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If the future of the Permian Basin is CO2 recovery, then the future is here, says Chuck Fox, a Shell CO2 Ltd. employee./INSIDE



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No. 2 Nebraska (12-0) beat No. 14 Texas A & M Saturday for the Big 12 title and a berth in the Orange Bowl./1C

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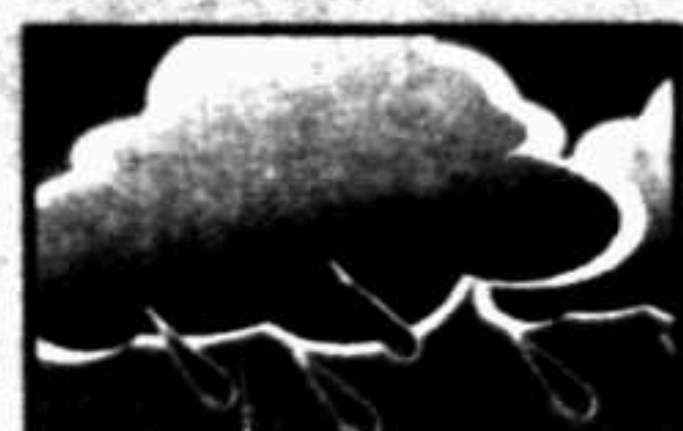
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Effigy burning

Palestinian demonstrators burn an effigy of an Israeli soldier along with Israeli and United States flags during a rally at Islamic University in Hebron. The rally was organized by "The People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine", a radical Marxist PLO faction.

Show me, Sony

LOS ANGELES — When the hit film "Jerry Maguire" premieres on Showtime next month, it will be 47 seconds longer than it was in the movie theaters. The Tom Cruise movie will now end with a fictional Reebok commercial that had been edited out. Nobody is saying why the commercial is back, but it was the core complaint of a product-placement lawsuit by Reebok against Sony's TriStar Pictures. Story page 9A

One winner

AUSTIN — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$33 million. A lottery spokeswoman refused Saturday to disclose what city it was sold in.

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Cargo plane crash in Siberia kills 38

Death toll expected to rise as rubble scoured

By Barry Renfrew
Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Russian military cargo jet plowed into a residential neighborhood in a Siberian city on Saturday, spewing fiery wreckage as it broke into pieces and hit an apartment building. At least 38 people were killed in one of Russia's worst air disasters.

The mammoth An-124 — reportedly carrying two jet fighters — plunged to the ground 20 seconds after takeoff from Irkutsk, damaging four apartment buildings, an orphanage and a school, witnesses said. Scores of terrified children were evacuated.

"I thought somebody was shooting. ... I only saw the plane moving quietly to the ground, one wing lower than the other," a woman who saw the crash told the Independent Television channel.

"Everything is in turmoil," Irkutsk journalist Valery Pochekunin said several hours after the crash. "I can see tens of bodies."

The death toll was expected to rise as more than 1,400 firefighters, soldiers and medical personnel with heavy machinery and dogs scoured massive heaps of rubble. The workers searched through the night as temperatures plunged

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The tail section of a Russian An-124 military cargo jet lies against a building after crashing on takeoff from the nearby airport at the Siberian industrial town of Irkutsk in this image made from television Saturday.



Santa and his head elf drive through Midland in their tricked-out sleigh Saturday afternoon during the annual Children's Christmas Parade. Below: Midlanders look on as the Christmas tree at Centennial Plaza is lighted Saturday night.

Thousands brave cold to attend parade, tree lighting



By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Neither chilly weather conditions nor holiday shopping specials stopped an estimated 4,000 local residents from attending a yearly tradition — the annual Christmas parade and tree lighting.

Though temperatures remained in the low 50s most of the day, families bundled up in winter coats and sipped steamy beverages to keep warm for one of the basin's biggest celebrations.

After a morning performance by the Midland-Odessa Symphony at Midland Center, thousands of spectators gathered on Wall Street to view the annual Children's Christmas Parade, which spread the yuletide spirit from Dennis the Menace Park to Centennial Plaza.

At least 35 local schools, organizations and businesses participated in the two-hour event, which drew a crowd of all ages. The Lee High School Rebel band stirred up the fanfare with a medley of popular Christmas tunes, then other attractions followed the band — leaving a trail of smiles and candy-chewing youngsters throughout their path.

"For three days, we practiced marching and rehearsing music," said Kirke McKenzie, band director for San Jacinto Junior High School. "We've got it together."

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Houstonians elect first black mayor

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Lee Brown, the nation's former drug czar, overtook businessman Rob Mosbacher in a close election Saturday to become Houston's first black mayor.

With 100 percent of the precincts tabulated, Brown collected 156,169 votes, or 53 percent, to Mosbacher's 140,321, or 47 percent.

"Over these past months, I've visited and revisited every neighborhood in our city," Brown said. "Tonight I'm happy the message has been heard."

"Tonight I have achieved my dream. Another barrier has fallen in the city of Houston. The doors of opportunity have opened wider for all of Houston's children ... as a dream of their future. They now know that any child can grow up to lead this city."

The race in the nation's fourth-largest city had attracted the attention of President Clinton and former President Bush and Brown thanked Clinton in his victory speech for his confidence and support.

"I was honored to serve in his cabinet and now I look forward to working with him and our congressional delegation to advance Houston's cause in Washington," Brown said.

"Victory is not with us tonight, but we can be extremely proud of our efforts and our accomplishment and we can hold our heads high because we ran a great campaign and helped define the issues," Mosbacher said.

Recent polls had put Brown anywhere between 3 to 10 points ahead of Mosbacher, son of Robert Mosbacher, a former Bush commerce secretary.

With the economy purring and crime down, the campaign in the city of 1.8 million — about 25 percent black — was dominated by attacks regarding the candidates' pasts.

Mosbacher accused Brown of being a

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Below average tax rate may affect future of MISD

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District may fall behind in the race for employee salaries and facilities if it doesn't have the tax money to hire quality teachers and to upgrade its facilities, according to some school officials.

Art Martin, MISD executive director for business services, said the school district has a total tax rate that's below the state average because the school board has taken a fiscally conservative stance.

"I think the board ... would like to keep the tax rate in check to the extent that they can," he said. "I think raising the tax rate any amount would be the result of a lot of research and planning."

"I don't think they would do it easily."

The district's tax rate stands at \$1.4487 per \$100 valuation. That's within the norm for other West Texas schools. Abilene's total tax rate stands at \$1.485, Ector County's at \$1.4178, Lubbock's at \$1.565 and San Angelo's at \$1.43.

Jackie Hamilton, board president, said the board closely follows the wishes of Midlanders.

"Midland is a very conservative community. They definitely don't want their taxes raised, unless they have approval of it," Ms. Hamilton said. "We try to be good stewards for the money that the community gives us."

Martin said West Texas schools generally pay staff less and have difficulty competing with districts around Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Any school district's total tax rate is the sum of two sub tax rates: maintenance and operations and a debt service tax rate. Debt service tax money may only be used for facility construction and renovations, while M & O pays for staff salaries, equipment and programs.

MISD's debt service tax rate in 1997 increased by 6.5 cents to \$1.4487 to pay for voter-approved school renovations. Before that, both debt service and M & O remained the same for the last five years.

In 1997 the average Midland home has a value of \$64,495 and homeowners for the year will pay an average of

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Midland Independent School District's 1997-98 property tax rate per \$100 valuation follows, compared with other West Texas districts.

97-98 Property Tax Rate			
	M & O	I & S	TOTAL
Midland	1.2547	0.194	1.4487
Abilene	1.2526	0.2324	1.485
Ector County	1.3373	0.0805	1.4178
San Angelo	1.261	0.169	1.43
Lubbock	1.396	0.169	1.565

Midland Independent School District's 1997-98 property tax rate per \$100 valuation is compared with other West Texas districts and the high and low for the top 50 school districts in enrollment. The top 50 state average is \$1.54.

Laura Behar
Reporter-Telegram

M & O stands for Maintenance and Operations (budgets for salaries and utilities, materials and programs) and I & S for debt service budget for school facility construction.

Possible connection between global warming, El Nino, still murky

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — Floods, droughts, out-of-control fires. The devastating effects of the El Nino weather pattern on both sides of the Pacific Ocean are troubling enough.

But when scientist Richard Fairbanks reached the Pacific atoll of Christmas Island, he found something more quietly chilling: stretches of dead coral, no sign of fish in the water and few birds in the sky.

The culprit? Because of El Nino, the water is too warm.

"It's an example of a complete ecosystem collapse that's directly linked to El Nino," said Fairbanks, a climate expert at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at New York's Columbia University.

While delegates at the global climate conference in Kyoto haggle over greenhouse gases and emission limits, a compelling — and so far unanswered — question has emerged: Is global warming fuel-

ing El Nino?

Like many of the issues surrounding global warming, nobody is really sure. Scientists say they need much more data than they have today. Even environmentalists say it's too soon to blame El Nino on car exhaust.

But one thing is certain: El Nino is getting stronger and more frequent.

In the simplest terms, the yearlong weather pattern occurs when a warm water mass in the southwest Pacific builds up and moves across the ocean to the western coast of South America.

The warm water brings mostly rain to North and South America, while cooler water in the southwest Pacific causes drier weather in countries including Indonesia and Malaysia. The pattern occurs once every four to seven years.

The results can be catastrophic. The 1982-83 El Nino — so far the worst this century — killed hundreds of people and

caused \$14 billion in damage. This year's bout brought a delay in monsoon rains in Southeast Asia, where raging fires shrouded the region in a smoke haze.

People in the Americas also are feeling the effects. Heavy rain, hail and strong wind was blowing through southern California on Saturday, and El Nino has been blamed for strengthening hurricanes, including Nora, which killed hundreds in Mexico in October.

Some fear the phenomenon may be linked to global warming, the gradual rise in temperatures that scientists believe is being caused by increased emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that trap sunlight-generated heat in the atmosphere. Delegates from 153 countries were in Kyoto to set some limits on emissions of such gases.

Experts say the hotter atmosphere is heating up the world's oceans, which could set the stage for more frequent and

extreme El Ninos.

Some of the strongest cases occurred well before global warming became a concern — in 1877 and 1940 — but two of this century's three worst El Ninos have come recently, in 1982 and this year.

"We are going through a period of intense frequency, but what we don't know is if this is related to a climate change," said Gunnar E.B. Kullenberg, head of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.

Regardless of whether there is a link to global warming, Fairbanks' two months of experiments this autumn at Christmas Island — south of Hawaii and just north of the equator — offered an inkling of the potential environmental damage a hotter El Nino can wreak.

The water surrounding the sparsely inhabited atoll, the world's largest, is 7 degrees higher than average for this time

of year, throwing the environmental system off its axis, Fairbanks said.

Environmentalists are worried. Some are already seeing effects of more radical El Ninos in studies monitoring how animals and plants are reacting to warmer global temperatures.

"El Nino has an enormous impact on wildlife, and globally, not just in the traditional regions that you might assume it would have an effect," said Barnaby Briggs of the Cambridge-based BirdLife International.

Indeed, trying to unravel El Nino is a good indication of how complicated Earth's climate system is.

The complexity of the oceans and the huge chunk of time about which scientists need data mean it will be a while before anyone can say whether the current burst of El Nino is part of a natural cycle or is caused by humans.

Russians release American; he still faces spy charges

MOSCOW (AP) — Bowing to U.S. pressure, Russia's intelligence agency on Saturday released an American accused of spying, but said he still faces espionage charges and must remain in Russia.

The Federal Security Service said Richard L. Bliss, 29, had been released in Rostov-on-Don in exchange for a promise not to leave the southern city where he was arrested Nov. 25 after conducting land surveys.

Bliss was in good condition, U.S. diplomats in Moscow said, adding that a U.S. representative was present when he was released. They said Bliss would remain in Rostov, a major southern Russian city near the Black Sea, 700 miles south of Moscow.

Bliss is a field technician employed by Qualcomm, Inc., of San Diego, a telecommunications firm installing a cellular phone system in the region. Qualcomm gave a written guarantee that Bliss would not leave the city, according to the U.S. Embassy.

"As we have stated we believe there was no credible reason for the charges of espionage made against him."

— James Rubin
State Department

A Security Service official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Bliss would still face espionage charges linked to his surveying work, but gave no further details. The agency, a successor to the Soviet KGB, said Bliss had "admitted the objective side" of the case, but indicated that the charges had been reduced.

The intelligence agency, acknowledging there had been strong U.S. pressure, said it released Bliss because of the "principles of humanity and the character of relations between our countries."

Russian intelligence officials accused Bliss of surveying sensitive sites using satellite receivers brought into Russia illegally.

Bliss has admitted surveying, but says he is innocent of espionage.

U.S. officials welcomed Bliss' release.

"As we have stated we believe there was no credible reason for the charges of espionage made against him," said State Department spokesman James T. Rubin. "We understand that he is being released while the Russian investigation continues."

Rubin said U.S. officials do not have any further details on what was worked out by Bliss' lawyers. "From our perspective, the most important priority was getting him released," he said.

At the White House, National Security Council spokesman Eric Rubin said, "It's obviously very welcome news."

On Friday, the State Department had summoned the Russian ambassador to protest the espionage charges and to urge that Bliss be released immediately.

Spokesman James Foley said the United States' goal of closer trade ties with Russia will not be reached if "legitimate businessmen" such as Bliss are mistreated.

Bliss was charged with violating a statute of the Russian criminal code that outlaws "gathering information connected to state secrets with the goal of providing it to a foreign state, foreign organizations or their representatives," said Alexander Turinsky, a spokesman for the Rostov region's branch of the Federal Security Service.

Bliss faces as much as 20 years in prison if convicted.

Bliss' lawyer, Valery Petryayev, has insisted his client is innocent.

Qualcomm has a contract with a Russian firm, Elektrosvyaz, to set up a cellular phone system in Rostov-on-Don.

Bliss' arrest is a rare case of Russia detaining an American citizen in the post-Cold War era.

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TEHRAN, Iran — Efforts to isolate Iran away by the Muslim faith neighbors.

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A meeting of nations starting "the largest gathering in Iran's history, revolution," Iranian mad Khatami said.

Albright swift, 'redepl

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Allies' defections leaving U.S. alone in attempt to isolate Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — American efforts to isolate Iran are crumbling, eaten away by the country's oil wealth and the Muslim faith it shares with its Arab neighbors.

Some of Washington's closest European allies are ignoring its pleas not to do business with Iran. And Arab states that once bought the U.S. portrayal of Tehran as a bogeyman are sitting down with the Islamic Republic's mullahs this week.

The defections are leaving Washington alone in its attempt to isolate Tehran, which the Americans accuse of exporting terrorism and trying to acquire nuclear weapons. Iran denies the charges.

A meeting of leaders from Muslim nations starting Tuesday in Tehran will be "the largest gathering of heads of state in Iran's history, both before and after the revolution," Iran's President Mohammad Khatami said recently. "It shows the

power and stability of Iran."

The most important guest at the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah, the highest-ranking Saudi to visit Iran since the 1979 revolution ousted the Western-oriented shah.

Saudi Arabia is a staunch U.S. ally in the region and has been among Iran's fiercest critics. But it has shown signs of warming up, feeding Iran's hopes for an Islamic axis between two giants of the Muslim world.

Egypt, another strong American ally, has sent its foreign minister, Amr Mousa. Egypt could help Iran mend ties with other Arab countries.

Iran is gloating over the meeting's expected draw — officials from more than 50 countries, including 34 heads of government — especially because it follows last month's U.S.-backed Mideast eco-

nommic summit in Qatar. That summit fizzled when most Arab countries stayed away to protest Israel's presence.

The Islamic conference caps an upbeat year for Iran, whose fortunes turned in May with the election of Khatami as president. His soft-spoken manner has helped reduce the rogue-state image of Iran that has been at the heart of the U.S. campaign to isolate the Tehran regime.

After Turkey signed a \$20 billion natural gas deal with Iran last year, Washington sought to halt further breakthroughs for Tehran by enacting penalties for any U.S. or foreign company that invests more than \$20 million in the Islamic Republic.

But Iran broke out of the U.S. sanctions a month after Khatami took office in August. The French oil giant Total, along with Russian and Malaysian partners, signed a \$2 billion deal to develop natu-

al gas fields in Iran. France and the European Union rejected U.S. objections and warned against punishing Total.

Iran chalked up another diplomatic victory last month, when European Union envoys returned to Tehran seven months after being called home. The flap resulted from a German court tying political killings to Iran's leaders.

Efforts of both sides for a speedy resolution of the crisis is clear proof that Iran needs Europe and Europe needs Iran," said the newspaper Iran News, which often reflects the views of the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

Asked about the lack of European support for the U.S. isolation campaign, a State Department official in Washington said many European countries agree Iranian behavior is not what it should be. But he acknowledged there are differences with Europe over how to deal with the

problem.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that if European dialogue with Tehran led to a moderation of Iran's policies, Washington would welcome it. But he said the European approach had not yet brought any changes in Iranian behavior.

Washington's prospects for blocking more investment in Iran appear bleak.

Iran is a major oil exporter and has the world's second-largest natural gas reserves. And foreign companies scrambling to get in on Central Asia's vast oil and gas resources are eyeing Iran as the most viable export route.

In July, the United States grudgingly said it would not oppose a \$1.6 billion gas pipeline to run from the former Soviet republic of Turkmenistan across Iran to Turkey and on to Europe.

Albright urges swift, 'credible redeployment'

GENEVA (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged Israel Saturday to decide on a more swift, "credible" withdrawal on the West Bank than Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has proposed and said she would be looking for an answer by mid-December.

While Netanyahu has suggested a testing period of up to five months for tougher Palestinian anti-terrorism measures, Albright pressed for quicker action.

"We would like to see a credible further redeployment," she said at a joint news conference here with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. "We want to make sure there is a combination of quality and quantity."

For his part, Arafat declared: "I am not asking for anything more than is in the agreements between us and the Israelis."

In the 1993 and 1995 Oslo accords, Israel agreed to redeploy its troops in the West Bank to give Arafat's Palestinian Authority control over an increasing spread of land. The accords leave it to Israel to decide how much ground to yield.

On Friday, in Paris, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rebuffed Albright on the specifics of another withdrawal. She scheduled another meeting with him in Paris Saturday night.

In a separate meeting in Paris on Saturday, French President Jacques Chirac told Netanyahu to take "strong and credible initiatives and of the need for concrete gestures necessary for the peace process," according to Chirac's spokeswoman, Catherine Colonna.

Chirac spoke of his concern over the impasse in the process without hiding his pessimism, Colonna said. The proposals by Israel "don't seem to us to give the necessary push to the peace process."

She described the more than hour-long peace process as "very friendly." Netanyahu, Colonna said, concluded that "peace will happen. He wasn't pessimistic and said that more time is needed."

After a week-long trip to Africa, Albright plans to meet separately with Arafat and Netanyahu in Western Europe. A senior U.S. official, insisting on anonymity, said Albright would ask at those meetings for decisions from both of them on a wide range of issues, including an Israeli pullback.

Other agenda items include her long-standing request that Israel stop expanding settlements on the West Bank and that the Palestinian Authority do more to prevent terrorist attacks on Israel. "There is always more that can be done," she said.

On some issues, Albright said, "we should come to closure soon."

She referred the Palestinians' demand for an airport and a corridor to connect Gaza with areas of the West Bank already under Arafat's control, a senior U.S. official said.

Albright called her three-hour meeting with Arafat "very useful and constructive," insisting at a joint news conference with the Palestinian leader that "I am telling you like it is."

Appealing to Arafat to do more on security, Albright said "Chairman Arafat understands the importance of having a 100 percent effort on his part on the security situation. There is no question there has been improvement in security cooperation, but there is always more that can be done."

"There can be no complacency," Albright added. "It requires 100 percent effort, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The terrorists are unrelenting, and so must be the efforts against them."

Arafat, meanwhile, reaffirmed his commitment to a settlement with Israel. He said the peace process was "a strategic choice for the Palestinian people."

The senior U.S. official, declining to be identified, said the issue of redeploying Israeli troops on the West Bank has presented the "most profound gap" in Albright's peacemaking efforts.

Despite these hurdles, the officials claimed some progress in the last few weeks in that there is now "serious discussion" of another Israeli pullback.

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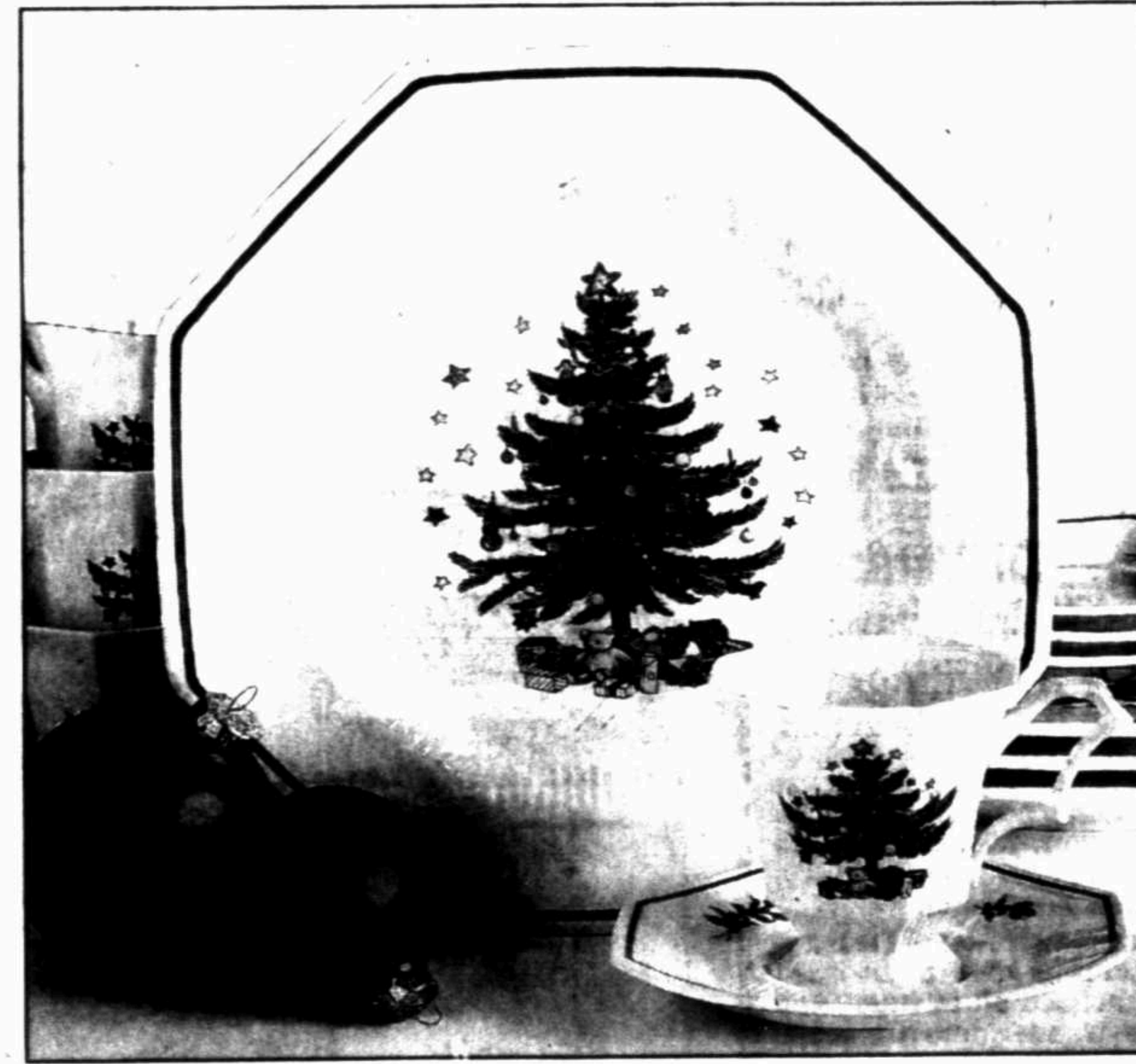


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Decade after Palestinian uprising: some progress, much disappointment

Editor's note: Ten years ago, in a squalid refugee camp in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, a Palestinian riot marked the start of what would become a wrenching seven-year struggle against Israeli occupation. An Associated Press correspondent visited the camp for a look back.

By Laura King
Associated Press

JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip — Whenever she speaks her son's name, Nimeh Abu Sisseh's careworn face becomes a portrait of grief, in all its starkness and simplicity.

"Every day, I ask Allah's mercy for him," she said, half-reclining on a thin mattress in the three-room concrete shack that is home to her extended family of 30 people. "Every day, ever since that day."

That day was Dec. 8, 1987, when her 16-year-old son Hatem, one of a crowd of camp dwellers hurling stones and firebombs at Israeli soldiers, became the first person to die in the long and bloody Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

In the seven years that followed, 1,306 Palestinians were killed by Israelis, and 192 Israelis were slain by Palestinians. An additional 822 Palestinians, mainly accused of some form of collaboration with the Israelis, were killed by other Palestinians.

The uprising focused world attention on the Palestinian cause, eventually forcing both sides into peace talks that may yet lead to statehood. If not quite the birth of a nation, it brought a new sense of pride and purpose to a people demoralized by decades of displacement and occupation.

But in the chill of that December morning, no one knew the enormity of the events that had just been set in motion. Certainly not Nimeh Abu Sisseh, newly cast into a well of private pain.

"A neighbor woman came and told me Hatem had been hurt," she said. "But I looked into her face, and I knew immediately he was dead. My child was dead."

At first, no one even knew what to call it.

The riots in the Jebaliya camp spread quickly, flaring up elsewhere in Gaza and in the West Bank, triggering a violent Israeli response.

Gradually, as the weeks and months dragged on, it became clear that the scattered fighting had coalesced into an all-out Palestinian battle for independence for the territories that Israel captured from Jordan and Egypt in the Six-Day War of 1967.

With that dawn realization, an Arabic term was coined — "intifadeh," literally meaning a shaking off, but more succinctly translated as uprising. Even the Israelis adopted it.

The suffering left the lives of almost no Palestinian untouched. Prolonged school closings deprived children of education. Any activity had to be coordinated around curfews. Almost every family had a son, a father or a brother who was jailed.

Daily, the toll of dead and injured mounted: combatants and bystanders, young stone-throwers and grizzled village elders, soldiers and settlers.

Televised images of Israeli troops firing on demonstrators brought a swelling of international sympathy for the Palestinians, whose cause up until then had been associated mainly with terrorist attacks and hijackings.

In the eyes of the world, it boiled down to a classic David-and-Goliath image — perhaps simplistic, perhaps unfair — of boys with slingshots facing a powerful modern army.

For all their strength and technical prowess, the Israelis learned



Nimeh Abu Sisseh speaks as she sits with grandson in her home in the Jebaliya Refugee Camp, Gaza Strip, Tuesday. Sisseh's 16-year-old son, Hatem, was one of a crowd of camp dwellers hurling stones and firebombs at Israelis on Dec. 8, 1987, and became the first person to die in the long and bloody Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

the same bitter lesson that Americans learned in Vietnam and the Russians learned in Afghanistan: that a ragtag irregular army — fervent, committed and fighting on home ground — can prove nearly impossible to crush.

The uprising exacerbated the Israeli sense of being misunderstood by the outside world, and thus inclined to resist pressure, even from well-intentioned allies, on how to resolve its problems with the Palestinians.

And the intifadeh bred a generation of Palestinians whose childhoods were shaped by violence that some proved destined to repeat.

The dozen or more young men

who have blown themselves up in bombings in Israel over the past several years came of age watching older brothers do battle in the streets, seeing fathers dragged off to jail, absorbing a community ethic that glorified death in the struggle against Israel as martyrdom.

The radical Islamic group Hamas, the prime stager of suicide attacks, dates its founding to the start of the intifadeh. With the following it built then, Hamas has lately sent clear signals it will demand a greater voice in whether Palestinians move ahead with the faltering peace process.

In recent weeks, Palestinian

protests in the West Bank have often boiled over into scenes eerily reminiscent of the uprising's days of rage.

Nearly every week, in biblical towns like Bethlehem, the two sides square off. Masked Palestinian youths rise on tiptoe to hurl jagged chunks of stone. Israeli soldiers crouch behind barricades, firing stun grenades, tear gas and rubber bullets.

In December of 1987, Gaza was a powder keg waiting for the spark. Poor, gritty and angry, the crowded strip — home to about half of the territories' 2 million Palestinians — was a landscape of tumbledown towns and tin-shack refugee camps where the streets ran with raw sewage.

What set off the explosion was a traffic accident. A semitrailer with an Israeli at the wheel collided with a car carrying Palestinian workers home to Gaza. Four of them were killed.

In Jebaliya, ugly rumors flew in the crowded confines of the camp that the crash had been a deliberate attack, one that would go unpunished. Mourning turned to anger, and hundreds of residents took to the streets with bottles, firebombs and stones.

On the camp's dusty main street, rioters converged, confronting a small contingent of Israeli soldiers, who opened fire on the crowd. Hatem Abu Sisseh, hit in the abdomen and chest by gunfire, died a short time later.

For the years of the intifadeh,

Jebaliya, like many of the villages, towns and cities of Gaza and the West Bank, was a virtual armed camp. Unquestioningly, wordlessly, people opened their doors to shelter "shebab," the uprising's stone-throwing boys, when they fled pursuing Israeli troops.

Stores were almost always shuttered as Palestinians heeded leaders' calls for general strikes. Soldiers and demonstrators fought pitched battles in the shadow of the main Israeli military outpost — now the Palestinian police station.

These days, Jebaliya has largely repaired a social fabric ripped apart by years of fighting. The rhythms of daily life have quieted: veiled women balance loads of vegetables on their heads, donkey-drawn carts rattle through the sandy streets.

Gaza is now ruled by Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority. Under it, Jebaliya is still impoverished, but less grindingly so. Many of the camp's homes now have telephones. There is a small public garden, a new vegetable market. More streets are paved.

But despite material gains, there is still a deep sense of disappointment with where things stand after such protracted sacrifice.

"Things are better now, of course," said Saber Shurafi, whose drugstore is only steps from where Hatem fell. "We can breathe. We can walk in the street. We can fly our flag." But Israel still hasn't fulfilled its promises.

And if it doesn't, there will surely be violence.

Fathi Hamad, now 30, was one of the angry young men of the intifadeh, with the jail record to prove it. Now he takes a more measured view of life.

In a plastic chair on the sidewalk, he sipped black coffee and talked about changes that have come to the camp. More jobs, a bit more opportunity. No Israeli troops — at least, not until one leaves the camp and drives on one of the strip's main arteries, where soldiers still man roadblocks.

"No one loves bloodshed — it's not the nature of a human being," Hamad said. "Still, I can't say we have what we'd hoped for. The intifadeh was part of a long struggle, and it's not over yet."

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NAPLES, Italy (AP) — Italians are lining up to place Princess Diana, Mother Teresa and designer Gianni Versace in the straw around the manger next to Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

Orders for statuettes of the three celebrities who died in 1997 are pouring in from all of Italy. And shoppers wander into Giuseppe Ferrigno's shop along a cobblestone Neapolitan alley with stores selling nothing but nativity sets and accessories.

Ferrigno and his son Marco, the fifth and sixth generation in his family to hand-fashion creche figurines, are keeping to a nearly 400-year-old Neapolitan tradition in creating pieces that are closely tied to the day's events, not just the timeless Christmas story.

A statuette of Italian anti-corruption prosecutor Antonio Di Pietro remains a good seller after five years. This season, the Ferrignos already have sold out of Naples' popular mayor, Antonio Bassolino.

This year, the Ferrignos have some 350 orders to fill for clay and wire sculptures of Diana, Mother Teresa and Versace.

"They were figures held in high regard by Italians, Diana in particular," Marco Ferrigno said. "She was a normal person who became a princess, a fairytale that became reality. Everyone secretly dreams for that."

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Gulf

By Tim Weiner
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — A hunter loomed across the ruins of a fighter jet.

It was the mission piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Speicher, the first of the 1991 Persian Gulf war. The plane was shot down, and Speicher was killed. The only one whose identity was known, the Pentagon said, was Speicher.

Some senior officials might have said they had an obligation to bring Speicher home, no matter the cost.

So special operations planned a secret mission to find the site for clues.

Success was high. The risks of an Iraqi attack were low. But the Pentagon balked, fearing the reward was too small.

Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, scrubbed the mission. He did not want to tell parents and tell the public that a son of a hero had been killed. He wanted to keep the mission secret.

Shalikashvili confirmed his decision in a written order. "There is no mission," he wrote. "The mission is to find the site of the crash site."

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This account is based on documents with present and officials.

THE PILOT: A VETERAN

On Jan. 17, 1991, hours of the Gulf War, Scott Speicher, 30, was shot down over the Persian Gulf. Speicher was a Navy pilot. Speicher was a Navy pilot.

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Gulf War's first U.S. casualty remains last to be accounted for

By Tim Weiner
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Four years ago, a hunter looking for wild game in western Iraq stumbled across the ruins of an American fighter jet.

It was the missing Navy F-18 piloted by Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher, the first American lost in the 1991 Persian Gulf war, and the only one whose fate remains unknown. The Pentagon, alerted by the hunter, sent a spy satellite over the crash site. It "detected a man-made symbol in the area of the ejection seat," Pentagon documents say.

Some senior officers thought Speicher might have survived the crash. They said they had a moral obligation to bring him back, dead or alive, no matter how long it took. So special-operations soldiers planned a secret mission to scour the site for clues. Their chances of success were high, they said, and the risks of an Iraqi response very low. But the Pentagon's leaders balked, fearing that the risks outweighed the rewards.

Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, scrubbed the plan, saying, "I do not want to have to write the parents and tell them that their son or daughter died looking for old bones," according to Timothy G. Connolly, then principal assistant deputy secretary of defense for special operations, and other senior officers who witnessed the general's statement in December 1994.

SHALIKASHVILI, NOW retired, confirmed his decision and its rationale in a written statement on Friday. "There was no overwhelming need to put our soldiers at risk to covertly search a 3-year-old crash site," he wrote.

The advocates said the obligation to look for a fallen comrade should have outweighed the risk of casualties. "The warriors believed they had a responsibility," said Stan Arthur, who retired as a four-star admiral after leading allied naval forces in the Gulf war. "You lose one of your own, you go back and find him. The more modern concept was that you can't take the risk of a loss."

In the end, the Pentagon took the least risky route. Two years after the discovery of the wreckage, and a year after Shalikashvili's decision, a Pentagon team entered Iraq openly, with Saddam Hussein's permission, under the banner of the Red Cross.

The searchers still do not know if Speicher bailed out successfully. They still do not know if he could have survived the crash.

They found to their dismay that, just as the advocates of a secret military mission had feared, the crash site had been excavated, most likely by Iraqi officers, during the months that the Pentagon searched for a safe route to the wreckage.

This account is based on Pentagon documents and interviews with present and former military officials.

THE PILOT: A FALLEN SOLDIER, A VANISHING POINT

On Jan. 17, 1991, in the first hours of the Gulf War, Michael Scott Speicher, 33, went down in a dogfight over western Iraq. The Navy spent months trying to understand why. It might have been an Iraqi air-to-air missile, but no one knows for sure.

His father, Wallace, had hopes that he might have survived. "Scotty's coming home," he said three days later. But he was listed as "killed in action — body not recovered." Speicher's wife, who has since remarried, wants to preserve her privacy.

When the war was over, "the Iraqis returned 1.5 pounds of human flesh they claimed belonged to a pilot named 'Michael,'" Pentagon documents say. "Subsequent DNA tests determined the remains were not Speicher."

Pentagon officials still wonder whether this was a deliberate Iraqi attempt to deceive the United States about Speicher's fate.

The hunting party that found his plane was led by a senior military officer from Qatar, an emirate bordering Saudi Arabia. The Qatari officer brought home pictures of the plane's canopy, a shard of metal with serial numbers, and memories of seeing an ejection seat. He gave them all to officials at the U.S. Embassy in Qatar. The numbers on the shard were proof.

Moral codes and military traditions compelled the Pentagon to look for Speicher's remains — or a shred of evidence that he might have lived. These old codes can spawn dark thoughts. One former Navy officer says he has had nightmare visions of Saddam Hussein suddenly appearing on CNN, leading Speicher with a rope, saying: "Here's a man without a country. I'm tired of feeding him. Who wants him?"

ON APRIL 15, 1994, officials from the office of the secretary of defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Navy, the State Department and the CIA discussed "a covert/ clandestine military action to investigate the crash site," the Pentagon documents say.

That was a far better idea than "openly approaching Baghdad" to request permission for a search, the group agreed. They said that an open approach could reveal the

location to the Iraqis, which "would likely jeopardize the site's integrity." The Iraqis had scavenged every other Desert Storm crash site.

A separate military intelligence analysis warned the Joint Chiefs that "the location of the site would be divulged and subsequent investigations thwarted by Iraqi intelligence exploitation" if the United States openly approached Baghdad.

On May 11, 1994, J. Alan Liotta, chief of the Pentagon's prisoner of war/missing in action office, wrote to the Joint Chiefs, "Access to the wreckage remains our only way to determine conclusively what happened to Lt. Cmdr. Speicher."

He continued: "For us to account successfully for Lt. Cmdr. Speicher, the mission ideally would need to retrieve and return the ejection seat and canopy." The mission also needed the black boxes in which data on the cockpit and engine were stored. Those boxes, he said, "should have survived the crash and would provide vital clues to what the plane and the pilot were experiencing during the flight's last minutes."

The issue was clear, said Adm. Arthur, then the vice chief of naval operations: "Did we or did we not have a lost pilot?"

THE STRATEGISTS: SEVERAL SCENARIOS, NONE WITHOUT RISK

But for six months, the nation's military leaders maintained what the documents call "a holding pattern."

On Dec. 23, 1994, Defense Secretary William Perry, Shalikashvili, Connolly and at least four other Pentagon officials, including Frederick C. Smith, the assistant secretary for international security affairs, discussed their options.

Connolly and others favored the military mission. Four helicopters carrying a special-operations team would cross the Iraqi border from Saudi Arabia at night. The team would return with everything it could find — black boxes, bones, wiring from the cockpit, fragments of metal and any other clues.

Smith and others favored the diplomatic course: openly approaching Baghdad through the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Red Cross would ask Baghdad for permission to go to the crash site with a forensic team from the Pentagon. The team could work at length, without danger.

Connolly said he warned that the diplomatic option would alert the Iraqis and ultimately fail. Addressing Perry and Shalikashvili, he quoted the fifth stanza of the Army Rangers' creed: "I will never let a fallen comrade fall into the hands of the enemy."

The choice ultimately lay with Perry, and a final decision did not come until March 1995. But the military option effectively died that day when Shalikashvili opposed it with his statement about old bones.

"TO SEND America's sons and daughters into harm's way is the most serious recommendation a military leader can make," Shalikashvili said in his written statement on Friday. "This is a sacred trust."

"I concluded that there was no overwhelming need to put our soldiers at risk to covertly search a 3-year-old crash site when the Red Cross option was available," he said in his statement. "I stand by that decision."

Connolly, who left the Pentagon last year to teach, said last week: "Our senior civilian and military leaders were simply too afraid of the possibility of failure, however remote, and refused to allow this pilot's comrades to go into Iraq and bring him home. I wish I could tell you it was more complex than that, but it wasn't."

On Jan. 4, 1995, Perry told Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher that they should ask the Red Cross to approach the Iraqis.

The Red Cross was amenable. On Feb. 14, its Middle East director, Michel Cagneaux, met with Iraqi officials in Baghdad. "Iraqis listened intently; took copious notes," Smith, the assistant secretary of defense, wrote that day after talking to the Red Cross.

The next morning, the special-operations team went through a full-dress rehearsal in the New Mexico desert for their mission, which they code-named Isolated Ivory, presumably an allusion to Speicher's bones. But their services would not be needed.

On March 1, 1995, the Red Cross told the Pentagon that Iraq would cooperate. "Conceivably," Smith wrote, "this mission could go next week." The mission was named Operation Promise Kept.

Throughout the spring, a Pentagon spy satellite photographed the crash site every three days. The wreckage was undisturbed, military intelligence analysts reported in April.

"Our team is ready to go," Smith told his superiors on May 2, 1995. But a report to Shalikashvili from his staff three weeks later warned of unforeseen delays, "due to 'bureaucratic problems' within the Iraqi government."

It would be six more months

before the team entered Iraq.

THE SITE: TATTERS AND SHARDS, BUT NOT ONE BONE

In December 1995, two years after the Qatari officer's discovery and one year after Shalikashvili's decision, the team arrived at the crash site.

The site had been scavenged. "It appeared that people had

been there before we arrived," Smith said in an interview on Friday.

There was no ejection seat. There were no bones.

Bedouin nomads handed the team a tattered flight uniform. Smith would not discuss what a subsequent analysis of the suit showed.

An officer familiar with the

team's findings said that it recovered one of the plane's data recorders from the Bedouins.

"The evidence showed the pilot successfully ejected from the aircraft," he said.

Smith and Liotta would not confirm or deny that. They said only that the team had emerged with a clearer picture of what happened to Speicher. That picture, like

everything else about the case, remains officially secret.

Could he have survived the crash?

"We don't know," Liotta said. The investigation continues. Speicher is still listed as "killed in action — body not recovered." The first American to fall in the Persian Gulf War remains the last to be accounted for.

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Black Sea's guardians strive to take advantage of 'window of opportunity'

Editor's note: The United Nations has declared 1998 the "Year of the Ocean" and plans to seek a charter on the preservation of marine resources. But if trends continue, one of the great inland seas — the Black Sea — may someday have little worth saving. Scientists consider the once-teeming sea one of the world's most threatened ecosystems. Still, there may be a "window of opportunity" before an ecological collapse.

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

ODESSA, Ukraine — Around the corner from Odessa's grand portside staircase, twin pipes gush a greenish-brown soup of untreated sewage into the harbor. Nearby beaches are almost permanently closed to swimming and fishing.

A few miles away, a once-esteemed marine research station makes a little money using its seven vessels to ferry goods across the Black Sea to Istanbul, Turkey. It's the only way to raise funds, which once poured in from Soviet science academies.

And a half-day's sail away, on the border with Romania, a patch of hope: dense flocks of birds and unspoiled spawning grounds for fish in the delta of the mighty Danube River.

These are three pictures of the Black Sea — that great body of water of Greek legend, Cold War strategizing and modern-day crisis. Larger than Italy, it sits strategically at the joining of Europe and Asia and is crucial to livelihoods in Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania and Turkey. Its tributaries bring water from as far away as Switzerland.

The first picture is of the uncontrolled dumping — carried by sewage pipes and feeder rivers — choking the sea's thin remaining layer of life.

Another is the economic decline of the former Soviet bloc states, which has crippled scientific research but also added some pollution-spewing industries.

The third, and least noticed, is reflected in the smile of a delta fisherman displaying his catch of pike free of lesions or disease.

The Black Sea — like its landlocked cousins the Aral and Caspian to the east — is in steep decline. But its plight has drawn considerably more attention and resources: The wealthy European Union is expanding toward its shores and conservationists are finding broad encouragement to try to save what Russia's Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II called "the pearl of the planet."

"The Black Sea is lethally wounded," warns Romania's president, Emil Constantinescu. "The consequences of letting it die are beyond imagination."

Nature stacked the cards against the Black Sea.

Five major rivers, including the Danube from the heart of Europe and the Dnieper from west-central Russia, pour into the sea. Along with life-giving nutrients, the waterways also have carried in millions of tons of organic debris: tree limbs, plants, fish carcasses.

In seas with deep currents and cleansing circulation, such matter decays and is flushed away.

But the Black Sea is essentially a giant lake. Its only outlet is the narrow Bosphorus in Turkey. The organic matter floats gently to the sea floor. Decomposition over the millennia has used up oxygen in the deep water, and the lack of deep currents means oxygen-rich water on the surface is not circulated into the depths.

Now, about 90 percent of the sea is completely lifeless. The sea is up to 6,600 feet deep, but below about 660 feet lies the world's largest "dead zone" — a vast reservoir of hydrogen sulfide that smells of rotten eggs when it bubbles to the surface.

And the narrow, oxygenated cap of life has begun to shrink even more in recent decades.

Huge algae blooms that strangle sea life have been fed by fertilizer runoff from farms in the Black Sea drainage basin, which covers more than one-third of Europe from near Moscow to the Swiss Alps.

Pollution in the Bosphorus has disrupted fish migration patterns

that helped replenish species.

Foreign tankers, meanwhile, have brought in alien sea creatures — stowaways in ballast water. One newcomer — the jellyfish-like Mnemiopsis leidyi — is an "eating machine" that devours staggering amounts of the tiny plankton needed by young fish.

Fishermen noticed their falling catches. But that only made them press harder with sonar and bigger nets — particularly the Turkish fleet — in a calamitous race for what fish were left.

Some of the most prized fish — mackerel, turbot, bonito — have dipped to record low levels. Hatcheries now preserve the Black Sea sturgeon, once so common that local lore says "caviar was for the poor." Dolphins are seen much less frequently.

The total Black Sea catch peaked at 850,000 tons in 1985, then plummeted to 300,000 tons over the next five years. A slow recovery is under way. The catch in 1995 was more than 500,000 tons, but of less-valuable fish such as anchovy and sprat, whose populations fluctuate but have managed to hang on.

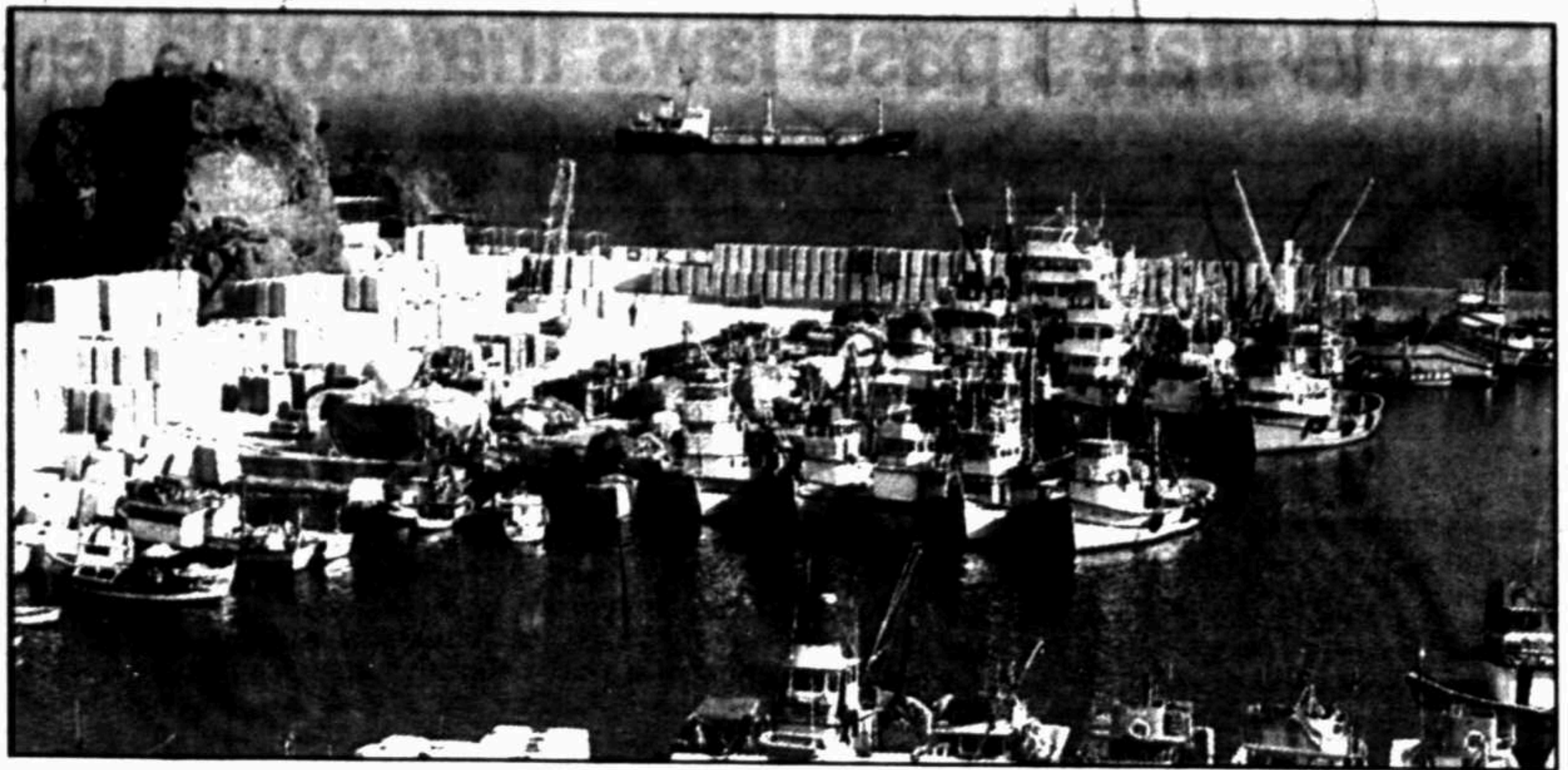
Part of the turnaround can be traced all the way to the Kremlin. The dismantling of the Soviet Union thrust its former republics and satellite states into the harsh world marketplace. Once-subsidized factories shut down and stopped dumping effluent into the Black Sea. Fishermen abandoned their boats, reacting to a crippled domestic market and little opportunity to export.

Environmentalists say the sea was given a needed breather.

"This is a window of opportunity," said Laurence Mee, coordinator of the Black Sea Environmental Program, which is financed by the World Bank and other institutions.

"The economies will have to pick up some day. What we hope is that they will be restructured in a more environmentally conscious way and that people will realize that the clock is ticking on the fate of the Black Sea."

"A razor's edge."



This is a Nov. 11 view of the port in Fener, a fishing village on the Black Sea in Istanbul, Turkey. The United Nations has declared 1998 the "Year of the Ocean," but if trends continue, one of the great inland seas, the Black Sea, may someday have little worth saving.

The spiritual leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, says this is the thin line on which the Black Sea rests. It could slip away so easily.

"The people see change," he said. "Fish are disappearing, crystalline waters become choked with green algae, the beaches and harbors are badly polluted and its beauty is soiled by the hand of man."

Bartholomew, seeking to instill an environmental ethic in his faith, strongly believes an alliance between scientists and religious

leaders could create a potent ecological force. The Black Sea, cradled in the north by Orthodox nations, may be the first test of his endeavor.

In September, more than 300 researchers, professors and activists joined a trip around the Black Sea led by the patriarch.

"We are both in the business of perfection," said one of the participants, Jane Lubchenco, a marine biologist at Oregon State University. "Science seeks the perfect truth. Religion seeks a perfect world. We were made for each other."

In Batumi, Georgia, a quaint but decaying port on the eastern tip of the Black Sea, only a few people still try to eke out a living from fishing.

Georgia's minister of the environment, Nino Chkhobadze, laments the lost connection in a place rich with maritime tradition and lore. Many mythologists believe Batumi to be the spot where Jason and Argonauts landed in their search for the golden fleece. Mount Ararat, where the Bible says Noah's Ark came to rest, lies just to the south in Turkey.

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Some states pass laws that could result in stiff penalties for young smokers

By Barry Meier
N.Y. Times News Service

As Congress prepares to consider landmark legislation intended to reduce underage tobacco use, a growing number of states, cities and schools are taking measures to crack down on what they see as a major cause of the problem: young people themselves.

Over the past year, states like Florida, Idaho, Minnesota, North Carolina and Texas have passed laws that could result in stiff penalties for minors who try to buy or possess cigarettes or chewing tobacco. Those convicted of such offenses could lose their driver's licenses, face fines of up to \$1,000 or even be imprisoned for up to six months.

Meanwhile, some cities are using undercover police officers to catch youths who smoke, and some schools that test students for substances like marijuana are also

screening them for nicotine.

The new measures follow the failure of repeated efforts in recent years to use educational programs and other measures to halt the growth in the number of minors who use tobacco. But while some anti-smoking advocates support a toughened approach toward young people who smoke, others see the new state laws, many of which are backed by the tobacco industry, as a draconian response to a custom that was once considered a teenage rite of passage.

"These sound like a fairly stringent attack on the problem," said Kenneth Warner, a professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and an expert on youth smoking.

Proponents of the proposed \$368.5 billion settlement reached in June between tobacco companies and state attorneys general say that the settlement contains

several measures that are expected to reduce the number of young people who smoke. Those include bans on tobacco advertising on billboards and in some magazines, removal of cigarette vending machines, an end to tobacco companies' sponsorships of sporting events and concerts and an end to the sale of products like clothing that bear cigarette or chewing tobacco brand names.

But many antismoking experts have also said that teen-age smoking rates will fall only if the cost of cigarettes rises far more steeply than the 70 cents a pack called for under the proposed settlement. Some authorities like Warner have put that increase at \$2 a pack. President Clinton said several months ago that he wants prices to rise by \$1.50 a pack over the next decade.

Teen-age smoking rates are still lower than they were three decades ago. But the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion has estimated that 35 percent of high school students are cigarette smokers, and the University of Michigan's Monitoring the Future Survey, which follows teen-age smoking trends, has found steady increases in recent years in the number of minors who regularly use tobacco.

Every state and the District of Columbia have laws that ban the sale of tobacco products to minors, although public health experts have said that such laws are ineffective because they are poorly written, rarely enforced, or both. In the past, cities and states have also fined minors caught with cigarettes, though the penalties have been small.

But some of the new state laws, which also stiffen penalties on those who sell tobacco products to youths, now hold young people as responsible as adults for violating tobacco laws, said Sarah Perez, a policy analyst with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Some antismoking advocates argue that the tobacco industry, after years of making cigarettes attractive to youths, was supporting the new laws to blame young people for using their products. But other experts, while not endorsing the statutes, say some blame for youth smoking must fall on all involved.

"My personal point of view is that there has to be some responsibility on the part of the kids," said Bill Novelli, president of the National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, an advocacy group in Washington.

For example, in North Carolina, which has one of the nation's highest smoking rates, a new law took effect last week under which youths under 18 who buy tobacco and those who sell it to them could face fines of up to \$1,000 and be sentenced to up to 30 days of community service.

Study: Compulsive gambling spreads due to legalization

By Brett Pulley
N.Y. Times News Service

Compulsive gambling among adults increased sharply in the last two decades and was even higher among teen-agers as legalized casinos and lotteries proliferated across the United States and Canada, says a study by the Harvard Medical School financed by the gambling industry.

In what experts have described as the most comprehensive analysis ever of compulsive gambling, researchers found that from 1994 to 1997, 1.29 percent of adults in both countries had a gambling disorder, compared with 0.84 percent from 1977 to 1993.

The study, released Thursday by the school's division on addictions, also found that gambling addiction was far more prevalent among teen-agers than adults, with 3.88 percent of youths having had a gambling disorder at some time in the last 20 years.

Further, the researchers found that people with alcohol and drug problems were more likely to also have a gambling problem. In adults receiving treatment for mental disorders or substance abuse in the last 20 years, 14.23 percent were also problem gamblers, the study said.

The percentage of problem gamblers who are adolescents and substance abusers has remained steady over the past two decades, the study found.

Most gamblers control their betting and avoid addiction, but "there are some groups that are more affected by it than others," said Dr. Howard J. Shaffer of the Harvard psychiatry department.

"While it's not on the increase among adolescents and some other groups," Shaffer said, "it's still too high among those groups."

The study analyzed data from previous independent investigations on problem gambling over the last 20 years. The American Psychiatric Association defines pathological gambling as an impulse-control disorder that can be diagnosed and treated.

Casino industry executives, who have proved ingenious at marketing their products as harmless adult entertainment, until recently had been loath to concede that some gamblers become addicted.

But earlier this year, members of the gaming industry formed the National Center for Responsible Gaming to finance research into problem gambling. The industry group's first effort was a \$140,000 grant that paid for the Harvard study. Additional grants totaling \$280,000 have recently been awarded to other institutions to study the relationship between mental and genetic disorders and compulsive gambling.

"We don't know enough about the disorder," said Christine Reilly, the executive director of the gaming center, at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. "I guess that is why we're doing this, to not only have good research but also to get attention on the issue and visibility for the importance of the research and perhaps attract other funding."

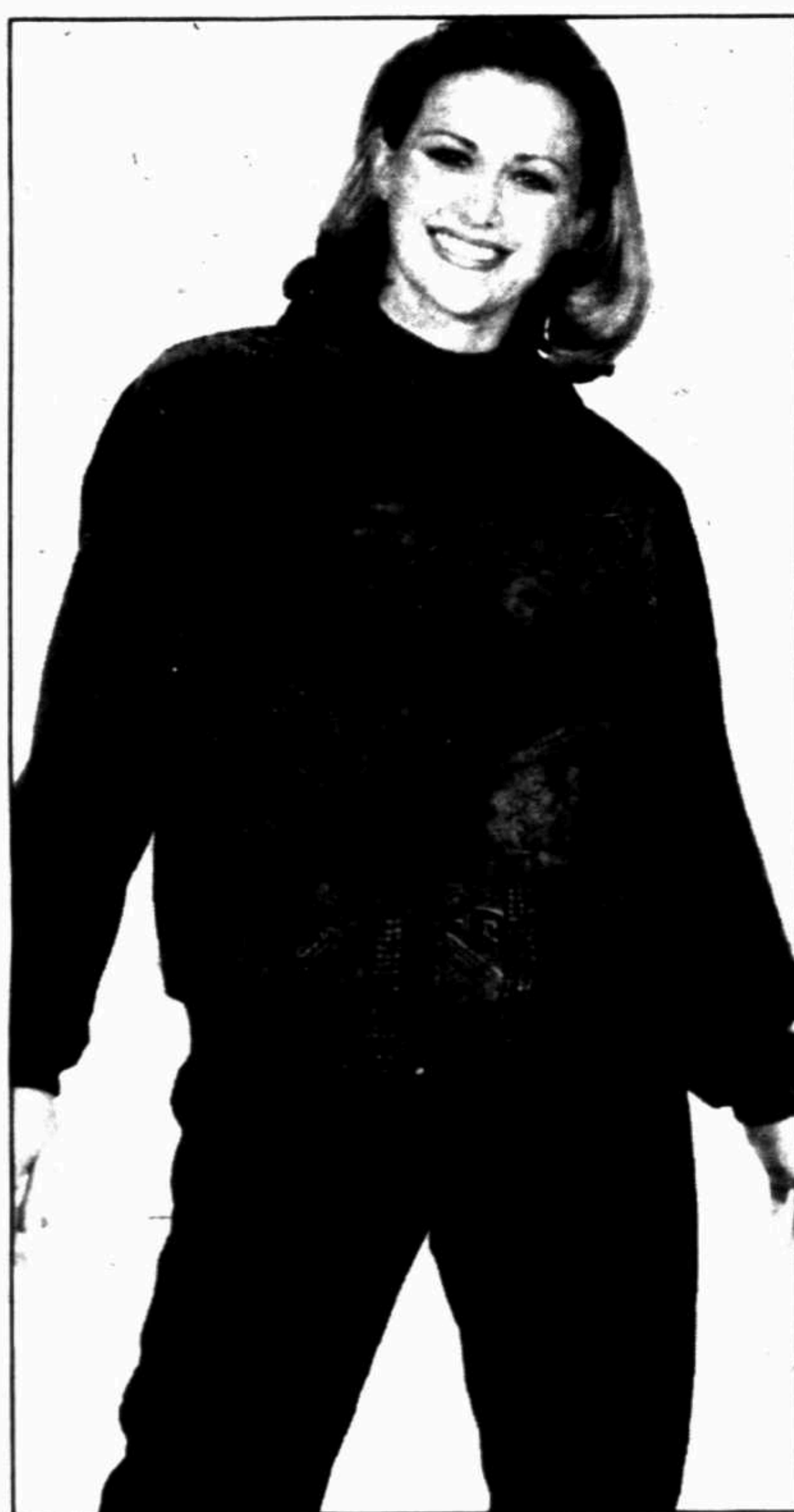
The Harvard study's findings served another purpose for the gaming industry. Although the study found that compulsive gambling increased among adults, industry executives were clearly pleased that the percentage was found to be far lower than critics had estimated.

"We certainly had a gut feeling in the industry that although there is a problem, it is not of any significance, and it's good to see a confirmation of that," said Brian McKay, of International Game Technology, a company in Reno that makes slot machines.

But Arnie Wexler, a counselor on compulsive gambling, estimated that up to 5 percent of the general population and as much as 25 percent of substance abusers are compulsive gamblers.

"Knowing the research that I've seen over the years done by people in the field, it seems to me that their percentage is very small," Mr. Wexler said of the Harvard study. "But even if 1.29 percent is the number, that's a huge number."

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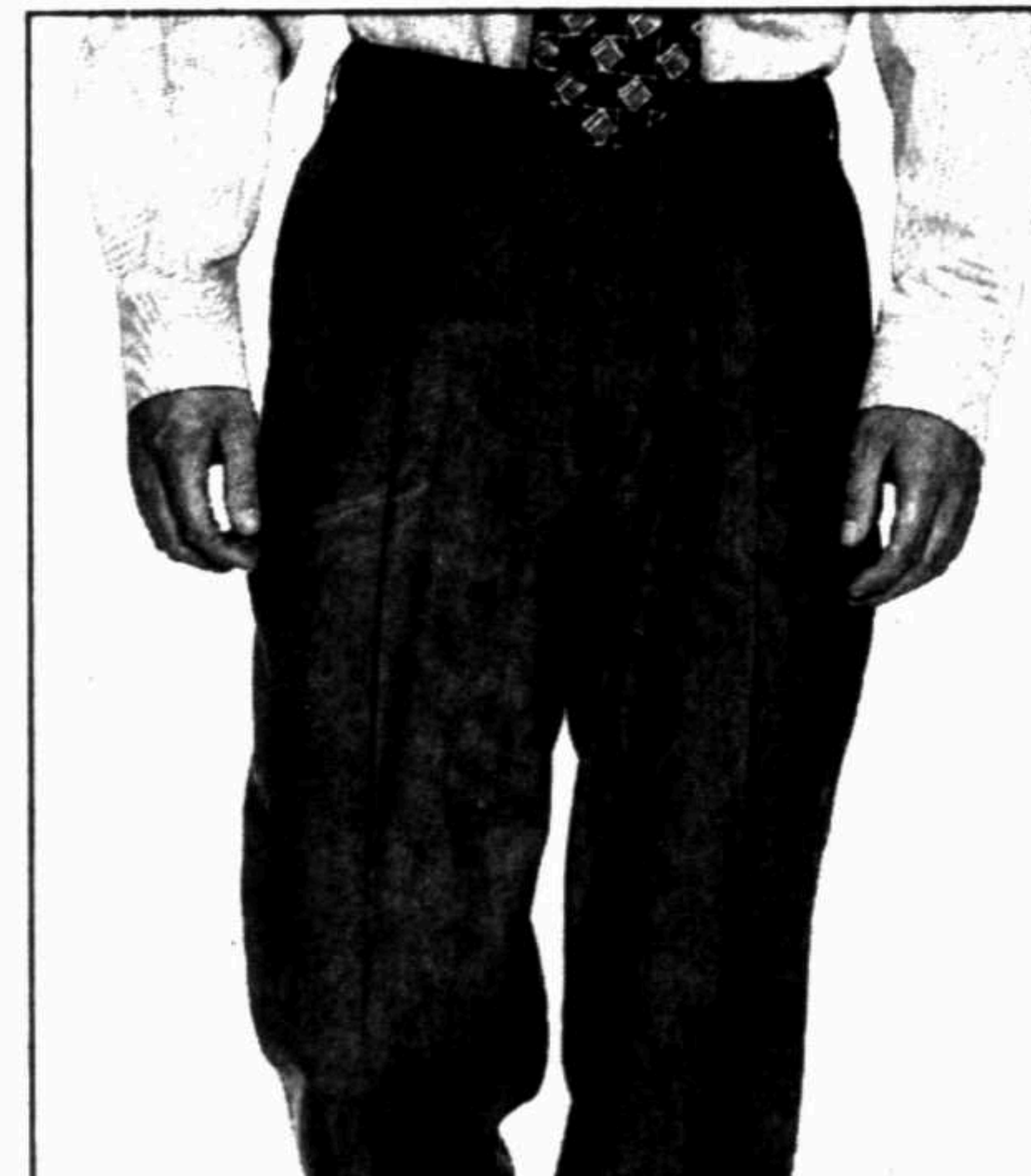
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Details of 800 disaster be made

By Matthew Wald
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Months after a Pan Am 747 exploded shortly after takeoff from New York's national airport, the National Transportation Safety Board still does not know what touched off the disaster.

But starting today, in detail what it does will build its case for a final report.

The basic outline of the crash, which occurred on Jan. 19, 1991, in the middle of a fuel tank, apparently a mechanical problem, the plane and sent it into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Maryland. The NTSB's report, thousands of pages long, is the most detailed of any crash investigation in the history of the airline industry. Such reports are so voluminous that, at times, they will be CD-ROM. They will be available on the board's website, www.ntsb.gov.

Monday, the NTSB's parent agency with powers to strong the Federal Aviation Administration and the airline industry, will hold a week of hearings with scores of witnesses questioned by dozens of reporters.

THE DOCUMENTS will add to the public knowledge of the crash, but the meaning of the information may be unclear. For example, the transcript of the cockpit voice recorder, released Monday, is inconsequential touches of humor according to an NTSB spokesman who has heard the transcript.

The NTSB will release details of a spectral analysis of the tape, trying to determine the noise of a second of the recording. Investigators have found that the sound is a captain's microphone before the crash, but they do not know yet if it is significant.

The FBI, which has pending its investigation, has released agents to testify in the NTSB's hearing.

The hearing is a precedent. The normal pattern is to go into a hearing to determine the basic problem, then to explore it further. In the case of the Pan Am 747 crash, for example, long before the DC-10 crashed because of a hazardous cargo gear operating problem, the airlines.

IN THIS hearing, the NTSB will stress the information they do know. The public conception of the crash is unknown, but their work is clear. The center fuel tank, the cause of the spark is not.

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Details of Flight 800 disaster to be made public

By Matthew Wald
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Seventeen months after a Paris-bound Boeing 747 exploded shortly after takeoff from New York's Kennedy International Airport, killing 230 people, the National Transportation Safety Board still does not know what touched off the disaster.

But starting today, it will lay out in detail what it does know, and it will build its case for taking remedial action.

The basic outlines of the crash of Trans World Airlines Flight 800 have been clear for a year: an explosion in the mostly empty center fuel tank, apparently because of a mechanical problem, splitting the plane and sending it into the Atlantic Ocean off Long Island. But today, the NTSB will release thousands of pages of information, mostly reports by its investigators.

Such reports are standard in crash investigations but these are so voluminous that for the first time, they will be distributed on CD-ROM. They will also be available on the board's web site, www.ntsb.gov.

Monday, the NTSB, an independent agency with no enforcement powers but strong influence with the Federal Aviation Administration and the airlines, will open a week of hearings in Baltimore, with scores of witnesses being questioned by dozens of experts.

THE DOCUMENTS and the hearings will add great detail to the public knowledge of the crash, but the meaning of some of the information may be unclear. For example, the transcript of the cockpit voice recorder, which will be released Monday, will prove "inconsequential" but will show touches of humor and humanity, according to an aviation expert who has heard the tape.

The NTSB will also release details of a spectrum analysis of the tape, trying to glean information from the noise in the last 10th of a second of the recording. Investigators have found an oddity in the way the sound is recorded from the captain's microphone shortly before the crash, but they do not know yet if it is significant.

The FBI, which last month suspended its investigation for lack of evidence, has refused to allow its agents to testify about their own investigatory work.

The hearing breaks several precedents. The safety board's normal pattern in major crashes is to go into a hearing knowing what the basic problem was, and use the forum to explore its dimensions. In the ValuJet crash in the Everglades, for example, experts knew long before the hearings that the DC-9 crashed because of a fire caused by hazardous cargo, but used the hearing to discuss hazardous cargo generally and the operating problems of start-up airlines.

IN THIS hearing, investigators will stress the importance of what they do know. They do not like the public conception that the cause of the crash is unknown; they argue that their work has made the cause clear, the explosion of the center fuel tank, even if the source of the spark is not known.



FBI agents and New York state police guard the reconstruction of TWA Flight 800 in Calverton, N.Y., Wednesday, Nov. 19. The huge, costly examination of the explosion of Flight 800 could bring lasting improvements to aviation safety, even if the disaster's cause is never identified, federal investigators say.

Crash hearings are normally held near the scene of a crash, but this one will not be on Long Island. The hearing is so large — with so many family members and reporters expected — that the board said it could not find a location large enough in the vicinity of the crash site. It picked Baltimore because of the availability of a convention center there and thousands of hotel rooms, and its proximity to Washington.

The safety board said more than 500 reporters, photographers and other representatives of news organizations had sought credentials. Some of the private individuals who have waged campaigns on the Internet in favor of one or another theory will also attend. The French government's civil aviation investigative authority will be present, with observer status.

Tentative plans are to begin with a Navy witness who will recount the wreckage recovery process. Then the board will plunge into its conclusion that the cause was an explosion of the center fuel tank.

SOME BOARD officials say that while they do not know what caused the explosion, knowing that the tank exploded is itself an important conclusion that allows corrective steps to be taken. For a year, they have been pushing the FAA, which regulates the airlines, to consider requiring equipment to inject inert gas into fuel tanks to prevent such explosions.

In an unusual move for a safety board hearing, some of the NTSB's own staff will make lengthy presentations to advance the idea that steps must be taken to reduce the explosion risk.

Other parties in the investigation have other goals.

Boeing, for example, has a stake because Flight 800 was the second unexplained explosion of one of its jets evidently involving a center fuel tank. The first was a 737 on the ground in Manila in 1990. But it wants to keep clear that the cause is unknown and thus that action should be limited. It is looking for solutions that can be adapted to its 9,000 airplanes in service worldwide.

For TWA, too, the hearings are important. Like Pan Am was after the bombing and crash of one of its planes over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, TWA is a venerable but tottering airline that cannot afford to

be found at fault. Its representatives have been stressing that nothing so far points to any particular action by the airline.

SOME INVESTIGATORS at the safety board say, with annoyance, that the airline has been trying to keep a missile theory alive. That cause would absolve the airline of responsibility, and simply raising the issue could help. "They're talking to a potential jury pool, the whole country," said a board official, insisting on anonymity.

The FAA will be taking pains to demonstrate that it is doing all it can to insure the safety of airliners.

The FAA says that more than 100 of its employees have spent more than 15,000 hours on the investigation. Since the crash, it has reviewed its original analysis of the fueling system on Boeing 747s, and the service history of the planes, and has issued three directives to airlines to check parts of their fuel systems.

And the NTSB, which has tried to wrap up crash investigations in a year, complete with hearings, report-writing and approval of a statement of probable cause, is most anxious not to add to its inventory of unsolved crashes.

As the TWA Flight 800 investigation drags on, it resembles the case of USAir Flight 427, which crashed on approach to Pittsburgh in 1994. In that case, the safety board has held two sets of hearings but has not yet issued a report. It has, however, led an effort that has uncovered previously unknown flaws in the rudder mechanism, which was the apparent cause of the crash of that plane, a Boeing 737.

'Jerry Maguire' to have new footage after lawsuit over Reebok commercial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When the hit film "Jerry Maguire" premieres on Showtime next month, it will be 47 seconds longer than it was in the movie theaters.

The Tom Cruise movie will now end with a fictional Reebok commercial that director-writer Cameron Crowe had edited out because he thought it ruined the ending.

Nobody is saying why the commercial is back, but it was the core complaint of a product-placement lawsuit by Reebok against Sony's TriStar Pictures, which was settled in September on the day the trial was to have started. Both sides refuse to discuss the deal.

Reebok and Showtime, however, did confirm last week there will be a new version of "Jerry Maguire," being broadcast Jan. 17 in the film's cable television premiere.

"It's the first time the commercial will be included," Reebok spokesman Dave Fogelson said.

Whether Crowe approved the change, or if he even knew about it, remained unclear. He did not return messages from The Associated Press and his agency said he was unavailable for comment. TriStar also did not return messages seeking comment.

This commercial was a key issue in Reebok's lawsuit, which gave a rare glimpse at the business of placing name-brand products in Hollywood films.

Reebok's placement deal with TriStar called for Reebok to provide jackets, shoes, real athletes who endorse Reebok and a football expert to train actors. Reebok also put up \$200,000 to help produce the fictional commercial.

In exchange, Reebok got "recognizable product visibility" in the film, according to court papers.

In a tape of the commercial segment obtained by The Associated Press, Academy Award winner Cuba Gooding Jr. plays football player Rod Tidwell, who finally gets a lucrative endorsement deal.

In the 47-second spot, the character says over pulsating music that there are many things he won't do, including believe his own hype, but: "There is one thing I know how to do. Survive."

It then shows the words: "Rod Tidwell. We didn't notice you for

'TriStar breached its agreement with Reebok by not including the Tidwell commercial in 'Jerry Maguire.'

— Reebok papers

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At the end, the Reebok logo flashes on the screen. The name of the company is never mentioned.

The commercial was scripted by Crowe, but produced with assistance by Reebok for authenticity's sake, according to court papers. Crowe battled Reebok over the content of the commercial.

"Reebok was having trouble apologizing to an athlete," Crowe said in a signed declaration. "Reebok had never done so before."

He included the final version in the film over the closing credits. Poor test screenings prompted Crowe to edit it out.

"The Tidwell commercial blunted the emotional impact of the movie — it was lost in the fun of the commercial," wrote Crowe, who said he found test audiences' reaction to the movie with the commercial in it "artistically devastating."

After the film's release, Reebok International sued Sony, claiming producers "agreed without qualification" to use the commercial, which Reebok called "the centerpiece of its commitment to the movie."

The omission was particularly harmful because in the movie theater version, the only time the name Reebok is mentioned is during an angry speech by Gooding's character.

TriStar breached its agreement with Reebok by not including the Tidwell commercial in "Jerry Maguire," Reebok papers say.

Sony denied the allegation. The

case was set to go to trial in federal court on Sept. 30. But that morning, lawyers said a private settlement had been reached.

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Storm

LOS ANGELES — The season's first storm hit the Los Angeles area on Saturday, bringing heavy rain and flooding. The storm caused significant damage in the Los Angeles area, with many homes and businesses flooded. The storm caused significant damage in the Los Angeles area, with many homes and businesses flooded. The storm caused significant damage in the Los Angeles area, with many homes and businesses flooded.

Residents take to streets to mourn slain teens

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Tearful residents lined the streets Saturday, turning the city's Christmas parade into a mournful tribute to the three teen-agers gunned down at Heath High School.

The school's band marched in silent tribute, each musician holding a single white rose in place of an instrument, and accompanied only by the beat of a single drum. Another Paducah school had been scheduled to lead the parade, but deferred to the Heath students, grief-stricken by Monday's attack in which two other students were partially paralyzed and three suffered lesser injuries.

In his weekly radio address Saturday from Washington, President Clinton said he was ordering law enforcement and education officials to start work on an annual report card on school violence because of the Paducah shootings.

"We know more about the overall patterns of car theft in America than we do about the harm that comes to our children at school," Clinton said.

Offering his proposal in memory of the three slain students — Jessica James, Kayce Steger and Nicole Hadley — Clinton said: "Now the rest of us must do everything in our power to prevent such things from happening again."

Thousands gathered Friday at a triple funeral for the three young victims.

Police say Michael Carneal, 14, opened fire on his classmates with a .22-caliber pistol as they wound up their daily informal prayers at Heath High School.

Carneal is charged as a juvenile



The Heath High School Band of Pirates marching band leads the annual holiday parade through downtown Paducah, Ky., on Saturday, five days after eight students were gunned down at the high school. Jessica Brown, left, and Amanda Jones carry a banner honoring those students. As a result of the shooting, band members chose to march in silence, carrying white roses instead of their instruments.

with murder, attempted murder and burglary for allegedly stealing the guns. Commonwealth's Attorney Timothy Kaltenbach said he will seek the maximum penalty, life without the possibility of parole for 25 years. No one younger than 16 can be executed under Kentucky's death penalty law.

Sources close to the investigation said Carneal has not offered any information that directly links anyone else with the shooting or helps determine a motive.

The sources also said authorities have an interest in two or three other young people who may have

known that he planned to carry a gun to school with him Monday. Investigators are exploring whether Carneal — a slight, bespectacled boy who wrote about feelings of powerlessness — was part of a conspiracy. Police say he had several more weapons, hundreds of rounds of ammunition and an extra pair of shooter's ear plugs.

For Sunday's church service, the Rev. Paul Donner said he thought it would be appropriate to read from Luke 3:1-6, which tells of John the Baptist's preparation to spread the word of Jesus Christ. "His preparation was repen-

tance," said Donner, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, whose congregation included Carneal. "But repentance includes forgiveness, so we'll be talking a little bit about forgiveness."

The school has gotten e-mail sympathy messages from around the world.

"It touches us tremendously," said Ron Ruggles, who maintains the school district's Internet services.

"But it can be difficult at times, because you're sitting there, and it takes a lot out of you to read these."

Clinton struck by puppy love

WASHINGTON (AP) — Move over, Socks. President Clinton's got it bad: Puppy love.

A half-hour at play on the South Lawn with a chocolate Labrador puppy Friday and Clinton was smitten. Result: the pup's being adopted into the Clinton clan.

The president, whose only child left for college in September, recently told longtime friend Tony Harrington that he'd "love a puppy" and had been thinking about getting a dog for a couple of months, spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Harrington brought the 3-month-old pup to a White House audition Friday afternoon. President and puppy scampered around the South Lawn for half an hour before Clinton clinched the adoption.

No lower-ranking official than the president himself will be responsible for disciplining the playful puppy and protecting White House rugs, but Clinton won't be starting from scratch. "The dog is not coming over right away. They want to make sure he's fully trained before he comes," Lockhart said.

Socks, the family cat attended to mostly by the Clintons' daughter Chelsea, will now have to share her hide-outs in the Oval Office and White House residence. But, said Lockhart, "She'll have all the available resources to deal with the emotional trauma of this new addition."

The nation has not had a first dog since Millie reigned in the Bush administration. Millie, a brown-and-white springer spaniel, died May 19 in Kennebunkport, Maine.

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New milk labeling meant to help people control fat

WASHINGTON (AP) — New milk labels that more accurately reflect fat content are headed for the grocery dairy case, a move that health advocates say will help Americans take better control of their diets.

By Jan. 1, the dairy industry must switch to a labeling system that eliminates "lowfat" from 2 percent milk. Instead, 2 percent will be called "reduced fat," because it actually has two-thirds the fat of whole milk.

Milk with zero fat will be called "fat-free" or "nonfat," instead of "skim," and 1 percent milk will be "lowfat." The label for whole milk — which contains about 3.2 percent fat — won't change.

Milk was left out of more precise federal labeling requirements passed by Congress three years ago. The industry says its product didn't fit certain Food and Drug Administration definitions, but others attribute the omission to the clout of dairy-state lawmakers.

Whatever the reason, FDA ordered the change last year after health advocates complained that current labeling misleads. The dairy industry was given a year to make the transition.

"This is going to save people's lives," said anti-cholesterol crusader Phil Sokoloff, who spearheaded the campaign to make the labels more reliably reflect fat content. "We're clogging a lot of arteries."

Sokoloff, a wealthy Omaha, Neb., businessman, has spent \$9 million in the past decade on newspaper ads taking on purveyors of cholesterol in the food industry. His other successes include persuading McDonald's and other fast-food chains to stop cooking french fries in animal fat and convincing food processors of the dangers of tropical oils.

This week, he financed ads in 100 newspapers pointing out that three 8-ounce glasses of 2 percent milk contain the same saturated fat — the main offender in arterial cholesterol — as nine strips of bacon. The ads are aimed at

reminding people of the coming milk label switch.

"Would you feed your child nine strips of bacon a day?" Sokoloff said. "We are trying to get millions of people to switch from 2 percent to 1 percent or to fat-free."

And people can make the switch without sacrificing nutrition. All types of milk contain the same levels of calcium, vitamins and other nutrients, according to the International Dairy Foods Association.

Far from resisting the change, milk processors say they hope the new labels will bolster sales. American milk consumption has dropped from over 31 gallons annually per person in 1970 to about 24 gallons today. Meanwhile, soft drink consumption has nearly doubled over that time to 51 gallons per person a year.

"A lot of people are concerned about fat content. It gives them a choice," said Jennifer Koroloshin, spokeswoman for the dairy foods association. "It sort of offers a little bit for everyone."

Clearly, worry over fat has driven Americans away from whole milk. Consumption of whole milk amounts today to less than half its 1970s level, while sales of nonfat and reduced-fat varieties have more than doubled.

Yet some people just can't stomach reduced-fat milk. The watery taste and thin color of 1 percent and nonfat kinds is a deterrent for many people who could probably benefit from less fat in their diets.

"The rap on fat-free milk is that it's blue and it tastes like water," Sokoloff said.

Several companies are now marketing an all-vegetable additive that proponents say makes the lower-fat varieties a lot more palatable. One company, Mendenhall Laboratories of Paris, Tenn., has sold its "Skim Deluxe" fiber gel to several large grocery chains.

"It actually transforms the milk into a little thicker product, makes it whiter, more like 2 percent milk," said company spokesman Rex Hartfield.

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U.S. plan for Africans to police own conflict gains momentum

WASHINGTON (AP) — An ambitious U.S.-backed plan to train African troops as peacekeepers met with broad skepticism on the continent last year. But with units already trained in three countries and instruction planned in three others, U.S. officials sense new hope that home-grown armies soon can deal with the continent's many military conflicts.

What this initiative does is provide well-trained troops that political authorities can call upon to do peacekeeping rapidly in the event of a crisis," said Marshall McCallie, the Clinton administration's special coordinator for the Africa Crisis Response Initiative.

The essence of the year-old program is to have U.S. Special Forces teach peacekeeping skills to military units from participating African nations. With the United States and its European allies providing logistic support, these units could be quickly melded into a Pan-African peace-

keeping force of 10-12 battalions to prevent future outbreaks of violence such as the massacre in Rwanda of half a million people in 1994.

An added advantage, given the depth of public opposition in much of the West to getting entangled in Africa's conflicts, is that ground troops from the United States or Europe would not be required. In the wake of the Cold War, even France, with a long history of intervention in Africa, is sharply reducing its military presence on the continent.

Washington's plan dovetails with similar programs already promoted by Britain and France, which has earmarked some \$35 million to train and equip an African peace force. Those efforts received a major boost Friday when ambassadors of all the nations concerned met in New York to begin coordinating the various approaches to enhancing African peacekeeping abilities.

Countries expressing interest in the project now include Russia, Brazil and several West European nations, McCallie said.

Although the Organization of African Unity has long urged creation of a Pan-African peace force, such efforts failed in the past mainly because of Cold War rivalries but also lack of money. It took massacres in Rwanda to spark real interest in an African peacekeeping force.

Still, then-Secretary of State Warren Christopher's announcement of the \$15 million initiative in October 1996 was greeted with widespread cynicism.

"African leaders have seen a number of U.S. programs announced with great fanfare which soon died for lack of continuing interest," said Steven Metz, a researcher at the U.S. Army's Strategic Studies Institute. "America's European allies too, were less than impressed by the sudden, rather imperious announcement."

The French in particular were leery of what they considered an expansion of American influence into their traditional sphere, sub-Saharan Africa.

