. Grant Geophysical, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas, operates in the United States, Canada, Latin America and in the Far East. Grant employs approximately 580 people in its worldwide operations.

Offshore drilling contractor expects business to pick up in late 2000

By Mark Babineck

HOUSTON (AP) — Continued strong oil prices should stimulate activity toward the second half of 2000, Global Marine Inc. forecasts in its annual evaluation of the offshore drilling industry.

The company's Summary of Current Offshore Rig Economics, or SCORE, says offshore drillers are beginning to bounce back from a painful 1999, particularly off West Africa and in the Gulf of Mexico.

"(Current high oil prices) have created the opportunity to repair balance sheets," Global Marine president Bob Rose said Monday. "Independent (oil companies) typically are very aggressive in converting cash flow to drilling programs. I fully anticipate they will begin the year cautiously and, farther and farther in to the year, momentum will catch up."

Industry observers say rig utilization rates have risen to 75 percent from a nadir of 60 percent last year, before foreign oil powers curbed production. A utilization rate of 85 percent is considered healthy.

Rose predicts that independent companies will spend the first part of the year repairing their balance sheets, ravaged by low prices a year ago. Major oil companies, such as BP-Amoco and ExxonMobil, need that time to digest recent mergers, he said.

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Flexbar adds UHD polyethylene to sinkerbars

New sleeved sinkerbars further reduce tubing leaks

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Flexbar President Don Bennett explains that this is simply a combination of two great ideas—sinkerbars and polyethylene sleeving. "Polyethylene liners have proven themselves in production tubing strings. We've added that benefit directly to our sinkerbars."

Sinkerbars help prevent buckling of rod strings on the downstroke, which keeps the rods from damaging the production tubing. Extensive testing and field results have shown sinkerbars to be part of a program that reduces tubing failures by as much as 61 percent. Those failures that do still happen are sometimes found near the sinkerbar itself. Adding the tough, friction-reducing polyethylene sleeving has further reduced those failures. Polybars, as they are called, are especially helpful in preventing deep tubing leaks and rod parts

Testing of the Polybars began in August of 1998. Four more wells were added over the last 16 months, bringing the total test wells to five. Those wells have experienced only three tubing failures during the test period, none of which were in tubing near the Polybars.

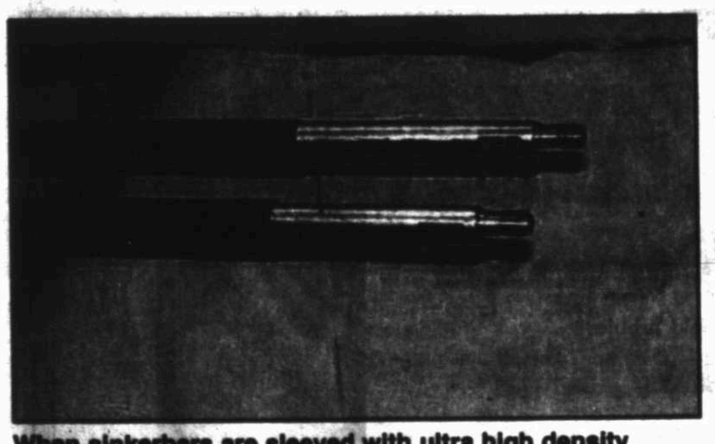
In the 22 months of the test, more than $91,000 has been saved in projected tubing, rod and pump failures. Tubing leaks alone account for an excess of $45,000 of that total.

Since sinkerbars alone save so much on repairs and lost production time, are further improvements necessary? Don recently asked a client, "If you get five to six-year run times on tubing with Flexbar sinkerbars. Is it worth the extra cost to use sleeved bars if it gets you two or three more years?" The client replied, "Absolutely. Tests on Polybars which have been downhole show NO wear. Who really knows how long they'll last?"

Polybars are currently available in two sizes: a 1-3/8 inch OD bar with a polyethylene sleeve that increases the OD to 1-1/2 inches, weighing five pounds per foot; and a 1-1/2 inch bar sleeved to 1-5/8 inches and weighing six pounds per foot. Custom sizes will also be available. Flexbar has patents pending on both the product and the process.

If you are ready to reduce the costs incurred by rod, tubing and pump failures, as well as lost production time, Flexbar's UHD polyethylene-sleeved Polybars may be one of your best investments. Flexbar invites you to test Polybars on a few wells and decide for yourself how much money they can save you.

Flexbar, Inc. designs and manufactures sinkerbars. They offer other products along with custom engineering services and rod string analysis. The phone number is 550-4920.



When sinkerbars are sleeved with ultra high density polyethylene, they reduce tubing leaks and rod parts even more. Call Flexbar for more information about their new Polybars at 550-4920.

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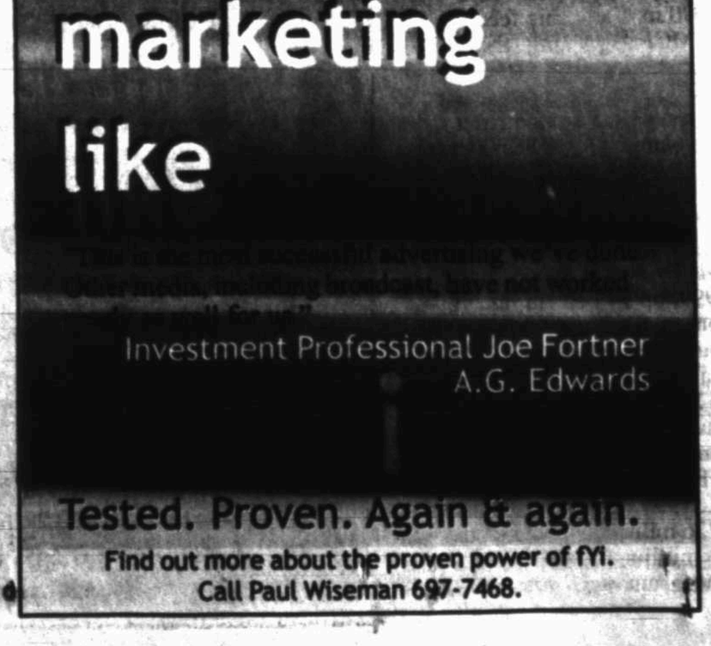
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The Exploration Company posts record earnings, quarterly net income exceeds fiscal year 1999 net income

SAN ANTONIO (BUSINESS WIRE) — The Exploration Company announced financial and operating results for the three months ended November 30, 1999. On December 16, 1999, the Company elected to change its fiscal year-end from August 31 to a calendar year-end of December 31. Future reporting periods will be in line with the majority of its industry peers, allowing management to better address the seasonal variations in commodity prices while strengthening overall communications with the financial community.

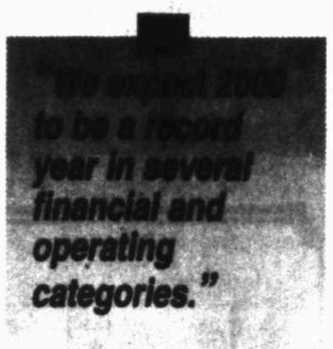
Financial Results

For the three-month period ended November 30, 1999, TXCO reported record net income of $943,026, or $0.06 per basic and diluted common share, on $3 million of revenues. By comparison, during the same period in 1998, the Company reported net income of $71,670, or $0.005 per basic and diluted share, on $1.2 million of revenues. The record quarterly net income exceeds fiscal year 1999's net income of $931,545. Management attributes the significantly higher earnings to more robust commodity prices and a production increase from six new Maverick Basin gas wells.

The Company also reported a 362 percent increase in net cash provided from operating activities for the three month period ended November 30, 1999 of $3 million versus $653,568 for the same period a year ago. The Company's total outstanding debt at November 30 is $2.1 million, down 32 percent from August 31, 1999's level of $3.1 million. TXCO's total outstanding debt represents less than 15 percent of total book capitalization.

Management Comments

James E. Sigmon, TXCO's President and CEO, said: "We are quite pleased with our fundamentally sound financial position and our effective operating strategy. In communicating with shareholders in the past year, I have tried to drive home the message that we firmly believe we are on the right track. Exceeding fiscal 1999's total net



income in just three months certainly bolsters our belief in our plan. With conviction, we shall continue with our mission of building meaningful shareholder value through our high-potential in-house drilling inventory and by seeking contiguous property acquisitions. We expect 2000 to be a record year in several financial and operating categories."

Operations Overview

During the three-months ended November 30, 1999, TXCO drilled and completed the Paloma "E" 4-83 natural gas well, its 10th consecutive Prickly Pear (Glen Rose) Field discovery. The well encountered 55 feet of productive Glen Rose reefs, tested at an absolute open flow rate of 82 MMcf of gas per day. The well was placed on production in December 1999 at a gross daily production rate of 2 MMcf.

TXCO and its joint venture partner Castle Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: CECX), in November, completed the acquisition of new 3-D seismic over the partnership's newly acquired leases.

In September 1999, TXCO completed negotiations and entered into a joint operating agreement with Blue Star Oil and Gas, Ltd., a Dallas-based private partnership, for an extensive exploration project targeting the deep Jurassic interval underlying TXCO's Maverick Basin lease block. By January 2000, a seismic field data acquisition was underway on various portions of the Company's acreage block.

The Exploration Company is a gas and oil enterprise with interests in Texas, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana. Its long-term business strategy is to acquire undeveloped mineral interests and internally develop a multi-year drilling inventory. The Company's goal is to discover, develop and/or acquire more oil and gas reserves than it produces each year from those internally developed prospects. The Company's common stock trades on the Nasdaq Stock Market(SM) under the symbol "TXCO."

Meridian announces plans to sell certain non-strategic properties

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — The Meridian Resource Corp. announced the initiation of a formal process to pursue the sale of certain non-strategic oil and gas properties located in South Louisiana, Southeast Texas and offshore Louisiana.

The properties scheduled for sale account for approximately 20% of the Company's current net average daily production, or approximately 30 million cubic feet of gas equivalent per day (MMcfe/d). Proceeds from the sale will be used to reduce bank debt and supplement internal cash flow to fund Meridian's inventory of exploration and development projects scheduled for drilling in 2000 and beyond.