Despite the tepid response, the administration has persevered, turning the plan into the centerpiece of America's security policy on the continent. Sixty-man teams from the 3rd Special Forces Group from Fort Bragg, N.C., conducted separate, two-month exercises this year with battalions from Malawi, Uganda and Senegal. Similar exercises are scheduled in Mali and Ghana early next year, and one is in the planning stages for Ethiopia.

"I think we're getting very high pay-back in terms of (contributions) to regional stability," said Col. David McCracken, who commands the Special Forces unit. "I couldn't be emphatic enough about the value of what we're doing."

The initiative is part of a renewed interest in Africa, largely ignored by both Congress and the White House dur-

ing President Clinton's first term in office. First lady Hillary Clinton paid a highly public visit to the continent in March, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright starts a week-long, seven-nation tour Monday.

And on Thursday, the government agency that provides investment insurance to U.S. businesses overseas announced the launch of the first portion of a \$650 million program to help spur private investments in sub-Saharan Africa. Although trade with the continent accounts for only about 6 percent of U.S. imports and exports, last year it increased by 18.2 percent — making it the fastest-growing segment of U.S. trade.

"If Africa is going to develop economically, clearly African governments are going to have to provide environments of security, environments of support for investment," McCallie said. "That cannot be imposed from outside Africa."

Storm powered by El Nino soaks S. California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The season's first storm strengthened by El Nino soaked Southern California on Saturday, flooding people out of mobile home parks and blocking the Pacific Coast Highway.

Rain began falling Friday, but the tempest saved its strongest punch for later. While the Santa Barbara area had 9 inches of rain over 24 hours, the National Weather Service said Laguna Beach had 6.34 inches Saturday morning alone.

"We've had a tremendous amount of flooding activity," said Capt. Scott Brown of the Orange County Fire Authority. "Most of our storm channels and drainage culverts are near crest."

The Pacific Coast Highway was closed during the morning by flooding at Huntington Beach.

The storm also brought snow and ice to the mountains north and east of Los Angeles. Interstate 5 was closed for three hours north of the city because of slippery pavement in Tejon Pass, at an elevation of only 4,100 feet.

The Orange County Fire Authority had a backlog of street flooding reports.

Orange County firefighters had to use inflatable boats to evacuate elderly residents of two mobile home parks in Huntington Beach after water filled streets and rose up to doorways early Saturday.

No injuries were reported there or inland at Lake Forest, where several cars were swept into a storm channel, Brown said.

The weather service posted severe thunderstorm and flash flood warnings for parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties after radar detected strong wind, heavy rain and large hail.

In West Los Angeles, a lightning bolt hit a palm tree at 3:30 a.m. and shattered two dozen windows of an apartment building, residents said. No one was injured.

"I thought it was a bomb. We were very scared," said Bobby Kohanbasher, 15.

Heavy winds and rain cut power in many areas. In Los Angeles, about 10,000 customers had outages lasting from minutes to hours, said Ed Freudenburg of the city Department of Water and Power. Elsewhere, about 1,000 Southern California Edison customers had interruptions.

In Riverside County, flooding



A Huntington Beach lifeguard carries Eileen Robinson, 75, to a life raft Saturday in Huntington Beach, Calif., after the season's first showing of El Nino flooded the senior citizen mobile home park where Robinson lives.

damaged 18 homes, some heavily. Some residents had to go to a Red Cross shelter, said fire Capt. Pixie Evans.

More rain and mountain snowfall was expected late Saturday from a trailing band of the storm system which triggered afternoon gale warnings off northern Santa Barbara County.

Because of the storm, the Rose Parade float construction committee in Pasadena decided to move its usual outdoor testing of

mechanical floats indoors on Saturday.

MetroLink postponed until Dec. 19 its "Holiday Toy Express," a decorated train that was to have crossed Southern California on Saturday collecting toys for needy tots.

The Los Angeles Roman Catholic Archdiocese canceled today's 67th annual procession for Our Lady of Guadalupe and moved the Mass from a stadium into a church.

The weather storm also complicated the search for a hiker missing since Friday in northern Los Angeles County. The hiker, 40-year-old Karen Tellez, failed to return from a hike after she got separated from friends near Lake Hughes. About 50 searchers and three dogs searched for the woman as the storm dumped 6 feet of snow, said county sheriff's Lt. Larry Gump.

The periodic El Nino weather pattern, though not the cause of the storm, helped intensify it, meteorologists said.

"What we think it's doing is helping to provide more energy for the storm and shifting it further south. Normally, these storms hit more toward the Pacific Northwest," Gerald Bell of the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md., said before the storm arrived.

El Nino develops in the tropical Pacific when the westward-blowing trade wind weakens, allowing a mass of warm water to flow eastward to South America. The name is Spanish for baby Jesus because the huge, warm pool usually arrives around Christmas.

In addition to being blamed for dry weather in the western Pacific, the displacement of warm water from this year's unusually large El Nino was already linked to devastating Pacific hurricanes.

Hurricane Pauline killed hundreds of people along Mexico's Pacific coast in October. Hurricane Nora also hit Mexico, then weakened and gave landlocked southwestern Arizona an unaccustomed soaking this summer.

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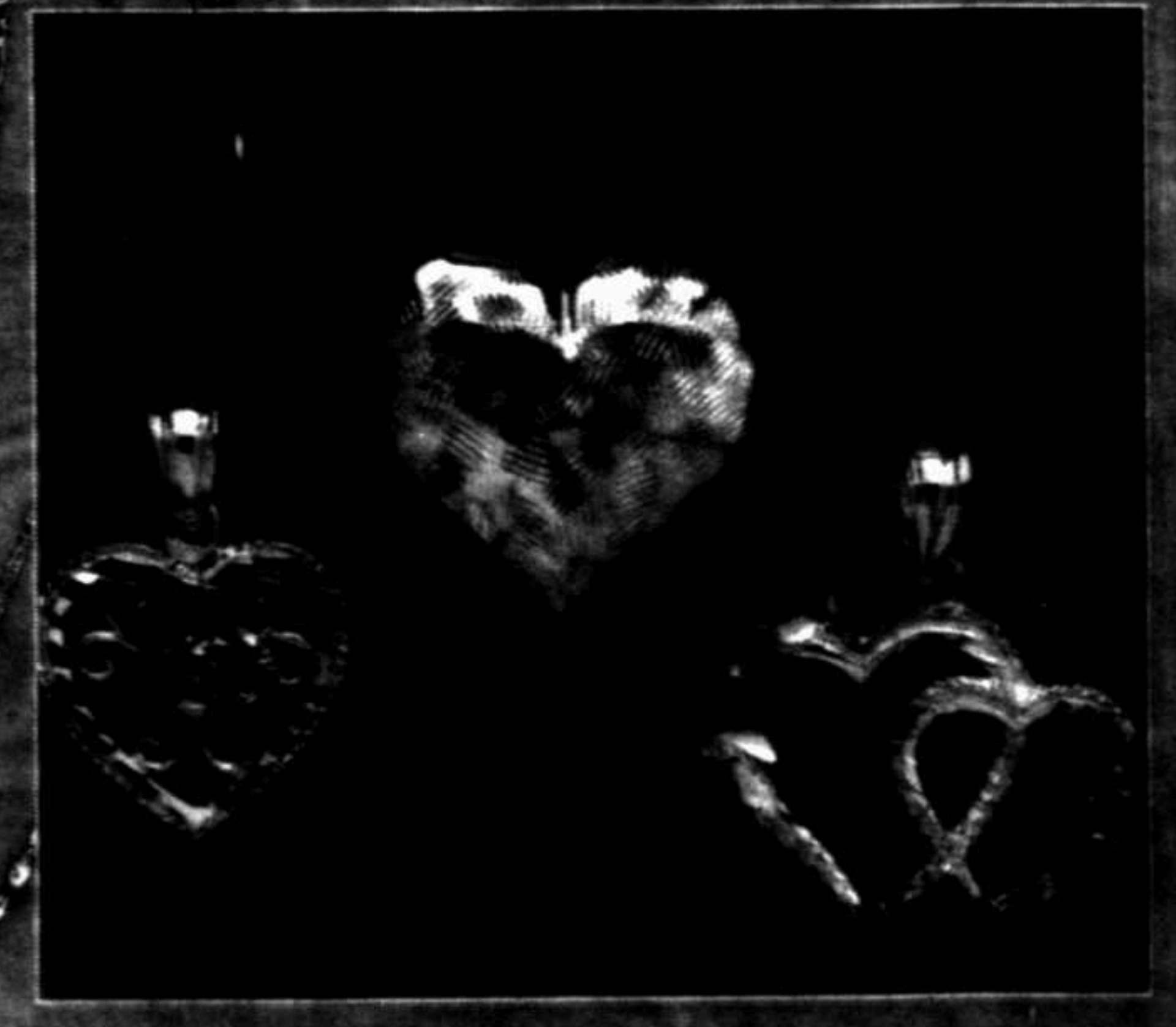
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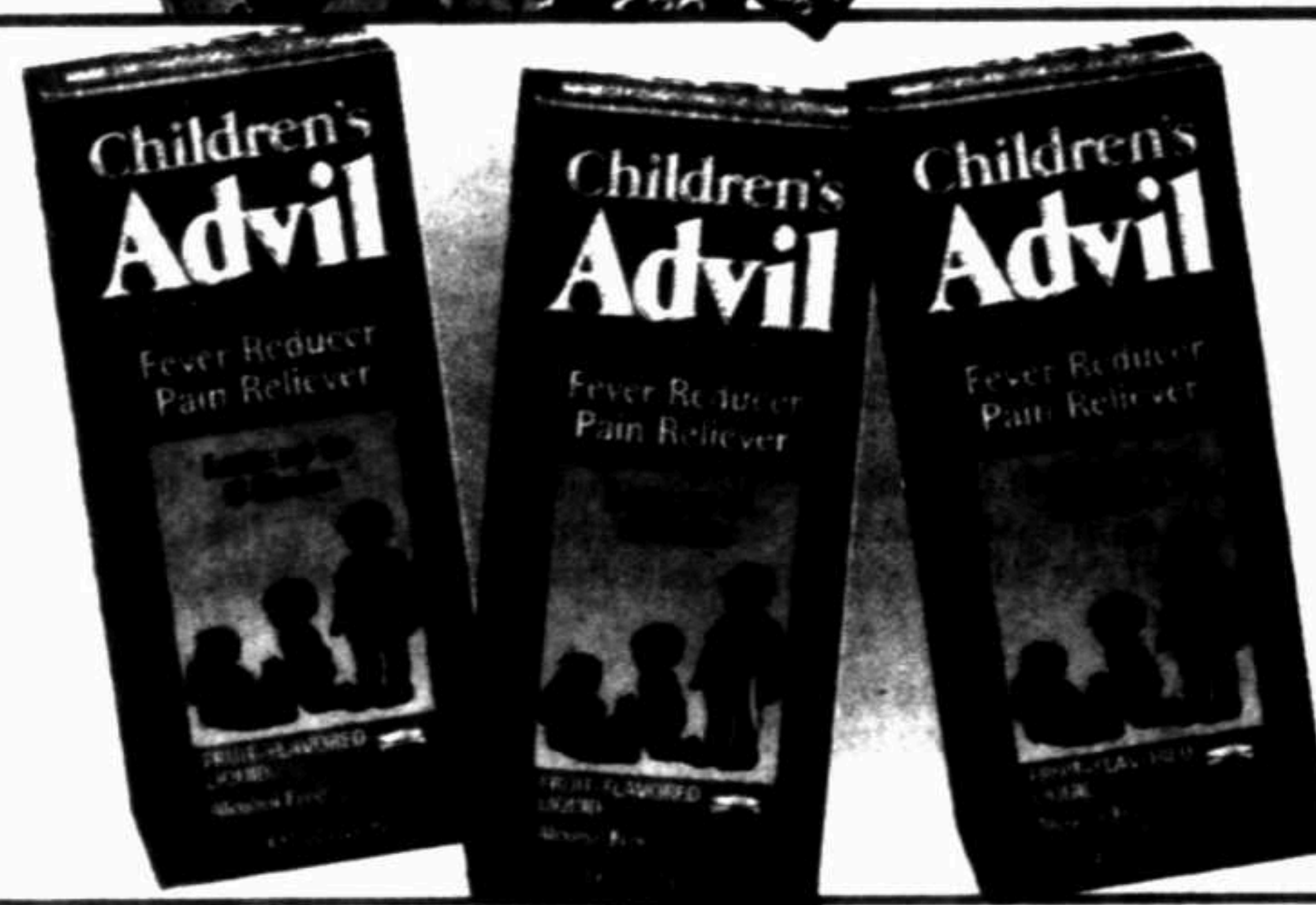
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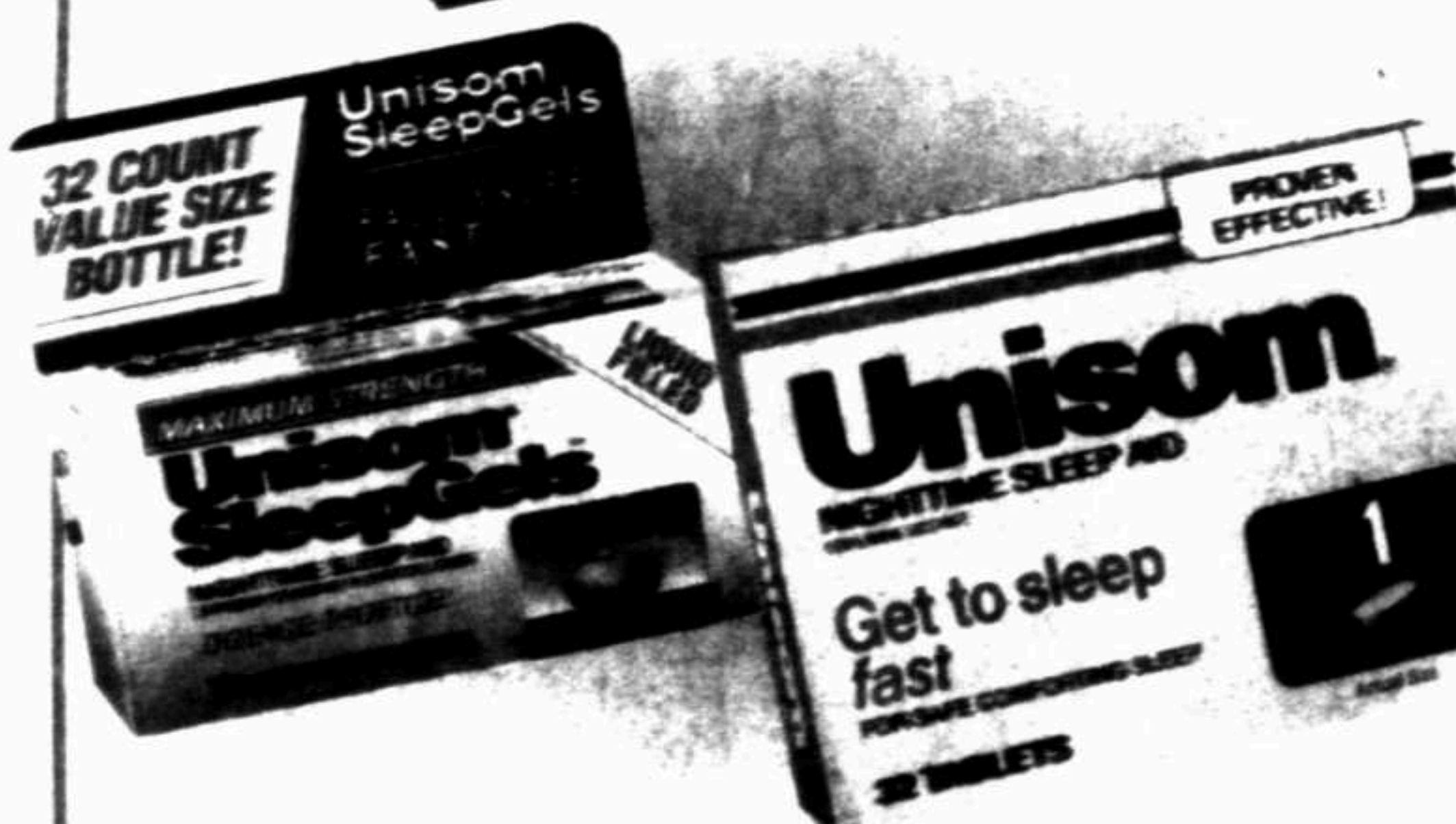
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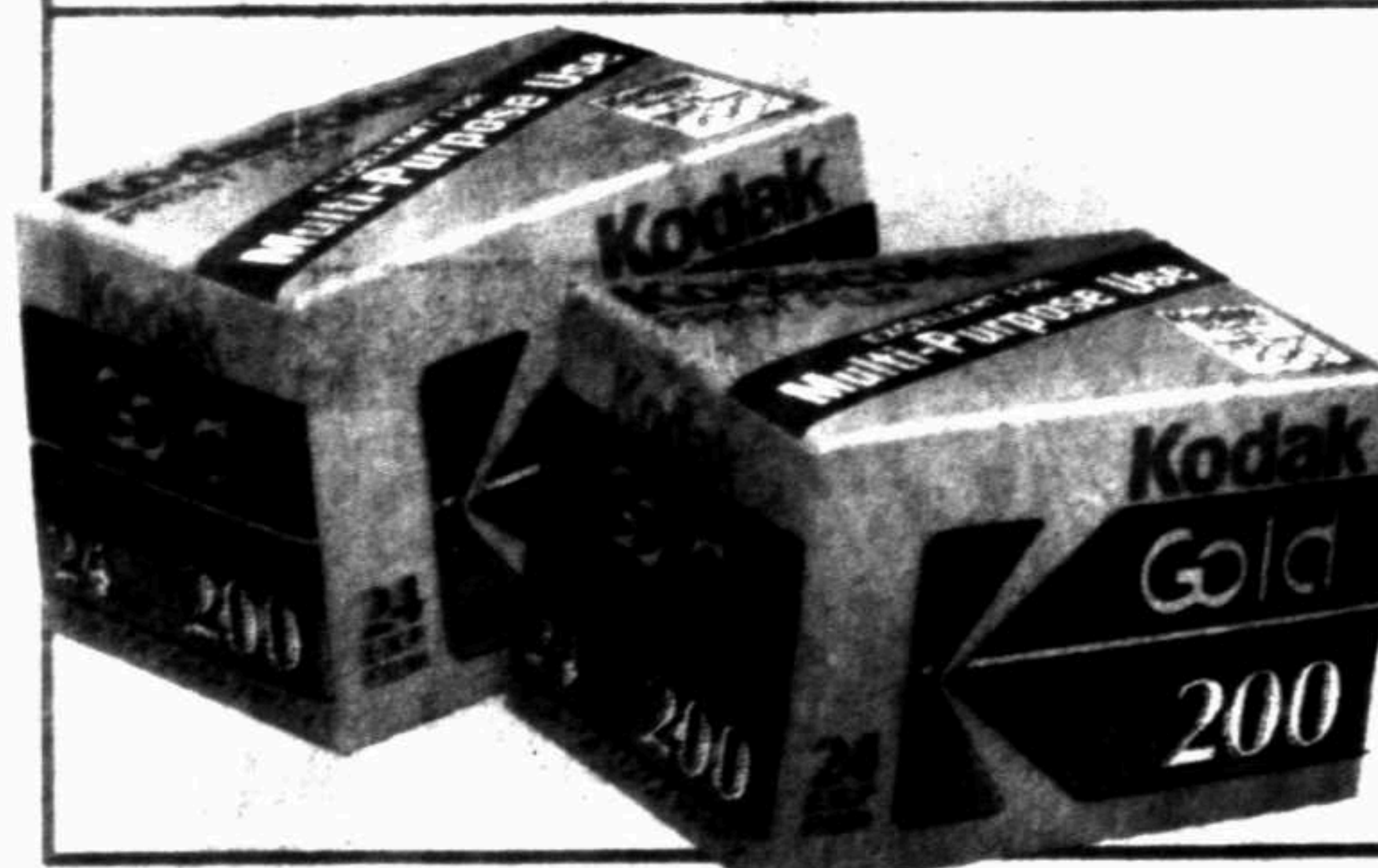
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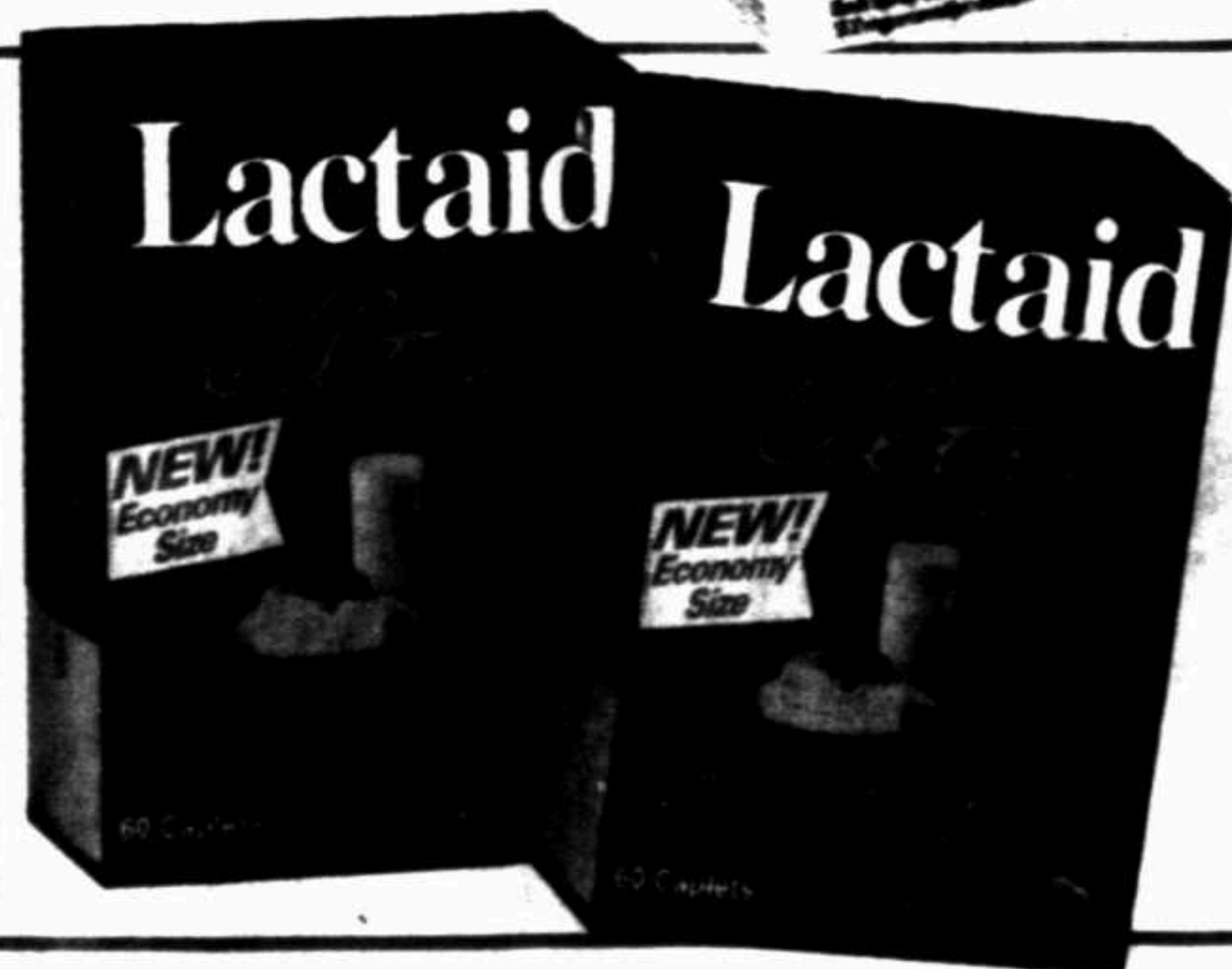
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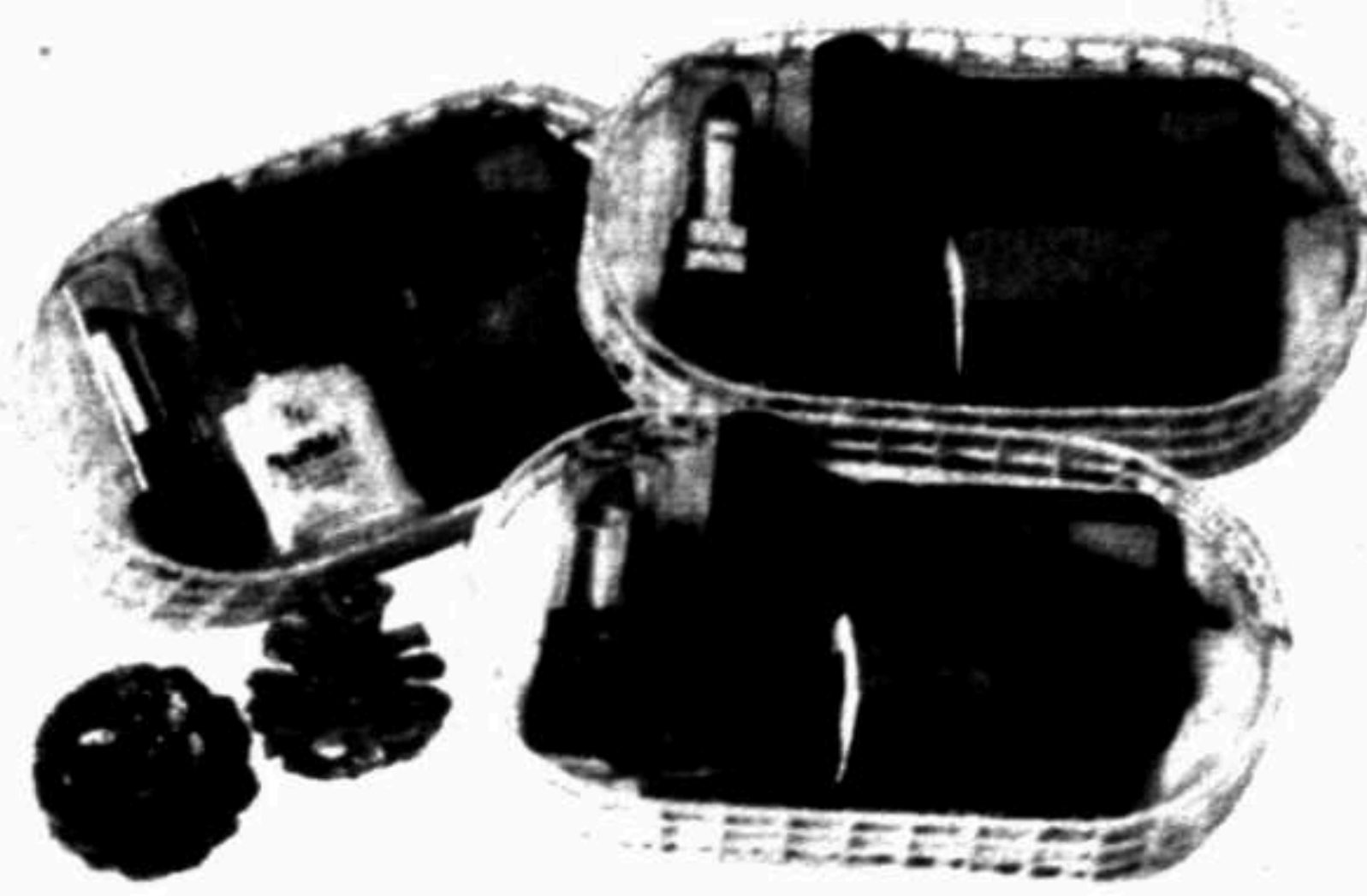


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Byrd-Gramm plan good for Texas highways

Anyone who lives in the vast expanse of West Texas recognizes the undeniable importance of highways. Highways out here are the lifeline of our society.

They allow us to move about freely, permit commerce to take place, even promote our social life. Think about it: How would high school football be possible in West Texas without modern, well-designed, well-constructed highways?

Of course, West Texans love their football, but that light-hearted example should get the point across that without a good highway system, life in this expansive country would be bleak at best.

That's why we embrace the message from U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, who was in Odessa Thursday to promote support for legislation that would provide \$1.9 billion in additional funding for Texas highways.

The additional funding would come from the federal gasoline tax already assessed at the gasoline pump and, as Gramm sees it, is "simple honesty in government. When people pull up to the pump to buy gasoline, they understand that the federal tax they pay goes to build or repair highways."

Under the proposed legislation, called the Byrd-Gramm Amendment, funds would be available to repair highways throughout Texas that now are being extensively damaged by increased truck traffic, some of it due to the North American Free Trade Agreement. The Byrd-Gramm Amendment would have the money collected in Texas through gasoline taxes in one year spent on roadway repairs the next year. Currently, for every dollar Texans pay in gasoline taxes the state only gets back 77 cents, said Gramm. The other money is being used on other roads in other states.

The Byrd-Gramm Amendment also would earmark a \$450 million fund for development of trade corridors like La Entrada al Pacifico.

We agree with the Byrd-Gramm plan because it makes sense for Texas.

ANOTHER VIEW

Good news reported on AIDS battlefront

Since the earliest reports about a then-new virus that attacked immune systems, most of the news about AIDS has been tragic and frightening.

No surprise there — epidemics generally are not the source of uplifting or encouraging stories.

But recent news about the declining number of children who are contracting the HIV virus at birth is encouraging, and it has justifiably been called a success story by Dr. Mary Lou Lindegren of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The number of American babies who are contracting the AIDS virus from their mothers during the birth process declined 43 percent between 1992 and 1996.

The impressive drop was the result of the taking of the drug AZT by HIV-positive expectant mothers after the first trimester of their pregnancies. Only about 8 percent of babies born to HIV-positive mothers who have taken AZT treatments will contract the virus, according to current statistics. Without the drug, the rate of HIV contraction at birth is 25 percent.

It points out the need for mandatory HIV testing of pregnant women. Doctors need to know before the 14th week of pregnancy whether the expectant mother has the AIDS virus so treatments with AZT can begin.

Mandatory HIV tests would slightly inconvenience expectant mothers and would add one more medical expense to their financial burdens. And civil libertarians say that the tests would invade the privacy of pregnant women.

But however inconvenient or intrusive the tests would be, there is no denying that such tests would help to save the lives of children whose mothers either did not know or were not willing to reveal that they had the AIDS virus.

— Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

JACK ANDERSON

Burton's bucks come from unsavory sources

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., the eccentric, affable chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, wasted no time responding to Janet Reno's decision to absolve her White House patrons of wrongdoing in the campaign finance matter.

"I am going to have her and (FBI Director) Louie Freeh — who supports an independent counsel — before my committee next Tuesday," Burton said after Reno rendered her decision on Tuesday, Dec. 2. "And, if they decline, I'm prepared to issue a subpoena."

It was vintage Burton: direct, partisan — leaving no doubt as to where he stands on the issue of alleged Democratic criminality during the 1996 elections. Though his committee is supposed to play the independent arbiter in this delicate matter, Burton's mind has been made up for months: Janet Reno should appoint an independent counsel because the "appearance" of a conflict of interest is enough to warrant one.

Burton, of course, is absolutely right. As it turns out, he is in a better position than most to judge the "appearance" of a conflict.

Though Burton's job is to represent the good people of Indiana's Sixth Congressional District, his interests range far beyond the border of the Hoosier state. From his post at the International Relations Committee, Burton has become a leading advocate for foreign groups with an ax to grind in the capital.

Every year or so, for example, Burton takes to the floor of the House to deliver an impassioned speech

calling for a separate homeland for Sikh and Kashmiri separatists in northern India. A good cause, perhaps. But some suspect that Burton's fervor may be partly inspired by the gobs of cash that grateful Sikh and Kashmiri-Americans donate to his campaigns each and every year.

Early last spring, just as he was getting ready to launch into the campaign finance hearings, Burton was forced to repay some of the money given to him by members of a Sikh temple. The money amounted to less than \$1,000, but left many skeptics wondering if this is the right man to lead Round 2 of the campaign finance hearings.

Burton's foreign intrigue doesn't stop there. Earlier this year it was alleged by lobbyist Mark Siegel, a former Democratic strategist, that Burton threatened retaliation against the lobbyist's clients unless Siegel helped raise at least \$5,000 for the congressman's campaign. Among Siegel's many clients is the government of Pakistan — another far-off country that Burton has taken a great interest in. The Justice Department is still investigating that matter.

But Burton's most shameful cash crusade may be his ardent support of the People's Mujahedeen of Iran. As we reported last month, Burton is among a small coterie of congressmen who've been amply supported by the Mujahedeen's allies in the United States — led by the National Council of Resistance (NCR). According to campaign documents, Burton has taken in \$10,000 from NCR-allied individuals in recent years. A small token compared with the \$132,000 raked in by Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., but curious nonetheless.

Unfortunately for Burton, the Mujahedeen has also attracted the attention of the U.S. State Department, which since 1994 has listed the group on its annual list of terrorist organizations. Longtime enemies of the mullahs who control Iran's government, the Muja-

hedeens has amassed a 30,000-man army that sits, waiting, just inside Iraqi territory along the Iranian border.

As the largest and most organized opposition group to Iran's government, the Mujahedeen may represent the best hope for ousting the religious radicals who've ruled that country since 1979. Unfortunately, the Mujahedeen themselves might not be a much better alternative.

While Mujahedeen allies in the United States have been greasing politicians, their compatriots in Iraq have become chummy with none other than Saddam Hussein. NCR representatives we spoke with insist that the Mujahedeen enjoys complete independence from the murderous Iraqi dictator.

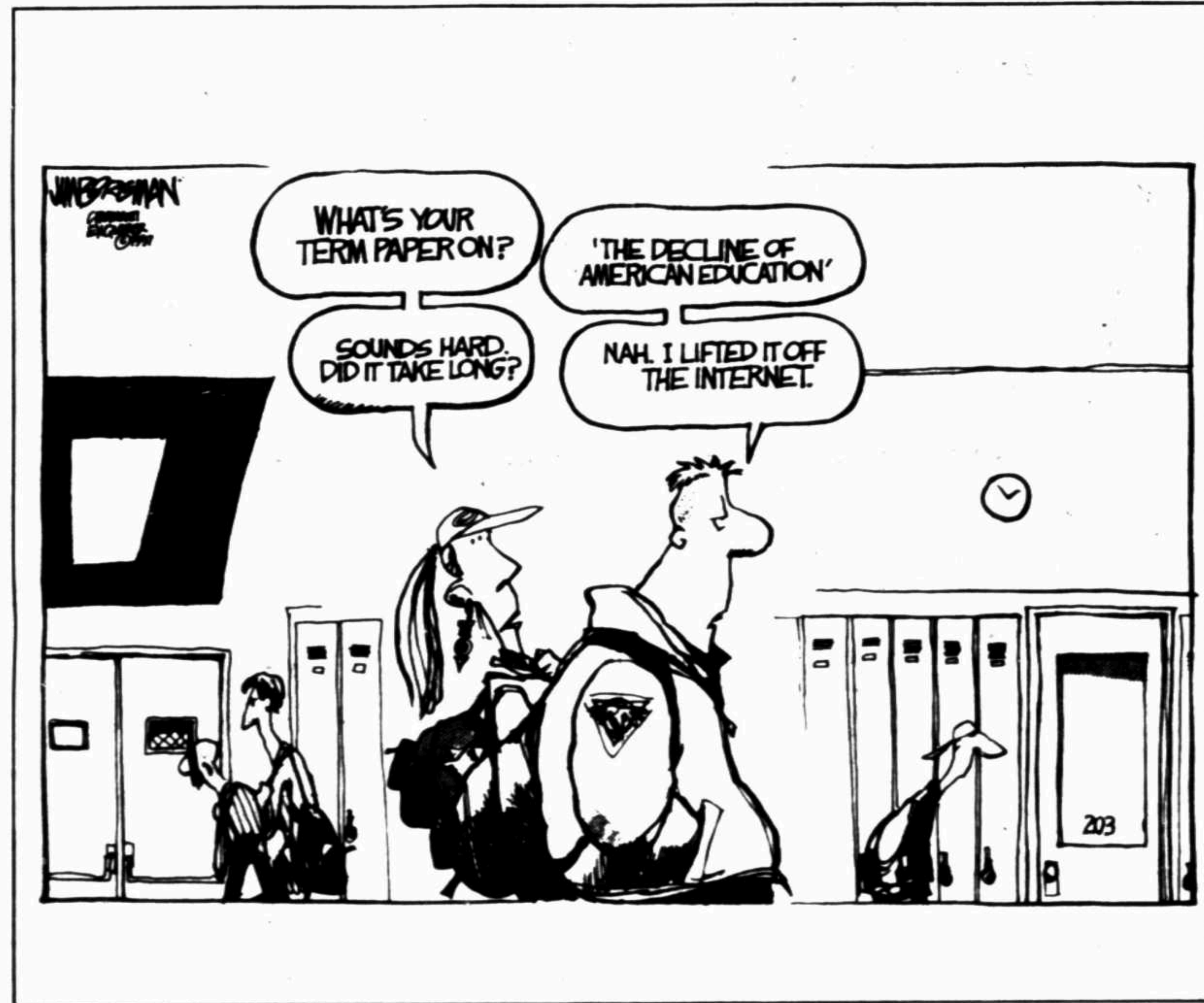
Nevertheless, the Mujahedeen's forces do enjoy the rent-free use of 232 square miles of Iraqi territory as their base of operations, thus providing Saddam with a comfortable military buffer against his arch-enemies in Iran. And the Iraqi military came to the Mujahedeen's rescue last month with anti-aircraft weapons to defend their camps from Iranian warplanes.

A Burton spokesman, when asked about the congressman's support for the Mujahedeen, would say only that, "In a perfect world, we wouldn't support a group like the NCR."

It shouldn't come as a surprise that Saddam Hussein's muscle-flexing exercise with U.N. weapons inspectors last month was met with a deafening silence from Burton, who otherwise has so much to say about foreign affairs.

In a perfect world, Burton probably wouldn't be charged with leading an important investigation into the fund-raising integrity of the president and his allies.

Jack Anderson's and Jan Moller's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Just who is Benjamin Netanyahu?

For the past year Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel has sent out two messages:

(1) I am the only leader in Israel today who can carry the ball over the goal line — who can produce a stable majority of Israelis for a final peace deal with the Palestinians; and (2) I can't move the ball downfield now because my hard-line coalition won't let me.

Netanyahu may be right about both statements. It's time to find out: Is his coalition the reason he is unable to do great things on the peace process, or is it a great excuse for his doing nothing?

To find out let's begin by looking at Israel's political map. The Israeli electorate is divided into roughly three parts: There is the nearly 50 percent who voted for Labor and support the Oslo peace accords. There is the roughly 25 percent, the security hawks, who voted for Netanyahu because they wanted to proceed with Oslo but wanted a better Oslo, with better Palestinian compliance and better territorial terms for Israel. And there is the other 25 percent, the ideological hawks, who voted for Netanyahu because they wanted to kill Oslo.

It may be true that Netanyahu is the only figure in Israel today who could take the 50 percent from Labor, combine it with the 25 percent of his security hawks who want a better Oslo and produce a solid "75 for 75." That is, a 75 percent majority for giving back 75 percent of the West Bank, which would constitute a serious Israeli offer for a final deal.

But which camp is Netanyahu in? He wavers between those who want to improve Oslo and those who want to kill Oslo with no fingerprints. He did do the tough Hebron withdrawal, but he also talks about the peace process as though it were the diplomatic equivalent of taking out the garbage, and signals to Palestinians that his concept of peace may be just a new form of occupation.

So how to get Netanyahu to decide who he is? My guess is that he looks at this largely through his political lens. He will not make a decision on peace that could break up his coalition until he absolutely has to, until he is sure he has downgraded everyone's expectations as much as he can and until he is confident the deal on the table will bring him maximum chance for re-election.

The best way to produce that moment of truth is for the Arabs and Palestinians to put their own cards on the table now, which they have miserably failed to do.

When was the last time Yasser Arafat spoke to Israelis about the possibilities that peace might open for both peoples? The Arab states, led by Egypt, regularly complain about how dishonest Netanyahu is, but their criticism of him disguises a deeper reluctance to accept Israel. The Arabs say they don't want to be economically dominated by Israel and they don't want to be militarily dominated by Israel. Fine. What relationship DO they want?

The Palestinians need to lay down a credible peace offer that would attract the Labor Party, the Likud security hawks and at least some of the ideological hawks. That plan already exists. It was negotiated by the Labor Party's Yossi Beilin and Arafat's deputy Abu Mazen before Yitzhak Rabin died. Without any obligation to either side, these two men sat down to see if they could produce a reasonable final deal. They did. Their plan calls for Israel to keep virtually all its West Bank settlements, but for Palestinians to get most of the land, and for Israel to retain control over a united Jerusalem, but for Palestinians to have their own Jerusalem capital, Al-Quds, just outside the city limits. Some key Likudniks have already endorsed it.

Netanyahu, on his own, will never make such a credible overture. He will always be asking himself: Why split my party for a plan I don't know the other side will accept? Then I'll have the worst of all worlds — no party and no peace. The only way to get him to choose between peace and his party's unity is for Palestinians (and Americans?) to take the initiative, officially make Beilin-Abu Mazen their plan and put it on the table. (It's the best Palestinians are going to get anyway.)

Most of Labor would embrace it, and a significant portion of Likud would be tempted. Then Netanyahu would have a solid majority if he wanted to act. Then we could find out if he is really a leader capable of taking the ball over the goal line or is only a leader capable of dragging Israel into slow-death overtime.

Thomas Friedman's column is distributed by the New York Times News Service.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 1997. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese warplanes attacked the home base of the U.S. Pacific fleet at Pearl Har-

bor, an act that led to America's entry into World War II.

On this date: In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1796, electors chose John

Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

In 1842, the New York Philharmonic gave its first concert.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Famous speech is as remembered as infamous date

This is a good day to take a close look at a famous speech. The day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt — who could have turned to his great speechwriters, Robert E. Sherwood and Samuel I. Rosenman, for his speech to Congress calling for a recognition that "a state of war has existed" — chose to write the message himself. He dictated this to Grace Tully, his secretary.

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in world history," went the first draft of his six-minute message, "the United States was simultaneously and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

FDR was not satisfied with that. Simultaneously dealt with the naval and air forces operating as a unit, which was not his central point; besides, it was a six-syllable word. He changed simultaneously to the more dramatic suddenly, which went to the surprise nature of the combined attack.

What about "a date which will live in world history"? That seemed to credit the Japanese with an historic act and carried with it no condemnation. He reached for a word that expressed "shame, disgrace, evil reputation, obloquy, opprobrium." His choice: infamy.

It was an unfamiliar word to most people; few recalled the passage in Ezekiel in the King James Version of the Bible: "Ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people."

History has a way of editing phrases to make them more memorable. Just as Churchill's "blood, toil, tears and sweat" has been shortened in memory to "blood, sweat and tears," FDR's "date which will live in infamy" has been cut to "FDR's day of infamy speech."

Looking over the drafts supplied by the archivist Raymond Teichman at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, N.Y., I note that the president added and then crossed out "without warning" — why should an attacker give warning? — and handled the duplicity of Japanese negotiations with "was continuing the conversations," which he shortened to "was still in conversation."

FDR, reading what he had dictated, evidently felt the message needed a lift. He wrote an insert: "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people will in their righteous might win through to absolute victory."

Every president can make use of good writing help. Lincoln used a suggestion of his secretary of state, William Seward, in developing "the mystic chords of memory" peroration to his first Inaugural address.

To lift the spirit of a stunned nation, Hopkins, not noted for his writing skill, wrote in the line that subtly evoked Lincoln's wartime "with firmness in the right," and combined it with an adaptation of the final few words of the presidential oath: "With confidence in our armed forces — with faith in our people — we will gain the inevitable triumph — so help us God." (Hopkins had added another phrase — "with assurance in the righteousness of our cause" — but that must have seemed excessive to him, and he crossed it out of his insertion.) FDR then escalated "faith in our people" to "with the unbounded determination of our people."

Sherwood, the dramatist who had won a Pulitzer Prize for "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," might have been understandably grumpy at being shut out of such an historic speech. He did not hear the echo of Lincoln's triple-with construction in his second Inaugural ("With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right") in Hopkins's insertion. Sherwood later called Hopkins's insertion "the most platitudinous line in the speech," but he was mistaken.

FDR scrapped his own insertion about winning through to victory and, making emendations, chose Hopkins's line instead. All this is why, as Americans remember Pearl Harbor, speechwriters remember the Pearl Harbor speech.

William Safire's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.



Safire

LETTERS

Simple tips can make holidays safe

The holiday season is here with its share of parties, family gatherings and lots of food and drink. So if you're planning to host or attend a holiday party, don't forget your friends and neighbors who share the roads and highways.

Promoting responsible drinking and safe driving during the holidays is everyone's responsibility. Here are some tips for making your holiday party a safe event for everyone.

Always serve food with alcohol beverages. High-protein foods like cheese and meat help moderate the effects of alcohol.

Make non-alcoholic beverages available to your guests.

Serve each guest one drink at a time.

Close the bar at least an hour before the party ends. As an alternative, offer desserts and coffee to end the evening.

Arrange safe rides home for all your guests. Make sure they have a designated driver, call them a cab or ask them to spend the night.

Preventing drunken driving takes a team effort, and by following these simple suggestions, we can all help our community have a safe holiday season.

Larry Cashell
Consumer Education
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Standard Sales Co., Inc.

Tax not utilized by many Texas cities

Before and after election day, Proposition One supporters (including this newspaper) gave the impression that Midland is now practically the only city in Texas not giving tax dollars to private companies. Midlanders might appreciate hearing the news that Corpus Christi also rejected the idea on Nov. 4. San Angelo did the same last May.

Lubbock doesn't have it either (having voted it down repeatedly, most recently in 1995). Nor Beaumont, Killeen, Baytown, Laredo, Waco, or Temple. In fact, of the 40 Texas cities with populations between 50,000 and 500,000, only 16 of them — two-fifths — have an economic development sales tax. And that's counting Odessa, the only city in that group to pass the tax this fall.

Remember that statistic we heard so often — "300 Texas cities already have it"? It turns out that 284 of them are less than half of Midland's size.

Richard D. Bowdon

Iraq may have to be dealt with severely

I am concerned with what's going on in Iraq. They are not letting us inspect their stockpile of chemical and germ warfare weapons. I think that the U.S. is going to have to take drastic mea-

sures, including going to war with that country. The President shouldn't hesitate or think twice in dealing with that country. America never should hesitate in dealing with international terrorism.

Mark Buttery

Clinton's bark won't scare Saddam

I see in the daily newspapers where our draft-dodging president issued a stern warning to Saddam Hussein concerning the U.N. inspecting teams not being allowed to inspect anything.

Ho! ho! ho! I'm sure that warning scared the socks off Saddam. He knows that "Slick Willie" is all bark and no bite.

Oh, for the likes of the late "Teddy" Roosevelt, whose motto was "Speak softly, but carry a big stick."

Clinton speaks loudly, but carries a very small toothpick. Heaven help us if Saddam forces draft-dodging "Willie's" hand.

Ray McNeill

Warming another phony crisis

With expanding use of computers we are now in the age of information. Unfortunately, we are also in the age of misinformation. The current subject of worldwide concern is global warming. Reagan had the asbestos problem, which cost us billions (have you

ever known anyone who got lung cancer from asbestos?). Bush had the Freon and ozone hole problem. The "cure" for that problem is costly to everyone. No one paid attention to the fact that more Freon gas is expelled in one volcanic explosion than all the Freon used by man. Now the current administration is joining the fight against CO2 emissions, the supposed cause of global warming.

What nonsense. Global warming has been with us since the last ice age, which ended 13,000 years ago. Glaciers have been receding gradually and sea levels have been rising, first at a fast rate, and since at a very slow rate. We are now in an interglacial period. We do not know what caused the last four glacial periods and we do not know when the cooling for the next will start.

It makes me sick to hear of South Sea islanders imploring the Kyoto participants to stop a natural phenomenon. They claim to have heard "scientific evidence" from self-serving scientists interested mainly in getting ever-larger grants to find cures for the "problem." They are supported by other "scientists" who jump on the latest fad and don't think for themselves. (There's good and bad in every group, including scientists.) The other point for the islanders is that any sea level rise will be so slow as to not be a problem. We see evidence of the rise over the last 100 years along the Texas coast and adaptation has not been a problem. Beaches have been lost,

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media, which enjoy any story that can be given a panic spin.

This is a big world. It has been continually changing for 4.6 billion years. If you don't like the warming, stick around. Sometime it will change again. In the meantime please don't ask me to pay heavily for cures that won't have anything to do with the problem.

Don McGooky

ROBERT THOMPSON

Lesson of Pearl Harbor: Don't bow to ruthless dictators

WASHINGTON — The 56th anniversary of the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor is a grim reminder of the havoc that the ruthless leader of an aggressor nation can wreak upon innocent victims.

That attack, ordered by Japan's Premier Hideki Tojo, catapulted the United States into history's most devastating war, a two-ocean conflict that put this nation's genius and courage to their greatest test. When it ended nearly four years later, the human toll for America had been more than 400,000 killed and nearly 700,000 wounded.

Saddam Hussein's belligerency and duplicity in the face of United Nations efforts to discover his weapons of mass destruction make the lesson especially timely. Like such long-ago tyrants as Tojo in Japan, Adolf Hitler in Germany, Josef Stalin in the Soviet Union and Benito Mussolini in Italy, Saddam puts little value on human life.

His decision to erect walls of humanity around possible military targets is a brutal demonstration of his cruelty. Those walls are constructed of Iraqi men, women and children mortared together only by Saddam's treachery and his obsession with self-glorification.

The bully of Baghdad does not possess the military power to fight another war, as he did in 1991, with major nations. But he presumably does possess chemical, biological and possibly nuclear weapons with

which to destroy vast segments of humanity.

The current confrontation, therefore, is far more perilous than the one six years ago, when a remarkable coalition of allies, brought together by George Bush, prevented Saddam from taking control of oil-rich Kuwait.

Saddam underestimated Bush's resolve in that showdown and he may have miscalculated Bill Clinton's in the current confrontation.

Clinton is the first president since Pearl Harbor who has no actual memory of the attack that propelled America into war on the quiet day of Dec. 7, 1941. But that fateful Sunday, when carrier-based Japanese war planes decimated much of America's Pacific fleet as it lay at anchor, is etched in the consciousness of every American who was alive at the time.

It was a tragedy that cannot and should not be forgotten. From that event we learned, as we never had before, that when despots are on the rampage their villainy knows no bounds.

World War II provided Clinton's 10 immediate predecessors, from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Bush, with an invaluable standard of reference in the conduct of national security policy based on nations working in unison to try to halt tyranny.

Along with the lessons gleaned from that conflict, however, we learned other lessons from Vietnam. We learned that we must never enter a war without a clear

understanding of the resolve possessed by our enemy and the unity or disunity of our own people; we must never again fight a war we cannot win or one that does not have the official sanction of Congress.

One of America's wisest military leaders, Gen. George C. Marshall, once said: "It is not enough to fight. It is the spirit which we bring to the fight that decides the issue. It is morale that wins the victory."

We have made major mistakes in foreign policy and in military strategy over the years. Our goal should be never to repeat them.

From the moment England and France declared war against Hitler's Germany in September 1939, many Americans, including President Roosevelt, were determined to provide the Third Reich's victims with all the aid possible short of war.

Isolationists, who were extremely influential in the nation's political life, saw Lend-Lease and other programs of aid to Britain, Russia, and China as acts of war.

Then to the surprise of most Americans, the act that decided our entry into combat came from the Far East, not from Europe. In retaliation for Japan's military assault on China in 1937 and its occupation of Indochina in 1940, Roosevelt halted the shipment of rubber, gasoline, steel and iron to Japan and froze that country's assets in the United States.

He hoped to stop Japan's aggression through economic sanctions. The strategy did not work.

Japan proceeded to attack the American fleet and seize the Philippines, Guam, Wake Island, Singapore and other valuable lands on the Pacific Rim.

Before Pearl Harbor, no one in the Far East had tried to stop Japan's land grab. In Europe, no one had tried to halt the aggression of Germany and Italy before September, 1939.

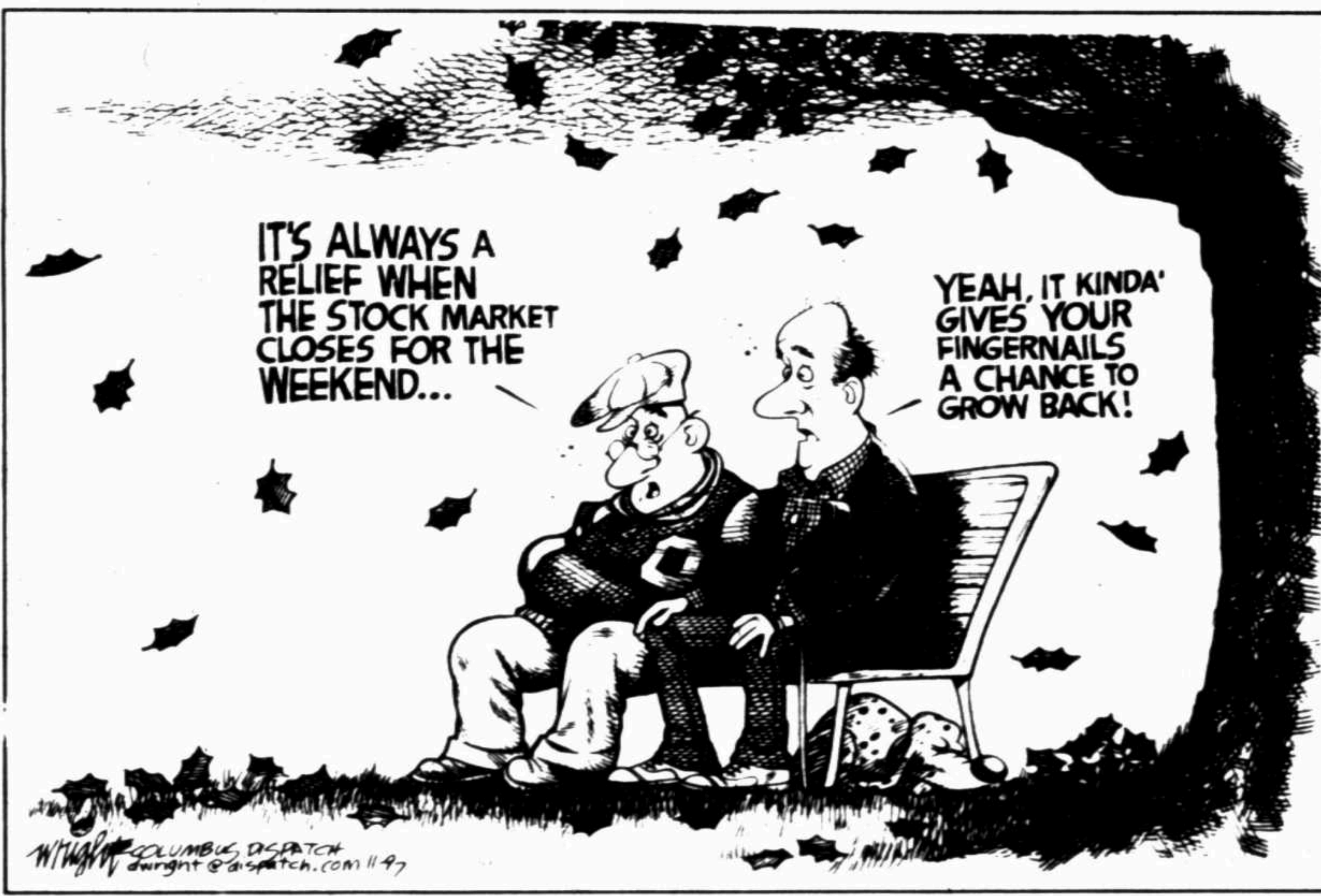
The League of Nations, without the United States among its members, demonstrated no courage and no strength as Hitler took over most of Western Europe. Italy invaded Ethiopia and Japan invaded China.

We learned that a brute is not stopped by appeasement. That is why the United Nations was founded. Although it often has proved

flaccid in trying to prevent conflict, it remains a valuable weapon in the fight for peace.

History may appear old and creaky to many people. But it is the lesson book from which we learn — and Pearl Harbor has proved a lasting lesson.

Robert Thompson is a Hearst columnist.



HISTORICAL MARKER

Pioneering woman in man's world earned title 'Cattle Queen of the West'



Midlander Marie Jane Riggs, acclaimed as the "Cattle Queen of the West," looked the part dressed in a richly ornamented gown.

Courtesy Midland County Historical Museum

Editor's Note: Information for this article came from the files of the Midland County Historical Museum, and the books "Land of the High Sky" and "The Pioneer History of Midland County, Texas 1880-1926."

By Bill Modisett

Her name was Marie Jane Riggs — but they called her the "Cattle Queen of the West."

It was a title bestowed on her by newspapers in London, where she visited in the 1880s after moving her cattle to the Mallet Range on the eastern border of New Mexico following the death of her husband, Samuel R. Riggs, in 1883.

She was one of the first members of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association in a day when it was highly unusual to find a woman following a career, particularly one usually carried out by men.

But, then, Marie Jane Riggs was not a typical woman. She was the "Cattle Queen of the West."

Born in November 1942 in Clinton, Ill., she was the daughter of John McCord and Sarah Simmons Watt. McCord was a descendant of the House of McCord in Scotland and was once described as a typical frontiersman "of the class that has done so much toward advancing civilization in the Western wilds."

McCord was a Tennessean by birth who had moved to Illinois as a boy. The woman he married, Sarah Simmons Watt, was the daughter of the Rev. Gabriel Watt, a co-worker with celebrated frontier preacher, the Rev. Peter Cartwright.

Three children were born to the union of Sarah Watt and John McCord, one being Marie Jane.

Early in life Marie Jane was wed

to Samuel R. Riggs and they settled in Jack County, Texas. That move south was prompted by Riggs' ill health and his belief that "in a more genial climate he might eventually recover from the pulmonary trouble which bade fair to cut short his days."

After settling in Texas, McCord "saw and recognized the chance for a profitable investment in the cattle industry, and engaged in ranching on a large scale, eventually moving to Colorado City."

But better health was not in the cards for Samuel R. Riggs and he died at Mineral Wells in 1883. One account noted that, "While living in Texas Mr. Riggs operated very successfully in cattle and is well and favorably remembered by many of the most prominent stockmen of the State."

Before his death, Riggs turned his cattle operation over to Robert Nesbitt, "but Mrs. Riggs soon became dissatisfied with his management and purchased his interest, assuming control of the stock and retaining her range."

Marie Jane had 1,200 head of cattle and believed that with that start, she could carry on the business successfully. So in 1886, she had all her cattle moved to the Mallet range, on the eastern border of New Mexico, and they were held there for several years in charge of D.P. Atwood, increasing rapidly in numbers.

Her success as a "cattle queen" is verified by the fact that a few years later she had 2,500 cattle that were "held on ranches in Western Texas and New Mexico, under the management of N.B. Brown, of Midland; though Mrs. Riggs' wishes and judgment are consulted and followed in all

matters of importance."

The "cattle queen" earned the respect of her contemporaries in the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association. A turn-of-the-century article written about her noted that "the active interest she has taken in this organization, together with her many admirable mental and social qualities, has won her a host of friends among the representative cattlemen of the Southwest."

During the latter 1890s, Mrs. Riggs traveled extensively in Europe, in Egypt and the Far East, while maintaining her residence at Midland.

She was presented to Queen Victoria and attended the queen's garden party. She also was presented to the kaiser and kaiserina of Germany.

Yet for all her barrier-crashing into the world of cattlemen, Marie Jane Riggs remained a refined lady who retained "a truly feminine taste for clothes, as her photographs show."

Noted one article: "In Midland, as in other localities where she has at different times made her home, Mrs. Riggs is esteemed very highly. She enjoys traveling, and a good portion of each year is spent by her in visiting with her many friends throughout the country. She has made tours through all portions of the United States, visiting and sojourning in the most attractive localities, and the knowledge she has thus acquired, added to a fine education and a thorough acquaintance with classical and current literature, renders her one of the best informed ladies in the Southwest."

Marie Jane Riggs was the "Cattle Queen of the West" and she will always be remembered that way.

FREE GIFT

Paper or plastic?

Answer to environmental question not in bag

By Carol Nuckolls
N.Y. Times News Service

It sounds like a simple question. Which is better for the environment: paper or plastic grocery bags? Paper, made from trees, may seem more correct than plastic, a petroleum byproduct. But is it really? Does anybody know? Does anybody care?

The correct answer is: There is no correct answer — unless all of us start using cloth bags. Just listen to the paper vs. plastic war of words.

"Each one has its pros and each one has its cons, and it all even out. It really does not matter which one you use," says Lori De La Cruz, Fort Worth's recycling coordinator.

"People say you shouldn't use paper because it's made from trees. But trees are a renewable resource. They say you shouldn't use plastic because it's made out of oil, but it's such an extremely minute amount of oil. Plus they're both reusable. Paper is completely recyclable and compostable, and plastic bags are highly recyclable," she said.

Jan Beyea, the National Audubon Society's senior policy scientist, isn't quite so ambivalent. Beyea, a nuclear physicist, discusses both sides of the question in the August 1996 issue of "Audubon Activist."

SUPERMARKET BAGS are usually made from virgin paper, without recycled content; their manufacture "pollutes the water, releases dioxin, contributes to acid rain and costs trees" that are grown with nonrenewable fossil-fuel fertilizers, Beyea writes.

But plastic is bad, too. It degrades slowly; it contaminates the oceans; it is made from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource; and its production results in pollution, the article says.

Nevertheless, the author concludes, plastic is the lesser of the evils. If consumers "support virgin paper over plastic bags, they are implicitly supporting higher levels of pollution."

A study by the Kansas environmental consulting firm Franklin Associates supports that statement. The study, funded by a plastics industry group, indicates that it generally takes more energy to manufacture and dispose of paper bags than plastic bags. Plastic bags take up 70 percent to 80 percent less space in landfills.

Not so fast, the paper industry says. Paper is made from a renewable resource (trees) instead of a nonrenewable one (petroleum), says information from the American Forest and Paper Association. Furthermore, paper biodegrades and can be composted. Plastic takes forever

to decompose.

Even the Environmental Protection Agency doesn't take a stand. Environmental problems are associated with the manufacture and disposal of both materials, and scientific evidence is lacking to declare one superior to the other, an EPA official says.

RATHER, THE EPA encourages improvements in both materials (such as manufacturing processes less damaging to the environment) and encourages consumers to reuse and recycle their bags.

Bob Lillienfeld, Michigan-based editor of the "Use Less Stuff" newsletter, says that "on average you can recycle a paper bag about four times. After that, the fibers get too short to use. Plastic you can use over and over and over." However, plastic bags are usually recycled into something else, such as plastic lawn furniture, he says.

Paper recycling does have one distinct advantage, he says. "If there's anything inside, it's not a problem. If people leave their sales slips inside their plastic bags, it totally destroys the recycling."

It appears, too, that paper is more likely to be recycled. EPA figures show that of the 1,990,000 tons of paper bags produced in 1995, 340,000 tons, or 17.1 percent, were recycled. Of the 2,890,000 tons of plastic bags and wraps, only 80,000 tons, or 2.8 percent, were recycled. Clearly, we are a nation of lackadaisical bag recyclers, even though most major grocery-store chains recycle returned bags.

Mitch Ramsey, store director of the Albertsons grocery store at Lake Worth, finds little consumer interest in paper these days. "The customers have swung complete-

ly over to plastic now," he says.

"Albertsons does have a recycling program," Ramsey notes. "Everybody's getting pretty good about bringing their bags back (to be recycled). Albertsons also offers a nickel back on every bag brought in and reused, (as do Kroger and Burrows stores) but Ramsey sees few cloth bags in use."

And that, finally, raises the most sensible question yet about paper vs. plastic. "Why do you need either?" Lillienfeld asked. "Do you have a cloth bag? Do you even need a bag? Those are really the places to start."

"It's simply a matter of changing habits. You've gotta remember to bring 'em with you. We're not trained to do it. If after you get home you emptied out the bags and immediately threw 'em in the trunk of your car, there'd be nothing inconvenient about it."

ONE OF THE few folks who uses cloth bags is Pam Campbell, a Fort Worth gallery owner. She started reusing grocery-store bags "probably around 1990," she says. More recently, she has purchased canvas bags for groceries and mesh drawstring bags for produce.

"You unload your groceries, put your sacks back in the car, and they're there when you need 'em." She won't go so far as to say that she never gets a paper or plastic bag, but it's a rare occurrence, she said.

She is on the right track, environmentalists agree, especially at the grocery store. As Beyea writes in the Audubon publication, "Here's the correct answer: You pull out your personal carrier, just as consumers do in Europe, pack your groceries and walk out the door. You have consumed neither a plastic nor a paper bag."

AIDS quilt on cyber display

By Laurie Barclay
N.Y. Times News Service

It is shaped in panels the size of a human grave, weighs 50 tons, covers 16 football fields and has been visited by more than 9 million people.

It is the AIDS Memorial Quilt — and it went online recently in observance of World AIDS Day. The NAMES Project Foundation released the searchable online database of more than 70,000 names and 45,000 images that make up the AIDS Memorial Quilt at <http://www.aidsquilt.org/listofnames/index.html>.

Each of more than 43,000 colorful panels in the quilt was made to remember the life of a person lost to AIDS. The project was photographed and digitized so computer users will be able to directly access the enormous memorial.

Some of the more famous names in the quilt are actor Rock Hudson, artist Keith Haring, actor Anthony Perkins, rapper Eazy-E, actor Robert Reed, pianist Liberace, tennis player Arthur Ashe and AIDS activist Pedro Zamora.

The 16-acre quilt is made from a melange of Afghans, Barbie dolls, bubble-wrap, burlap, buttons, car keys, carpet, champagne glasses, condoms, corduroy, corsets, cowboy boots, cremation ashes, credit cards, curtains, dresses, leather boots, first-place ribbons, fishnet hose, flags, fur, gloves, hats, human hair, jeans, jewelry, jockstraps, lace, leather, Legos, love letters, Mardi Gras masks, merit badges, mint, motorcycle jackets, needlepoint, paintings, pearls, photographs, pins, plastic, quartz crystals, racing silks, records, rhinestones, sequins, shirts, silk flowers, studs, stuffed animals, suede, taffeta, tennis shoes, vinyl and wedding rings.

Panels have been contributed to the project from more than 38 countries, and more than a million volunteer hours have gone into preserving, displaying and building the memorial.

The NAMES home page at <http://www.aidsquilt.org/> provides information about the quilt, the history of the NAMES Project, a schedule listing locations of AIDS Memorial Quilt displays and AIDS information and links.



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Armchair sleuths pursue baffling crimes

By Ronald Smothers
N.Y. Times News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Amid the cherry wood paneling and 17th-century English-style elegance of the Grill Room of the Downtown Club here, about 80 men and women were gathered over lunch to discuss and dissect a brutal unsolved murder of 15 years ago.

The case involves a girl, between 14 and 18 years old, whose decomposing body was found in a ravine alongside a cemetery in Blairstown, N.J., in summer 1982. She was wearing a red V-neck pullover and a red, white and blue print wraparound skirt with a peacock motif along the borders. Around her neck was a gold-colored chain with tiny white beads and a 14-karat gold cross. Her face had been bludgeoned beyond recognition with a blunt object.

The girl has never been identified. No weapon was ever found and no arrest ever made in the killing, which became known as the Princess Doe case.

The lawyers, former prosecutors, current and former federal agents and forensic specialists had gathered to toss out ideas for new approaches in the case; suggest scientific tests that might shed new light; reorder the facts to challenge the obvious; and speculate on a psychological profile and possible motive of a killer in the slaying in rural Warren County.

IT WAS A MEETING of the seven-year-old Vidocq Society, a private group that meets every other month and takes on unsolved murder or disappearance cases from around the country. In many instances, the trail has grown cold. But in others, the group assists the local authorities who are still investigating or, at the request of victims' families, provide ideas for faltering investigations.

This is not a gathering of a ragtag bunch of Baker Street Irregulars playing dutiful amanuensis to Sherlock Holmes' genius. Nor are they a bunch of good-natured Archie Goodwins, filling the role of narrator and legman to the sedentary but brilliant Nero Wolfe in the mystery novels of Rex Stout.

It is a group that collectively has hundreds of years of crime-solving experience. Their gatherings are a busman's holiday for people who concede that they just cannot help taking their work home with them.

Already they have quietly assisted on about 100 cases, resulting in some arrests and convictions. More often, their involvement has prodded investigators into new ideas and approaches.

The group is named for Eugene Francois Vidocq (pronounced vee-DUCK), a rakish 19th-century criminal-turned-detective who helped start, and later headed, the first detective squad for the Paris police.

Vidocq was a master of disguise, a fan of scientific tools in crime solving and a devotee of strict organization. He has been credited with introducing undercover work, ballistics testing and extensive record keeping into police work, and is thought to

have been the inspiration for the detective Dupin in Edgar Allan Poe's "Murders in the Rue Morgue." He is so much a part of French popular culture that he was the subject of comic books and a television cartoon series in the 1960s.

The Vidocq Society was started by William Fleisher, a former police officer and FBI and Customs Service agent who is now a polygraph expert; Frank Bender, an artist and forensic sculptor; and Richard Walter, a nationally known forensic psychologist who works with the Michigan Department of Corrections. The combination makes for some odd chemistry in crime solving.

as Fleisher's methodical approach and bulldog tenacity mixes with Bender's intuitive, artistic sensibility, and Walter's wide-ranging mind, which searches for underlying patterns.

"The three of us sat down for lunch one holiday and were kicking old cases, solved and unsolved, back and forth, and the next thing I knew it was dark outside," said Fleisher of the three men's first meeting. "I suggested that we get a bunch of other people with similar interests together and do this more often. I sent out 28 letters and 26 people wrote back that they were interested."

TODAY THE SOCIETY has 82 regular members, matching the life span of its namesake, and more than 100 associate members, a designation created to accommodate the wide interest in joining the group. The three co-founders recently optioned the

Society helps authorities

N.Y. Times News Service

PHILADELPHIA MURDER, 1984
Victim: Deborah Lynn Wilson, Drexel University student, found beaten and strangled in a basement hallway without her shoes or socks. Case was unsolved for eight years. ... Vidocq Society called into the case in 1992 by Philadelphia Police Department and a private investigator hired by victim's family. ... Vidocq members suggest that police check their files for known foot fetishists as well as look for such a fetish among possible suspects. ... The cross-checking turns up a former Drexel security guard who had been court-martialed for stealing women's sneakers and socks. ... The guard, David Dickson Jr., is arrested and convicted of murder in 1995.

LUBBOCK, TEXAS, MURDER/DISAPPEARANCE, 1991
Victim: Roger Scott Dunn disappears from his apartment. ... At the scene are signs of a struggle, a blood-soaked carpet and blood spatters, all matching Dunn's blood type, but no body. ... Vidocq Society called into the case by the victim's father after police are stymied and unable to press a case without a weapon, body or body part, as required by Texas law. ... Vidocq members arrange for detectives and prosecutors to talk with Scotland Yard experts on blood spattering to establish that there had been a violent crime, and with other forensic pathologists, who established that death had resulted from the amount of blood found in the apartment. ... Disposition: Two persons are arrested; one person is convicted in July 1997; second trial pending.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., MURDER, 1991
Victim: William Huey Cox, a restaurant manager found dead in his apartment. ... The police initially theorize a suicide, but an autopsy shows he was beaten to death with what appeared to be a golf club. ... A fellow worker implicated in another crime is arrested, but victim's relatives raise doubts that he is the murderer. ... Society members get access to detailed files in the case and work with the lawyer for the man arrested in the crime, providing questions to the lawyer to be put to prosecution witnesses. ... Disposition: Defendant acquitted. ... Case remains open.

come to grips with the fate of a slain or missing loved one.

"And because we aren't doing this as some competing law enforcement agency but as a private group, there is little resentment from other investigators when we get involved," said Joseph O'Kane, the group's executive director and a customs agent. "What we have found is that some cases can be solved rather easily with the concentrated expertise we can bring in."

The group is credited by a Lubbock, Texas, assistant district attorney, Rusty Ladd, with buoying demoralized investigators in the 1991 disappearance of a car stereo installer, Roger Scott Dunn, and providing the expert help that led to a murder conviction in the case.

Theresa Baus, the sister of a Little Rock, Ark., restaurant manager murdered in 1991, said the soci-

ety's work helped acquit a suspect who she and other family members felt was innocent, thereby assuaging their fear that "the conviction of the wrong person would forever prevent the capture of the right person." The killer remains at large.

The society suggested eight years after the 1984 murder of a shoeless and sockless Drexel University student that the police consider foot fetishists. That led to the arrest and conviction of a former security guard who had been dishonorably discharged from the military for stealing women's sneakers.

Over coffee and dessert at the lunch, Bender, the sculptor, recalled what was known about the Princess Doe case, presenting vivid slides of the battered and decomposed head, and showed a picture of a bust he made, for which he reconstructed her appearance. He also introduced several tidbits of evidence that might contribute to a profile of a suspect.

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JOINING THE PRESENTATION was another member of the society, Dr. Haskell Askin, a forensic odontologist who has sought to match the body's teeth with the dental records of more than 30 missing girls. Even the experts were stumped, two found a match with a missing California teen-ager named Diane Dye, but two other odontologists insisted that there was no match. Askin's own determination was that it was inconclusive.

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Is designer formal wear worth the cost?

By David Colman
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The term "black tie" conjures up many delights: canapés, orchestras, bubbly stuff. But for many men, the anticipatory thrill of such an evening evaporates the moment they have to dress for it.

For as charming as a tuxedo looks, getting into one is a sore reminder that it is a uniform.

Gala-going men may be glad not to have to fret about looking unique, as the women on their arms often do. But dressing up as a maitre d' hotel can be thankless, especially given the precious few (and often dubious) variations on evening wear that have come to be known as "creative black tie" (read: garish cummerbunds).

Designers are all too happy to provide sophisticated alternatives, but a fashion-forward tuxedo, like any high-quality one, comes at a stiff price. So, unless one is a professional gala-goer (yes, there exist such men), one might ask whether it makes sense to invest in a tuxedo that might be out of style before it comes back from the dry cleaner.

Nevertheless, with the holiday season in high gear, black-tie galas are now teeming with dark suits or more individual expressions, and the man in the classic tuxedo can feel sorely overdressed. A fashionable tuxedo whose dinner jacket can do double duty on a festive but less-than-formal evening does have its merits.

Three standouts are at Prada, 28 East 70th St.; Romeo Gigli, 21 East 69th St.; and Dolce & Gabbana, 825 Madison Ave. (68th Street). And all three boast the evening-wear distinction of having cloth-covered buttons.

At Prada, the winter smoking suit in stretch wool (\$2,170) has a polo collar but is formal enough for a young actor to wear to the Oscars ceremony.

At Gigli, a brown corduroy tuxedo with a black satin peak collar (\$1,200) has enough elegance for a gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art — and enough spunk for one at the Whitney Museum of American Art.

And at Dolce & Gabbana, a tuxedo in brown or black silk shantung with velvet trim (\$1,545) is worthy of Sammy, Dino and the rest of the Rat Pack.

For the faster man, a black velvet suit at Gucci, 685 Fifth Ave. (54th

Street), is speckled with a double-G pattern (\$1,890) and may be the flashiest thing in town this year. For the more prudent Gucci lover, the store also sells a more classic, G-free tuxedo.

Even if fashion-forward evening wear doesn't sit well, whether on one's shoulders or with one's wallet, shopping for it does provide a window into what some women face each season: a costly purchase of a product whose life span may be brief.

But the exercise also brings to mind a time-honored wisdom of the seasoned shopper: that costly fashionable items, shunned by less intrepid souls, can frequently be picked up on sale.

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Persimmons make good missiles - and maybe good cakes

By Art Chapman
N.Y. Times News Service

Last week, while at the market picking up some of those Texas pecans the size of half-dollars, I saw something that looked like a box of small tomatoes. Turns out, they were persimmons.

Now the persimmons I remember were little brown mushy things that I carelessly stepped on in the woods and tracked halfway into the house. If they weren't really squishy to the core, but were firm enough to hold, I would sometimes throw them at my female cousins — except Roberta. She was older and could whip me if she got mad.

Anyway, seeing those new-breed, hybrid persimmons made me believe they might be more than weapons; they might be good to eat. Of course, no one dares eat a green persimmon unless he wants his face to draw up like someone hooked a vacuum pump to his chin. I didn't want to take a chance of being puckerred, so I waited until they were just at that line between ripe and rotten; then I threw them away, never tasting, never trying. I was sure that Texas Hentzen had tried them though. Texas Hentzen once answered the phone for us in the Star-Telegram's Fort Worth newsroom. She is retired

Wrap foods together for new flavor

By Mark Bittman
N.Y. Times News Service

Wrapping one food with another is a stimulating experience in flavor and texture — biting through the outer layer and into the filling provides both surprise and pleasure.

It's a common enough experience, though, especially if meat, cheese or vegetables make up the filling — think of ravioli, stuffed cabbage or egg rolls.

But when meat becomes the wrapping, a nice role reversal takes place, the kind of twist that allows a simple preparation to wow the crowd.

I recently came across the perfect inside-out beef packages at Inagiku, the Japanese restaurant in the Waldorf-Astoria, where the chef, Harou Ohbu, brushes wafer-thin slices of sirloin with teriyaki sauce before wrapping them around scallion greens and grilling them.

His approach is too involved for this column: his teriyaki sauce alone takes six hours to make. But after working with him and independently, I have come up with a beef roll that closely mimics those served at Inagiku, where they are called negima.

The rolls comprise three elements: meat, filling and sauce. I prodded a supermarket butcher to cut the thinnest possible slices of sirloin, and although these were still thicker than those used by Ohbu, they worked well enough. But veal, chicken and pork are routinely sold as thin cutlets, which can be made even thinner with gentle pounding, and they, too, will do the job.

Scallion greens are a wonderful filling for the rolls. Because the cooking time is so short, the scallions retain both crunch and color, and the green makes the cut rolls especially attractive. But a fistful of chives works equally well, as do small amounts of lightly cooked and chopped greens, like spinach or chard. Traditional fillings for these rolls, Ohbu said, are cooked shiitake mushrooms, carrots or asparagus; all produce gorgeous interiors after grilling.

Obviously, we are not going to spend six hours on the teriyaki sauce. The store-bought stuff can't compare with Ohbu's, but it is not bad. In any event, after a few tries I decided that I preferred the less complex but purer flavor of plain soy sauce. I also tried Chinese hoisin sauce; both gave good results.

HOMEMADE NEGIMA

Total time: 20 minutes

8 thin slices of beef, chicken, veal or pork, each about 3 inches wide and 5 or 6 inches long (about 1-1/4 pounds)
1/4 cup soy sauce, Asian fish sauce or teriyaki sauce
Greens from about 2 dozen scallions

Preheat a grill or broiler; the fire should be blazing hot.

Place the meat between two layers of waxed paper or plastic wrap, and pound it gently so that it is about 1/8-inch thick. Unwrap, and brush one side of each piece of meat with a little soy, fish or teriyaki sauce.

Cut scallions into lengths about the same width as the meat, and place a small bundle of them at one of the narrow ends of each slice. Roll the long way, securing the roll with a toothpick or two. Brush the exterior of the roll with a little more sauce.

Grill until brown on all sides, a total of about 6 minutes for chicken, 4 to 5 minutes for pork or veal, 4 minutes or less for beef.

Yield: 4 servings.

Approximate nutritional analysis per serving: 400 calories, 15 grams fat, 155 milligrams cholesterol, 390 milligrams sodium, 60 grams protein, 3 grams carbohydrate.

now, though you couldn't tell it by the way she gallops all over her hometown of Azle, volunteering for this and that. To replace her, it took about a dozen people; many, many recorded messages; and a sophisticated electronic switchboard that can keep you from ever talking to a real person.

Texas Hentzen didn't just answer the phone; she also cooked for us, including a Mississippi mud pie so rich and sweet it causes your tonsils to stick to the back of your throat for a solid week.

I just knew that she knew about persimmons. "Nope," she said on the phone between acts of volunteering. "I never did. That's one

thing I never tried." "Anything, Texas," I pleaded. "It doesn't have to be anything special; just a recipe of some sort I can pass on to our readers."

But Texas explained to me that she grew up in Crowell, between Vernon and Paducah. "The only trees we had out there were mesquite," she said. "We didn't have persimmons."

I was lost. If she had never tried them, then who did?

"Well, there is a woman who comes in here, and she makes a great cake with them," the person at the Weatherford market told me. "I don't remember her name, but we ran off some copies of her

recipe and we give them away with the persimmons."

I pass this recipe on with only secondhand knowledge that it works. I don't know who gets credit for it. I am a coward when it comes to persimmons, so if this works out, let me know.

SPICY PERSIMMON BRUNCH CAKE

1-1/4 cup fresh persimmon pulp (see note)
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 cup pecans, finely chopped
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
Confectioners' sugar

Stir together persimmon pulp and baking soda in small bowl until blended; set aside. In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add puree to creamed mixture. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Gradually blend flour mixture into persimmon mixture. Add nuts and citrus rinds, beating just to blend. Batter will be stiff.

Spoon batter into well-greased and floured 8x8x2-inch cake pan or

5-cup ring mold or 6-cup minibundt pan. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake in pan for 10 minutes and turn out on a rack to continue cooling 20 or 30 minutes. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar and serve warm.

NOTE: Fresh persimmon should feel soft and jellylike when ripe. Cut it in half and scoop the flesh from the skin with a spoon. Whirl pulp in the blender until smooth. Use at once or freeze. The puree tends to turn brown if left out, and a small amount of lemon juice may be added to prevent discoloration and to enhance the taste.