Joseph A. Reeves Jr., chairman of the board and chief executive officer, commented, "This is one of a series of actions that Meridian is taking to re-position the Company and improve its share value, which management believes has been severely penalized because of several factors, including: (1) the general market perception about returns in the energy sector in light of uncertainties about the future of commodity prices; (2) the relative leverage position of the Company; and (3) uncertainties created by the Enron litigation.

"Since assuming ownership of the Shell properties in July 1998, we have made tremendous strides in all areas of our operations, especially those areas which impact the Company's value and profitability. Drilling successes have exceeded 70% for all wells drilled. Reserve replacement has exceeded 270%, with the addition of approximately 200 Bcfe from drilling efforts and a resulting finding and development cost of less than $.50/Mcfe, exclusive of seismic and land costs. The overall increase in reserves for the period was approximately 28% (net of production, sales and revisions) and the increase in net daily production exceeded 22%.

" In addition, the Company has reduced lifting costs to $.31/Mcfe. Combined with recent price increases, these efforts have resulted in substantially increased margins and improved cash flows and earnings. With the Enron litigation resolved effective December 1999, the sale of the properties is the next logical step for Meridian to strengthen its financial position and focus its efforts on those properties where Meridian's exploration expertise will have the maximum positive impact on shareholder value."

Amoco files notice with Trade Commission

Washington (Bloomberg) — BP Amoco Plc filed notice with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission that it will complete its $35 billion buyout of Atlantic Richfield Co. within 20 days, a lawyer for the company said, raising the chance of a court fight over anti-trust issues that could last months.

The two companies said yesterday they would file the 20-day notice if last-ditch negotiations at a meeting today failed. Under federal guidelines, the FTC can now allow the merger to go through or, as is expected, challenge it in court.

"The next steps are in the hands of the commissioners," said Bob Agdern, deputy general counsel for BP Amoco, the world's third-largest publicly traded oil company. Agdern made his statement after an afternoon meeting with the FTC in Washington. He wouldn't comment further.

The FTC staff opposes the buyout, alleging it might let BP Amoco raise gasoline prices on the U.S. West Coast, where prices already are higher than the rest of the nation, people familiar with the talks said.

The FTC alleges BP Amoco would get too much control over Alaskan oil production. Most Alaskan oil is used to make fuel on the West Coast. Together, Arco and BP Amoco control almost three-fourths of oil production in the state.

Completions

TEXAS RRCD 7C

Schleicher County

Mexco Energy Corp.
Mertz "A" #1
Mertz-Hamill (Canyon Lower)&(Strawn)-Re-Enter; HE & WT RR Co.; A-396, Blk A, Sec 9; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 4 miles SE of Eldorado; obj:6442; permit #489624; API #413-30776

Terrell County

Athanor Texas Inc.
Mitchell Unit 1 #17
Pakenham (Wolfcamp)-D; CCSD &RGNG RR Co.; A-85, Blk 1, Sec 1; 500 FSL 417 FEL of lse; 120 FNL 2280 FEL of survey; 25 miles SW of Sheffield; obj:9000; permit #490959; API #443-30814

TEXAS RRCD 8

Ector County

Phillips Pet. Co.
Goldsmith Andector Unit #J 12
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./L. T. Terry; A-804, Blk 45, T1N, Sec 12; 11302.58 FSL 8430.68 FWL of lse; 735 FSL 2130 FEL of survey; 13 miles NW of Goldsmith; obj:6500; permit #491005; API #135-37792

Phillips Pet. Co.
Goldsmith Andector Unit #K 11
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./L. J. Terry; A-804, Blk 45, T1N, Sec 12; 12397.58 FSL 9800.68 FWL of lse; 1830 FSL 760 FEL of survey; 13 miles NW of Goldsmith; obj:6500; permit #491004; API #135-37790

Phillips Pet. Co.
Goldsmith Andector Unit #J 10
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./L. T. Terry; A-804, Blk 45, T1N, Sec 12; 12390 FNL 8757.78 FWL of lse; 1830 FNL 1920 FEL of survey; 13 miles NW of Goldsmith; obj:6500; permit #491003; API #135-37791

Saga Pet. LTD Liability Co. of CO.
Parker, J. E. #6
TXL (Wichita Albany, South)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./JMC Cole; A-1236, Blk 45, T1S, Sec 40; 660 FSL 1957 FEL of lse; 1953 FSL 1957 FEL of survey; 9.5 miles SW of Goldsmith; obj:9100; permit #490961; API #132-03700

Gaines County

Lynx Pet. Consultants Inc.
Cox Estate #4
Boydell, (Queen)-D; PSL/W. S. Willman; A-564, Blk A-31, Sec 4; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 17 miles SW of Seminole; obj:3800; permit #480764; API #165-35379

Howard County

Saga Pet. LTD Liability Co. of CO.
O'Daniel, O. D. #14
Snyder-D; T & P RR Co./N. D. Thompson; A-1554, Blk 30, T1S, Sec 20; 990 FSL 1040 FWL of lse; 990 FSL 1040 FWL of survey; 5 miles SE of Coahoma; obj:3200; permit #491000; API #227-35437

Saga Pet. LTD Liability Co. of CO.
O'Daniel, O. D. #6R
Snyder-D; T & P RR Co./N. D. Thompson; A-1554, Blk 30, T1S, Sec 20; 330 FSL 990 FEL of lse; 330 FSL 1650 FWL of survey; 5 miles SE of Coahoma; obj:3200; permit #490999; API #227-35438

Saga Pet. LTD Liability Co. of CO.
O'Daniel, O. D. #7R
Snyder-D; T & P RR Co./N. D. Thompson; A-1554, Blk 30, T1S, Sec 20; 330 FSL 990 FWL of lse; 330 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 5 miles SE of Coahoma; obj:3200; permit #490998; API #227-35439

Midland County

Stephens, Autry C.
Connie #1
Azalea (Wolfcamp) & Tom Ranch (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./G. L. Eager; A-1218, Blk 36, T2S, Sec 6; 467 FEL 853 FNL of lse; 853 FWL 1787 FSL of survey; 4 miles E of Greenwood; obj:11000; permit #481296; API #329-34133

Stephens, Autry C.
Williams, Dorothy #1
Midwest (Spraberry-Dean) & Parsley (Atoka)-D; Mrs. M. E. Sparks; A-591, Blk 38, T2S, Sec N/A; 467 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 2 miles SE of Midland; obj:11200; permit #480938; API #329-34130

Pecos County

Phillips Pet. Co.
Robbins "A" #2
Puckett (Ellenburger)-D; J. Poitevent; A-2164, Blk 101, Sec 41; 1243.6 FSL 837.5 FEL of lse; 1243.6 FSL 837.5 FEL of survey; 31 miles SE of Baldridge; obj:14500; permit #491013; API #371-36976

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #37B52
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co./T. E. Hickox; A-6319, Blk 194; Sec 34; 5151 FNL 13114 FEL of lse; 293 FNL 80 FEL of survey; 2 miles SW of Iraan; obj:1999; permit #490964; API #371-34184

Sterling County

Range Prod. Co.
Foster, R. W. 17 #2
Conger (Penn)-D; SP RR Co.; A-392, Blk 13, Sec 17; 1325 FNL 700 FEL of lse; 1325 FNL 700 FEL of survey; 9 miles S of Sterling City; obj:8000; permit #490903; API #431-32983

Range Prod. Co.
Westbrook, F. 22 #6
W.A. M. (Wolfcamp)-Recompletion; SP RR Co./W. L. Foster; A-713, Blk 13, Sec 22; 650 FWL 500 FSL of lse; 1450 FNL 1734 FEL of survey; 7.5 miles SW of Sterling City; obj:6530; permit #490951; API #431-32734

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Gaines County

Pet. Technical Services Co.
Hart #1
Tex-Mex, SE. (San Andres)&(Wichita Albany)-D; PSL/H. A. Cook; A-404, Blk A-27, Sec 15; 660 FWL 1980 FNL of lse; 1980 FWL 1980 FNL of survey; 21 miles SW of Seminole; obj:7800; permit #490945; API #165-35488

Garza County

Patterson Pet., Inc.
John Unit Waterflood #25
Happy (Spraberry Lime)-Re-Enter-Directional Well Sidetrack; T & NO RR Co.; A-249, Blk 2, Sec 19; 1257 FEL 1978 FNL of lse; 1044 FWL 658 FNL of survey; 13 miles S of Post; obj:5300; permit #490937; API #169-33481

Hockley County

Altura Energy LTD.
Levelland Unit #1140
Levelland-D; Hood CSL LGE 28, LAB 16; A-149, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 4554 FEL 2803 FSL of lse; 1142 FNL 1343 FWL of survey; 1 mile W'LY of Levelland; obj:5100; permit #489695; API #219-36498

Scurry County

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Boyd, R. W. #17
Kelly-Snyder (Clear Fork, Lower) & Revilo (Glorieta)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-000000, Blk 97, Sec 214; 330 FNL 990 FWL of lse; 2327 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 9.5 miles W of Snyder; obj:4000; permit #488964; API #415-33720

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Boyd, R. W. #14
Kelly-Snyder (Clear Fork, Lower) & Revilo (Glorieta)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-000000, Blk 97, Sec 214; 480 FSL 330 FWL of lse; 480 FSL 330 FWL of survey; 9.5 miles W of Snyder; obj:4000; permit #488585; API #415-33717

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Boyd, R. W. #15
Kelly-Snyder (Clear Fork, Lower) & Revilo (Glorieta)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-000000, Blk 97, Sec 214; 989 FNL 330 FWL of lse; 1664 FSL 330 FWL of survey; 9.5 miles W of Snyder; obj:4000; permit #488584; API #415-33716

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Boyd, R. W. #16
Kelly-Snyder (Clear Fork, Lower) & Revilo (Glorieta)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-000000, Blk 97, Sec 214; 990 FSL 990 FWL of lse; 990 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 9.5 miles W of Snyder; obj:4000; permit #488966; API #415-33722

LOCATIONS AND RE-ENTRIES

Eddy County

Mack Energy Corp.
Birch Federal #1
T17S, R27E, Sec 25; 2185 FNL 1650 FEL of Logan Draw; 10 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 7200 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-30868