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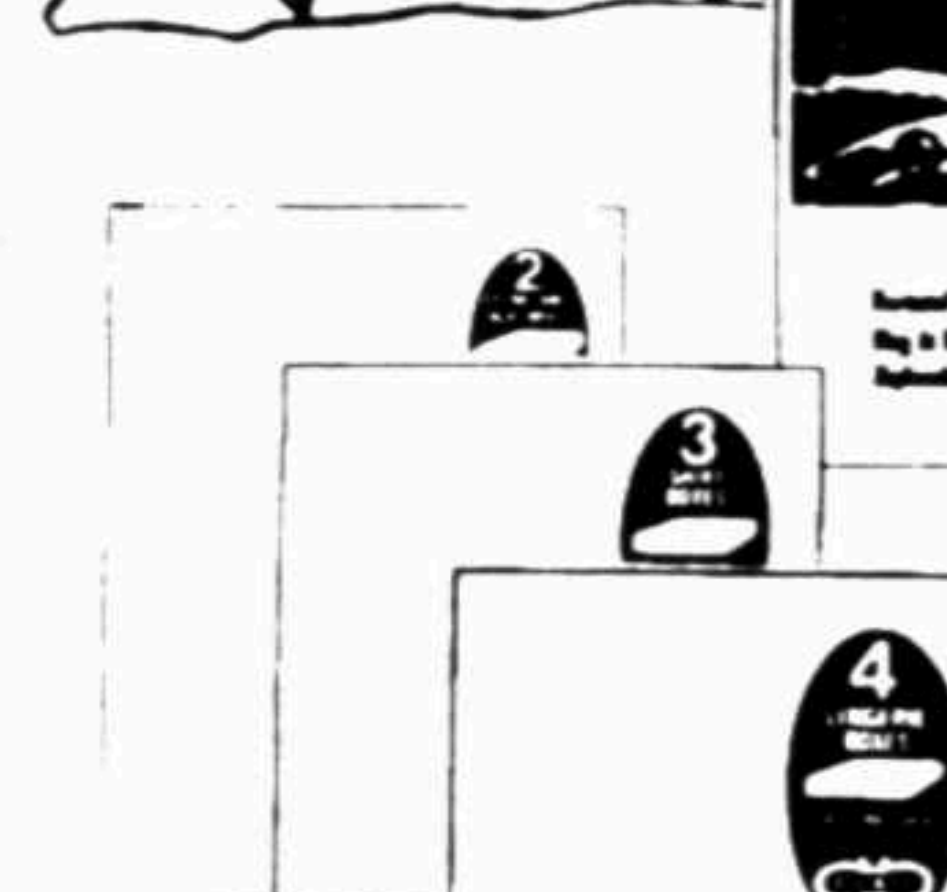
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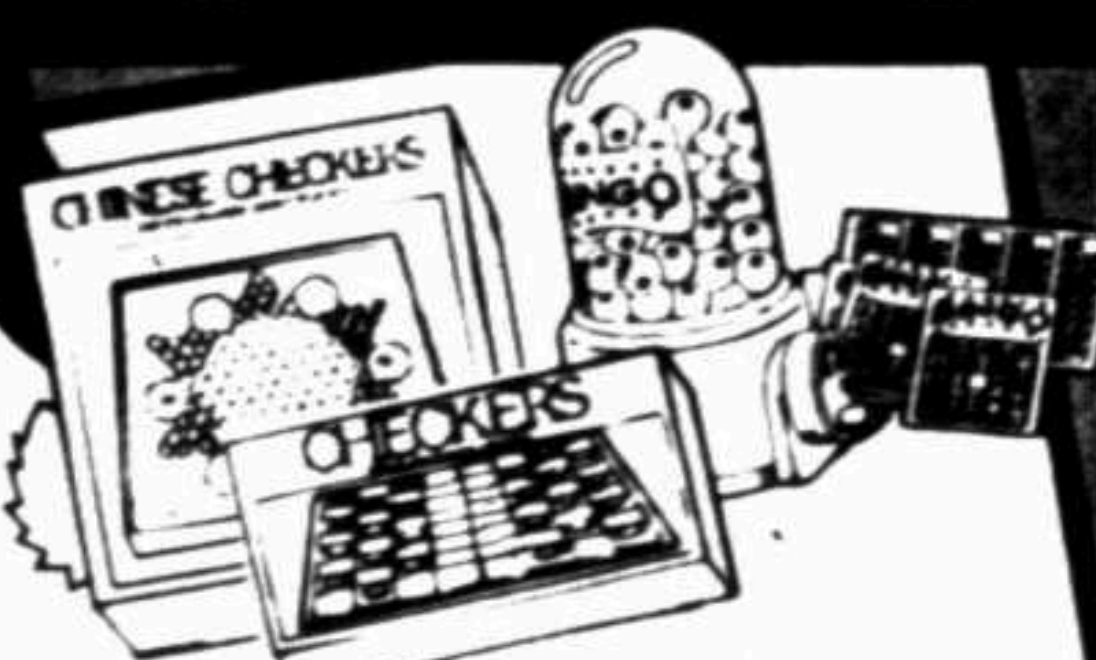
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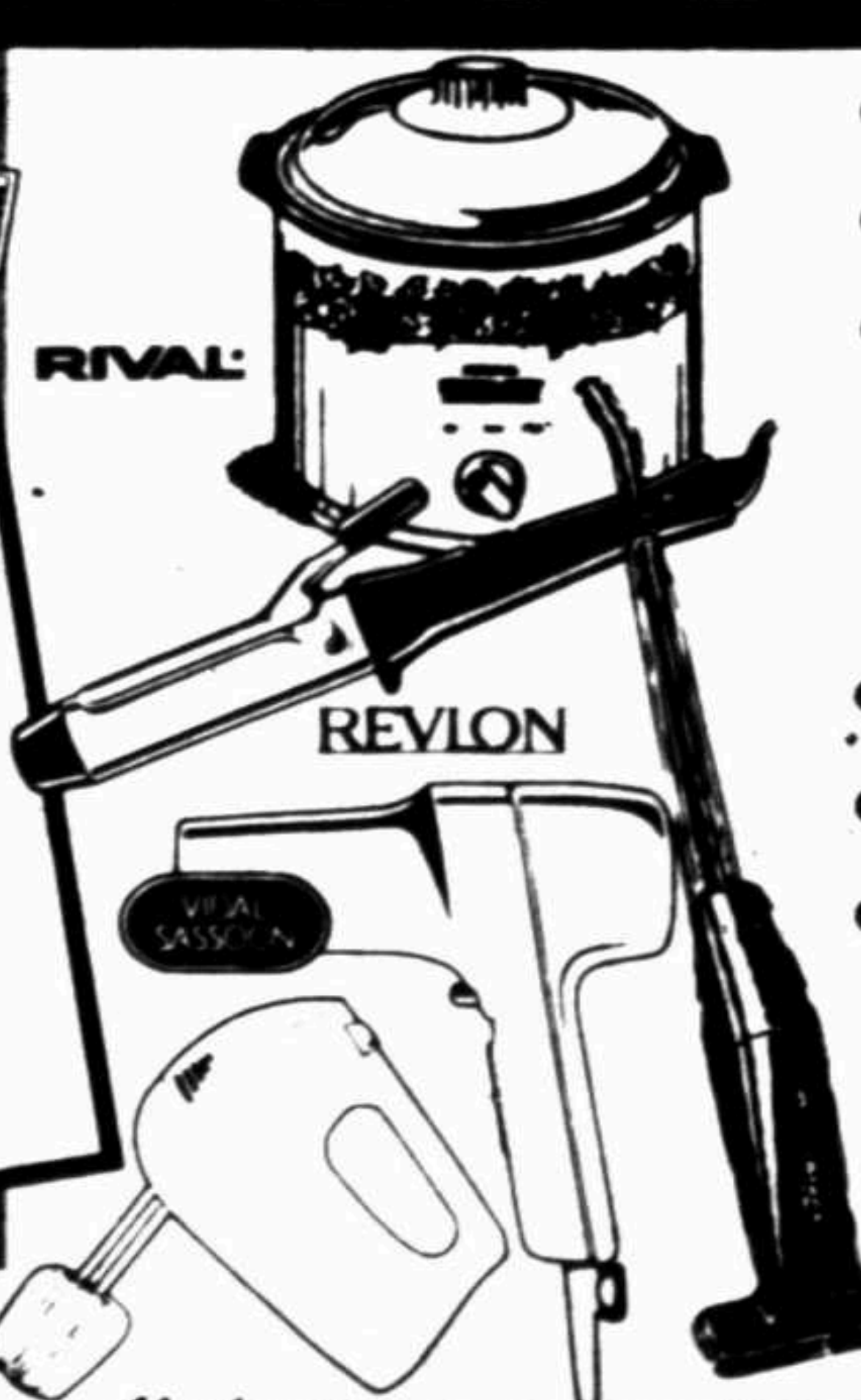
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'Gizmos' perfect gifts for travelers or those who want to be

By John Flinn
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Most of us have a closet full of clever but impractical travel gizmos that never seem to make it into our suitcases when it's time to hit the road. Beguiling impediments, I call this stuff.

What follows is a list of real-world suggestions for the traveler on your Christmas list. There's nothing trendy or hot here, just items that have repeatedly proven their worth to me over the years. I can vouch for all this stuff. It's all useful, sturdy and, generally, inexpensive. Nothing here costs more than \$100.

These gift ideas are available through many sporting goods stores, catalogs or through the manufacturer itself.

■ Universal sink stopper. Just a rubber disc about the size and shape of a CD. Budget hotels often remove sink stoppers to thwart people like me from washing out dirty socks in the sink. One of these does the trick. Under \$3.

■ Eagle Creek combination travel locks. For suitcases, duffels and backpacks. I love these because you don't need to fumble around for a tiny key, and

a cunning spring-loaded trigger keeps them securely on your luggage even when they're unlocked. \$7.

■ Flashlight. A useful antidote to those European hotel light timers designed to plunge the hallway into darkness while you're halfway between the elevator and your room. The Mini Maglite is a good choice. It's small, lightweight and built for abuse. Takes two AA batteries. About \$10.

■ Eagle Creek Undercover Neck Pouch. A safe place to store your passport, travelers' checks, credit cards, airline tickets, etc. \$10.

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■ Cheap digital watch. These double as an effective travel alarm clock, and most models are easy to reset when you cross time zones. Plus, they're less coveted by thieves. Mine is the Timex Marathon, which costs \$28.

■ Swiss Army knife. Beware of overgrown models

festooned with every tool known to man, short of Internet browsers. Buy the smallest knife that has what you need. In my case, it's the "Climber" model, with a couple of blades, scissors, can and bottle openers, tweezers and the most frequently used tool, a corkscrew. \$27.

■ Tevas: Originally designed for whitewater guides, these adventure sandals are standard equipment on warm-weather trips from Lahaina to Loreto. There are some fancy, expensive models, but I find that the basic no-frills model is just fine. \$29 at most sporting goods stores.

■ Patagonia Baggie shorts. A must for warmer climates, these do quadruple service as walking shorts, swimsuits, tennis shorts and running shorts. You pay more for the Patagonia label, but these are the best. They'll outlast many of the cheaper knock-offs by several seasons. \$35.

■ A newsletter subscription. As publications go, these aren't cheap, because their costs aren't underwritten by ads. But their information is unbiased, well-researched and often not available anywhere else. The Consumer Reports Travel Letter is one. Subscriptions are \$39 per year (12 issues). Write to

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■ Royal Robbins Billy Goat pants. Lighter than blue jeans and every bit as tough, they look presentable enough for evenings out in the city and come in several dirt-disguising colors. An elastic waistband helps them adjust to wild fluctuations in daily exercise and pasta intake. \$46 at REI.

■ Mini-binoculars: Useful for spying on birds in the Galapagos, examining gargoyles in Paris or inspecting erotic temple carvings in Katmandu. Ours are made by Bushnell and cost me \$60 two years ago. Camera and discount stores stock several similar models in the \$80 to \$100 range.

■ Lightweight hiking/trail running shoes. A cross between a hiking boot and a running shoe, these are great for everything from endless museum crawls to pub walks in the Cotswolds. They're even sort of stylish, in a Gen-X/bike messenger way. Many brands are available; they generally cost \$80 to \$100.

Kennedy Center wrapped for season

By Bob Dart
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — With a mile of 10-foot-wide red ribbon and bows that are four stories tall, holiday designer Christopher Radko has gift-wrapped the Kennedy Center for the Christmas season. The gleaming white rectangular building beside the Potomac River looked like a package just waiting for festive adornment, explained Radko, whose hand-painted, blown-glass creations have earned him the moniker of "Mr. Ornament" among collectors.

"It looked spectacular as I came in on an airplane," said Radko, 36, as he watched workmen lash back down a wind-whipped corner. "You know they use a Boy Scout knot."

The New York designer has been enlisted in the annual fund-raising campaign for the national center for the performing arts that is capped by the Kennedy Center Awards Gala, where a box seat costs \$5,000.

In the grand foyer, Radko has decorated four 12-foot trees — each with about 400 of his ornaments and 10,000 lights — which will be sold in a month-long silent

auction. Minimum bid is \$10,000 per tree — a bargain compared to the \$50,000 that a Radko-decorated tree fetched at a charity auction last year at Saks Fifth Avenue.

For shoppers on a tighter budget, Radko has designed a limited-edition, \$35 commemorative Christmas tree ornament in the rainbow hues of the Kennedy Center Honors. The 3,000 ornaments can be purchased only through the Kennedy Center gift shops, and the proceeds go to the center's arts and education program.

"Christopher Radko's designs for the Center's holiday decor will provide a warm welcome and a joyously brilliant setting for our holiday programs," said Lawrence J. Wilker, president of the Kennedy Center.

The most famous holiday program, of course, is the Kennedy Center Honors gala, which is the nation's highest award for lifetime achievement in the performing arts and is attended by the president and first lady. This year's honorees are Lauren Bacall, Bob Dylan, Charlton Heston, dancer Edward Villella and soprano Jessye Norman, a Georgia native.

This gala — the center's major fund-raising activity — will be held tonight and broadcast on

CBS-TV from 9 to 11 p.m. EST Dec. 26. The Kennedy Center presents 2,800 performances — some of them free — for audiences totaling 2 million people each year.

"One reason I got involved is that I want even more Americans to come here each year," said Radko as he conducted a tour of his decorated foyer.

How Radko got into the Christmas business is a holiday story of its own. In 1983, he topped the family tree in Scarsdale, N.Y. — breaking hundreds of heirloom blown-glass ornaments. Unable to find replacements in American stores, he went to Poland and commissioned glass blowers to make some for his family. When friends wanted to buy these ornaments, he decided to enter the business.

Radko designs the limited-edition ornaments and craftspeople make them in Poland, Germany, Italy and the Czech Republic. He explained that each ornament takes a week to complete, but "they are made in batches."

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By Barbara F.
N.Y. Times News Service

For the second holiday toy list, Resisting Un-TRUCE is a name concerned about toys affect play.

While other concentrate on toys or recommendations, TRUCE lists a play toy of education. TRUCE and a tee. She is also and the author.

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Experts list best and worst of holiday toys

By Barbara F. Meltz
N.Y. Times News Service

For the second year, Child Caring is publishing the holiday toy list prepared by TRUCE, Teachers for Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment. TRUCE is a national group of educators who are concerned about how children's entertainment and toys affect play and behavior.

While other lists offered at this time of year concentrate on toys that are physically safe or unsafe, or recommend toys based on popularity alone, the TRUCE lists are based on the value of the quality of play a toy promotes, says Diane Levin, a professor of education at Wheelock College, a founder of TRUCE and a member of its coordinating committee. She is also a national authority on children's play and the author of several books on the subject.

In choosing toys for the first half of the list, "Toys for Healthy & Creative Play," Levin says TRUCE looks for toys that encourage healthy, meaningful play. For "Toys to Avoid," TRUCE chooses toys that are narrowly focused and don't allow for creative play, or that promote violence in play.

Levin says her only regret about this year's bad-toy list is that it doesn't include a toy that came out after the list had been published, Starship Troopers. Based on a just-released movie rated R for its violence, the toy is recommended by the manufacturer for children 5 and up.

"Marketing a line of toys to children based on an R movie is about as low as you can get," Levin says. "It sucks kids into thinking that what's for adults is also for them." She says it poses a second danger because parents who see the toys will be misled into thinking the movie is appropriate for young children.

"Kids' fantasy lives have been poisoned by media violence and toys that promote violence in play," says Sally Lesser, owner of Henry Bear's Park. "We hope this fosters some discussion in families about how kids play differently with different kinds of toys."

TOYS FOR HEALTHY AND CREATIVE PLAY

■ **Toobers and Zots Glow Masks and Wands**, \$10-\$25, ages 3 and up. Glow-in-the-dark foam pieces that connect in many combinations. TRUCE likes it because: It can be played with in many ways, including as props for dramatic play.

■ **Building Brix by EZDO for Kids**, \$22, ages 2 to 10. Sixteen cardboard blocks. TRUCE likes it because: It can be used in endless ways.

■ **Japanese Set Master Building Blocks by TC Timber**, \$39, ages 3 and up. Sixty-three building blocks in 22 shapes, including multitiered roofs and ornate pagodas. TRUCE likes it because: It expands children's experience with different housing structures to include a global perspective.

■ **Picnic Basket/Picnic Case/Lunch Time Playset/Cook & Dine by Battat**, \$11-\$23, ages 3 and up. Play sets with self-contained cases and sturdy

pieces. TRUCE likes it because: It represents daily home activities and helps children make sense of their world.

■ **My Tool Belt by Battat**, \$18, ages 3 to 6. Thirteen plastic tools, including drill and saw, in a sturdy case. TRUCE likes it because: It encourages imaginative dramatic play.

■ **Puppy Veterinarian Kit by Battat**, \$30, ages 3 and up. Stuffed-animal pet carrier with medical equipment. TRUCE likes it because: Children enjoy caring for animals and including medical scenarios in their play.

■ **Rescue Vehicle Play Set by Learning Resources**, \$16, ages 3 and up. Includes fire engine, ambulance, etc., and four play people. TRUCE likes it because: The people come in a variety of skin colors and the toys are of sturdy plastic.

■ **Guess How Much I Love You Game by Briar Patch**, \$20, ages 3 to 6. Noncompetitive board game for one to four players using matching and pantomime. TRUCE likes it because: It helps develop thinking skills (strategy, memory) and social skills (following directions, taking turns).

■ **I Spy Memory Game by Briar Patch**, \$20, ages 4 to adult. Sixty-card memory game with a version for advanced play. TRUCE likes it because: It can be played in many ways at many levels. It helps develop the same skills as the How Much I Love You game.

■ **Harvest Time Game by Family Pastimes**, \$14, ages 3 to 7. Cooperative game where players try to plant and harvest before winter. TRUCE likes it because: It can be played in a family with children of many ages.

■ **Paint Center by Koosh Creative**, \$17.95, ages 4 to adult. Paint set with Koosh brush, roller, stamper, stencils, tray. TRUCE likes it because: It's an innovative art material with many possibilities for creativity.

■ **Multicolor Art Case by Battat**, \$7.50 to \$20, ages 3 and up. Two versions, one with pastels, markers, and pencils (35 pieces), deluxe (80 pieces) with scissors, glue, sharpener. TRUCE likes them because: They provide all the basic art supplies.

■ **Gertie Ball by Small World Toys**, \$3.75 to \$10, ages 3 and up. Variety of soft, flexible, rubbery balls. TRUCE likes them because: They're easy to grip, can be bounced, kicked, or thrown.

■ **Pitch 'N Catch by Packerland Toys & Sports**, \$5, ages 3 and up. Velcro covered paddles and balls. TRUCE likes it because: It's easy for children to have success with them.

■ **Wooden Puzzles by Lights, Camera, Interaction**, \$10-\$13, ages 1 to 5. Wooden peg puzzles for different ages and abilities. TRUCE likes them because: They're beautiful and durable.

■ **Parquetry Blocks & Pattern Cards by Learning Resources**, \$27, ages 3 and up. Thirty-two geometric shapes, six colors, 24 full-color pattern cards. TRUCE likes them because: They build math and thinking skills and are good at many stages of devel-

opment.

TOYS TO AVOID

■ **Star Castle Series: Cosmetic Castle by Trendmasters Inc.**, \$10 to \$16, ages 4 and up. Plastic cases with miniature makeup. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It is one-dimensional, focusing girls on making themselves look pretty.

■ **Talking Tina: Classroom Set by Toy Max, Inc.**, \$13, ages 4 and up. Barbie-type teacher doll and items who talks when you press her stomach. TRUCE doesn't like it because: The talking trivializes teachers' roles. Talking toys tend to foster unhealthy views of girls' and women's roles.

■ **Barbie: One Special Night by Mattel**, \$9.50, ages 4 and up. Board book that shows how Barbie dresses for a special night, with jewelry and props for imitative play. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It's an instruction book on how to dress and look sexually seductive.

■ **Barbie Super Talking Pager by Mattel**, \$10, ages 3 and up. Pink pager with messages, sounds, and lights. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It limits play, channeling girls into imitative, superficial, stereotypical teenage behavior.

■ **Lost World Jurassic Park: Dino Koosh by OddzOnProducts**, \$7, ages 3 to adult. Koosh ball with hard plastic head and feet of Lost World dinosaurs. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It links fighting dinosaurs of the movie with creative ball play, and the popular view of Koosh balls as safe takes a nose dive.

■ **Spiderman Venom Action Figures: Bride of Venom by Toy Biz**, \$10, ages 5 and up. Highly grotesque and sexualized figure based on the comic and TV show. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It links many issues in inappropriate ways that have no connection to normal child development.

■ **Spawn Ultra Action Figure with Clutch by McFarlane Toys**, \$10, ages 5 and up. Based on

"Spawn," the highly violent movie, TV show, and comic. Clutch is a grotesque figure with robotic limbs and a firing peg-leg machete. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It links sex and violence in an unhealthy way children cannot understand. Crutch portrays physical handicaps in a scary, negative way.

■ **Hercules Feel the Pain, Pat the Panic, "A Fun to Touch Book" by Watermark/Disney**, \$7, (offers no age recommendation). Board book with a scary story line and something to touch on each page. TRUCE doesn't like it because: By linking concepts like poison, kidnap, and brat to the classic "Pat the Bunny" book, it exploits emotions and confuses children.

■ **Goosebumps Microverse by Kenner-Hasbro**, \$10, ages 5 and up. Miniature castle with trapdoor, dungeon, and executioner. TRUCE doesn't like it because: By focusing play on torture and scary themes it perverts a primary purpose of toys: to help children master their fears.

■ **World Wrestling Federation (WWF) Bad Boys Action Figures: Vader by Jakks Pacific**, \$5, ages 4 and up. Action figures based on a real wrestler pictured on the box. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It focuses play on strength and using bodies as weapons. By linking real people to the toy, it confuses reality and fantasy for children.

■ **Space Shooter Target Game: Jurassic Park-The Lost World by Milton-Bradley**, \$20, ages 5 and up. Foam discs to be shot. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It's based on violent movies and turns play into fighting and shooting.

■ **Nerf Chainblaster Blaster by Kenner-Hasbro**, \$15, ages 6 and up. A projectile gun that rapidly shoots eight foam darts with suction cups. TRUCE doesn't like it because: It takes action-figure play one step further by encouraging boys to strap the weapon on their bodies and become the fighting figures themselves. Projectile toys can be dangerous.



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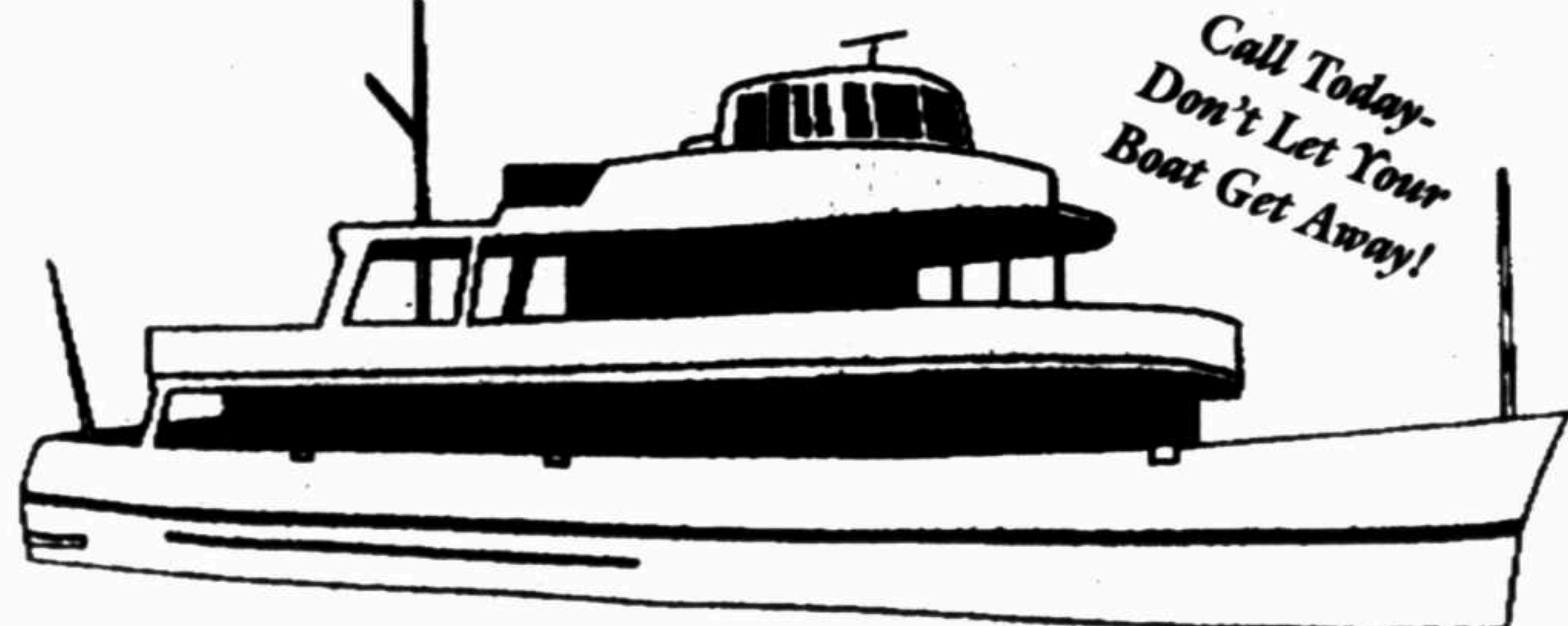
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Necessity leads to mom's invention

By Sandra Ann Harris
Herald News Service

SAN RAMON, Calif. — A former grocery store clerk who dropped out of high school at age 14 and is now married with three children has given new life to the old phrase: "Necessity is the mother of invention."

Karen Alvarez is one of California's newest inventors. Alvarez, 33, of San Ramon, was in the produce department of a grocery store in 1994 when the idea hit her. Her son, who was then about a year old, was sitting in a shopping cart when he leaned over and reached for an apple. The cart flipped, hurling him to the floor. The heavy metal cage crashed down on top of him.

He wasn't seriously injured, but "it was terrifying for him, and it was traumatic for both of us," Alvarez said.

In an effort to prevent more such accidents, Alvarez invented Baby Comfort Strap, which has a patent pending. It's a seat belt for children riding in shopping carts. The belt keeps youngsters upright and stops them from leaning, standing, climbing or otherwise destabilizing the cart.

The 15-inch padded Baby Comfort Strap fastens with a plastic buckle behind the child's seat, out of reach of curious hands. Designed for children ages 6 months to about 2 years, the strap sells for less than \$10 and also can be used with strollers and high chairs.

Shopping cart accidents are a formidable safety hazard, with more than 60 children nationwide going to hospital emergency rooms for treatment every day, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Some 21,500 children every year are treated for related injuries, such as concussions, fractures, broken bones and even death.

"Kids are like little Houdinis. They don't like to be confined," Alvarez said. "They want to get out and move around. If they're not secured or their parent isn't focused directly on them, they put one foot up. If there's nothing restraining them, it's seconds before tragedy strikes." Alvarez hopes she can stop the mounting toll of injuries with her new invention.

"I have three kids, and I'm expecting my fourth," said Debbie Burke of Livermore, Calif., who uses the Baby Comfort Strap when she goes to grocery stores. "It's wonderful, absolutely wonderful. You've got two running around and one in the cart. It's hard to keep track of it all. I had a bad experience before I had that. I was lucky my son didn't really get hurt."

Some grocery stores have safety straps on their shopping carts, but Alvarez said her product is superior. It's cleaner than the built-ins, she said. The buckle is behind the seat and out of reach of the child, she added, and most important, parents can always count on having a safety strap if they bring their own.

"You're lucky if you get a cart with a strap," Burke said. "There's a lot of stores that don't have them, but if you have your own, you just bring it, and you don't have to worry."

A full list of Baby Comfort Strap retailers is available on the Internet (www.advweb.com/babycomfort).

Alvarez, who is the caretaker of a school in San Ramon, along with her husband, Adam, a postal service manager, never set out to be an inventor. In fact, her formal education ended at age 14, when she dropped out of high school in Hayward and got a job at a gas station to help support her family.

"I had to work. There was no food in the house," Alvarez said. So when she got the idea for the strap, Alvarez wasn't sure how to launch her invention. Instead of letting her naivete stop her, though, she went to the library and immersed herself in research — accident statistics, marketing, manufacturing, financing, insurance.

One of the more daunting hurdles was the \$1 million in liability insurance Alvarez needed before she could put her product on the market. "I couldn't afford the insurance," she said. "It's \$6,000 a year."

Then she got some more bad news from a friend who heard about a New Hampshire firm that manufactured safety straps for shopping carts. Alvarez figured her stint as an inventor was over. After all, if someone was already making the product, there was no need for hers, but she called Safe Strap Co. anyway to inquire about its product. President Paul Giampavolo told her that Safe Strap Co. manufactures the built-in straps for direct sale to grocery stores. It also makes other child safety products.

"He said, 'Karen, this is a great idea. We really should do something with this,'" Alvarez said. "I said, 'Yeah, but I can't afford the insurance.'" Giampavolo subsequently agreed that his company would manufacture Alvarez's Baby Comfort Strap for her and carry the liability. Alvarez then buys the product from Safe Strap Co. and handles all distribution and marketing.

Friends take over as mom to sisters

By Karina Bland
N.Y. Times News Service

TEMPE, Ariz. — Linda Spears and her sister, Rita, never really thought they'd become mothers when a friend revised her will three years ago, naming them as guardians of her two children.

But now the sounds of the Beastie Boys and Hanson float up from the basement of the sisters' Tempe home. There's homework to be done. Teenage boys call — a lot.

Linda, at 47, and Rita, 45, are experiencing motherhood for the first time — unexpected and by the seat of their pants.

The children arrived half grown, daughters of their good friend who died last December — the day after Christmas — of pancreatic cancer. Their father had died the previous spring.

Neither Linda, an accountant, nor Rita, a lawyer, had planned to marry or have children. Both had busy enough lives. Linda is on the Tempe City Council. Fifteen years ago, she and Rita bought a house together and lived comfortably and companionably. She was 35, she said, before she felt responsible enough to get a puppy.

"I just never wanted the responsibility of children," Linda said. "I never had the maternal instincts."

But when their friend called, they couldn't turn her down.

"Someone says 'You want to be the guardian' and you say, 'of course,'" Rita said.

Rarely do people talk about what would happen if they died — how much money is left for the kids, where will they go to school.

"Nobody thinks they are going to die, and no one wants to think about it," Rita said. "But you have to think about it. It can happen."

Because the girls' mother named the Spears sisters as guardians, there were no court hearings, no background checks,

no visits from social workers. It was simply a matter of filing some paperwork. The girls moved in this summer. Now, two sets of sisters live in the house.

"My Mom always told Kristi and I that she wanted to have two daughters so they would always be there for each other," said Bobbi, 16 and a junior at Xavier College Preparatory in Phoenix.

"I think that's one of the reasons my Mom picked Linda and Rita," said Kristi, 11 and a sixth-grader at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Tempe.

Their bedrooms are side-by-side. So are Linda's and Rita's. "We have two basic rules," Linda says. "They can't burn the house down, and I don't want to hear from the police."

Before, Linda rarely got up before 8 a.m. Now, she's up at 6:15 a.m., making lunches for the girls. There's double the laundry. And instead of grocery shopping once a month, they go every week.

And every so often they catch her with late-night reminders that they need to be at school early the next day or money for a field trip.

The girls are Catholic. The Spears sisters are not. But Linda joined the parish where Kristi goes to school and now goes to Mass regularly, particularly when the younger girl sings in the choir.

"There had better be a God, and I better be getting points," Linda said.

The girls most often introduce Linda and Rita as their aunts. The real story is simply too complicated.

Linda was 25 when she met the girls' mother, Sue Holcomb, in 1975. Holcomb was 30 and owned a travel agency. They became fast

friends. Holcomb got married three years later. After that, the women spent less time together, especially when the couple moved to New River. "Our lives were just going in different directions," Linda said.

She and Rita saw the girls on holidays and birthdays. The women talked on the telephone.

Three years ago, the girls' parents separated. They divorced a year later.

Then, in March 1996, the girls' father had a heart attack and died. At his funeral, someone told Holcomb that she didn't look well. The whites of her eyes were yellow.

A few weeks later, Holcomb was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She had surgery to remove the mass, but the cancer spread to her liver. She died on Dec. 26, 1996.

Holcomb had named the Spears sisters guardians of the girls when she and her husband first separated. "You're thinking, 'This is real nice. It will never happen,'" Linda said.

At first, the girls stayed with their grandmother, Sue's mother, in New River. But Linda and Rita had promised to raise the girls.

"Sue needed the assurance that these kids were going to be OK. She wanted them together," Linda said. "She wanted them to be successful. She wanted them to be

happy."

And she had chosen these two sisters to make sure that happened.

"I told the girls, 'I'm not going to be your mother. I can't replace your mother. I'll be your best friend,'" Linda said.

The girls' mother left about \$125,000 for her daughters. They each get \$837 a month from Social Security.

The Spears use that for the girls' tuition. The rest they save for college.

And Linda and Rita split the rest of the girls' expenses. They spent \$10,000 to remodel the house's basement to add two bedrooms.

"I'm just so glad that it's permanent," Bobbi said.

She is in the National Honor Society, on the yearbook staff and does volunteer work with disabled people.

Kristi likes to read. She wants to be a veterinarian or a pediatric surgeon.

The girls miss their mother. So do the Spears sisters. They talk about the girls' parents, keeping their memory alive that way.

The girls keep the women young. They go bike riding and listen to hip music. They are up on TV shows.

"We're happy more times than we're not happy," Linda said. "I guess that's the most you can ask for."

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BASIN BRIEFING

Special screening

The movie "It's a Wonderful Life" is to be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday at Hollywood Theaters on Loop 250 as a fund-raiser for Midland Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$5 a person. Waffles and gingerbread are to be served beginning at 6:15 p.m. For more information, call Gail Essex at 686-8877.

Street closing

Motorists who travel northbound on A Street between Texas and Illinois avenues will face a detour this week. Beginning Monday, and continuing through Friday, that area will be closed to northbound traffic. City crews will be replacing a sewer line on Texas Avenue. Traffic will be reduced on Texas to two lanes from C to Pecos streets.

Stanton shopping

STANTON — Stanton's merchants are to stage their "Shop Stanton Late Night for Christmas" 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. Santa Claus is to ride into town on a covered wagon.

Book fair

Bush Elementary School PTA's Scholastic Book Fair is to be at the library Monday through Thursday during school hours and before and after Tuesday's 7 p.m. meeting. For more information, call 686-1870.

Holiday social

Midland/Permian Basin Chapter of Association of Records Managers and Administrators is planning a holiday social at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Petroleum Club. Persons who attend are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and/or canned goods for the West Texas Food Bank. Reservations must be made by Tuesday by calling Dina Richburg at 687-7502 or Noemi Carrillo at 686-3790.

Christmas party

Survivors of Homicide Support Group's Christmas party is 7-10 p.m. Dec. 18 at the law enforcement building, 400 S. Main St. For more information, call Lydia Fresca, 570-4621; Gladys Qualls, 570-7588; or the Midland County Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Unit, 688-8909.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Permian Basin Road Runners Club, business meeting, 697-1066.

Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge & Novice Duplicate Bridge, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center.

Tall City Road Riders, 9 a.m., Warfield Truckstop, 682-9869, 687-5313.

Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street, 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 689-5563.

SAA—Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 3:30 p.m. 1406 E. Taylor St., (lic: 1-51-0171588-4).

Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m. 311 S. Pecos St.

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Judge postpones ROT members' trial Paulsons also get change of venue from Alpine to Fort Stockton

■ Husband's attorney sought change of venue because of the attention the trial of the separatist group's ambassador Richard McLaren attracted when he was tried in Alpine in October.

EL PASO (AP) — A husband and wife who participated in the Republic of Texas' armed standoff against authorities will be tried next year — in a different city from where their leader was convicted. State District Judge Kenneth DeHart decided Friday to move Gregg and Karen Paulson's organized crime trial to Fort Stockton from Alpine, where self-styled Republic ambassador Richard McLaren was tried in October.

DeHart also granted a defense motion to postpone

the case until late January. The couple had been scheduled to go on trial Monday on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

The Paulsons are accused of taking two people hostage during a military-style raid April 27 near Fort Davis in the Davis Mountains Resort, a remote community 160 miles southwest of Midland.

The abduction, conducted in retaliation for the arrest of another Republic member, sparked a standoff with 300 officers that ended May 3 after the group agreed to leave its mountain "embassy."

Republic members contend the U.S. annexation of Texas in 1845 was illegal and that Texas remains an independent nation whose citizens are not subject to state laws.

McLaren was sentenced on Nov. 4 to 99 years in prison, and Robert Otto, his top lieutenant, was sentenced to 50 years after both were convicted on the

same organized crime charges.

Gregg Paulson's attorney, Anthony Foster, said he wanted his client's trial moved because of the attention McLaren's case attracted in Alpine. Fort Stockton is 70 miles northeast of Alpine and 109 miles from Midland.

"I couldn't walk down the street (during McLaren's trial) without people asking me, 'How's the trial? I hope they hang those guys,'" Foster said.

A fifth person accused in the kidnapping, Richard F. Keyes III, will be tried later next year on the same charges. DeHart granted a change of venue Friday for Keyes' case as well, but did not select a location.

Also next year, defense attorneys expect to appeal McLaren and Otto's convictions. Otto's attorney, Mike Barclay, said the appeal probably will be filed in February.

Veteran recalls Pearl Harbor on anniversary

Dec. 7, 1941, is "a date that will live in infamy ... I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, Dec. 7, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire."

"... All measures will be taken for our defense ... No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

"We will triumph ... so help us, God."

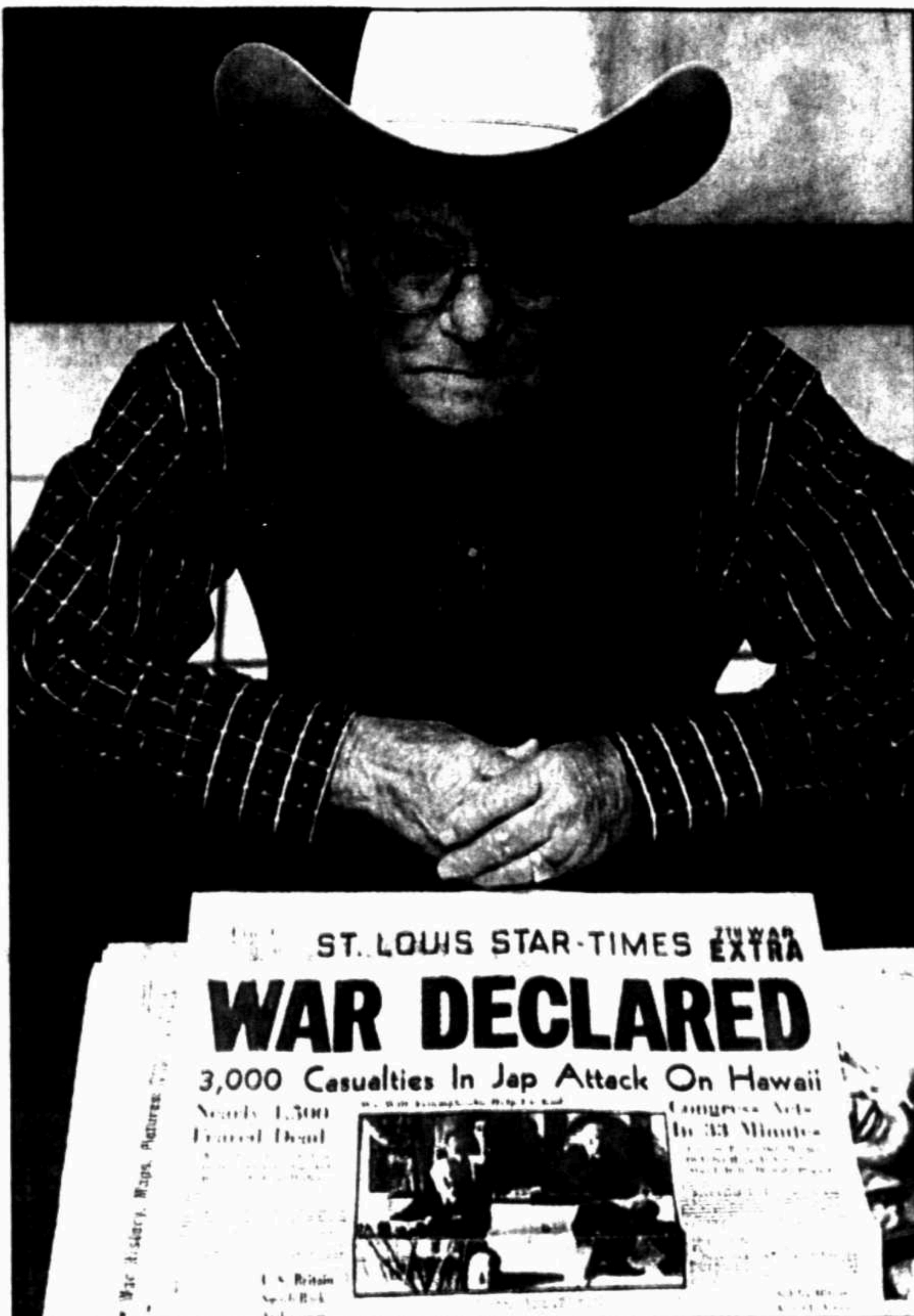
— President Roosevelt, Dec. 8, 1941, from his address to Congress, asking that it declare war on Japan

On that windy, sand-blown Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, L.C. Cox was taking a leisurely midday drive in his 1935 Dodge coupe between Pampa and McLean.

He was listening to the radio, a revolutionary 20th century pastime then, and heard a news flash that changed his life and altered his country's fate forever.

Carrier-borne aircraft of the Imperial Japanese Navy had bombed and strafed Pearl Harbor and catapulted the United States into World War II. "I didn't know where Pearl Harbor was," said Cox, then a 24-year-old welder who had grown up on East Texas and West Texas cotton fields from Bonham to Lubbock and who opted for the oil patch instead of the farm. "People didn't know much about the (Japanese) then. Everybody was stunned."

Please see PEARL HARBOR/3B



L.C. Cox, 80, says he wouldn't trade his experience working in the Pearl Harbor shipyard during World War II for anything.

Story by Ed Todd — Photo by Brian Adamcik

Video sales turn wishes to reality

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A new Christmas video is benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of West Texas.

The producers of "Annabelle's Wish," a new animated film that debuted on the Fox network last week, have set aside \$250,000 to grant 100 wishes through Make-A-Wish chapters across the United States.

Dan Johnson, executive director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of West Texas, said there are 84 chapters in the country so some chapters got two wishes.

Proceeds from the sale of the "Annabelle's Wish" video are helping the West Texas chap-

ter send a 12-year-old girl from El Paso to visit her grandmother in New Hampshire for Christmas. She hasn't seen her grandmother in about eight years, Johnson said.

"We've been working with the New Hampshire chapter and we've organized the trip so that she can have a sleigh ride, she'll be visited by Santa Claus and his elves on Christmas morning and a lot of other activities. We've also arranged limousine service to provide transportation."

He said he wanted to emphasize that "we grant wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. The child does not have to be termi-

Please see WISHES/2B



Dan Johnson, executive director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of West Texas, said that the producers of the video "Annabelle's Wish" are to donate \$250,000 from the video's sale to Make-A-Wish chapters across the United States.

Brian Adamcik/
Reporter-Telegram

GARY OTT

Old habits die hard when it comes to housecleaning

I unlocked the front door and entered my apartment. I tossed the mail on the kitchen counter and plopped down on the couch. Grabbing the remote control, I switched on the TV and began the grand tour of cable channels ... sports, news, old movies, talk shows, tacky sitcoms, the usual fare.

But something was not quite right. I was neither in the mood nor the proper frame of mind to keep watching. Something was nagging at me, and I couldn't put my finger on what it was. But it was definitely something.

So I stood up and walked around. First to the kitchen and then down the hallway to the bedroom. Still, nothing. The bathroom provided no clues, either. So it was back to the living room, where I glanced around one more time.

Then it hit me.

"This place is a mess!"

And it was. Disgustingly so, in fact.

"You should be ashamed of yourself," I lectured my alter ego, while picking up dirty clothes that had been strewn about the living room floor. "Just LOOK at this place! Were you born in a barn?"

And like a small child who had just been chastised by a disapproving parent, I shuffled my feet and muttered, "Aw, shucks. It's not THAT bad."

But it was

And I knew it.

It has been said — and with good reason, I suppose — that single men who live alone don't really "clean house." Rather, from time to time, when overcome by a sense of guilt or when threatened by a visit from a family member, they will run the vacuum cleaner over the carpet a couple of times and pile the dirty plates in the dish washer.

Then with a great deal of satisfaction, they will lean back and sigh, "Lord, it feels good to work hard."

But this time, I swore it would be different. I was going to REALLY clean house, even if it meant getting down on my hands and knees and, God forbid, scrubbing those hard-to-get-to corners of the bathroom floor, the ones that seem to magically attract filth and grime, especially when they have been carefully avoided for the previous six months.

And as if to prove my commitment to cleanliness, I immediately went to the store and purchased a variety of items, including a large box of SOS steel wool soap pads and two rolls of double-ply paper towels. A man armed with a large box of SOS steel wool soap pads and two rolls of double-ply paper towels is a man on a mission.

Nothing can stop him.

He is on a cleaning binge. Kitchen counter, sink, oven top, refrigerator, commode, bathtub, shower and, yes, even those hard-to-get-to corners of the bathroom floor.

If it can be scrubbed, he'll find it.

My project officially began at 2:15 p.m. this past Tuesday. I had taken the afternoon off, and so after my quick trip to the grocery store, it was time to get down to some serious house cleaning.

I had changed into a pair of ragged jeans and a 15-year-old Hard Rock Cafe T-shirt. A headband was keeping the hair out of my eyes, and my tennis shoes were the grubbies I could find.

Resting on the floor before me were my tools of the trade ... a mop, a bucket, several rags, a can of oven cleaner, Pine Sol, two sponges, Comet, Formula 409 and, of course, the large box of SOS steel wool soap pads and two rolls of double-ply paper towels.

I was, to put it mildly, ready for work.

Well, almost.

First, I needed to map out a plan, an order of events, so to speak.

Do I start in the kitchen or the bathroom? Do I mop first, or begin with the dusting? Do I clean the inside of the oven before the outside, or vice-versa.

Decisions, decisions, decisions.

I never knew so much was involved in cleaning house. So I sat on the couch and pondered the situation.

Then it dawned on me. A plan materialized.

First, I would run the vacuum cleaner over the carpet a couple of times and THEN I would pile the dirty plates in the dish washer.

Hey, old habits are hard to break.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

OBITUARIES



Good

Wilson Good

H. Wilson "Willie" Good died Tuesday, December 2, 1997, in Midland, Texas. Mr. Good was born August 20, 1914, in Cooper, Texas, to Thomas Baker Good and Maude Tisdale Good. He was one of six children. He attended Southern Methodist University and graduated with a degree in business in 1937. He worked for Mobil Oil Corp. from 1933 until 1983, when he retired from Mobil. Thereafter, he started Good's Consultant Co. and continued working until 1991.

Mr. Good married Mary Maxine Ray on September 26, 1939, in Duncan, Oklahoma. In 1942, he enlisted during World War II and proudly served his country as a member of 703 Petroleum Engineering Unit of the United States Army. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and the Fellowship Sunday School Class.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Thomas Ray Good; and two brothers, Lloyd Good and Lewis Good.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Good of Midland; two daughters, Susan Good Hall of Midland and Jane Good Rowe of Albuquerque, New Mexico; four grandchildren, Christopher

Thomas Hall, Jennifer Lynn Hall, Gordon Henry Rowe IV and Emilee Ray Rowe; a sister, Margaret Good of New Orleans, Louisiana; and two brothers, Gene Good of Cooper and Barton Good of Commerce.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 4, in Duncan, Oklahoma. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 7, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. C. Lane Boyd officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be directed to First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird St., Midland, Texas 79701 or Hospice of Midland, Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.



Lozano

Emeterio Lozano

BIG SPRING —Emeterio "Milton" Lozano Jr., 49, of Big Spring, died Thursday, December 4, 1997, at a local hospital. A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 7, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 8, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church officiating. Burial will fol-

low at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born on September 28, 1948, in Seguin, Texas, and married Yolanda Trevino on May 8, 1984, in Big Spring, Texas.

He grew up in Lamesa and graduated from Lamesa High School in 1966. He was a longtime resident of Big Spring and owned and operated Lozano Surety Bail Bond.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of LULAC. Survivors include his wife, Yolanda Trevino Lozano of Big Spring; four sons, Emeterio "Milton" Lozano III, Rafael Trevino Jr., Rafael Trevino III and Marcus Allen Trevino, all of Big Spring; four daughters, Gloria Lozano Torres, Jennie Lozano, Maggie Lozano Lopez and Francis Franco, all of Big Spring; his parents, Emeterio "Milton" Sr. and Ynosencia Lozano of Lamesa; two brothers, Louis Lozano of Lubbock and Joe Lozano of Midland; one sister, Mary Ann Hooper of Midland and 15 grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.



Mauzy

George Mauzy

CLAYTON, N.M. — George L.

Mauzy, 67, died Friday, December 5, 1997, in Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, at the First United Methodist Church in Clayton with the Rev. Andy Husted, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Clayton Memorial Cemetery by Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton.

George was born in Houston, Texas, on June 3, 1930, to Harry Mauzy Sr. and Mildred (Kincaid) Mauzy. He was the youngest of eight children and was raised in Houston where he graduated from Jefferson-Davis High School in 1949. He was also a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin and the South Texas School of Law in Houston. George worked for the Humble Oil and Refining Co. from 1956 to 1965 in their lease records department. In 1965, he went to work for the Coastal States Gas Co. in Corpus Christi, Texas, and transferred to their Midland land department in 1972. From 1975 until 1981, he has been an independent land man. A resident of Clayton, New Mexico, George married Nona Harlan on November 29, 1986, in Clayton.

Survivors include his wife Nona Mauzy of Clayton, New Mexico; one son, Greg Mauzy of Midland, Texas; two daughters, Michelle Mauzy of Bedford, Texas, and Renee Mauzy-Cregar of Austin, Texas; three stepsons, Arthur Gore III of Aiken, South Carolina; Mark Gore of Clayton, New Mexico, and Byron Gore of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two stepdaughters, Elizabeth Gore of Clayton, New Mexico, and Mary Gore-Staggs of Aiken, South Carolina; two brothers, Harry Mauzy Jr. of Houston, Texas, and Oscar Mauzy of Austin, Texas; one sister, Mildred Burdick of Austin, Texas; four grandchildren, Jennifer Cregar and Jeffrey Cregar, both of Austin, Texas; Kacy Cragg and Dustin Cragg, both of Midland, Texas; four stepgrandchildren, Christian Gore of Littleton, Colorado, Davin Gore of Clayton, New Mexico, Bradley Staggs of Aiken, South Carolina, and Destiny Gore of Clayton, New Mexico; and one stepgreat-granddaughter, Dava Gore of Clayton, New Mexico.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Friday
Burglary of a vehicle: A cassette player was taken from a vehicle at 200 Baird St. It was reported at 4:50 p.m.

Criminal mischief: A window was damaged on a car in the 2900 block of Midland Drive. It was reported at 10:51 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Friday
Assault: Deanna Beck reported an assault at 5101 N. A St. It was reported at 2:57 p.m.

Theft: A bicycle was taken

from 2800 S. County Road during evening hours Thursday. Raquel Villegas reported it at 9:10 p.m.

Saturday
Criminal mischief: Texas Department of Public Safety signs were vandalized at the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Farm-to-Market Road 3503. It was reported at 7:29 a.m.

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

Temple Beth El honors two-time president of Odessa synagogue

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Picce Glast, who served two terms as the president of the Temple Beth El in Odessa, was honored Saturday night for her contributions to the Permian Basin's Jewish community.

Ms. Glast, recipient-elect of the State of Israel 50th Anniversary Independence Award, has held every office with the temple and has served on its board for more than two decades.

The four-time president of Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) was appointed to the Southwest Regional Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. She is also a lifetime member of Hadassah and the Circle of Service.

"Sixty percent of our members are from Midland, but our building is in Odessa," Ms. Glast explained. She added that she hopes to see the presence of a full-time rabbi at the

temple. The rabbi, Erin Polansky, is a student intern from Cincinnati.

Renowned historian and commentator on the Middle East, Kenneth Stein, was the guest speaker at Ms. Glast's dinner at The Club at Mission Dorado. Ms. Glast said she heard of Stein from her oldest daughter Rachel, a student at Emory College in Atlanta.

"She has learned so much from him. She is so invigorated from what he has taught them in class," Ms. Glast said.

Stein, who has written several works about Middle East politics, noted that the Saturday event also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the state of Israel.

"Israelites are no longer in total fear of destruction. They are now focused on who they are, their identity, reforming their political system, overhauling their economic structure ... Israel is becoming much more normal as a state," Stein said of the state's transition over the years.

"Israel was meant to find a way of normal life in Jewish conditions ... where they can exercise rights and privileges," he said. "It has also (helped) Jews all around (to) the world to develop a certain pride."



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Welfare class gets poor review

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' newest hurdle for welfare recipients, a required class on how to get a job, got a less than enthusiastic reception from some of its first students.

The 14 women in Friday's class seemed bored or bewildered and sat silently through a confusing presentation about welfare, the Austin American-Statesman reported in Saturday's editions.

The 90-minute class — called "Choices" — began last week and does not include textbooks or tests.

"I'm going to be telling you about some choices you have," work counselor Susan Milligan told the group. The choices "might make it possible for you to get a job and not have to get on cash assistance."

That prompted questions from several women about why they had to be in the class if the medical

disability exempted them from work requirements or if they needed aid for one more month.

While Ms. Milligan and coworker Kimberly Tolbert talked to some students individually, the women who had no questions, watched the clock or thumbed through welfare brochures.

Alice Meneses, whose aid expires in January, used the time to prepare a bottle for her 5-month-old son, Jake.

Ms. Meneses said her welfare counselor instructed her to attend the class even though she does not expect to need the money after getting a bartending job.

"They're really trying to get people back to work, but personally I don't think these classes are very much (incentive) for people to go back to work," she said.

DEATH NOTICES

Thomas Rogers

Thomas F. Rogers died Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring.

Services are not planned. He was born Nov. 22, 1916, in California.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Graham Rogers; his first wife, Angesta Blackwood Rogers; and his second wife, Lois Seals Rogers in 1975.

He is survived by a son, Thomas Rogers Jr., of El Cajon, Calif.; a daughter, Suzanne O'Brien of Weed, Calif.; a brother and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Charles Mackey

Charles Mackey of Taylor died Tuesday, Dec. 2, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 6, at A.W. Wilson Chapel with the Rev. Johnny L. Barnes officiating. Burial followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of

Jamison's Funeral Home.

He was born July 23, 1939, in Taylor.

He worked for several years in construction. He was a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Earline Maxey of Lubbock; three brothers, Joe L. Maxey of Abilene, Johnny L. Maxey of Houston and Harold Maxey of Amarillo; three sisters, Myrtle Harrington and Elvira Wilson, both of Lubbock, and Verde Mae Lofton of Gatesville; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Noah Mejia

Noah Mejia, infant son of Pedro and Valerie Mejia of Midland, died Thursday, Dec. 4, in Odessa.

Graveside services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at Fairview Cemetery with Manny Vaverde officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 4, 1997, in Odessa.

Other survivors include one sis-

ter, Sarah Nativad of Midland; his grandparents, Marie Mejia of Phoenix, Ariz., Namdia Eaton and Johnny Martinez, both of Midland; and several aunts and uncles.

Jim Frix

Jim Bill Frix, 72, died Thursday, Dec. 4, in Midland.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Restland Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

He was born April 6, 1925, in Lampasas.

He was a design drafter. He moved to Midland in 1968 after living in Houston and Golden, Colo. He also lived in Venezuela for 18 months.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Frix of Midland; one sister, Opal Roberta Arebalos of Fort Worth; and several nephews.

Mary Wallace

Mary Wallace, 78, of Midland, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at her res-

idence.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel with Ervina Mitchell, Floyd Johnson and Jerry Henderson officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She was born September 22, 1919, in Paris, Texas.

She moved to Midland in 1949. She was a homemaker and a caretaker for several families in Midland. She was a member of the Bible Way Church of Jesus Christ and the Midland Senior Citizen Center, where she earned her G.E.D. and was a leather craft instructor.

She was preceded in death by two sons, W.L. Wallace and Tommy Lee Tillis; and one sister, Betty Davis.

Survivors include one daughter, Arrella Tillis of Midland; two brothers, Jimmy Davis of Ruidoso, N.M., and Eugene Davis of Denver; one sister, Tessie Walker of Compton, Calif.; three grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

WISHES: El Paso girl gets trip to visit grandmother for holidays

(From 1B)

"We really feel the services we provide are as important as some of the medical procedures, because the children spend so much time in the hospital and with doctors, we feel giving them a break and providing them a wish and the encouragement that provides helps their recovery."

"Annabelle's Wish," produced by Ralph Edwards Films, is the story of Annabelle the calf, born on Christmas Eve. It incorporates the legend that Santa gives voices to the animals one day each year.

Her wish is to fly like one of Santa's reindeer, but her friendship with Billy, a young boy who can't talk, offers a lesson in the true meaning of Christmas, friendship

and compassion.

County music star Randy Travis serves as narrator. Other performers include Jerry Van Dyke as Billy's grandfather and Cloris Leachman as Billy's mean Aunt Agnes.

The soundtrack includes songs by Travis, Alison Krauss, Dolly Parton, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Nanci Griffith and Kevin Sharp. Sharp is a survivor of brain cancer and former Make-A-Wish recipient.

The local chapter has copies of the video for sale at its offices, 2817 JBS Parkway Suite E-3 in Odessa. Proceeds will benefit the local chapter and Johnson said those who buy the video from the local chapter can receive an "Annabelle" Christmas ornament.

Note of Thanks

To all of Patti's many friends, church and club members, my deepest appreciation for all your cards, encouraging notes, and prayers during her recent final illness.

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Content of newly released tobacco documents interests Texas officials

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales is interested in learning whether 800 documents released to Congress by the nation's largest cigarette makers contain new material that can be used in Texas' lawsuit against the companies, said Ron Dusek, spokesman for the attorney general.

"It could be stuff that is already out there, is already public, or it could be entirely new evidence against the tobacco industry," Dusek said Saturday. "But we certainly want to know what it is."

Texas is among 41 states that have sued tobacco companies for reimbursement of money spent in Medicaid and other state health programs treating illnesses of smokers. The Texas trial is set for Jan. 13.

House Commerce Committee Chairman Thomas Bliley, R-Va., subpoenaed tobacco companies Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson, and Lorillard Inc. after the companies ignored his month-long demand for the papers.

The tobacco companies com-

plied with the subpoena Friday.

Bliley, who has been a staunch defender of the tobacco industry, said lawmakers need to see the documents before they consider legislation to protect tobacco firms from future lawsuits. The industry and the states earlier this year negotiated a \$368 billion national settlement that would have ended all of the lawsuits, but it has stalled in Congress.

The documents are part of Minnesota's anti-tobacco lawsuit. A Minnesota court official who has reviewed the documents has said they contain evidence of crime and fraud.

Dusek said he does not know whether or when the 800 documents submitted under seal to Congress will be made public. And he said that even if the documents do contain new information, a court would have to rule them admissible.

"The court controls what evidence and documents can be used during a trial," Dusek said. "Of course, we believe that all evidence that shows criminal activity should be allowed to be presented to a jury."

Hospitals, doctors form network to negotiate insurance

DALLAS (AP) — A coalition of nearly 70 hospitals and 6,000 doctors in Texas that is looking to gain leverage in negotiating with managed-care companies is raising questions about a monopoly in the industry.

The sheer size of WellSpan Healthcare Network will bring it under heavy scrutiny for antitrust violations, said investment analyst Sandy Lutz, with Rauscher Pierce Refsnes in Dallas.

WellSpan will be one of the largest organizations of doctors and hospitals in the country, Ronald L. Smith, president and chief executive officer of Harris Methodist Health System, told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's editions.

The network may begin operation as soon as Jan. 1.

"This will allow physicians and hospitals to have a seat at the table in discussions with payers (insurance companies) about what's important to members and also what's important to the providers," said Smith, who will serve as chairman of the network.

Currently, doctors and hospitals negotiate separate contracts with a variety of health plans. The new group would do the work for them, with the aim of reducing time-consuming administrative hassles.

More than half the doctors in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and more than two-thirds of the hospitals would be represented by WellSpan, officials said.

"It would definitely be a force to reckon with," Ms. Lutz said. "The question is: Would it be monopolistic? If they were as successful

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— Sandy Lutz, an investment analyst with Rauscher Pierce Refsnes

in contracting as they want to be, the next question is: Are they controlling the rates paid by employers?"

According to planning documents, the new group will have \$550 million in managed-care revenue in January. Its goal is to increase that figure to \$2 billion within a few years and to provide care to 2 million people, the report said.

WellSpan planners said they are not trying to control the market.

"We are not asking, nor do we expect WellSpan to be exclusive with any of the physicians or providers," Smith said. "We certainly anticipate each of the providers to have contracts with other companies. WellSpan is just one option."

Managed-care companies also have expressed concerns about the network.

"I'm not sure this would add a whole lot of

value, quite honestly," said Mike Dobbs, Aetna U.S. Healthcare's general manager for North Texas. "Frankly, we think competition among hospitals and physicians and all businesses is pretty healthy."

Analysts said WellSpan could radically change the marketplace if it achieves its membership and revenue goals.

The new group will be marketed to managed-care companies as a means for them to expand their health care networks without negotiating with dozens of different providers, officials said.

In turn, doctors and hospitals will ask the insurers to consolidate many administrative functions under one roof, Smith said. Instead of paying each HMO to handle preauthorizations and process claims, WellSpan will give doctors and hospitals the ability to decide who should perform those tasks. That way, providers won't have to deal with varying rules from different companies.

With the administrative tasks removed from managed-care contracts, WellSpan would pay insurers only enough money to cover marketing expenses, commissions, sales taxes and profit, said Dr. Ramiro Cavazos, a Fort Worth pediatrician who helped form the network.

That could change the role of HMOs, analysts said.

"This seems like it would be the first step in trying to eliminate the HMO altogether from the market," Ms. Lutz said. "The HMOs are shifting their risk down the food chain to physicians and hospitals. All they're left doing is shuffling paper."

PEARL HARBOR: Man remembers shipyard

(From 1B)

The next day, Cox and his co-workers reported to work as usual at the General Atlas Carbon plant in Pampa. Also that day, President Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan.

As America and its allies united against the axis powers, the phrase, "Remember Pearl Harbor," became a battle cry that helped bond Americans in the armed forces and the civilian work corps.

Cox, 80 — a retired welder and demolition excavator who prepared sites for many of Midland's high-rise office buildings — soon found out where Pearl Harbor was.

From late 1942 to late 1945, he and thousands of other welders lived and worked at Pearl Harbor repairing war-damaged ships to help carry out Roosevelt's quest for victory.

"I liked old Roosevelt," Cox said. "He was my man. He did a good job in pulling America out of the Great Depression and in leading the nation to victory."

In responding to Pearl Harbor fliers seeking welders, rig builders and other craftsmen to repair damaged ships at the Pearl Harbor shipyard, Cox volunteered.

"I was real happy to go, to be able to do something (for the war effort)," Cox recalled. "Everybody wanted to help. They were ready to quit their jobs and go do what they could do."

"I went over on an old (freighter)" from California to Hawaii. "We were around 10 days and nights

getting to Pearl Harbor."

He was assigned for three years to the Pearl Harbor Ship Yard where thousands of workers labored 24 hours a day repairing and refitting ships, including cruisers, destroyers, battleships, transports and aircraft carriers, and installing radar in the vessels.

The pay for civilian welders was \$1.55 an hour. "On some weeks, I'd make as high as \$84, often working 12-hour days seven days a week. "You work seven (days), and you're off one (called the J-Day)."

Throughout the war, "we had a lot of ships come ... with a hundred or more dead servicemen in there where the kamikazes would just fly into them," Cox said.

"There were all kinds of ships coming in there that had been bombed, tore up. There were 40,000 of us from the mainland on ship repairs."

"It was quite a deal," Cox reflected. "They had lots of ships coming in with holes blown in them and lots of dead people in them. The Army and the Navy and all, they'd go in at night and take all the dead out ... after ships got in dry dock. They (troop transports) would get hit, and there would be a bunch of them (soldiers, sailors and Marines) killed. (It took some ships) maybe three months getting back to Pearl Harbor."

"It was quite an ordeal," Cox recalled. "I was proud. We were proud to go over there and do what we could to save our country. I was real happy to serve. I wouldn't take nothing in the world for my experience in Pearl Harbor."

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RELIGION IN BRIEF

Open house set

An open house for the Marian Peace Center, 1406 E. Garden Lane, is planned for 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 14.

La Promesa Foundation invites the public to attend.

Prayer jubilee ends

ODESSA — The Rose of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church, 1615 E. Murphy, will close its 50 days of Prayer Jubilee Celebration Sunday.

A special service is planned at the church at 7 p.m. The Rev. D.F. Johnson and the Antioch Baptist Church of Midland will be the special guests.

The church is under the leadership of the Rev. J.W. Hanson. For more information call 1-915-337-1779.

Missionary returns

Alan Keate, son of Midlanders Craig and Laura Keate, recently returned from a two-year voluntary mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He will remain here until January when he will return to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, to complete his education with a major in business management.

Keate served in the Ghana Accra Mission, teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing community service throughout his mission.

Guest ministers

Kenneth and Cindy Hyatt will be ministering at Valley View Baptist Church, Farm to Market 1213 and East County Road 140, at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

In 1983, they formed Seeds of Victory Ministries Inc., and were involved in evangelistic ministry to various churches and conducted Bible studies. In 1986, they established Seeds of Victory Ministry Center in San Angelo, where they pastored for 10 years.

In 1997, they assumed the pastorate of Menard Christian Fellowship, Menard.

Robert Frazier, the church's pastor, and the membership invite the public to attend the worship and stay for lunch.

For more information call 682-6250.

Holy Eucharist

ODESSA — St. Stephen's Charismatic Episcopal Church will be holding Holy Eucharist services beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday in the chapel at the southwest

end of Parker Heights Christian Church, 1414 E. University. All are invited to attend.

For more information call Jon Harrington, 1-915-367-9344.

Baptist electees

AUSTIN — Three Permian Basin residents were elected to major positions on Texas Baptist boards during the annual meeting of the 2.6 million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas this November in Austin.

Dr. Thurston Dean, orthopedic surgeon, and Carroll M. Thomas, business development, city of Midland, were elected to the board of Howard Payne University.

Vernon Dee Stokes, superintendent of Ector County Independent School District, was elected to the board of Wayland Baptist University.

Texas Baptist institutions include eight universities, San Marcos Academy, Valley Baptist Academy in Harlingen, Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary in San Antonio, hospital systems, child care institutions and homes for the aging in multiple locations throughout the state.

Bible course

Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church

is inviting members and the community to share in a "Discipleship" Bible course that begins Jan. 6.

Hours are 7 to 9 p.m. The in depth study covers the Old and New Testaments in 33 weeks. The course will be taught from January through May. Following a summer break, the course will commence again in September. Cost of materials is \$10.

Richard Montgomery of First United Methodist Church will be the facilitator. For more information or to register call the Rev. I.C. Cooper, 687-4948, or Carolyn Gilbert, 682-9038. Mrs. Gilbert is the Christian education director.

Noontime Noels

First United Methodist Church, Main Street and Ohio, will present the second of its "Noontime Noels" at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday in the sanctuary.

This week will feature Origin, the select vocal ensemble of the Lee High school choir, directed by Paula Edwards and Karen Blackstone. The 30-minute concert will be preceded and followed by a lunch of vegetable-beef stew and fresh garden salad.

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at \$4 a person.

Child care is provided.

Also, an Advent workshop service is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. It is to be a service of prayers and Holy Communion.

Singles group

The Living Stone Singles Group is currently in meeting at 9:40 a.m. Sundays in Room 205A, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

The guest speaker Sunday is Judy Warren, executive director of the Midland Area AIDS Support Foundation and experienced Stephens minister.

Membership is open to all singles of all ages from college level up.

A Midland-area professional who would consider a speaking engagement, call Betsy at the church office, 684-7821.

Exercise classes for older adults are being held from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday at First United Methodist Church, downtown at Main Street and Ohio Avenue.

The exercises are being led by Evelyn Glover of Nurses Unlimited in the Fellowship Hall. Classes are open to the public at no charge.

Study group

ODESSA — Unity of West

Texas, 210 E. 12th, is offering Emile Cady's "Lessons in Truth" Study Group at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. The subject is "The Twelve Powers."

A "Course in Miracles" is being offered at 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Moderator is Jeannie Raff.

A meditation and workshop is being offered at 7 p.m. Wednesdays on Caroline Myss' book, "Anatomy of the Spirit, The Seven Stages of Power and Healing." The program is being taught by Barbara Harris.

Basket donations

Second Baptist Church begins the gathering of food items to prepare Christmas baskets to deliver them to families in the community this week. Last year the church was able to reach out to 60 families through this ministry.

This year the food collection schedule for "Baskets of Blessings" is as follows: potatoes, 10 pound bag, Dec. 1-7; cake mix and icing, Dec. 8-14; and frozen turkey, Dec. 15-21.

The baskets will be delivered the evening of Dec. 21. Those interested in donating food items are asked to take them to the church at 3125 Travis St. or contact the church office, 694-9856, for more details.

'Walk Thru the Bible' seminar to be held

A Walk Thru the Old Testament seminar is to be conducted at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3309 Neely Ave., from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Walk Thru the Bible seminars feature a format that utilizes interactive learning techniques to help people absorb — and remember — the key character, geography, and major themes of the Old Testament.

During the seminar, auditorium floors are turned into "maps" as people sit or stand near "Bible lands and waters." The teaching is frequently punctuated by hand movements and group recitations.

The session will be taught by Greg Hattberg, who serves as director of Placement at Dallas Theological Seminary in addition to being a Walk Thru the Bible Ministries instructor. Hattberg received his bachelor of arts degree from Moody Bible Institute and his Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary.



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Judge affirms injunction, trial date in wreck records lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — A state law limiting public access to motor vehicle and traffic wreck records will remain on hold until a state judge can determine whether it's legal.

Travis County District Judge Paul Davis on Friday affirmed his injunction against the law, passed during the 1997 Legislature.

The law would require anyone seeking access to traffic wreck records to know the name of at least one person involved and either the date or location of the wreck. With the law on hold, people must know any two of the three pieces of information.

Lawmakers said they changed that in order to prevent ambulance chasing.

The Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association sued the state and several law enforcement agencies to prevent the law from taking effect. They said the new law would prevent citizens and reporters from getting information about dangerous traffic intersections, wrecks in which elected officials are involved and wrecks citizens witness.

A trial is set for Sept. 8. Davis on Friday rejected a request from the city of San Antonio to move up the trial date. He also allowed the city of Snyder to withdraw from its active role in the lawsuit.

Attorney Dana Cooley, representing Snyder, said the city doesn't have the money to be actively involved.

Davis in October said any city or law enforcement agency that wants to be active in defending the law could do so. Only three cities, aside from San Antonio, have said they might become actively involved.

TDNA spokesman M.J. Nicchio said the three cities include Beaumont, McAllen and Port Arthur. None of the cities had representatives at Friday's hearing.

Calls to city attorneys in McAllen and Port Arthur were not returned to The Associated Press. Beaumont City Attorney Lane Nichols said he was unaware of the lawsuit and had not expressed interest in becoming actively involved.

By Davis' order, all local governments are part of the lawsuit. Only those named as representatives have to be active.

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ARMED FORCES NEWS

Army Pvt. James M. Combs has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the training, he will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, and first aid.

Combs is the son of James M. Combs and Karen Riff of Midland. He is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School.

Jason Barton, son of Garland and Judy Barton of Midland, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force on Nov. 25.

Barton is a graduate of Midland High School.

Navy Airman Gary Glover, son of Delores Higginbotham of Midland, has arrived in the Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, the lead ship of the USS George Washington Battle Group. President Clinton

ordered elements of the battle group to the area in response to rising tensions there.

Glover is one of more than 5,000 sailors and Marines aboard the carrier who will be called on to participate in any contingency operations which may be ordered. Iraq's refusal to allow entry of members of the U.N. weapons inspection team have caused increased tensions over compliance with U.N. sanctions imposed after the Gulf War in 1991.

Marine Lance Cpl. James Perez, son of Allen and Laurie Lindsey of Midland, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

Perez was cited for outstanding service while assigned with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He was awarded a Meritorious Mast by his commanding officer as official recognition for superior individual performance. The

award was issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy was entered in Perez's permanent service records.

He is a 1994 graduate of Lee High School.

Marine 1st Lt. Michael Nelms, a grandson of Elijah Nelms of Midland, recently visited Singapore while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group.

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Jail regulators reject guidelines

HOUSTON (AP) — The idea of developing state guidelines on how to restrain unruly county jail inmates has been rejected by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Those objecting to setting guidelines claimed the rules were a "knee-jerk reaction" to the problem.

"I think that the news media has chased you up a tree and your response has been to overreact," state Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, said in a letter to Jack Crump, the commission's executive director.

"The sheriffs in my district don't need your help or your interference," Swinford said.

The proposal, made by Crump two months ago, would have required the commission to review and approve use-of-force plans for all counties and private jail operators. But it was rejected without comment on Thursday at a meeting of the commission in Austin.

Crump said he was influenced by overwhelming disapproval by a number of sheriffs.

An incident in the Brazoria County Jail nearly a year ago

prompted Crump to propose the new policy.

A videotape of the incident drew national notoriety. It revealed that jail employees had shocked Missouri prisoners with electronic devices, kicked them in the genitals and made them crawl on their stomachs. It also showed them allowing a dog to bite two inmates.

Ten counties responded with written comments and all opposed the proposed guideline, officials said.

The only responses favoring the proposal came in a newspaper column and in a letter from a Travis County Jail inmate who claimed he was abused.

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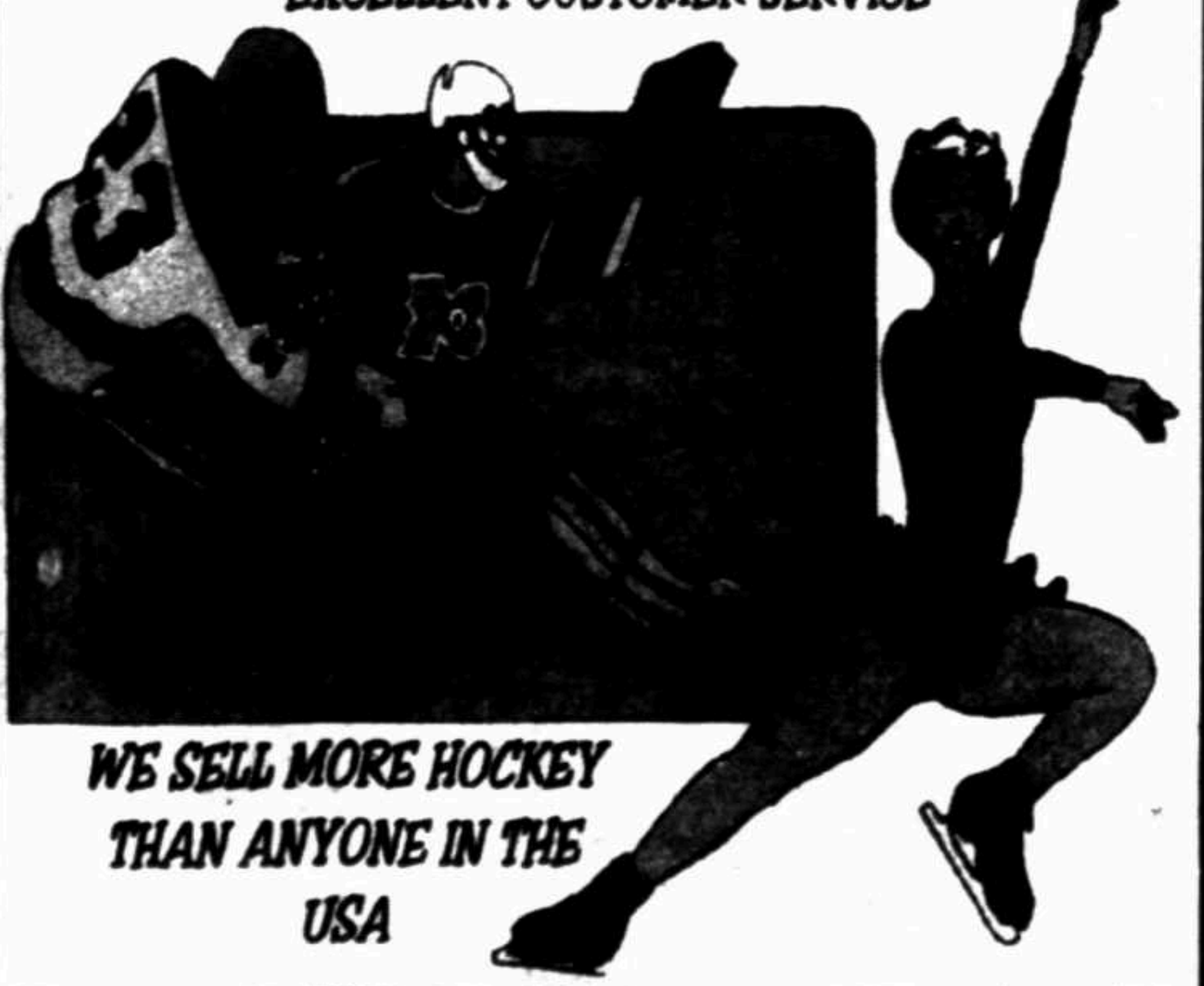


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County to receive assistance programs supplements

From Staff Reports

Local agencies have until Dec. 23 to apply for federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Midland County has been chosen to receive \$38,857 to supplement emergency food, shelter, and utility assistance programs in the area, according to Nadine Hill, with the United Way of Midland.

A national board selects counties that are to receive funds appropriated by Congress. The board is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way of America. The United Way is to provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent.

A local board made up of representatives from the United Way of Midland, the city of Midland and many local service organizations will determine how the Midland County funds will be distributed

among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area.

The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must:

- be non-profit,
- have an accounting system,
- not discriminate,

■ have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and,

■ if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

During the past year, nine Midland agencies provided thousands of nights of emergency lodging and meals using Emergency Food and Shelter funds.

For more information about the Emergency Food and Shelter programs or to apply for FEMA funds, call Ms. Hill at 685-7714.

Man kills girlfriend, self; police accidentally shoot each other

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who fatally shot his girlfriend after a domestic dispute held police at bay for six hours Saturday before apparently taking his own life.

A police officer and a Travis County sheriff's deputy were shot accidentally by colleagues during the standoff, a police spokesman said.

The episode began around 6:30 a.m. when an off-duty Travis County sheriff's deputy went to the house of neighbor Victoria Treminio, 44, to investigate a domestic scuffle. Several of Treminio's relatives were in the home at the time. The deputy called police for help.

By the time they arrived, Treminio's 43-year-old boyfriend, Ignacio Martinez, had shot her several times with a handgun, police reported.

Ms. Treminio died about two hours later at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin.

After she was taken away, Martinez barricaded himself inside the house and held about 50 officers at bay.

Police evacuated several neighboring homes and tried for hours to communicate with Martinez, but were unsuccessful.

Officers initially thought they had a hostage crisis when they were

unable to locate a boy who was inside the home. They later found the child at a neighbor's house.

Police were unsure what his relationship was to Ms. Treminio.

Officers tried flushing Martinez out with tear gas and even used a robot to deliver a phone to him.

Just after 1 p.m., officers heard a gunshot from the house and found Martinez dead inside, police said.

Police said they shot two of their own inadvertently during the standoff, off-duty Travis County Sheriff's Deputy Dan Gonzales and Austin police Officer Andy Anderson.

Gonzales was in good condition at

Brackenridge Hospital Saturday night. Anderson was treated and released.

The two city police officers involved in the shooting, Eric De Los Santos, a nine-year-veteran, and Michael Burgh, a three-year veteran, were placed on administrative duty while the Office of Professional Standards and a designated "shooting team" investigates.

Police say Ms. Treminio and Martinez had lived together off and on for the past few years. Officers had gone to the home five times since July 1994 because of domestic violence reports.

Report suggests moving companies may be packing unfair prices

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans using moving services too often are charged far more than the estimates they are given and suffer losses or damage to property, a consumer group said Friday.

The Southwest Regional Office of Consumers Union said it wants state lawmakers to enact greater protections for consumers who use moving services. Among their suggestions are:

■ Limiting final moving service fees to 110 percent of estimates when no additional services are performed

■ Requiring moving companies to provide prospective customers their latest annual reports on complaints and losses

■ Clearly identifying the company that will actually perform the moving service.

Consumers Union said national companies often turn over the work to independent contractors. That makes it difficult to file complaints and hold the mover responsible for damages, the group said.

"While it appears moves with many companies go smoothly, some result in considerable damage to consumer goods or charges much higher than the estimate," said Janee Briesemeister, a Consumers Union analyst. "We believe necessary safeguards should be put in place to hold moving companies accountable."

Nancy Canavan, an office administrator for North American Van Lines in Mesquite, said one reason for higher-than-estimated fees is that customers often add items to the move. "People forget they have stuff in the attic or someone else was supposed to move grandma's attic clock, but didn't show up," Ms. Canavan said.

In its report, Consumers Union cited North American as a company that often charges more than estimates or has complaints of losses and damages.

Ms. Canavan said movers are as careful as possible, but accidents happen and some pieces of furniture, especially antiques, are old

and liable to be damaged no matter who moves it.

"There are times when things unforeseen happen," she said.

Ms. Canavan said as a consumer, she wants as much protection as possible. But she said movers shouldn't be forced to do work without being paid fairly and shouldn't be held to an unreasonable standard of care.

Consumers Union said there are roughly 1,200 moving companies in Texas. The 10 largest companies make \$45 million a year for city-to-city moves, according to the report.

In about 12 percent of all moves

within Texas last year, customers either filed a claim because of loss or damage or were charged 11 percent or more above the estimated rate, Consumers Union said.

Earlier this year, lawmakers began requiring all moving companies to register with the Texas Department of Transportation and to carry at least some liability insurance. Before that change, the smallest companies that handled local moves only were not required to register.

Ms. Briesemeister said a group of consumers, movers and DOT officials are reviewing all moving customers' protections.



Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Burlington donations

Burlington Resources Foundation recently donated \$42,000 to five local social service agencies. Top Photo: Jack Gevecker, left, and Jody Hruka, right, with the foundation, presented a check to Sandy Tidale with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Bottom photo: Foundation representatives Mary Sue Dellano, left, and Pam Holleman, right, presented a check to Teresa Deo with the Community Children's Clinic. The other agencies that received funds were Midland Head Start, High Sky Children's Ranch and Casa de Amigos. A committee of Burlington Resources employees selects the annual recipients after reviewing agencies' fund applications, according to Ms. Holleman.

Key House Democrat calls it quits

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, who played a key role in issues such as public health, limiting minors' access to tobacco and providing insurance to uninsured children, said Friday he would not seek re-election.

Berlanga said he planned to return to Corpus Christi and re-enter private life.

The decision by Berlanga, who chairs the House Committee on Public Health, is the latest in a series of retirement decisions by key House members.

Recently, Rep. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, chairman of the House Committee on Corrections, and Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville, chairman of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, also announced they won't seek re-election.

Their absence will mean a loss of expertise on several important issues.

That could have political ramifications as well, since most of those retiring so far are Democrats whose seats Republicans are

expected to target in their quest to win control of the 150-member House.

Democrats now hold an 83-67 edge. But Republicans this year held their first majority in the Texas Senate since Reconstruction after winning 17 of the 31 seats in that chamber.

Berlanga helped pass legislation that would create the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation, an incentive plan for insurers to provide coverage for uninsured children, and also helped pass a law restricting minors' access to tobacco.