Enron Oil & Gas Co.
Chase 21 St Com #1
T17S, R29E, Sec 21; 660 FSL 810 FWL of South Empire; 6 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 11450 Morrow; API #30-015-30874

Concho Resources Inc.
West Shugart 29 Federal #4
T18S, R31E, Sec 29; 822 FSL 2310 FWL of West Shugart; 8.5 miles SE of Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Delaware; API #30-015-30870

Nearburg Prod. Co.
South Boyd 27 #10
T19S, R25E, Sec 27; 510 FNL 990 FEL of Cemetery; 6 miles W of Lakewood; Rot 9500 Morrow; API #30-015-30869

Devon Energy Corp. (Nevada)
Martha Creek Gas Com #6
T21S, R24E, Sec 30; 660 FSL 660 FEL of Indian Basin; 15.5 miles NW of Carlsbad; Rot 8500 U/Penn; API #30-015-30871

Devon Energy Corp. (Nevada)
Winston Gas Com #6
T21S, R24E, Sec 31; 1650 FNL 660 FEL of Indian Basin; 15.5 miles NW of Carlsbad; Rot 8500 U/Penn; API #30-015-30872

Devon Energy Corp. (Nevada)
Winston Gas Com #8
T21S, R24E, Sec 31; 938 FNL 1873 FEL of Indian Basin; 15.5 miles NW of Carlsbad; Rot 8500 U/Penn; API #30-015-30873

John R Dorr
Diverse Federal #1
T26S, R29E, Sec 14; 900 FSL 660 FEL of Brushy Canyon; 14 miles of Malaga; Rot 3200 Delaware; API #30-015-30867

Lea County

Concho Resources Inc.
North Anderson Ranch 33 State #6
T15S, R32E, Sec 33; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of No Anderson Ranch; 22 miles NW of Lovington; Rot 10,650 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-34828

Ocean Energy Inc.
Townsend State #9
T16S, R35E, Sec 2; 3990 FNL 1940 FEL of North Shoe Bar; 4 miles W of Lovington; Rot 13,000 Morrow; API #30-025-34829

Mack Energy Corp.
JC Federal #1
T17S, R32E, Sec 22; 1750 FNL 1650 FWL of Wildcat; 2.5 miles S of Maljamar; Rot 7200 Paddock; API #30-025-34822

Phillips Pet. Co.
Vacumm GB/SA Unit East Tr 3127 #395
T17S, R35E, Sec 31; 2630 FSL 645 FEL of Vacuum; 1/2 mile S of Buckeye; Rot 4850 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-34832

Phillips Pet. Co.
Vacumm GB/SA Unit East Tr 3127 #396
T17S, R35E, Sec 31; 2630 FSL 1950 FEL of Vacuum; 1/2 mile S of Buckeye; Rot 4850 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-34833

Phillips Pet. Co.
Vacumm GB/SA Unit East Tr 3127 #397
T17S, R35E, Sec 31; 1910 FSL 2630 FEL of Vacuum; 1/2 mile S of Buckeye; Rot 4850 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-34834

Phillips Pet. Co.
Vacumm GB/SA Unit East Tr 3127 #398
T17S, R35E, Sec 31; 1350 FSL 2165 FEL of Vacuum; 1/2 mile S of Buckeye; Rot 4850 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-34835

Phillips Pet. Co.
Vacumm GB/SA Unit East Tr 3127 #399
T17S, R35E, Sec 31; 10 FSL 660 FEL of Vacuum; 1/2 mile S of Buckeye; Rot 4850 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-34836

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Dallas-based oil firm adds drilling off African coast after discovery

DALLAS (AP) — Triton Energy Ltd. announced it will step up drilling at a major oil find off the coast of Africa.

With governmental approvals in hand, Dallas-based Triton said Tuesday it was contracting a second deepwater rig to speed exploration and development drilling at its La Ceiba Field off the coast of Equatorial Guinea.

That would allow it to drill up to 10 wells this year, according to Triton president and CEO James C. Musselman.

"The idea of going to two rigs is to accelerate the exploration schedule we have," Musselman told The Dallas Morning News.

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In October, Triton hit a gusher on the New York Stock Exchange after announcing the La Ceiba find, which had reserves of 300 million to 500 million barrels. The first well lies 22 miles from the coast, and the second a mile away from the first.

The news sent Triton's shares surging 27 percent in trading on Oct. 6, rising $3.88 to close at $18.06. Some of the gain disappeared in early trading the next day, as the stock price dipped to $17.41 by midday.

On Tuesday, after the stepped-up drilling announcement, Triton's stock climbed $2 a share to $27.25.

Last week, the Equatorial Guinea government approved Triton's plan for first-phase production of 52,000 barrels of oil a day, with four wells producing oil by the end of 2000, according to The News.

The company said it planned to use a floating production vessel to store up to 2 million barrels of oil, with the ability to process and ship 60,000 barrels a day.

Wildcats

TEXAS RRCD 7C

Concho County

Pickens Co., Inc., The
Elizabeth Sue #1
Wildcat-Re-Enter; 1 RR Co.; A-504, Blk 72, Sec 11; 467 FWL 2718 FSL of
lse; 467 FWL 2600 FNL of survey; 5 miles N of Eden; obj:3500; permit #491014; API #095-31836

Crockett County

Rising Star Energy, L.L.C.
Baggett "C" #10
Wildcat-D; G.C. & S.F. RR Co.; A-2393, Blk F, Sec 27; 696 FNL 900 FEL of
lse; 696 FNL 900 FEL of survey; 11.3 miles SE of Ozona; obj:9636; permit
#488952; API #105-38298

Thompson, J. Cleo
Meadows "4" #1
Wildcat-D; D. & S.E. RR Co./J. T. McInteer; A-5168, Blk QR, Sec 4; 1400
FEL 1056 FSL of lse; 2409 FNL 1400 FEL of survey; 4 miles SW of Ozona;
obj:9001; permit #488426; API #105-38293

Rising Star Energy, L.L.C.
Baggett "A" #10
Wildcat-D; G.C. & S.F. RR Co.; A-2400, Blk F, Sec 23; 2300 FNL 700 FEL of
lse; 2300 FNL 700 FEL of survey; 13.5 miles SE of Ozona; obj:9365; permit
#488071; API #105-38289

Reagan County

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "AA" #3009
Wildcat-Recompletion; C & M RR Co./W W McElroy; A-362, Blk F, Sec 30; 660
FWL 1681 FSL of lse: 660 FWL 1681 FSL of survey; 17 miles NW of Big Lake;
obj:8200; permit #491052; API #383-35021

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "AA" #3008
Wildcat-Recompletion; C & M RR Co./W W McElroy; A-362, Blk F, Sec 30; 660
FEL 724 FSL of lse; 660 FEL 1930 FNL of survey; 17 miles NW of Big Lake;
obj:8550; permit #491051; API #383-35011

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Ector County

OXY USA Inc.
Hawkeye C #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-336, Blk 45, T1N, Sec 5; 660 FSL 860 FWL of
lse; 660 FSL 860 FWL of survey; 10 miles N of Notrees; obj:8600; permit
#491006; API #135-37793

Loving County

Titan Resources I, Inc.
Dooley #1
Wildcat-D; PSL/W. F. Scarborough; A-1241, Blk 75, Sec 3; 1800 FSL 1140
FWL of lse; 1800 FSL 1500 FEL of survey; 21 miles NE of Mentone; obj:20000; permit #491026; API #301-31118

Midland County

Henry Pet. Corp.
Parks Field Unit 2 #2102
Wildcat-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./J. H. Sullivan; A-1327, Blk 40, T3S,
Sec 4; 660 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FNL of survey; 10 miles SW of
Midland; obj:10989; permit #488747; API #329-00910

Pecos County

Pedeco, Inc.
La Escalera 58-A LTD TRC 1 #1
Wildcat-Re-Enter; GC & SF RR Co./P A Jackson; A-6336, Blk A, Sec 58; 2340
FNL 1964 FEL of lse; 2340 FNL 1964 FEL of survey; 18 miles SW of Fort
Stockton; obj:8258; permit #490973; API #371-36590

Winkler County

Penwell Energy, Inc.
Roark "40" #1
Wildcat-D; PSL/W. W. Birdwell; A-1332, Blk 27, Sec 40; 590 FNL 710 FEL of
lse; 590 FNL 710 FEL of survey; 9 miles W of Kermit; obj:11500; permit
#491017; API #495-32775

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Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy, Inc.
Fluvanna #1
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co./D. A. Jones; A-2029, Blk 97, Sec 485; 483 FWL
543 FNL of lse; 483 FWL 1255 FSL of survey; 1.4 miles SE of Fluvanna;
obj:8500; permit #490968; API #415-33730

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Irion County

Bellwether Exploration Co.
Joan Crew Hoyt #15
Brooks (Canyon 5750)-Completion; H&TX RR Co. F. Tankersley; A-1249, Blk
3, Sec 18; 703 FNL 3694 FEL of survey; 5 miles NE of Mertzon to pump 2
barrels of 40.9 gravity oil/day, plus 15,000 ft of gas daily and 6 barrels of water, w/gas-oil ratio of 7,500-1; production is through treated perfs:5875-5890; TD 6575; PBTD 6532; GE 2204

Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp.
Bloodworth 139 #7
Sawyer (Canyon)-completion; HE&WT RR Co.; Blk B, Sec 139; 784 FNL 2628
FWL of survey; 7 miles W of Sonora; 248,000 ft of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:6755-7244; TD 7500; PBTD 7439; GE
2282

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp.
Canyon Ranch #8302X
Sawyer (Canyon)-completion; CSD&RGNG RR Co.; Blk F, Sec 83; 2083 FSL 535
FWL of survey; 23 miles SE of Sonora; 230,000 ft of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:4656-5164; TD 5400; PBTD 5340; GE
2287

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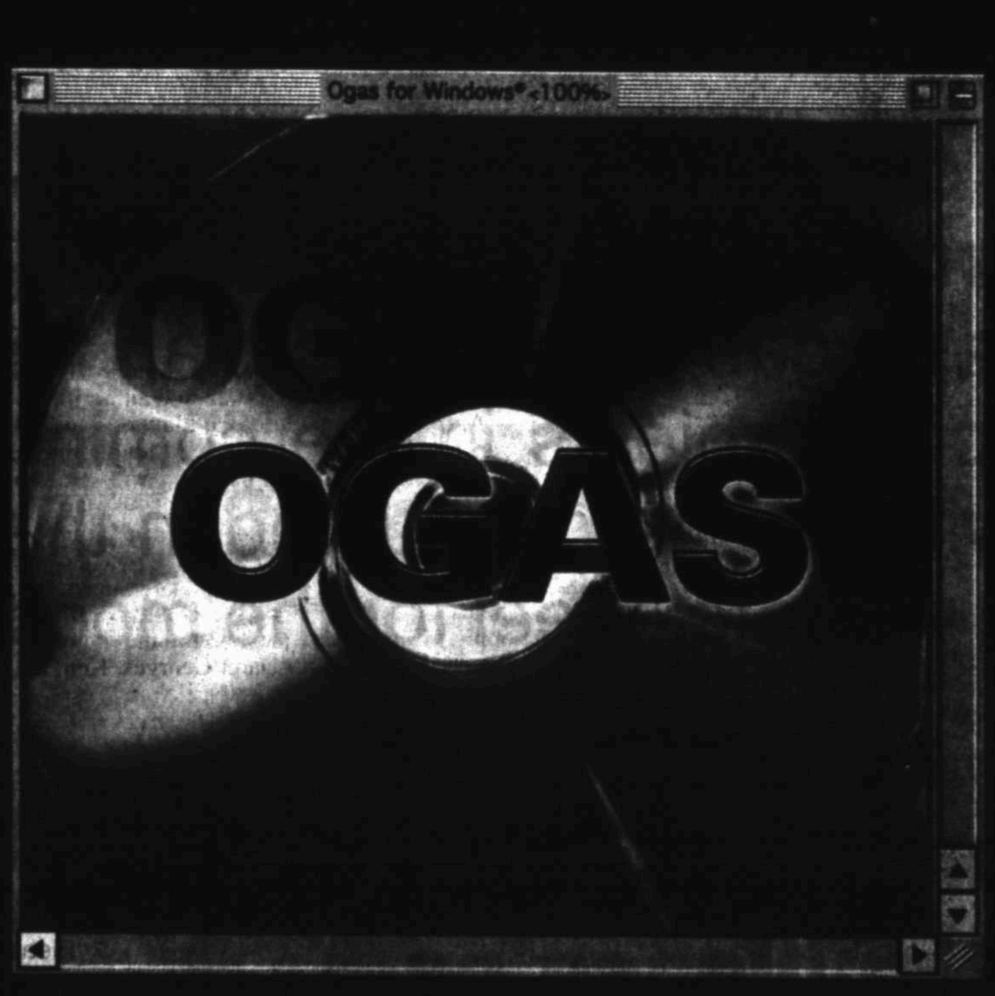
Martin County

Stephens, Autry C.
Dickenson "7" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-completion; T & P RR Co.; Blk 37, T1N, Sec 7; 660
FSL 1980 FEL of lse; 11 miles NW of Midland; Completed 1-3-2000; Test
1-4-2000 24 hrs tested; 1 1/2" Pump; 50 BO, 115 MCF, 100 BW, Gas-oil
ratio 2300; TD 11,000; permit #482865; API #42-317-34212

Stephens, Autry C.
Black "18" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-completion; T & P RR Co.; Blk 36, T1N, Sec 18; 660
FEL 660 FSL of lse; 8 miles NW of Stanton; Completed 1-2-2000; Test 1-5-2000 24 hrs tested; 2 X 1 1/4" X 20"; 45 BO, 60 MCF, 85 BW, Gas-oil
ratio 1333; TD 10,750; permit #463466; API #42-317-34100

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HILLCREST: There are 100 apartments: High-rise; 41 Efficiencies, 23 One Bedroom (2 of which are designed for the handicapped), Cottages; 16 Efficiencies, 16 One Bedroom, and 4 Two-Bedroom (11 of which are designed for the handicapped)

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Coin operated laundry facilities and community rooms in which various activities take place. A Beauty Shop is operated at the Hillcrest location (one to two days a week)

All activities are provided for the residents pleasure.



Back Row (l to r): Sylvia B. Hedke, Pam Farmer, Willie Ruth Adams, Stella Clifton, Jeremy Dominguez. Seated (l to r): Rob Haskell, Tom Johnston, Guy McKenzie, Julia Vaughan.

Law enforcement agencies team up with older citizens

The Seniors and Lawmen Together Council was formed in Midland in July 1997, after the then Texas Attorney General, Dan Morales, came to our community and in an impressive ceremony had the Sheriff's Department, the Police Department, and representatives from AARP and the senior population sign an agreement that they would work together to reduce criminal victimization of older citizens and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to the older citizens.

Our S.A.L.T. Council helps the police department to promote the Help Eliminate Auto Thief Program, a car registration program that safeguards a stolen car. The council has provided assistance to the Altrusa Club in Midland in distributing the Vial-Of-Life Program. The Council has been instrumental in distributing the Beacon Lites and Nite Lights among the elderly and has helped promote the SKID Program, a program of identification of both the young and the old should there be a need to search for a missing person.

S.A.L.T. helps the police to promote the Help Eliminate Auto Thief Program, a car registration program.

The S.A.L.T. Council has also assisted the fire department in distributing and installing smoke alarms in homes where there are no such alarms. The Council is also very concerned about the telemarketing scams going on in this area and are doing what they can to educate the public about such fraudulent people.

The S.A.L.T. Council works with other agencies in our community to insure the safety of all citizens. The Council meets once each month, the last Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Those who would like to join us please call 687-2588.



Back Row (l to r): Dennis Pipes, Ray del Llano, Clyde Chynoweth, B. John McDaniel. Seated (l to r): Kathleen Gilluly, Maryjane Allen, Naomi Elaine Norton. Not pictured: Janis Moore, Alex Rose, Jene Duke, Darrin Clements

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MOHRE promotes Midland/Odessa as exceptional retirement communities

MOHRE, organized in 1987 as The Midland/Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor, is a combined tax-exempt economic development project of the cities of Midand and Odessa.

MOHRE is the primary voice in promoting Midland/Odessa as exceptional retirement communities, to those on fixed incomes as well as those who are financially independent and may be seeking redirection of life plans through career changes and/or entrepreneurial opporunities.

MOHRE highlights the region's exceptional climate, high degree of personal safety, excellent healthcare, regional transportation hub and abundnat cultural activities, enhanced by affordable housing and living costs, reasonable business property costs and absence of a state income tax. Among the numerous strengths of Midland/Odessa are the cultural advantages in an uncongested cosmopolitan setting; warm climate and warmer people.

MOHRE works closely with the cities of Midland and Odessa as well as the Chambers of Commerce to promote this area as "The Place to Retire." Each local newspaper contributes its



Carolyn Coleman

May issues of the senior sections to MOHRE. Radio and television stations are eager to promote the MOHRE strategy of encouraging the "financially secure seniors" to visit here then stay for a lifetime. The magazines "Where to Retire," Travel 50 and Beyond" and others carry an ad that promotes our cities. A total of 1,164 inquiries were received by the MOHRE office in 1999.

MOHRE is successful in its efforts to assist in the diversification of the economies. In 1999, 372 retiree households that were attracted to the Midland/Odessa area account for over $15 million "new" dollars to our communities. The economic justification for selling Midland/Odessa to this expanding and economically secure maret is compelling. It is estimated that one retiree household has the same impact on the economy as 1.25 manufacturing jobs.

MOHRE not only recruits retirees to live here; it also serves as an information referral source. Information is available upon request in regard to issues such as lifestyle choices, cultural events, available medical facilities, safety issues and numerous other concerns.

MOHRE is here to spread the word; "Midland-Odessa has it all ... Warm Climate, Warmer People.



Back Row (l to r): Marilynn Whipple, Jane Weatherl, Charlotte Starr, Berylene House, Shirley Rogers, Katie Miller, Beth Crawford, Norma Scott, Hamet Barnes. Seated (l to r): Dora Johnson, Jane McGill, Gwendolyn Ware, Nelda Haynie. Not pictured Barbara White.

Award winning Tall City Dancers are committed entertainers

The Tall City Dancers are one of the performing arts groups of the Midland Senior Center. For seven years this group has shown the art of line dancing to Seniors throughout the Permian Basin. As goodwill ambassadors these women schedule ten to twenty performances a month at area nursing homes, residential centers, schools and community celebrations.

Annually, the Tall City Dancers travel to regional and state competitions and regularly are honored with gold and silver awards. The members are all over the age of sixty, move to the music and swing to the rhythm with enthusiasm, a smile for all and committed entertainers.

Officers for the group are: Instructor-Gwendolyn Ware; Secretary-Nelda Haynie; Treasurer-Norma Scott; Committee Rep-Shirley Rogers.

The dancers will be representing Midland in the 4th Annual Big Spring Jamboree on March 1st. They can be seen at the Lions Annual Pancake Jamboree. Other dances (plus) have been in Kerrville & Lubbock for competition as well as dancing for the CAF Officer Club at the annual AirSho.

The phone number to reach the group for bookings is 681-7636, 697-1046, 699-7137 or 694-4703

Southeast AARP looking for members who can give time

The officers of the Southeast Midland AARP are: Carlton Price - President; Clayton Ray - Vice President, Mrs. Ora Williams - Secretary and Mrs. Johnie Shelton - Treasurer. The officers say they will try to do their very best to help AARP Chapter II 4816 have a productive year 2000.



(l to r): Ora Williams, Johnie Shelton, Clayton Ray

Persons 35 years and older can become members of the Southeast Midland AARP. The Chapter is located in the Southeast Community Senior Center at 1803 E. Indiana. Members are needed and wanted who want to give more of their time to help improve the livelyhood of their community. For information and an application call the Nominating Chair Mrs. M. Bartly at 684-8360.

Casa de Amigos starts 2000 with Valentine parties

Casa de Amigos' Senior Services Program continues to bring a diverse group together to socialize, stay healthy, obtain useful information and have a lot of fun in the process.