Berlanga has been somewhat of a regular on Texas Monthly's list of best legislators for being a consensus builder on divisive pieces of legislation.

"The experiences and relationships I have gained are undoubtedly priceless," Berlanga said. "I am eternally grateful for the opportunity I have been granted by the constituents of District 34."

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Woman travels across Texas in covered wagon

Tanya Eleaser
Associated Press

ABILENE — Those passing by may have noticed an unusual sight at Highway 83/84 and Farm-to-Market 707: a buckskin clad woman, four horses, two dogs and a covered wagon.

Finicia Medrano, of northern Idaho, has camped on the edge of town to rest for a spell. Medrano, 41, expects to stay through Sunday.

Her horses — Strawberry Short Cake, Mouse, Katie and Little Soldier — are pinned in a makeshift corral made of stakes and nylon cord. A solar panel atop the wagon allows her to electrify the fence at night.

Medrano also had to make a trip into town to retrieve her dog, Rusty, who bit a small child.

"I had to get him out of jail," she said.

Medrano lives in the covered wagon with a faded red sign on the side proclaiming, "Pulling for Christ."

The cozy interior of the wagon is covered with Indian blankets and mementos of her travels. She also has a bed and even a cage for the dogs to sleep in at night.

"I've got a wood stove in there for heat and cooking," she said. "I've been burning mesquite wood in Texas."

She even has a stained glass window with a cross in wagon.

"I'm a firm believer that the church is wherever you make it," Medrano explained.

Medrano makes Indian-style bead artwork which she sells to various galleries. Currently, she's making a beaded "shoo fly" from horse hair and leather.

"I make every kind of traditional item you can think of," Medrano said. "My grandma taught me how to bead when I was a child. It's turned into a living."

Medrano lives a rather simple, pioneer-style life with no electricity and no running water.

"I'm not complaining," she said. "It's what I chose. I don't ever see myself going back and doing regular things."

Medrano lived in the wagon in Idaho for the last two years. She traveled around teaching Bible studies and selling her artwork.

She struck out from Idaho in her covered wagon in May, heading south through Wyoming, Colorado and Oklahoma. She travels about 100 miles a week.

"I don't want to go too far south because I don't want to fight fire ants," she said. "They are dormant right now."

She plans to continue heading south — at least for the time being. Medrano hasn't made any other plans because she's waiting for the Lord to provide instructions.

"This is the first time I've got nothing to do," Medrano said. "I

have purposely refused obligations. I wanted to find out what God wants. So now, I'm waiting."

"I just hope it doesn't have to do with Texas and fire ants."

Medrano says "folks" quite often will stop and give her food and other items. One couple stopped by Thursday and gave her some hay left over from a recent parade.

"You meet some of the worst (people) and you meet some of the best (people)," she said.

Medrano has also kept a collection of patches from law enforcement agencies around the nation.

"You don't get patches like that because they leave you alone," Medrano said. "Some of them are gold-plated jerks."

Whenever she's hassled, Medrano says she always asks for a patch.

"I get about a one-tenth of them," she said.

As a devout Christian, Medrano also tries to witness to others about the Gospel.

"Somebody once asked who I witness to," Medrano said. "I told them largely newspaper reporters and cops."

Medrano said she was a nurse, living in Woodland Hills, Calif., in 1984 when she converted to Christianity while trying to quit a pack-a-day smoking habit.

She then hit the road. "I sold everything, gave every-



Finicia Medrano, 41, and her horse Strawberry Short Cake, laugh Thursday in south Abilene, Texas, for a photo. Medrano travels throughout the country in a covered wagon spreading God's word.

thing away, took up my cross and started walking," Medrano said.

She walked for several years before she stopped long enough to travel with pack horses. Medrano did that for about four years, until some "rednecks" in Alaba-

ma built the wagon.

"I'm a bag lady," Medrano said. "I was a bag lady for six years. It's just that my shopping cart has improved."

Over the years, she has traveled thousands of miles in the wagon.

Medrano said she has heard about the two Odessa men who are trying to set a distance record for a covered wagon.

"If they're out for a record, they can have it," Medrano said.

Texas author sifts through more Lone Star facts, fiction, foibles

"On the day of battle I am glad to have Texas soldiers with me for they are brave and gallant, but I never want to see them before or after, because they are too hard to control." — Gen. Zachary Taylor, 1846, as quoted in "More Texas Siftings."

"A Texas compass has six directions. North to the Panhandle. South to the Rio Grande. East to East Texas. West to West of the Pecos. Down to oil. Up to the Texas moon." — John Randolph, Texas Brags, 1951.

By Mike Cochran
Associated Press

GRANBURY — Need a recipe for Flat Snake Chili, Prickly Pear Jelly or Fried Armadillo? Want the definition of Fencelifters, Frogstranglers and Ol Slick Legs?

Curious about killer Texas chickens, a deadly shootout over sauerkraut, legendary badman Bill Longley's famous last words or the lockdown on William "Billy the Kid" Bonney?

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Once again we're talking Texas, the good, bad, ugly, outrageous, historic and hilarious, as assembled by author-journalist Flemmons, currently a writer in residence at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

As the title suggests, Siftings is a sequel to an earlier collection of "little smidgens of Texas history and lore" that grew into columns in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The newspaper's long-time travel editor, Flemmons still writes a Sunday column but now makes his home in Granbury, a quaint lakeside hamlet between Fort Worth and Stephenville.

Published by Texas Christian University Press, "More Texas Siftings" is a natural extension of the popular 1995 original soft-cover and just as spicy.

Anyone who's met Flemmons knows he's smitten with Texas, but that's not to say the wonderfully irascible writer is less than merciless in selecting his siftings.

Scattered throughout the book are vivid period pieces on topics ranging from outraged mobs stealing outposts in 1857 to a bloody, ill-fated train robbery between San Antonio and El Paso.



Flemmons

in 1912. A classic tale was the wounding of actor Maurice Barrymore, father of Ethel, Lionel and John, as he awaited a midnight train out of Marshall in 1878.

Jim Currie was "inflamed by liquor" when he insulted actress May Cummings and shot the protesting Barrymore, reports the Frontier Times.

"The room was partly filled with the fumes of black powder as Currie put up his gun, and taking hold of Miss Cummings, jollied her around with a drunken air of braggardism."

Currie went to jail and Barrymore and Miss Cummings, "in due time," went home to New York.

Flemmons also quotes a journalist's account in the Frontier Times of a regiment of Texas Rangers arriving in Mexico City during the war with Mexico:

"The Mexicans believe them to be a sort of semi-civilized, half man, half devil, with a slight mixture of lion and the snapping turtle, and have a more holy horror of them than they have of the evil saint himself."

And this from Miss Kitty King, in a letter from Fort Worth, circa 1860:

"I am not married yet and no prospects for it, for I should be afraid to select a man in Texas to marry unless I had known all about him before he came here, for I should be sure he had done something and been run off."

There are off-the-wall Texas jokes, poems, recipes, yarns, myths and some truly poignant stories. As pointed out in an earlier review, Siftings, like Texas, as a whole exceeds the sum of its parts.

Slayings acquire air of O.J. Simpson saga, reel San Antonians

By Thaddeus Herrick
Hearst News Service

SAN ANTONIO — For the second time this year, a ghastly murder has transfixed this city. And for the second time this year, the victim is a wife and mother who seems to have been haunted by domestic discord.

But while the public has been quick to blame the ex-husband of Sheila Bellush, the mother of quadruplets slain last month in Sarasota, Fla., and the husband of Monika Rizzo, the woman whose bone fragments were found last summer in her back yard, authorities say they lack the grounds to charge either Allen Blackthorne or Leonard Rizzo.

"The question becomes what evidence do you have?" said Steve Hilbig, the Bexar County district attorney. "If you have evidence you can prosecute. If you don't, you can't."

If Leonard Rizzo's claims of innocence were met with skepticism in San Antonio, Blackthorne's, made through his lawyer, have inspired downright disbelief.

"Rumors concern former husband," cried the San Antonio Express-News, several days after Bellush's death. Local television stations, lacking better footage, have provided exhaustive images of four-wheel drive vehicles and sports cars pulling out of Blackthorne's driveway in northwest San Antonio.

Indeed, Blackthorne's ordeal has acquired the air of the O.J. Simpson saga, even more so than Rizzo's.

"People are going heavy on this guy," said Marti McIntyre, a producer for a popular morning talk show on San Antonio's WOAI radio. "They think he's guilty as sin."

Criminologists say such stories as the Rizzo and Bellush killings have in recent years come to define U.S. crime. Yet while the public is pointing fingers at Rizzo and Blackthorne, experts say a majority of Americans still associate crime with strangers, when, in fact, the opposite is true.

"We are most likely to be killed or hurt by those we know," said Cynthia Gentry, an expert on criminal behavior at San Antonio's Trinity University. "Not by those we don't know."

Blackthorne has refused comment since his ex-wife was shot dead Nov. 7 in her home in Florida, where she had recently moved with their two adolescent daughters and her quadruplets from her marriage to James Bellush.

The toddlers were found wandering in their mother's blood, an image that has worked its way into San Antonio's collective consciousness, much the way the unearthing of 45-year-old Monika Rizzo did. Rizzo's body parts were found in her back yard alongside those of three bodies, all still unidentified.

Blackthorne's lawyer, Roy Bar-

rera Jr., says his client played no part in the death of his ex-wife.

"Mr. Blackthorne has never been called a suspect by any authority investigating this case," he said. "He was in San Antonio before, during and after the killing of Ms. Bellush."

Still, Blackthorne looms large in the case. On the day of the slaying, he was golfing with Daniel Rocha, 29, one of the two men charged by Florida authorities with conspiring to kill the 35-year-old Bellush, a celebrity of sorts in San Antonio after giving birth to quadruplets in December 1995.

On Wednesday, the other man, Samuel Gonzales, 27, was indicted by a Bexar County grand jury for hiring his cousin, alleged triggerman Joey Del Toro, to carry out the act. Del Toro, who was captured across the border in Mexico, is being held in a Mexico City jail.

Potentially as troubling for Blackthorne — as they were for Rizzo — are revelations of domestic strife.

But while Monika Rizzo's parents claim their biker enthusiast son-in-law beat their daughter, a claim Rizzo denies, Blackthorne was charged with striking Sheila Bellush around the time of their 1988 divorce. He was sentenced to a year's probation.

The relationship between Blackthorne and Bellush was apparently so bitter that Blackthorne relinquished his parental rights to have less contact with his ex-wife and Bellush sought the move to Flori-

da to gain distance from her ex-husband.

Yet after Bellush moved, Blackthorne asked a reporter at the San Antonio Express-News to help him track her down. The reporter, Anita McDivitt, has since been subpoenaed by authorities.

Hilbig refuses to say where the Bellush investigation is headed, but it seems likely to at least touch on Blackthorne. The district attorney said only that "if we need the assistance of the grand jury, we'll utilize it."

Meantime, Barrera says Blackthorne, a medical parts manufacturer, lays low at his San Antonio home.

"He's been under a tremendous amount of scrutiny, with everyone saying he is a suspect and that he will be charged and arrested," Barrera said.

"I think it's safe to say anybody in his shoes would be uncomfortable."

As for Rizzo, he is still holding out for the return of Monika's remains, according to his lawyer, Bruce Smith. Authorities recovered her bone fragments in the back yard of her suburban home in Southeast San Antonio. Some of the pieces were so small a wood chipper is believed to have been used.

"I know nobody believes this," Smith said, "but I can personally vouch that this guy is agonizing over his wife. For Leonard, there's just no closure."

Committee head says state should consider abolishing parole

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of the Senate's Criminal Justice Committee says lawmakers should consider abolishing parole.

"We have essentially done away with parole, we just continue to spend a lot of money and time on it," Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said Friday.

Whitmire said parole rates have fallen to historic lows and the only people getting out early are those sentenced when the state had a mandatory early release law. That law has been repealed and the number of inmates still eligible for it is falling, he said.

"We should just say, 'If you get

a 10 year sentence, you're going to do 10 years,'" Whitmire said. "We are primarily denying parole. Why are we going through that exercise?"

The senator said he believes abolishing parole would save money because the 18-member Board of Pardons and Parole could be reduced or eliminated. He also said the state could more accurately estimate the number of inmates that will be in prison.

More importantly, he added, citizens would be safer and would know exactly how long a criminal would be behind bars.

"I just think it is time for us to review the entire parole process. It's time to examine letting peo-

ple serve their entire sentence."

Victor Rodriguez, chairman of the Pardons and Parole Board, did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press for comment.

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Painter Charles Robert Jr. of Rison, Ark., stands next to a recently painted mantel and mirror at a home in Pine Bluff, Ark. Roberts is a house painter who has turned his work into an art form. Clients describe their dreams, and Roberts creates them with paint on the walls of their homes and on mantels, furniture, accessories, and yard pieces in faux finishes.

House painter or artist?

By Caryl Joy Young
Associated Press

RISON, Ark. — Although he's not mixing up delicious dishes for the holidays, the multiple magical mixes of Charles Roberts Jr. of Rison are creative feats designed to enhance life.

Roberts is a house painter who has turned his work into an art form. Clients describe their dreams, and Roberts creates them with paint on the walls of their homes and on mantels, furniture, accessories, and yard pieces in faux finishes.

Wooden mantels are painted to look like marble ones and plaster walls take the appearance of teak by the hands and unusual tools of this specialty painter.

Roberts uses turkey feathers, plastic wrap, rags, old plastic bags, combs, dirt, and brushes to create the effects.

In the mid 1980s Roberts found a home decorating magazine that said special finishes would be in style in the 1990s and after. He did some research and began experimenting in his home.

His first paying customer in specialty painting was a decorator, Amanda Adcock Pomplanci from McGehee, who was expecting her first child. She took Roberts a multi-colored pastel teddy bear and asked, "Can you make my walls look like this teddy bear?"

Roberts matched the colors

ranging from white to periwinkle and other pastels and applied them to the walls of the room.

Next, Ann and Buddy Smith of Pine Bluff asked him if he could paint stripes on their living room wall. Roberts painted the walls in an off-white shade and then striped them with creamy taupe. Sounds easy, eh? Each stripe is made using a long level and a fine-line pencil. Next, masking tape is put up on each line to provide a painting edge.

"It takes a lot of math and patience to stripe a room," Roberts said. "When we got through, you couldn't tell it from wallpaper, but for half the cost," said Roberts.

"I love open-minded people who are not afraid to experiment," said Roberts of his clients. A Little Rock resident was unafraid of trying one of Roberts' favorite finishes in his home — "distressed leather."

For Roberts, the spirit of adventure runs deep. Sometimes he finds a clump of grass, pulls it up, and rubs the root with the dirt into the wet areas around handles and embossed areas to create an aged look.

"I don't like samples. Light varies so much from room to room. I like to get in the room and create a finish. I won't tell you I haven't started over," Roberts said.

"I like to work without a net."

Jane Erickson
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — When Jim Riley was diagnosed with rectal cancer last November, he went to the Arizona Cancer Center for the best treatment modern medicine can offer.

Surgery to remove his tumor was followed by six months of chemotherapy and radiation to destroy any remaining cancer cells — a grueling regimen that may have cured his disease.

But in September, Riley turned to the new Integrative Medicine Clinic at University Medical Center where doctors prescribed medicinal herbs and relaxation techniques designed to help his body heal.

Riley's use of both traditional and alternative treatments illustrates the integrative approach espoused by Dr. Andrew Weil. The physician and best-selling author heads the new clinic and a UA fellowship program for mainstream doctors who want to learn his approach.

But next door at the Cancer Center, Weil's integrative approach has come under attack.

Dr. Sydney Salmon, director of the Arizona Cancer Center, dismisses the mushroom and plant extracts that Riley uses as "unstudied, and no more than home remedies that are unestablished."

Dr. Weil's program is popular, Salmon said, "because his emphasis is on 'natural' approaches, and the public believes that natural approaches are good. In fact, sometimes they are and sometimes they aren't."

Salmon's larger concern is that even if the therapies Weil prescribes are harmless, they may cause patients to "lose sight of" the standard treatment that offers their best chance for cure.

"That's the whole reason we need an integrative approach," said Dr. Tracy Gaudet, medical director of the clinic and fellowship program. "What we're doing is in response to that very concern, because we share that concern."

Weil said he most often advises patients with newly diagnosed cancers to do what Riley did — undergo standard treatment and supplement it with alternative therapies to boost their own healing potential. "I hear their (Cancer Center

doctors') concerns, and I plan to address them," Weil said.

A major goal of his program is to conduct research to prove or disprove the safety and effectiveness of various alternative therapies. And Weil would like to collaborate, he said, with distinguished researchers like Salmon.

"At the same time," Weil said, "I think that if there are techniques out there that aren't going to hurt people, and there is reasonable suggestion that they are helpful, then I see no reason not to recommend those treatments while we are organizing definitive clinical trials."

Weil has other critics outside the Cancer Center. Dr. Gordon Ewy, director of the University Heart Center, said he doubts that Weil and his fellows can amass the patients or the funds to conduct clinical trials large enough to get meaningful results.

But Weil is gathering substantial support for his effort to change the way medicine is taught and practiced in this country.

In March he expects to begin publishing a journal of integrative medicine, with prominent medical

researchers on his editorial board. Among them: the dean of medicine at North Carolina's Duke University and the editor-in-chief of the highly ranked British medical journal The Lancet.

Salmon will reserve judgment. "If the journal focuses on research, rather than anecdotes, it may have some worthwhile contributions that can be subjected to critical review by investigators," he said.

"Dr. Weil's books focus on anecdotes, which are not acceptable evidence for medical effectiveness of a treatment."

Weil is used to skeptics; he has encountered them often during his nearly 20 years with the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

In that time, he has seen almost no patients at UMC, preferring instead to practice his unusual brand of medicine at his home in Vail. He would rather lecture from a hiking trail than within the halls of the medical school.

He recently took the physicians he is training through the UA Integrative Medicine Program on a mushroom hunt up Mount Lemmon's Marshall Gulch.

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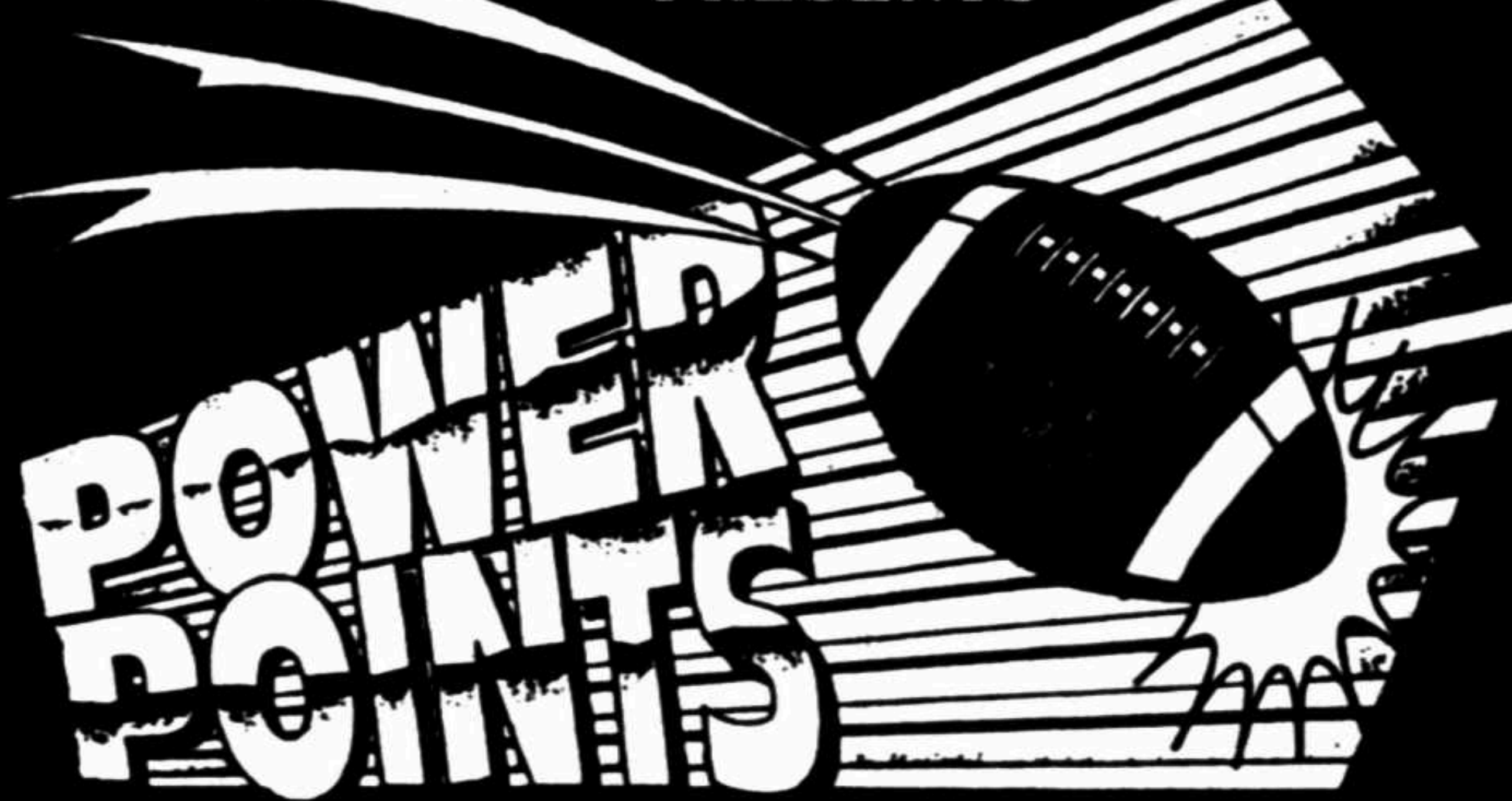
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Declining arts money taking toll

By Greg Toppo
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — In the next several months, teachers from all over the nation will be calling Rosa Weiss, itching to learn the secrets of her success.

But here in Santa Fe, most people haven't a clue what she's doing. What's worse, she's having trouble raising money to do it.

Weiss heads the Santa Fe Arts in Education Initiative, a 3-year-old program that has gained national attention and a prestigious educational excellence award.

But Weiss and her handful of colleagues in the initiative are struggling not only for recognition but for funding.

The initiative brings arts to children in public elementary schools at a time when schools are struggling to provide even the most basic art lessons.

In virtually all of Santa Fe's elementary schools, arts programs come only when parents or teachers volunteer to teach or when the school raises enough money to hire an art teacher. The initiative has served as a sort of clearinghouse, offering expertise and equipment to schools.

Acequia Madre Elementary School is perhaps the flagship of the initiative. Business Week magazine recently featured it as one of 10 schools with an "arts-driven curriculum" — meaning arts are key in nearly everything students study.

Teachers integrate the arts into subjects from social studies to math to science. Last year, for instance, third-graders choreographed a dance to demonstrate magnetism, while fifth-graders studying Colonial American history performed in a "Colonial Fair" for the entire school. All students in grades four through six play musical instruments.

"Everything we do is about enhancing the curriculum," said Weiss, herself a visual artist.

Acequia Madre, Santa Fe's first "arts immersion" school, is one of only six elementary schools in the nation to receive the Business Week honor, which carries a \$1,000 honorarium and a \$1,000 stipend for teachers to spend traveling to workshops and conferences to share their program with other teachers.

But Acequia Madre is not the only school to benefit from the initiative. Last year, the initiative worked regularly in 10 schools and helped a handful of others less frequently. Students and teachers also visited Weiss' studio in the district's B.F. Young Professional Building.

"The integration of arts into the curriculum is how education should be," said Wood Gormley Elementary School principal Sharon Doye, who until this year was Acequia Madre's principal.

Doye wonders why the arts are

"so glaringly absent in such an art-rich community" as Santa Fe, where galleries, museums and art spaces seem to spring up as often as new restaurants.

One goal of the initiative is to bring arts to all schools, no matter how much or how little money parents can raise.

"This is about equality," Weiss said. "This is about sharing our resources with all children, all teachers and all parents."

Elementary school teachers have long touted the arts as a necessity. These days they are not alone.

In the past few years, studies have shown the arts not only improve students' experiences and make them like school better, they also produce better results in the classroom.

A recent National Endowment for the Arts study found students who attend arts-focused schools tend to do better on standardized tests than similar students in regular schools from their area.

A 1987 study by researcher Judith Lynne Hanna found school children in Sampson, N.C., increased their standardized test scores after only one element was added to their day: arts education.

Even the folks who write many of the standardized tests say arts are important. The College Board, which publishes the Scholastic Aptitude Test, studied test scores for three years in the late 1980s and found students who took arts courses had higher SAT scores. The more arts courses students took, the higher their scores.

In a highly publicized finding, a recent study of 78 preschoolers in California found individual piano lessons did a better job of improving abstract reasoning skills than computer instruction.

Harvard psychologist Howard Gardner, one of the most influential educational thinkers of the past decade, designated musical ability as one of "seven forms of intelligence." Others include linguistic, logical-mathematical, and interpersonal intelligence.

These days, arts are enjoying a small resurgence nationally. A recent survey by the National Art Education Association found 28 states now require students to take arts courses to receive a high school diploma. In 1980, only two states had such a requirement.

New Mexico requires no art courses for a diploma, but does require a minimum number of electives, which can include art classes.

National attention to the arts is cold comfort for Weiss' group.

Their arts initiative is struggling even to meet the most basic needs of Santa Fe students. While it receives substantial support from local foundations and in-kind donations of about \$25,000 annually from Santa Fe public schools, it's a struggle to raise money.

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Detroit Lions at Miami Dolphins, 7 p.m., ESPN. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).
GOLF — Million Dollar Classic, final round (delay), noon, FSS.
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Kansas at Maryland, 12:30 p.m., ABC.
COLLEGE SOCCER — NCAA women's championship match, North Carolina vs. Connecticut (delay), 2 p.m., FSS.
IHL HOCKEY — Long Beach Ice Dogs at Houston Aeros, 5 p.m., FSS.
ABL — Columbus Quest at Philadelphia Rage (delay), 8 p.m., FSS.

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NBA — Houston Rockets 108, Dallas Mavericks 106.
WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes 3, Central Texas Stampede 2, shootout.
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WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at El Paso Buzzards, 7 p.m. RADIO: KQIP (96.9 FM).

Stanton game set

The Stanton Buffaloes (14-0) will face Italy (14-0) in the Class 2A State semifinals at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Brownwood. Stanton reached the semis after a 21-20 win over Lockney on Friday.

De La Hoya wins

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Wilfredo Rivera called himself a great challenger, but he was completely out-matched Saturday night by Oscar De La Hoya at Convention Hall.

De La Hoya opened a bad cut over Rivera's right eye, opened a cut on his right cheek, knocked him down and stopped him with 12 seconds remaining in the eighth round to retain the WBC welterweight championship.

But it wasn't a completely successful evening for the golden boy.

It was planned for De La Hoya to have a major money title defense against Terry Norris sometime in June, but Norris lost the WBC super welterweight title when he was stopped at :51 seconds of the ninth round by 7-1 underdog Keith Mullings.

The loss cost Norris a \$4.5 million payday against De La Hoya.

The IBF junior middleweight championship also changed hands before 11,221 fans, when Yory Boy Campas of Mexico stopped Raul Marquez at 2:29 of the eighth round. Rivera held his own in the first round against De La Hoya, but from then on De La Hoya was in complete control.

Referee Joe Cortez halted the action late in the eighth round with blood streaming down the Puerto Rican challenger's face, and called Doctor Howard Taylor in to examine the damage. Taylor advised Cortez to stop it.

"This was Oscar's night," said Rivera in a championship understatement. "But I'm not afraid of anybody. I couldn't see out of my right eye, the ref had to stop it."

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Nebraska's Orange opponent still unknown after SEC game

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Nebraska made it to the Orange Bowl, but will the second-ranked Cornhuskers play Tennessee or Florida State?

Even though No. 3 Tennessee beat Auburn 30-29 in the Southeastern Conference title game Saturday night, the narrow win may not be enough to keep the Volunteers (11-1) ahead of No. 4 Florida State (10-1) when the final regular-season rankings are released Sunday.

The Huskers (12-0), meanwhile, turned serious in the Big 12 title game, routing Texas A&M 54-15 to join No. 1 Michigan (11-0) as the only undefeated teams in Division I-A.

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But the Huskers, as well as their Orange Bowl opponent, will be rooting for No. 8 Washington (10-1) to upset the Wolverines in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. If that happens, the Orange on Jan. 2 could end up as the national title game.

At Atlanta, Peyton Manning passed for 373 yards and four TDs in a final Heisman Trophy bid, but the Vols still had to overcome six turnovers and at least a half-dozen dropped passes for their first SEC title since 1990.

With Auburn (9-3) leading 29-23, Manning hooked up with Marcus Nash on a 73-yard TD pass for the win.

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'Huskers claim rightful crown

■ Nebraska makes up for loss in last year's Big 12 title game with 54-15 stomping of A&M.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Now that Nebraska settled the score in Big 12 title games, the Cornhuskers can turn their attention to other things — such as rooting for Washington State in the Rose Bowl.

"That's a given that we'll be rooting for Washington State," Huskers quarterback Scott Frost said Saturday night after No. 2 Nebraska (12-0) beat No. 14 Texas A&M 54-15 for the Big 12 title and a berth in the Orange Bowl. "But we can't control that. We just have to win our last game."

And that last game will be against either No. 3 Tennessee, which needed a win over No. 11 Auburn in the SEC title game Saturday night, or No. 4 Florida State.

But first, Nebraska needs No. 8 Washington State (10-1) to upset No. 1 Michigan (11-0) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

"I'm not rooting for anyone," Huskers coach Tom Osborne said. "We'll just wait and see what happens. I'm just glad we won today."

Still stinging from last year's 37-27 ambush by Texas in the conference title game, Nebraska scored on its first seven possessions and led 37-3 at halftime.

Scott Frost threw for 201 yards and ran for two TDs. Ahman Green had three TDs and 179 yards and Kris Brown kicked four field goals as the Huskers rolled up 536 total yards against the Aggies (9-3).

"We had a chip on our shoulder about what happened in St. Louis," Nebraska defensive end Grant Wistrom said of the 37-27 loss to the Longhorns in '96. "This

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Nebraska defenders Tony Ortiz (37) and Mike Brown (21) twist Texas A&M running back Sirr Parker (8) and drop him for a loss during the Big 12 Championship Game Saturday in San Antonio. The No. 2 Cornhuskers crushed A&M, 54-15.

Vols overcome six turnovers to edge Auburn in SEC title game

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Tennessee won the Southeastern Conference championship, but the Volunteers may have lost a chance at the national title.

Peyton Manning made sure No. 3 Tennessee didn't lose the game Saturday night, throwing for 373 yards and four touchdowns to give the Vols a 30-29 victory over Auburn.

Tennessee (11-1) overcame a sloppy performance — six turnovers and at least a half-dozen dropped passes — for its first SEC title since 1990. In the precarious world of college football polls, though, the Vols may have lost by barely beating Auburn (9-3).

The closeness of the win could cost the Vols when the final regular-season polls are compiled Sunday. Tennessee, favored by a touchdown, needs to maintain its lead over No. 4 Florida State (10-1) in the rankings in order to secure an invitation to the Orange Bowl against No. 2 Nebraska, the closest thing to a national title game for the bowl alliance with No. 1 Michigan set to play in the Rose.

The Vols weren't worried about voting matters Saturday. An SEC championship was enough on this night.

"I can't describe it. It's unbelievable," said Manning, who passed up the NFL to return to the Vols for his senior season. "I love Tennessee. SEC champs. Sounds good, doesn't it?"

Manning, making a final bid for the Heisman Trophy, threw his fourth touchdown pass with 11:14 remaining, a 73-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Nash that gave Tennessee the victory.

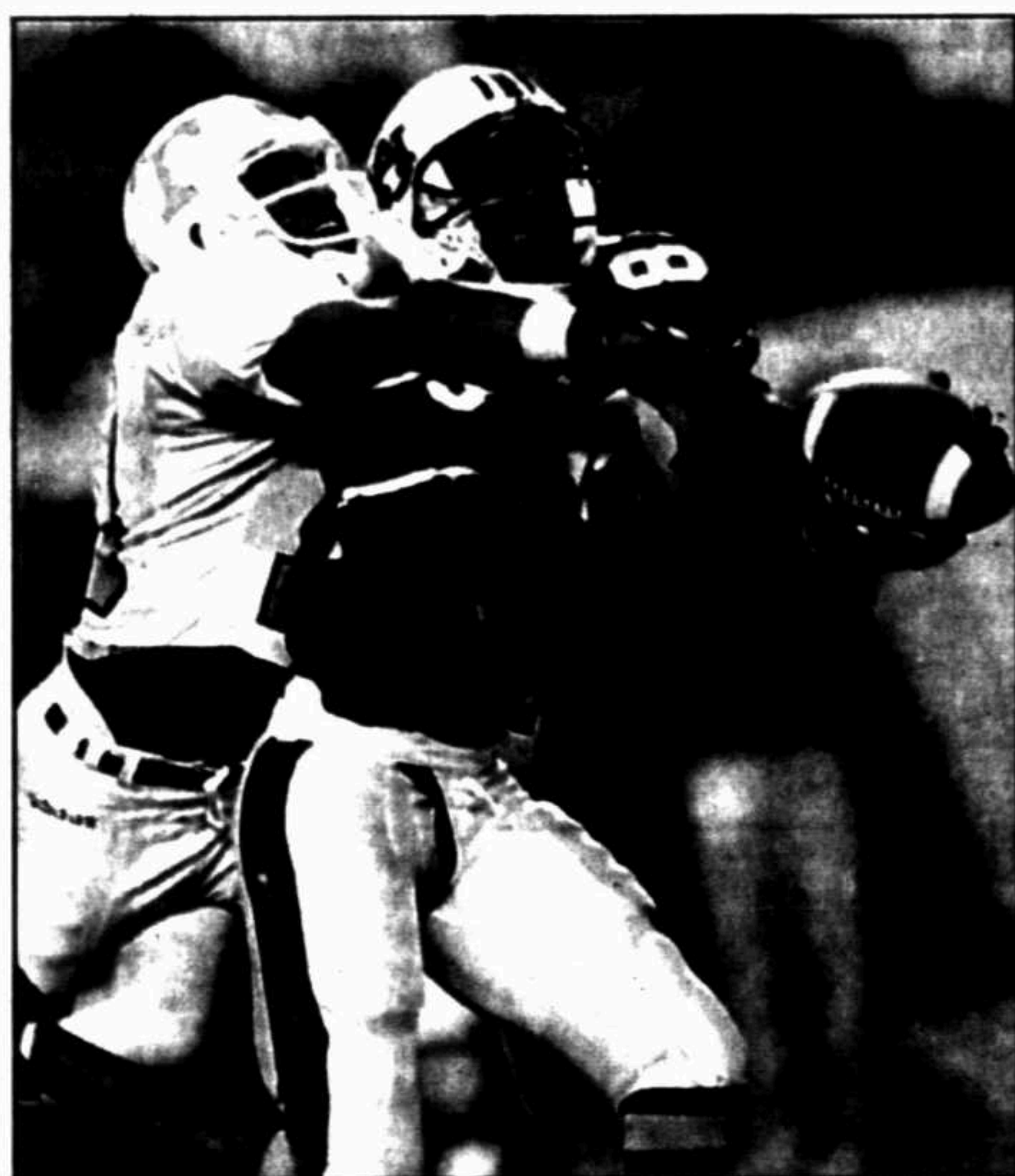
Manning's Heisman chances have tumbled in the closing weeks of the season, but he may have helped himself with voters who waited until the last minute to cast their ballots. He certainly didn't get much help from his teammates.

The Vols lost four fumbles, including one that was returned for a touchdown. Manning threw two interceptions, the second returned 77 yards to set up another Auburn TD. Auburn also blocked an extra point and returned it to the other end zone for a 2-point conversion.

"We had to keep our poise," Manning said. "We kept stopping ourselves and putting the football on the ground."

The Tigers failed to fully capitalize on all the Tennessee mistakes, however, and Manning finally made them pay.

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Auburn's Tyrone Goodson (83) pulls in a touchdown pass with Tennessee's Terry Fair draped all over him during the SEC Championship game Saturday in Atlanta. Tennessee won, 30-29.

Marcus shoots down Cooper

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

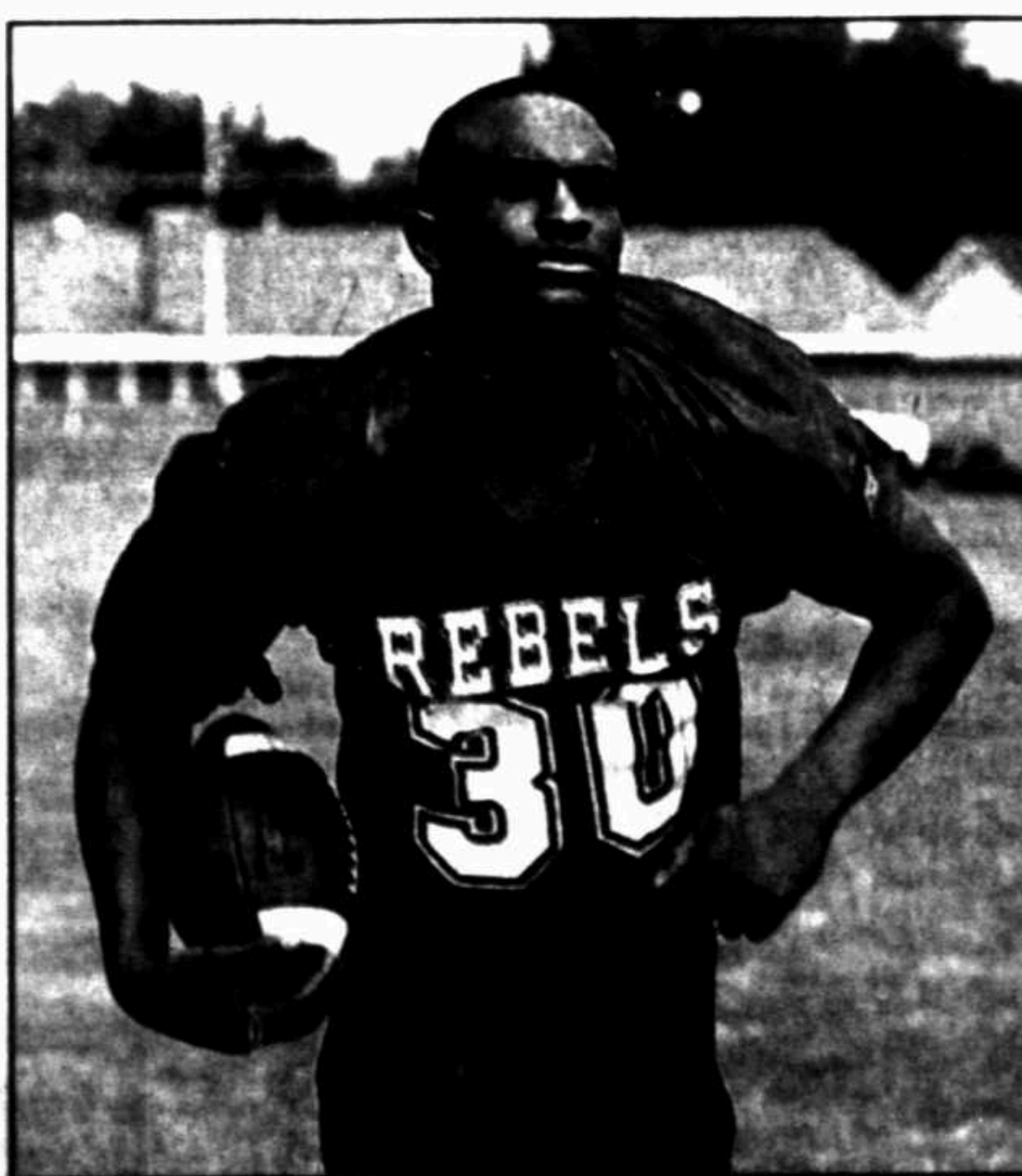
ABILENE — A team can't have turnovers in a big game. Every football coach says it, and time and time again, every coach is right.

District 4-5A champion Abilene Cooper found out that lesson the hard way in a 38-14 Class 5A Small School state quarterfinal loss to Flower Mound Marcus Saturday at Shotwell Stadium.

Five Cooper turnovers resulted in 28 Marcus points, making the third straight playoff meeting between the two schools who claimed the last two runner-up spots in the small school playoffs, not a memorable one for the Cougar faithful.

"You would like to start over and go back when you dig yourself a hole with turnovers," Cooper coach Randy Allen said. "When you turn the ball over in the first three possessions, players are in shock and start pressing and doing things they normally don't do to catch up."

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Midland Lee senior running back Josh Norman was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of District 4-5A after rushing for 1,353 and 18 touchdowns.

Rebels' Norman earns honors as offensive MVP

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland Lee running back Josh Norman and Odessa High linebacker Jason Waters head the impressive District 4-5A football list of first team All-District selections for 1997.

Norman was named as the league's most valuable offensive player while Waters was named as the defensive MVP. Both were unanimous choices at their positions, but neither was unanimous MVP selections. Both are returning All-District first team selections from last year. Lee has now claimed a league MVP player for three years in a row as Josh Norman's brother, John, who now toils for Texas Tech, was the defensive MVP the last two years.

Abilene Cooper coach Randy Allen, who led his Cougars to a perfect 6-0 district season, was named

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Colorado State romps past New Mexico

LAS VEGAS (AP) — All season long, Colorado State won games by taking the ball away from its opponents. On Saturday, the Rams did it with a flourish to win their biggest game of the season.

The nation's best team in turnover ratio used three consecutive fourth quarter turnovers and the running of Kevin McDougal to beat New Mexico 41-13 Saturday and win the Western Athletic Conference title.

McDougal ran for 255 yards and three long touchdowns, but it was an interception followed by two fumbles that broke open a 17-13 game as No. 20 Colorado State scored 24 fourth quarter points for its eighth straight win.

The win gave the Rams (10-2) a berth in the Holiday Bowl, while New Mexico (9-3) will go to the Insight.com Bowl.

"This is the best team we've had since I've been here," Colorado State coach Sonny Lubick said after the Rams won the WAC title for the third time in the last four years.

McDougal had touchdown runs of 42, 44 and 66 yards in the second half and teammate Damon Washington added a 51-yard TD run and 104 yards.

"We knew going into the game it was going to be very difficult to pass," Lubick said. "But I knew we could run the ball on them."

A game that featured two of the nation's most efficient passers didn't turn out to be a typical WAC passing show after New Mexico's Graham Leigh sprained his right ankle in the sec-

ond quarter and Moses Moreno had a sore elbow and was ineffective for the Rams.

Colorado State led only 17-13 going into the fourth quarter, before taking advantage of the turnovers to score 17 quick points.

"The turnovers hurt us and then they made some big plays in the fourth quarter," New Mexico coach Dennis Franchione said.

McDougal, converted from defensive back just this season, broke away nearly untouched on each of his touchdown runs in becoming the second leading one game rusher in Colorado State history.

"I just hit the line and ran as fast as I could," McDougal said. "I didn't want to be caught from behind. If I was caught from behind, I'd never hear the end of it."

The win came before a sparse crowd of 12,706 in the second annual WAC title game at the Sam Boyd Stadium.

New Mexico threatened to dominate early, holding Colorado State to no yards on just six plays in the first quarter. Meanwhile, Leigh was mixing up option runs and the passing game to give the Lobos a 3-0 lead.

But after Leigh injured his ankle on a sack and was pulled from the game early in the first quarter, New Mexico struggled. Leigh came back in the second half but by then the Rams didn't have to worry about the threat of his running.

"I couldn't plant at all," Leigh said. "I did the best I could. A good part of our game is the option and this just took a lot away from that."



Colorado State free safety Myron Terry (2) leaps and intercepts a pass intended for New Mexico's Pascal Volz (81) during the WAC Championship Saturday in Las Vegas. Colorado State defeated New Mexico 41-13.

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JACKS: Odessa wins another shootout

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season, and the fourth win in five starts for Pye, the former goalie on Central Michigan's NCAA champions of a few years back.

The win raised Odessa to 8-16-2, five wins coming in the last seven games, and dropped the Stampede to 14-8-3.

Odessa scored first period goals on Don Margette's power play score off a Sammi Laine feed, tucking a rebound into the corner.

3:09 into the period, Laine made it 2-0 with his 17th goal off a Patrick Lampron feed at 12:37, a trick rebound.

Despite the lead, the Stampede dominated the period, finally scoring on a power play goal by Mike Dick at 17:58.

The wonder is that it wasn't 10-2 in favor of Central Texas. Pye parried shots on successive two minute power plays and then another during a five minute major. Of the 31 shots rained on the 5-10, 175 pound goalie in that opening 20 minutes, 23 came on power plays.

Perhaps proof that, like left-

handers, goalies are a strange breed, Pye claimed, "This weekend has been like a dream." Others might call it a night mare.

Pye faced 66 shots in all plus four in the Shootout and turned back all but three.

Actually, the dream for Pye was coming to Odessa from Waco. "I knew they were struggling here and I was skeptical about coming, but the management is committed to winning and they rolled out the red carpet for me."

This is Pye's seventh year as a pro, joining Buffalo (NHL) out of college and playing in the AHL and last year with Columbus and Waco.

Doug Smith's goal at 6:11 of the second period tied the game for Central Texas and resulted in a nail-biting defensive struggle over the final period and a half.

The tension got worse as Tom Tarvainen scored for the Stampede on the first overtime. Dan LaVergne tied it on Odessa's second skate in, almost passing the goalie on the left before flicking a backhand into the net.

Patrick Lampron gave Odessa

the margin it needed on the third Jackalopes attempt. "I watched the goalie's reaction on the player before, then made my move to the left and hit the 5.0 hole on the right side."

Pye then nailed it down. Lampron, one of the Jacks' mainstays through the season, is in his third year as a pro out Montreal's junior ranks.

For tonight in El Paso, Pye gets a well-deserved night off with rookie Michael Turquist coming off the injured list to go into the nets. Pye will probably be in the nets again when the Jacks return home Tuesday for a 7 p.m. game against Waco.

Next Friday they begin a three-game homestand against Shreveport, Amarillo and Central Texas.

JACKS' SLAPSHOTS: The skeleton playing defense for Odessa was assistant coach Jeff Triano, in the third game of his five-game contract. In his first two games, he lost eight pounds. Goaltie Dischambeault, Mark Finney and several other released Jacks are with Boise of the Western League. "I guess

you'd call Boise our farm club," says Coach Joe Clark. "Matt McCoy joined the Jacks and played Saturday night after flying in from Vancouver Friday in time to catch part of the Amarillo game. "He's 26, a right hand shot and a veteran defenseman," describes Clark. Co-owner Miles Prentice flew in for Saturday's game and confirmed that, in addition to the group he represents, there are others interested in acquiring the club. One is Lamar Hunt. "Forward Jay Hern celebrated his 21st birthday Saturday. Central Texas faces a 2 p.m. game today in Amarillo. Larry Dyck, who won a shootout for the Stampede over Austin Thursday night, handled 30 of 32 shots Saturday."

Odessa 3, Central Texas 2, overtime

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Odessa 2 0 0 1-3

First Period: 1 OD Margette (11), Assists-Laine (10), From (3), pp 3:08, 2 OD Laine (17), Assists-Lampron (13), 3 CT Mike Dick (9), Assists-Smith (9), Roland, pp 17:38

Second Period: Doug Smith (13), Assists-Roland (17), 6:11

Third Period: None

Shots on Goal: Central Texas 31-20-15-66, Odessa 9-9-14-32, Goalties: Dyck, CW (30 saves), Pye, OD (64 saves), Attendance 4,177, Next Home game, Waco, 7 p.m. Tuesday

BIG 12: Cornhuskers romp

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has always been our battle cry over the summer. I know that was the only thing I was thinking about when I worked, practiced or was in the weight room. We weren't going to let down. That loss is one I'll remember the rest of my life."

Texas A&M, the Big 12 South champion, found itself in the wrong place at the wrong time against the North champion Cornhuskers and will probably end up in the Cotton Bowl.

With a sellout Alamodome crowd of 64,824 looking on, the Huskers had 353 first-half yards and held Texas A&M to just two first downs.

Frost, just the 12th player in NCAA history to top 1,000 yards running and passing in the same season, scored on a 6-yard run, while Brown kicked field goals of 27, 26, and 31 yards as Nebraska took a 16-0 first quarter lead. Brown also hit a 44-yarder in the third quarter.

Green, the nation's second leading rusher, followed with TD runs of 25 and 1 yards. He also added a 6-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

Frost hit Matt Davison with a 51-yard pass just before halftime to set up his own 2-yard TD run.

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said Nebraska "was everything I thought they would be. They beat us offensively, defensively and every possible way."

"I'm disappointed in the way we played. Our offense has to bear some responsibility for the loss. They didn't make many first downs and stay on the field so our defense wouldn't have to work so hard."

Frost had 15 carries for 79 yards and hit 12 of 18 passes for his 201 yards.

"We thought we had a chance to throw the ball and we did," Osborne said. "People tend to load up against us for the run and they commit their defensive backs. We've done it all year."

Texas A&M's only offensive spark was provided by tight end Derrick Spiller, who hooked up with quarterback Brandton Stewart on a 63-yard pass-and-run that set up Kyle Bryant's 32-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Spiller provided the Aggies their only touchdown in the fourth quarter when he caught a 13-yard pass from Stewart to cap a 75-yard drive. Stewart was 18 of 38 for 227 yards.

LOCAL SPORTS

Rangers win consolation

COAHOMA — The Greenwood Rangers beat Reagan County 51-35 and Rotan, 70-28, to win the consolation final at the Coahoma Tournament on Saturday.

The Rangers (2-3) next host Irion County at 8 p.m. Tuesday. GHS also will host the Stanton Tournament next weekend due to the Buffaloes still participating in the football playoffs.

Greenwood 51, Reagan County 35
Reagan County: Ramirez 2-0-4, R. Reyes 2-0-5, A. Goodie 1-2-4, E. Reyes 2-0-4, Camacho 3-1-2, Hernandez 1-0-2, Neal 1-3-5, B. Goodie 1-0-2, Totals 14-9-35

Greenwood: Gabriel Paltanaz 2-1-2, S. Andrew Wooten 5-2-14, Cabel Monte 6-7-24, Larry Johnson 2-0-4, Jason Brooks 1-0-1-2, Ruben Ochoa 0-2-2-2, Totals 18-11-61

Rotan County
Greenwood 70, Rotan 28
Rotan: Carrion 1-0-1-2, Camillo 5-0-1-12, Duke 1-1-2, Poley 1-2-4, Huggins 1-0-2-2, Murphree 1-2-4-5, Totals 11-4-16

Greenwood (2-3): Paltanaz 1-0-2, Wooten 6-0-18, Montes 6-2-14, Scott 3-1-2-7, Chris Harris 1-0-0, Johnson 4-0-8, Jason Young 1-0-2, Ochoa 1-0-2, John Settles 7-0-14, Totals 32-3-70

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Lady Buffs beat Greenwood

COAHOMA — The Stanton Lady Buffaloes beat Greenwood 44-33 in the Coahoma Tournament. Kristi Brown led Greenwood with 11 points.

Stanton 44, Greenwood 33
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Pack, Broncos jockey for position in playoffs

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

The people in Nevada who earn money on such things as Green Bay and Denver the two best teams in the NFL, favorites to meet in the Super Bowl.

But while both have clinched playoff spots, each has a lot of positioning work left in the final three weeks of the regular season.

It starts this week with the Packers in Tampa trying to clinch the NFC Central and Denver at Pittsburgh, trying to stay ahead of Kansas City in the AFC West.

Of the two, Denver (11-2) has the tougher chore: one loss and the Broncos may have to play three playoff games to get to the Super Bowl, two on the road.

While they lead the Chiefs by a game in the division, they have by far the toughest schedule. After the Steelers (9-4), they go to San Francisco (11-2) before finishing with San Diego at home. Kansas City, by contrast, plays three teams that are a combined 13-26.

If both Denver and Kansas City finish 13-3, the Chiefs win the AFC West and get home field for the playoffs, because they would have one division loss to two for the Broncos. That would make Denver (unfairly, but that's the system) the fourth seed in the AFC, behind the other two division winners, with probably only a wild-card game at home for the Broncos.

Can this be a blessing in disguise?

Last season, the Broncos clinched home field with a month left, lost their momentum, then lost their first playoff game to Jacksonville. "If you look at the schedule, it's probably to Kansas City's advantage," says safety Tyrone Braxton. "But we still control our own destiny. The good thing is that we're being pushed by Kansas City, and that'll keep us motivated and on edge. It won't be like last year."

Pittsburgh, tied for first with Jacksonville in the AFC Central, has won six straight at Three Rivers Stadium since an opening loss to Dallas. But this is the Steelers' last home game; they finish at New England and at Tennessee.

So Bill Cowher uncharacteristically closed practice this week, perhaps to add a wrinkle to an offense built around the running of Jerome Bettis. But the likeliest change is shifting Carnell Lake from safety back to cornerback, a move Cowher has used when the secondary has sprung leaks like it

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did in Arizona and Philadelphia.

Green Bay (10-3) goes into Tampa after two streak-ending victories, a 27-11 win in Minnesota on Monday night that was its first in six trips there under Mike Holmgren, and a 45-17 victory over Dallas that ended an eight-game losing streak to the Cowboys.

The Packers also got new hope for home field in the NFC when Kansas City resoundingly ended San Francisco's 11-game winning streak 44-9, leaving the Packers only a game behind the 49ers.

The win in Minnesota clinched a wild-card for the Packers. That's no big deal for them.

But it will be for Tampa Bay (9-4) when it makes the playoffs, almost inevitable at this point. The Bucs, who had 13 10-loss seasons in the 14 before this one, need only one victory in three games and they'll be in the postseason for the first time since 1982.

"I've resisted that 'big game' tag all year, but I have said when you get to the point where you win one more and you're in, it becomes a big game," says coach Tony Dungy. "It's important if we win, we're in the playoffs and we don't have to wait another week."

In the NFC, San Francisco has clinched the West and Green Bay owns a wild-card. The Bucs and Vikings can also get wild cards this week.

Tampa Bay gets in by beating the Packers or with losses by Philadelphia and Washington and a Dallas-Carolina tie. Minnesota needs to win and have the same set of circumstances occur.

Denver is the only AFC team to have clinched, but Kansas City needs only a win or a loss by the Jets or losses by New England and Miami to get in.

Jacksonville can make it by winning, and the Steelers by winning along with that same combination the Chiefs need.

New England (8-5)
at Jacksonville (9-4)

A rematch of last year's AFC championship game, but at Jacksonville instead of Foxboro.

Since winning their first four, the Patriots have stumbled, although they're back in a tie for first in the AFC East after three-point home wins over Miami and Indianapolis.

This will be tougher: Jacksonville has won 13 straight at home. And while the Jags are just

23rd in the NFL on defense, the New England offense has struggled, particularly on the road. Drew Bledsoe, who had 12 TD passes in the first four games, has had just 11 in nine games since.

Minnesota (8-5)
at San Francisco (14-2)

The 49ers, who won 10 straight and a Super Bowl after a 40-8 loss three years ago, now have to deal with last week's rout by Kansas City. They have yet to beat a team with a winning record, the kind they'll face in the playoffs.

They also had to deal this week with the resignation of owner Edward DeBartolo Jr. after reports he would be indicted in Louisiana on gambling fraud charges.

The players are more concerned with what happens on the field.

"You don't want to dwell on it too much, that's for sure," Steve Young, quarterback, lawyer and historian, says of the Kansas City game. "Historically, we've found that fine line of taking the hurt and then letting it go to move on. We'll count on that."

The Vikings have lost three straight and quarterback Brad Johnson is gone for the season with a herniated disc in his neck. That gives the job to Randall Cunningham.

This is the 49ers' last NFC game. If they win, they'll have any tiebreaker over Green Bay for home field in the NFC, because they'll finish with an 11-1 conference record and the Packers already have two conference losses.

New York Giants (7-5-1)
at Philadelphia (6-6-1)
Washington (6-6-1)
at Arizona (3-10)

Carolina (6-7) at Dallas (6-7)
(Monday night)

All anyone needs to know about the NFC East (or West).

The Cowboys wrote themselves off after losing to Tennessee on Thanksgiving, then wrote themselves back in after the Giants and Redskins lost last Sunday. If Dallas beats the Panthers, Bengals and Giants in their final three games, it very well could win the division.

These games revolve around the quarterbacks:

—Gus Frerotte of the Redskins is gone for the year with a broken hip and Jeff Hostetler starts.

—Bobby Hoyer is 2-0-1 since becoming the starter for the Eagles and his 98.4 rating would be second in the league if he'd played



Green Bay running back Dorsey Levens (25) is leading the Packers back towards the Super Bowl. Green Bay can clinch the NFC Central Division with a win today in Tampa Bay.

enough. But he's due to hit the wall and it could be this week, because Philadelphia's offensive line against the Giants' defensive front is not a good matchup.

—Danny Kanell of the Giants, who have just 15 points in their last nine quarters, has been put on notice by coach Jim Fassel. Dave Brown could be replace him if he starts slowly.

—Troy Aikman of the Cowboys has a bad back and bad thumb and will play, but in pain. Kerry Collins of the Panthers, who sustained a concussion last week, is uncertain.

Detroit (7-6) at Miami (8-5)
Indianapolis (1-12)
at New York Jets (8-5)

By winning three straight while the NFC East teams have stumbled, the Lions have gotten back in the playoff race. They've scored 125 points in those games, with Barry Sanders running wild, and if the season ended last week, the Lions would be getting ready for the playoffs.

The Dolphins are likely to benefit from others' misfortunes in the

three-way race in the AFC East — the loss by the Jets of both starting tackles and New England's offensive problems. They also have a schedule break, with two home games with the only road game at Indianapolis.

The Colts can be dangerous, particularly with Jim Harbaugh back at quarterback. Their only win is over the Packers and they scared New England last week.

Oakland (4-9)
at Kansas City (10-3)

The Chiefs made their season (and the Raiders probably lost theirs), when Andre Rison caught that 33-yard pass in the dying seconds in Oakland the second Monday night of the season and Kansas City won 28-27.

The Chiefs went 4-1 through the rough part of their schedule, capped by the rout of San Francisco. If this wasn't the hated Raiders, they'd be ripe for a let-down, but it works the other way, too. The Raiders, who have lost 14 of 16 to the Chiefs, might give less than total effort against someone

else.

Atlanta (5-8) at San Diego (4-9)
Buffalo (6-7) at Chicago (2-11)
Seattle (6-7) at Baltimore (4-8-1)
St. Louis (3-10)
at New Orleans (5-8)

These games all have little if any playoff significance, although the Falcons, Bills, Saints and Seahawks are technically alive.

But Atlanta, which has won three straight, and New Orleans (three of four) are making nice late-season runs for Dan Reeves and Mike Ditka, Ditka's emotional highs and lows notwithstanding. Even the Rams won last week after eight straight losses, another non-division win for the onrushing bottom three in the maligned NFC West.

Baltimore (1-7-1 since a 3-1 start) and Seattle (three straight losses) are going in the other direction. Seattle's slide coincides with the loss of Cortez Kennedy and Baltimore's offense has gone into reverse, although Vinny Testaverde, who hurt his knee and left for Eric Zeier last week, will start again.

Panthers have chance to eliminate Cowboys for second straight year

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Carolina Panthers can finish off a season for the Dallas Cowboys twice in one year.

The Panthers knocked the Cowboys out of the NFL playoffs on Jan. 5 with a 26-17 victory in the NFC divisional championships as Kerry Collins threw two touchdown passes. Michael Irvin suffered a separated shoulder in the first quarter and Deion Sanders broke an orbit bone around his eye in the second half.

The Panthers can put the Cowboys down again Monday night as the two teams try to stay alive with 6-7 records.

"It's ironic, isn't it?" said Dallas running back Emmitt Smith. "Both teams were flying high earlier in the year. Now, we're struggling to keep in the race. Both teams are frustrated. I know we are."

But forget a revenge factor as far as the Cowboys are concerned.

"We just need to win a game," Smith said. "We need to win three games. And we haven't won three games in a row all season."

Irvin, who was injured on a tackle by linebacker Lamar Lathon, said survival is all the Cowboys have in mind.

"Believe me, I won't be running over there to Lathon," Irvin said. "I want to stay far, far away from him."

Sanders won't play against Carolina, but it isn't because of the orbit bone, which healed. He fractured a rib last week and the injury is so painful that rookie Kevin Mathis will start at cornerback.

Cornerback Eric Davis of the Panthers, who could be matched up against Irvin, said "this game isn't at all like the playoff game. It's two different seasons

and two different teams. It's two teams fighting for their lives. Things haven't worked out this year for either club. In a way, this is a playoff game for both clubs, with the loser likely out."

Carolina coach Dom Capers said the Panthers won't have any edge because they won in January over the Cowboys.

"That's water over the dam," Capers said. "Both teams need a win. Both teams have been inconsistent and have been battling injuries."

Something else is different: Both clubs have banged-up quarterbacks.

Collins, who broke a jaw earlier in the year, suffered a concussion last week against the New Orleans Saints. He expected to play.

Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman, who had a concussion earlier this season, has been battling back spasms and a swollen thumb on his passing hand he jammed in a 27-14 loss to Tennessee on Thanksgiving Day. He expected to play.

While losing Sanders, the Cowboys gain strong safety Darren Woodson, who had been battling a shoulder injury, and defensive tackle Leon Lett, who missed the first 13 games because of an NFL-mandated drug suspension.

"The Cowboys will be better physically up front with Lett back in there," Capers said. "He helps their run defense."

The Cowboys need help, because both the Green Bay Packers and the Oilers ran them ragged in the last two games.

"We'll play Leon a lot," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "He came back in good shape. He had been playing basketball."

Rookies must contribute more quickly in today's National Football League

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

Walk right in, learn the playbook, then go out on the field and play.

Is this any way to treat an NFL rookie? Nowadays, it's about the only way.

Thanks to the salary cap and free agency, draftees become contributors quicker than ever in pro football. Coaches live with the accompanying immaturity and hope the kids grow up fast.

"The expectations of rookies are to expect them to play like rookies," says Redskins defensive coordinator Mike Nolan, who has used three of them regularly. "In other words, you've got to take the good with the bad. They're going to make mistakes; they're also going to make plays."

The ones who have made the most plays this season on offense include running backs Warrick Dunn of Tampa Bay, Antowain Smith of Buffalo, Tiki Barber of the New York Giants, Corey Dillon of Cincinnati, Leon Johnson of the New York Jets and Fred Lane of Carolina; center Calvin Collins of

Atlanta; tackles Ross Verba of Green Bay and Walter Jones of Seattle; wide receivers Reidel Anthony of Tampa Bay and Rae Carruth of Carolina; and tight ends Freddie Jones of San Diego and Tony Gonzalez of Kansas City.

Notable rookies on defense are linebackers Peter Boulware and Jamie Sharper of Baltimore, James Farrior of the New York Jets, Dexter Coakley of Dallas, Derrick Rodgers of Miami and Dwayne Rudd of Minnesota; line men Darrell Russell of Oakland, Renaldo Wynn and Seth Payne of Jacksonville, Jason Taylor of Miami and Kenny Holmes of Tennessee; and backs Tom Knight of Arizona, Sam Madison of Miami, Sam Garmes of the Giants, Shawn Springs of Seattle, Mike Minter of Carolina and Bryant Westbrook of Detroit.

Placekicker John Hall of the Jets has had a major impact with his kickoffs and long-range field goal skills.

Most of the rookies say the opportunity to play right away is invaluable, regardless of how they might struggle.

"It's a lot easier for my brain

when you're in there and you're playing," Gonzalez says. "Experience is really the best teacher. That's making it so much easier. I want to be able to look at myself and say, 'I contributed to this win.'"

The rookies have to play because the salary cap prevents teams from stockpiling talent. So, quite often, backups are untested youngsters, many fresh out of college, because teams can't afford even moderate NFL salaries for mid-level veterans.

Free agency also has created holes in lineups that are most easily filled by rookies.

"Continuity is the hardest thing about putting together a team today," says Jets coach Bill Parcells, who has used as many as 10 rookies this season. "You aren't able to keep players because they can leave after four years (through free agency) or you lose them because of cap considerations."

"That puts more emphasis on the draft and finding players and then letting the kids play. Rookies have to grow up a lot faster now and help out right away. Some do. Some don't."

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Kentucky survives late Hoosier scare

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Nazr Mohammed won another game for Kentucky and won another admirer in Indiana coach Bob Knight.

The 6-foot-10 center came off the bench and scored 21 points Saturday, his second straight game with a career high, as the seventh-ranked Wildcats survived a late Indiana comeback and beat the Hoosiers 75-72.

"These guys have done an incredible job with Mohammed. That's as good a job that I've ever seen done to a kid," Knight said of the junior, who also had 12 rebounds and two steals. "He can play. They have done a fantastic job with that kid."

Jeff Sheppard also had 21 points for Kentucky, which won its fourth straight game against the Hoosiers. It also was the Wildcats' first game in the RCA Dome since they lost the NCAA championship to Arizona in overtime last spring. They also lost to Clemson in the Dome in the Black Coaches Association Classic at the beginning of last season.

The Wildcats (6-1) lost almost all of an 11-point second-half lead against the Hoosiers (3-3), who had a chance to tie after Wayne Turner missed the second of two free throws with six seconds to go. But A.J. Guyton, who led the Indiana rally with 14 of his 19 points in the second half, missed a 3-pointer just ahead of the final buzzer.

Kentucky beat Indiana by 34 points in Louisville last year — the second-worst defeat in Knight's 27 years as coach — but seemed to need only three minutes of all-out defense to take the Hoosiers out of a close game this time.

No. 1 Duke 103, Virginia 59
DURHAM, N.C. — Trajan Langdon scored 22 points and Duke turned 28 Virginia turnovers into 34 points in a victory in the ACC opener for both teams.

Roshawn McLeod added 15 points and Mike Chappell had 11 for Duke (8-0), while Steve Wojciechowski had four steals for the Blue Devils and Elton Brand, McLeod and William Avery had three each.

No. 3 North Carolina 78, Virginia Tech 57
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Vince Carter and Shammond Williams made up for a rare poor shooting game by Antawn Jamison to power the Tar Heels. Carter had 21 points and Williams 16 in the first as North Carolina (9-0) matched the start of the 1994-95 Tar Heels, who made it to the Final Four.

Jamison, a career 58-percent shooter who came in averaging a team-leading 22 points, missed all six of his field-goal attempts in the first half. He wound up with 19 points on 5-for-13 shooting.

No. 5 South Carolina 67, Chattanooga 55
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ryan Stack had 16 points and BJ McKie added 15 as South Carolina held Chattanooga to 28 percent shooting and improved to 5-0, its best start

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in five seasons under coach Eddie Fogler.

Chattanooga (4-3) lost both games at the Harris Teeter Pepsi Challenge, the Mocs' first road trip of the season. But at least Chattanooga improved on its opening-night performance, when the Mocs were held to 22 percent shooting and 38 points in a 30-point loss to No. 3 North Carolina.

No. 6 Purdue 87, Louisville 69
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Brad Miller scored 12 of his 27 points during a 27-5 run and Purdue snapped a two-game losing streak and made Gene Keady the school's winningest coach.

Keady passed Ward Lambert's 371 victories and in his 20th season has a record of 372-162.

No. 9 Xavier 93, W. Kentucky 60
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — T.J. Johnson and Darnell Williams scored six points each during a 23-0 run that broke the game open early.

Lenny Brown led Xavier (5-0) with 22 points and five assists. Monty Latimer led Western (2-2) with 12 points. The Hilltoppers' leading scorer, Joe Harney, who averages 15 points per game, was held to six.

No. 10 Iowa 81, Weber St. 56
IOWA CITY, Iowa — Ryan Bowen scored a career-high 25 points as the Hawkeyes won their 15th Super Shootout championship in 16 years.

Kent McCausland finished with 12 points and Ricky Davis 10 for Iowa (6-0), which ran its record to 31-1 in the tournament. The Hawkeyes' only loss was to Arkansas State in a first-round game in 1985.

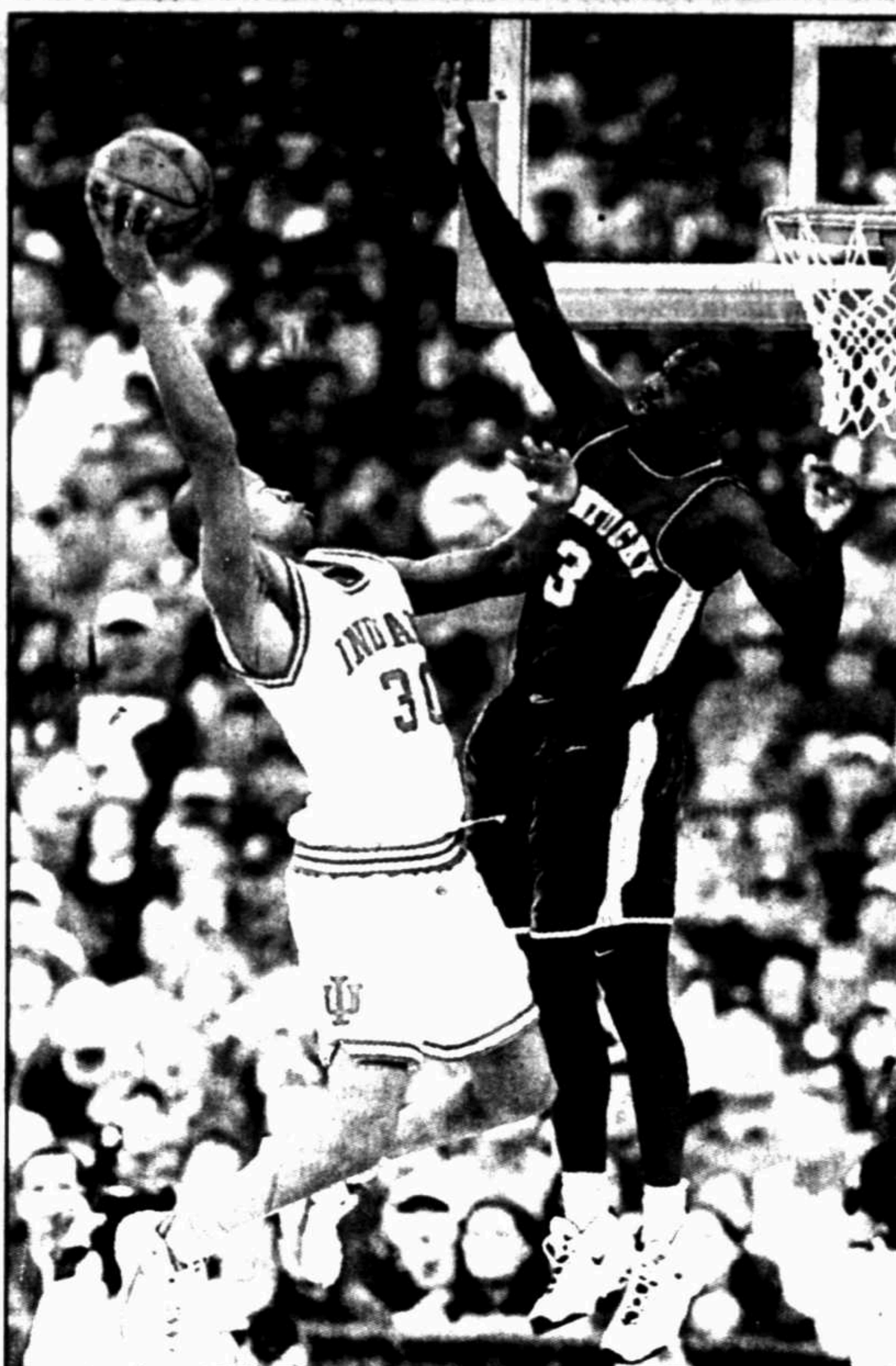
No. 11 Utah 62, Winston-Salem 53
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Andre Miller scored nine of his 20 points over the final 5:36 as Utah ended Wake Forest's 23-game home winning streak against non-conference opponents.

The Demon Deacons (6-1) won each of the meetings the last two years against Utah (7-0) with the powerful inside play of Tim Duncan, the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft. This time around it was the Utes who powered inside for the win, finishing with a 43-31 rebound advantage.

No. 12 Stanford 76, Anaheim 74
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Mark Madson scored 23 points, the last three in the final 10 seconds, and grabbed 13 rebounds to lift the Cardinal in the Wooden Classic.

With the Cardinal (5-0) trailing 74-73, Madson tipped in a miss by Peter Sauer with 10 seconds remaining. After Georgia's Ray Harrison drove the lane and missed, Madson grabbed the rebound and was fouled. He made one of two free throws with 1.5 seconds left for the final margin. He also intercepted Georgia's long inbound pass to end the game.

Ball St. 70.



Indiana's William Gladness (30) puts up a one-handed shot over Kentucky's Allen Edwards (3) during the first half in Indianapolis.

No. 14 Mississippi 66
MUNCIE, Ind. — Bonzi Wells scored 34 points as Ball State won the Cardinal Varsity Classic.

Wells scored 22 points in the second half when Ball State (5-1) overcame an 11-point deficit to record its 19th consecutive victory at University Arena.

No. 15 UCLA 69, No. 8 New Mexico 58
ANAHEIM, Calif. — J.R. Henderson, switched from forward to center in place of absent Jelani McCoy, scored 24 points to lead the Bruins in the Wooden Classic.

It was the first significant victory of the season for UCLA (3-1) after opening with a 41-point loss — second-worst in school history — to North Carolina a week ago in the Great Alaska Shootout.

New Mexico (5-1) was expected to dominate the middle, but Henderson's defense helped hold Kenny Thomas scoreless in the first half. Thomas finished with eight points and eight rebounds.

No. 17 Clemson 71, Furman 62
CLEMSON, S.C. — Terrell McIntyre had 19 points and Tom Wideman added a career-high 17 as Clemson sweated out its 22nd straight victory over Furman.

No. 18 Arkansas 75, Missouri 46
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The Razorbacks opened the game with a 15-3 run and Missouri lost its 14th straight road game, a streak that dates to Feb. 13, 1996.

The Tigers (2-4) missed 12 of their first 15 shots and committed nine turnovers over the first sev-

en minutes. The Razorbacks (6-0) shot 9-of-19 in the first 12 minutes while building a 22-7 lead.

No. 19 Florida St. 74, Jacksonville 44
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State held Jacksonville without a field goal for the opening 8:11, taking a 21-2 lead.

The Seminoles (6-1) built their lead to 41-10 at halftime, the fewest points ever allowed by Florida State in a half. Jacksonville (1-4) was held to only three field goals in the first half and no Dolphin scored more than two points by halftime.

No. 20 Temple 59, Wisconsin 49
MADISON, Wis. — Rasheed Brokenborough scored five of his 24 points in the final minute as the Owls, who led by as many as 22 points in the second half, held on.

Wisconsin (3-4) pulled within 50-47 late in the game on a layup by Sean Mason, but Brokenborough's three free throws and last-second layup helped the Owls (4-1) keep the lead.

No. 22 Georgia Tech 84, Delaware St. 63
ATLANTA — Freshman Dion Glover had 28 points and eight rebounds for the Yellow Jackets, who played without Matt Harpring.

No. 25 Princeton 73, Lafayette 48
PRINCETON, N.J. — Brian Earl scored all 19 of his points in the first half as Princeton trailed only in the opening seconds and led by as many as 28 points.

No. 4 Arizona holds off Longhorns, 88-81

By Chip Brown

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Arizona got off to a slow start again, but thanks to the first-half offense of Jason Terry and the late-game cool of Mike Bibby, the fourth-ranked Wildcats didn't pay for it this time.

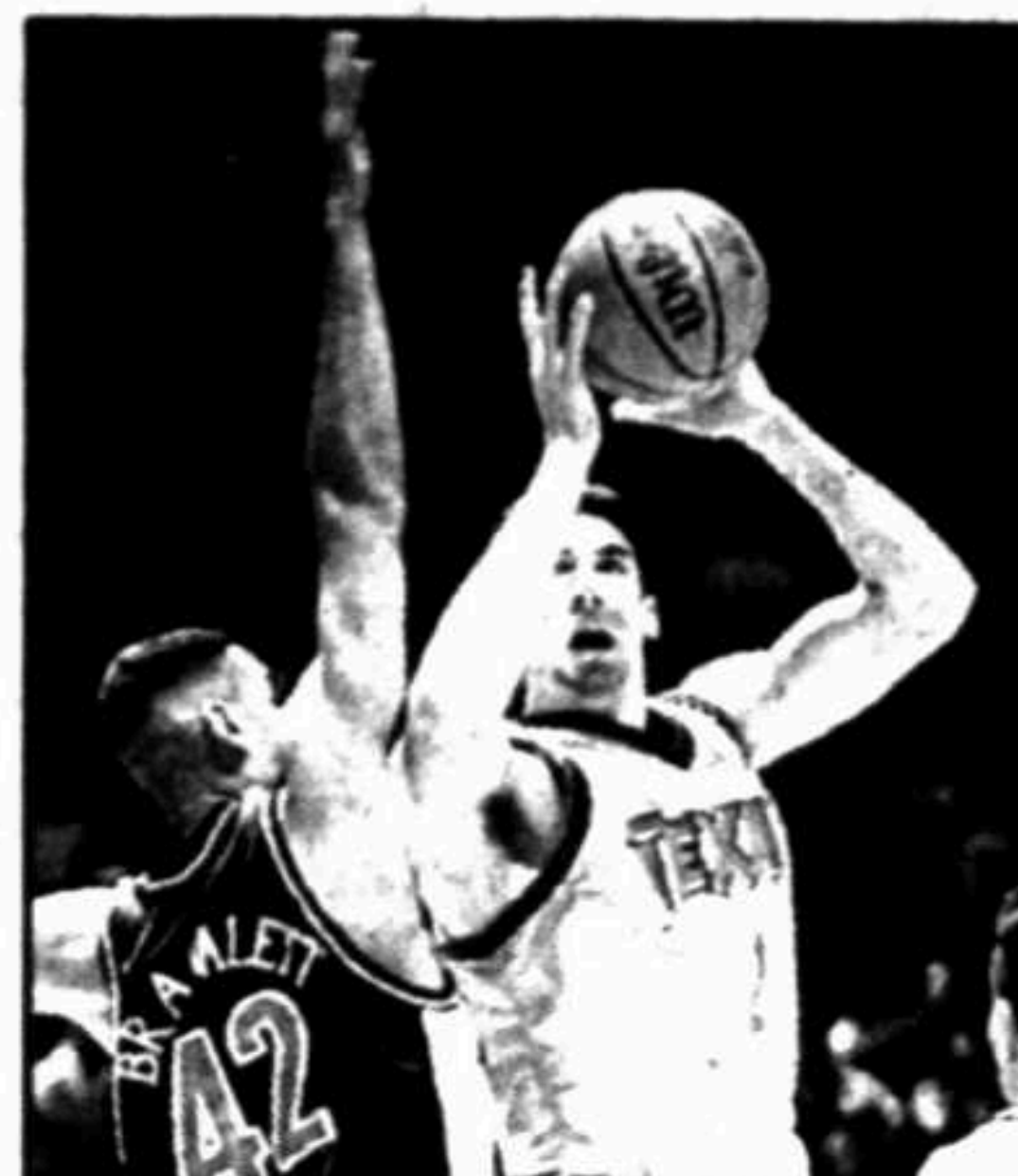
Terry scored 20 points, including 12 in a key first half run, as Arizona overcame an early 11-point deficit, and Bibby scored five points in the final 49.8 seconds to help the Wildcats hold off Texas 88-81 Saturday.

The Wildcats, which lost by three points to top-ranked Duke and No. 2 Kansas after falling behind by 20 points early in each game, opened the game 1-of-10 from the field.

Arizona, which has all five starters back from its national championship team, emerged from a 20-9 deficit thanks to Terry, who came off the bench and scored 12 points, including two 3-pointers, in a 20-6 run, giving the Wildcats a 29-26 lead with 7:20 left in the first half.

"I'm disappointed there isn't a sixth man award in college basketball because if there was, Jason Terry would get it," Arizona coach Lute Olson said.

"When he's on the court, he's like two defenders, and I swear he hits 80 percent of big 3s. He was the player of the game."

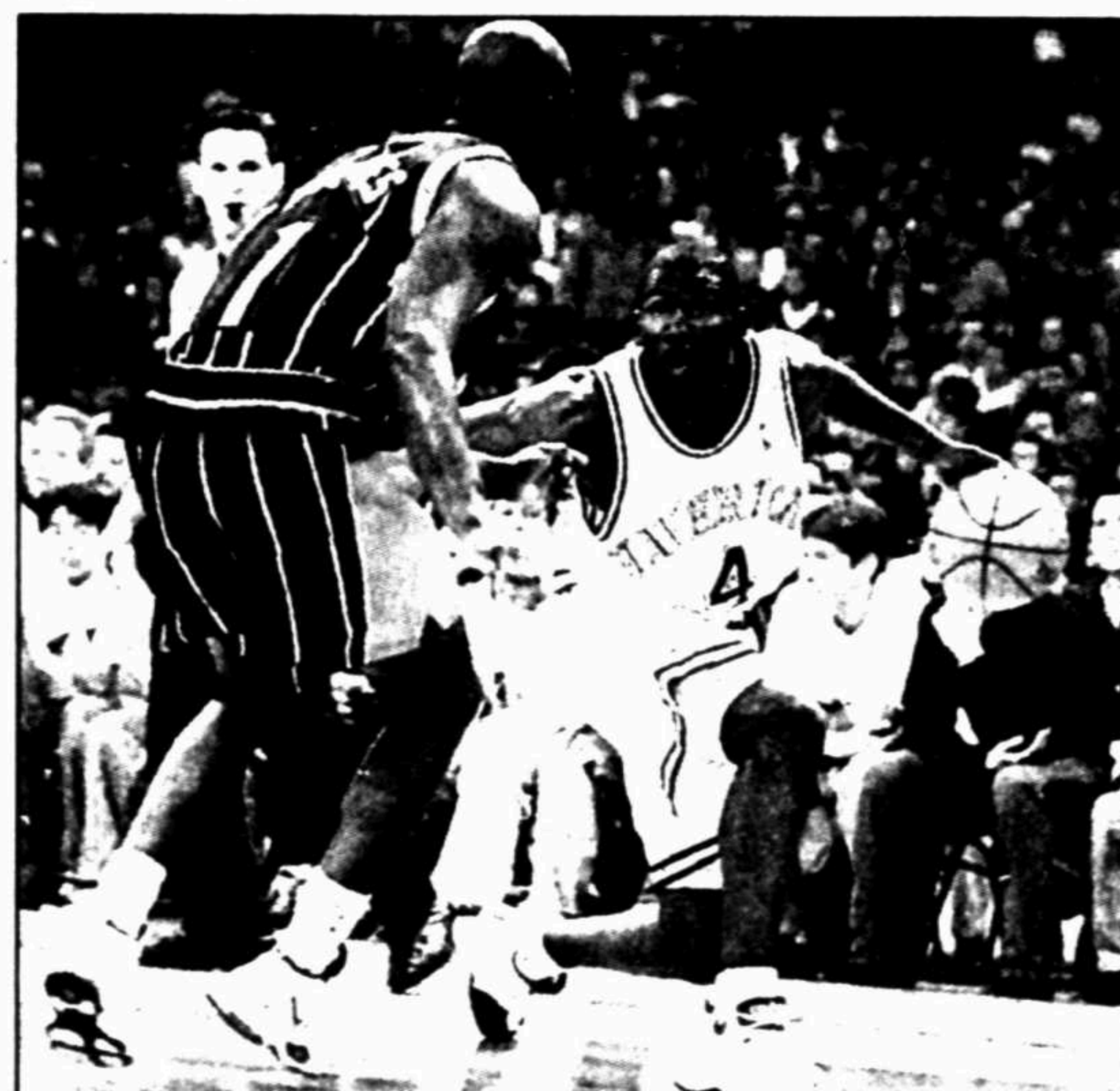


Texas center Chris Mihm takes a shot through the defense of Arizona center A.J. Bramlett (42).