The year concluded with several celebrations including the regular annual feast days, a 90 plus recognition, Casa's 30th Anniversary and a lunch with Casa staff. The year will begin with two Valentine parties. The morning party will start at 9:00 a.m. and will include an exchange of valentine cards as well as the crowning of the king and queen. A dance will be held that evening, starting at 6:00 p.m. Vocalist Pepe Franco will provide the music. All are invited to attend and bring a friend or two.

The growing number of billiard, dominoe and card players is grearing up for some stiff competition with tournaments being organized by new volunteer Frank Estrada.

Quilting, crafts, ceramics, and sewing continue to keep many of the ladies busy, while talented piano player Norma Lewis keeps the sing-a-long group making music.

For a list of other services and activities call or come by to 1101 E. Garden Lane, corner of Lamesa Rd. and Garden Lane.

RSVP encourages the volunteer efforts of citizens 55 and older

It is the primary goal of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to support and encourage the volunteer efforts of individuals 55 years or older.

1) RSVP helps new volunteers find meaningful opportunities by matching their skills, interests, and time available to community agencies.

2) RSVP members enjoy benefits of free supplemental insurance, recognition events and reimbursements while volunteering.

3) RSVP encourages community recognition of the over 55 age group as an individual resource to the non-profit sector.

RSVP provides volunteers:

- Information about Volunteer Opportunities
- Free accidental, personal liability, and excess automobile liability insurance for volunteers
- Recognition events and socials
- Limited reimbursement of travel to and from home and volunteer site when requested by volunteer or Volunteer State Supervisor based on available funding.
- A quarterly newsletter, "The Latest Wrinkle," with news and information pertinent to the senior volunteer.

RSVP provides volunteer stations:

1) Recruitment assistance for specific job descriptions

2) Consultation and training in volunteer program management

3) Recognition events for their RSVP volunteers

Midland RSVP members, over 500 of them in 1999, contributed over 40,000 documented hours to local community agencies. Midland RSVP is one of more than 750 RSVP projects in the United States, where nationally there are approximately 455,000 members. RSVP projects are part of the Corporation for National Service, and receive federal funding from the National Senior Service Corps. Locally, RSVP is sponsored by Community & Senior Services.

Participation in RSVP is free of charge. There are no dues for membership.



Back (l to r): Chuck Evers, Liz Adam Henderson, Renea Hipp, Ray del Llano. Seated (l to r): Saul Herrera, Catherine Leps

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Alzheimer's Association dedicated to providing service in West Texas

The Alzheimer's Association - Greater West Texas Chapter is a non-profit, voluntary organization dedicated to conquering Alzheimer's disease through research and to providing education and support to people with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and caregivers.

The Chapter serves 24 counties in West Texas; Midland, Ector, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Winkler, Glasscock, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Pecos, Sterling, Tom Green, Irion, Reeves, Brewster, Terrell, Crockett, Reagan, Schleicher, Sutton, Val Verde and Menard.

Local volunteers give their time, talent and money to provide services to the community so that no one has to go through the trauma of this disease alone. Every day, they live our motto: "Someone To Stand By You".

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Helpline - Access to information on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, community resources for legal, financial, medical and long-term care for you, the patient and your family. Information on what to expect, tips for daily care and access to other resources are part of Helpline.

Support Group - These groups are run by trained facilitators and are intended to comfort attendees and provide information that is factual, specific to Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and useful to participants. Groups are confidential and compassionate, letting people who have "been there" help others with their current issues. All support groups are a community service of the Greater West Texas Chapter and are free to the public.

Caregiver Training - The Chapter offers training for family and professional caregivers. Topics may be tailored for individuals or groups. Larger trainings are offered occasionally for Continuing Education Units. Topics may include communication, problem behaviors, wandering, eating, bathing, combativeness and many more. Individuals interested in training should contact the Chapter office.



(l to r): Kathye Taylor and Maryjane Allen

Safe Return - Safe Return is a national wanderer's identification program that helps to identify, locate and return individuals who are memory impaired due to Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

Education - Caregiver and family orientation is available from the Chapter office. Inservices on Alzheimer's disease are available for community groups. Speakers are available on request for presentations to community organizations and businesses. A lending library of books, tapes and videos is maintained at the Chapter office. The Chapter has brochures and general information free to the public. Public awareness meetings are offered several times a year. For more information on any of these items, or to arrange a meeting in your community, call the office. Most of our materials are also available in Spanish.

Respite Care - The Chapter offers a resource and referral service for respite care alternatives. Part of the program includes financial assistance to caregivers to meet emergency needs, or on a limited basis. A copy of the Respite Program Policies and Procedures may be obtained by calling the Chapter office at (915) 570-9191.

Public Advocacy - The Chapter stays informed about local, state and Federal issues that have an impact on Alzheimer's victims and their families. Updates are published in the quarterly newsletter. The Chapter also maintains an Advocacy Alert Network of interested people who will write or call their representatives to express concerns about impending legislation. To become a part of this Alert Network, call the office.

Newsletter - A quarterly newsletter is published to help keep families, friends and others in the community updated on the latest in research, treatment, caregiving tips, public policy news and other items of interest. The newsletter is free to Chapter members. To get on the mailing list, call the Chapter.

Membership - Membership in the Chapter gives you reduced rates on materials and books, as well as the quarterly newsletter. Since the Chapter is privately funded, membership money goes to support the services of the Chapter.

Memorial Giving Program - Since the Chapter receives no public money, we rely on memberships, fund raising projects, grants and donations to fund our operations. Families often direct memorials to the Chapter to help us serve others. For information on Memorial Giving, call the office at (915) 570-9191 or 1-800-682-1174.

Volunteer Opportunities - Volunteers are essential in order to provide services to patients, families and caregivers. Training is provided for volunteers.

Opportunities Available - Phone Friend Volunteer, Support Group Facilitator, Speaker's Bureau, Committee Member: Paitient/Family/Education, Public Relations, Finance/Development.

Hospice helps survivors recover from loss of loved ones

The responsibility of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be overwhelming, even when the loved one is placed in a medical facility. Harriet Cameron found herself in this position when her husband Don, an Alzheimer's patient with a terminal illness became a patient in a local facility.

Through a chance encounter, Harriet found Hospice of Midland. Harriet had met Janine Haynes, a Certified Nurses Aide with Hospice of Midland who was working with her husband's roommate at Mabee Center and wondered how to be connected with such a group which would also provide her husband with his own Registered Nurse. At about the same time, her son met Mary Collier, the Volunteer Coordinator who told him about Hospice of Midland. Mrs. Cameron says, "Hospice entered our lives as a true blessing." "Once my husband's doctor made the referral, Hospice of Midland and the Mabee Center cared for him with diligence and expertise.

"The Hospice staff took special care of our every need," stated Mrs. Cameron. "They provided Don with the special things he needed, from geriatric care to dispensing medication and consulting with other health care providers as well as overseeing the administration of his Medicare benefits. Hospice staff went the extra mile to provide counseling to me and my family to help each of us find the

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HOSPICE

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Back (l to r): Mary Collier, Karen Norris, Janine Haynes. Seated (l to r): Gale Wilson, Harriet Cameron

"peace we needed to begin healing."

After Don's death, Mrs. Cameron found that she had become so close to the Hospice staff that she asked the Music Therapist, Karen Norris and the Chaplain, Rev. Gale Wilson to conduct his funeral. Mrs. Cameron said that she "had never been to such a touching funeral because the service was filled with prayer and our favorite music. Many personal and business friends later called to tell her how "inspiring and personal" the service had been.

Would Mrs. Cameron recommend Hospice of Midland to a friend? Absolutely. "I am so grateful to Hospice of Midland. It will always have a place in my heart."

Kitchenette Symphony delight audiences with their antics



Back (l to r): Floyd Wheeler, Becky Kreisler, Nita Manning, Edith Hill, Dennis Bishop, Barbara Larsen, Maneeta Heckathorne. Seated (l to r): Rita Wheeler, Margie Evans, Mary Beeman, Shirley Bishop.

The Kitchenette Symphony is one of the performing arts groups of the Midland Senior Center. These musicians practice weekly, Monday at 10:00 AM. Instruments are provided for band members, or create your own.

Noted Midland pianist, Maneeta Heckathorne conducts these musicians through a varied musical program. Band members keep the beat, change the rhyme and delight the audience with their antics.

The Kitchenette Symphony schedules monthly performances at area nursing facilities, residential centers, area schools and community celebrations.

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Services abound for older Texans living in Midland



Back (l to r): Cindy Oglesby, Christie Gesell, Dorothy Bourland. Seated (l to r): Susan Crenshaw, Bob Stokes, Jeanne Daniel. Not pictured Mary Lou Cherry, Cookie Wetendorf

By Cookie Wetendorf

Older people vary greatly in their health status, their social and work activities, and their family situations. Some are employed; most are retired. Most are healthy, some are frail, isolated, and homebound. Some receive large incomes from pensions and investments, many depend primarily on Social Security. Most men over 65 are married and most women are more likely to be widowed and live alone.

You may know an 80-year-old who seems youthful and a 50-year-old whom you consider elderly. Older people define themselves differently and are quite a diverse population! Whether you are independent or dependent, vigorous or frail, Midland residents will agree that the growth of specialized services aimed at the older population are on the rise. Retirement housing, nursing homes, adult day programs, new specialties in health care, and multiple community-based programs are just a few of the senior services expanding nationally and throughout the Permian Basin. With the influx of the Baby Boomer generation, a "senior boom" will swell the ranks of the 65-plus generation who will access our health and social service systems. As the Executive Director of the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, I urge all segments of the older population, their families, and care givers to become educated consumers - learn as much about those systems, services, and benefits as you can. Whether you are a consumer or a senior citizen's adovate - join me as we browse through some of Midland's network of senior services-providers.

Call your regional **Area Agency on Aging office at 563-1061** for information and referrals to local, state, and national resources regarding aging services. The Area Agency will mail educational pamphlets and brochures on a variety of topics including Medicare, Social Security, and Hospice/Home Health Services to name a few. Request a copy of their regional Senior Housing Directory which includes names and numbers of regional nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes. Available to the public is the Agency's Senior Guide/1998 with regional information on who to call for senior services. It includes a lengthy service directory of national toll-free numbers. The Agency's library on multiple senior issues and topics is expansive. They publish a monthly newsletter with emerging information on aging issues. Demographic data is also collected and updated.

The **Area Agency's Benefits Counselor** will provide assistance to individuals about their public benefits, entitlements, health insurance options, and legal assistance issues. Included in their array of services is help with the completion of Medicare or other insurance claim forms; social security benefit information; food stamps guidelines; eligibility for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) or Specific Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) programs and Medicaid; Durable Power of Attorney and Living Will forms. Learn more about your Medicare Choice options and pharmacy assistance programs. Help will be provided by phone or during an in-home visit.

If you are faced with making decisions regarding long term care - how to pay for it or how to choose either a nursing or retirement facility - a visit with the **Area Agency's Ombudsman** will be beneficial. The Ombudsman is specially trained on Residents Rights, facility standards, and conflict resolution. Information on long term care insurance or lists of regional facilities are all available through your Area Agency on Aging office.

Freewill Foster Home provides 24 hour care to victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment



Seated-Doris Richardson, Standing (l to r): Judy Pope, Trina Dorn, Maggie Cornelius

Who's in Foster Care?

Nearly half a million children nationwide currently are living in some form of out-of-home care. Yet to most people they are invisible.

To the extent people describe foster care, they more often than not think that children in foster care are all in elementary school.

In fact, infants and children under four years old, particularly those with medical complications and/or physical and mental limitations, comprise the fastest-growing group of children in need of care. In addition, one-third of all children in foster care are between the ages of 13 and 18.

An independent, non-profit care facility, Freewill Foster Home, Inc. is dedicated to providing 24-hour physical, mental and educational care to child victims of abuse neglect, and abandonment.

Freewill is licensed to care for up to six children at one time and serves children throughout West Texas. The home provides or assists with: Daily care and maintenance to ensure the health and safety of child victims; appropriate educational, recreational, and vocational activities; behavior management, diagnostic services and medically necessary health care services.

Foster Care Programming Project.

Freewill's Program Assistant, who recruits volunteers, plans children's activities, and researches program opportunities, administers this project. The life of a child in foster care usually focuses on the child's need for housing, clothing, and physical nourishment. Too often, the child's mental, social and psychological development is left unattended. Freewill's goal is to take charge of our children's complete development by providing opportunities for participation in programs designed to provide positive experiences.

A child in foster care does not have the luxury of choosing recreational, educational, and social activities in addition to securing basic needs.

This project recognizes the remarkable mission of caring for children in foster care and the responsibility to provide financial resources, support, and services for our children.

Freewill's programs are designed to provide services not usually available to children in foster care, but critical to their overall development.

Low income elderly benefit from services of Christmas in April

Christmas in April was born out of a fundamental belief in the teachings of James 2:14-17, "What good is it my brothers if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you say to him "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it....."

Christmas in April volunteers join hands each year to make a difference in the lives of low-income elderly and disabled neighbors. In the tradition of an old fashioned "barn raising," volunteers repair and improve homes to ensure that aging homeowners can remain living independently in warmth and safety. At Christmas in April, we specialize in transformations. Using hammers and nails, dry wall and paint, roof decking and shingles, volunteers transform homes and homeowners' lives.

We are committed to making our neighborhoods better places to rear children and grow older. Each April, teams of volunteers, give of their time and talents to leave behind a legacy of life-altering, positive change. Christmas in April partners with local businesses, civic groups, churches, foundations, and schools. Christmas in April brings together approx. 3,000 volunteers each year from Midland County.



Back (l to r):Joe Miller, Joe Thomas, Rick Ricketts, Randall Hicks, Harry Hopkins, Rusty Wilkes, Polo Lopez, Grailn Coffin.
Seated (l to r): Lori VanHoozer, Tracye Vaughan, Bobby Trimble, Barbara Cornell.

Strong community spirit and a belief in the American dream of home ownership unite people from all walks of life - bankers, CEO's, doctors, plumbers, housewives, carpenters, and students - join Christmas in April in rebuilding our community. This neighbor-helping-neighbor effort brings together people from across all racial, ethnic, and socio-economic lines.

Christmas in April began in Midland, Texas in 1972, and has spread nationwide to over 600 cities throughout the United States. It continues to multiply in size because the need for these types of services continues to grow. Millions of elderly Americans live in houses that are deteriorating. They do not choose to live this way. They simply cannot afford to fix what is wrong. Unfortunately, economic realities demand that people sometimes must choose between purchasing life-sustaining medicine and fixing a rotting roof. As the elderly population continues to grow, the need for Christmas in April increases. Christmas in April is a solution to many who have nowhere else to turn.

Another very important feature of our program is that we do renovations and meet emergency needs year 'round. Since May 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999, we have already worked on 187 projects. Emergency situations are not on a schedule. They many times can not wait for the month of April. That is why throughout the year we offer assistance with roofs, hot water heaters, heaters, water and sewage lines, and other plumbing related necessities.

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Back (l to r):Bernice Wilson, Manuel Jones, Eddie Dunn. Seated (l to r): Clayton Ray, Alice Modkins, Arlena Johnson, Robbie White

Southeast Senior Center provides needed services to seniors

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Community Council AARP discuss needs of chapters

AARP members from chapters in Midland, Odessa, and Kermit comprise the Community Council which meets monthly to discuss needs of chapters, coordinate AARP community activities, and share information. Local representatives for AARP Tax-Aide, 55-Alive, and AARP/Vote add their specific areas of interest to this forum. For more information, call Mary Sue del Llano, 694-5726.

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Get behind the eight ball. Break into a new future by checking out the Midland Senior Center. Look for the familiar, and fresh ideas, with your friends.

Members, through the S.A.L.T. Council (Seniors and Lawmen Together) have implemented, and are overseeing, with C.O.P.S., H.E.A.T (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) and Emergency Beacon programs. Feel secure. Investigate safety issues by attending S.A.L.T. meetings. There's static at the Center and it's good. We're energized, eclectic, electric and excited. Exhaust the possibilities of the New Year with Silver and Gold friends: the best, the experienced, the elders of Midland.

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AARP has strength in dynamic membership

AARP is the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and over. Although, when the organization was founded in 1958, most people who joined were retired this is no longer true. Many active local, state and national members have chose AARP to devote volunteer hours, in addition to their work hours, to this organization because with the strength of the dynamic membership (over 33,000,000 national members) the dignity and welfare of the senior citizen is enhanced. Changes are accomplished through lobbying efforts of those members who work with our state and national lawmakers.

Here in Midland, AARP members are available to serve others who need their help. They network with the existing senior organizations to accomplish goals that can not be achieved without concerned citizens being involved. At the present, there are three active and vibrant AARP Chapters. Chapter #256 meets at the Senior Center at Kingway Mall on the first and third Mondays in the evening. Chapter #4816 meets on the third Thursday at noon at the Southeast Senior Center, and the newest chapter, "Amigos" meets at Casa de Amigos on the last Monday of each month at noon. Each chapter extends a welcome invitation to join their chapter.

On a local level, AARP hopes to strengthen the three Midland chapters offering services and assistance to seniors throughout the community. They hope to help the S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Lawmen Together) Council in promoting and distributing the "flashing lights" that will help identify homes where assistance may be needed. AARP will continue to assist the H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) Program that is sponsored by the police department and will partner with the Altrusia Club in distributing the Vial-of-Life.

Bill Beazley, coordinator of the AARP Tax Aide Program will be helping seniors with taxes during the months of February through April 15, 2000. This is a free service to those who need this help. The Midland Senior Center will be the location for this service.

Classes for safe driving, 55-Alive, are also held for seniors at the Midland Senior Center and is a program sponsored by AARP. These classes are held several times each year and not only refresh safe driving but also provides discounts for seniors on their automobile insurance rates.



Back (l to r): Terry Tinney, Pedro Aguilar, Margaret Mendoza, Alexandra Carrasco, Geronimo Aguirre. Seated (l to r): Benilde Ponce, Manuela Carrasco, Winford Majors.

Another goal of AARP is to establish an information center, preferably at Midland Park Mall where all senior information can be accessed.

AARP has many benefits for its members including automobile, homeowners, life and health insurance including long-term care, hotel and motel discounts, pharmacy services, annuity programs and an investment program from Schudder.

Come join their family and see what you can do for AARP and what they can do for you.

45+ Dance Club is evening of fun

The 45 Plus Dance Club holds it's Tuesday night dances at the Midland Downtown Lions Center, 200 Plaza (between 2400 W. Illinois and 2400 W. Wall) from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

This club is a non-profit organization and proceeds consist mainly of an admission fee of $4 for members and $5 for guests. The membership fee is $12 per year. Couples and singles are welcome.

Dancing is to music by a live band, on a large wooden dance floor, and in a non-smoking and non-alcoholic environment.

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Back (l to r): Erma Shoopman, Joyce Smith. Seated (l to r): Freda Prince, Martha Humphrey

For more information call Freda Prince, 694-8442, or Martha Humphrey, 694-1869.

Officers: Fred Prince-President; Martha Humphrey-Vice President; Erma Shoopman-Secretary; Joyce Smith-Treasurer

Area Agency on Aging awarded grant

The Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin was awarded a grant to integrate services for older people with developmental disabilities or older people caring for persons with developmental disabilities.

As part of this grant, a survey has been developed to solicit input from persons who have a developmental disability or persons caring for someone with a developmental disability.

Susan M. Crenshaw, the developmental disabilities coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging, and Dr. Jerry Lee Jones, lead collaborator, are overseeing the project.

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Back (l to r): Greg Stephen, Branch Manager; Coelis P. Villarojo, Client Care Coordinator. Seated (l to r): Vicki Lindsey, RN, Manager of Clinical Practice; Kim Lewis, Records Coordinator.

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At Trinity Towers you're as young as you feel

By Faye Thurman

We have all heard the old adage, "We are only as old as we feel." There are days when no matter what we are doing, we feel twice our age! There are days when we feel great and ready to go! What are you doing on those days? Are you relaxing at home, all your chores complete? Are you surrounded with close friends? Do you share in good food and fun with people you enjoy? This is the type of fellowship awaiting you at Trinity Towers.