The Wildcats appeared to have the game in hand after they scored nine straight points, capped by a 3-pointer by Michael Dickerson with 4:16 left for an 80-67 lead.

But Texas (3-4) tightened its defense and shut down the Wildcats while running off 10 straight points, including 3-pointers by Kris Clack and Chico Vazquez, pulling within 82-78 with 52.6 seconds left.

Bibby, who finished with 19 points, then took over for Arizona, hitting one of two free throws with 49.8 seconds left.



Dallas Mavericks' guard Michael Finley tries to get past Houston Rocket's Roderick Rhodes during the first-half action in the NBA game Saturday, in Mexico City.

Houston defeats Dallas in NBA's Mexico debut

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The NBA's first regular-season game in Mexico was a success for the league — and the Houston Rockets.

Charles Barkley had 19 points and 17 rebounds as the Rockets beat the Dallas Mavericks 108-106 Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 20,635 at the Sports Palace.

The game was sold out two days in advance and scalpers were selling \$11 tickets for \$37.50 — 11 days' work at minimum wage.

The Mavericks officially were the home team, but the crowd roared for the Rockets. Fans stood and cheered every time Houston scored. They whistled every time Dallas attempted a free throw.

"I'm here to see Barkley," said Fabiola Rivera, a 23-year-old elementary school teacher. "I've been a fan of his for the last 10 years. Seeing him here today is a dream come true."

Michael Finley scored a career-high 35 points for Dallas, which was playing its second game under coach Don Nelson, who took over Wednesday after Jim Clemons was fired.

Finley's 3-pointer with 8.5 seconds left cut Houston's lead to 107-103. After Matt Maloney of the Rockets was called for traveling, Finley was fouled by Clyde

NBA Roundup

Drexler while shooting a 3-pointer. Finley made all three free throws to make it 107-106 with five seconds remaining.

Finley then fouled Mario Elie, who made one of two foul shots with 3.1 seconds left to put Houston up 108-106.

Dallas had one final chance, but Elie stole a pass by Erick Strickland to clinch the victory.

Knicks 90, Hornets 79
NEW YORK — John Starks scored 27 points and Charlie Ward sparked a third-quarter surge that gave the New York Knicks their sixth straight home victory, over the Charlotte Hornets.

Starks had 16 of his points in the second quarter and Ward scored all 10 of his in the third, including a pair of 3-pointers and a layup that allowed the Knicks to break open a close game.

Wizards 114, Timberwolves 103
WASHINGTON — Chris Webber had 33 points and 12 rebounds as the Washington Wizards remained perfect in their new home.

Juan Howard added 26 points for the Wizards, who are 3-0 at the MCI Center after opening the season 0-5 in their old building, the USAir Arena.

Carr scores 39; Texas Tech wins second straight

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Senior Cory Carr sizzled for a career-high 39 points and a team-high six rebounds to drive Texas Tech from a halftime deficit to a 106-97 win over Southwestern Louisiana in non-conference action Saturday night.

The win was the second in a row for Tech (2-3) after opening with three losses.

SW Louisiana (2-4) built a razor-thin 38-37 margin going into intermission. But the Ragin' Cajuns kept sending the Red Raiders to the free-throw line and losing its top scorers to foul trouble. Four USL players fouled out, including top two scorers Tyrone Foster and Casey Green.

Tech attempted 53 free throws, a record for a USL opponent, and made 40 of them, tying a record for a USL opponent.

But Carr scored eight straight points late in the game to keep the Red Raiders close, then converted four free throws in a row to open a 79-76 lead with 6:28 to go.

Freshman Rayford Young contributed 27 points to Tech's effort. Cliff Owens added 18 points. Stan Bonewitz chipped in 11 more and Archie Myers finished with 10 points.

Foster led USL with 25 points before fouling out. Green added 18 points before his fifth foul.

Texas Men's Roundup

Brett Smith and Chris Snowden scored 11 points each. Smith also had a game-high 12 rebounds before fouling out. Shea Whiting finished with 10 points.

Houston 92, McNeese St. 81
Lake Charles, La. — Galen Robinson scored 26 points as University of Houston defeated McNeese State 92-81 Saturday.

Houston (6-0) led with nine straight points, and McNeese (1-4) could only answer with turnovers and airballs.

The Cougars used a 9-0 run in the first half and a 14-0 run in the second to take the control for the rest of the game.

McNeese went to the free-throw line four times in the last few minutes of the half and Houston had 11 first-half turnovers, leaving the score at 39-34.

Texas Christian 133, Morgan St. 74

FORT WORTH, Texas — Lee Nailon scored 27 points to lead seven Texas Christian players who scored in double figures as the unbeaten Horned Frogs beat winless Morgan State 133-74 in a non-conference game on Saturday.

TCU (6-0) rolled from the outset as the

Horned Frogs' opened up a 62-41 halftime lead. In the first half alone, TCU's fast-paced offense connected on 19-of-41 shots from the floor, including 6 of 10 from beyond the 3-point arc, compared to 14-of-28 from the floor for Morgan State (0-6).

That was a prelude to the second half, when TCU managed 29-of-49 from the field, including 7-of-13 from 3-point range, to Morgan State's 15-of-39 with 1-of-7 from 3-point range.

The Bears were swamped at the free-throw line. TCU converted 24 of 29 from the line, compared to Morgan State's 12 of 21.

Mount St. Mary's 58, Rice 55

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Irv Conwell scored a season-high 17 points and Gregory Harris added 15 Saturday as Mount St. Mary's got by Rice 58-55 in the consolation game of the Iowa Super Shootout.

Gerben van Dorpe finished with 13 points for the Mountaineers (2-4), who gave Coach Jim Phelan his 773rd career victory. Phelan, in his 44th season at Mount St. Mary's, is the winningest active coach in college basketball.

Jarvis Kelley Sanni scored 17 points, Robert Johnson 14 and Bobby Crawford 12 for Rice (2-7), which dropped its fourth straight.

Thompson helps Lady Raiders find right track

LUBBOCK (AP) — After her team loss to the first ranked opponent it played this season, coach Marsh Sharp's top priority Saturday was to get Texas Tech back on a winning track.

She succeeded in a big way. Alicia Thompson scored 21 points to lead No. 8 Texas Tech to a 93-44 victory over McNeese State.

Tech (4-1) capitalized on a 16-0 run to close the first half and win its first game since losing to No. 22 Western Kentucky 69-63 last weekend in Cancun, Mexico.

"It was real important that we regained some confidence after the Western Kentucky loss," Sharp said. "We were a little fragile this past week."

Thompson thought of it as an early-season wake-up call.

"I think the loss was good for us," she said. "It made us realize what we have to do to the rest of

the season." Sharp said she had been confident that Thompson would take charge of the situation.

"She's our go-to player, and her teammates know that whenever she's on the court she's going to make good things happen for herself and for them," she said.

After McNeese State (4-2) pulled to 23-20 with 5:38 left in the half, Tech scored 16 straight points, including the last five by Rene Hanebutt on a 3-pointer and two free throws. Hanebutt finished with 12 points.

"We lacked confidence once they made that run," said McNeese coach Bridget Martin. "We had to play catch-up and we're not capable of playing catch-up."

Thompson agreed.

"We want to use our speed and our defense to score a lot of

points," she said. "Our defense definitely makes our offense better."

Tech went on a 13-0 run midway through the second half to keep the game out of reach.

Tech outrebounded the smaller Cowgirls 50-32, and limited McNeese to just seven field goals

in the first half. The Cowgirls finished with a 27.9 shooting percentage for the game. Tech shot 54.5 percent.

Sarah Hale led McNeese with 10 points. Twanna Calligan, the Cowgirls' leading scorer at 17 points per game, was held to eight points on 1-for-13 shooting.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 in Conference Room A at Midland High School.

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library.

Aquatics...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabey 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 \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Midland Volleyball Program is looking for players for a girls 12-under team. Must be born on or after Sept. 1, 1985. Deadline for registration is Jan. 9. For information, call 570-6700.

Basketball...

The Permian Basin Basketball Official's Association is seeking persons interested in officiating basketball games from the junior high to varsity level in the area. For more information call Mike Lowrance at 520-9602, 682-1726 or Jeff Ryan at 699-5001, 688-0700.

The YMCA is taking registration for youth basketball for boys

and girls in elementary school. The deadline is Dec. 6. The program costs \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. The program is also seeking officials for games. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Converse Midwest Winter Youth Shootout is scheduled for Jan. 10 at Frontier High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible. For information, call (405) 377-HOOF.

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association Spring Registration runs through Feb. 1, 1998. Participants must be four years or older before Dec. 31. Fee is \$40 for recreational players and \$44 for club players. There will be a \$10 late fee after Feb. 1. Signups will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425.

Registration for grades 7-8 will be held through Dec. 8. The fee is \$25. Signups will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425.

Baseball...

The Midland Winter Baseball Camp is Dec. 29-31 at Zachary Field. Three-day camp is \$75. Ages 12-under, 9 a.m. to noon; and ages 13-14, 1-4 p.m. Camp directors are Danny Jordan (hitting) and Barry Russell (pitching). Call 699-4501 to pre-register, or come early to register. All players need to bring a glove and bat if available.

Texas Tech is conducting the Larry Hays Holiday Baseball Camps in January 1998. Sessions for 6-13-year-olds will be held Jan. 4, 1998 with registration beginning at 1 p.m. at the athletic training center. Instruction runs from 1:30-5:30 p.m. with a fee of \$55. Camp for those 14 and older runs Jan. 2-3 with registration at 8:30 a.m. and instruction running from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. The fee is \$110. To register, send name, address, t-shirt size and age with a \$15 deposit for the 6-13-year-olds and a \$25 deposit for 14 and older to Red Raider Baseball Camp, Texas Tech University, Box 43021, Lubbock, Tx. 79409-3021. For more information, call Greg Evans at (806) 748-1146.

The Midland Junior Baseball Association is accepting applications for anyone interested in coaching an AABC club team. The team club age brackets are for players 13, 14, 16 and 18 and under. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 3, 1998. For more information, contact Ronnie Lynch at 699-1405 or 559-8514.

Softball...

A Softball Clinic for both defense and hitting will be held Dec. 19-20 at the MUGS Softball Complex and will feature coaches from the University of Oregon, including head coach Rick Gamez, a former head coach at

New Mexico State, and Richelle Woodard, former Midland High softball coach. Defense will be stressed from 9 a.m. to noon and hitting from 2-5 p.m. Registration is limited. For more information, call 694-5508 or 520-6502.

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508.

Tennis...

Two camps are scheduled for the Kimber-Lea Tennis Club. An advanced junior tennis prep camp featuring four clinic days and four travel match days is scheduled along with the Christmas Holiday Camp for beginners from Dec. 22-Jan. 3. The camp for beginners will be conducted for first through seventh grade beginners from 12:30-2 p.m. and for fifth through ninth grade intermediates from 2-3:30 p.m. Deadline for both camps is Dec. 17. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360.

Football...

The Midland Colts of the Pan American Football League are holding tryouts for their spring 1998 football season Dec. 6-7 at 2 p.m. at Alamo Junior High. For questions, call 1-888-SEMI-PRO.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Steamboat Colo., Jan. 14-18, 1998; Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998.

The Dust Devil Divers Scuba Club is planning a trip to Grand Cayman Jan. 4-11. For more information, call 570-8761.

The Odessa Jackalopes are offering five skating programs at the Ector County Coliseum. There skating lessons (\$50), public skating (\$4 per session and \$2.50 for skate rental), hockey lessons for ages 7-17 (\$75 includes skates rental, Jackalopes Youth Hockey League for ages 7-17 (Registration is \$64 and for more info on league contact Bob Flanner at 683-4251, "Stick Time", which ice is open for pick-up hockey games. (\$7 per session). For more information on any of these programs call 683-4251.

The Midland Inline Hockey League is holding registration for the Spring 1998 season Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Midland County Exhibit building. Proof of age is required for new players to the league. For more information, call 520-2425.

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755.

Mickelson takes over lead of Million Dollar Challenge

Associated Press

SUN CITY, South Africa — With a steady nerve and precision short game in a swirling wind, Phil Mickelson held off Bernhard Langer's challenge to take the lead Saturday after three rounds of the Million Dollar Challenge.

Mickelson's 3-under-par 69 left him at 204, 12-under for the tournament, two strokes ahead of Langer going into Sunday's final round. The winner receives \$1 million — golf's richest top prize.

Langer shot a 67 and was one stroke ahead of Nick Price, who shot a 68. Davis Love III and Ernie Els were at 209, with Love shooting a 74 and Els a 70.

"It's going to be sort of a one-day shootout," Mickelson said. "Ernie and Davis and Nick are going to make a run at Bernhard and myself early tomorrow." Langer attacked the 7,597-yard, par-72 Gary Player Country Club course, getting birdies on Nos. 1, 6, 8 and 9. He just missed an eagle at the ninth when his putt slid by the cup without falling.

Langer, who won the tournament in his first attempt in 1985, took the lead briefly with the round's only eagle on the 567-yard, par-5 10th, moving to 11-under. But he faltered on No. 11, getting his only bogey of the round when he hit a wind-aided 7-iron on his second shot that sailed over the green. His first putt rolled 12 feet past and he missed the one coming back.

Langer then finished the round with seven consecutive pars.

"I still played attacking golf and gave myself chances," said Langer, who had four birdie putts narrowly miss in the final holes. "They were all chances. They were shaving the holes but none went in."

He said he plans to play aggressively again Sunday. "I have to attack tomorrow. I am behind and I want to win," he said. "I'm not playing for third or fourth," said Langer.

Love began the day with a share of the lead at 9-under, but he struggled with bogeys on Nos. 3, 7, 12 and 15 and 18 to finish the day with a 74. Price had just one bogey and five birdies en route to his 68.

Els scored six birdies but also had two bogeys and a double bogey on his disastrous second hole to finish the round with a 70.

Defending champion Colin Montgomerie of Scotland shot a 69 but was 11 shots behind Mickelson.

Justin Leonard tied Langer for the best round of the day, getting seven birdies, including five in six holes. But he also had bogeys on 13 and 18 and was tied with Montgomerie at 215.

Mark O'Meara was at 216, followed by Nick Faldo and Tom Lehman at 217.

Pate-Mallon, Forsman-Matthew lead JCPenney Classic going into final round TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. — Steve Pate and Meg Mallon tied with Dan Forsman and Catriona Matthew in the third round Saturday of the JCPenney Classic that pairs an LPGA and a PGA golfer in each team.

Pate and Mallon shot a better-ball 7-under-par 64 on the Innisbrook Resort Copperhead Course. They have not had a bogey so far.

"Well, a win here doesn't mean a two-year exemption or an invitation to the Masters, but I don't like to lose to my mother playing a \$5 Nassau," Pate said. "A win is good. Period."

Forsman and Matthew, the second-round leaders, had their only bogey of the tournament on the 16th hole Saturday, but responded with back-to-back birdies for Forsman to post a 5-under 66.

Two shots back are Fred Funk and Tina Barrett and Paul Azinger and Susie Redman.

The winners get \$375,000.

Mallon and Pate were on the attack Saturday, starting with two birdies each over the first five holes. Azinger and Redman stayed in the chase with 67, but had a bogey on the 18th hole to fall two back. Funk and Barrett shot 64 to jump into contention. Beginning with a birdie on No. 7, they birdied seven of eight holes, but then bogeyed the 18th.

Stocktons lead father-son tournament

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Dave Stockton and his son, Ron, who almost won the Father-Son Challenge the last two years, jumped into the first round lead Saturday of this year's play at Windsor Golf Club.

The second and final round is Sunday.

They shot a 12-under-par 60 on the 6,709-yard course for a two-stroke lead over defending champions Raymond Floyd, Sr. and Jr. and Bob and David Charles. In a scrambles format, each player tees off, the better position is selected and each plays his second shot from there. This procedure is followed on each hole until a putt is holed.

Only one bogey was recorded in the 16-team field, by Billy and Bobby Casper when both missed the green, chipped short and two-putted at the par-3 fourth hole.

The Stocktons tied for third two years ago and were second last year.

North Carolina, UConn to meet in final

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — While North Carolina is trying for its 14th NCAA women's soccer title in 16 years, Connecticut thinks the history belongs in the classroom, not on the field.

North Carolina beat Santa Clara 2-1 Friday to advance to Sunday's NCAA Division I women's title game against Connecticut, beat Notre Dame 2-1.

Sara Whalen scored once in each half of Friday's semifinal for Connecticut (23-3), which lost twice to the Fighting Irish (23-1-1) during the regular season.

"As far as tradition, Notre Dame to us is like UNC to the rest of the country," Whalen said Saturday. "If we can overcome that, we can overcome anything. Getting past Notre Dame was the biggest hurdle we face in the tournament, not to take anything away from UNC. If Notre Dame could beat North Carolina two years ago, then so can we."

North Carolina avenged the loss to Notre Dame in the 1995 semifinals by beating the Irish 1-0 in overtime in last year's title game. The Tar Heels are taking nothing for granted this year.

"We have never doubted (Connecticut's) ability, and they will be a great challenge for us to do our best," North Carolina senior Nel Fetting said. "Other teams may have looked past them, but we are in the finals and we can't."

Virginia men make semifinals CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Chris Albright scored with just over three minutes remaining in the second overtime Saturday,

NCAA Soccer

lifting Virginia to a 2-1 victory against American in the NCAA men's soccer quarterfinals.

The goal by Albright, only a freshman, gave the second-seeded Cavaliers a berth in the NCAA soccer Final Four, to be held about 70 miles away at the University of Richmond beginning Friday. The

Cavaliers' four-year string of NCAA titles ended there two years ago, and they didn't qualify in 1996.

UCLA moves past Clemson LOS ANGELES — No. 5 UCLA battled back to beat Clemson 2-1 on Saturday, to advance to the NCAA semifinals.

Clemson dominated the first half, taking eight shots to the Bruins' four. John Wilson scored in the 40th minute to give Clemson a 1-0 lead.



Phil Mickelson chips out of the bunker on the eighth hole during Saturday's third round of the Million Dollar Challenge at Sun City, South Africa. Mickelson leads the tournament at 12-under par.

The first two years, a better ball format was played the first day and scrambles the second. This year, both rounds will be scrambles.

"We've played well the second day both years," said Dave Stockton, a two-time former PGA champion and the U.S. Ryder Cup team captain in 1991. "Ron hits the ball so long, 30 yards past me on average, and I usually hit good iron shots and we were both putting well, so this format works for us."

The father of the winning twosome Sunday will receive \$150,000 from the \$850,000 purse. All of the fathers are major championship winners.

Furyk paces Argentine Open at 5-under par BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Jim Furyk had six birdies Saturday, shooting a 2-under-par 68 to take a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the Argentine Open.

Furyk was at 5-under 205, just ahead of Fredrick Mansson, Vicente Fernandez and Eduardo Romero, who were tied for second. Tim Hegna of the United States was another stroke back at 207, tied with Ramon Franco and Ricardo Gonzalez.

Kris Cox of the United States was eight at 208, and American Cris Dimarco and Mathias Gronberg were tied for ninth at 209.

The Argentine Open is played on the 6,651-yard, par-70 Jockey Club San Isidro course outside the Argentine capital.

Jones ties course record at Q-school GRENELEFE, Fla. — Kent Jones shot an 8-under-par 64 Saturday to tie the course record on the West course of Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort and move into second place at the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament.

Jones, of Carlsbad, N.M., made a 35-foot birdie putt on his final hole to tie the mark held by several players, including Scott Verplank, who continues to sit atop the leaderboard after Saturday's fourth round.

"I just managed to do everything right," said Jones, who has a four-round total of 13-under 273. "This is my lowest ever Q-school round. I hit every fairway and made good choices on club selection."

Jones birdied his first three holes en route to eight birdies and no bogeys Saturday.

"I had to shoot a 68 in the final round of second stage just to get in the finals and I've steadily gotten better this week," said Jones, who finished 46th on the 1997 Nike Tour money list.

Jones finished the Nike Tour season with four top-12 finishes in his final five events.

Verplank, of Edmond, Okla., shot a 70 to give him a 19-under 267 after four rounds of the six round tournament. He leads Jones by six strokes.

"At any other tournament, I'd be holding a big check and a trophy, but this is not over," said Verplank of his status after 72 holes, which is standard for a PGA Tour event.

The top-35 finishers and ties will earn their 1998 PGA TOUR cards.

The next number of finishers nearest 70 will earn fully-exempt Nike Tour cards for 1998 and the balance of the field will hold conditional Nike Tour status for 1998.

Report: Martinez ready to sign \$50 million deal with Red Sox

Associated Press

BOSTON — Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez is reportedly close to signing a \$50 million, five-year deal with the team.

Sources in Boston and in his native Dominican Republic told The Boston Globe that Martinez is getting ready to sign.

Red Sox spokesman Kevin Shea would not confirm the report Saturday and Jim Bronner, one of the pitcher's agents, declined comment, saying only "there is no deal at this time."

"We hope in due time we can work out a contract," Shea said. "We want him to stay beyond next year. Hopefully we can work out a contract to have him remain here."

Martinez had adopted a wait-and-see attitude regarding his contract. He is eligible for arbitration this winter and free agency after the season. He has not said whether he plans to stay in Boston beyond the 1998 season.

During a visit to Boston last week, Martinez, 26, said he wasn't yet focusing on his future plans with the team.

"We'll have time to deal with that later," he said during his stay here.

Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette is traveling to the Dominican Republic this week. But Shea said Duquette makes the trip every year and is not going specifically to work out a deal with Martinez.

Martinez, the 1997 NL Cy Young Award winner, was acquired by the Red Sox from Montreal on Nov. 18. He went 17-8, led the major leagues with a 1.90 ERA and was second with 305 strikeouts.

Diamondbacks sign Blair to \$1.5 million deal PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks opened their wallet again, signing free agent right-hander Willie Blair to a \$1.5 million, three-year contract.

But Blair cost the Diamondbacks less than half of what they reportedly offered Darryl Kile, who agreed to a \$24 million, three-year deal with the Colorado Rockies.

Diamondbacks general manager Joe Garagiola Jr. finalized Blair's contract late Friday night, agreeing

to a \$750,000 signing bonus and salaries of \$3 million in 1998, \$3.5 million in 1999 and \$4.25 million in 2000. Blair was 16-8 with a 4.17 ERA last season with the Detroit Tigers and made \$875,000. He was especially strong in the second half, going 12-4 in his final 17 appearances.

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Blair altered his delivery after his jaw was fractured by a line drive off the bat of Julio Franco, and he walked two or more batters just once in his final 17 starts.

"Willie feels this is just the beginning of something special," his agent Gregg Clifton said Saturday. "He wanted to go somewhere where he felt wanted, and the Diamondbacks really made him feel that he was wanted. They not only did that but made it clear that they're not interested in some five-year plan."

"The biggest thing, and I remember Buck's quote, is, 'We're not going to use expansion as an excuse for being a doormat. We're going to be competitive from the beginning,'" Clifton recounted. "Having experienced that with the Rockies, that really caught Willie's ear."

Rays sell out opening day, deny signing Sorrento ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who are aggressively pursuing established players to fill out their roster, denied a report Saturday that free agent Paul Sorrento had signed with the team.

Negotiations continued, but had not produced an agreement, with the left-handed hitting Sorrento, said Rick Vaughn, a spokesman for the AL expansion club. The New York Times reported that Sorrento, who hit .269 with a career-high 31 homers for the Seattle Mariners in 1997, had agreed to a \$5.25 million, two-year deal with an option for a third season at \$3 million.

Because Sorrento is a Type C player, Tampa Bay would have to give up a 1998 draft pick if it signs Sorrento before Sunday night's midnight EST deadline. If Seattle doesn't offer Sorrento salary arbitration by then, the Devil Rays can then sign him without losing a draft pick.

Hingis, Huber move into Masters final

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Martina Hingis defeated Lindsay Davenport and Anke Huber upset Iva Majoli Saturday in the semifinals of the Master of Champions tournament.

Hingis needed just 57 minutes to defeat Davenport 6-4, 6-3. Huber beat Majoli 6-3, 6-4.

Hingis, No. 1 in the world rank-

ings, is unbeaten in this round-robin tournament and improved her record for the year to 79 victories and only five losses.

The first Masters of Champions tournament featured eight of the world's top women players split into two groups. The player with the best record in each group faced the second best in the oppo-

site group in the semifinals.

Huber has advanced even with two losses in this event.

If Hingis defeats Huber in the final Sunday, she will receive the top prize of \$437,850.

Because of her two round-robin losses, Huber would get \$381,000 if she wins the title.

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Austrian ski racer Hermann Maier rides the edges of his skis through a turn on his way to winning the World Cup Super G ski race Saturday at Beaver Creek, Colo.

Maier captures second World Cup win of year

Associated Press

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — Hermann Maier of Austria, the former bricklayer emerging as one of the world's great Alpine skiers, capped a magnificent visit to America on Saturday with a victory in the first super-G of the World Cup season.

Maier, who won the World Cup giant slalom in Park City, Utah, two weeks ago and was second in the downhill on Beaver Creek Mountain on Friday, conquered a brutally steep, bumpy and icy course that decimated the field.

For the second day in a row, an Austrian onslaught overwhelmed the competition, taking the first four places in the super-G after sweeping the top five spots in Friday's downhill.

The super-G was run on a lower section of the new Birds of Prey downhill course, starting on an icy, 45-degree slope with tight turns that proved too much for 31 of the 66 entrants who either fell or missed gates and were disqualified.

Maier's strong showing in the giant slalom, a technical event, along with his performance in the speed events this week in the Rockies, stamped him as a leading contender for the overall World Cup crown, which hasn't been won by an Austrian since Karl Schranz in 1970. He also looms as a candidate for multiple Olympic medals.

"For me, I think it's my physical condition," Maier said. "I have a new condition trainer and this year we worked on endurance for the first time."

Maier, 25, holds a 132-point lead over runnerup Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway in the overall World Cup standings as the tour heads to Europe for two months of competition leading up to February's Olympics in Japan. Aamodt missed a gate Saturday and failed to get a point.

"One hundred points isn't much at all," Maier said, downplaying his early World Cup points lead.

Maier, whose only other World Cup triumph came in his rookie season last year in the super-G at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, won Saturday in 1 minute, 16.20 seconds, 36 ahead of runnerup Stefan Eberharter, who was third in Friday's downhill.

Midway through his run, Maier flew over a jump and nearly lost his balance, his skis lunging far in front of him. He landed precariously but never lost momentum.

"The super-G is my favorite discipline," Maier said. "This discipline you must ski very well if you're going to be fast."

Hans Knaus of Austria was third, 38 behind the winner. Josef Strolb completed the Austrian sweep in fourth, 56 behind Maier.

Knaus, younger brother of professional skier great Bernhard Knaus, had to sit out Friday's downhill in favor of others on the extremely deep Austrian team. He said that after failing to earn a spot on the podium in Thursday's first downhill, the Austrians relaxed and simply skied the way they knew they could.

"After the training runs, you sometimes think a lot about what you can make better for the race,"

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he said. "Sometimes you try to give 110 percent. That's not good and so you finish back. Then you say, 'OK, I just have to go down and do what I can do.' And you see the results yesterday and today."

Thanks to the attrition, the United States had its best showing of the week. Tommy Moe led the way in 15th, but was 2.29 seconds behind the winner. Darn Rahlves was 17th, Chad Fleischer 23rd, Christopher Puckett 26th and AJ Kitt 30th out of 35 finishers.

Two U.S. skiers, Kyle Rasmussen and Zachary Crist, did not finish.

U.S. coach Bill Egan blamed the widespread errant skiing on the difficulty in creating a super-G course directly on a downhill course without time for extensive grooming.

Seizinger wins third World Cup race at Lake Louise

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta — Katja Seizinger made one thing abundantly clear this week — it won't be easy to knock her off the winners' podium on the women's World Cup ski circuit this season.

Seizinger, 25, won her third race in a row at Lake Louise on Saturday — this time a Super-G event — after skiing to victories on Thursday and Friday in separate downhill events.

She ran through the rock-hard 6,294-yard, 31-gate Super-G course in 1 minute, 14.71 seconds. Her German teammate, Hilde Gerg, was second in 1:15.04 and Isolde Kostner of Italy was third at 1:15.09.

Seizinger has put her stamp on the Lake Louise course, winning three downhill and three Super-G events on the mountain.

"I don't know (when I will move here)," she said laughing. "But I will come back for some holidays."

Seizinger, the leader of the powerful German team, has four wins after just two weeks of competition to take a commanding early-season lead atop the overall women's standings. She won a Super-G event at Mammoth, Calif., last weekend to open the season.

The triple-win week marked the second time in Seizinger's career that she has won three races at the same event. She also did it in 1995 at Val d'Isere, France.

Soininen wins second straight, keeps overall lead

PREDAZZO, Italy — Jani Soininen of Finland won his second straight Ski Jumping World Cup event Saturday, increasing his lead in the season's overall standings.

Soininen went 97.5 meters on his first jump and 91 on his second, totaling 246 points for a comfortable victory over defending World Cup champion Primož Peterka of Slovenia.

Peterka, who had been off to a disappointing season start, finished second Saturday with 238.5 points after a final jump of 93.5 meters. That effort, the best of the second round, improved on the 90.5 meters that left him sixth after the first series of jumps.

Life is good for NASCAR champ

By Mike Harris

AP Motorsports Writer

NEW YORK — Life is all a celebration for Jeff Gordon these days.

The 26-year-old stock car driver can cite a litany of good things happening to him, not the least of which was winning his second NASCAR Winston Cup championship in three years.

Movie star handsome, Gordon is married to a former model who reminds people of a living Barbie Doll, and he was 32nd on the Forbes Magazine list of the top-earning athletes in the world for 1997 with a total of \$10.3 million.

And that doesn't even include the check for \$2.3 million that series sponsor Winston handed him at the New York awards dinner Friday night, raising his season racing earnings to a record \$6.5 million — about half of which goes to the driver.

It seems the only negative in Gordon's life at this point is the fact that people who idolize other drivers have chosen to make the youngster the target of derision by booing him.

During his tearful thank you speech Friday night before a glittering and heavily corporate black-tie audience in the ballroom of the Wal-

dorf-Astoria Hotel, Gordon said, "Every Sunday at driver introductions, things are always very interesting for me."

"To all those fans who are cheering for me, thank you," he continued with a grin. "To those who weren't cheering, what can I say, your loyalty is what makes the sport what it is today."

His quick success — Gordon was rookie of the year in 1993 and has seen mostly success ever since — has led some people to say driving for the elite Hendrick Motorsports team, which has three straight series championships, has given him an unfair advantage.

"I've heard a lot of people talking about me having an unfair advantage because I drive for Rick (Hendrick) and get such great equipment, and that I get some breaks that other people don't get. They're right. I have an unfair advantage and they're right up there," Gordon said, pointing to the balcony, where the crew of his No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet, known as the Rain-bow Warriors, sat enjoying the evening.

That's the kind of attitude that makes Gordon almost too good to be true. But the fact is that The Kid, who came from a background of sprint car racing to take the stock car set by storm, is just what he appears to be.

"I don't think I'm false about things," Gordon said in a quiet moment during a week-long publicity tour of New York leading up to the dinner. "I try to tell people what I really feel and I know how lucky I am to be where I am and to be doing what I'm doing."

"The people who call me names and spread rumors about me just don't know me, and I don't worry about stuff like that. I know who I am. My family knows who I am."

In a video shown during the awards dinner, several people looked into the camera and talked about just how good and how important Jeff Gordon is. One equated the man some call Wonder Boy — a nickname he doesn't like — with basketball's Michael Jordan.

"He symbolizes the growth of the sport," the man said.

Gordon insists he never expected to be a big star or a symbol of anything in racing except a driver.

"I've known most of my life I wanted to drive a race car," he said. "That's all. I never expected to make a lot of money driving a race car. I sure didn't expect to become some kind of star."

Buddhist priests prepare for Olympics

By Eric Talmadge

Associated Press Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Over the past 1,400 years, the priests at the venerable Buddhist temple of Zenkoji have lived through just about everything, from devastating volcanic eruptions to fires that have ravaged their city.

Now, they are in for another test — the Winter Olympics.

And they aren't taking it lightly. "This is an event that Nagano will remember not only for a century, but forever," said senior priest Shuei Wakaomi, whose family has been associated with the temple for 35 generations.

Though not a venue for any of the Olympic sports, the temple will be a centerpiece of the Feb. 7-22 games. It will be a sub-studio for CBS-TV, a special events' site and — police fear — a tempting target for terrorists.

"You never know in these troubled times," said Wakaomi, acknowledging that authorities have told the temple to exercise caution to avert a repeat of the Centennial Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta.

Police refused to comment on their security plans for the temple, and Wakaomi would say only that because most of the temple's buildings are made of wood, arson is a particularly serious threat.

"If someone wants to do something destructive, I don't know if any amount of security can really stop them," he said. "But I don't see why anyone would target us. We only hope the games will be a celebration of peace."

With just over two months to go before the games come to this busy, crowded city in the central Japan Alps, Olympic preparations are already making a deep impression on the temple.

Construction workers have just finished laying the concrete foundation for a three-story structure that will be used by CBS near the temple's imposing main hall, a building of weather-beaten wood that ranks among the oldest in the world.

Special ramps for wheelchairs have been installed alongside the temple's ancient stone stairways and measures are being taken to deal with the onslaught of visitors — who could number in the hundreds of thousands.

Some 7 million visitors already come to the temple each year, making it one of Japan's most popular.

Neither the priests nor CBS will say what the network is giving in return for use of the temple space. Although it may seem akin to placing a TV studio in the Sistine Chapel, the temple officials say the complex always has been at the center of Nagano's life and so it is only natural for them to play a big role in the Olympics.

Because of the legal separation of church and state, members of the Olympic organizing committee — most of them career bureaucrats — have not officially come to seek blessings.

But Wakaomi said prayers for the success of the games were included in a ceremony held at the beginning of this year, and will be part of the New Year's ritual again in January.

Organizers can certainly use the help. Sometimes, it seems even the gods are against Nagano.

Meteorologists announced this

month that the El Nino weather phenomenon is likely to bring Japan an unseasonably warm winter — which would be very bad news for the Olympics.

Nagano is the southernmost site ever chosen as host for a Winter Games. Even in mid-November, afternoons can be so warm enough

to go without a coat.

During a World Cup competition earlier this year, Italian skiing star Alberto Tomba quipped that, with the afternoon heat turning the snow into slush, conditions on the course were perfect — "for water skiing."

Past data show Japan usually

has even warmer winters when the El Nino phenomenon occurs, reducing the already unpredictable snowfall in areas near the Sea of Japan such as Nagano.

The year's first snows fell this month in many areas around Nagano, but were significantly late.

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WEMBLEY, England — Herol Graham built up an early lead and held off a late comeback by Vinny Pazienza on Saturday to keep his WBC International super-middleweight title in a matchup of two fighters who were far bigger names a decade ago.

The 38-year-old British fighter scored a unanimous decision over the 34-year-old former IBF lightweight and WBA light-middleweight titlist at Wembley Arena in a contest that had plenty of action but few punches capable of knocking the other man down.

Graham, who lost world middleweight fights to Mike McCallum and Julian Jackson back in the 1980s, compiled a big lead in the opening half of the 12-round contest against Pazienza, who hadn't fought for 16 months.

Pazienza, who came back from a car accident that left him with a broken neck in 1991, started to find a

way through from the seventh round onwards.

Several times he powered combinations to Graham's head but the slippery Englishman, who now is 48-5-0, managed to take the sting out of the blows to register the seventh loss of Pazienza's 48-fight career.

Tszyu stops Chavez, qualifies for title shot
TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Kostya Tszyu, fighting for the first time since being dethroned as IBF junior welterweight champion, earned a shot at the WBC super lightweight by stopping Argentina's Ismael Chavez in the third round of their elimination bout Saturday.

The Russian-born Tszyu floored Chavez three times, twice in the third round, before the South American fighter's corner threw in the towel, 2 minutes and 20 seconds into the round.

Tszyu, who improved his record to 19-1-1, will fight the winner of the bout between Mexicans Miguel Angel Gonzales and Julio Cesar Chavez for the WBC championship.

Family, teachers coping with aspects of Asperger Syndrome



Midland police officers Sgt. David and Kathy Garcia pose with their children, left to right, Jonathan, Madison (Maddie) and Jordan. The parents are working to make the Midland community and teachers more aware about Asperger Syndrome, a type of high-functioning autism.

Jordan's World



Jordan Garcia hides his face when he doesn't want to answer a question posed by Sheryl Purcell, speech pathologist at Emerson Elementary School.

Parents, teachers working together

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second part of the two-part series "Jordan's World," focusing on a 4-year-old diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome. Part Two features how teachers and parents work together to help Jordan succeed academically.

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

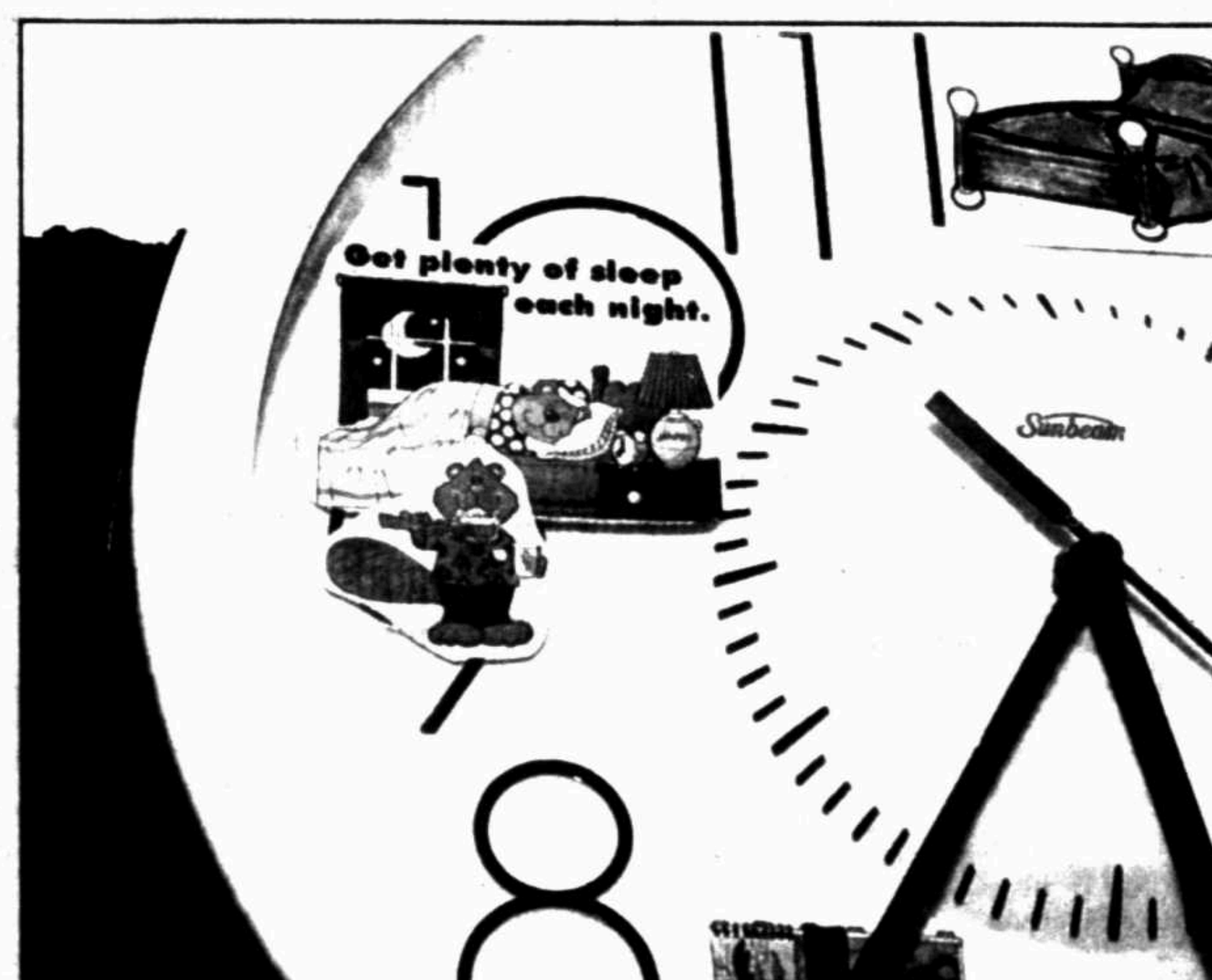
Finding out your child is different can be frightening for parents. Being told your child is autistic also can fill a parent with worry and uncertainty.

"My doctor said: 'Your child is

autistic. Lower your expectations or you will be terribly disappointed," a mother from Denver wrote on an Internet web page. "But I refused to lower my expectations and throw out all my hopes and dreams for my son," the mother said, noting her son's progress has surpassed goals set by educators and baffled her doctor.

"We all want the same things for our kids, to go to the homecoming prom, to go to college — all the regular things," said Midlander Kathy Garcia, a police officer and mother of a 4-year-old who was diagnosed

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A clock in Jordan Garcia's room has pictures of activities to do at specific times. Having a routine, and knowing what to expect each day helps children with Asperger Syndrome to stay on task.

Modifications help to keep children on task

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

"Kids with Asperger Syndrome can be helped. It just takes some modifications," said Kathy Garcia, the mother of a 4-year-old diagnosed with the syndrome. "Modifications can be as simple as positioning a child in the classroom so he or she is not overly stimulated. If a child with autism is in the back of the classroom, you have just put 25 stimulating things between him and the teacher."

Mrs. Garcia and her husband, David Garcia, both Midland police officers, have done copious amounts of research on A.S.

They have provided packets of information for teachers and have made modifications to their son's bedroom and private preschool classroom at a church.

Those modifications included pasting pictures — of cartoon characters eating, brushing their teeth or sleeping — onto the face of a large clock. The pictures tell Jordan what to do at specific hours and give him a sense of comfort with routine.

Children with various ranges of autism don't handle changes in a routine very well. "Jordan can handle change as long as he knows it is coming and is prepared for it," said the child's school diagnostician, Sheryl Purcell at Emerson Elementary School. Nonetheless, the youngster prefers to eat his meals at the same time each day and can get frustrated if everything doesn't fall into the order he expects.

Suggestions to support a child with A.S. include:

- Provide a peer support network or buddy system for the safety of the child. "It really helps to pair a child with Asperger's with a motherly type," Mrs. Garcia said.
- Teach rules of conduct so a child doesn't constantly interrupt.
- Avoid using metaphors with the child, such as "frog in your throat?" Explain metaphors when used.
- Have a "time out" area for discipline.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Thanksgiving meant many reunions, family gatherings

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

The Thanksgiving holidays have come and gone, but the memories linger on, not only of family gatherings, but also reunions with cherished friends.

The home of Douthea and Bill Shaner was the scene of one such social gathering. Friends were invited to drop by between the hours of 2:00 and 4:30 in the afternoon the day after Thanksgiving to meet the newest addition to the family, the Shaners' 3-month-old granddaughter, Elizabeth, and to greet her proud big brother, 4-year-old Benjamin, and the youngsters' parents, Russell and Michelle Shaner of Mansfield.



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Present were many two- and three-generation families, who have been longtime friends of the Shaners.

Among them were Katie and Bill Heck with part of their clan, Linden Howell of Portland, Texas; Jim Heck with daughters Julianna and Margaret of Austin, and Doug and Claire Heck with Adam and Sarah; Bebe Fisher with her daughter, Mary Berry, and son, John Fisher, with his daughter, Georgia of Austin; Margaret Rhea with daughter, Leah Roppolo, and granddaughter, Samantha of Mesquite.

Also, Maneeta Heckathorne with granddaughter, Whitney Heckathorne of Spring; Lena and John Ochsner with daughter, Julie Ochsner of Dallas; former Midlander Fred Reiter of Littleton, Colo., with his daughters and grandchildren, Julie Schwake and Anna of Englewood, Colo., and Ellen Inman and Jackson of Big Spring, and Rensselaer senior Melia Fitz-Gerald with her parents, Loretta Fitz-Gerald and Mike Fitz-Gerald, and brother, Mike.

BIRTHDAY WISHES to Richard Noel, who turned another year older on Nov. 26.

His parents, Joan and Ted Noel, hosted a surprise party at their home in honor of the occasion. Brightly colored helium balloons added to the festive atmosphere, and delicious finger foods were served to the guests.

Among the partygoers were Sybil and Bob Alexander, Marla and Jerry White, Greg Dove, Dotie Fox, Tracy and Greg Alexander, Bryan Berry, Mark Brown and John White.

PARTIES CONTINUED here last weekend for Stacey Stroman and Shannon Bolton, who were married Nov. 29 in the First United Methodist Church.

A manicure party was given for Stacey and her bridesmaids on Friday afternoon by Barbara (Mrs. Trey) Grafa and her daughter, Tiffany Meade. The groom's parents, Vicki and Scott Bolton of Lubbock, hosted the rehearsal dinner that evening at Green Tree Country Club.

On the morning of the wedding, a bridal brunch was held at the home of Sandy (Mrs. Tom) Moon. The other hostesses were Frances (Mrs. Bill) Collins and LaNell (Mrs. Les) Honeyman.

The bride's parents, Carolyn

and Ron Stroman, hosted the wedding reception at Green Tree Country Club.

After honeymooning in Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

CONGRATULATIONS AND best wishes to Midlander Mable Henderson and former resident Olivia Wood of Littleton, Colo., who recently celebrated their 90th and 80th birthdays, respectively.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, their families honored them with a birthday party at Mable's home in Manor Park. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren — 30 at final count — came in from throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Missouri, Georgia and Tennessee to be a part of the celebration.

Olivia's daughter, Tennie, and her husband, John Hoppin of St. Louis, and Mable's sons, Lloyd Henderson and wife, Jean, of Marble Falls, and Don Henderson and wife, Patricia Jennings of Boulder, Colo., hosted the event.

Mable and Olivia were both born into Oklahoma farming families and have been friends for 43 years. They share three grandchildren through the marriage of Olivia's daughter, Shereta, who died in 1986, and Mable's son, Don.

Mable and her husband, the late Dave Henderson, were active in Midland's social and civic life during the Forties and Fifties. They lived here until Dave retired from the active oil business in 1957. Mable moved back to Midland upon Dave's death after they had spent the past 20 years traveling and maintaining homes in Junction, Texas, and Bella Vista, Ark.

Olivia and her husband, the late Paul Wood, lived in Midland from 1954 to 1976, when they transferred to Denver with Sargent Industries.

The couple were active in church, school and scouting activities while living here.

MIDLANDER Meredith Sebastian is one of 59 Centennial Initiates into the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Kappa Delta sorority at Texas Tech University. The sorority, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in October, designated all women initiated in the fall of 1997 as "Centennial Initiates," inscribing the title on each of their membership certificates.

A graduate of Midland High School, Meredith is the daughter of Carolyn Sebastian. She is a freshman majoring in psychology.

MEMBERS OF THE Midland Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club enjoyed a recent visit from their province president, Lyn (Mrs. David) Clark of Breckenridge.

Lyn is no stranger to Midland. She has visited the club on several occasions and is often accompanied to the city by her sister-in-law, former Midlander Michele (Mrs. Rob) Arnot of Breckenridge, whose parents, Andree and Bill Hickey, reside here. Lyn is also a longtime friend of Nancy (Mrs. Mark) Withrow. They became acquainted through their mothers, who were college friends.

While in the Tall City, Lyn was the guest of honor at a Pi Phi luncheon at the home of Joan (Mrs. Pat) Baskin. Co-hostesses with Joan were Nancy and Becky (Mrs. Doug) Ferguson.

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Kathy Garcia suggests an activity for her son, Jordan, to play with. When he gets frustrated with an activity, she may intervene and distract him with something else to do.

MODIFICATIONS: Methods help to maintain discipline

(From 1D)

■ Have a strategy to employ when the child can't cope because of overstimulation or confusion.

■ Provide a timetable for the parents so they can rehearse the child for the following day and so they can be sure to have the necessary equipment needed for the day's activities.

■ Teachers should inform parents daily of successes and failures. Karen Williams with the University of Michigan Medical Center Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital wrote in the article, "Understanding the Student with Asperger Syndrome: Guidelines for Teachers," the following suggestions:

■ Offer consistent daily routines. The child with A.S. must understand each day's routine and know what to expect in order to be able to concentrate on the

task at hand.

■ Avoid surprises.

■ Allay fears of the unknown by exposing the child to a new activity, teacher, class, school, camp, etc. beforehand, and as soon as possible after he is informed of the change to prevent obsessive worrying. If changing schools, the new teacher could have related books or activities in the child's special area of interest to have available on the child's first day.

Suggestions from the Technical Assistance Manual on Autism for Kentucky Schools, include:

■ Present materials visually.

■ Protect the child from bullying and teasing.

■ To help a child stay on task, break assignments into small units, provide frequent feedback and redirection.

■ Avoid disciplinary actions for behaviors that are part of the disorder.

Asperger specialist offers resources

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

HOUSTON — Rochelle K. Sheely, Ph.D., a Houston psychologist specializing in Asperger Syndrome, also edits and publishes a newsletter for parents called "Connections."

"Asperger's is not new," she said, in a telephone interview. "It's just that it's been only recently that it has been an official medical diagnosis."

The psychologist said most people in the United States are not familiar with the syndrome that was first described by a German doctor, Hans Asperger in 1944. Since so few people are familiar with the syndrome, Ms. Sheely said children often go undiagnosed. She said children with the syndrome may be "very attached to their parents. Their language skills may be good and they can be friendly, so it is difficult to diagnose until they get older — unless you know what to look for. It's even difficult for pediatricians to diagnose."

"Some major identifying characteristics are social and emotional coordination," Ms. Sheely

said. "You might see a child who certainly has some social interests. He might imitate or try to join in on play, but he just doesn't quite know how to interact. They can be verbal, but not look at you when they are talking about something that interests them, so they don't pick up (by your facial expression cues) that you are bored. This is why they are more drawn to adults. Children are not as patient. For children with Asperger's, their neurological differences make it hard for them to communicate."

Persons interested in receiving the newsletter "Connections" or more information on Asperger's Syndrome may call Ms. Sheely at (713) 629-7630.

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Syndrome poses questions

Staff Reports

Asperger Syndrome is still a new to many in the medical field. Midlander Jordan Garcia is going to Houston to be accessed by experts. According to information from the Center for Study of Autism in Salem, Ore., people assume that everyone who has autism and is high functioning has Asperger's. However, the center reports that it appears there are several forms of high-functioning Autism, and Asperger Syndrome is just one form.

Confusion often arises for many because Asperger Syndrome may superficially mimic the signs of classic psychiatric disorders, including schizophrenia, according to information from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Information from the university also said that "there is a controversy regarding whether AS is a type of autism or a separate disorder."

Some research indicates the syndrome is hereditary because

depression and bipolar disorder are often reported in those with Asperger Syndrome as well as in other family members.

Even agreement on the syndrome name differs. Some university studies call it Asperger Syndrome and others call it Asperger's Syndrome.

An official diagnosis (since 1994 with the publication of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV)" lists the syndrome as Asperger's Disorder, but most university researchers — in reports and articles — refer to the disorder as Asperger Syndrome.

Currently Yale University's Social Learning Disabilities Project is conducting a study on Asperger Syndrome.

The study is being supported by a five-year federal grant from the National Institutes of Health. The study will include doing structural imaging of the brain through scanning (without radiation), gathering data on genetics, a medication trial.

Brynum School offers programs for wide range of learning disabilities

Staff Reports

Brynum School, a Midland private school since 1984, serves children with all range of abilities, including those with autism or Asperger Syndrome.

The school is available for children from age 18 months up to 25.

"Generally we see children about age 3," said Brynum School Executive Director Karen Wentworth. "And we do have programs for children diagnosed with autism or Pervasive Developmental Disorder."

The school offers vocational training, social and life skills and individualized curriculum.

Ms. Wentworth said children are usually brought in because they have delays in development. "Doctors are hesitant to

make a diagnosis of developmentally delayed children without genetic screening," she said, noting the school has programs with various learning disabilities, including Attention-Deficit Disorder, and those with emotional and behavioral disturbances.

Ms. Wentworth said the school has been perceived as having programs "just for children with mental retardation, but we have a much wider scope. We have programs for children who just don't fit into the traditional school setting. Our goal is to prepare children to go back to that traditional setting."

For more information on Brynum School, located at 8404 W. County Road 60, call the school at 520-0075.

Boy with autism progressing in fourth grade

By Vilma Maldonado
N.Y. Times News Service

McALLEN, Texas — Eric Isakeit blends well with his fourth-grade class at Milam Elementary School — until he starts smiling and poking his fingers into his legs.

Eric, 9, is different from the other students in his class. He suffers from autism, a form of childhood schizophrenia characterized by mood swings of acting out and withdrawal. An autistic child commonly accepts fantasy over reality.

But the 21 other students in Eric's class do not seem to mind his spontaneous and uncontrolled behavior.

"The class is very receptive of Eric, and he is happy here," said David Bourbois, Eric's teacher. "The class loves Eric and they try to help him out."

For the most part, Eric is withdrawn. He does not speak a great deal, nor does he interact much in the classroom. But he does love to read aloud, and he enjoys science.

An attractive, slender blond child who looks physically normal, Eric attends regular classes, despite the autism that hampers his learning development and categorizes him as a special education student.

His parents, Tom and Linda Isakeit, do not believe Eric should be 100 percent "mainstreamed" — placed in a regular class — but they do think their only child belongs at least part time in a normal classroom.

"I would never want him to be in

a classroom on his own with 22 other kids," his mother said. "They have an individual educational plan, which includes Eric's academic goals and what his abilities are."

On a recent Thursday morning, Eric spent part of the class drawing his favorite scene from the novel "The Wizard of Oz." With his left hand, he drew a three-dimensional, silver-hued Tin Man attacking a brown wolf. Then he added purple grass, and the Yellow Brick Road curving up the hill toward the yellow and green Emerald City.

"I found that he is fascinated by the wolf," Bourbois said. "Once we get to a favorite part of the novel, I can tell because of his facial expressions, so I probe him and find out his feelings and emotions."

In the classroom, Eric often sits at his desk with his hand on his head, staring into space or looking briefly toward his classmates or teacher.

"Academically, Eric is challenged to do well," Bourbois said. "My biggest challenge is to probe Eric to respond."

When Bourbois asked the class to turn to page 106 of "The Wizard of Oz," Eric opened his book to the right page without help.

Bourbois sat at Eric's side, pointing to the words as another student read aloud. Eric put his hand on his chin and followed his teacher's finger.

His mother is proud of his progress.

"The first word he ever wanted to spell was air conditioner — you

go figure why," Linda Isakeit said. Linda, 48, and a registered nurse, has kept class papers that show Eric already can read fifth-grade words, including "business, summer" and "evening."

But the teacher's note on the paper illustrates Eric's learning deficiencies: "Read highlighted words without hesitation. Unable to give oral sentence with words when instructed."

"If Eric happens to draw a picture, we make him write a caption, and this is how we try to help him comprehend," Linda Isakeit said. Eric relates closely to his peers, she said, even if they do not always connect as closely with him.

"To figure out where he was academically was really hard at first," she said. "He knows how to get around, and knows the room numbers in the school."

"Once, this little boy came out of the library and he was lost, and Eric told him what room he was in and who his teacher was. These kinds of things about Eric warm my heart," she said with obvious pride.

Eric also is in the Boy Scouts, and he loves his uniform and his Scout leader.

"I want Eric to learn different behaviors other than what he sees in the classroom," his mother said.

Tom Isakeit, 38, and a plant pathologist at the Texas A&M Agriculture Research Center in Weslaco, said raising a son with autism is just a part of life.

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"I WASN'T THERE WHEN HE DIED"

Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people

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

When a friend or family member dies many people express regret that they were unable to be there. They wish they had had a chance to say goodbye. Their sense of having missed a highly significant event may give them an unsettled, empty feeling. They may feel they abandoned their loved one at the very end. But those of us who work with the terminally ill have long suspected that patients themselves who are actively dying have some say in choosing the hour or moment of their death.

We have seen many situations in which someone dying holds on until every family member has assembled. But we've also seen the opposite—the patient who chooses not to let go until everyone has left the room. Perhaps they are trying to "protect" their family. Or perhaps they want the occasion of their own death to be as private as possible.

A death is an important event. But remember that all of the ordinary days that you were there for your loved one are also important. And even if you weren't there at the time of the death, it is never too late to say goodbye.

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AROUND TOWN

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities in Midland is seeking nominations for the local competition. Local winners will be sent to the state competition.

Categories include the Governor's Trophy, awarded to an individual for employment and empowerment of people with disabilities; the Entrepreneurship Award, given to an entrepreneur with a disability operating a business or enterprise in the private sector; Public Employer, business awards (for small and large businesses) for employment and empowerment of people with disabilities; Private Employer, business awards (for large and small businesses) for employment and empowerment of people with disabilities; and the Martha Arbuckle Award, the mayor's award for the most innovative program for people with disabilities in a community.

Deadline to submit entries to the local mayoral committee is Dec. 19. Local winners will be honored at a recognition banquet. Send nominations to: Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Awards, in care of of Camp Fire Boys & Girls, 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112.

DELTA GAMMA will host a Christmas Tea 2-4 p.m. Dec. 14 at 2008 Shell. Attendees are invited to bring favorite Christmas recipes.

WEST TEXAS division National Multiple Sclerosis Society will meet 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 13 at Harvest Time Church (located between Midland and Odessa on Hwy. 191) to collect toys for Toys for Tots. For information on making donations call (915) 368-4848.

The organization also provides services — including free counseling, self-help groups, help with medical equipment, information about MS and referrals to MS professionals — to anyone in the area who is in need of them. For more information call 570-8248.

RETIRED AND Senior Volunteer Program will host its fourth annual Volunteer Recognition luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Green Tree Country Club. More than 400 volunteers have contributed more than 31,000 documented hours of community service through the agency. For more information call 689-6693.

ST. ANN'S School will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1998. St. Ann's Catholic Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The school is looking for alumni to take part in the celebration. Send name (including maiden name), address, telephone number and last year attended to St. Ann's Catholic School, Attn: Alumni Committee, 2000 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701. For more information call 684-4563.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE Women International Group will have its Christmas party Dec. 13. For information about time and location call 520-0301.

KAPPA DELTA will host its Christmas party 6:30 p.m. tonight at 5102 Los Alamitos Court. Persons attending are asked to bring "goodies" for the refreshment table, and gifts (\$5 limit) to exchange. To RSVP call 682-5851.

MIDLAND RAPE Crisis Center has a 24-hour hot line — (915) 682-7273 — and free counseling. The organization's web site is www.midlandhope.org.

FREE PRE-SCHOOL storytelling program will be 10-11 a.m. Dec. 15 at the Children's Department of Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri St. "Mrs. Santa" will be the storyteller. For information call 688-8991 or 699-7820.

KWANZAA activities will be presented by the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs. The cultural celebration is observed Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. The event celebrates and reinforces the importance of family, culture and community. Kwanzaa is Swahili for "first fruits." The celebration was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chair of the department of Black Studies at California State University at Long Beach. For more information call 682-2864.



Teachers: Early intervention key to success

(From 1D)

with Asperger Syndrome, a type of autism that is considered highly functioning.

Mrs. Garcia said the good news is that there is hope and strategies available to help children — with various forms of autism — to develop speech and social habits that enable them to succeed in life.

EXPERTS in child development and brain research agree that the earlier parents and educators intervene to help a child with speech and language development, the better the child's chance for success in later years.

Mrs. Garcia's son, Jordan, has been working with a speech

'We are seeing more and more children with autism, and there is a wide range of behaviors and abilities.'

— Patricia Stevens, Principal, West Early Childhood Center

pathologist — since age 3 — twice a week for one hour at Emerson Elementary School.

"We are very pleased with Jordan's progress in just one year," said Sheryll Purcell, speech pathologist at Emerson. "Jordan is very high functioning and just delightful."

Mrs. Garcia said Emerson Principal Mary L. Smith recognized signs of Asperger Syndrome (A.S.) in Jordan right away. The principal gave Mrs. Garcia a few handouts on A.S., "and I started researching, and got on the Internet, and it just snowballed," the mother said, holding up a small suitcase of the information she has amassed.

Ms. Smith said educators at Emerson have had some experience working with children with autism. "We have a little bit of experience here. We have also worked with children with multiple disabilities. But all children are different. Children with the same diagnosis can be completely different."

THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL said educators rely on medical doctors to make the diagnosis, "and we work with that diagnosis," she said. "We have a special team of a diagnostician, psychiatrist and speech therapist who help identify what the child needs. If a teacher or administrator sees that a child needs help to achieve we do point it out to the parent."

Ms. Smith said there is "a whole spectrum" of autism. She said people often equate autism with the character in the movie "Rain Man."

"He was a savant, very limited in function," Ms. Smith said. Yet, some children with autism are very high functioning. They just need help with developing language. Their language does not develop along the same lines as the average child."

Emerson speech pathologist Ms. Purcell said she also works with Jordan on developing social skills. She said children with various ranges of autism don't read body language and facial expressions well. They need to learn how to respond to people and manners, such as saying "please" and "thank you."

WHILE MANY children with A.S. and autism tend not to make eye contact with people, may not like to be touched, and may be standoffish, Ms. Purcell said Jordan is very affectionate. "He will hold your hand," she said.

"Every day we learn something new Jordan is capable of doing or is not capable of doing," said Jordan's father, Midland police Sgt. David Garcia. "Jordan can learn. He just needs to be taught in the way that he can learn."

Garcia said children who have special needs may disrupt a classroom. "But it can be dealt with. These kids can be helped and turned around to where they are



Sheryll Purcell, speech pathologist for Emerson Elementary School, discusses saying, "please" when asking for things with Jordan Garcia. Ms. Purcell said educators often help students learn social skills along with improving language.

West Early Childhood Center, said Jordan will be eligible for the school's Head Start next year.

productive. As parents we are responsible for doing something to prevent our children from falling through the cracks. That's why I ran for the school board (in May)," Garcia said, noting that "helping all children to learn and to be productive citizens" is an issue that is close to his heart.

THE GARCIAS said it is crucial for parents to know their children's needs as soon as possible.

"It's been very time-consuming and difficult for us to get information," Mrs. Garcia said.

"When we started researching Asperger Syndrome, there was only one book on it in a bookstore," she said.

The couple praised educators in Midland Independent School District for helping their son and allowing them to distribute infor-

mation to parents.

Emerson educators, however, praised the parents for their involvement in their son's education.

"The Garcias are very active in Jordan's education," Ms. Smith said.

"Jordan has very efficient, wonderful, caring parents," Ms. Purcell said. "They have gone way beyond that extra mile. We have another year to work with Jordan before he is even a student on our campus (for kindergarten). It was wonderful to be able to start working with Jordan at age 3."

Patricia Stevens, principal of

West Early Childhood Center, said Jordan will be eligible for the school's Head Start next year.

Ms. Stevens said the Head Start program nationally "recognized early in the game" that children

with disabilities need to be integrated into regular classrooms. Hence, she said, "Head Start is known as one of the most successful integrators of children with disabilities into the mainstream."

SHE PRAISED the Garcias for the amount of research they have done on A.S. and for the information they have provided to the school district.

"Educators certainly don't have all the answers. That is why we have got to work together with the parents," Ms. Stevens said. "It's very effective for the child when we all work together."

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AUSTISM: Boy has difficulty communicating

(From 2D)

"I don't know any other existence nor have anything else to compare it to," he said. "Eric is not mentally retarded. He shows a propensity to learn. Eric is pretty sharp."

The child's main problem is how introverted he is; communication of any sort is difficult for him.

Once, Linda Isakeit said, Eric pulled down the blinds at home, turned off all the lights and hid her with his sneakers. She wondered what was wrong with him, because he never hits anyone or anything. It turned out he had a double ear infection.

His father thinks partial mainstreaming is a good idea for Eric, but he believes his son needs more one-on-one attention than mainstream teachers are able to provide.

"We don't get much feedback from the school's faculty and this has been a problem," Isakeit said. "Sometimes, we don't know what he is working on. They learn from an overhead projector about math, and how can we help him at home if they don't have books?"

Linda Isakeit said the school does give them information about different subjects, including literacy at home, and provides services in communications, including occupational therapy and speech.

"Comprehension will always be difficult for Eric, so we have to work with him at home," she said.

Both his parents believe partial mainstreaming has taught Eric to modify his behavior.

"I'm really happy with his teachers," his mother said. "They work on self-stimulation with him. Eric makes 'pointer fingers' and he pokes his legs — but now he is doing it less. We don't know why he does that."

The Isakeits used to have someone visit their home once a week to help Eric with personal skills, such as eating with a fork and picking up after himself. But the tutor is no longer needed because Eric learns similar skills through his interaction at school.

Even with his learning problems, Eric is making progress. He can read and is an excellent speller.

"Eric is good at jigsaw puzzles and has done one of 500 pieces," his father said. "Eric is also good on the computer. He learns to use the software, which includes math drills, and some reasoning."

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HARE-WOOD

Kimberly Dawn Hare of Arlington, daughter of Wayne and Judy Hare of Russellville, Ark., and Gary Mack Wood of Arlington, son of Joe and Sheila Wood of Midland, are planning to be married 5 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Red Bud Valley Resort Chapel in Eureka Springs, Ark.

Miss Hare is a 1988 graduate of Arkadelphia (Ark.) High School, and a 1992 graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia. She is employed with Ultrak Inc., in Carrollton. Her fiancé graduated from Lee High School in 1980, and is employed with Campo Verde of Arlington. Both are members of Rush Creek Baptist Church.



Kimberly Dawn Hare and Gary Mack Wood

ANNIVERSARY

Couple celebrates anniversary

C.A. and Annette Ross of Midland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 4 with a small family gathering at Cattle Baron Restaurant. Hosts were their daughters and their families.

Ross and the former Annette McLelland were married Dec. 4, 1947, in Thornton. They have two children — Beth Ann Broughton of Midland and Jerilyn Wilkerson of Big Spring — and two grandchildren.

Ross was discharged from the U.S. Air Force in 1953, then retired from the Sherwin Williams Company in 1987. Mrs. Ross is a homemaker.

The couple lived in Waco and Big Spring before moving to Midland in 1975. They are members of Memorial Christian Church. Ross is a 32nd Degree Mason with memberships in the Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite, and is an active member of the Midland Amateur Radio Club.



C.A. and Annette Ross

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

The Reporter-Telegram publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.

Deadline to get an announcement in the Sunday paper — including wedding and engagement announcements — is 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, information should be received two days before it is to be published.

There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements are accepted to appear in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements are accepted up to six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration. Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Coan in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current. Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Coan in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

Eastern Star to host school

Staff Reports

The 12 chapters of District 2, Section 3, Order of the Eastern Star, will host a Field of Flowers Eastern Star School Dec. 13 at the Midland Masonic Temple, 1600 W. Wall St. in Midland. The school will be conducted with a joint fraternal visit of Yvonne Brownfield of Gatesville, worthy grand matron, and honoring Kenneth Gregory of Spur, worthy grand patron.

The school will begin with registration and coffee at 7:45 a.m., followed by opening drill and opening of the school at 8:45 a.m. Wheat Fields courtesy luncheon at 1 p.m. and humanitarian program at 6 p.m. The fraternal visit will follow.

Included in the school will be such topics as how to make introductions, vote, present the U.S. flag, inform members of changes in bylaws, initiate new members, conduct business meetings, encourage and promote members' involvement in local charities and benevolences, and election and installation of officers.

In addition to Mrs. Brownfield and Gregory, instructors will be



Yvonne Brownfield

Kimi Kidd and Bess Madison of Abilene, and Wanda Duncan of Midland.

The evening before the school, a banquet will be hosted at 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at Midland Holiday Inn. Tickets are a \$13 per person donation. Reservations must be made by Dec. 8. For more information call 520-9649.

En Amie meeting is scheduled

Staff Reports

En Amie Review Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Dec. 10 at Midland Woman's Club.

Sandra Shiplet will present the program, beginning with a medley of Christmas songs. She will then give a presentation on "Wishing," and lead members on a sing-along of Christmas carols.

Ms. Shiplet, a Midlander since 1971, studied voice and piano at Eastern New Mexico University. She performs for functions in the Midland area, including at her church and at nursing homes.



Sandra Shiplet

CLUB NEWS

UGW INTERNATIONAL GROUP

University Graduate Women's International Group met at the Museum of the Southwest for a tour of the exhibits.

AARON ESTES CHAPTER, DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Aaron Estes chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, met in the meeting room of Midland County Public Library with Mrs. James Cobb presiding and 16 members and three guests attending. Mrs. Charles Welch discussed the planned "Texas Christmas Traditions Day." Mrs. Cobbs gave the program on the Texas Rangers. Mrs. William Hibbits closed the meeting.

MIDLAND SOCIETY OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Midland Society of University Women met for a tour of Susie's South 40 Kitchen and a program, with 26 members attending. New members are Carolyn McGaha and Leila Sigmon. Guests were Jean Thomas, Charlene Gnagy, Shirley White, Judy Clarke and Kay Yost.

CHAPTER BS, P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

Chapter BS of the P.E.O. Sisterhood had a Christmas meeting at Manor Park. Hostesses were Chris Newman and Artie Fry. Darryl Knapp gave a program of harp music. Virginia Summersgill presided. Christmas dinner and Founders' Day luncheon were planned.

Chokers back as fashion statement

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The chokers John Galliano likes to show with his Edwardian-inspired evening dresses are so wide that only a swanlike neck like Queen Alexandra's could carry them off. But there are many more wearable versions with a suitably vintage air to dress up holiday raiment.

Neiman Marcus has three dog collars of great delicacy, two versions with freshwater pearls (\$350 each) and one with freshwater pearls and crystals set into silverplate (\$690).

Henri Bendel has chokers by Rachel Reinhardt of jet in two

widths (\$228) and of ruby or bronze crystals (\$268), dog collars with pearls by Kerri Linden (\$228) and a silver mesh collar by Laura Cardillo (\$368).

Saks Fifth Avenue has a wine-colored crystal-beaded choker (\$330) and a red-beaded choker (\$230) by Erickson Beamon, a twisted-pearl choker by Kenneth Jay Lane (\$275) and a black jet dog collar with dangling beads by Jay Strongwater (\$255).

DEAR ABBY

Stepfather: Son who came to dinner has overstayed welcome

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Until two years ago, I thought I had a marriage as good as it gets after the honeymoon. We had some problems, but a marriage without some problems doesn't exist.

The real problems began when my wife's son (I'll call him Paul) came to dinner — and stayed. He is 40. I am 75, and getting older by the minute.

This "boy" was coming off a failed relationship and needed a place to crash. His mother invited him to stay with us without consulting me. That was her first mistake.

I didn't object. That was MY first mistake. Abby, I am not heartless. I figured Paul would stay maybe a month or two. A year went by while he "looked for work." (He rarely left the house.)

Our home is small, with only one bathroom. The two bedrooms are only 10 feet apart. You can bet I was annoyed, but I thought the arrangement was temporary. I naively believed he would leave when he found a job.

Paul has had a job that pays well for more than a year now, but he can't seem to find a house or apartment he likes better than our home. My wife has said nothing to him to indicate she is unhappy with this state of affairs, but I told him he has to get on with his life, and let us get on with ours. He agrees, but doesn't move.

Short of forcibly ejecting Paul, I'm at a loss what to do except leave. I have roots here and a ton of emotional and material baggage, and hate the idea of pulling up stakes at this time in my life. But the possibility becomes more probable every day.

Needless to say, my wife and I are not on good terms now, and "Frankly, I don't give a damn, Scarlett."

Abby, what's a guy to do about a stepson who has long overstayed his welcome? — AT MY WIT'S END IN DENVER



Van Buren

DEAR AT WIT'S END: Enough is enough. You and your wife are doing Paul no favor by allowing him to be dependent on you. Explain that to your wife, and ask her to help you find an adequate, furnished apartment her son can live in while he's looking for one he likes. Put a deposit on it, and tell Paul the time has come.

If he can't swing the first month's rent, offer to loan it to him, and give him a deadline to be in his new place. Help him to pack his belongings, and offer to assist on moving day.

DEAR ABBY: "Looking for Love in Dallas," whose wife refused his touches and kisses and also nixed sex, has my sympathy. His wife must not realize how lucky she is to be married to a man who still enjoys affection and sex. I hope she wakes up before he's gone.

After three years of dating, "Al" and I are still at square one. He refuses to hold hands, hug, kiss or show affection in any way. Sex is not a memory for us — you can't remember what you haven't had.

When I touch Al, he freezes up. If I try to tell him how I feel, he leaves.

I would enjoy all of the above, but he won't ante up. I'm so needy. I could live for months on a single compliment.

Abby, please don't use my name. I'm embarrassed to be in my 60s and still ... LOOKING FOR LOVE IN NORTHEAST TEXAS

DEAR LOOKING FOR LOVE IN NORTHEAST TEXAS: Don't be embarrassed: people of all ages need love. However, you won't find it with Al. Throw this cold fish back in the sea, and go fishing in warmer waters.

DEAR ABBY: I am 10 years old and in fifth grade. All my life I have been chosen last. That's my problem.

P.E. is my least favorite class in school, not because I don't like sports — I enjoy them. But it is so humiliating always being chosen last. I dread going to school on days when I know we will have P.E.

Why can't physical education teachers use a different system? P.E. teachers must have never had to experience what I have each day in P.E. I will go into the class again tomorrow to be chosen last.

Why don't they just hang a sign on me that says, "Reject. Last one to pick gets me."

I'm sure there are other kids who feel the same way. There is one in every P.E. class. It really hurts.

My mom says not to let it bother me. She says she was always chosen last, too. I think she says that just to make me feel better.

Please don't say, "Practice the sport and you'll be great at it and everyone will want you on their team." It doesn't work that way. I'm kind of quiet, and even if you're not bad at the sport, once you've been chosen last you will be last next week, the week after, and next year, too.

I really, really, really hope you print this. I can't bear to think I have to go to P.E. tomorrow. What can I do? — ALWAYS CHOSEN LAST, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR ALWAYS CHOSEN LAST: Perhaps there is nothing you can do, but there is plenty you P.E. teacher could do if he or she had the sensitivity and imagination.

If I had my way, I would outlaw that system of choosing up sides. It's cruel! It was used many years ago when I was a girl in Sioux City, Iowa. It was wrong then, and it's still wrong!

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

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for Nov. 17-23.

MONDAY

1. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
2. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
3. Marian Sims, Joyce Mitchell
4. Jean Pistole, Jimmie Penn

TUESDAY

1. Buf Slay, Jerry Crooker
2. Jerry Williamson, Betty Sheeler

WEDNESDAY

1. Becky Kinsey, Marie Morris
2. Ruth Fahrig, Clarence Marley
3. Jean Pistole, Leonora Slusher
4. Kathryn Gesell, Joe Brittain

THURSDAY

1. Jean Banks, Betty Marlow
2. and 3. Tie: Mary Anne Ochs, Joyce Mitchell, Snookie Howard, Eleanor Kimberlin
4. Ann Roberts, Charlene DeLaune

NON-LIFE MASTER:

1. Donna and Bill Travis
2. Terri Tedford, Martha Poss
3. Norma James, James Simpson
4. Belle Harris, Glenda Simmons

FRIDAY

1. Ricki Perry, Jerry Williamson
2. Flo Curry, Jane Myers
3. Wyoma Whitlow, Aggie Anguish
4. Mary Hammond, Leonora Slusher

SATURDAY

1. James Simpson, Joe Salman
2. Mary Renton, Ken Hill
3. Billie Ruppe, Sue Conner
4. B.J. Filley, Aggie Anguish

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WEDDINGS

McKOWN-GREEN

Julie Elizabeth McKown and Jay Frank Green, both of Midland, were married 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The Rev. Cletus Beights, the Rev. Karen Jeffcoat and the Rev. John Greenhow officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Evelyn McKown of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Jerry and Jody Green of Midland.

Janet Ward of Midland was honor attendant for her sister. The bride's other attendants were Anne Krusekopf of Denver, Debbie del Llano of Albuquerque, N.M., and Angie Eltze and Chali Tarpley of Midland. Flower girls were nieces of the bride Mary Evelyn Ward of Midland, and Mara McKown and Kylie McKown of Mount View, Calif.

Cleveland Tolver of Houston served as best man. The groom's other attendants were Mark Thomas of San Diego, Shane Steward of Midland, Jon Green of Waco, brother of the groom, and James Latham of Houston.

Ushers were Ric Hoerster of Odessa, brothers of the bride Phil



Mrs. Jay Frank Green

McKown of Midland and Craig McKown of Mount View; Bill Ward of Midland and Michael Young of San Antonio. Ring bearer was Bradley Ward of Midland, nephew of the bride.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso and Santa Fe, N.M., the couple will live in Midland.

WILLIAMS-HELM

DALLAS — Melissa Gail Williams and Rodney Jay Helm, both of Dallas, were married 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas. The Rev. Timothy Tinsley officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.N. Williams of Hot Springs Village, Ark. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. James D. Webb of Midland and the late Gerald Jay Helm.

Katherine Garrett of Dallas was maid of honor. The bride also was attended by Anna Weaver of Dallas, Anna Williams of Magnolia, Ark., niece of the bride, was flower girl.

J.L. Helm of Forney, grandfather of the bridegroom, was best man. The groom also was attended by his uncle, Paul H. Harvel of Little Rock, Ark. Ushers were Blake Liberty of Denver, Thomas E. Hill of Midland and Vincent M. Brigham of Oklahoma City. Ring bearer was Joshua Williams of Magnolia, nephew of the bride.

The bride earned a bachelor of science degree from Baylor University in 1989, and a master's degree in education from Dallas



Mrs. Rodney Jay Helm

Baptist University in 1993. She is employed with Cigna Insurance. Her husband graduated from Texas Tech University in 1988. He is employed with LaSalle Partners Ltd.

After a wedding trip to Kauai, Hawaii, the couple will live in Dallas.

SORRELLS-VAUGHN

Kendra Renee Sorrells of Bedford became the bride of Donald David Vaughn, also of Bedford, 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at Richland Hills Church of Christ. Chris Hatchett officiated.

Parents of the bride are Larry and Brenda Sorrells of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Ronnie and Judy Vaughn of Littlefield.

Monica Sorrells of Abilene was honor attendant for her sister. The bride also was attended by Jennifer Yocham of Lewisville, Becky Bell of Bedford, Andra Brown of San Antonio, Sally Curtis of Lubbock, Serette Smith of Carrollton, Toni Vaughn and Kelly Vaughn of Abilene, Karlie Hatchett of Fort Worth, and Laura Vaughn of Abilene, niece of the bridegroom.

Flower girl was Hailey Vaughn of Abilene, niece of the bridegroom.

Randy Vaughn of Abilene served his brother as best man. The bridegroom's other attendants were his brother, Gary Vaughn of Abilene, Lance Yowell of Bedford, George Neel of Flower Mound, Don Heyen of San Antonio, Doug Hall and Dennis Coleman of



Mrs. Donald David Vaughn

Dallas, and Chris Hamm of Sherwood, Ore. Colby Hatchett of Fort Worth was ring bearer.

The couple also was attended by John and Donna Willbanks, Morton and Suzy Jeffrey, and Chris and Stacie Hatchett.

After a wedding trip to Williamsburg, Va., and New York City, the couple will live in Bedford.

PERKINS-BEARD

HURST — Elizabeth Ann Perkins of Bedford and Timothy Ladd Beard of Midland were married 2 p.m. Nov. 29 at Shady Oaks Baptist Church in Hurst. The Rev. Fred Lybrand of Midland officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richard Perkins of Bedford, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Perkins and L. Frank Wyatt, all of Fort Worth. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Beard of Midland. His grandparents are H.L. Beard of Odessa and Mrs. W.H. Wadell of Midland.

Tracy Young of Euless and Amy Adamo of Pensacola, Fla., sister of the bride, were honor attendants.

The bride also was attended by Keeley Rabuck of Conroe, Laura Bennett of Euless, Courtney Bowen of Garland and Julie Cordell of Tyler. Flower girls were Mamie Brown and Maggie Brown of Lubbock, Sarah Wyatt of Fort Worth, and Keelie Bruce and Kelsie Bruce of North Richland Hills.

Tyler Beard and Jeff Beard of Midland were best men for their brother. Groomsman were David Barkley and Chris Thompson of Midland, Dusty Burnett of



Mrs. Timothy Ladd Beard

Roswell, N.M.; David Davis of Lubbock and Mark Drennan of Crowley. Ushers were John Tufts of Houston, Josh Allen of Lubbock and Todd Perkins of Bedford, brother of the bride. Cody Bruce and Colton Bruce of North Richland Hills were ring bearers.

After a wedding trip to Estes Park, Colo., the couple lives in Lubbock.

Travelers find rooms on the Web

By David Cay Johnston
N.Y. Times News Service

Ted Karp wanted his trip to France last summer to be perfect, so he spent hours on the Web trying to find just the right apartment in Paris and the perfect house to rent in Provence.

"I discovered that if you know 10 French words, you know enough to explore a French hotel Web site," said Karp, a Web page designer in Queens, N.Y.

Karp, obviously, also understands the language of the Internet, which at this point is perhaps more important to booking on line. But shopping for lodgings on the Web is clearly the wave of the future. Just as bargain hunters have been using the Internet to shop for bargain air fares, so can you search for a hotel room. You can also download pictures of what kind of room, lobby and neighborhood a hotel offers and maps of where the hotel is in relation to transportation and places to visit — and you can compare prices.

The Travel Industry Association of America reported recently that a survey of 1,200 Americans showed the percentage of travelers using online services to make travel plans or reservations jumped from 11 percent in 1996 to 28 percent in 1997; still, Web bookings are just a tiny piece of hotel reservations these days. One chain numbers them in the tens of thousands of rooms rented this year, compared with 800 number and travel agent bookings in the millions of rooms. But the chains also hope customers will catch on, because it saves them big bucks in not having to hire as many of their own reservations agents or having to pay commissions to travel agents.

WEB BOOKINGS offer convenience mixed with information, but for those unfamiliar with this commercial corner of the Internet, it is also easy to get lost in a sea of dubious information, down in downloads of fancy graphics that waste keyboard time or get swept away with a bargain that's no bargain at all.

Karp, for example, found during his search that few French hotel Web sites had enough information to allow prospective guests to judge a property, especially since "a hotel may have as many as four grades of rooms for each room size such as single or double, but the sites often just give the price range."

To navigate the Web efficiently it helps to know that there are several ways that a consumer can make a hotel reservation on the Internet, including through the proprietary hotel sites of individual chains; through the Global Distribution Systems, or GDS, and through services like Travelweb that connect consumers to hotels' reservations systems via The Hotel Industry Switch Company, or Thisco. Proprietary sites are great if you

know which hotel or lodging chain you want. Finding the home page for most chains is simple because their Web address is a logical Universal Resource Locator, or URL.

The address for Hilton is www.hilton.com; similarly, Hyatt, Marriott, Ramada, Radisson, Sheraton and Westin use www.hotelname.com as their Web address. So do Days Inn, Red Roof and Four Seasons — just run the letters together as in www.redroof.com to reach their home pages.

SOME CHAINS, though, have trickier names. To find the Doubletree chain's Web page you will have to remember to add the word "hotels" and run it together with the name.

If you type www.holidayinn.com on your Web browser, you won't get the motel chain, but the Holiday Inn on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. Its Web page features a diaphanous blue and white background, evidently meant to suggest the eternal mist below the falls, and a color photograph of neither the inn nor the falls, but the concrete Skylon Tower that looks down on the falls from the Canadian side.

This Web site has lots of details about rates, but lacks a hypertext link to the Holiday Inn chain's home page at www.holidayinn.com.

Using Yahoo, Excite or Alta Vista to find a place to stay can also send you to the wrong site because search engines are to the Internet today what internal combustion engines were to cars a half-century ago: powerful and useful, but not all that reliable. Just as car engines used to throw rods, the search engines can throw you off course. At Yahoo, a search for "Intercontinental Hotels" — omitting the hyphen that is part of Inter-Continental's name — yields not the chain of 211 hotels, but the Hotel Inter-Continental in Amman, Jordan. The chain's home page is at www.interconti.com, a Web address based on the chain's European nickname.

One Web site that is useful for locating a host of links to hotel home pages is www.aol.com/netfind/time-savers/travel.html.

While many hotel Web sites are easy to follow, some are cluttered or unclear. Radisson's main Web page has a button to cancel reservations, but nowhere does it say "make reservations." Instead you

have to infer that a button marked "search hotels" will get you to reservations. And Hilton's site is as complicated as the terms of its failed bid for ITT, the owner of the Sheraton hotel chain.

Sheraton's site, like some others, lets you log in with your frequent guest program number to create a profile so that you don't have to type in your name, address, credit card number and a lot of other information every time you book a room.

Although the hotel chains want on-line bookings to save them the cost of staffing 800 numbers or paying commissions to travel agents, many of these sites also welcome use by travel agents, with a place where a travel agent's identification number can be added to allow a commission to be collected.

But the chains have not shown much interest in rewarding customers who book over the Internet. Sheraton used to lure Web patrons with 250 "Club Miles" in the ITT Sheraton Club International for booking on line (they stopped at the end of October). The miles can be converted into frequent flier miles at any of 18 airlines, so that made the incentive worth about \$5. However, Sheraton gives 10,000 miles — enough for a night's stay in its fanciest properties — if you book a complete vacation package of any price on line. Lisa Dickason, a spokeswoman, said. That offer expires Jan. 31.

WHILE MANY chains may allow you to reserve a room through their 800 number without giving a credit card number (depending on the hotel and the date), most hotel Web sites require a credit card when making reservations. Individuals who worry that their credit card information is not secure on the Internet may want to use only sites that say they offer safe encryption, or to use the Web to pick a property and then make a reservation by telephone.

For all their features, proprietary sites are a clumsy way to comparison shop or to search for lodgings the place you will be visiting. For that you need one of the other varieties of hotel Web sites.

A second way to make hotel reservations is through the Glob-

al Distribution Systems, or GDS, which are primarily airline reservations systems, like Sabre and Apollo. Services such as Easy Sabre at www.easysabre.com and its sister service, Travelocity at www.travelocity.com, afford consumers access to GDS — in this case, Sabre, largely owned by the parent company of American Airlines. Depending on what type of hotel you are looking for, these systems have their limitations; the GDS often tend to see a world centered around airports.

Say you want to find a place to stay in Ocean City, N.J., or in Santa Cruz, Calif., coastal resort towns with boardwalks on opposite ends of the country. A recent search on Easy Sabre turned up nothing for Ocean City, N.J. — only Ocean City, Md. — and seven hotels in the Santa Cruz area, some as far as 20 miles away.

BUT ONE NIFTY and little-known site, Aaron's Hotel and Motel Directory, run by a company based in Scottsbluff, Neb., proved more useful.

The site, at hotel-intl.com, lists 90,000 lodging places by city; almost 70,000 can be booked on line. Aaron's will give you a list of 87 places in Ocean City, from the Days Inn on the Boardwalk to several bed-and-breakfast establishments. And it lists 75 places in Santa Cruz.

Extensive as the Santa Cruz list is, it illustrates one drawback to city-based searching. Such searches are based on town name or ZIP code, not metropolitan area. Thus Aaron's Santa Cruz list gives no hint of all the fine places to stay in the nearby towns of Aptos, Capitola, Scotts Valley, Felton, Ben Lomond and Boulder Creek. Aaron's also offers a host of other useful features, including detailed directions on how to get around on the world's subway systems, currency exchange rates and a way to look up the ZIP code of any address in the United States.

"The lion's share" of hotel bookings is made by computer use. This, a switch that connects the GDS and the reservations systems of many hotel chains, according to Philip Wolf, president of Phocuswright, an online travel consultancy in Sherman, Conn.

JOHNSON-HART

Christi Johnson of Midland became the bride of Kevin Hart of Lubbock, 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at Victory Family Christian Center in Midland. The Rev. Miller officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Judy Johnson. Parents of the bridegroom are Carol and Judy Hart of Denver City.

The bride's honor attendant was her sister, Misti Johnson. Her other attendants were Kim Duran and Angie Boyd of Midland.

Shanae Pool of San Angelo was flower girl.

Ricky Salas of Lubbock served as best man. The bridegroom was also attended by Eric Tate of Lubbock and Rusty Bennet of Abilene. Michael Hart of Amarillo, brother of the bridegroom, and J.B. Johnson of Midland, brother of the bride, were ushers.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Lee High School. She attended Midwestern State University and is employed with Chevron USA. Her husband attended Denver City



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hart

High School and is employed with McGinnis Chevrolet.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will live in Lubbock.

FARLEY-BUCK

LAUGHLIN, Nev. — Harrah's Chapel in Laughlin was the setting for the 11 a.m. Nov. 8 wedding of Linda Sue Farley and Michael Roy Buck, both of Midland, Texas. The Rev. Gayle D. Hogan officiated.

Parents of the bride are the late Clarence Alderson and the late Sofia Alderson Montgomery. The bridegroom is the son of Betty Buck of Midland and the late Henry Buck.

Megan Farley of Midland, granddaughter of the bride, attended the couple.

After their stay in Laughlin, the couple lives in Midland.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Roy Buck

Surgery can be remembered

NUTLEY, N.J. (AP) — "Breakthrough awareness" is a term used by surgeons and anesthesiologists to describe the problem of patients who regain some consciousness during surgery, despite having received a general anesthetic. The condition can result in nightmares and depression caused by memories of the surgical procedure and fear of future surgery. Dr. Charles H. McLeskey, chairman of the anesthesia department at Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center, says, "In most cases, breakthrough awareness may be prevented by pretreating patients with an anesthetic such as Versed, which induces a relaxed, sleepy state before general anesthesia, and produces short-term amnesia to prevent memory of the surgery."

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TRAVEL

Texas towns decked out in holiday spirit

By June Naylor Rodriguez
N.Y. Times News Service

Texas' towns and cities put out their Christmas finery, bathe it in candle glow or string it with twinkly lights, to help you remember what it's like to enjoy the season. Roaming down Victorian streets and through Spanish missions, wandering through cinnamon-scented homes and listening to carolers garbed in costumes of Olde England, will surely banish that "bah, humbug" attitude.

Pick out one of these Christmas festivals in Texas and soak up some local warmth. If you call quickly, you could even find a cozy cottage with down pillows for resting that stressed-out head. While you're at it, you could get your shopping done, too.

HEADING EAST: Nothing will sweep you into a nostalgic yuletide mood quicker than a walk through the Terry-McKinnon House, a Gothic Revival home built in the 1870s by a cotton magnate in the East Texas town of Jefferson. A fat, friendly cat usually lolls around on the enormous front porch, beyond which lies the beauty that Kay McKinnon painstakingly restored upon buying the home in 1994.

The Terry-McKinnon — open year-round as a bed-and-breakfast — is one of four lovely homes featured on Jefferson's Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes, which will be offered the second time this season on Dec. 11-13. Now in its 15th year, the annual event romanticizes the old riverboat town's genteel, Southern heritage with period decorations and hundreds of candles.

Tour hours are 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., which leaves plenty of time for prowling through the antique shops and taking a horse-drawn carriage ride down old brick streets. Tickets for the event, sponsored by the Historic Jefferson Foundation, are \$10 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and younger. For details and for bed-and-breakfast lodging, call (903) 665-3692 or (800) 299-1593.

In the same neck of the Piney Woods, just 20 minutes south of Jefferson, Marshall offers its amazing Wonderland of Lights, continuing nightly through Dec. 30. The grand old Harrison County Courthouse, sparkling beneath a blanket of 150,000 tiny, white bulbs, acts as centerpiece for the town, which dazzles with 7 million lights.

The whole wonderland can be seen either on a 45-minute, narrated, nightly bus tour or a 20-minute horse-drawn carriage tour, both departing from downtown. There's also a Christmas Bazaar, open noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday through Dec. 30, inside downtown's historic Weisman Building.

Other events include a Cowboy Christmas Celebration and chuckwagon breakfast, Dec. 13; and the outrageous Uncertain Floating Christmas Parade at Caddo Lake, Dec. 21. For details, ticket prices and lodging ideas, call (903) 935-7868 or (800) 953-7868.

ALONG THE COAST: The Victorian spirit is aglow in Galveston, the

island city just beyond Houston on the Gulf of Mexico. Dickens on the Strand, this weekend, is an immensely popular period celebration that brings thousands of revelers each year to the historic Strand, one of the nation's largest collections of restored Victorian buildings.

Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" characters fill the streets and sidewalks, where partiers — who get free admission for wearing Dickensian costumes — wander between stages to see excerpts from "The Nutcracker" and "H.M.S. Pinafore," as well as sword swallows and other vaudeville acts. An outdoor ice rink, a snow yard and an exotic animal petting zoo are offered, too.

The Strand is chock-full of gift shops, boutiques and restaurants, and it's not far from the Silk Stocking District, where several lovely B&B inns are located.

Southwest of Galveston, on Texas' coastal plains, you'll find an old-fashioned cowboy Christmas party in the works at Kingsville, home of the legendary King Ranch. The headline event is called Texas Lights, a drive-through spectacle from 6 to 10 p.m. daily through Jan. 15. For \$8 per carload, you cruise through Kingsville's Dick Kleberg Park to see pictures drawn in thousands of lights.

Other Kingsville celebrations include La Posada Processional/Pastorelas, Dec. 16. For details and lodging, see the Web site at www.kingsville.org or call (800) 333-5032.

REMEMBER THE ALAMO: Christmas takes on Spanish and German accents — with a Texas twang, too — in San Antonio, where the celebration involves 70 different events. Begun just before Thanksgiving and continuing through New Year's, San Antonio's Christmas fest is led by a very funny "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Tuesday through Saturday through Dec. 27 at Beethoven Hall in HemisFair Park. Call (210) 227-2751 for times and tickets.

Delving into the city's Hispanic culture means checking out "Las Nuevas Tamaras," a hoot of a bilingual one-act comedy, Dec. 11-14 (210) 224-TKTS; Feria de Santa Cecilia & Fiestas Navidenas, the weekend holiday festival at Market Square through Dec. 21 (210) 207-8600; Fiesta de las Luminarias, the gorgeous lighting of the River Walk with 2,000 candles, Dec. 12-14 and 19-21; Gran Posada de San Antonio, a tradition since 1731, winding from Milam Park to El Mercado, City Hall, Bexar County Courthouse and ending at San Fernando Cathedral with a musical concert, Dec. 19 (210) 227-1297.

German heritage shines during the Die Deutsche Weihnachtsfeier, a traditional candlelight Christmas service conducted entirely in German, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at Central Christian Church, (210) 342-6034. For free brochures detailing lodging and dining, call the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau, (800) 447-3372.

Kids will especially get a kick out of Holiday in the Park at Six Flags' Fiesta Texas, Dec. 12-14, 19-23, 26-31 and Jan. 1-4. The San Antonio theme park, which is tucked inside a magnificent rock quarry on the outer rim of the Hill Country, is all dolled up with thousands of lights and hol-

iday shows and visited by Yuletide carolers and Santa Claus. (210) 697-5000.

If you need some pampering after all the revelry, check in at Lake Austin Spa Resort, where holiday packages are what you'll give yourself. Stay anytime during the Christmas season for three, four or seven days and get healthy holiday cooking classes, tour of lights cruise on Lake Austin, fireworks at New Year's, plus body treatments, fitness classes and top-notch lodging and meals. Prices start at \$990. Call (800) 847-5637.

Less than an hour north of Austin, Georgetown hosts its Holiday Home Tour, Dec. 13-14. On show are six historic, elegantly decorated houses, some of which aren't otherwise open to the public. The oldest is the John H. Foster House, built in 1896 and lovingly restored in 1984, while the newest is Atkinson House, a masterpiece bungalow with shingled exterior and cobbled chimneys, built in 1915. Tour hours are 1-5 p.m. and tickets are \$8. For details and lodging ideas, call (512) 930-5296.

RUN FOR THE HILLS: The ultimate Christmas shopping experience in Texas is found in Fredericksburg, which happens to be hosting the Gillespie County Historical Society's Christmas Candlelight Tour, Dec. 13. Among the 13 locations showcased on the tour are some of the town's magnificent churches, a wonderful old jail, various private homes and delightful bed-and-breakfast lodgings. The native limestone structures, some crafted in old German "fachwerk" style, will be lighted with candles or lanterns and decked out in holiday gear.

Tour hours are 3 to 9 p.m.; tickets are \$20 and can be ordered by calling (830) 997-2835.

AND ATTENTION, SHOPPERS: Fredericksburg will also host its annual Kristkindl Markt on Dec. 13, inviting travelers to experience an Old World Christmas market. That's in addition to the depth of boutiques and specialty shops lining Main Street. For details on shopping, lodging and dining, call the Fredericksburg Convention & Visitors Bureau at (830) 997-6523.

NORTH TEXAS: In Granbury's charming historic district, check out the antique shops, as well as Hennington's and other new restaurants, and stay at one of several B&Bs. Call (800) 950-2212 and (817) 573-5548.

History students dressed in period costumes guide visitors through the Stephenville Historical House Museum Complex during its annual Christmas open house, 2 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 14. The multibuilding complex, which includes Chapel on the Bosque, the 1869 Berry Cottage, primitive cabins, an 1880 ranch house and a schoolhouse, will be draped in lights and period decorations. For details, call (254) 968-4729.

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Travel deals available

By Janet Piorko
N.Y. Times News Service

STOP IN SOUTH AFRICA — African Travel, a Los Angeles tour company, is offering a three-night stopover in Cape Town at no extra charge to those buying one of four designated departures of its 12-day Kenya Explorer safari. The departures are March 11, April 15 and 22 and Dec. 2. (November and December and March to May are generally the rainy seasons in Kenya.) The trip must be booked in conjunction with South African Airways flights from New York or Miami to Kenya via South Africa. The safari includes accommodations with meals at the Mount Kenya Safari Club, Aberdare Country Club and Sweetwaters Tented Camp, with a safari by plane to the Mara Safari Club. The stopover in South Africa includes three nights at the Table Bay Hotel with breakfast. The price, including round-trip air fare from the United States, starts at \$3,690 a person, double occupancy. Information: (800) 421-8907 or (818) 507-7893.

CAR WITH A LIFT TICKET — Participating Budget Rent a Car locations in Albuquerque, San Francisco and Reno are offering skiers a voucher for a free one-day lift ticket with car rentals. The vouchers are good at Angel Fire Resort, Red River Ski Area and Ski Rio in New Mexico, or Northstar at Lake Tahoe. (Vouchers distributed in San Francisco can be redeemed only at Northstar.) In Denver and Colorado Springs, a related offer allows customers who buy a lift ticket at Copper Mountain to get another ticket at no extra charge. Lift tickets must be used during the rental period. The offer is good through April 15, with some blackout periods possible. Reservations: (800) 527-0700.

SEATTLE SAVING — A Seattle Super Saver Package offers up to 50 percent off rates at 25 hotels through March 31, with rates ranging from \$49 at the Pacific Plaza Hotel to \$155 at the Four Seasons Olympic. Reservations: (800) 535-7071 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Pacific standard time.

APRIL IN PARIS — French Country Waterways is including a night at the Hotel Meurice in Paris at no extra cost for couples taking a luxury barge cruise from March 29 to May 9. Discounts of \$800 a couple are in effect on the six-night cruises on five barges in Burgundy, Champagne and the Upper Loire. The package, which can be taken on the Saturday before or after the cruise, includes a one-day Paris museum pass for two, a \$100 gift certificate at a well-known shop selling leather and silk scarves, a room with buffet breakfast, tax and service. Cruise rates range from \$2,795 a person, double occupancy, on the Liberté, based in Burgundy, up to \$3,795 on the Princess, which sails in Champagne. Rates include meals on board, a dinner ashore, wines at lunch and dinner, open bar, tours and excursions. Information: (800) 222-1236; (781) 934-2454 in Massachusetts.

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Holiday events planned in Farmers Branch

FARMERS BRANCH (PRNewswire) — Once again, The City of Farmers Branch is a magical place as Victorian carolers lift their voices in song, horse-drawn carriages glide by with jingling bells, thousands of twinkling lights glow with warmth, and the aroma of steaming cups of wassail and fresh gingerbread fill the air. Visitors to Farmers Branch will be whisked away to another era with Dickens in the Park. Christmas Past and English Holiday teas, horse-drawn carriage rides, and be dazzled by a twinkling extravaganza, the City's renowned Christmas Lighting Display.

Yuletide festivities began with the annual lighting ceremony on Dec. 5 as over 400,000 lights — 48 miles of light strings — illuminated Farmers Branch Historical Park and surrounding areas, and a fireworks show filled the sky. The drive-through parade of lights includes large Christmas cards illustrating the twelve days of Christmas, snowmen, toy soldiers, reindeer and sleighs, and will light up each evening until Dec. 31.

Each weekend through Christmas, travel back in time and usher in the magic of Christmas with an authentic English tea. Teas are served at 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. each Saturday in the restored Dodson House located in Farmers Branch Historical Park. As a harp sets the enchanting mood, guests can sip a traditional "cuppa" from Royal Doulton China, accompanied by a lavish array of finger sandwiches, scones, tarts and other temptations. Reservations are encouraged as the maximum seating for these enchanting events is limited to 45 people.

Dickens in the Park brings a Victorian air to Farmers Branch on Dec. 13 this year. Step into the charming world of 19th century England with

delightful performances by professional entertainers in authentic costume. Members of the Pocket Sandwich Theater will present scenes from the Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" and the Dickens Carolers will beckon visitors to lift their voice in song, while bell choirs, string orchestras and the Dallas Chamber Singers perform additional holiday favorites.

Sarah Grant Reid will also reprise her rendition of Christmas in Victorian England and America.

Many of the buildings in the Farmers Branch Historical Park will be decked in holiday finery and docents will conduct tours of the park. Free horse-drawn carriage rides, resplendent in holiday bells, will provide a cozy glimpse of the entire Dickens in the Park festivities.

For more information call 1-800-BRANCH9 (1-800-232-6249) or 972-919-2620.

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'A Christmas Carol'

Three ghosts again haunt the Midland Community Theatre stage this Christmas as the theater presents Charles Dickens' classic tale of a miser's encounter with his destiny.

"The fact that it's lasted this long and created such a deep impression on our society even today is a testament to the brilliance of it," Tim Jebson, MCT's executive director, said of "A Christmas Carol." "There just aren't a lot of stories that transcend time like that story."

When Dickens penned his tale in the autumn of 1843, he was in financial distress. He needed to write and couldn't.

Depressed and in a state of near panic, he resumed his nightly London walks, hoping for inspiration. When he returned home from a walk by the tenements along the

Thames River one night, the idea of adapting a Christmas-goblin story from a chapter in "The Pickwick Papers" occurred to him. Thus, "A Christmas Carol" was born.

The production being staged by MCT stays close to the original tale, said Jebson. "It stays true to the book, but it's a little bit more of a upbeat version of the book."



ABOVE, Kathy Armstrong as the Ghost of Christmas Past confronts Scrooge, played by Michael B. Trost. AT TOP LEFT, the children's chorus sings "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." AT TOP RIGHT, Stan Hicks as Bob Cratchit endures harsh treatment from Scrooge.

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Stories by Georgia Temple

Photos by Brian Adamcik

Design by Missy Hallmark

'The Nutcracker'

A Christmas party held long ago and far, far away from the United States has given decades of enjoyment to Americans during the holiday season.

"We always thought of it as part of Christmas," Susan Harston Huff, board member of Midland Festival Ballet, said of "The Nutcracker," which will be presented here Saturday and Dec. 14.

"... My daughter was in it for years. It's just kind of an old world thing. I was raised around this stuff (her mother taught dance in Midland for years)."

First presented Dec. 17, 1892, at the Maryinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia, "The Nutcracker," with music by Tchaikovsky, is based on a fantasy tale by the

German writer, Ernst Theodor Amadeus Hoffman, whose work influenced Edgar Allen Poe and Charles Baudelaire. The first full-length American production was presented by San Francisco Ballet in 1944.

"The music is wonderful," Ms. Huff said.

The Midland Festival Ballet production features Russian dancer Asya Verzhbinsky, a soloist with the Birmingham Royal Ballet, whom Ms. Huff described as "quite beautiful."

"She was born in St. Petersburg, and at the age of 7 she was taken into the care of ballet school (Vaganova School)," Ms. Huff said. "At the age of 9, she was taken into the ballet company (Kirov Ballet). In 1979 — that's when they opened the gates for the first bunch of Jews to

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

PERSONAL EXPRESSIONS

By WILLIAM CANINE

ACROSS

- 1 Beaked fish
- 5 Dogpatch creator
- 9 Jazz form
- 14 Afterthoughts: Abbr.
- 17 Whale tale subject
- 18 Like birds
- 19 "— Arden"
- 20 Dart about
- 21 Broadway's favorite redhead
- 22 Actress Russo
- 23 Game of chance
- 24 Evaluate
- 25 Currently unavailable
- 26 Regrets
- 27 WWII vessel
- 28 Cut a canine
- 30 Tommy's mom to his pop?
- 33 Popeye's sweet potatoe
- 35 "Yes, —"
- 36 Outback denizens
- 37 Cockatoo cousin
- 38 — Romeo
- 42 Tool for Toulouse
- 44 Dogma
- 45 Separates, as flour
- 49 Former Labor Secretary and family
- 51 Ernie of golf
- 52 Venezuela neighbor
- 54 The goods
- 55 Religious art work
- 56 Group for GPs
- 57 Miss
- 58 Jazz star
- 60 In appreciation of
- 62 Reform Jacob
- 63 Wall Street's "Big Blue"
- 64 Writer Wallace
- 65 Neil's problem at Doris?
- 69 Throw
- 71 Partner for luck
- 72 Swenson of "Benson"
- 73 Warhead
- 75 Admission
- 77 Jumble

DOWN

- 2 "— take a sentimental ..."
- 3 Per —
- 3 Rear
- 4 Bedding
- 5 Marble center of Italy
- 6 Native Alaskan
- 7 Cigar Var
- 8 Inters
- 9 Ladies fair
- 10 Stan "The Man" teammate
- 11 Timothy at bat?
- 12 Fall abbr.
- 13 Pertaining to light
- 14 Socrates' student
- 15 Succinct
- 16 Superman's makeup
- 17 Ascetic Hindu
- 20 Let Rogers go?
- 29 Peron and Gabor
- 31 Where jeans hug
- 32 Enthusiast
- 34 Innocent one
- 36 Painter Hans
- 39 Luke's sister
- 40 An Oscar for Sally?
- 41 Possible sequel to Moss Hart's auto
- 43 Dud
- 44 People of "Angela's Ashes"
- 46 Truck Oliver?
- 47 Style
- 48 Seethe
- 50 Castro's capital
- 52 Japanese-bred dog
- 53 Perth —, N.J.
- 56 At the summit
- 57 Vijay of the PGA
- 59 Talsman
- 61 Jannings and Ludwig
- 62 Drench
- 63 Financial options, for short
- 66 Mtown's Ross
- 67 Orlando attraction
- 68 Asiat goat: antelope
- 69 Spotted cavy
- 70 Depraved
- 74 Devil, to Burns
- 76 Place of retirement or seclusion
- 77 Describing artist Ray?
- 78 Hit the silk
- 80 Actor
- 83 — up: snuggle
- 84 Hall of Fame pitcher Juan
- 85 Mowgli
- 87 London subway
- 89 Blamish
- 90 Expedites
- 93 Skalawag
- 94 Bobbins
- 96 Pose
- 97 Unfair treatment, with "the"
- 98 Bela's best
- 99 Charlie Chan
- 101 Ere's deValera
- 102 Blender button
- 103 Chemical compound
- 104 Retiring attire
- 105 Hall of Fame Speaker
- 108 Show biz prize
- 113 Gametes

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 1997

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 *** Passions are intense when it comes to a must appearance. You are more attractive than you realize. Follow instincts. You might want to take time off and get a nap or two in. You like playing hooky! Make time for yourself and some naughtiness. Tonight: Vanish quickly.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** Aim for what you want. Be with those you most enjoy. This could necessitate a last-minute trip or change in plans. Be careful to confirm meetings, to avoid misunderstandings. You can't be too careful. Accept an invitation. Tonight: Make the most of this weekend.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** You could easily become enraged. You are out of sorts, as your ruler, Mercury, goes into retrograde. Take a deep breath, and think about what you want. Take time to fulfill key responsibilities. A partner is helpful and supportive. Ask for what you need. Tonight: Finish errands.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 *** Be careful with what you say; your feelings and another's could be hurt. Misunderstandings that happen today could be complicated to resolve. A friend is loving. Reach

out for another who is at a distance. There is some special news. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 *** Extra care with finances pays off. You could make a mistake or be vulnerable to losing some money. Be flexible about change; a friend might reverse course. Spend time decorating, shopping and gift-wrapping. Tonight: Use the mistletoe well!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** Though in the mood to socialize and feeling full of fun, energy and charisma, you could easily become off kilter. Your ruler, Mercury, goes into retrograde, causing inner tension. A parent or boss could also become contrary. Keep the fun in your life. Tonight: Loosen up.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 *** You feel out of balance. Do for yourself, and be more concerned about getting enough rest. You will feel better if you take a back seat and don't worry. Dig into a favorite hobby. A family member joins in. Intensity marks the mood. Tonight: Watch a favorite movie.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 *** Your imagination knows no limits; use it to make new plans if a friend disappoints you. You have a good time, wherever you are. Passion is intense. Go out, talk, enjoy a long lunch with a friend. Your good humor and charisma make socializ-

ing special. Tonight: Be naughty.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 *** Once more, you feel pulled in two different directions. You want to loll around and stay home. It is quite possible you have a "must" appearance to make. Take care of some holiday errands if you want. Share feelings, and thank a loved one. Tonight: Get to bed early.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 *** A change in plans makes you moody. You push yourself very hard. Your responses are enthusiastic, especially as you see what you want realized. Creativity and feelings run high. Make holiday errands fun by asking a friend to join in. Tonight: Dine out at a favorite place.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 *** A friend might disappoint you. You will need to regroup, to think about it. Make time to complete holiday errands, make lists and visit with a special friend. Feelings come through. Don't stay angry; express your hurt. Someone shows his concern. Tonight: Indulge.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 *** You are on a roll, but others stun you. Family and a partner could be contrary. Let it be, and stay focused on what you want. Getting together with a friend could lead to great fun and parties. Opportunities abound to meet a new person. Tonight: Do whatever works for you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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SOUTH
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The bidding:
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 2♥ Pass 4♥ 6♦
 Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♥

When Edgar Kaplan, after a long fight, succumbed to cancer in early September, the bridge world lost one of its great personalities. He was many hats in a distinguished career: capable administrator, erudite writer, developer of a bridge system that bears his name and that of his erstwhile bridge partner, Alfred Sheinwald, who predeceased

him by only a matter of months; insightful commentator, who could entertain and teach understandably and with humor; and one of the best post-WW II American players whose partnership with Norman Kay was the most enduring in world-class competition. In March of this year, playing from a wheelchair, he won the Swiss Teams event at the Spring North American Championships. He sat North on this deal from that event, and was quick to report the stellar performance of his brilliant partner, the young Norwegian internationalist Geir Helgemo, who won the Hand of the Year trophy awarded by the International Bridge Press Association.

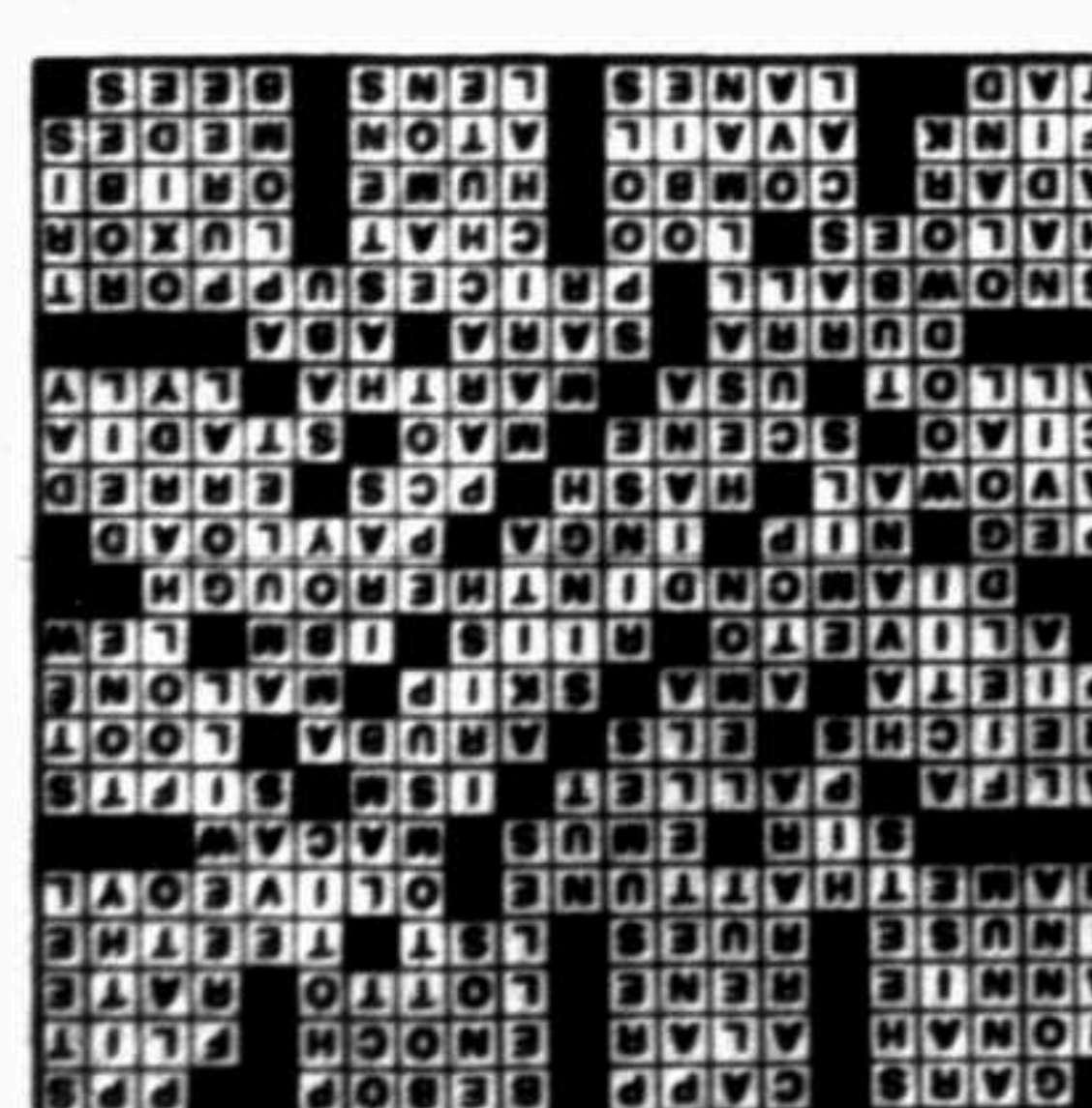
After West's weak two-heart opening bid was raised to game, Helgemo bounced into six diamonds. It seemed that, since spades were 4-2, declarer would have no way to avoid losing a trick in each black suit, but Helgemo had other ideas.

He ruffed the opening heart lead, cashed the ace of diamonds to draw both missing trumps, then led the deuce of spades to the seven! East tried to confuse the issue by winning with the jack of spades and returning the five; but Helgemo

deduced correctly that West might have thought about winning the first spade had he held an honor. He therefore ran the return to dummy's nine, and a club went away on a high spade. Making six-odd.

Note that, had East defended passively, Helgemo would have led the nine of spades next. Smothering the eight. A finesse of the six of spades on the third round of the suit then delivers the desired result.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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DECEMBER 7 - 13
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Altrusa Club: SLEIGH RIDE OF HOMES: 2-4pm, Four homes, interior Christmas decorations, call 682-1375, tickets must be purchased in advance, Admission charged.

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at <http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html>, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Film Series: Let We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II: Free showing every other Saturday at 1pm, moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

First Presbyterian Church: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: 6:30pm, Sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church, call 684-7821, Free.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: LITTLE HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION: participate in building a house, through January 4, 1998, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: Inspired by the Classics, through January 11, 1998, OPENING RECEPTION: 2-4pm, December 7, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 682-9303, Free.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of John DeFrance, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4556, Free.

Midland Arts Association: 1998 SPRING ART SHOW: Slide entries due January 5, Show opens March 6, Jurors are Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, call 699-7136.

Midland College: STUDENT ART SALE: 1-5pm, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College, Free.

Midland Community Theatre: FAMILY MUSICAL: A Christmas Carol, 2pm, Davis Theatre I, call 682-4111, 2000 W. Wadley, Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITION: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5pm, Admission free, call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Painting, through January 18, 1998, EXHIBITION: Decorator Trees, Holiday trees designed by artists and decorators are displayed throughout the Museum, December 8 through January 4, 1998, EXHIBITION: Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists Series, Richard Wood: Painting, richly colored and detailed paintings, through December 28, EXHIBITION: Ned Jacobs: Sol y Sombra, through January 4, 1998, the first major exhibition of his work in the Southwest since 1979,

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Midland Community Theatre: FAMILY MUSICAL: A Christmas Carol, 8pm, Davis Theatre I, call 682-4111, 2000 W. Wadley, Admission charged.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Midland Community Theatre: FAMILY MUSICAL: A Christmas Carol, 8pm, Davis Theatre I, call 682-4111, 2000 W. Wadley, Admission charged.

Midland Festival Ballet: NUTCRACKER BALLET: Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker, accompanied by the Midland/Odessa Symphony, 8pm, Lee High School Auditorium, 3500 Neely, call 563-0921, Admission charged.

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ABOVE, Cornel Crabtree will dance the role of the Cavalier in Midland Festival Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker." The ballet will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Robert E. Lee High School Auditorium.

AT RIGHT, Asya Verzhbinsky, soloist with the Birmingham Royal Ballet of Great Britain, will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in Midland Festival Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" Saturday and Dec. 14 at Lee High School Auditorium.

Also guesting with Midland Festival Ballet will be John "Johnny" Simons as Herr Drosselmeyer. Simons, INSET IN TEXT, is a co-founder of the Hip Pocket Theatre in Fort Worth, where he serves as artistic director and playwright-in-Residence.



DANCE: Classic ballet comes to Midland

(From 1E)

come out — her parents left. "They were professors of mathematics at the University of Russia. They spent five months in immigration. They were supposed to go to Israel, but then ended up in San Francisco where they were professors of mathematics."

At 14, Ms. Verzhbinsky was accepted into the San Francisco Ballet, Ms. Huff said. "She's very, very good."

Ms. Verzhbinsky came to the attention of Midland Festival Ballet through Cornell Crabtree, who will dance the role of the Cavalier.

"Cornell danced with her at the San Francisco Ballet and later at other ballet companies," Ms. Huff said.

Crabtree, who was born in Tripoli, Libya, to American parents who were serving in the diplomatic corps, began dancing at 14. He trained under scholarship at the San Francisco Ballet School and the School of American Ballet in New York.

He was asked to join the New York City Ballet in 1980. Most recently, he joined Valentina Koslova's touring company, "Daring," where he performs classical as well as contemporary repertoire by Margo Sappington. Crabtree occasionally performs as guest artist with Ballet Austin and calls San Antonio home.

The role of Herr Drosselmeyer also will be performed by a guest artist. A graduate of Texas Christian University, John "Johnny" Simons co-founded the Hip Pocket Theatre in Fort Worth in 1977. He serves as artistic director, playwright-in-residence and designs sound, media and sets and choreographs Hip Pocket productions. His Midland performance is a favor for a friend.

"He went to school with Judy (Coleman, Midland Festival Ballet artistic director) and has a degree in ballet and theater and a master in fine arts," said Ms. Huff. He has more than 44 origi-



Sets and most of the backstage work is handled by parents whose children are involved with Midland Festival Ballet, Ms. Huff said.

"Everything is updated and made to look fresh," Ms. Huff said. "We've had people working long, hard hours doing that."

The full ballet will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Dec. 14 at Lee High School Auditorium.

"It is a classic like 'Christmas Carol,'" Ms. Huff said of "The Nutcracker." "These are the things you should bring your children to growing up."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

nal scripts and 22 adaptations and has directed more than 122 plays. He is very well known."

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For Dickens, a little Christmas novel brought newfound faith in himself

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

He was 31 years old and deeply troubled.

He thought he had arrived at the zenith of his career, yet those who paid him indicated his income might be cut. He spent the summer worrying about his mounting bills, especially, the large mortgage on his house.

Forced to go to work when he was 12 because his father was imprisoned, the taste of poverty still clung to him. And now his father and brothers pleaded for loans. Already he had difficulty supporting his four children, and his wife, Kate, was again expecting.

The year could be 1997. It isn't. Instead, it is 1843. And the "he" is Charles Dickens, one of the best-loved English novelists of the 19th century and author of such books as "Great Expectations," "A Tale of Two Cities" and "David Copperfield."

Yet, this same Dickens wrote the following words to a friend during the summer of 1843: "The wrong kind of fire is burning in my head, and I don't think I can write. Nevertheless, I am trying."

By early October, he felt desperate. He hoped resuming his nightly London walks would spark his creativity. He walked past London's better neighborhoods and toward the tenements along the Thames River. Nothing came to him. Then, as he neared his home, that flash of inspiration he so hoped for hit. What about a Christmas story?

But, Christmas was less than three months away. Whatever he wrote would have to be completed

by the end of November to be printed and distributed in time for Christmas. What about adapting a Christmas-goblin story from a chapter in "The Pickwick Papers"?

"Once started on its course, his 'Christmas Carol' ran away with him," wrote Eleanor Farjeon in the introduction to The Oxford Illustrated Dickens Christmas Books. "He wept at it and laughed, and wept again; it so excited him that in the small hours, when all sober folks had gone to bed," he walked London's back streets for 15 and 20 miles possessed by it.

Thomas J. Burns tells the background behind "A Christmas Story" in a December 1989 Reader's Digest article entitled "The Second Greatest Christmas Story Ever Told."

"Gradually, in the course of his writing, something surprising happened to Dickens," Burns said. "What had begun as a desperate, calculated plan to rescue himself from debt — 'a little scheme,' as he described it — soon began to work a change in the author."

"As he wrote about the kind of Christmas he loved — joyous family parties with clusters of mistletoe hanging from the ceiling; cheerful carols, games, dances and gifts; delicious feasts of roast goose, plum pudding, fresh breads, all enjoyed in front of a blazing yule log — the joy of the season he cherished began to alleviate his depression. A 'Christmas Carol' captured his heart and soul. It became a labor of love."

Dickens became so caught up in the story, he even took charge of the design of the book. On Dec. 2 the manuscript was ready to go to

the printers. The author's copies were delivered Dec. 17.

"And when, in December, he launched it off his own chest on to his public's," said Ms. Farjeon, "he let himself loose like a madman in the keeping of his first Christmas after his first Christmas book. 'Such dinings,' he writes to an American friend, 'such dances, such conjurings, such blindman's-buffings, such theater-goings, such kissings-out of old years and kissings-in of new ones, never took part in these parts before.'"

Dickens had no doubt that "A Christmas Carol" would be popular; however, neither he nor his publisher were ready for the response that came.

"The first edition of 6,000 sold out by Christmas and as the little book's heartwarming message spread, Dickens later recalled, he received 'by every post, all manner of letters about their homes and hearths, and how the 'Carol' is read aloud there, and kept on a very little shelf by itself,'" Ms. Farjeon said.

Among those who wrote to Dickens was Lord Francis Jeffrey, an eminent Scottish judge and critic.

"You should be very happy with yourself," Jeffrey said, "for you may be sure you have done more good by this little publication, fostered more kindly feelings, and prompted more positive acts of beneficence than can be traced to all the pulpits and confessional in Christendom since Christmas 1842."

The importance of "A Christmas Carol" in its own time is easy to overlook from the vantage point of more than 150 years distance. Dickens was a social commentator

and, at heart, a self-proclaimed reformer. His sympathy lay with the downtrodden, for he knew what it was like to be poverty stricken.

"Charles was removed from school at the age of 12 to supplement the family income through work in a shoe blacking factory," wrote Stefan R. Dziemianowicz in "The Hidden Charles Dickens."

"At almost the same time, the rest of his family was thrown into debtor's prison," Dziemianowicz said. "The humiliation of his family, combined with the pain of separation from them affected the sensitive young Dickens profoundly. The sanctity of home and family and the ill effects of wealth on traditional values were to become favorite subjects in his work and, in time, emblems for the age he wrote about."

In "A Christmas Carol," Dickens uses Scrooge's indifference and later repentance to illuminate the horrors of workhouses and prisons.

"So loud this Victorian prophet cried poverty's warning, that men began to erase some of the writing on the wall," said Ms. Farjeon. "If Dickens's Society loomed larger than life, even he did not exaggerate the ills it countenanced. Among these were the prisons and workhouses of 1843."

"They were not to be borne," he cried, "they were unbearable!" He made them unbearable to his vast public; what the public can bear no longer is compelled to change. It takes an irresistible force to do this singlehanded. Dickens had it, and it surged through the first of his Christmas Books."

The publication in December of

1843 of "A Christmas Carol" provided a landmark in Dickens's literary career.

"The passage of time since that date has proved it not only his finest ghost story but arguably the most famous of all his works," wrote Peter Haining in "The Complete Ghost Stories of Charles Dickens."

"On top of all this, it began a tradition amongst publishers — still widely observed today — of issuing a special volume for the Christmas season, in particular one with a ghostly or supernatural theme," Haining said.

"In announcing the tale of the miser Scrooge and his transformation at the hands of supernatural agencies, Dickens called the work 'A Ghost Story of Christmas!' — and as a result of its extraordinary success he went on to publish four more titles for the season, all of which he referred to as 'Christmas Books.'"

Haining, who credits "A Christmas Carol" as the "book which founded the tradition of telling ghost stories at Christmas," points out that in some circles "A Christmas Carol" also is credited with having invented the idea of white Christmases.

"According to Professor Hubert Lamb of the climatic research unit at East Anglia University, snowy Christmases are actually very infrequent, and the belief in them, 'owes a good deal to Charles Dickens and 'A Christmas Carol.'"

"Professor Lamb found the explanation for the belief during research into past weather records, which showed that for the first eight years of Dickens's life there was a white Christmas every

year with either snow or white hoar frost," Haining said. "Though this may well have left a vivid memory of Christmas weather with Dickens, says the professor, it was very much a freak period."

"The idea of a white Christmas is fairly mythical, you see," Haining quotes Lamb as having said. "Christmas Day and the days either side have a rather good sunshine record. The most characteristic picture is of a rather quiet, sunny period between more disturbed winter weather."

Dickens also is credited by J.A. Hammerton in an introduction to a library of Dickens's works published in 1910 with giving "enduring expression" to everything an old English Christmas stood for — "good fellowship and kindness of heart. It attached to it new ideas and gave it a place in literature."

In his own time, Dickens was called by some, the Apostle of Christmas. Burns said, "And, at his death in 1870, a poor child in London was heard to ask: Dickens dead? Then will Father Christmas die, too?"

"A Christmas Carol" did not solve Dickens's financial woes. He made enough to scrape by, and as Burns said, the novella's tremendous popularity revived Dickens's audience for subsequent novels.

"In the midst of self-doubt and confusion, a man sometimes does his best work," said Burns. "From the storm of tribulation comes a gift. For Charles Dickens, a little Christmas novel brought new, found faith in himself and in the redemptive joy of the season."

PLAY: Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' returns to MCT

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Of all the versions of "A Christmas Carol," Jebson said, "Actually, I like this one the best. I've directed other versions. There's a musical version called 'Mr. Scrooge' that I've done twice."

Jebson's wife, Lisa, is in her third season of touring with the Omaha Community Theatre production, which is the same adaptation that MCT presents. Jebson also has seen this same version at Theatre Memphis.

"I actually haven't directed this version before," Jebson said. He laughed. "Needless to say, I'm familiar with the script."

The production is onstage at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., in Davis Theatre I through Dec. 21. Co-produced by Conoco, the show is rated as a family musical.

"I like this one because it doesn't try to be a musical where the music advances the plot," Jebson said. "The music is more

atmosphere, and I think creates the spirit and emotions of Christmas that surround Dickens' story rather than try to enhance it."

Principals are Michael Trost as Scrooge; Tammy Carhart, Jim Miller, Gary Simmons, Kathy Armstrong, Drew Anderson, Jay Rathbone, Sheree Semmelbeck, Dave Theobald, Jim Weaver, Kurt Esslinger, Katherine Avakian, Clark Hodge, Amanda Rambo, Tami Glenn, Marcus Nunn, Stan Hicks, Danielle Puryear, Sarah Williams, Benjamin Long, Ann Lowe, Sarah Walker, Valerie Jackopin, Kristen Riek, Natalie Swanner and Meredith Madden.

The choristers and the dance ensemble feature Ms. Avakian, Sabrina Bergerson, Pat Caldwell, Tommye Douglas, Kathryn Dunn, Latisha Fletcher, Guillermo Garcia, Paula Henry, Timothy Huchton, Albert Karch, Ryan Martin, Toika Mason, Lyn Miller, Katie Ransbottom, and Brian Simmons.

The children's ensemble includes Abby Anderson, Miranda Chesson, Zack Gill, Justin

Henry, Abbye Irons, Shelly Irvin, Sydney Jackopin, Jon Lambdin, Baylor Long and Robert Lowe.

"It's a nice mix of people who have done the show before and people who are new," Jebson said of the cast.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Group rates are available at half the price of regular admission. For reservations call 682-4111.

"The best thing about the show

is that the audience leaves the theater remembering what Christmas is all about," Jebson said. "To me, Christmas is a time of reflection on your past and looking toward your future."

"That's what Scrooge does in the show and, hopefully, that's what we do. We think about what we have done and what we want to do in the future."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & Entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Group show opens

Members and friends of Gallery 1114 will open a group show entitled "Inspired by the Classics" today. The public is invited to a reception and open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

The show will remain through Jan. 11. Members of the gallery include Kitt Beck, Travis Beckham, Rosa Ellis Clark, Karen Hembree, Olivia Hill, Sharon Navage, Tom Whiles and Lee Wiesenfeld.

Artist "friends" include John De France, Danny Holeva, Joyce Howell and Kent Moss.

The show will include clay, mixed media and 3-D construction as well as drawing, painting, photography and prints made by traditional or digital means.

Gallery 1114 is an alternative space for modern and contemporary art located at 1114 N. Big Spring St. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Christmas musicals

Kelview Heights Baptist Church has several musical presentations planned with a Christmas theme beginning today with the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday service offering of "The Wonder of Christmas" by the adult choir.

On Dec. 14, the youth choir will present "Bethlehem, A.D.," a contemporary look at the Christmas story during the morning worship times. Then, at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14, the 3rd through 6th grade choir will present "It All Happened in the Country," a telling of the Christmas story by a modern day country family.

The public is invited to attend any of the special offering being presented by the church's music ministry.

Musical presented

The children's choirs of St. Luke's United Methodist Church will celebrate the second Sunday of Advent by presenting "A Festival of Christmas Music" at 5 p.m. today in the sanctuary, 3011 W. Kansas Ave.

The carol and Wesley Choirs will present the musical "Calling All Angels" by Helen Kemp, directed by Bert W. Bostic, minister of program and music. The musical embraces the Annunciation, the season of Advent, and the Christmas event. Linda Fox will portray the angel Gabriel and choir members will become the angel host singing "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" Also participating will be the Cherub Choir, ages 3-4, and the Angel Choir, grade K-1.

The public is invited to attend.

Painting displayed

A painting by Margaret Earhart is on display this month at BankOne.

The painting is of a New Mexico

adobe house. Ms. Earhart is a long-time member and honorary director of the Midland Palette Club Art Center and a member of Midland Arts Association.

Paintings on display

Paintings by Merle Burleson Taylor are on display at Midland American Bank this month.

Mrs. Taylor is the immediate past president of the Midland Arts Association and is also a member of the Palette Club. She retired in 1993 after 25 years as an art teacher at Lee High School. Her paintings are in oil and watercolor varying subject and technique.

Tree lighting set

The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is hosting its 11th annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing at 7 p.m. Monday.

Holiday songs will be performed by the Sun Country Gentlemen. Attendees will be allowed into the facility to see the decorator trees, the exhibits, and to have punch and cookies with Santa. The event lasts from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Decorator trees are by Permian Interiors, Antiques Etc./Dan Haller, Crafts Bazaar, Cynthia Wolfe, Flowerland, A-1 Floral, Connolly Architects AIA, Judy Corrigan/Mary de Compiegne, and Lynn Layman's fifth-grade class at Greathouse Elementary. The trees will remain on display through Jan. 4.

Collection shown

The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., and the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University in Odessa, are exhibiting the collection of James A. Michener.

Entitled "Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of 20th Century American Art," the exhibition reflects the interests of the author and his wife. The collection was given to the University of Texas at Austin. The selections being shown here are part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

For specific information call the Museum of the Southwest, 683-

2882, or the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 550-3811. Hours at both facilities are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Classic performed

ODESSA — To celebrate Christmas, the Kaleidoscope Company of the Permian Playhouse will be performing "Babes in Toyland." This Holiday classic is set in Mother Goose village and everyone is decorating for Christmas. They are all very excited about the holidays until the wicked landlord, Barnaby, steps in and cancels Christmas. Tom-Tom, the village hero decides to journey to Toyland to meet the Master Toy maker and ask him to save Christmas. This adventure is filled with music and dancing.

Performances will be Dec. 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 2:30 p.m. Two performances will be on Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

For more information, call the box office at 362-2329.

Presentation set

The Lee High School and Lee Freshman orchestras, under the direction of Karen McAfee, will present "A Classic Christmas Concert" on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School auditorium.

Everyone is invited and admission is free.

Works exhibited

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will be holding an exhibition of work by freshman and sophomore students at the Third Floor Gallery.

The exhibition remains through Jan. 4, 1998.

Works displayed

Work by Ned Jacob is on display in the exhibition "Ned Jacob: Sol y Sombra" at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through Jan. 4.

Jacob is known for his portrayal of horses, American Indians, African tribesmen and landscapes involving sun and shadow. He is a realist as his oils, pastels and drawings attest.

His early drawing talent was

encouraged by his family who exposed him to fine art with visits to the great museums in the East. Following graduation from high school in New Jersey, Jacob hitchhiked to Montana where, in spite of knowing little about horses, he worked as a guide and as a trading post clerk. In Montana, he met Ace Powell, artist and illustrator, and his artist wife, Nancy McLaughlin, who helped him with study materials, advice on fundamentals, assistance and reassurance.

In Montana he became friends with and lived with the Blackfoot Indian tribe, sketching and painting their lives. His first one-man show in 1959 was of his Blackfoot studies.

An Arizona Highways article on the Russian-born artist Nikolai Fechin, who lived in Taos, N.M., lured Jacob southwest. He established a studio in Denver in 1966, but, inspired by the work of Joachin Sorolla, Jacob traveled to Spain to study. After receiving a J.F. and Anna Lee Stacey Fellowship, he went to Russia where he studied the art of Fechin's con-

temporaries and painted the people and landscape of Russia. Later, he traveled to Morocco where he painted the native Berber tribes.

The exhibition is made possible by underwriting by Mrs. Fred T. Hogan and the support of Karen and Spencer Beal and Permian Cardiology Associates.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Play presented

SAN ANGELO — The San Angelo Civic Theatre, 1936 Sherwood Way, presents "The Dangerous Christmas of Red Riding Hood" Dec. 11-14 and 18-21.

All shows are at 8 p.m. except the matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students, seniors and military, and \$4 for children 12 and under. For reservations or more information call the theater's box office, 1-915-949-

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3. A completed entry form must be attached to each entry.
4. Entry must be 100 words or less.
5. Entries should be mailed to: Holiday Season Contest, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.
6. Entries must be postmarked by December 22, 1997.
7. Meals ground transportation, airport taxes and any other travel expenses are not included and are the sole responsibility of the winner. In the event that a Fairfield Inn by Marriott is not located in general vicinity of the Southwest published destination selected, winners will be responsible for their own accommodations.
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Program

Pre-school children to meet "Mrs. S. Duck Quacker" holiday story. The Midland Library from 10 to 11 a.m. The event is Children's Day. Children's Day library. Includes will be Opera and a Jingle. Those attending bring a camera. Information call 688-

Spring Show

Midland Arts Spring Show is April 5 at the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Slide deadline will be Jessica Hines. Ms. Zerk painter of children's portraits. author of the "articles in Southwest" for 12 years. Operated the ProArt workshop. now show their gallery in Big T. Ms. Zemsky a duct a workshop. dren and life pa. Advance registr. due by Feb. 6. For more Marie Marinov

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 6E)

4400. Musical director Tracy Womack leads a chorus of 29 voices in this varied adaptation of the Red Riding Hood tale. The production is being directed by Susan Kratzenberg.

Program planned

Pre-school children are invited to meet "Mrs. Santa" and "Xmas Duck Quackers" during a free holiday storytelling program at the Midland County Public Library from 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 15.

The event is sponsored by the Children's Department of the library. Included in the activities will be Operation Gingerbread and a Jingle-Bells Sing-a-Long. Those attending are invited to bring a camera. For more information call 688-8991 or 699-7820.

Spring Show set

Midland Arts Association's Spring Show is set for March 6-April 5 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Slide deadline is Jan. 5. Jurors will be Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines. Ms. Zemsky is a leading painter of children and a distinguished portraitist. Hines is the author of the "Creative Process" articles in Southwest Art Magazine for 12 years. The two have operated the Zemsky-Hines ProArt workshops for 24 years and now show their work in their own gallery in Big Timber, Mont.

Ms. Zemsky and Hines will conduct a workshop on painting children and life painting March 6-8. Advance registration fee of \$175 is due by Feb. 6.

For more information call Marie Marinovich, 699-7136.

Entries accepted

The Southern Watercolor Society has announced a call for entries for its 21st annual juried exhibition to be held at the Heritage Hall Museum in Talladega, Ala.

Eligible work is limited to painting in water-based medium on paper or watercolor board, unvarnished. All works must have been completed in the last three years and must not have been shown in previous SW exhibitions.

Paintings must be original, not copies of work, including published photographs by persons other than the artist, and must be completed without supervision. Deadline for receipt of slides is Jan. 30.

Juror is Carole Barnes of Boulder, Colo. Ms. Barnes is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society.

The reception for the artists is set for 2 to 4 p.m. April 19. For a



Explosion of lights

One million lights and lighted displays create a magical Christmas wonderland in San Angelo now through Dec. 31. San Angelo's Concho Christmas Celebration is the largest Christmas lights project in West Texas and one of the largest in the state. Featuring the frontier heritage, the colorful explosion of lights begins at the entrance to Old Fort Concho and follows the heritage trail to the Concho River. There is a walking tour of the lights and a mile driving tour. For more information call the San Angelo Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1-915-653-1206.

prospectus send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Susan Johnston, P.O. Box 476, Bethany, WV 26032.

Art classes held

ODESSA — "Adventures in Art" classes dealing with art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art are held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University.

Deadline for registration is Friday before each Sunday class. The program is funded in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts, Shell Oil Company Foundation, Marathon Oil Company, Phillips Petroleum Company and Mobil Oil Foundation.

For more information call Annie Stanley, education coordinator, 1-915-368-7222.

Cruise offered

The Blakemore Planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest is offering a "Solar Eclipse Cruise" Feb. 21-28 on Carnival Cruise

Line's "Fascination."

The planetarium has obtained premier space on this ship for this special event at a savings of \$500 per person. Cost is \$1,825 per person, double occupancy and includes round trip airfare from Midland to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

A deposit of \$200 is required to hold reservations. Final payment is due by Dec. 15. For more information call 550-4611 or 1-800-842-4393. The tour is being handled by Any Seasons Travel, Odessa.

The February eclipse will be the last total solar eclipse visible from the Western Hemisphere during the 20th century.

Candlelight tour

FREDERICKSBURG — The Gillespie County Historical Society's Christmas Candlelight Tour is set for 3 to 9 p.m. Dec. 13.

The tour features 13 different locations, with some of the locations having more than one building. All locations will be lit by candles and or lanterns and decorated for Christmas.

Tour tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by mail by sending check to the Gillespie County Historical Society, 312 W. San Antonio St., Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. For more information call 1-830-997-2835 or e-mail GCHS@KTC.COM.

Night parade set

FORT STOCKTON — The 1997 Fort Stockton Christmas Night Parade will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

Judging will begin at 5:30 p.m. this year's theme is "Christmas from the Heart." for entry forms call Stephanie Monroe, 1-915-336-8562 or 1-915-336-8677 or Kenda Furman at 1-915-336-8525 or 1-915-395-2435. The parade is sponsored by Beta Theta Gamma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Public tours set

RUIDOSO, N.M. — The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts has launched regularly scheduled public tours of the \$20 million Antoine Predock-designed landmark structure on Airport Highway 220, northeast of Ruidoso.

The tours are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. In order to ensure enough tour guides are available, Mari Hein, Spencer box office manager, has requested that visitors, if possible, call ahead to reserve a tour time. The box office number is 1-505-336-4800.

Performances set

FORT WORTH — Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera," directed by Harold Prince and presented by Cameron Mackintosh and The Really Useful Theatre Company, Inc., will begin performances at the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall here July 22 through Aug. 16, 1998, for a limited premiere engagement of four weeks.

Currently, mail orders and group sales are being accepted only; ticket prices will range from \$27 to \$67.

"The Phantom of the Opera," which had its U.S. premiere on

Jan. 26, 1988, at the Majestic Theatre on Broadway, went on to win seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, seven Drama Desk Awards and three Outer Critics Circle Awards. The original London production opened on Oct. 9, 1986, at Her Majesty's Theatre, winning every major British theater award, including the Olivier and Evening Standard Awards.

Mail order forms are available in person at Casa Manana's Box Office, 3101 W. Lancaster. For more information call Casa Manana, 1-817-332-2272, or fax 1-817-332-5711.

Deadline set

BEAUMONT — Slide entry deadline in the Tri-State Plus 1998, the 30th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, is Jan. 10.

The exhibition is open to all U.S. artists and all media are accepted. Juror will be Harrison Itz, director, Harris Gallery, Houston. Show dates are March 14-April 11.

For prospectus send SASE to Beaumont Art League, 2675 Gulf St., Fair Park, Beaumont, Texas 77703, or call 1-409-833-4179.

Artist selected

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Midland artist Sharon V. Ross Jackson was selected to exhibit a painting at the Fall American Art Show and Sale at the Museum of the Horse here. The show opened in November and remains until Jan. 4.

Her work is in collections in 17 countries. Her romantic-realistic images are produced in the traditions of Italian Renaissance painting. Born and raised in Midland, the artist also spent many of her adult years living in Dallas and Houston.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 7E)

Special exhibit

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St., is hosting the special exhibition, "Partners Across America: Girl Scouts & First Ladies."

Also on display at the facility is a portrait of President Bill Clinton and a miniature of First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

And, until the end of December, the facility will house an exhibit featuring "The Golden Anniversary of the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council" and another featuring selected "First Families."

Art displayed

The Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and J. Evetts Haley History Center is displaying miniature art through the holiday season.

Participating artists include Carolyn Anderson, Wayne Baize, Cindy and Terry Burleson, Guy Coleach, Rose Ann Day, Valoy Eaton, Joni Falk, Vel Miller, Bill Mittag, Ned Muller, Don Ray, Sandy Scott, Lowell E. Smith, Richard Thompson, James Trigg, Bernard Vetter and Fritz White.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 682-5785.

Works exhibited

Works by Richard Wood are in the "Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists" exhibition at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through Dec. 28.

This show concludes the "Texas Realists" segment of the Contemporary Artists Series. A new series, "Eclectic Visions," begins in January with paintings by New Mexico artist Jim Wagner.

Wood's richly colored, detailed oil paintings of doors and windows are described as photo real. Woods states that he looks at ordinary objects that are generally just glanced at and enlarges them to portray the details. He also is a portraitist.

Born in 1951 in Texarkana, Wood now lives in Seabrook where he has his studio. He earned a master of fine arts from the University of Oklahoma and a bachelor of fine arts from the University of Texas.

His work has been shown in numerous solo and group exhibitions. In the 1996 Visual Arts Alliance Open Exhibition in Houston, Wood's work was named Best of Show. His work is in collections from New York to Texas. He is represented by Hooks-Epstein Galleries, Inc., of Houston.

The "Texas Realists" series is supported by a grant from the de Compiegne-Wallace Foundation. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Scripts accepted

The Summer Mummies of Midland Community Theatre, in preparation for the 50th anniversary season, is accepting melodrama scripts for consideration.

Authors are to contact the MCT business office, 682-2544, for specific script requirements. Scripts need to be mailed to Summer Mummies, c/o MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705, and must be received no later than Dec. 19 to be considered.

Live entertainment

ODESSA — Chelsea Street Pub

and Grill, located in the Music City Mall here, features live entertainment beginning at 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Those attending are asked to use the outside entrance after mall hours.

Upcoming performances include Allan Mayes, Dec. 9-13; Karaoke, Dec. 16; Electric Gypsies, Dec. 17-20; Joker Spade, Dec. 21 and 26-27; Dan & Rick, Dec. 22-23; and David Trout, Dec. 29-31.

For more information call Chelsea's at 1-915-368-0949.

Work displayed

ODESSA — A showing of work by Pam Price is on display in the Options gallery at Odessa College through Dec. 18.

The exhibit is entitled "Woman Who Runs With the Computers." Hours are 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Traveling exhibit

"Little House Under Construction" is currently at the Freda Turner Durham Children's Museum of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

In this traveling exhibit, children participate in many of the processes used in building a house. "Little House Under Construction" was created by the Rainbow Children's Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, and is sponsored by Connolly & Associates, Larry Stewart, Mid-Tex of Midland, Kahler Construction, Builders at Homeowners Supply Company, Mims & Stephens Insurance, Institute of Pain Management, and the Junior League of Midland.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues-

day through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Classics aired

Explore some of the best stories, poems and essays of the Southwest in "StoryLines America" when area public radio stations and the local public library team up to give readers and listeners a new opportunity to enjoy regional literature.

Sundays through Dec. 28, KOCV, FM-91.3, and KNEW, FM-88.7, will air a weekly series of discussion programs featuring classics with a Southwestern theme. Listeners will be able to take part in the programs by way of an 800 telephone number.

Books include "Death Comes for the Archbishop" and "Bless Me, Ultima."

KNEW will carry the first hour of the program at 8 p.m. and KOCV will air the second hour at 9 p.m. Midland County Public Library has a limited number of each book.

"StoryLines America" is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and administered by the American Library Association. For a series schedule visit Midland County Public Library or Centennial Branch Library.

Presentation set

FORT WORTH — Casa Manana has announced the national tour of "West Side Story" will be presented at 8 p.m. Dec. 10-12 at Will Rogers Auditorium, 1 Amon Carter Square, here.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$37.50 and are available by calling 1-817-332-CASA or any TicketMaster outlet.

three programs could be so similar when they're all competing for a pie that's shrinking over time."

But the networks continue to make a big deal about the Nielsen ratings. They continue to point out that Brokaw topped Jennings a while back and the two have been sparring in the ratings. They tell us that Rather — who really does have the best news — has scored a few second place finishes and seems to be rallying (as the entire CBS network does, which is no coincidence).

We are kept up to date on this three-way race constantly.

But really, isn't that race already over?

Network news: Dinosaurs struggle for survival

By Tim Goodman
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — "Network news is a dinosaur."

That sentiment was first uttered by David Hill, president of Fox Television. He didn't pause to carefully consider the remark. He knew it to be true.

You have to understand that Hill will say just about anything. But the question that sparked it was about the future of Fox, the country's fourth-largest network and one that is growing rapidly and is closing in on the others. Fox looks to the future — it's a cutting-edge network.

No national network news? It's almost unthinkable to a country that spawned Edward R. Murrow, Walter Cronkite and the Huntley-Brinkley tandem. The anchors — even today — are like gods at each network. Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings are household names. They are sitting at the top of a mountain that television journalists have tried to climb for years. Sitting in that anchor chair for a half-hour each night is the ultimate symbol of power.

Except for Bryant Gumbel. He was rumored for years to be a replacement for either Brokaw or, on the free-agent market, for Dan Rather. But he didn't want it. He flat out said no.

"I have never aspired to, never dreamt of, never tried to become an evening news anchor," Gumbel said. At the time, Gumbel was promoting something apparently more prestigious these days — a newsmagazine.

Even Geraldo Rivera, freshly signed to NBC, doesn't really want to anchor. He wants to be part of a newsmagazine.

Which makes the comment from Hill resonate ever more — the network news is a dinosaur concept.

"They're alive for awhile. I wouldn't call them dinosaurs. On the other hand, they're just now a part of the news panorama. They're no longer the leading voice in America," said Roger Ailes, chairman and chief executive of Fox News.

Fox provides news for its affiliates but has no interest in "branding" itself a network news identity. The reason, as Ailes and others — particularly those in the cable world — have noted, is simple: News doesn't happen when Rather and company are prepared to give it to you.

Clearly those news shows have very little news in them. By 6 or 7 at night, people have seen the news. Ailes said "They can flip to CNN or Fox News Channel and get the news at 4:38 when they walk in the door, if they want to. They don't have to wait for the news."

The result of competition, people working later and long commutes has been a kind of dumbing down of the network news — more pre-packaged features that have been dubbed "news lite." To their cred-

'They're alive for awhile. I wouldn't call them dinosaurs. On the other hand, they're just now a part of the news panorama. They're no longer the leading voice in America.'

— Roger Ailes,
chairman and chief executive of Fox News

it, CBS has held out the longest against this trend. But by and large, the three networks end up running strikingly similar newscasts.

Even Andrew Heyward, president of CBS News, recognized that

when he discussed the issue in the summer. "It amazes me how similar they've been over the years, given that we're in a market-driven economy. As I've said before, Adam Smith would be spinning in his grave. ... It's astonishing that

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EDUCATION



Students decked out as reindeer, at left, and listening to a teacher read a Christmas story, below, take part in a "Winter Celebration" at Bush Elementary School.

Photos by Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram



Together for the Holidays

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Together for the holidays. One theme can bring small children from three different schools closer together. It's about forging friendships.

About 200 kindergarten students from Midland elementary schools Bush, Washington and Lamar took part in a "Winter Celebration" at Bush as part of the three schools' annual cluster activities.

Teachers said the exercise in the Bush cafeteria helps the children from the three schools get to know each other while they learn holiday themes.

Under the Agreed Judgment between MISD and the federal government that's geared toward desegregated schools, elementary students are in clusters of three schools. One school each is designated as either a fourth-, fifth- or sixth-grade campus for students from all three schools.

The cluster activities for kindergarten through third grade allow children from one school to meet

children from the other schools.

Mary Schultz and Kathy Noel, teachers from Washington Elementary, read "The Christmas Cookie Sprinkle Sniffer" to a group of Lamar, Washington and Bush children.

Ms. Schultz said the activity was a great way to introduce the children to holiday activities while they learn about each other.

"They're going to learn things about traditions,

such as making cookies and singing songs like 'Jingle Bells,'" she said. "It gives the kids a chance to know each other before they're together in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in a different school."

Shanna Hagler, a kindergarten

teacher at Lamar, was with a different group of children. She said it's all about hands-on learning.

"I hope the children enjoy being with children from other schools as we celebrate the holidays," she said.

"We teach them how the different countries around the world celebrate Christmas. We tell them the stories and we include writing activities and student activities."

"Usually if you have a story and talk about it and have some activity it makes it a lot easier for them to understand."

Fellow teacher Judy Buchalew helped Ms. Hagler teach the chil-

dren. Ms. Buchalew said the children already are looking forward to the holidays.

"Oh, yes, they are a little worked up. It will get worse," she said.

The teachers divided the 200 children into smaller groups. One group sang songs and had story time, another made reindeer-antler hats and another group waved jingle bells up and down.

Pam Pace led a group of excited children as they played with jingle bells on the Bush cafeteria stage.

Some students in the jingle-bell group were living up on a recent dreary morning. They know what Christmas is about.

"It's a time to decorate the tree. It's pretty," said Paul Barutt, who's from Lamar.

"(We have Christmas) because it's for us to share," said Aaron Carrillo, from Lamar.

"Do we get to take these home?" asked Lindsay Boen, from Bush, as she held up her bell.

Tiffany Allen, from Washington, said she already knows what she wants for Christmas.

"I want an Etch-a-Sketch. An Etch-a-Sketch is a toy. I'd draw two things on an Etch-a-Sketch. I'd make a picture of me playing with me," she said.

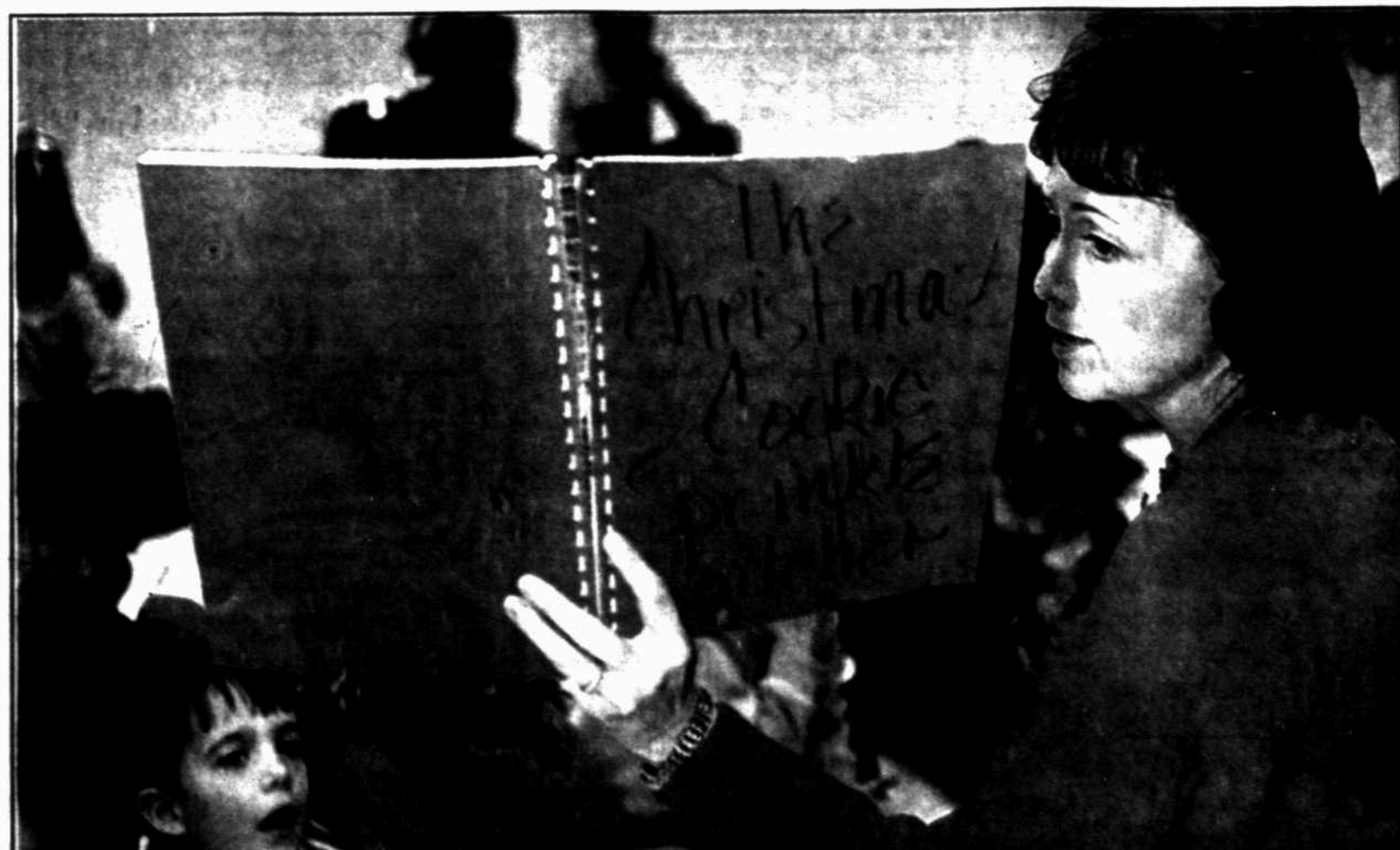
The activity will teach the children about the holidays with the winter break just around the corner.

Ms. Schultz can hardly believe that the fall semester is coming to a close. Students dismiss for the holiday on Dec. 18 and return on Jan. 5.

"I can't believe we've already had 74 days of school. It's gone by fast," she said. "Then the hard part comes when we come back, (when we review)."



Bush Elementary teacher Cheryl Rankin, above, passes out cookies. Below right, Judy Buchalew, of Lamar Elementary reads to students. A group of Lamar Elementary girls sing along with a teacher, inset above right.

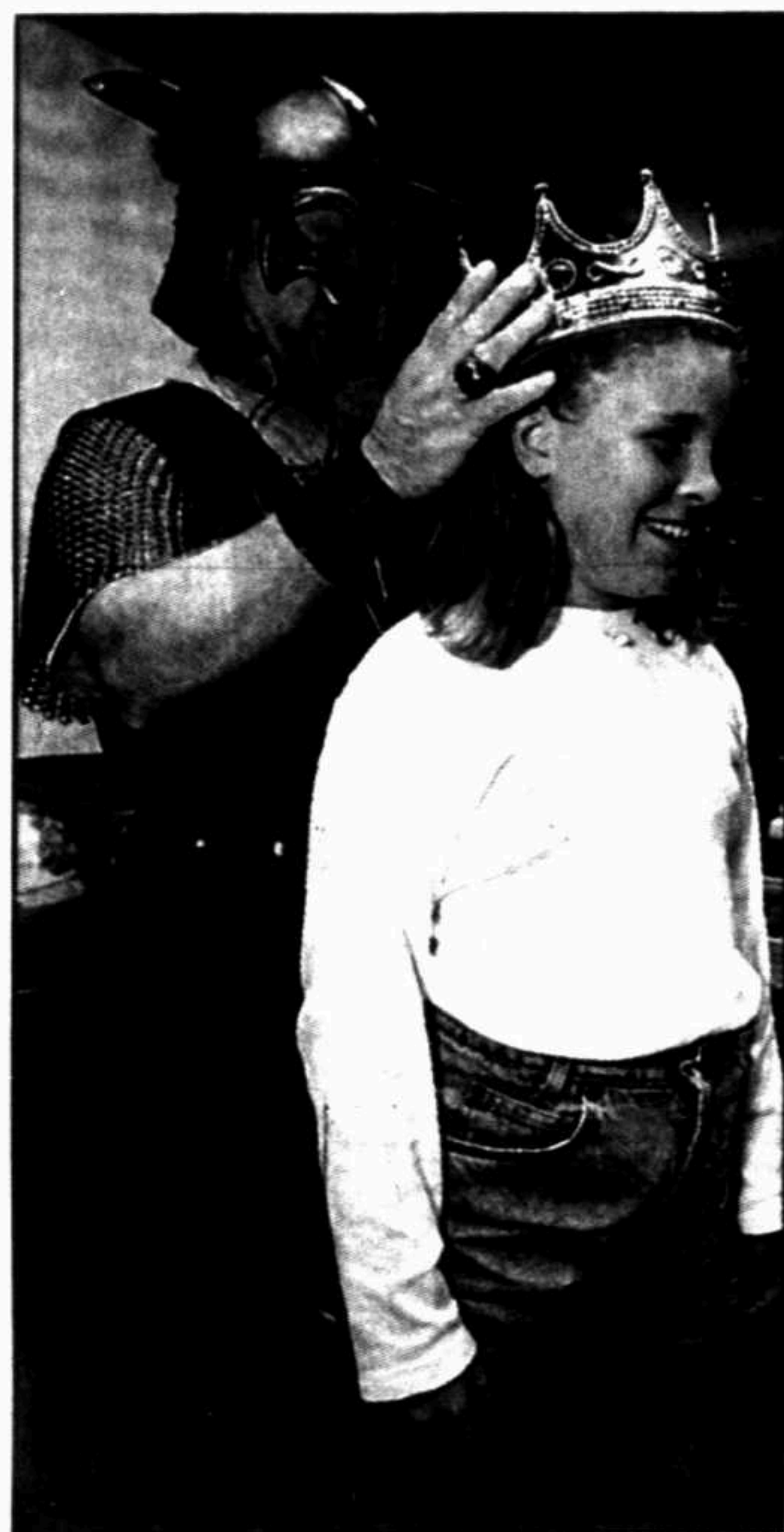


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Ancient Viking garb



Photos by Brian Adamcik



Beley "Bill" Raidt of Plano recently showcased ancient Viking garb at Midland Christian School. Raidt, a retired Plano High School football coach, gave a lecture on goal-setting to fourth- through eighth-graders. He recently wrote a book based on the legendary Viking figure, Ragnar, and how he might have motivated his fellow Vikings. Above, Raidt shows off a sword. At left, fourth-grader Matt McKinney was crowned by Raidt. Center, various Viking implements were displayed during Raidt's presentation. At far right, fourth-grader Melissa Scott was crowned by Raidt.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

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Midland ISD trustee James Fuller was among 35 school board members from across Texas who recently met with Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Moses and State Board of Education (SBOE) members in Austin.

The trustees are all members of the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) 1998 Leadership TASB class.

The two-day meeting was the second in a series of five training workshops trustees complete to meet requirements of their leadership development curriculum.

The program is funded in part by Southwestern Bee Foundation and Heard, Goggan, Blair & Williams.

Pease Elementary will be having an "Out With

the Old In With the New" celebration 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday to say goodbye to the 1959 building as Pease begins its campus renovations.

Students or staff members who attended Pease Elementary from 1959 to the present are welcome to attend.

Entertainment will be provided by the sixth grade orchestra, handbells, and choir. Refreshments will be provided.

Also, the PTA's Scholastic Book Fair is set for Monday through Friday. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 6-6:30 p.m. and 7:30-8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon Friday.

For more information call Nancy McBurney.

Dowell Schlumberger oil-field services company recently donated \$400 to Burnett Elementary for classroom library books.

Dowell is the school's Partner in Education. Gary Powell, Dowell's PIE coordinator, also heads up a reading program in which employees read to fourth-graders on a weekly basis.

Also, the company is in the process of donating several computers to the school.

Districts urged to start making criminal checks

FORT WORTH (AP) — Educators say that, for their students' sake, they should know about serious crimes their school employees commit.

But in many cases, Texas school officials don't find out for months that teachers and administrators face such criminal charges as public lewdness and drunken driving.

The Texas Association of School Boards calls it a loophole that prevents officials from monitoring the criminal records of teachers and other employees after they're hired.

An elementary school custodian in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford district has been arrested for assaults and drunken driving. But administrators did not learn about John Vah's arrests until his sixth warrant — for indecency with a child at Bell Manor Elementary School in Hurst.

Educators in other districts have gone months before discovering that workers were accused of committing crimes that suggest a danger to students. In at least one case, school authorities learned of a string of charges only after the employee was charged in connection with an incident involving a student.

Applicants for jobs in Texas schools have for 12 years been subjected to criminal background checks before they are hired. But police aren't required — except for some sex offenses — to disclose serious crimes once the applicants go to work.

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The Midland Club named Ka Erika Bucy as the winner for the week.

Ms. Binam, daughter of Norma Binam, attends Midland. Her honors include Science National Honor, Swim team, track letterman, National Commended Student Exam Gold Medal Region Orchestra.

Ms. Bucy, daughter of Vickie Bucy, attends Midland High School. Her activities include Society, Officer Society, Texas Society, Texas Best Senior Girls and Scholar.

She plans to attend University and in biomedical science attend medical.

The Midland club named She and Rekha Redd as the winners of the week.

Ms. Blackmon, Jerry and Cynthia, a student at Lee active in the National Society, Spanish Society as project Texas Scholar.

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MAKING THE GRADE

The Midland Downtown Lions Club named **Kasia Binam** and **Erika Bucy** as their Junior Lions for the week.

Ms. Binam, daughter of Keith and Norma Binam of Midland, attends Midland High School.

Her honors and activities include Science Club Treasurer, National Honor Society, Varsity Swim team, three-year academic letterman, National Merit Commended Student, Latin Exam Gold Medal and All-Region Orchestra.

Ms. Bucy, daughter of Keith and Vickie Bucy, attends Lee High School. Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, Officer in Spanish Honor Society, Texas Scholars, D-FY-IT, Texas Best Engineering, Senior Girls and All-American Scholar.

She plans to attend Texas A&M University and obtain a degree in biomedical sciences and attend medical school.

The Midland Morning Lions club named **Shelby Blackmon** and **Rekha Reddy** as their students of the week.

Ms. Blackmon, the daughter of Jerry and Cynthia Gallagher, is a student at Lee High School active in the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society as project manager, Texas Scholar, and varsity bas-

ketball manager. She has been named Midland Morning Lions Club ambassador.

Her goals are to graduate with honors and to earn scholarships to attend McMurry University medical school.

Ms. Reddy, is the daughter of T. A. and Latha Reddy. She is a student at Lee High School, she is active in student council as executive director, Campus Education Improvement Committee member, Spanish Honor Society, Texas Scholars, Latin Club, business editor of the Literary Magazine, and two-year Varsity Tennis. Her honors and awards include Texas Engineering Team (first place at local and regional levels), first place at ASU foreign Language Festival, principle's leadership award, a four-year academic letterman, and named ambassador for the Midland Morning Lions.

She plans to attend the University of Texas and majoring in business pre-law.

Jeff Larson, son of Allen and Carolyn Larson, was recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at Texas Tech.

Larson, a 1996 graduate of Lee High School, is a vocal performance major. The Golden Key National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes the top 15 percent of juniors and



Blackmon



Binam



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seniors in all fields of study.

Kayla Schwisow, daughter of Jay and Kristi Schwisow of Midland, has been selected to participate in the 1997 "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program."

This program is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and are strong leaders in their schools and communities.

Ms. Schwisow will be sponsored by: Ron Schwisow.