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Have Some Fun!

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Back (l to r): Steven Calley, Joy Davidson, Clint Hurst. Seated (l to r): Theresa Winn, Wanda Felix, Faye Thurman

The coffee is always on, hot and fresh! Gentlemen, do you get in the car every afternoon to drive to your favorite meeting place with the fellows? Let me suggest Trinity Towers as a meeting place; forget the drive! We have it all right here. The pool table is always ready!

OK, you have relaxed; no worries. The house is clean, you don't have to worry about dinner tonight; it is being prepared for you! The yards are in good order. You played dominos this week; and you're up-to-date on all the news. Your doctor's appointments have been handled. You are rested!

What's To Do?

When is the last time you visited an old western fort?

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Been to a winery lately to see how they make wine and bring it from the fields to your table? Ever been on the inside of a real bordello? It's legal; it's a museum! Have you been to a candy factory to see what goes into the making of that delicious chocolate candy? How about a riverboat ride down the Pecos River to see Christmas lights at night and then a hot cup of cocoa? Enjoy a luxurious charter bus ride home, and watch movies or take a nap on the way. Leave the driving to us! Ever been to Albany to see the "Fandango" on a warm summer evening after you've attended a real old fashioned Town Square Bar-b-Que? We have done it all at Trinity Towers!

Is a formal dinner more to your liking? Yes, suits and eveningwear are in order, if you like.

Choose to live young. . . Our residents say, "If you are bored at Trinity Towers, it's your fault! There is plenty to do." Our Activity Program is designed to meet your needs. We are sensitive to your desire for privacy and quiet times alone, and we offer lots to choose from when you want to be with friends. You won't choose to come to all the events, but we're confident that when you come, you'll enjoy! So remember, you are only as young as you feel and at Trinity Towers, it's up to you! You can relax, while all the work is being done, or you can hit the road with us. It is your decision! Come visit us; see what we have to offer! Notice the smiles as you walk around our "home" and then decide just how young you really are! Trinity Towers is part of the Manor Park, Inc. family of services. At Trinity Towers, It's a Wonderful Life!

Computers and you for Manor Park, Inc.

Can one become a computer "geek" at 85? Some residents of Trinity Towers and Manor Park can! Yes, they are getting computer literate and planning on becoming computer savvy.

Last year in a joint meeting with representatives of Midland College and Manor Park, Inc., discussion ensued about partnering with instructors at Midland College and teaching computer skills to the residents of Trinity Towers and Manor Park. Curiosity about the computer world in general had been a topic of discussion at both retirement campuses as residents were beginning to inquire about computer training. Of particular interests were the Internet and the ability to communicate, through e-mail, with their children and grandchildren and in some cases, their great-grandchildren! Their curiosity and desire to learn prompted the staff of Manor Park, Inc., and Midland College to begin working toward the goal of fulfilling that interest.

Members of both organizations met to begin organizing exclusive classes on the campus of Midland College with transportation to and from the college provided by Trinity Towers and Manor Park. Classes were limited to 10 students and soon, several classes had to be offered to accommodate the 30+ students who wanted to enroll. Over a period of three months in the spring, the participants learned basic computer skills mixed with some Internet skills training. Many of them had personal computers at home and were able to practice their lessons between classes. But there was still a need to have a computer lab on the campuses of Trinity Towers and Manor Park.

A film designed specifically for seniors interested in computers was ordered to further educated the interested residents

Meanwhile, residents began preparing for their continuation of computer training. A film designed specifically for seniors interested in computers and provided free of charge by Microsoft, was ordered and shown to further educate the interested residents. An instructional piece enhanced the video and provided answers to general questions about computers.

With the dedication and assistance of several Midland College staff members, the Midland College's Technology Center began working towards obtaining computers for the residents. In mid-November four desks and computers with a central printer were delivered to the Manor Park campus and installed by Midland College's Bill Clarkson and instructor Terri Waldrop in the makeshift computer lab in the Barney Greathouse Activities Building.

In visiting with the registered dietician for Manor Park, the staff liaison for Manor Park learned that a local Boy Scout troop was interested in working one-on-one with the residents to assist them in their quest for knowledge. The troop's leader was contacted and representatives from the troop will soon begin working in the lab with the residents.

Residents are eager to get serious involved in their computer training after the holidays. With the help of Midland College and the Boy Scout troop, a group of retired individuals will most certainly be computer geniuses.



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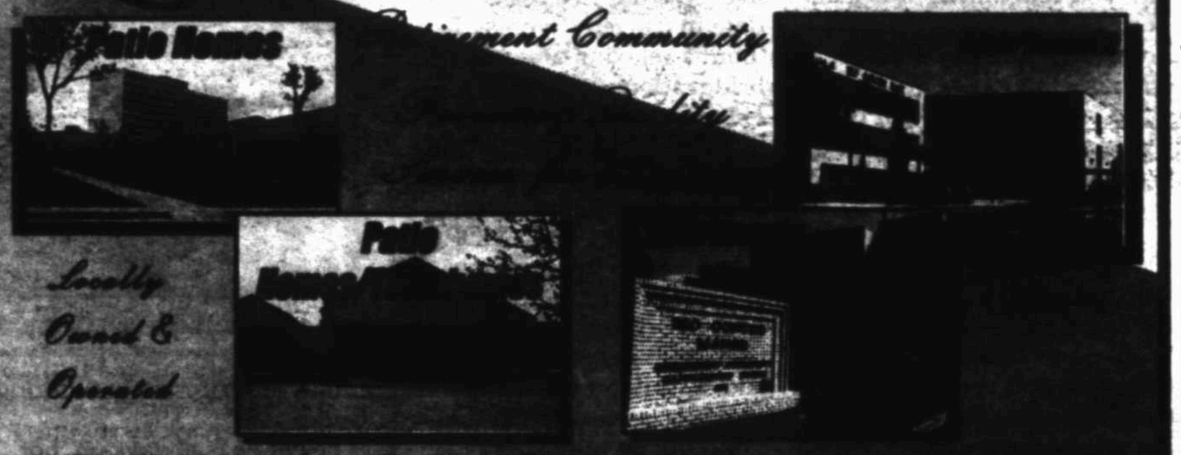
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Manor Park celebrates 30 years of service

Trinity Towers began as a dream of Mrs. Andrew Fasken, who held a deep concern for the growing number of retired persons in Midland. In 1960 she persuaded Dr. R. Matthew Lynn, who was then pastor of First Presbyterian Church, to take the lead in recruiting supporters for a housing facility to offer services to retired persons.

In February 1961, a committee comprised of Murray Fasken, James Steadman, P. F. Bridgewater and John Perkins was formed to study the idea. Two months later they recommended the proposed facility be endorsed as a community project. An organizational meeting was held on June 19, 1963, with the incorporators being Percy F. Bridgewater, Sr., Harvey Conger, Edmond Hitchcock, and Robert Cowan.

Midland Presbyterian Homes was incorporated as a non-profit non-denominational Texas corporation and acquired a five-acre tract in the 2800 block of West Illinois Avenue on which to build Trinity Towers. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Sunday, January 19, 1969, for a five-story building, and all one and two bedroom apartments, for a total of 96 living units. Trinity Towers opened at capacity, and with a waiting list, it soon became apparent that the second tower would be needed. Under the leadership of Board President Percy F. Bridgewater, the Board received approval to raise $2.7 million for construction of the south Trinity Towers. Construction was completed in February 1978, increasing the total capacity to 194.

With the success of Trinity Towers and the obvious need for expanded retirement services in the area, Manor Park was developed as a new campus to increase the availability of the unique living style Trinity Towers residents enjoyed. Licensed as a Continuing Care retirement Community under the Texas State Board of Insurance, Manor Park's entrance fees have refundable options from which to choose. Monthly maintenance fees are modest and provide for a host of amenities including weekly housekeeping; landscaping and lawn service; medical and fire emergency systems; repairs or replacement of appliances; water, sewage, and trash pickup; eight free infirmary days each fiscal year in the health care center; medical transportation; and activities for socialization. The organization provides "Triple Net" Security, consisting of: 1) video monitoring and night watchman, 2) emergency call system, and 3) assurance of continuing health care services.

Ground breaking for Manor Park took place in September 1982 on 40 acres of land donated by the Mrs. Jessie Wallace Estate. Unique was the $6 million in donations that allowed Manor Park to open debt free. The Wallace Building, housing 30 apartments, 100 combined garden apartments and townhomes, and the Mabee Health Care Center were constructed. With a donation of $1 million from Mrs. Helen Greenhouse, the Barney Greenhouse Activities Building was built.

Dedicated in early 1986, Mabee Health Care Center provides a program of care and services to meet current and future needs of Manor Park and Trinity Towers residents and others in the community who may need health care services. Offering a complete range of health services from infirmary to full nursing care, Mabee Health Care Center has an environment that is pleasant and ultra modern in design and function. Ground breaking for the Center was July 22, 1984, with construction completed in November 1985. Residents on health care floors at Trinity Towers moved to the new facility on December 2, 1985. In 1999, the health care centers met the requirements to become Medicaid certified, continuing to expand services to those who may have limited funds to provide for their care.

In 1986 Trinity Towers underwent extensive remodeling to include personal care rooms, offering minimal assistance to residents who can no longer function independently, but do not require intermediate or nursing care. Realizing a continuing need for expansion of personal care services in the Permian Basin, the personal care unit was expanded in 1989 to the third floor of the South Tower.

In 1988 Respite Care was offered to service area residents who may need temporary care for persons 62 or older who need limited supervision or assistance with their daily activities. With respite, caregivers for an older adult have the assurance of knowing their loved one will be safe and comfortable while they are away or taking a break from caregiving routines.

Plans were announced in November of 1992 to construct on the campus at Manor Park a new facility offering care to the victims of Alzheimer's and related disorders. The 32,000-sq. ft. special care center opened in August of 1994 and is capable of housing 58 residents. The project was among the first of its kind in the state especially addressing the needs of the Alzheimer's patient. Named the John F. Younger Special Care Center, it features unique common sense concepts in its design and incorporates many of the latest research findings that assist in returning the Alzheimer's victim to some independence, security, dignity, control and decision making, all of which are necessary for the pursuit of the best in life.