John Settles, a senior at Greenwood High School, was named student of the month by the Daybreak Rotary Club.

He plays varsity basketball and is on the annual staff.

He will attend Midland College before transferring to a four year university to study veterinary medicine.

He is the son of Robert Settles

ties.

Midland Christian School recently announced its 1997 National Honor Society inductees and returnees.

New Inductees are: **April Blair, Grace Bueno, Seth Denison, Joel Drumm, Marta Fenter, Kelly Gaddis, Joey Johnson, Sarah Koss, Jared Lee, Tenille McDonald, Robyn McGraw, Breanna McGuire, Josh Miller, Amanda Mitchell, Kristi Nash, Justin Oden, John Mark Ortiz, Katie Schrank, Mindi Sheppard, Bethany Spradlin, Christelle Taylor, Dena Wright.**

Returnees are: **Bryan Bayley, Brandon Benson, Jeremy Butts, John Coffman, Jared Goudeau, Chris Harrington, Emily Hilburn, Morgan Hillis, Stephanie Long, Cathy McCrary, Lacy Moore, Randy Orr, Amy Rydell, Amanda Urquidez, Colton Wilson, Dana Youngs.**

SCHOOL MENUS

Midland Independent School District

Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes and syrup, or assorted cereals, toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Cheese or pepperoni pizza or yogurt and fruit basket, crisp veggies and dip, bread sticks, peaches, fruit drink, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Blueberry coffee cake or assorted cereals, toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Oven fried chicken or chef's salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, marshmallow topped sweet potatoes, wheat roll, fruit drink, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Waffles and syrup or assorted cereals, toast, fruit drink, milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger or chili cheese fries, oven fried potatoes, lettuce and tomatoes, mixed fruit, fruit drink, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, or assorted cereals, toast, fruit drink, milk. **Lunch:** Enchiladas or nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, spanish rice, fruit drink, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Scrambled egg and toast or assorted cereals, toast, fruit drink, milk. **Lunch:** Choice of sandwiches or corn dog, cheesy potato soup, raw veggies, chilled cherries, fruit drink, milk.

Greenwood Independent School District

Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage on a stick, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Corn dogs, cheetos, lettuce and tomato salad, pork and beans, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Eggs and sausage, biscuits with jelly, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, chocolate chip cookies, chilled peaches, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Baked chicken, potatoes, buttered corn, sliced bread, peach cobbler, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Bacon and eggs, biscuits with jelly, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak sandwich, cheetos, pork and beans, lettuce and tomatoes, chilled pears, milk.

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Greenspan calls for links between education, business

N.Y. Times News Service

SYRACUSE — Companies must invest more in training their workers in order to reap the full benefits of technological improvements in technology over the coming decades, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan reiterated Wednesday.

Companies must expand the link between business and education at all levels of the education system, Greenspan said to Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy.

"Building bridges between our educational institutions and the private business sector should have payoffs in how well graduates are prepared to meet the challenges of an increasingly knowledge-based global economy," Greenspan said.

The rising value of technology

'Building bridges between our educational institutions and the private business sector should have payoffs in how well graduates are prepared to meet the challenges of an increasingly knowledge-based global economy.'

— Alan Greenspan,
Federal Reserve chairman

and computers helps explain why companies in those fields are doing well, Greenspan said, echoing remarks he made at the University of Connecticut on Oct. 14. "Hence, it is understandable that our advanced computer and telecommunications products have been accorded particularly high value and, thus, why computer and telecommunications companies that successfully innovate in this field exhibit particularly elevated stock market

values," he said.

In this speech, the Fed chairman didn't address the current U.S. economy or monetary policy in the text of his remarks. In an earlier address, Greenspan largely repeated comments he made last night to the Economic Club of New York, calling on Asian economies to open their markets to full competition.

In his address on education and productivity, Greenspan said workers who are able to

meet challenges are "perceived by many corporations as adding to shareholder value. If idea creation is increasingly the factor that engenders value added, then training and education are crucial to the growth of company value-added and profitability," he said.

As companies benefit, so will the larger economy, Greenspan suggested, as he has in the past, that the rapid technological change in the global economy today may bring ever-increasing prospects for growth.

"Even if the most recent, tentative indications that productivity growth may be speeding up were to turn out to be less than we had hoped, it is possible that the big increases in efficiency growing out of the introduction of computers and communications systems may still lie ahead," he said.

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Clinton challenges meeting participants to defend views on affirmative action

By James Bennett
N.Y. Times News Service

AKRON, Ohio — With an edgy impatience behind his folksy demeanor, President Clinton struggled Wednesday to strike some sparks in his "national conversation" on race, challenging participants in a televised "town hall" meeting here to defend their views of affirmative action and to propose specific steps to bring the races together.

"I want you to be blunt and brief," the president urged, as he solicited suggestions from 67 panelists arrayed before him, talk-show style, on bleachers in an auditorium here. "Blunt and brief."

Many were neither, as participant after participant in the first such town hall meeting on race suggested that education and tolerance were the keys to racial harmony, without offering specifics.

The White House is anxious to avoid having Clinton's cherished race initiative — "all this talking business," as he called it Wednesday — dissolve into banal chatter.

So he made a dramatic move to awaken the audience, provoking an exchange over affirmative action with Dr. Abigail Thernstrom, an opponent of preferences based on race and gender who was named to participate in the meeting after the race initiative was criticized for excluding dissenters.

With the meeting long past its 90-minute time limit, Clinton asked those who opposed affirmative action to raise their hands, and a handful on stage did so. Then he strolled across the red carpet to tower over Dr. Thernstrom, who is co-author of "America in Black and White: One Nation, Indivisible," an optimistic portrait of race relations.

"Abigail, do you favor the United States Army abolishing the affirmative action program that produced Colin Powell?" he asked pleasantly. "Yes or no?"

As the audience tittered, Dr. Thernstrom, surely unused to being publicly challenged by the president of the United States, struggled for an answer that was clearly not definitive. Clinton interrupted her.

"Yes or no?" he repeated. Dr. Thernstrom replied, "We should — the Army does one thing very, very right: it prepares kids. It takes kids before the Army and it prepares them to compete equally." She said that "these preferences disguise the problem," which she said was the "racial skills gap."

The president, saying he wanted "to be fair to Abigail," went on to a long explanation of the difference between consistent and early Army training and the leap that some students in affirmative

action programs must make to college. "We need to really think this through as a country," he said.

Clinton had been urged by aides to provoke such an exchange, but he seemed to regret it slightly afterward. "That's all the press wants to write about," he told the audience. "They'll probably ignore the fact that we did the rest of this here," which, he added, "is the important part."

Clinton is an acknowledged master of the town hall setting, a format he developed in his 1992 campaign and has repeatedly returned to since. Wednesday he walked the stage or sat in its center on a high, gray stool, his back to hundreds of people in the audience as he faced the panelists, a group that included students, authors, religious leaders, educators and social workers.

He prompted speakers — "before we run out of time, is there an Asian-American who wants to be heard?" he asked — summarized points and displayed his formidable control of relevant data, such as trends in relative workforce participation rates of Hispanic and black Americans over the last 30 years.

The president chose Akron because the city has been the site of a racial healing program, called the Coming Together Project, for the last three years. He said in his opening remarks that he hoped this meeting would start similar conversations around the country.

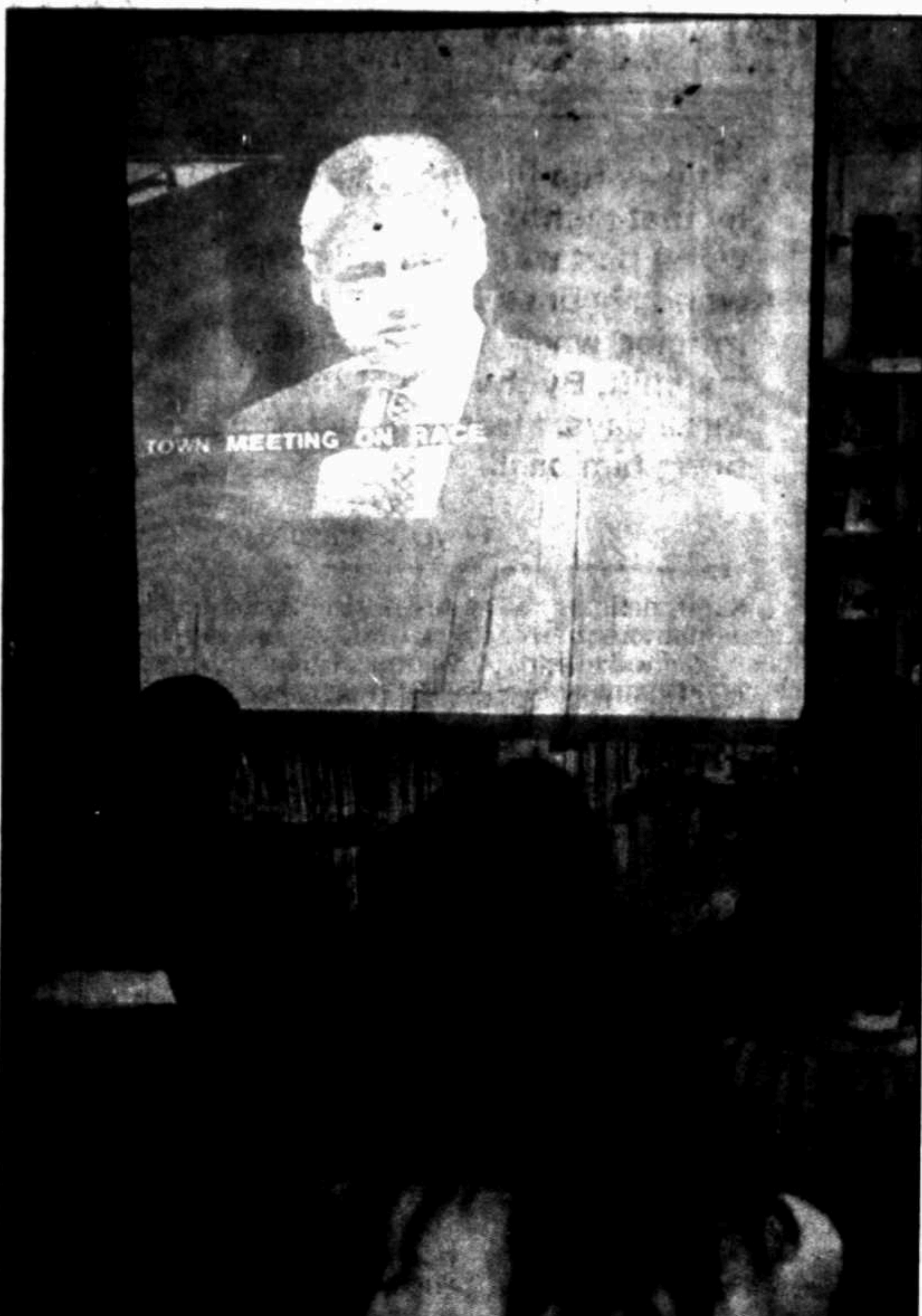
"What we're trying to do here is drop a pebble in the pond," he said. Clinton warned, "If we don't speak frankly about what we believe, then when it's over we won't feel very good." Wednesday's meeting was broadcast by C-Span.

Some minority participants described bouts with racism, like a check unfairly questioned at a bank. Two women of Puerto Rican descent said that people constantly asked them why they did not talk like Rosie Perez, the heavily accented actress.

Akron City Councilman David Flores made a passionate plea for more money to rebuild and expand crowded and dilapidated schools. "In our neighborhood we have buildings that were built in 1924," he said. "That's the bottom line."

But Clinton did not always capitalize on the format Wednesday. Early on, Jonathan Morgan, a white student at the University of Akron, which hosted the meeting, confessed that when a poorly dressed black man walked toward him sometimes, "I may be a little bit scared."

Questioned by Clinton, he said that his feeling "has nothing to do with my personal experience," and that he might have learned to react that way from television



AP Photo
An assembly of students, teachers and parents gather at the Samuel S. Feis High School in Philadelphia, Wednesday to participate as one of 96 sites across the country selected to watch a blunt exchange on racial tensions between President Clinton (on screen) and hand-picked students in the first town hall meeting on race reactions in Akron, Ohio.

and "things that I have heard."

That is exactly the kind of sentiment that the White House has said it wants to unearth and discuss ever since Clinton started his initiative six months ago. But no one else in the room responded to it, and Clinton moved on to another speaker.

Later, the president thanked Morgan, saying, "That's a pretty gutsy thing for you to admit, but that's the kind of thing we've got to get out on the table." By then, the thread of the conversation was lost.

At other times the format worked against Clinton. Rather than respond to one another, the panelists appeared to have brought a particular issue with them that they were going to raise in any case.

Jason Kessler, a graduate student at the university here, said one major problem was that some churches taught that "if you're poor, you are going to hell," an observation that was met with puzzled silence.

15-year-old doesn't feel he should have to read Bible stories for class

ARLINGTON (AP) — English honor student Jamie Seeton says the classroom is no place for Bible stories, even if the school district allows alternative readings.

"I don't believe in the Bible, and it should not be a part of school," said the 15-year-old sophomore at Mansfield High School, about 15 miles southeast of Fort Worth. "Your grade shouldn't have to depend on something like that."

School officials said the required readings from the King James Version of the Bible help prepare youngsters for questions on advanced-placement exams administered by the College Board.

"We don't stand up in class and teach the Bible," Judy Soriano, co-chairwoman of Mansfield High's English department, told The Arlington Morning News. "It's one-third of their summer reading. They also have to read Greek mythology and plays. We approach it as a source of Western literature. The King James Bible is considered one of the great literary works of Western culture."

Jamie reluctantly read assigned material from the Hebrew Bible book of Ruth and the New Testament book of Matthew over the summer. She said she became convinced Mansfield High was promoting Christian ideology when she saw a test question this fall that asked: "How do we pray to God?"

Jamie's mother, Janet Dawson, filed a complaint last month with the Texas Education Agency, demanding that the district stop the Bible readings.

She says although she is a Christian, she faults the district for what she says is promoting Christian

ideology and religion.

"It's against the U.S. Constitution," said Ms. Dawson, 37, a truck driver. "Separation of church and state has been fought out in the Supreme Court."

"They have no right to assign passages from the Bible to any public school student. My daughter calls herself an atheist, and she's not ready to make a decision on religion right now."

In an Oct. 17 letter to Ms. Dawson, the TEA ruled that the district had a right to assign the Bible readings.

"As long as it's optional and merely taught as literature and history, then there is no violation, as far as we are told," said TEA spokeswoman DeEtta Culbertson.

The Supreme Court has approved public school use of the Bible for instruction in literature and history classes as long as it is optional and elective.

After a review, administrators replaced some of the test questions, said a district spokeswoman, Sherilyn Conn.

"We looked over the questions and felt some were inappropriate," she said.

Two weeks after Jamie's complaint, the district allowed her to read Shakespeare's King Lear as an alternative to the Bible readings.

"That gesture came a little too late," Ms. Dawson said.

Parents shouldn't be required to fill out a three-page form requesting alternative material, Ms. Dawson said.

"They say it's voluntary," Jamie said. "They don't tell you you can read something else until someone stands up and complains."

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Students byte off more than they can chew with simulated babies

By Lori Mellinger
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Texas — Snowy Klements looked haggard. After three days with only a few hours of fitful sleep, the 17-year-old New Summerfield High School student was beginning to understand what it means to have a child. The dark circles around her eyes testified to nights of leaping out of bed, time and time again, to comfort a crying baby.

Her family had warned her. They talked to her about the responsibility involved, but Snowy never believed that being a parent was so difficult.

"It was fun the first day, but by that night I was tired," she said. "The worst part was taking him to work. My boss got a little irritated when he cried during my shift. By the end of the three days, I was relieved to bring him back."

Luckily for Snowy, her baby was returnable.

Named "Baby Think It Over," the eight-pound infant is a computer, and Snowy's grueling three days of parenthood was an assignment in her Advanced Parenting and Child Development class, taught by Ann Cumbee.

The doll is called a computerized infant simulator and is designed to help students understand the realities of parenthood, including the unpredictability of a baby's demands and the promptness with which these demands must be met. The program is designed to focus the student's attention on the physical, emotional, social and financial consequences of parenthood.

"I want (students) to realize that babies are not just smiles and giggles. They cry at unpredictable times, and they require a lot of work," Ms. Cumbee said.

The infant simulator closely resembles a real baby boy. He cries unpredictably throughout the day. To make the baby stop crying, the students must insert a key attached to their wrist from five to 35 minutes, approximating the amount of time needed to care for an actual infant.

The baby will also cry if held in a position it does not like, or if he is roughly handled or abused. A care key is used rather than a bottle in his mouth to reinforce the fact that a baby does not cry only when it's hungry.

Students keep the baby for three days. In the case of Snowy and three new

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— Snowy Klements, 17-year-old student

Summerfield classmates — three days were more than enough.

"He woke 'em up five times in one night. I always wondered what it was like to have my own baby. I don't wonder anymore," said advanced parenting student Kim Johnson.

The baby is anatomically correct, and the students must go through training before they care for him. Before his return, he must have a bath, and his layette is washed.

Because of the expense and disruption to the household and other classes, stu-

dents' parents must give written consent, and other teachers must be patient and cooperate. No one else cares for the baby, however. To ensure this, the student wears the baby's care key attached to her wrist. The bracelet is similar to a hospital bracelet and cannot be tampered with.

"They don't get to have babysitters. This is a complete 24-hour-a-day, three-day experience. Everywhere the student goes, the baby goes, too," said Ms. Cumbee.

Janice Jones plays basketball. She had a game on one of her parenting days, so the baby watched the game from the bench.

"He didn't cry until the end of the game," she said. "I was so glad."

The instructor has a hand in how the baby behaves. He has three settings — cranky, normal, and placid. "Depending on each girl's schedule, I chose either a placid or a normal setting. No one got a cranky baby," said Ms. Cumbee.

At the end of her assigned time, each girl returned the baby along with a written journal of his care.

"By the end of the allotted time, most of the journals looked the same. Entry

after entry read, "Tired, tired, exhausted." Other teachers could see fatigue on their faces," Ms. Cumbee said.

Student Melissa Hill said for her it was an eye-opening experience.

"I knew babies come with a lot of responsibilities, but I learned how hard it is. I want to have kids someday, but I'm going to wait until I'm older and more financially secure."

"My boyfriend didn't like it at all," she added, "but customers where I work and my co-workers thought it was a wonderful idea. Even when he cried during our busiest time."

The other three students concurred. Each girl said they learned plenty from their parental experience, and think that everyone, including male students should take the class.

"I think every guy in school should have this experience," Janice said.

Snowy agreed, saying, "Guys don't always realize the role they play in whole experience. They don't have as much patience. Carrying around this baby would definitely give them something to think about."

Many big districts increasing school tax rates

N.Y. Times News Service

AUSTIN — Most of the state's largest school districts are raising their property tax rates this year, undermining a recently passed \$1 billion property tax cut aimed at leaving more money in the pockets of Texas homeowners.

Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, who helped draft the tax cut package, said the trend toward higher rates in the 35 largest districts highlights the need to revisit the volatile tax question when the Legislature meets again in 1999.

Gov. George W. Bush "tried to fix the problem before it broke, but we just put a Band-Aid on it," Brimer said, referring to the Republican governor's drive to reduce school property taxes dramatically in exchange for sales and business tax increases.

In the end, lawmakers adopted a modest plan that raised the homestead exemption for school property taxes by \$10,000, resulting in about \$140 in tax savings for the average Texas homeowner.

Bush warned school districts against using the higher exemption as an excuse to raise taxes. But a Fort Worth Star-Telegram telephone survey found that 22 urban districts have adopted higher tax rates this year. Thirteen have lower or unchanged rates.

In North Texas, the Arlington district increased its rate by 9 cents, to \$1.44, per \$100 of assessed property value. The Fort Worth district kept its rate unchanged at \$1.46. Irving's school district dropped its rate 1.5 cents, to \$1.65, and Dallas' rate remained unchanged.

Garland, Plano, Richardson, Lewisville and Mesquite have adopted higher rates this year, according to district spokesmen.

Among Northeast Tarrant County districts, which were not included in the state survey, only the Northwest school district raised its tax rate this year, a 4.7-cent increase to \$1.68 per \$100 of assessed property value.

The Carroll school district in Southlake has the highest tax rate in Tarrant County, at \$1.74, for the second consecutive year.

Statewide, the highest increase among those contacted was the San Antonio school district, which adopted a 26-cent increase (per \$100 of valuation) to help finance an extensive bond package that voters approved, spokesman Mark Castillo said.

Brimer faulted school districts for taking advantage of confusion over the state-sponsored tax break, in some cases using it as an excuse to raise rates locally.

"Local control in this realm of being a steward on taxes is not working," Brimer said.

But Jane Backus, director of governmental relations for the Texas Association of School Boards, said increases appear to be in line with previous years.

She cited a state study of anticipated "effective" tax rates. Effective rates are based on tax collections, not the actual rates taxpayers see when they get a bill in the mail.

Effective rates take into account tax appraisal practices, which can vary from district to district. In other words, a tax rate may drop in one district, but the effective rate could still increase if appraisals are going higher.

Conducted by the Legislative Budget Board, the preliminary study shows 23 of the 35 largest school districts are expected to experience higher effective rates, with an average 2.25 percent increase and a total increase in collections of \$131 million.

"The tax issue is much more heightened in people's awareness," Backus said. "But it doesn't look to me like things are much different than they always have been."

During the legislative session that concluded in June, lawmakers

attempted a dramatic overhaul of the tax code with an eye to lowering school property taxes.

That effort, championed by Bush as his top legislative priority, failed in the waning days of the session. In its place, lawmakers decided to use a \$1 billion budget surplus to fund modest relief — an idea approved by voters in August.

However, the fear of tax "creep" in the various districts, or a steady inching upward of tax rates, was a prominent part of the debate.

In addition, some school administrators indicated that a complicated funding mechanism, through which the state is reimbursing districts for the tax break, could force higher rates at the local level.

Bush and various legislative leaders warned school administrators not to use that excuse, saying the entire cost of the tax cut was being picked up by the state.

"It's unfortunate that local tax increases will offset some of the savings of the billion-dollar property tax cut," said Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush. "On the other hand, had the billion-dollar property tax cut not been enacted, people would be paying much higher taxes."

For his part, Brimer defended Arlington's decision to raise rates, saying the district had held the line on taxes in previous years and needed to "make some adjustments."

The tax plan, raising the homestead exemption for school property taxes by \$10,000, resulted in about \$140 in tax savings for the average homeowner. But in school districts where rates are going up, the benefit will be smaller.

In Arlington, for example, the owner of a \$100,000 home could have expected a \$135 windfall had the Arlington rate remained

the same. With the higher rate, the school tax windfall is reduced to about \$60 for that owner, according to calculations provided by the Tarrant County tax office.

Because the tax liability goes up along with the home's value and the homestead exemption does not, homeowners with more expensive homes can expect an even smaller break. The owner of a \$200,000 home in Arlington could expect to pay a net \$32 more in school taxes this year instead of getting a \$135 cut.

In Fort Worth, homeowners can generally expect a \$145 windfall.

Rep. Paul Sadler, the Henderson Democrat who led efforts in the House to lower property taxes, said the average citizen will likely look at his bottom line when judging the magnitude of the tax cut.

Though the \$1 billion helped, if rates are going up "the practical effect of it is the homeowner won't see it," Sadler said. "The homeowner will see their bill."

Sadler, who will conduct a new round of school finance and tax overhaul hearings beginning Dec. 1, said homeowners will continue to feel the pinch until the state finds a better way to fund schools.

"Until we change the system property owners can expect their taxes to continue to rise," Sadler said. "We've got to find a different way of trying to fund schools."

Though the idea of creating a state income tax in Texas was quickly discarded last session, Sadler said every possible solution — including the dreaded "word" — was on the table.

"There will be no limits," Sadler said. "It came up during the last session. I expect there will be people who want to show up and talk about it (again)."

Sen. Bill Ratliff, a Mount Pleasant Republican and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said lowering school property taxes will become increasingly urgent as more and more districts approach the state cap of \$1.50 for maintenance and operations.

"I don't know what it means other than it probably continues to point out that we are creeping up toward a level where districts are going to be at a maximum," Ratliff said, when asked about the rising tax rates.

"Everybody sort of agrees when we reach that time that we've got to figure out something else to do," he said.

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Board meeting set

The Midland College board of trustees will meet 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the Gibson Board Room of the Pevehouse Administration Building.

Christmas concert

The Midland College Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble will present a concert of traditional Christmas music 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15 in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium of the Allison Fine Arts Building. The concert is free, and the public is invited.

Winter Interim set

Need a quick way to earn college credit? Students can earn three hours of credit in three weeks through Midland College's Winter Interim session Dec. 22-Jan. 9.

Students can register Dec. 1-11 and from 8-9 a.m. on the first day of class, Dec. 22. Eight courses in economics, English, government, music and sociology are being offered. Classes are scheduled to meet 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Spring registration

Early registration continues for Midland College's spring semester.

Registration is 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, through Dec. 15 in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Student Center. Regular registration is Jan. 8.

Returning students may register by phone. Call 685-4706 to register. For information, call 685-4501.

EMS fundraiser

Big Tex Trailers has donated a one-axle 4x8 utility trailer with ramp to be raffled off by Emergency Medical Services students as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$1, and the drawing will be 5:30 p.m., Dec. 15 at the Davidson Family Health Sciences. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the Mobile Training Unit. For more information, contact EMS Program Director Gary Roberts, 685-4593.

Elise Coombes is public relations director for Midland College.

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Ceremony honors poetry contest winners

Midland College student Doris Duncan was awarded first place for her group of poems in the ninth annual Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry contest.

Duncan won for her poems "To Walt McDonald After Reading 'Black Granite Burns Like Ice,'" "Why the Dinosaurs Died," and "Somewhere Seeds Lie Darkly Waiting."

The second place winner was David M. Nicholas for his poem "Muertes Pequenos."

The third place winner was Hugh G. White III for his poem "A Bowl of Red."

The winners were announced in a Dec. 4 awards ceremony at Midland College.

"No other community college offers as prestigious a student poetry prize as Midland College," Dr. Leslie Williams Fine Arts and Communications Studies division chair, said about the contest.

The contest awards first, second and third

place winners cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200.

The contest judge for this year's contest was Bob Fink from Hardin Simmons University. He is the author of two books, *The Ghostly Hitchhiker* and *The Tongues of Men and Angels*.

The contest was established by Midlander Stanley Levitt in memory of his late wife, Hilda Simmons Levitt, a journalism graduate of Louisiana State University and a student

in Midland College creative writing classes.

Mr. Levitt died in 1994, and his daughter Carol Levitt Schwartz is continuing to underwrite the contest.

Ms. Schwartz is a former Washington D.C. school board member who is nationally known as an education and health activist. She is a graduate of Midland High School and was named to the Midland High School Hall of Fame in 1996.

The Midland College Massage Therapy program graduated its second class this fall. The graduates are: (front row) Barry Kirby, Kennie Clabaugh, Jan Crossland, Shelly Swinney, and Phillip Sublett; (back row) Debra Price, Alicia Beery, Instructor Paul Hames, RMI, MTI, Janie Beck and Sherly Shelton. Not pictured is Diana Cooper. The students completed 300 hours of training for the Texas Board of Massage Therapy Clinic.



Phi Theta Kappa honor society inducts members

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society, honored 19 students at a Candlelight Induction Ceremony Dec. 4.

Phi Theta Kappa was designed to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students.

To achieve this, the organization provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service.

The following MC students were inducted in a Dec. 4 ceremony at Midland College: Michelle Burns, Nina Chavez, Jill Davis, Brenda Faught, Somita Fekete, April Golson, Kaci Holder, Cynthia Hollis, Denise Icenhower and Sue Mickle.

Also, Trey Morris, Peggy Quintela, Helen Reyes, Diane Rhode, Pamela Steen, Ginny Stone, Dean Teagarden, Emily Thurman and Marcus Wood.

Phi Theta Kappa officers are Jayme Swain, president; Ramona Pramedass, secretary, and Michelle Salgado, fundraising.

Phi Theta Kappa advisors are Aline Collins, Chloice Shofner, Dale Westfall and Sherry Kiser.

Orientation set for Health Sciences Continuing Ed

Massage Therapy is one of many courses offered through the MC Health Sciences Continuing Education program.

In the health sciences area students have a choice of the traditional credit programs—emergency medical services, nursing, radiography, respiratory care, vocational nursing and the growing field of health information technology—or health sciences courses through

continuing education.

Students interested in careers or updating their training in the health care fields are invited to an orientation sponsored by Health Sciences Continuing Education program.

Students who want more information about phlebotomy, massage therapy, health unit coordinator, nursing home administrator, medical aide or nurse aide are invited to at-

tend an orientation session 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11 in the Davidson Family Health Sciences Building Lecture Hall.

Instructors will be available to answer questions about programs and program requirements.

For more information, call Beverly Prichard, director of Health Sciences continuing education, at 685-6440.

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Meadows Foundation continues support of MC

Last month, the Meadows Foundation continued its support of Midland College when it announced a \$100,000 grant to support the construction of the Dorothy and Todd Aaron Medical Science Building.

Established in 1948 as a private philanthropic institution by Algor H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas, the foundation has been an important resource to fund MC projects, according to Eileen Piwetz, vice president of Institutional Advancement and Effectiveness.

In the last two years, the foundation has given money to support MC's Nonprofit Resource Center and the Regional Technical Training Center in Fort Stockton. These grants to MC are part of the

foundation's mission to assist the people and institutions of Texas improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations.



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The foundation has particular interests in imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems through projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency and in capital plans that enable projects to flourish, Piwetz said.

Since its inception, the foundation's assets have grown to a current value of more than \$500 million, and it has dispersed more than \$350 million in grants to 1,700 Texas institutions and agencies. Foundation grants support work in the fields of arts and culture, civic and public affairs, education, health and human services.

The Meadows Foundation is among the most recognized private philanthropies in the country. It has received numerous awards for both its philanthropy and its management, and it was named the 1996 Outstanding Foundation by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

The Dorothy and Todd Aaron Medical Science Building will provide classroom space for Texas Tech University's new physician assistant program and other Midland College allied health programs. The partnership between Midland College and Texas Tech that will establish the physician assistant program on the Midland College campus was announced Aug. 14.

The grant is in addition to two other gifts that will help fund Midland College's anticipated \$3 million share of the building's construction costs. In August, the Abell-Hanger Foundation board announced a \$1 million

challenge grant from the foundation to help fund the project. In a response to that challenge, Midlanders Dorothy and Todd Aaron announced a \$1 million donation.

According to Richard Jolly, Midland College Vice President for Instruction, the Medical Science Building will provide a home for the physician assistant program; provide much-needed expansion space for Midland College credit and non-credit classes; provide a springboard for the first of many other collaborative educational efforts between Midland College and Texas Tech University.

The 50,000-square-foot building, expected to open in 1999, will provide classroom and lab space for the physician assistant program. Also, it would provide general-purpose classrooms, science labs and at least one 100-seat capacity lecture hall for MC's respiratory care, health information technology and emergency medical services technology programs.

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED: Lease Analyst, 20 years experience, mineral and fee lease ownership, contract evaluation, division order calculation and revenue distribution. Call 697-0914

Case Services, Inc. is a market leader in providing Windows NT based client/server solutions for oil and gas production automation. Because of our rapidly growing client base, the following positions are currently available in our Midland or Houston office.

Software Systems Engineer Candidates will install, support, and configure Case's cSLIFT product family. This position involves training/troubleshooting customer system/software/network problems. Requires familiarity with PC's (Windows/Windows NT and Windows 95), networking and peripherals.

Software Engineer Candidates will be responsible for software design/development in Windows NT environment. Requires engineering background and experience in software development. Experience with real time communications and development in C++ preferred.

Petroleum Engineer Candidates will work on the cSLIFT family of products and provide application support to internal developers and customers. Requires familiarity in working with computers and Windows applications. Experience in software development using C or C++ preferred. Requires very good oral and written communications skills.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Case Services, Inc.

To be an integral part of a successful team, interested candidates should forward a resume to:

Case Services, Inc. Human Resources 738 Highway 6 South, Suite 800 Houston, TX 77079 Fax #281-497-0683 E-Mail: case@caseservices.com

DIVISION RESERVOIR ENGINEER

Enron Oil & Gas Company, one of the largest independent exploration and production companies in the U.S., is actively seeking a Division Reservoir Engineer to be located in Oklahoma City. The successful applicant will be responsible for leading all reservoir engineering technical evaluation of Enron's Mid-Continent exploration/development programs. The applicant must exhibit strong leadership skills and possess strong technical skills in oil, gas, carbonate, and sandstone reservoir engineering, as well as economic analysis and reserved asset management. The candidate should also possess high-level technical skills in either 3-D reservoir simulation modeling or formation simulation evaluation. A knowledge of the Aris database and the Eclipse simulator would be considered a plus.

The qualified candidate must have a BS in Petroleum Engineering and a minimum of 10 years experience. Candidate must have strong computer skills and be a team player.

If your qualifications match our needs, please send a cover letter and resume for immediate confidential consideration to: Enron Oil & Gas Company, Attn: General Manager, 20 N. Broadway, Suite 800, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Enron is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, and subscribes to a smoke-free and drug-free workplace. No phone calls or personal visits, please. Visit our website at www.enron.com.

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DRILLING ENGINEER

Sonat Exploration Company, a large independent oil and gas exploration and production company, is seeking a Drilling Engineer for our Midland, Texas office.

Qualified candidates will have a BS degree in Engineering and a minimum of 5 years' industry experience. Primary responsibilities will include preparation of drilling, completion and workover procedures, preparation of well cost estimates for AFE's and economic evaluations. Also requires a strong background in casing design and cementing operations. Experience in production facilities/gas gathering a plus. Requires strong PC skills.

We offer our employees a comprehensive benefits package, an excellent working environment, and competitive salaries. Qualified candidates should send their resume along with salary history to:

SONAT Sonat Exploration Company Human Resources P.O. Box 12878 Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2878

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POLICE OFFICER

The City of San Angelo Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of Police Recruit. Civil Service testing is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 1998 with the physical ability testing that weekend. Application deadline: 01/05/98. For more information, call (915) 657-4221.

The City of San Angelo is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

"PROFESSIONAL" Corporate Law Firm seeks professional reps. Excellent communication & organizational skills. Flex. schedule. Legal experience not required. Will train. Fax resume to 512-320-0695.

"PROGRAMMER" New position with aggressive independent. Experienced with Visual Basic, Windows 95, Access & client server. Salary to \$60K. Fee Paid. GLOBAL/PERM DIVISION (O) 686-8360 (F) 686-8302

"System Administrator" Novell programming, troubleshooting, exp. required. Salary DOE. Call DP Personnel 682-0033. Never a fee!

LAND Client company seeking experienced Landman. Lease Acq. and Land Tech for long term in-house project. \$50K/year. No fee. Call Liz.

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SEC REPORTING MANAGER Managerial position with independent. Public, SEC, and O&G experience required. Salary \$100K+. Fee Paid.

Cheryl Zedler Global/Perm Division (915) 686-8360 (F) 686-8302

Human Resources Insurance Administrator Growing Midland Based company seeking applicant responsible for all phases of Human Resources and risk Management. Candidate must have extensive knowledge and experience in payroll, employee benefit programs, policies and procedures, and employment law. Applicant should possess knowledge and experience in all property and casualty policies, claims handling (including job-related injuries), administration of safety programs. Accounting degree helpful, but not required. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box PJ-3017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

312 Professional Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Great one person office. Excel, Access, Word, (Powerpoint helpful). Advanced Spreadsheets a must. Oil and Gas background helpful. DOE. Call for appointment.

683-7277 EnergiPersonnel

312 Professional Help Wanted

APARTMENT MANAGER 114 units, 5 years management experience. To \$2,200/month + medical + bonus. Fax 689-7846.

DRAFTING Experience in P & ID's, skid piping and pressure vessels. Send resume with salary history and requirements to: Draftsman, P.O. Box 60478, Midland, Texas 79711.

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Compressor Systems, Inc.

An industry leader for over 25 years, Compressor Systems, Inc. is one of the largest privately owned companies providing natural gas compression equipment and services. We are currently accepting applications for:

Internal Auditor/Systems Analyst - Baccalaureate in Accounting required, CPA desired. Responsibilities include development and implementation of internal controls, audit transactions and test controls. Must demonstrate good understanding of regulatory issues and strong system analyst skills. Proficiency in MS Office and Windows is also required. 20% travel required.

Inventory Accountant - Baccalaureate in Accounting required. Responsibilities include inventory audits, reconciliations, inventory systems implementation and procedures development. Ability to manage multiple projects and priorities together with interpersonal skills is required. Prior supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in MS Office and Windows is also required. 30-35% travel required.

We offer an excellent compensation package with a full range of benefits. For consideration, please mail or fax your resume to:

Compressor Systems, Inc. Human Resources Department P.O. Box 60760 Midland, TX 79711-0760 Fax 915-563-1402 Equal Opportunity Employer

PROJECT PRODUCTION ENGINEER

Enron Oil & Gas Company, one of the largest independent exploration and production companies in the U.S., is actively seeking a Project Production Engineer to be located in Oklahoma City. The successful applicant will be responsible for providing high-end production engineering technical support for the Division's exploration/development programs and to be pro-active at identifying production enhancement and cost saving opportunities. The applicant must exhibit strong leadership skills. Duties include technical design and evaluation of mechanical well operations and formation stimulation programs, cost control, production analysis, and operations logistics.

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ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co. (formerly Meridian Oil Inc.), one of the largest independent oil and gas companies in the United States, currently has an opening in our Mid-Continent's Midland office.

This position will support engineers by performing various duties which include conducting engineering studies, making reserve estimations, preparing budgets and performing project economic evaluations.

Qualifications include:

- Minimum five years' industry experience in similar job
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BURLINGTON RESOURCES

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TRANSTEXAS GAS CORPORATION P.O. Box 1908, Hwy. 359 Laredo, TX 78044-1908 1-800-572-1908 Fax (956) 722-7338

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312 Professional Help Wanted

ASSISTANT MANAGER Needed by the Midland branch of Personal Credit Plan. Auto required. This is a Manager position and a career opportunity that offers excellent salary and a complete fringe benefit package. Promotion to Manager possible within 15 months. No experience necessary. Apply in person at 3308 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas. EOE, M/F

312 Professional Help Wanted

BOOKKEEPER Part time. Growing company is looking for an experienced, full charge bookkeeper. Quick Books and/or Quicken experience preferred. Will be responsible for A/P, A/R, bank reconciliation, P & L reports. Please send resume to Ms. Roberts, 500 W. Texas, Suite 1010, Midland, TX 79701. Or fax to 915-684-4146.

COLLECTOR Local corporation is in need of a professional collector. Must be able to work flexible hours, collection experience preferred, bilingual preferred. Willing to work on various types of loan delinquencies. Please send resumes to Asset Recovery Department, P.O. Box 4999, Odessa, TX 79760-4999.

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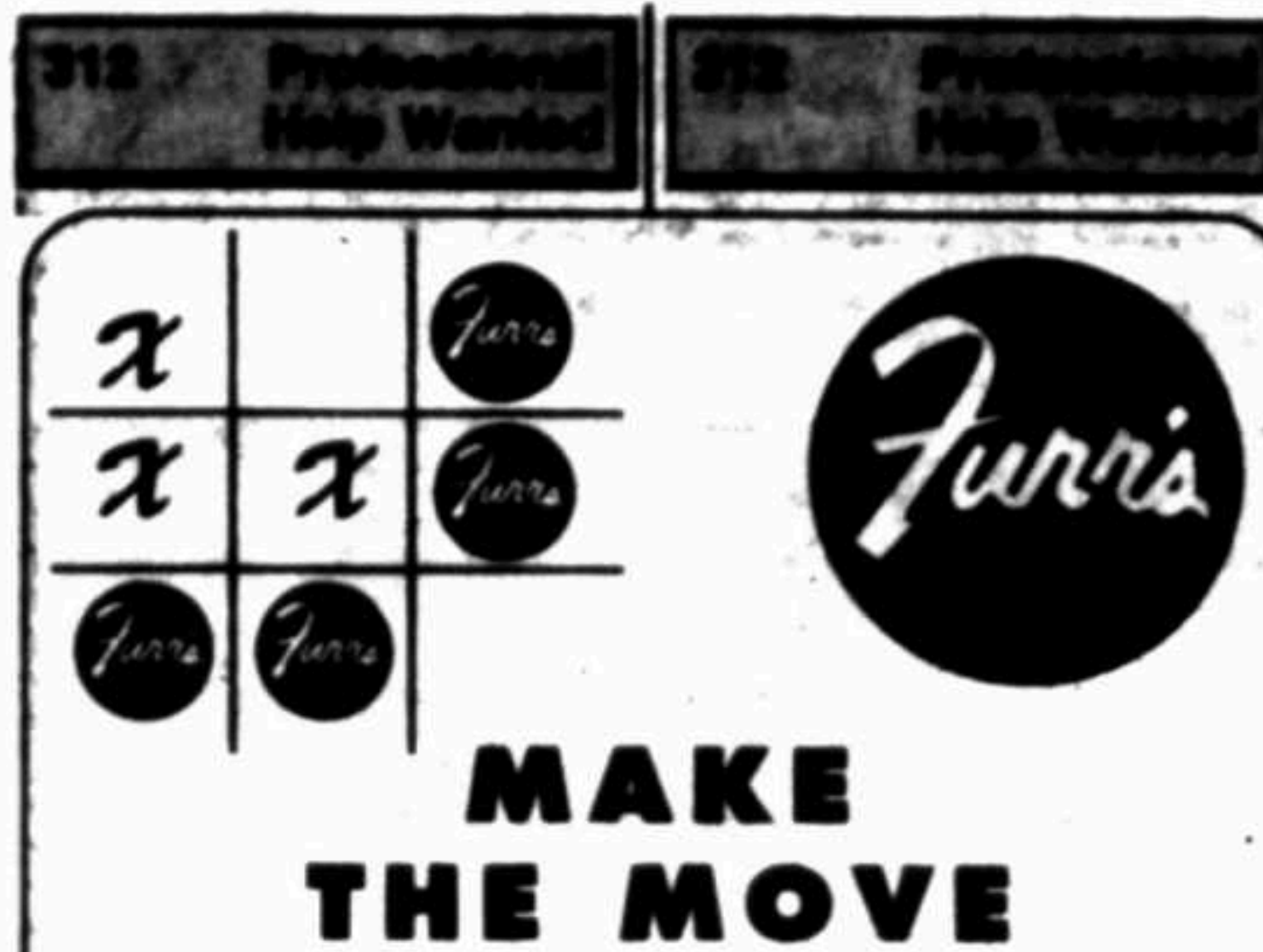
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Furr's/Bishop's, Incorporated is one of the largest operators of cafeterias and buffets in the United States, operating 105 restaurants in 12 states in the Southwest, West and Midwest under the names "Furr's" and "Bishop's." Our information Systems team has the following opportunities available at our corporate office in Lubbock, Texas:

CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES MANAGER

The Customer Support Services Manager will direct the activities of a seven person team and will be responsible for the overall performance, coordination, control and maintenance of: PC's, POS, LAN/WAN, voice and data communications equipment and software in all company locations and the Help Desk function. The successful candidate will have a minimum of nine years information Systems experience, with at least three years in LAN/WAN management of a 50+ user environment, while in a lead or supervisory position. Preference given to Windows NT and OS/2 LAN Manager experience. Hospitality industry and/or point-of-sales (POS) experience a plus.

AS/400 PROGRAMMER/ANALYST
Programmer/Analyst with four or more years RPG IV programming experience. Position requires the ability to analyze, develop and maintain computer programs in an AS/400 environment. Must have experience with packaged application software. Experience with J.D. Edwards accounting and payroll software is a plus. Experience in the hospitality industry is desirable.

APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The Applications Development Manager will direct the activities of a five person Applications Development team. This team is responsible for supporting J.D. Edwards' General Accounting and Payroll systems. The successful candidate must have a minimum of nine years experience with at least four years in a lead or supervisory role in application development environment utilizing RPG IV and C++. Must have experience with "packaged" software products (J.D. Edwards preferred) and be knowledgeable of communications protocols including TCP/IP, point-of-Sales (POS) experience a plus.

Furr's/Bishop's, Incorporated offers a competitive salary and benefit package. Qualified applicants can send a resume with salary requirements to IS-1, P.O. Box 6747, Lubbock, TX 79493-6747, or fax your resume to (806) 788-2302, or e-mail to isrecruiter@compuserve.com. All inquiries confidential, no phone calls please. Furr's/Bishop's, Incorporated is an equal opportunity employer.



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- Employment Developer, Odessa
- MR Case Coordinator, Odessa
- MH Case Manager, Odessa
- LVM, Odessa and Midland
- Substance Abuse Counselor, Midland and Odessa
- ACT Team Leader, Odessa
- Accounting Clerk II, Accounts Payable, Midland
- Accounting Clerk II, Accounts Receivable, Midland
- Counselor Intern, Midland

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Titan Exploration, Inc.

A growing public oil and gas company, has openings for the following positions:

- Revenue Accountant
- Joint Interest Accountant
- Revenue Accounting Clerk
- Joint Interest Billing Clerk
- Accounts Payable Clerk
- Data Entry Clerk

All applicants should have prior oil and gas experience working with an accounting software package and should be proficient in Excel and Word or comparable software in a windows environment.

Titan offers competitive compensation, an excellent benefits package and a smoke-free environment.

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Please send resumes to:
Attn: Accounting Positions
PO Box 10629
Midland, Texas 79702

Programmer/Software Developer

Petroleum industry software development and support firm has the following career opportunities available. Positions require self-motivated individuals with good communication and organizational skills. Some travel may be required. Oil and Gas industry knowledge desirable.

Entry Level and Experienced developers with exposure to FoxPro/Access or Windows GUI Development languages preferred. Accounting software system development and familiarity with Microsoft Office software highly desirable. Send resume with work experience history.

Quetta Software Systems, Inc., Attn: Personnel Department, 400 West Illinois, Suite 1140, Midland, TX 79701.

312 Professional Help Wanted

PROFESSIONAL CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Growing CPA/Consulting firm in Houston seeks several candidates with 3-10 years recent public accounting experience. Terrific benefits, compensation and relocation package available. Resumes to: Personnel, fax (713) 622-4082 or telephone (713) 622-3960.

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RECEPTIONIST / SWITCHBOARD

Qualifications:

- Excellent skills in maintaining multi-line telephone system
- Professional Image
- Strong public relations and clerical skills
- Strong communication skills
- Word & Excel - Windows environment
- ABRA knowledge preferred
- Self-motivated
- Able to follow instructions and work well with a team

Responsibilities:

- Handle heavy phones and walk-in traffic in reception area
- Handle air service deliveries and billing
- Numerous clerical duties for Administrative and Human Resources Department
- Assist with mail distribution

We offer an excellent compensation package with a full range of benefits. For consideration, please mail or fax your resume to:

Compressor Systems, Inc.
Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 80760
Midland, TX 79711-0760
Fax 915-563-1402

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Retail

AGENDA CONSULTANT/ FASHION COORDINATOR

Stein Mart, one of the country's fastest growing retailers, is currently seeking a full-time **Agenda Consultant/Fashion Coordinator** to conduct and coordinate wardrobe seminars, fashion shows and in-store promotions for its Midland store.

Qualified candidates will be self-motivated and sales-oriented, with strong organizational skills and distinct sense of style. Prior retail experience and fashion show promotion background is required.

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- Fun and friendly-like environment

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4706 Midkiff

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GEOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN

Local Oil & Gas Producer is looking for an experienced Geological Technician. Requires technical skills to research and compile data for Engineers & Geologists. Computer knowledge preferred. Salary will be dependent upon experience. Non-Smoking Environment.

Send replies to:

Box P-86855
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1658
Midland, TX 79702

314 Clerical Help Wanted

*CLERICAL

MIDLAND COLLEGE

HEALTH SCIENCE CONTINUING EDUCATION

PART-TIME SECRETARY:

Oversee the daily operation of the office. Three years secretarial/general office work experience. Excellent computer skills. \$7 per hour.

TESTING CENTER PART-TIME CLERK:

Associate's Degree required. Experience with word processing and spreadsheet programs. Principally responsible for proctoring exams. Assist with office work. \$7.50 per hour.

APPLY: Human Resources, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705. EOE

314 Clerical Help Wanted

*CLERICAL

CITY OF MIDLAND

POLICE RECORDS CLERK

Performs data entry of all police reports and related information. Requires skill in the operation of computer, copiers, printers and fax machines. Requires skill in typing and data entry, some word processing and PC work. Must pass data entry test with a minimum of 100 keystrokes per minute. Requires high school diploma or equivalent plus 1-3 years clerical and/or data entry experience. Wages and Hours: \$14.65/month, 9 pm to 7 am, Rotating Days Off. Closing Date: 12-29-97. Interested persons need to apply at: City of Midland, 300 N. Loraine, Room 120, Midland, Texas. EOE

RECEPTIONIST

- Polished communication skills and pleasant telephone voice
- Professional appearance and demeanor
- Excellent organizational and people skills

One to two years receptionist/secretarial experience is required. Receptionist will perform general clerical/administrative duties as needed. Experience in oil and gas industry and some college preferred. We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package. For consideration, please send resume and salary history to:

Concho Resources, Inc.
Attn: HR
110 W. Louisiana, Suite 410
Midland, Texas 79701

312 Professional Help Wanted

PRODUCTION/DRILLING SECRETARY

Midland independent seeks dependable, enthusiastic secretary to assist the operations department. Duties include: daily drilling report, filing, telephone, A/E's and invoice handling with some state production reporting and other internal reports. Candidate must have computer skills using WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3, and Excel. Previous experience in production/drilling will be a plus. Benefits package applies. Send resume, references and salary expectations in strict confidence to: Box T-5072, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

WIRELINE SERVICES OPENHOLE ENGINEER

BPB Wireline Services, specialist in openhole logging, is presently accepting applications for the above position. Openings to be filled are in Midland, Texas. All positions require a 4 year technical degree. Major logging company experience a plus but not required. Please forward your resume in confidence to:

BPB Wireline Services
P.O. Box 60507
Midland, Texas 79711-0507

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\$17,000 - \$19,000. Seeking enthusiastic self-starter to coordinate development opportunities for the American Red Cross. Position includes grant writing, public relations, planned giving and special events. Requires ability to interact with various cultures and socioeconomic levels, good organizational skills, excellent verbal and written communication, professional appearance, proficiency in WordPerfect or MicroSoft, and working knowledge of a spreadsheet application. Prefer 4 year degree from accredited college or university and development experience in a non-profit or social service setting. Equal Opportunity Employer. Opportunity for advancement. Minorities encouraged to apply. Resumes accepted or applications and job description available in Midland at 2306 Elizabeth, 79701 or in Odessa at 120 East Second, 79761.

GEO-TECH: Small Independent Oil Company seeks part time Geo-Tech. Flexible hours, pleasant working environment. Salary DOE. Send resume to: EnerQuest Resources, LLC, PO Box 11150, Midland, Texas 79702.

LEASE ANALYST: Contract/Full-time 3 to 5 years experience. Landprod experience preferred. Independent oil and gas operator. Send resume to: Box P-06054, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MIDWEST TAX SERVICE: is accepting applications for tax preparer for computerized tax refund office to be opened in Midland. Need to have experience in preparing income tax returns and data entry. Send resume to 102 W. Avenue "B" Street Sweetwater, Texas 79556 or call Johnny Castenro at (915)235-8511.

OIL & GAS TAX accountant: needed 4 years experience. Call Keith 687-1410.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

*OFFICE MANAGER

Looking for experienced individual with strong communication, accounting and inventory control skills. Understanding of EDP Systems, financial analysis and budget issues required. Excellent financial and fringe benefit package. Send resume and financial history to:

Personnel
P.O. Box 2322
Odessa, Texas 79760

*Executive Secretaries

We are looking for assertive, confident executive secretaries. Exp in legal field or general secretarial. Call

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*Land Secretary

Permanent Full-time position. Must type at least 50 wpm and have Word and Excel knowledge. Quickbooks and Land experience a plus but not necessary. Pay \$8.50 - \$10/hour. Call:

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*LAND SECRETARY

Must have previous land experience and be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. Windows for this long term position. Call

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*LORETTA'S ANSWERING SERVICE

Telephone secretaries for evening shifts, including weekends; minimum 35 wpm. Apply 10 am - 4 pm, Monday-Friday at: 1300 S. Midland Drive

*OIL & GAS PRODUCTION

Strong production background needed for Temp to Perm position. Job requires Texas & New Mexico reporting experience. Enerquest software a plus. Salary DOE. Great benefits! Call Fran at 684-0527 or fax resume to 684-0836

Temporary Resources
1601 W. Texas

*PART-TIME SECRETARY

Light phones, accurate typing of 50 wpm. \$7/hour. Call

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Expansion and growth require us to add to our sales team. We are now recruiting an energetic, enthusiastic motivated inside sales representative for the Midland/Odessa area. Experience preferred. Bilingual a plus.

We offer a great opportunity within one of the fastest growing industries that includes: stability of a base salary, plus an attractive commission/ bonus structure, vehicle allowance, cellular telephone, medical/dental/life, 401 (k) retirement savings plan, vacation and more. Rapid advancement opportunities. EOE. Please submit your resume and cover sheet to:

Human Resources, MIDRSR
4612 Billingsley, #6
Midland, Texas 79705

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EXPERIENCED INSIDE SALESPERSON WITH THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS

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- Customer service oriented
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- Computer literate

Competitive Salary
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Branch Manager
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Odessa, Texas 79763
or Fax (915)332-9975

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6 mo. temp. must have exp in TX & NM production. Excel, Enerquest, Questa exp a plus. Call

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*TEXAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Texas Special Olympics seeks a Part-Time Administrative Secretary for Area 18. Lufkin based. Ideal candidate will be computer literate & a "people person." Good verbal and written communication skills a must. May be required to operate a vehicle. Submit resume and salary requirements to:

Human Resource Director
Attn: A18 Secretary
11442 N. IH 35
Austin, Texas 78753
or Fax: 512-435-7756

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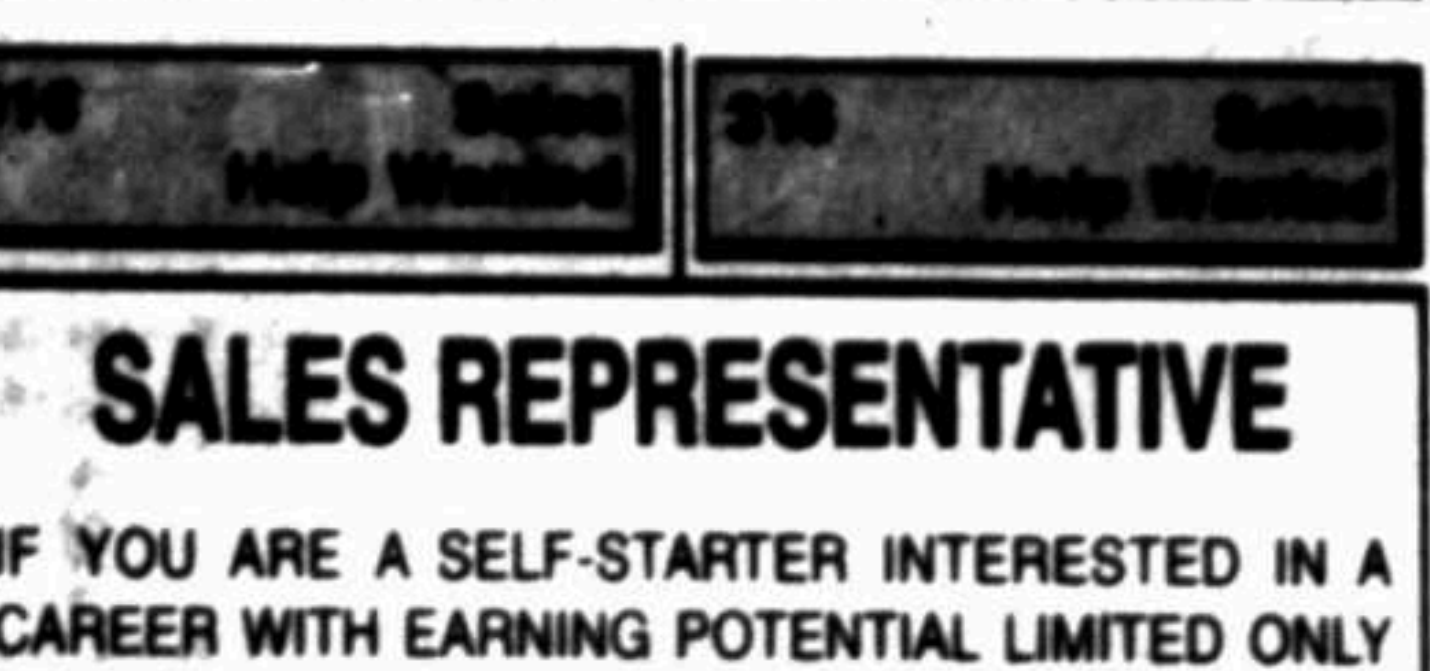
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From the little powder bath off the formal living area, elegantly wallpapered and appointed with gold hardware on the lavatory to the lush white-tiled kitchen overlooking the backyard and pool where the southern light pours in through glass blocks and windows, to the breath taking designer master bath, also tiled in white and featuring a very large shower built for two, with two shower heads and a tiled bench, a happy marriage of contemporary and traditional permeates every area in the home.

The tile-floored den overlooks the backyard, pool and deck with a bank of windows facing south and features built-in bookcases against the east wall, and a splendid open view of the dining area and the large, large kitchen to the east, where guests will almost certainly gather. In fact, its spaciousness and welcoming feeling make it an especially nice address to come home to for the holidays - either traditional, or those that you celebrate on the spur of the moment.

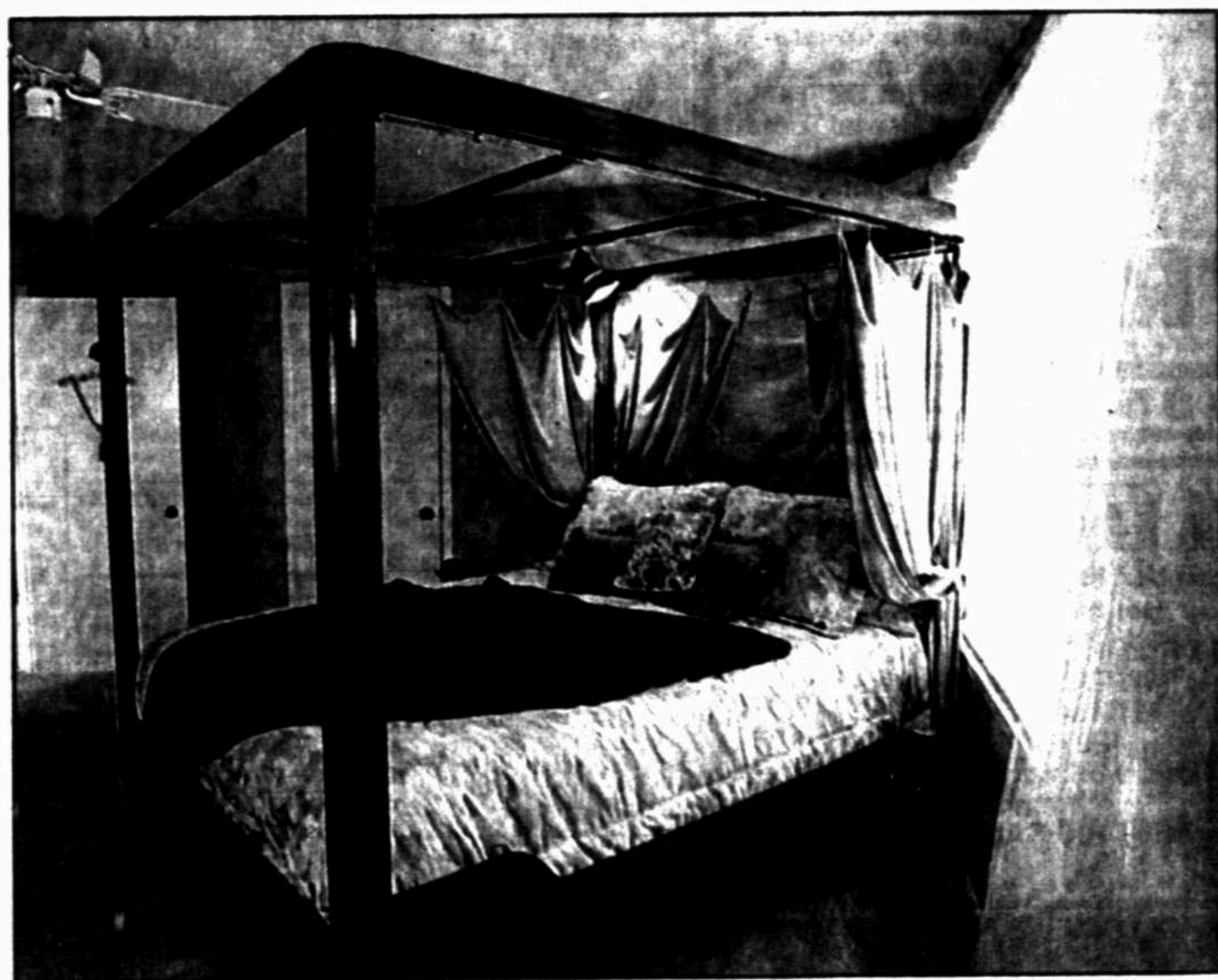
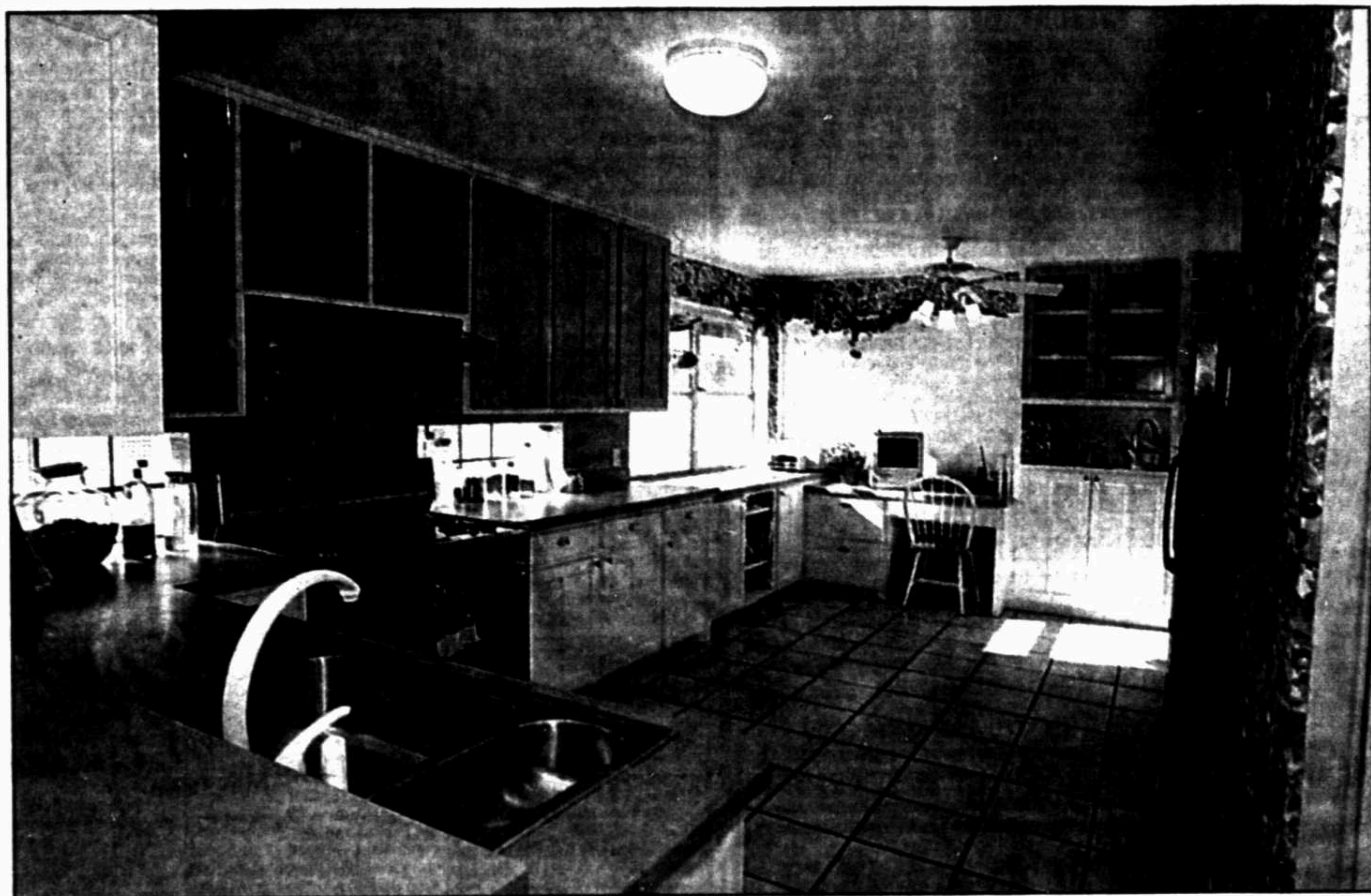
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FREE TO Good Home: 4 Kittens, 6 Weeks & 4 Months. Call 693-1882.

FOUR FREE Kittens, 1 female, 3 males. About 7 weeks old. Call 683-7853.

PERFECT PETS- AKC, parti colored Cocker Spaniels. Parents on premises. Please call after 5:30 520-8696.

AKC COCKER SPANIELS-Christmas puppies. Black. Accepting deposits now. Call 697-0996.

AKC REGISTERED Yorkshire Terriers. Taking deposits, ready just after Christmas. Males \$325, females \$375. 697-1420.

ENGLISH BULLDOG puppies. Championship bloodline. Be ready for Christmas. Taking deposits! Call 561-5755 or 682-8073.

BIRD DOGS, \$150 to \$3.500. Call 915-580-4786.

AKC REGISTERED Chihuahuas, for Christmas. Reserve one now! Call 686-0065.

PIT BULL puppies for sale. Full blooded, 4 weeks old. \$70. 684-5453.

SNOW WHITE German Shepherd puppies. Both parents on premises. 520-2416.

AKC REGISTERED West Highland White Terriers. Call 915-550-3237 weekends and after 5pm or leave message.

SPRINGSPANIEL puppies. AKC. Be ready for Christmas! Black/White/Liver! Males \$250/\$350 915-682-2929.

AKC BRITTANY Spaniel puppies, parents imported from France. Excellent with children. Pets \$250, show \$350. 570-4401.

J & L's CHIHUAHUAS. Puppies, bred for quality and temperament. Excellent pedigree. By appointment. 580-5193.

AKC WEST HIGHLAND white Terriers. Females \$450, Males \$400. December 23rd. Taking deposits, will hold for Christmas. 689-6060.

REGISTERED MINIATURE Schnauzer puppies, for sale just in time for Christmas. \$250. 694-7752.

POODLE, BLACK, male, 7 weeks old. Also black, male poodle, 6 months old. Both registered with papers. Call 806-872-3303.

★ YORKIES FOR Christmas. Now taking deposits on AKC Yorkies with excellent pedigree. Parents on premises. Days 570-4949 nights 697-4204.

PEMBROKE WELSH Corgi. Male 4 months old, red in color, good blood line. Call 683-1731 after 6pm.

AKC REGISTERED Pekingese puppies, 2 males, 1 female. Rare colors. Call 684-5861.

SHIH TZU Puppy, only 1 left. Fluffy, cuddly, 7 week old. AKC registered black and white female, \$300. Will hold for Christmas with payment in full. 570-8965.

ADORABLE AKC Lhasa Apso puppies, just in time for Christmas. \$400 females, \$350 males. 524-7441. Andrews.

CAROLITE Obedience Training Center. Puppy, beginner and advanced classes. Board and train service available. 683-4718.

WANTED loving mature home for 2 sibling Males. Cats, neutered, declawed, 4 years old. \$40. 520-4624.

AKC REGISTERED Boxers. Now accepting deposits. Be ready for Christmas! Call 570-9739 after 5pm.

AKC COCKER Spaniel puppies, 6 weeks old, shots, \$150. Call 523-2703.

AKC Male black Lab pups. Ten weeks old. Excellent hunting prospects. (915)684-9662.

JACK RUSSELL Terrier pups, taking deposits now. 699-4000.

QUARTER HORSE mare, saddle and tack, \$1,300. 2 horse trailer, \$450. Arabian Gelding, \$500. Sell separately, or \$2,000 takes all. Need room for cattle breeding program. 683-6779 ask for Brent or David.

QUARTER HORSES- 2 and 4 year old geldings. Race broke. Leave message. 682-0600.

20,000 BALES of good quality coastal hay. \$3.50 a bale in barn, delivery is available. 915-366-5681.

FOR SALE: 1 female donkey, full size. Please call 699-7428 for more information.

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The 6' 8" x 20' model weighs 3,200 pounds

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510 Office Furniture & Misc.

AT&T Phone Systems. Partner w/ 4 lines, 6 phones and headset base. 2 years old, excellent condition. \$1,500. Partner II with 12 lines, 12 phones, (ready for 36 phones), headset base and Voice Mail. 1 year old, like new \$7,000. Contel Executive 816 Phone System with 8 lines and 10 phones, (ready for 16 phones), \$750. Call 570-5267 opt. #1, ext. 324.

500 Pests and Supplies

FOR SALE: 1975 Model D5 Cat Dozer. Good mechanical condition. New steering clutch. Call 915-267-3126.

500 Machinery/Tools

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570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

ACOUSTIC FLUID Levels for producing wells and TA'd wells. Call 631-9244.

POLYPIPE: Reel up Reel for waterline rental business, (hydraulic with gear box, no chain). Pre-engineered construction, heavy duty, rolled channel iron, 3 inch, with 6 inch I-beam supports. Partially disassembled, designed for truck mount, can be adapted to trailer. Original construction \$14,000, today's price \$7,500. 806-254-2004 nights or 915-576-3749 days.

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546.

500 Farm Equipment

MIDLAND FARMERS CO-OP is looking for more cotton. Just changed saws, good turnouts, free module hauling. Call Mike Denny at 685-3771 or come by at 1409 S. Fairgrounds in Midland.

500 Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Bid 96-5

Midland Community College is now accepting sealed proposals for multiple vehicles. Specifications may be picked up in the Midland College Accounting & Business Services office Monday through Friday, 8:00 am till 5:00 pm. Bids will be accepted no later than 10:00 am, Thursday, December 11, 1997 at which time they will be read aloud. The bids will be tabulated and final determination of bid will be made at a future board meeting. Bids should be addressed to: Rick Bender, Director of Accounting & Business Services, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO JCB FLEXLEASE, INC. and to all whom it may concern, Defendant.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney if you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued the citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The citation is filed in the County of Midland, Texas, and the petition is filed in the County of Midland, Texas, according to the map or plan thereof of record in volume 105, page 478, Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

This is a suit to quiet title to real property located in Midland County, Texas, more particularly described as: Being the North 60 of Lot one (1), Block 10 (10), Re-Subdivision of Lily Heights Addition, an addition to the city of Midland, Midland County, Texas, according to the map or plan thereof of record in volume 105, page 478, Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

Witness my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas this 20th day of November, 1997.

Louie P. Enriquez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids for Health Supplies for the Midland Independent School District, Bid #8-007 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 pm CST, December 18, 1997 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

Let 'Sure Sell Work For You'
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FSA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Farm for Sale

220 acres, more or less, out of E/2 of Sec 11, Block 32, Howard County, TX Dryland. Farm Service Agency (FSA) has priced the property to sell at \$88,000.00.

Offers will be accepted on the farm property from only beginning farmers and ranchers. Information on how to qualify as a beginning farmer or rancher and other loan eligibility criteria is available at the local FSA office.

Sale will be subject to conservation easement deed restrictions which will restrict the purchaser's use of the wetlands. Also, the purchaser will be required to comply with the conditions of a Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation plan.

FSA personnel will assist applicants in applying for FSA guaranteed and direct loans, where such funds are available.

Offers must be in writing on Form FmHA 1955-45, "Standard Sales contract-sale of Real Property by the United States and be received by December 15, 1997. The Government reserves the right to cancel the sale at any time and the right to reject any or all applications.

For additional information contact FSA at 107 E. Broadway, Stanton, TX. Telephone #915-756-3308.

FSA is an Equal Opportunity Lender

500 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ESTRAY
NO. 97-09358
DATE 11/28/97

1. PERSON REPORTING ESTRAY
NAME: Matt Fahnestiel
ADDRESS: Unknown
PHONE: 1-800-247-2497

2. DATE ESTRAY REPORTED TO SHERIFF: 11/28/97

3. LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND: SH. 349 & Bayberry

4. LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHILE IMPOUNDED: 5400 E. Hwy 158

5. DESCRIPTION OF ESTRAY: KIND OF ANIMAL: EMU
COLOR: BROWN
SEX: UNKNOWN
AGE: UNKNOWN
SIZE: UNKNOWN
BRAND: MARK IDENTIFYING CHARACTERS: None

Gary Painter, Sheriff
Midland County, Texas
Ken Colston, Deputy

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID
Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for an ELECTRICAL SUBCONTRACTOR FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE CENTER.

Drawings and specifications may be secured through the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas on Monday, December 1, 1997.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID NO. 112-97 ENCLOSED"

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED BIDS FROM BIDDERS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1997. AT WHICH TIME BIDS WILL BE CLOSED.

Bid Opening will be at 2:00 PM in the Laboratory Conference Room, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701 on Monday, December 15, 1997.

ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL APRIL 15, 1998.

ALL BIDS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE BIDS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE.

THE BIDS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, 2200 WEST ILLINOIS, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701, RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
2200 WEST ILLINOIS
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for the following projects: BRIDGE SPALL REPAIR, Control No. 6018 98 001, Estimate \$86,600, Guarantee \$1,800, Ector County. MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6018 98 001, Estimate \$67,200, Guarantee \$1,800, Ector County. MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6018 98 001, Estimate \$64,700, Guarantee \$1,300, Reeves County. MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6018 98 001, Estimate \$21,600, Guarantee \$900, Reeves County. AND REPLACE SIGNS, Control No. 6021 32 001, Estimate \$12,100, Guarantee \$0, Winkler County. Ector County, of the Odessa District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation until 2:00 pm, January 13, 1998, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals and specifications will be available at the District Operations Office of Charles E. Martin, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, (915)333-9140. Usual rights reserved.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Bids for Copy Paper for the Midland Independent School District, bid #8-006 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 pm CST, December 9, 1997 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

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NOTICE OF MEETING
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V.T.C.S.
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Stanton, Texas, will meet in Regular Session, Monday, December 8, 1997 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers to consider the following:

1. Consider and take action on the 3rd day of December, 1997.

2. Consider and take action for maintenance of certain State Highways and portions of State Highways in the City of Stanton, Martin County, Texas, hereby referred to as Municipal Maintenance Project and authorizing the Mayor of the City or other authorized City official, to execute and affix the corporate seal and attest same.

3. Consider and take action on appointing a five (5) member Board of Directors to create a Housing Finance Corporation.

4. Consider and take action on contracting with (EDM) to develop a Housing Finance Corporation and to arrange for a feasibility study at no cost to the City (EDM: Everett Development and Management).

5. Consider and take action on street lights, St. Paul and Third Streets intersection, St. George Street intersection.

6. Consider and take action on Bills and Reports for November.

7. Consider and take action on the charge of Aggravated Sexual Assault is registered to reside on North County Road 1140, Midland County.

AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL
Un hombre de 46 años de edad fue hallado culpable del delito de asalto sexual. Este sujeto esta registrado para vivir en el Condado de Midland, County, North County Road 1140.

(Maintenance Project)

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3521 W. Illinois \$164,500
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Bdrm. Bedroom
Ba. Bath
Klt. Kitchen
Dbl. Double
A/C. Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm. Master Bdrm.
Garage
Bldg. Building
Cond. Condition
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N-QA. Non-Qualifying
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Ac. Acre
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Island \$334,900
Fantastic 5 bedroom, located on Lake. Totally redecorated, pool & spa. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Baybrook-Brand New \$280,000
Breathtaking! Fabulous kitchen, stunning formal dining, great layout on 5 bedrooms, expect to be impressed! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Rustic Trail \$232,900
4 bed, 1 1/2 ba, 3 gar, workshop, view of Golf Course from front & back of property. New fence, many upgrades. Country Club membership stays with property. Please call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Greentree \$229,500
Gorgeous 1 1/2 year new U/C with 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths has custom extra large Stone flooring. Berber carpet, plantation shutters, security system plus much more!

Heartland-EXQUISITE \$215,000
5 bedroom beauty, 3 car garage, 2 living areas, formal dining, stunning decor, HURRY and call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 687-1217.

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OFFERS Requested or Lease \$1700/month on this super Warwick redo - 5BR, 3 1/2 BA, 2 LA, 3 garage. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Hilltop \$189,900
Over 3400 sq ft in this outstanding room, 3 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces, 3 car garage - ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield.

Rustic Trail \$189,900
DREAMY! builder's own home in Greentree. Spacious living in 4BR, 4BA, steam shower, in master. Fabulous built-in TV wall, 5 car garage with workshop. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 684-0377.

Edgeton \$189,000
Best Resale better than new, sequestered master, in-law plan, built-ins, str. large lot & parking pad. Call Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Melody Acres \$184,900
Horse lovers will love this! 4 bedrooms, 3 acres, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas and formal dining room. 20x45 workshop. Call Anita.

Green Tree \$179,500
Elegant Green Tree home w/3400+ sq ft 1 1/2 fireplaces, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, 5 baths & fabulous pool! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Centerview \$179,900
Grazeland-Exceptional 4 bed, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, tile, security shutters. Please call Donna 687-0490.

Briarwood Addition \$172,500
Fabulous kitchen overlooking family room, separate formal dining, seg. master, seg. walk-in, 4th bedroom access to its own bath. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Heartland-Owner Wants Offers \$171,500
4 bed, 3 ba, 3 car garage. Spectacular, Clean, Cul-de-sac, huge front porch, den has lovely built-ins. Please call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Hilltop \$169,900
Just listed on golf course, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, beautiful view, wonderful home. Please call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 687-1217.

Greentree Estates \$169,500
Fabulous 4 1/2 with 2 living areas plus study. Tons of builder extras - neighborhood clubhouse & pools.

Seaboard-Reduced \$165,000
Charm & style with Mother-in-law formal dining & living, covered patio, 3 1/2 baths, divided backyard. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Trinity Meadows \$159,900
Great Property 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths - formal dining. Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

Greentree-New Construction \$159,900
4 1/2 with 2 living areas, 2 sided fireplace, wood shades, jacuzzi tub & much more. Call Anita.

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Builder's home features rich, Pella windows, bright open floor plan w/gorgeous master suite bath. Careful it's loaded! Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

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New 4 dm home by Lee Evans, Call Clemmie.

Shady Oak \$156,900
4 bedroom or 3 bedroom w/2 1/2 baths, covered brick patio. Beautiful view of the Golf Course. Call Marilyn Jo.

Greentree-New Construction \$155,000
4 1/2 with many custom extras. Wood shades, jacuzzi in master, etc. Call Anita.

Cherrywood-Reduced \$155,000
Excellent condition! Great bedrooms, 3 baths, fabulous kitchen, large formal dining, 3 car garage. Talk to Larry & Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Colman Ct. \$149,900
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Deventry \$149,900
HOT! HOT! HOT! Stunning 4 BR, 3 BA, Seq. MBR with fireplace and seg. BO and BA. EXTRA parking for RV or boat, large & lovely plan with gameroom. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Pole Park-Just Reduced \$149,500
Gorgeous 4 1/2 w/hardwood floors and all the extras. Fresh paint & carpet, sequestered master, wet bar. Call Anita.

Trinity Court \$144,500
3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 living areas.

Crooklyn \$137,900
Fantastic 4 bedroom, 3 bath! Gorgeous kitchen with island, large breakfast room, separate formal dining, superb master bath! Hurry to see. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

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Mrs. Clean lives in this wonderful three and one-half bath Farnham area, swimming pool, 3 car garage.

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FIRST CLASS PLEASE! This 2 BR, 2 BA, 1 LA is everything but coast! Get your 1st class pass! Reduced! Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Laligh \$129,900
Better than new 4 bedroom 3 bath, sequestered master plus mother-in-law suite. Plantation shutters w/over 2600 sq ft. Call Sandy Scott 684-3070.

Montclair \$128,500
Elegant custom 4 bedroom - 2 living - plus sun room - island kitchen - wonderful. FRESH PAINT! Call Jo 683-1425.

Ann Dr. \$125,900
Lots of glass, tile, & open area. Contemporary on 1.35AC. 3 bath w/ hardwood floors, great location. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

White Way \$123,000
4 bedroom beauty with workshop. U/C Sarge.

Teakwood Trail \$119,900
Lowest price per foot in Green Tree. 4 bed 3 baths, new shingles, new air duct work, huge kitchen, 2 totally separated living areas, 1m dining, 2 sided FP. Call Ruth Young at 682-7884.

Rosemont-Reduced \$113,900
Gorgeous 4BR. Has to be the U/C fireplace in Midland! Hot Tub. Formal dining, spacious & unique. Call for Joyce Brickey 682-3191.

Proctor \$112,000
Tall ceilings, open plan, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Bush - Abel - Lee' New Construction by Frazier. Call Deborah 520-2117.

Laligh \$109,900
You will be impressed with this well-maintained home w/formal dining on corner lot! Gourmet kitchen with tile & walls of windows! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Dentfield \$106,000
Newly constructed on cul-de-sac in Farnham Park. Call Deborah Pierce 520-2112.

Crescent \$103,500
Great curb appeal! Kahler custom home, sequestered master, tiled entry, formal dining, sprinkler system. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

2802 Metz-New Listing \$97,500
4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 2 living areas. GREAT Call Jo Braden.

St. Andrews - 4 Bedrooms \$93,500
4 great bedrooms, wonderful kitchen, 3 baths, formal dining, light & bright den. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Deventry \$85,000
Reduced! 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas. Call Jo Drury 684-4268.

Kansas-COME SEE THE CHANGE \$83,500
4 bedroom - charm, hardwood floors - water well - workshop & garage with lot & work area. Recent carpet & paint. Call Jo today.

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Snuggly home in quiet area! Wonderful yards, soaring ceilings. Bright open plan! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Mark Lane \$76,900
Clean 4BR, 2BA, 1LA, minutes away from schools, super market and park. Bonus room in-law plan. New carpet. Recent paint, carpet and roof. Call Marilyn Jo Smith 682-8820.

Bedford \$75,500
Super 4 BD, 4 BA, tile floors, formal dining, huge lush yard with trees & fountain. Great find! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

W. Shandon \$65,000
Your pocket book will vote for this 4/2 home. Advantages include: Located to schools & shopping, tile floor, fireplace & more. Clayton Alexander 682-8820.

Shell \$64,900
You will be surprised "How large" this 4 BR is. Gorgeous yard, decked area, what lot! Formal & huge lovely den. Ask for Joyce Brickey 682-3191.