Included in the plans for Younger Center was a provision for senior care or adult day care for those persons 62 and older who need constant supervision during the day. Mission Adult Day Care, under the management of Manor Park, Inc., operates the program offering Monday-Friday daily care for individuals. Mission Adult Day Care is Medicaid certified and the only

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Manor Park, Inc. Senior Staff (back row, r to l): Steven Galley, Glyndon Ruth Kimbrough, Lucy Woodside, Don Stephens, Alan Hale. (front l to r): Chris Newman, Kenny Gallagher, Lynn Starr



Manor Park, Inc. Special Programs Transportation, Supplemental Care, Wellness, Music Ministry and Eden, Resident Company and Business Center Back Row: Robert Hinojos, Jerry Lewis, Nina Cruz-Ruiz, Chris Newman. Not pictured: Vangie Newman and Kelly Crossland

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licensed adult day care center in the Permian Basin area. These individuals may be normally cared for in their homes by family members who may work outside the home during the day or who need a "respite" from the daily routines of caregiving a loved one. In addition, both Mabee and Younger Centers offer Respite Care to area families on a 24-hour basis with nursing care, providing an opportunity for caregivers to rest or take a vacation.

The Supplemental Care Department offers special services for personalized care at Manor Park, Inc. With a staff of around 20, the services are available in all areas, providing care to those who need additional care, ironing and chauffeuring the resident who no longer drives.

Unique to most organizations of its kind, Manor Park, Inc. has a generous endowment, which offers assistance to residents who have depleted their assets but still need continuing health care. The funds from the interest on the endowment corpus assist an average of 20-25 residents providing an estimated $320,000 in assistance for nursing home costs on an annual basis. Gifts, contributions, memorials, bequests, and other donations broaden the endowment. Manor Park, Inc. has been the grateful recipient of specific bequests in which a Maintenance Endowment and other projects were accomplished.

Manor Park, Inc. has a community history of over 29 years and reflects the building of a strong foundation for continuing involvement in the planning and developing of new programs and services to meet the current and future needs of our older citizens.

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Our clients' families make comments like, "Mom carries on a better conversation," "Dad really looks forward to coming over," and "I don't know what we would do if you weren't there." Mission is not for everyone, but truly feel that the clients look forward to coming each day. You can't take of your loved one if you don't take care of yourself. We are the next best thing to the care you provide at home and we are here to enable you to do that as long as you can. We have a safe, nurturing environment, open Monday through Friday, 7am - 5:30 pm.

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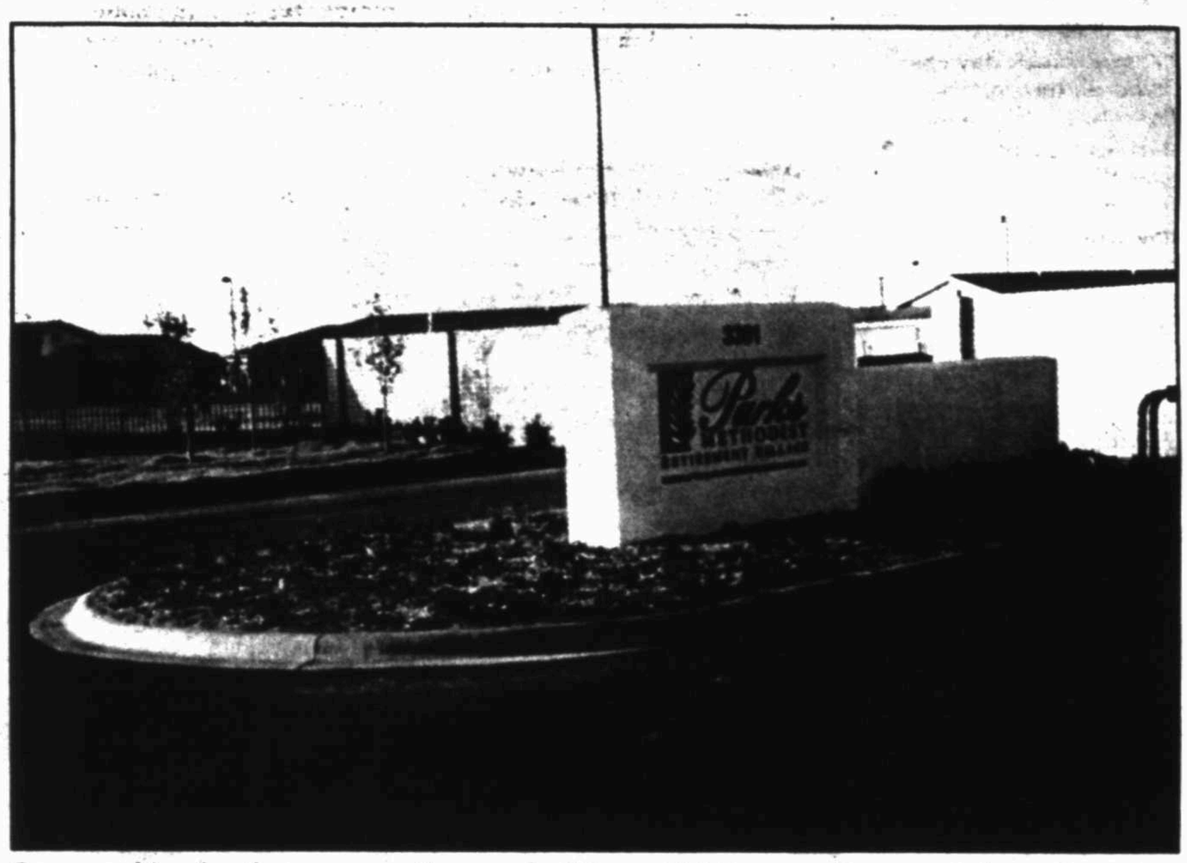
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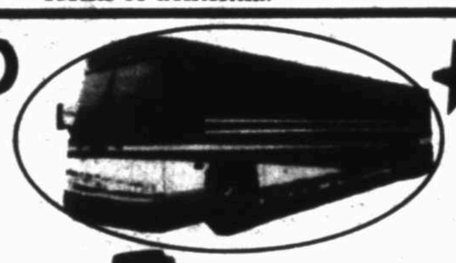
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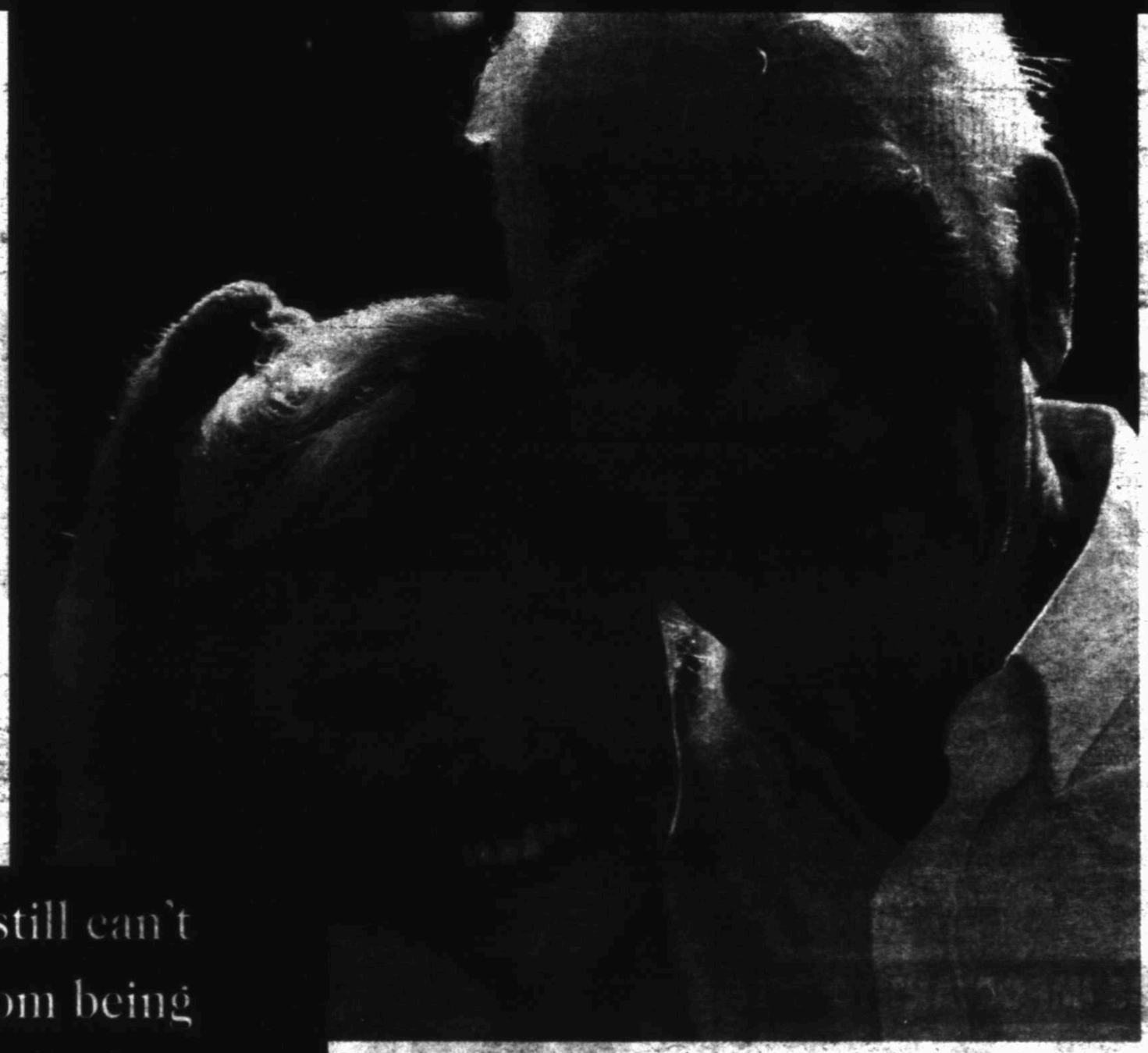
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