E. Oak \$45,000
Luxury abounds, large master, complete update. Call Clemmie.

College \$39,900
The "best upper" is the handymans dream come true. With a little work this can be three rental properties. Really a lot for \$39,900. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

#14 Dunbar \$399,000
Spectacular custom on 2.5 acres w/over 4800 sq ft! Pool, barn, shop, RV/boat parking, kennels, aquarium room, 3 jacuzzis and sauna! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Hwy. 176 \$250,000
Andrew's County 3BR, 2B, 2 LA's more than 250 acres, stg. buildings, security system, sprinkler over 250 trees. Ruth Young 682-7884.

Saddle Club North \$189,900
Prime location/Spectacular home on HUGE corner lot with pool, enclosed sunroom, 2 fireplaces. Call Anita.

Stanford \$159,000
Beautifully updated with wood floors, tumbled marble in kitchen, faux painting, fully landscaped, lots of built-ins. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Driftwood-On The Golf Course \$149,900
Fantastic kitchen with island countertop, stupendous family room, outstanding master bedroom & closets. What a view! Call now Larry & Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Driftwood-On The Course \$144,000
Spectacular view is such a plus for this 3 bedroom w/sequestered master, Berber carpets, 2 covered patios, plantation shutters & much more. Call Anita.

Rustic Trail-On The Course \$139,900
Kahler custom, Superior kitchen with family sized breakfast nook, oversized den, seg. master, lots of storage & walk-in closets. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Wallace Townhome \$134,500
Stunning updated 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, spacious townhome with so much new in excellent condition. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Lockheed - Old Midland Unique - Low Maintenance \$130,000
A dream come true, 3 car gar, pk, pad, 3 bed, 3 ba. Call Ruth 682-7884.

Built by Tom Costen-New Listing \$125,000
3/20, water/flood, Call Laverne Johnson 684-0444.

Old Midland \$119,000
Fantastic 3BR, 2 BA, fireplaces in both living areas, huge master, large utility, darling kitchen, loads of windows, lush grounds. Hurry to see! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Timber Lane \$110,000
Great new construction by Kahler! 3 bdm/2 bath, great footprints, neat neighborhood. Be the first to own this dream home! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Bellechasse \$103,000
Large 3 bdm, formal dining, in-ground pool. Clemmie Sarge.

Dyer Circle \$100,000
Gorgeous landscaping on large lot, updated papers, double yard with dog run, outstanding party.

Pecan Reduced To Sell! \$99,900
Wallace townhome w/sequestered master suite. Newly painted interior and kitchen vinyl. Must see! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Old Midland \$99,000
Super! Master bedroom with wonderful bath, 3 baths, 3BR, 2 living areas, WORKSHOP! Beautiful landscaping. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Shandon-Tile Floors \$87,500
Pool, workshop, Farnham School area.

Wetfield \$87,500
So much space - Great location & quality - workshop. Call Jo.

Candle Tree \$85,000
New listing - 3 BD, cheerful decor, formal living with fireplace, workshop covered patio. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Laligh \$84,000
High ceilings, skylights, 2 marvelous baths, oversized rooms are just a few of the features found here. Hurry to see! Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Crestmont \$89,900
Sequestered master, formal dining, corner. Call Clemmie Sarge.

Idylwild - By Bush Elementary \$89,900
4 yrs. old - just like new, 2 baths, formal dining, vaulted den ceiling, fireplace, home warranty, landscape allowance. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Culver \$89,500
New listing with a bright kitchen, 3 BD, 2 LA, den with fireplace, study and has large back yard. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Wedgewood Park-Just Reduced \$87,500
Beautiful home inside and out. U/C living plus sunroom & study. Call Anita.

Imperial \$87,500
Wonderful three bedroom, two U/C home. Close to Lee High school. Some features include two living areas, enclosed patio, bonus room and auto sprinkler system. Call Kirk to see.

Edgemont-Reduced \$85,000
Great price for area, good sized rooms, double fireplace. Call Denise 687-1799.

Camarie-New Listing - Immediate \$84,900
Immaculate 3 bedroom - open floor plan - Farnham area. Call Marilyn Jo.

North T. \$84,900
Comfortable well cared for 3 bedrooms & recreation - sized backyard. So much new! Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

Merrill \$84,500
A great New Listing with man, U/C sequestered master, clean as a whistle - updated kitchen - don't miss it. Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

Fall Into This \$83,000
Wonderful 3 BD, 2 BA home with a great home office. Located in "Pecan" Old Midland location. Call Marilyn Jo.

St. Andrews \$82,900
BAN THE BLAHS! 3 bedrooms, very open plan w/formal dining plus breakfast area, fabulous master suite. Call Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Shandon \$82,500
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 living U/C decking, gorgeous landscaping, greenhouse or 3rd garage parking. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Harvard \$82,000
Super home, totally redone in great location. 3BR, 2BA, 2 living areas - 2 car garage. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

McDonald \$79,950
New listing! U/C sequestered master, vaulted ceiling in den, hi-lite, 3BR, 2 bath home. Great size, great home. Call Clayton 682-9494.

Green Tree Blvd. \$79,900
Low maintenance, patio home, U/C course, spacious master suite. Separate formal dining could be study. Call Marilyn Jo.

Wyndwood \$79,900
Very nice three bedroom with two bathrooms and a two car garage. Home has just been painted outside and has two new air conditioners. Fresh paint & new carpet. Call Kirk French at 682-8820.

Tammy Cove-Reduced \$78,000
Exceptional three bedroom, two bathroom patio home with no grass to mow. Recently new air cond. Compressor and water heater. Cul-de-sac location, adobe peace and quiet.

Douglas \$77,900
Wonderfully updated 3/2 w/large living area & loft. Large backyard. Beautiful ceramic tile, terrific wall coverings. Call Anita.

McDonald \$75,500
REDUCED! Workshop plus over 1900 sq ft in immaculate condition, formal dining and much more! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Mark Lane \$73,500
Something Special describes this home with 3 BD, wet bar, built-in bookshelves and brick patio. Call Marilyn Jo.

Stanford \$73,500
Nestled among the trees this large 2 living, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage will capture your heart, not your pocketbook! Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Neely - Reduced \$73,500
So cool and pretty - 2 baths, large open living, atrium of dining, skylights, light, wood shutters. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Whitney Drive \$72,900
Great home w/open plan updated flooring, tile counters, large rooms & great trees! Super buy. Priced to sell. Call today to see! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Phillip Place \$72,500
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area - all new paint, garage doors wood, new heat & air. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Regal-Close to Park \$69,900
Cul-de-sac, Tied entry, open U/C sec. master, skylight in kitchen, large breakfast room. Outstanding! Ask for Larry & Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Arbor Park \$69,900
2 baths, formal dining & large backyard with workshop. Vinyl plank hardwood throughout. Carpeted bedrooms. Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

Maxwell \$69,900
Great 3 bedroom w/3 living areas, formal dining, 2 car garage. Spacious. Call Sandy Scott 684-3070.

Wedgewood-Reduced \$69,900
WOW! 3/2 so much updating, open plan, huge yard - it's Great! Call Donna 687-0490.

Arbor Park \$68,500
3/2 on corner lot. Close to U/C school. Call Anita.

Garfield \$67,500
Loads of house for the price. Fireplace, sunroom, parking pad. Call Clemmie.

Farnham \$66,500
Pretty brick traditional 3 be U/C. Please call Belle Sherman 687-5545.

Terrace - Reduced - OFFERS PLEASE! \$65,000
A Real Deal! House A really large den plus separate liv. rm. 3 BR, 2BA, 2 gar. Joyce Brickey 682-3191.

Wyndwood \$65,000
Come see this cute 3/2 U/C overlooking shaded backyard. Call Anita.

Wadley \$64,800
New Listing 3 bedroom, gre U/C floors. Call Jo Braden.

Cimarron \$62,500
Great New Listing in Farnham. Near and clean - fresh paint. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

Laura \$62,500
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of square footage for the money. Don't miss this one. Mary Jo 684-4268.

Stanton \$59,900
Loads of cabinets in the fantastic kitchen. Cozy den, great bedrooms, cute cute, cute. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Upland \$59,900
Well maintained 3BD home, U/C formal dining. One owner home. Separate formal dining for holidays. Call Marilyn Jo.

Irvin-Reduced \$53,900
Nice 3 BD, 2 BA with 2 garage! Great assumption! Quiet cul-de-sac location! Good condition! Out of town seller is very motivated! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Louisiana \$53,500
Thankful opportunity for U/C. Nice 3BD, 2 BA formal living/dining with lots of cabinets. Call Marilyn Jo.

Melton Alley-New Listing \$52,500
Great townhouse, no yard, ige rooms. Call Clemmie.

Ric - Reduced \$51,900
Nestled and well maintained best describes this three bedroom, two bathroom home with two living areas. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Mercedes \$49,900
Pretty home lots of updating. Call Clemmie.

Gaston Drive \$49,500
Old house in premium condition! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, ref. central heat & air, sprinkler system, 3 car garage & workshop! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Trevino-Present Offer \$49,500
Super great 3BR, 2BA, 2 gar, liv. rm., dining rm. Priced low to sell. U/C interior. Ask for Joyce Brickey 682-3191.

Ric-Reduced \$48,900
Super footprints in this darling home with 2 baths, garage and oversized yard! Walls of windows make this one bright and cheerful! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Boys \$48,500
Cute! Large living area, nice bedrooms. Call Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Bedford \$45,000
A trip or two to the hardware store and then 3-2-2 will shine! Open living area, good 3rd bedroom, mature neighborhood. Clayton Alexander 682-8820.

124 S. Glenwood \$42,900
Cozy 3 bedroom, 2 living areas, fireplace. Call Clemmie.

Cute 3 Bedroom-New Listing \$42,500
2 baths, on corner lot. Call Laverne Johnson 684-0444.

Pecan \$35,000
Unbelievable at this price! Midland housing program would finance this 3 bed, 2 ba, huge kitchen, corner lot, please call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Anetta Drive-Reduced \$34,900
New Market - 3 BR, 2 Bath. Much updating. Nice wood deck in backyard. Must see to appreciate. Joe O'Brien 689-9696.

3117 Mariana \$34,000
Cute 3 bedroom in Delwood. U/C home 684-0444.

Monty-New Listing \$29,900
Super 3 bedroom, one U/C central heat & only \$29,900! Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

S. Mineola \$24,950
This is a great starter home without being a flip-upper. Nice and neat 3BR/1BA home which feels like home. Qualifies for HEP. Call Clayton.

Teakwood \$24,500
Lge 2 story townhouse, sunken den, ige mat, low maintenance yard. Call Clemmie.

Fielder-Reduced \$23,900
COOL DOWN in this S.W. home. 2BD, 2BA, spacious and comfortable. Fresh paint, new formal in kitchen. Call Marilyn Jo 684-0377.

Nobles - Owner/Agent selling 6% Buyer's Costs \$24,000
Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious den w/fireplace, 1 car garage. Non-qualifying or new loan - pool not warranted. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Bentwood-Reduced \$24,000
Darling Duplex - side "A" is 1 bed 1 bath & side "B" is 2 bed 1 bath w/fireplace. Covered parking and storage on both. Great investment! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Brunson \$23,500
Darling Super kitchen with tons of cabinets, better carpet, tiled sun room, updated and shows great, plus bonus room. Come see inside! Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield.

Parker \$23,900
Just like new! Cute 2BD, 2BA, brick home w/central heat & air. Great house w/large fenced yard. Victoria Printz 689-4800.

SUBURBAN & COMMERCIAL

Wichita (Gardendale) \$990,000
Roomy 3 BD, 3 bath on 20 acre Pecan orchard, pool, barn, farm, lake & more! Just a house. 4 bedrooms! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

W. Co. Rd. 60 \$950,000
Superior equestrian facilities, pool, tennis courts, 2 guest houses, 4 garages, RV garage, 17 acres, open to others. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

5201 W. Co. Rd. 55 \$599,000
Spectacular custom on 2.5 acres w/over 4800 sq ft! Pool, barn, shop, RV/boat parking, kennels, aquarium room, 3 jacuzzis and sauna! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

W. Co. Rd. 54 \$285,000
Glamorous hardwood floors, gameroom, study, 4 bedrooms, 3 fireplaces, beautiful view of Midland skyline. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

W. Co. Rd. 56 \$225,000
Glamorous kitchen, executive/rumormy room of masters, Texas-size home on 4-1/2 acres, built in 3B. Vicky Garrett 570-889/900-583-5923.

Exclusives Midway Acres \$184,900
Located on apps. 3 acres, the U/C has 2 living areas, 6 stall horse barn, cross fenced pastures & a U/C. Come see this country acreage just south of Green Tree!

800 E. Co. Rd. 125 \$148,500
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Co. Rd. 126 \$129,900
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E. Co. Rd. 108 \$112,000
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1000 E. Co. Rd. 108 \$97,800
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E. Co. Rd. 109 \$92,500
1.5 year new 3/2 has custom touches everywhere, beautiful kitchen, built-in cabinets, tile, breakfast bar. Huge utility. Large bedrooms!

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Formerly kitchen store & gift shop. Call Laverne Johnson.

Co. Rd. 84 East \$78,500
4 acres in Greenwood school district with a nice grey brick home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Nice master bedroom, curved drive in front. Call Laverne.

Co. Rd. 86 \$81,500
Great property, workshop and barn, 5 acres. Call Clemmie.

Morning Glory \$80,000
Half mobile home hook-up - 330,000. Or - \$50,000 for all. Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

N. Co. Rd. 1130 - Reduced \$47,900
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Co. Rd. 53 W. \$43,500
3 bedroom, barn, 91 acres. Call Jo Braden.

S. Co. Rd. 1178 \$40,000
20 acres of Ransom Hwy! Bring all offers! Victoria Printz 687-5636.

E. Co. Rd. 96 \$32,000
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Co. Rd. 1140 N. \$29,900
3.18 acres behind the Ranger Station in Greenwood (corner of 307 & 1083). This property has great potential. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Co. Rd. 1140 N. \$29,900
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5 acres, great location, paved road. Call Ruth Young at 682-7884.

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Kathy Crowley - a life long Midlander. After 25 years with Mobil and ARCO, Kathy chose Langstons and real estate as her next challenge - one she is admirably meeting! Married to Steve, Kathy already is setting up her web page, has several listings and clients, a result of hard work and good professional experience.



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TRINITY DR-Spectacular custom in Trinity Estates! Huge house, huge yard. **462,500**

WESTWIND-Fabulous Morris Construction in Green Tree - ready for your personal touch! Wonderful amenities. **369,000**
FAIRWOOD-Incredible Bill Brown! 5BR/5BA, formal + den + hq. plym. 2 patios. **349,900**
HILLCREST-Fabulous 5BR in Grasslands, 3LAs + hobby room + shop - Hurry! **309,000**
L-Old Midland remodeled beauty, unique custom design, wonderful detail. **299,000**
CANONERO-Saddle Club North TH. 4/4 office. Fabulous quality and space. **295,000**
BAYBROOK-Fabulous 5BR, better-than-new Morris resale. **278,000**
BAYBROOK-Beautiful plan, fabulous gourmet kitchen, immaculate condition, Bill Brown construction. **278,000**

OPEN 1-2-30
Sharon Harris
 If you're looking for a spacious home w/low yard maintenance, come by! 3BR/2BA/2LA. **134,500**
OPEN 1-3
Pat Paxton
 This 5BR in Grassland Estates has it all! Loaded with extras & beautifully appointed. **309,000**
OPEN 2-4
Kathy Crowley
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OPEN 3-4-30
Sharon Harris
 Don't miss seeing this super home in a great location! 3BR/2BA/2LA (open to each other). **98,500**
OPEN 3-5
Danny Norwood
 Price has been reduced on this wonderful, totally updated home! Hot tub and bonus room. **74,000**



Call Jane Wolf

DUNKIRK
 Super on quietest (shortest) street in town. 3LA/4BR/2BA, new kitchen, recent roof. **130,500**



Call Don Byerly

FAIRFAX
 Large 4BR/3BA, fantastic neighborhood, landscaped. **113,500**



Call Sandy Hanson

ANGELINA
 3BR/4BA/2LA or 1LA & formal dining. Clean & nice. **96,500**



Call Pat Paxton

HAYNES
 Extremely appealing 2 super LAs, large sq. MBR, wonderful condition. **89,750**



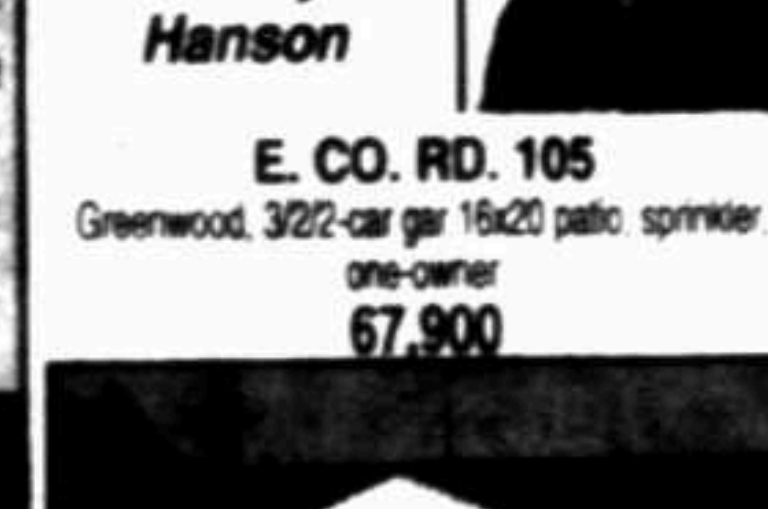
Call Roberta Aldridge

MARK LANE
 Very nice 3BR on quiet cul-de-sac. Good condition w/large yard. **85,000**



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E. CO. RD. 105
 Greenwood, 3/22-car gar 16x20 patio, sprinkler. One owner. **67,900**



Call Karen Mason

STOREY
 Look no further! This 3BR has close-in location, hardwoods & terrific kitchen. **67,500**



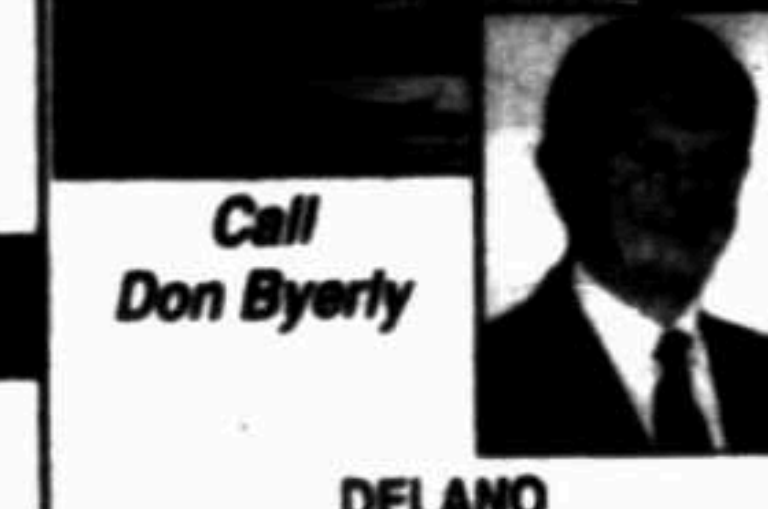
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SHADYLANE
 Adorable 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl, fence, laundry room. All repairs done this year. **53,900**



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DELANO
 Priced to sell quick! 2BR/1BA, updated carpet & flooring. **24,500**



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\$100,000-\$200,000...A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

BOYD-Lovely 4BR in great neighborhood! Wonderful updating, fabulous landscaping. **195,000**
CYPRESS CT-New on golf course! Lovely 4.5/2 w/pool. Has all the bells & whistles. Lots of updating. **189,500**
STANOLIND-Simply beautiful MaMar 4BR w/pool. **179,900**
CUTHBERT-Open, custom designed home, updated. 4BR/3BA, pool- EXTRAS! **179,000**
DREXEL-Wonderful 2-story in Grassland. 4BR/3.5BA w/wonderful living space. Workshop/shop. **169,900**
WINCHESTER CT-Lush & lovely TH w/pool newly refurbished 4BR or 3+ study. Don't Miss. **164,900**
TRINITY MEADOWS-4BR/5BA/2LA/3-garage in Trinity Meadows. Excellent condition - wonderful price. **164,900**
THAMES CT-Traditional in Polo Park! 4BR/3BA, ope kit/den/breakfast. Tall ceilings, super condition. **159,900**
BLUEBIRD BRANCH-Kahler construction underway. 4BR/2BA off Bluebird in quiet cul-de-sac. **150,000**

SOLOMON-Loads of country charm in this completely remodeled 4BR filled with extras. **144,900**
PRINCETON-Fabulous Old Midland home w/huge rooms! Three living areas. **135,000**
GODFREY-A must see...wonderful large 4BR, 3BA, pool, sauna room, bonus room & much, much more. **135,000**
MABERRY-Spacious w/low maintenance, 3BR/2BA/2LA, formal dining. Lots of new. **134,500**
DUNKIRK-Super on quietest (shortest!) street in town. 3LA/4BR/2BA, new kitchen, recent roof. **130,500**
HARVARD-Patio style 4/3/2 plus 2-garage, shop w/overhead door & covered parking for 4-5 cars. **129,900**
PRINCETON-Country living - City convenience. Guest house w/FP, 2.5 acres, hardwood floors. **125,000**
DYER-Newly refurbished! Decorator taupe colors. Reduced and ready for occupancy 4BR/3BA/3 garage. **124,500**
HUMBLE-Unique, custom 3BR w/living room, spacious gameroom + bonus room in MaMar Terrace. **124,500**

BISHOPS CASTLE-4BR/3BA in Polo Park in beautiful condition! Hurry to see! **123,000**
BELFIELD CT-It's only perfect! Superb decor, space, quiet cul-de-sac, impeccable condition! 4BR/3LA. **121,600**
BISHOP CASTLE-Great 3/2 5/2 home, light and bright and ready to move into today! Must see! **119,500**
PRINCETON-Country living in the city! Spacious home on 3.19 acres, over 600 sf workshop. **114,999**
MAXWELL-Pool at this price! Plus 4 big bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths close to everything. **114,900**
FAIRFAX-Large 4BR/3BA, fantastic neighborhood, landscaped. **113,500**
GOLF COURSE-Special Hickey TH - one-owner custom, spacious rooms, 2FP **112,500**
DENGAR-Spacious home with lots of new and a beautiful backyard. **112,000**
NORTHTOWN-Super 4BR/2.5BA/2LA + huge bonus room. Convenient to everything. **109,500**
FAIRVIEW-This light & bright 3BR has Sattilio tile, formal living and dining and a pool. **106,000**

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HERMITAGE-Terrific new listing with huge master and bath, great kitchen, beautiful yard. **99,900**
KESWICK-Great house with lots of living space. 3BR/2BA with updating. **99,900**
NORTHRIUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. Very contemporary. 3BR/2BA. **99,500**
LOCKHEED-Super - good price - great location. 3BR/2.5BA, 2 open LAs, new exterior paint. **98,500**
NOEL-Snappy 2BR TH! Great privacy & security. RV Parking. **98,300**
SUNSHINE PARKWAY-Great 2-story with 4.5 - office. **97,500**
MAXWELL-Beautifully updated home w/gracious front porch, huge rooms & lush backyard. Immaculate. **97,000**
BRIGHTON PL-Super 3BR plus an office with fabulous master bedroom, courtyard and more. **96,900**
ANGELINA-3BR/4BA/2LA or 1LA & formal dining. Clean & nice. **96,900**
HARVARD-Old Midland - over 2000 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA, flagstone floors, wet bar, landscaped yard. **94,900**
CRESTWOOD-Qual. Assum. High ceilings, picture pretty, decked patio, 3+ study or 4BR/2.5BA. **94,000**
BEDFORD-4BR, updated, sparkling pool. Light and bright formal living & dining and 2LAs. **89,900**
WYDEWOOD-Great Wyndwood with master BR! Tons of kitchen storage! **89,900**
CANADIAN-Wonderful Kahler construction w/neutral colors. Just like new w/4BR or 3BR and study. **89,900**
HAYNES-Extremely appealing! 2 super LAs, large sq. MBR, wonderful condition. **89,750**
CULVER-Great location, lovely landscaping, big trees make this one special. 3BR/3BA. **88,900**
MICHIGAN-Charming "Old Midland" - large, sunny rooms w/recent updating. Lots of parking area! **88,500**
ELMA-Perfect shape! Wonderful home in Wyndwood. 3BR/2BA. Sprinklers front and back. **87,500**
VENTURA-A Christmas present! 3BR/2BA/2LA/2GA. Lots & Lots of redone! Much tile. **86,900**
KANSAS-Large & roomy in Old Midland. Beautifully updated when vinyl & paint. **86,000**
WYLEA-LOVELY new listing in Wyndwood. Cul-de-sac. 3/2/2 plus office. Bush Elm. **86,000**
MARK LANE-Very nice 3BR on quiet cul-de-sac. Good condition w/large yard. **85,000**

FAIRBANKS-Great 3BR/2BA in top condition. Big bedrooms, formal dining, corner lot, pretty house! **83,900**
ST. ANDREWS-3BR/2BA, formal dining, screened-in patio while floor-offering \$1,000 in Buyers Closing Cost. **81,900**
THORNBERRY-New Listing! Wonderful 3/2/2 w/2LA. Tile floors and tall ceilings. Must See. **81,500**
CARPENTER-Stanton. Updated 3BR/3LA + 3LA. 3rd LA huge would make wonderful master. **79,900**
CANADIAN-Northgate 3BR/2BA/2GA with formal dining and corner lot. **79,000**
CHON COVE-Seduced yet convenient Wyndwood beauty on quiet cul-de-sac. **78,500**
STOREY-A super west side duplex! 3BR/2BA each side! Shown by appt. **78,000**
GULF-Seller to pay for 2 pts plus up to \$1,500 of buyer's closing costs! **77,000**
SPARTAN-Spacious, light and bright. Centrally located, formal dining. **75,500**
WADLEY-Spacious, low maintenance condo. 2LA, 2BR, 2 1/2 BA, very low maintenance. **75,000**
KANSAS-Brick charmer w/guest house. 2BR/2BA in main house. Hardwood floors. **75,000**
SHELL-No yard care, top notch TH, many amenities close to everything, 2BR/2BA. **74,500**
CONROE-Immaculate, totally updated home w/bonus room, hot tub and more! **74,000**
STEWART-Fantastically maintained 4BR on quiet street w/many updates & park-like backyard. **73,900**
WHITNEY-Beautifully maintained, easy-to-care-for home in great location. **72,000**
BELTON-Great home on quiet cul-de-sac. 3/2 with 1LA and backyard for play. **69,900**
BOYD-No roomy, 4BR/2.5BA, beautiful drive-up. Great opportunity. **69,900**
EMERSON-Close to schools, great friendly neighborhood. **69,900**
FERNCLIFF-New paint throughout! Good floor plan tucked into quiet street. **69,500**
STOREY-Look no further! This 3BR has close-in location, hardwoods & terrific kitchen. **67,500**
MICHIGAN-Darling 3BR cottage! Call to check on non-qualifying assumption possibilities. **63,500**

BRAZOS-Large home for the money! Fresh paint, good floor plan, good price! **62,000**
GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is. **60,000**
BELAIRE-Loads of fresh paint in nice 3BR w/high ceiling. Quiet neighborhood! **59,500**
NICKLAUS-Charming & comfortable, spacious, MBR, pretty tile floors. Great fireplace. **59,000**
SHADYLANE-Adorable 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl, fence, laundry room. All repairs done this year. **53,900**
ROOSEVELT-Take a double take! Talk about redone!! 3BR/3LA, new kitchen, new everywhere. **53,000**
MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside. 3BR/2BA. **49,900**
KANSAS-3BR/2LA, bonus room/workshop. New paint, carpet & large yard, great windows. **49,500**
ILLINOIS-Great 3BR/2LA w/new paint and wallpaper. Don't miss this one. **49,500**
ILLINOIS-3BR/2BA/2LA, recent tile, large lot. **49,500**
ERIE-Super well maintained 3BR/2LA or 4BR/1LA with non-qualifying assumable loan. **45,000**
WASHINGTON-Well-maintained home w/great attached heated & cooled workshop! **44,500**
BRUNSON-Great property on 3 lots. House 4BR/1BA with 1BR rental. **42,500**
FAIRMOUNT-One owner, custom built 3BR/2BA/2-car w/workshop. Affordable. **39,900**
SWEETBRIAR-3/2, recent paint, carpet, tile and partial fence. **39,900**
MARIANA-3BR ready to move into - even has its own refrigerator. New roof. 2LAs & more. **39,500**
CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well. **34,500**
KENTUCKY-Fabulous place to belong. Very neat 2BR, large LA, water well and sprinkler system. **32,500**
KENTUCKY-2BR w/hardwood floors & separate guest house or rental. **25,000**
DELANO-Priced to sell quick! 2BR/1BA, updated carpet & flooring. **24,500**
ATLANTA-Well priced 3BR/2BA w/2LA. Priced for quick sale. **22,000**
BENTON-Nice 2BR with large, fenced yard. Priced to sell. **14,000**

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METZ.....146,500
DUKES.....146,750
TIMBER LANE.....126,900
LANHAM.....126,500
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E. CO. RD. 98-Quality new construction in Greenwood's Stoneridge. **159,900**
S. CO. RD. 1184-Suburban home at its finest. Pastoral setting in Ridge Heights **147,800**
N. CO. RD. 1243-Country living at its finest! Large barn/shed and corals. Only 4 yrs. old 4BR/3BA. **144,900**
N. CO. RD. 1244-Horse lover's set-up. 2+ acres w/stalls & sub-divided pastures available! 3/2, 2-story. **134,900**
W. CO. RD. 68-WOW! What a price on this super remodel w/pool. **133,000**
SARATOGA-Wonderful charming home w/beautiful pool, acreage with barn for horses. **110,000**
S. CO. RD. 1184-Priced to sell "as is". Pool, workshop, guest quarters or office. Great possibilities. **110,000**
KNIFFEN-3BR/2BA new construction brick home on 1.25 acres. **105,000**
CO. RD. 1070-3 year old brick home. 1 acre, over 2300 sq ft per MCAD. **89,900**
E. CO. RD. 139-Exceptional 3BR, 30'x36' shop w/RV storage. **89,800**
S. CO. RD. 1210-South Midkiff, large 3BR w/3.78 acres. Hardwood floors and a rental house also. **75,000**
GOLD-Garden City, TX. An entire city block only, 40 min. from Midland, 2 houses & more only. **75,000**
E. CO. RD. 105-Greenwood, 3/22-car gar. 16x20 patio, sprinkler, one-owner. **67,900**
COLGATE-Doublewide on 1.2 acres, barn/workshop, corals, immaculate great yard, RO softener. **39,900**
E. CO. RD. 86-3BR Mobile home w/workshop, barn & stalls - plus adj. acreage w/water wells & septic tanks. **36,500**
CO. RD. 114-Country living for a great price. **26,500**

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided. **146,520**
BLUEBIRD-7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided. **86,220**
CARDINAL LN-Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available. **64,000**
MOCKINGBIRD LANE-4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city. **64,000**
BLACKBERRY-Prestigious lot in Mission Properties. Central cul-de-sac location. **55,000**
CUTHBERT-Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot! **49,900 ea.**
"L" STREET-Rare lot in museum district. **37,500**
FAIRWOOD-Large lot in Mockingbird Heights; great location for your dream home! **36,500**
RUSTIC TRAIL-Last remaining estate-size lots on Rustic. **35,000**
SADDLE CLUB EAST-Prestigious - only a few remaining. **33,000-45,000**
RUSTIC TRAIL-Deep lot-one of last four lots on Rustic. **32,500**
OAK-300 ft on Oak 127 ft on Main-financing available. **30,000**
MAIN-New houses in area. Excellent opportunity for builder. **28,500**
QUAIL POINT-Wonderful townhome lot in Quail Point - its the last one! **28,500**
CROCKETT-5 lots sold separately or as a package. **6,000 each**
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VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES-Call for more details. **2,850-35,000**

SUBURBAN ACREAGE

FM 387-Prime acreage in Greenwood. **178,000**
FM 198-180 acres between Tower and Cotton Flat Roads. Great possibilities. **160,000**
S. CO. RD. 1218-Nice area, great privacy! 20 acres fenced. Ready for your new home. **60,000**
FAIRGROUND-3 lots East of city, owner may carry the financing. **38,500**
DERBY LANE-7.5 acres, 2 water wells, 2 trailer pads near Gardendale. **25,000**
W. CO. RD. 89-4.45 acres w/pens, fence & H2O well. **24,900**
W. CO. RD. 143 1/2-2 ac South of TI. Ready for your mobile home or new house. 24x40 workshop, trees. **21,000**
FM 1786-Two 1.69 acre residential tracts to be sold together. **20,000**
W. CO. RD. 89-2.5 acres, Colorado River Water Tap, paved roads, fenced. **19,500**
CO. RD 1195S-3.10 acres. **17,100**
HIGHWAY 349-RIDGE HEIGHTS-3 acre tract-Ridge Heights with water well. **15,000**
CO. RD. 349-3.02 prime acreage, possibly owner finance. **15,000**
CO. RD. 1287-4.98 acres adjacent to Water Wonderland. **9,500**
S. CO. RD. 1183-Owner will consider financing. **9,500**
CO. RD. 1213-Slywood Airport Land. 2.5 acres w/runway access. **8,500**

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MIDLAND DRIVE-Retail/Office remodel to suit. long term triple net lease, owner agent. **CALL**
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DOWNTOWN-RETAIL/WAREHOUSE-14,000 sf, approx 2.5 acres. **MAKE OFFER**
LOOP 250 @ INDUSTRIAL PARK-extra large shop/warehouse & office space. **CALL**
FIVE POINTS-HWY 349-1.8 acres commercial tract. **CALL**
DAVIS RD MOBILE HOME PARK-14 spaces, 4.4 acres, 6 owned homes & 3BR house. **CALL**
INDUSTRIAL PARK-Fronts on I-20, new utilities, 23.6 ac. **CALL**
2,500 SF WAREHOUSE INDUSTRIAL PARK. **CALL**
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CO2 FOR THE SPRABERRY

Will the Spraberry become the next major CO2 target? Pioneer Natural Resources will begin work, in the second quarter of 1998, on a 20-acre pilot project in the E.T. O'Daniel Spraberry lease to test the possibility of CO2 recovery in the Spraberry. Pioneer who plans to test both vertical and horizontal injector wells in the pilot, estimates CO2 recovery could yield an additional 125 million barrels on Pioneer acreage alone.

CO2 NOT JUST FOR PERMIAN

The Rocky Mountains and Southeast U.S. are viable candidates for CO2 recovery. Wyoming's LaBarge Platform is reported to have high enough concentrations of CO2 to supply fields throughout the Williston Basin. In Mississippi, the Jackson Dome field, is recognized as a source field for projects in the Southeast. The high pressure field has already supplied CO2 for several pilot projects. Meanwhile, the Postle CO2 Pipeline (See page inside) reports that it is poised to expand into Kansas.

PLASTIC PIPE FOR CO2 WELLS

Plastic pipe is finding many niches in the oilpatch. One of them may be in CO2 wells. Shell Chemical is testing Carlon Pipe, which has a higher heat resistance and high tensile strength, and could combat the 160 degree temperatures found at 7,000 ft. Elf Aquitaine, produces Risan Pipe, a plastic pipe which is said to have even higher heat and strength capabilities.

BIG REEL KEEP ON TURNING

One major oil company is now looking to test seven-inch plastic pipe in a CO2 well. What equipment will be needed for such an operation? Sources say reels for such projects will come in four sections and will have to be built on site. They will be about the size of a small ferris wheel.



SANTA FE UPS CO2 STAKES

Santa Fe Energy Resources is increasing its stake in CO2. In the last three years, the company has added three major acquisitions, all bought for their CO2 flood potential. They include: The Fullerton and Anton Irish purchased in 1995, producing 1,350 boed; the Fullerton, ESSAU, and Lindoss assets, which produce 1,050 boed and were added in 1996. In 1997 Santa Fe purchased the Levelland and N. Jenkins assets, which produced 1,700 boed. Average acquisition cost for the assets was \$3 per boe.



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CO2: The future is here



A string of successful CO2 projects have revitalized recovery in mature reservoirs to become a major factor in keeping wells pumping. They are also a significant reason behind arrested production declines in the Permian Basin. Top, the first major independent CO2 project was the Elmer field in Reeves County. Center, a manifold in a Permian Basin project. Below, dedication of Fina's W. Brahaney Unit.

1997 CO2 Conference Report

CO2 recovery moving forward in Basin

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

If the future of the Permian Basin is CO2 recovery, then the future is here, says Chuck Fox, who heads up the Shell CO2 Ltd. technical team.

Says Fox, there are now over 40 CO2 units in the Permian Basin, producing 155,000 barrels per day of incremental crude. Five projects were added in 1997, and probably twice that number are in various stages of planning for 1998.

One of the biggest property events in the past year has been the formation of Altura. The company now operates 15 CO2 projects in the Permian Basin, making it the owner of the world's largest CO2 asset. Moreover, Altura plans to expand several of those floods in 1998 to make the asset even larger.

The formation of the Shell CO2 and Kinder Morgan merger, forming Shell CO2 Ltd., was the largest CO2 partnership deal in 1997. The new combined company will be able to offer Basin oil producers an integrated approach to implementation, supply and transportation.

In the political arena, Fox says the extension of severance tax reductions in Texas and Oklahoma has been good for CO2 recovery. Texas Rule 50 dropped severance taxes from 4.6 percent to 2.3 percent for 10 years for all oil in a project area. Oklahoma had a more complicated reduction scheme that basically amounted to a substantial reduction in severance taxes.

On the technical side, the re-engineering of SACROC, has turned the oldest Basin CO2 project into one of the largest. Pennzoil recently began an aggressive program that involved extensive infill drilling and is now injecting more than 200 mmcf of CO2. A few years ago, the reservoir was almost dead.

On the supply side, the McElmo Dome expansion increased capacity to 950 mmcf this year and it will go to over 1 million by next year, insuring a continuing supply of CO2 to meet the growing demands of the Basin.

Another supply boost came with the discovery of a new giant CO2 field in Arizona. Discovered by Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corp. near St. John's, Arizona, the reservoir is estimated to contain 4 trillion cubic feet of CO2.

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BIGGEST CO2 ASSET

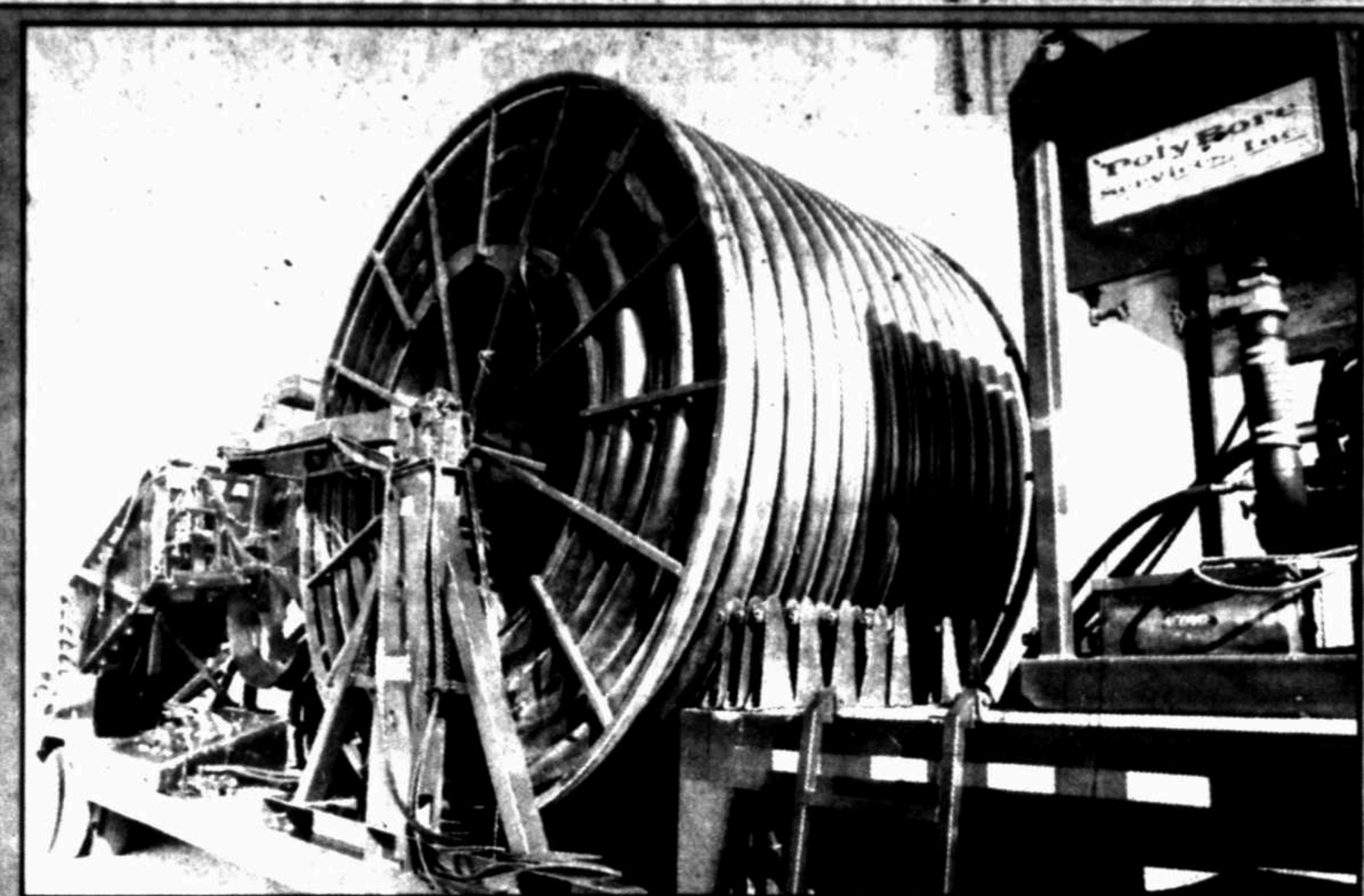
When Shell and Amoco merged Permian Basin assets to form Altura Energy, the merger did not include CO2 source fields or pipelines. It did however include all producing assets making Altura the owner of the world's largest CO2 asset. Altura CEO Jim Posey calls the CO2 properties a "tremendous asset" and says plans to fully merge the two operations are on track, and only the accounting promises to be a problem. The plan says Posey is to keep on doing what we are doing and look for new ideas.

CO2 PROJECT MANAGER

Coastal Management Corp., which operates the Two-Freds CO2 project in Reeves County is looking to move its CO2 project management experience to a new level. The company recently formed an alliance Schlumberger Oilfield Services to provide operators a number of options in project management in the areas of field development, drilling and workover operations or production operations. "We will be qualified to manage part or all of oil and gas operations," said Bruce Lowe, vice president for Coastal Management. That includes CO2 projects. The alliance merges Coastal's management expertise and Schlumberger's leading edge technology.

ENHANCED RECOVERY

Collins and Ware, which has an interest in six active CO2 projects in West Texas says it intends to initiate more of the projects, and is currently studying its potential for a San Andres waterflood. "It is harder to find oil than to enhance recovery," says Ted Collins, president.



PolyBore unit, would allow operators to inject more CO2 faster for a quicker response in CO2 projects.

Technology injects CO2 down casing for faster response, increased savings

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

A new technique that uses coiled polyethylene pipe for lining casing could have a profound impact on CO2 economics.

If approved by the Texas Railroad Commission, the technique, designed by PolyBore of Midland, would allow operators to inject CO2 directly down the casing through a continuous lining without a tubing string, saving time and dollars.

Injecting larger CO2 volumes downhole would allow operators to get more CO2 in the formation

faster with less compression, resulting in a faster response. "The quicker you see a response, the quicker a project begins to payout," said Jack Vloedman, president PolyBore. He said the bigger diameter injectors would also create less friction, resulting in lower compression costs.

PolyBore has already demonstrated the reliability of the rugged, non-corrosive polyethylene pipe, which has a 50-year half-life, by lining 40, CO2 production wells at Bravo Dome. Because the wells produce through the casing, they produce at a higher rate than through a

tubing string and have saved the cost of drilling additional production wells.

The possibility of using the casing-lining technology is under review by the Texas Railroad Commission which has asked PolyBore for a longer history of the technology before making a final decision. PolyBore plans to put another 50 wells under its belt, while supplying the Commission with careful record-keeping and analysis. PolyBore plans injection tests with water first and a second round of testing with CO2.

NAME DROPPING**Peterson becomes 1998 IADC Chairman**

Ray Peterson, President of Peterson Drilling Co. of Midland has been elected to serve as the Chairman of the International Association of Drilling Contractors.

Peterson has long been active in IADC affairs, most recently serving as Vice Chairman. He also served two consecutive terms as Secretary-Treasurer for the international drilling organization. In 1985, he was chairman of the Permian Basin Chapter of IADC and also served two terms as regional vice president for the Central United States.

Born in Fort Worth, Peterson was raised on a farm near Lovington, New Mexico and entered the drilling business as a roughneck, during summers and vacations to earn college tuition. Both his father and father-in-law worked as drillers. He graduated from New Mexico State University at Las Cruces in 1974 with a degree in ag. business and an ROTC commission.

Cougar Drilling announced that GARY HOLLEY has been named president and chief operating officer of Cougar Drilling. Holley has been serving as vice president of marketing for Cougar and its predecessor since 1993. Holley had previously been associated with Parker Drilling, most recently as vice president - U.S. operations. A graduate of Baylor University, Holley has also been very active in the drilling industry serving as a director for the IADC and the Oklahoma-Kansas Oil and Gas Association in addition to being a member of SPE. Cougar Drilling, formerly Quarles Drilling, was acquired by UTI Energy in January 1997.

MEETINGS**Kerans to address WTGS lunch meeting**

Dr. Charles Kerans of the Texas Bureau of Economic Geology will present "Forward Stratigraphic Modeling of the Permian Fill of the Delaware Basin" Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the West Texas Geological Society Luncheon Meeting.

Dr. Kerans has built a predictive stratigraphic model for the Permian fill of the Delaware Basin using the input parameters of subsidence, eustasy and sediment supply. Dr. Kerans work details the 30 million year history of the Delaware Basin's 10,000 feet of Permian age sediment fill using sequence stratigraphy along an 80-100 mile dip section, then forms a model to predict and analyze the Permian fill in other parts of the Delaware Basin.

The \$7 buffet at Midland Center starts at 11:30. Call WTGS at 683-1573 for reservations.

SEPM schedules December meeting

Michael J. Party of Wagner and Brown, Ltd. will speak at the Permian Basin Section - SEPM lunch Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 11:30 a.m. Topic for his address is "Arid Carbonate Depositional Systems: Abu Dhabi as seen by a Prospecting Geologist." Cost for the meeting is \$8. Call Paula Mitchell at 683-1573 for more information.

CO2: Expansion in Basin planned for 1998

(From 1)

And while it is a long way from potential markets, Wilbros of Tulsa is already discussing a possible 590-mile pipeline to link the CO2 reservoir to the Elk Hills field near Bakersfield, California.

The St. John's reservoir has over 300 feet of pay in the Permian formation, 25 percent porosity and could supply CO2 to several western projects.

In the category of new possibilities, the Anton-Irish Clearfork flood which began injection this year has many. A positive economic return from the unit could open up a whole new formation to CO2 potential.

Also, two Spraberry pilots by Pioneer Natural Resources could open the Spraberry to CO2 flooding. The Spraberry is a fractured formation, and operators, in the past, have shied away from fractured formations for fear of bypassing oil. "If Pioneer, working with the Department of Energy on the pilots, can perfect the process it will add significant oil reserves to

the Basin," said Fox.

While the Permian Basin has been pretty much the focus for CO2 projects in the U.S., the Mid-continent area may be opening up. Transpetco-Bravo Pipeline has noted that it is ready to move into Kansas. The Morrow formation that extends from Kansas, to the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles has more than 100 fields that are potential CO2 candidates. The success of Mobil's Postle field which began injection in November of 1996 has inspired many producers in the area to consider CO2. Injecting 65 mmcf of CO2, the Postle field is already producing 4,000 barrels per day of incremental oil and expects to 20 million barrels of oil equivalent. Based on Postle performance, Shell is designing four more floods for Morrow fields in Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle.

The CO2 craze has moved from the Permian Basin into Oklahoma and even Canada. The Weyburn Unit in Saskatchewan,

developed by PanCanadian Petroleum Ltd. is the one of the first and the largest CO2 flood in Canada. The \$1.1 billion Canadian dollar project is expected to recover 122 million barrels of incremental production over 25 years, using a coal gasification project in South Dakota as a CO2 source.

A few months ago the future of CO2 was nothing but bright. But now, falling oil prices, which hit \$16.50 last week, have put a cloud on that future. Fox says CO2 projects can go forward on oil prices as low as \$15 to \$13, if they are a San Andres flood close to a pipeline, but they will only break even at those prices. "We can see expansions and some of the bigger and better units come on at \$16.50, but not much more."

One CO2 flood operator says Basin producers may use the time while oil prices are down to plan and get ready to implement when the price comes back up.

Key Energy finals purchase of Win-Tex, rigs

EAST BRUNSWICK - Key Energy Group, Inc. announced that it has completed the acquisition of Win-Tex Drilling Co., Inc. and Win-Tex Trucking Corporation of Abilene, Texas for approximately \$5.6 million, including assumed liabilities and net of working capital assumed.

Win-Tex operates six land drilling rigs with depth ratings up to 8,000 feet, trucks, trailers, and related equipment in West Texas. Upon completion of the acquisition, the company will combine the acquired rigs with the sixteen drilling rigs currently operated by Key Energy Drilling in the Permian Basin.

Key also announced that it has acquired the assets of Wellcorps, L.L.C., White Rhino Drilling, Inc. and S&R Cable, Inc. for approximately \$8.5 million, consisting of \$2.7 million in cash and 240,000 shares of common stock.

The acquisition includes five drilling rigs, five well service rigs and other ancillary well services which will be based out of Well-Tech Eastern's Kalkaska, Michigan yard.

Including the acquisition, Key Energy currently operates a fleet of approximately 795 well service rigs, 38 drilling rigs, and 623 fluid hauling and other trucks.

Francis D. John, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "The acquisitions of these operations continues our strategy of growth and consolidation."

Mr. John added, "We continue to successfully integrate the acquisitions completed during the last five quarters and expect that opportunities for additional cost savings from these acquisitions will continue to provide upside to our profitability margins."

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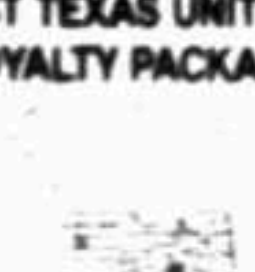


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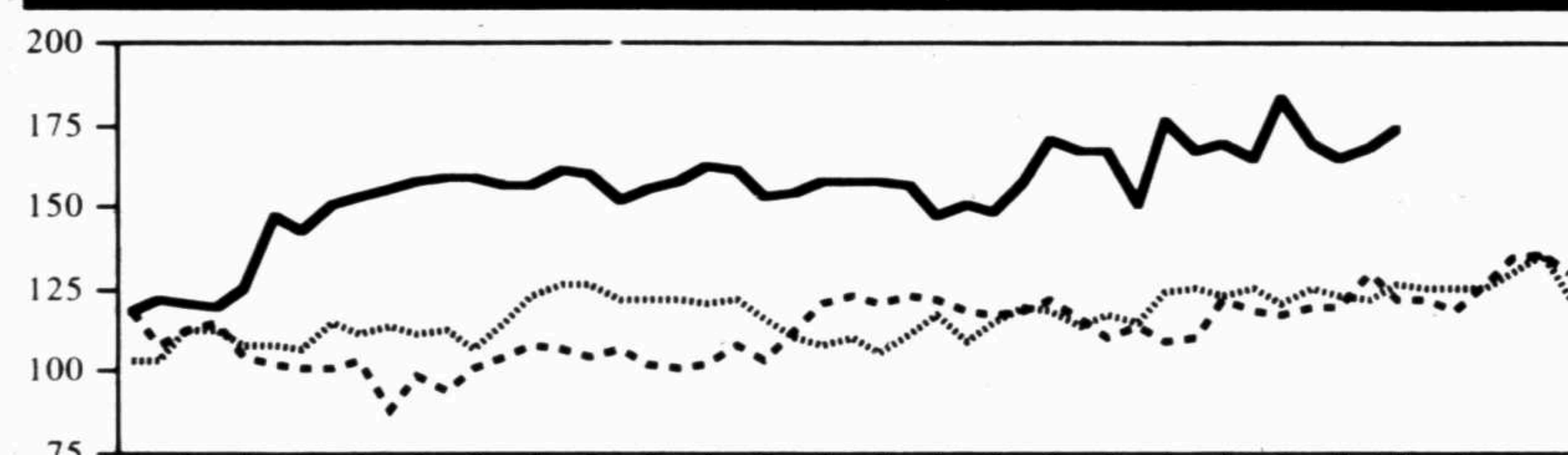
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PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNT PROFILE



DALLAS - Future Petroleum Corporation announces that it has acquired certain interests in two partnerships and the assets of a third that own producing oil and gas properties located in Future's core area of operations, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Recent independent reserve reports prepared primarily by Ryder Scott and Cawley Gillespie, two well-respected, third party engineering firms, estimate the net present value, discounted at 10% of the future net revenue from the acquired interests to be \$16.6 million. These reports also estimate the current production from the properties will generate over \$2 million of additional cash to Future during 1998. These reserves generally have long lives and are comprised of approximately 5 billion cubic feet of natural gas and over 2 million barrels of oil and natural gas liquids. These properties have substantial undeveloped reserves that are expected to contribute significantly to Future's cash flow in the

As a result of the transaction, Future owns 100% of the properties formerly owned by the three partnerships. The seller, EnCap Energy Capital Fund I, is a group of institutional funds managed by EnCap Investments L.C.

Carl Price, President of Future, stated, "This transaction is the culmination of a process started several years ago of building an asset base inside our partnership with EnCap that could eventually be reaped into Future." He added,

"After a series of acquisitions and accompanying reserve enhancements in the partnership, we are now able to not only buy out our partner but able to buy two smaller partnerships as well. We know the bulk of these properties very well as we have been operating them for some time and we are excited about their development potential," Don Wm. Reynolds, Chairman of Future, stated. "These acquisitions are the first step in Future's plan for rapid growth."

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Border blasters permanent part of oilfield history

Reverend Ike, Brother Lester Roloff, Billy James Hargis, A.A. Allen, Dan Smoot, the prayer cloths, Hadacol. If you lived in the Permian Basin oilpatch from the 1950s through the 1970s, this lively lineup was very much apart of your life.

They were just some of the colorful topics and characters that were part of an era gone by — the "border blaster days." The oilpatch and the border blaster stations from Mexico were very closely connected. Remember XELO in Juarez, Chihuahua or Clint, Texas — "That's Clint...C.L.I.N.T. Texas." the announcer always spelled every word of the address. The sound came from the other side of the border, but the mail and the checks for prayer cloths, love potions, and baby chicks went to a U.S. post office.

While most of us could not speak a word of Spanish, we could identify the Spanish call letters as we scanned the dial. XELO was in Juarez; XERF was in Villa Acuna in Del Rio, and XEG in Monterrey. We listened to most of these, but there were also stations at Eagle Pass and Tijuana in Baja, California.

The high-powered Mexican radio stations, once bombarded every inch of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico with static-filled messages about sin and communism, and screechy country and gospel music. And when you were out of range of other stations, the border blasters were always present. Some folks in the southern reaches of the Basin could not get any other radio station in America, but they could get the "X" branded stations from Mexico.

In the isolated oilpatch of West Texas, the border blasters were often the only friendly voice one could find in the wee hours of the night. I can't recall how many times, late at night, that I have sat in the dog house of a rig, a toolpusher's trailer or the driller's car, and listened to the preachers, pickers and commie-batters on the outlaw stations.



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One of my favorite programs, which may help explain my conservative ways, was Lifeline, sponsored by the ultra-conservative oilman H.L. Hunt. To help underwrite the program Hunt created his own line of products, personal care products under the brand H.L.H. I used the hair oil which was something akin to sewing machine oil with fragrance and red coloring. I understand President Lyndon B. Johnson used the same hair oil.

Memory fails me, but I believe Dan Smoot was the reporter on that program. I do remember that he did the Smoot Report from Dallas. Years later, I got to be friends with Kelly Smoot, a liberal, lady geologist in Midland who has since gone on to work in the South China Sea. She told me Dan Smoot was her uncle. The exposure on the border blasters allowed many border evangelists, such as A.A. Allen, to fill their revival tents night after night. According to a book Border Radio, by Gene Fowler

and Bill Crawford, A.A. Allen at one time was mailing 55 million pieces of literature each year. He even created his own community in Arizona. Asa A. Allen died of alcoholism in a San Francisco motel room, but it was several days before his messages were pulled from the border stations, and the rumor going around was that A.A. Allen had risen from the dead.

According to Fowler and Crawford, the last of the border blasters disappeared in 1986 when Arturo Gonzalez, the owner of XERF at Del Rio, finally gave in to pressure from the Mexican government to remove the American preachers from the airwaves. Today, all the border blasters are tame, all-Spanish, stations playing conjunto music and passing messages along the border. But there was a time when they were closely woven into the fabric of lives in the oilpatch.

When the XERF finally went off the air to the preachers, Rev. J. Harold Smith pointed out that God was getting even with the diabolical Mexican government for closing the stations by dropping the price of their oil from \$30 to \$12 and causing their money to become worthless. God apparently used the same technique to get even with a lot of us who listened.

John Pitts is oil editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Denbury Resources Inc. announces \$202 million property acquisition

DALLAS — Denbury Resources Inc. announced that it has entered into an asset sale agreement with Chevron U.S.A. Inc. to purchase producing oil properties in the Heidelberg Field, Jasper County, Mississippi, for \$202.0 million. This field is in the same area as the Company's other core Mississippi properties and includes operated, non-operating and royalty interests with approximately 122 producing wells, of which 96 wells will be Company operated with an

average working interest of 94% and an average net revenue interest of 81%. The average daily production from these properties during the first nine months of 1997 was approximately 2,900 Bbls/d and 600 Mcf/d, net to the acquired interest.

The company has also acquired minor interests in Heidelberg Field from three other entities at an aggregate cost of approximately \$5.9 million. These four acquisitions are expected to add

net proved reserves of approximately 29.9 million barrels of oil and 1.8 billion cubic feet of gas, or approximately 30.2 million barrels on a BOE basis, as of January 1, 1998, to the Company based on pre-

liminary estimates by Netherland, Sewell and Associates, Inc., the Company's independent petroleum engineers. As a result of the significant amount of future work to be performed and its expected

effect on future reserves and production, the Company has attributed approximately \$75 million of the purchase price to unevaluated properties. During its initial evaluation of the field, the Company

has identified several potential development projects. This includes initiating the Eutaw East One Fault Block Oil Pool Unit (Eutaw formation in East Heidelberg) waterflood project.

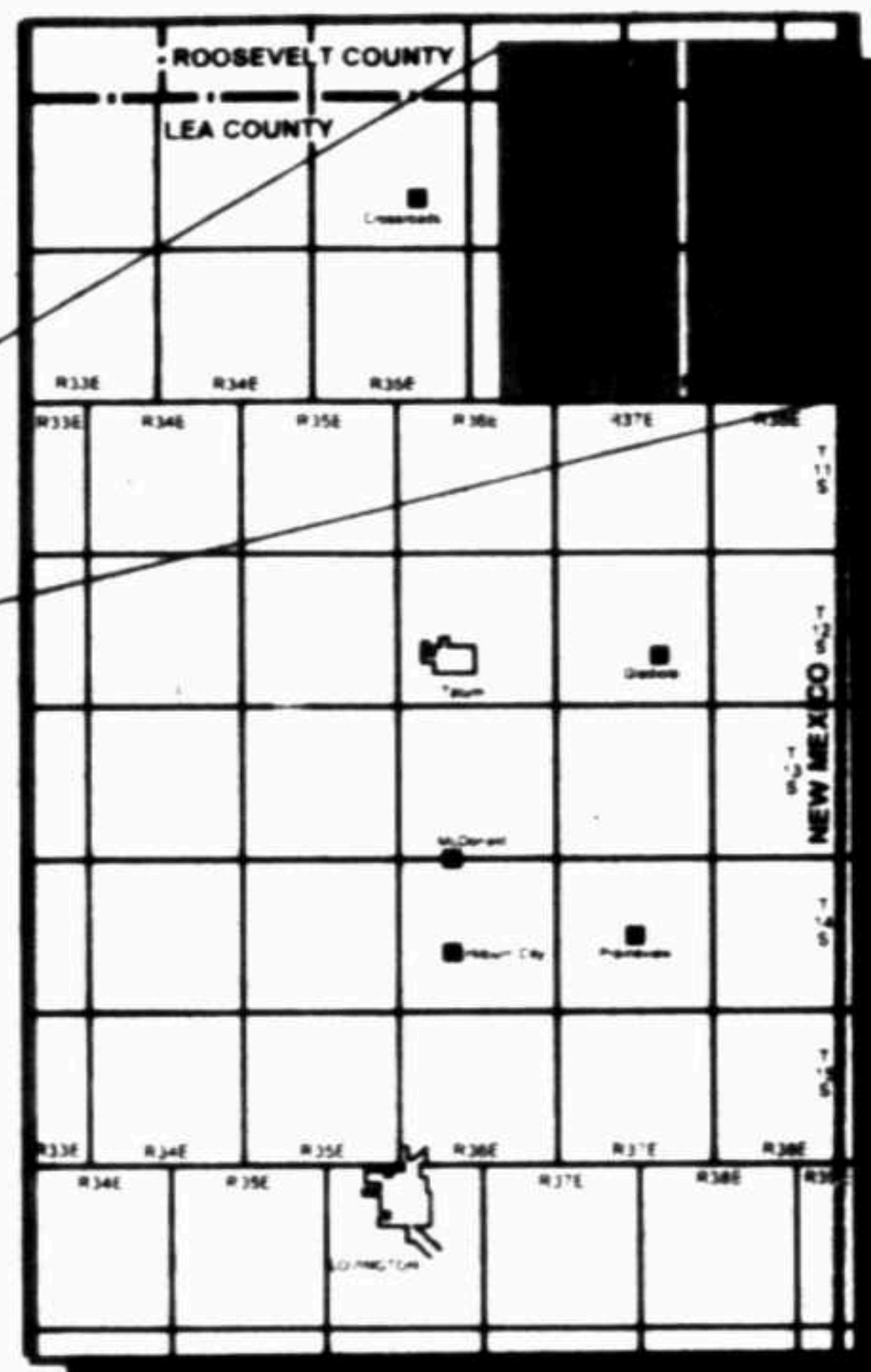
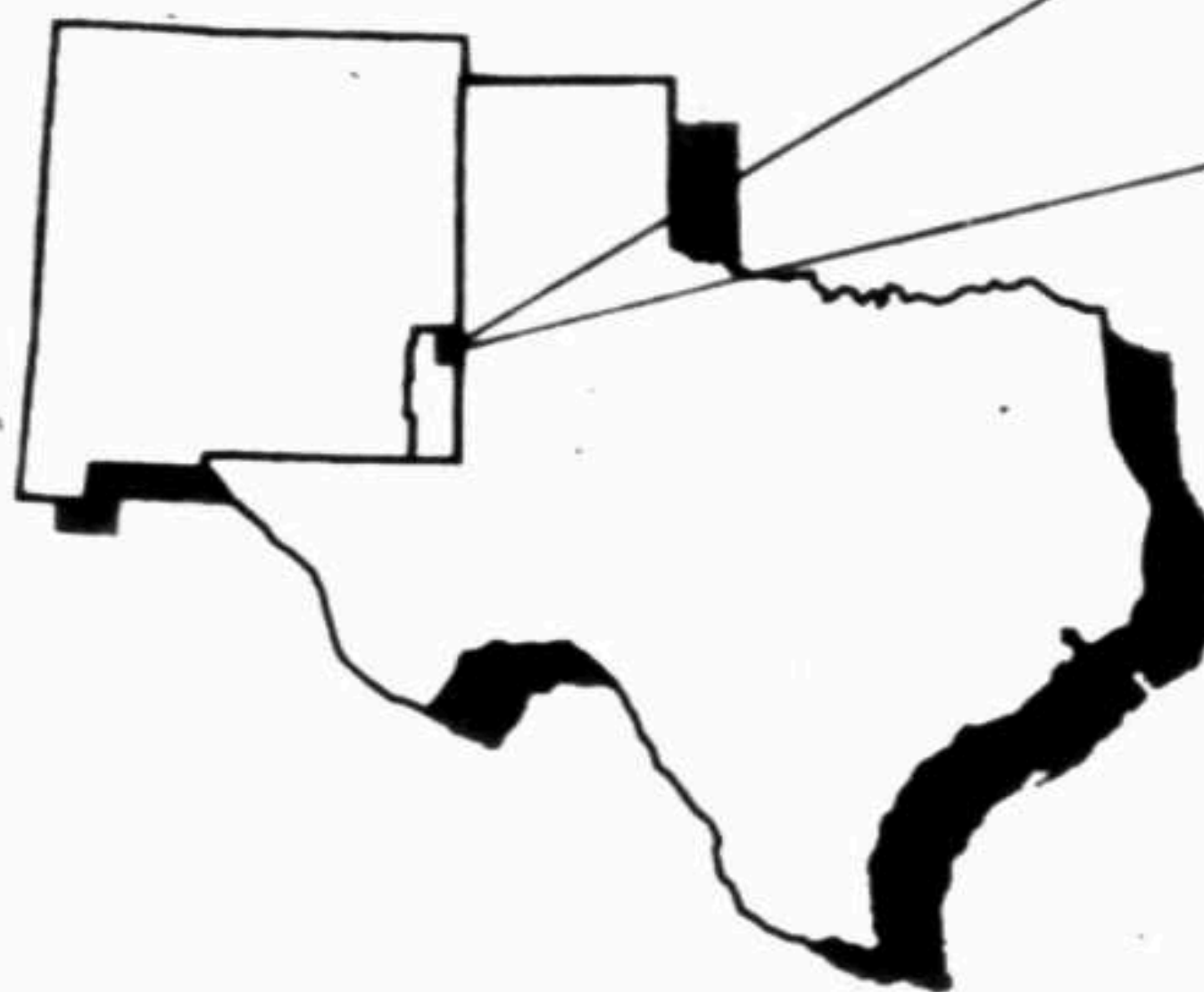
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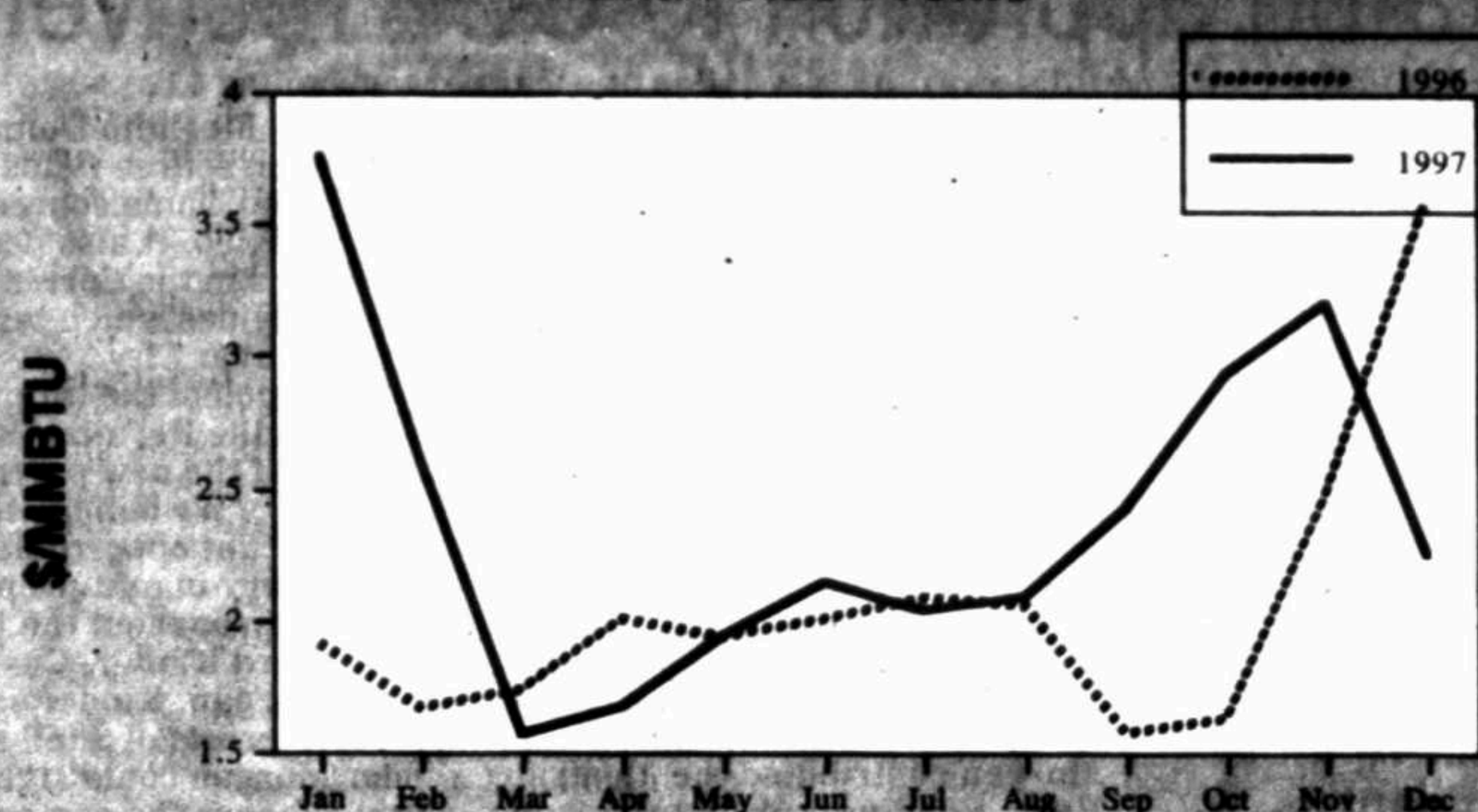
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Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County

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Waha Averages

This month	Last month
\$2.26	\$3.18

Current Spot Prices

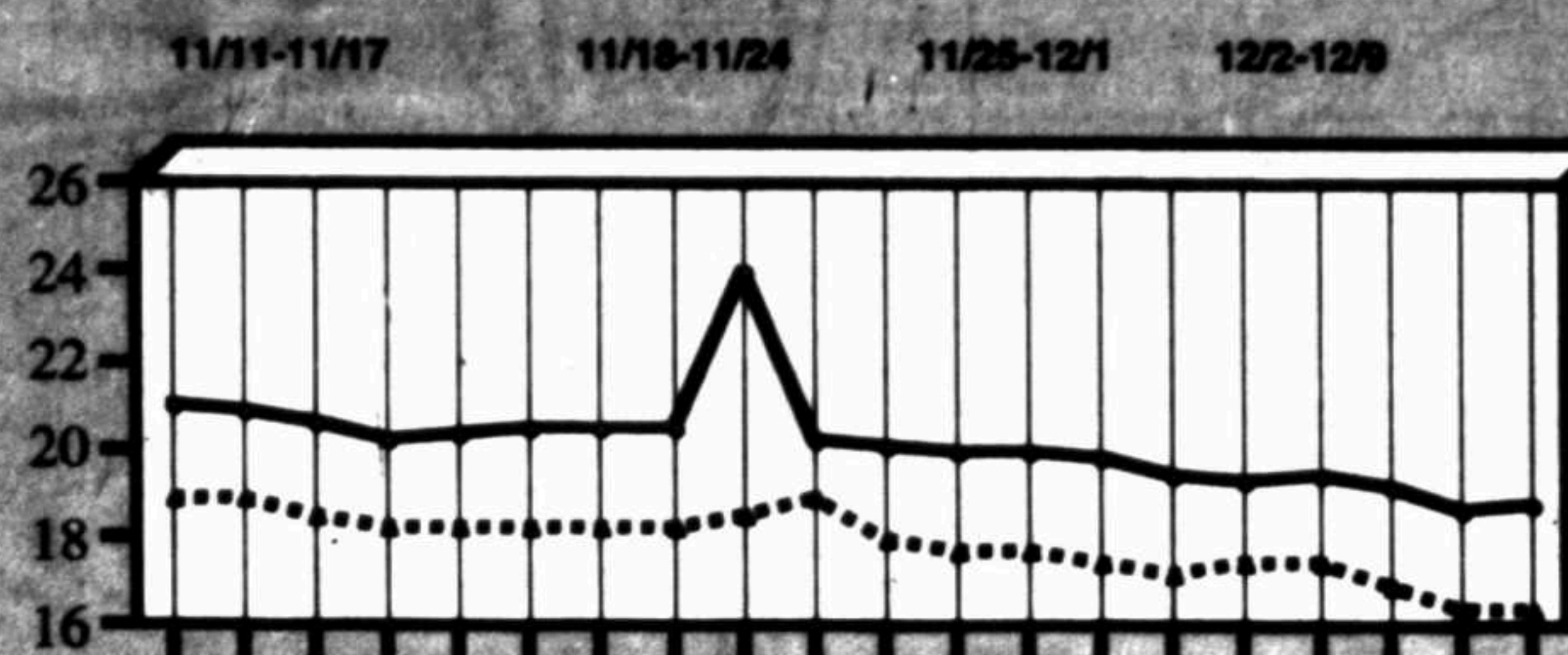
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* Net Price without transportation charge

Boots & Coots to acquire Code 3, Inc.

HOUSTON - Boots & Coots International Well Control, Inc., announced that it has signed a letter of intent to acquire Code 3, Inc., an emergency response service company headquartered in Harlingen, Texas. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. The transaction is expected to be complete by year end.

Code 3 provides control containment and mitigation of hazardous material and oil spills for the chemical manufacturing and transportation industries, as well as various state and federal agencies. The company also specializes in the transfer of hazardous materials and high and low pressure liquids, and industrial fire fighting.

"This acquisition is the latest step in our strategy to grow our emergency response services," said Larry Ramming, chief executive officer of Boots & Coots International Well Control, Inc. "Code 3 represents a natural

expansion of our current capabilities and will provide a base for further expansion of our emergency response services to the oil and gas and petrochemical industries.

As part of its expansion strategy, Boots & Coots International Well Control recently acquired ABASCO, a recognized leader in the design and manufacture of a comprehensive line of rapid response oil/chemical spill containment and reclamation equipment and products.

Code 3 was recently awarded the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission State emergency response contract (one year with two option years) and has been issued a Basic Order Agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard for spill response. Additionally, a contract award is pending for a \$3 million contract from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide emergency response

services on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border.

Code 3 also has ongoing national contracts with major chemical manufacturers and transporters to handle spill emergencies. Annual revenues for the current fiscal year, which does not give effect to recently awarded contracts, are anticipated to be approximately \$4 million. Revenues have nearly doubled every year since the company's inception in 1993, and Code 3 expects to build on its aggressive growth record, as part of Boots & Coots International Well Control.

Code 3 operates out of facilities in Harlingen, El Paso, Laredo, San Antonio and Houston, Texas. In addition to emergency response services, the company also provides implant, remedial plan implementation, hazardous waste management, petroleum tank management, industrial hygiene,

environmental, occupational health and safety services.

Ramming said that the founders of Code 3, Lee Thompson, president and chief executive officer, and Timothy O'Brien, vice president, will continue in their respective positions.

The closing of the transaction is subject to, among other things, the execution of mutually acceptable definitive agreements, completion of final business reviews, and other customary pre-closing conditions and approvals.

Boots & Coots International Well Control, Inc., based in Houston, is a global emergency response company that specializes, through its well control business unit, in responding to and controlling oil field emergencies, including oil and gas well blowouts and well fires, as well as providing snubbing and other non-critical well control services.

Pool Energy buys AA Oilfield Services

HOBBS — A Houston-based company, Pool Energy Services, has completed its second major purchase of a Hobbs oilfield servicing company.

Pool finished a transaction announced in October by purchasing AA Oilfield Services Inc. of Hobbs, which has a fleet of 18 oilfield trucks, one salt-water disposal well and related equipment.

Pool already has a presence in Hobbs. It had its own well-servicing rigs stationed in Hobbs when it purchased DA&S Well Servicing earlier this year. DA&S had 37 rigs in its yards in Hobbs, Eunice and Andrews, Texas.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to combine AA's excellent oilfield transportation business with Pool's existing rig operation in New Mexico," said Jim Jongebloed, chairman of Pool.

The price of the purchase was not disclosed.

Barry Peters, who heads AA Oilfield, said AA Oilfield will keep its name through the end of the year.

Peters also signed a three-year commitment to stay on with the company and oversee its approximately 30 employees. He said most of the employees will be kept after the merger.

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Around the Oil Patch

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Baby boomers have hope for their retirement years

Those of you who are baby boomers have probably come to a couple of stark realizations while planning for your retirement. The first is that Social Security and employer pension payments will most likely be minimal—if not nonexistent—at some point during your retirement. The second is that stocks may provide the best opportunity for reaching your retirement planning goals. Though the stock market remains near all-time high levels, it doesn't mean you should sit on the sidelines during what are now your peak-earning years.

Several positive factors surrounding the stock market may help you get over any stock-investing jitters you may have:

1. There has been a baby boomer invasion of the stock market. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates there are about 76 million baby boomers in this country, the first of which started turning 50 last year. If they haven't already, more and more of these boomers are expected to start looking to stocks to help build their retirement nest egg. And consider this: if each boomer invested the maximum \$2,000 annual contribution to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to purchase stocks, they would add more than \$12.6 billion monthly to the stock market, which would bolster the outlook for the market's continued growth.

2. History favors the stock market's continued rise. Though past performance cannot guarantee future results, Investor's Business Daily recently noted that the Dow Jones Industrial Average has jumped about 178 percent since 1991. And the stock market has not experienced a formal "correction" (a 20 percent or greater decline) since 1987.

Those of you wanting to "time the market" and invest after a market correction may still be waiting for your opportunity. Instead of trying to time the market, you can invest systematically in those stocks that best meet your investment objectives, especially if one of those objectives is financial stability during retirement. Keep in mind that this method doesn't guarantee profits or protect against losses. You should consider your financial and emotional abilities to

continue purchases through periods of low levels.

If you think the long term doesn't pay off when it comes to investing, think about this scenario: A June 1997 article in Kiplinger's noted that the S & P 500 Composite (an index of 500 widely held stocks commonly used to gauge stock market performance) has averaged a 10.7 percent annual return over the past 70 years. Let's say you systematically invest \$300 a month in stocks, and those stocks average a 10.7 percent annual return. In just 20 years, your total investment of \$72,000 would grow to \$272,214. If you extend your investing period to 25 years, that figure jumps to \$435,642. This is only an example and does not reflect the performance of a particular investment.

The moral of the story is that the sooner you start investing for your retirement, the greater potential you give your retirement money to grow.

Remember, you can never adequately make up what you lose by failing to contribute to your IRA or other retirement savings vehicle. Call me and I can give you more details on how you can make the road toward retirement success a smoother one.

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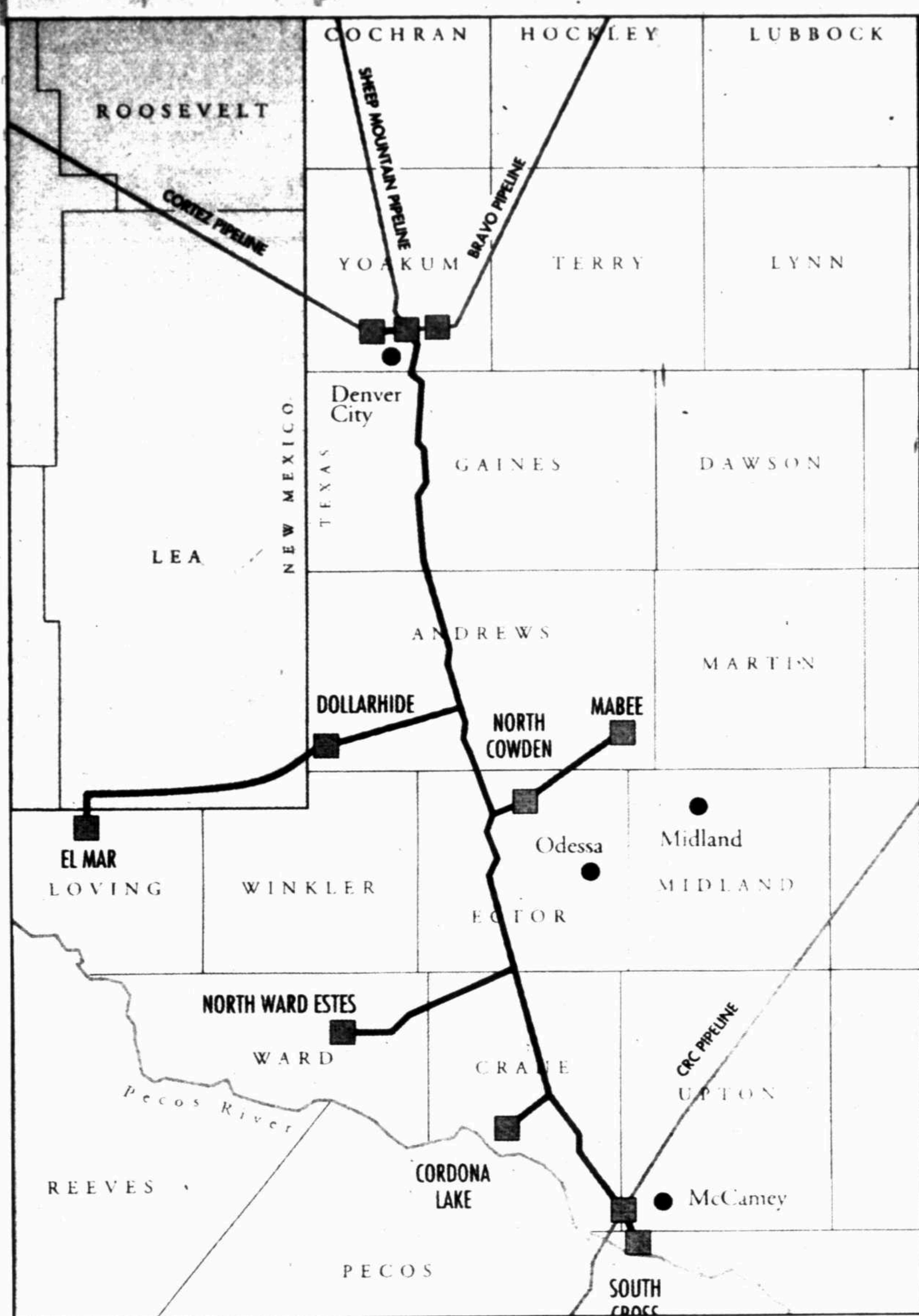
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Central Basin Pipeline



The Central Basin Pipeline is the spine of CO2 recovery in the Permian Basin. The recent partnership between Shell CO2 and Kinder Morgan, owner of the pipeline, will permit an integrated approach to CO2 projects. Producers will be able to negotiate in a single setting for CO2 supply, services, and transportation.

TRANSPORTATION MERGER

Pipeline partnership offers operators integrated approach to CO2 recovery

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

A new partnership, offering an integrated approach to CO2 recovery, is expected to accelerate the development of CO2 development in the Permian Basin and spread the recovery concept to other producing areas of the U.S.

'We believe there are significant opportunities for CO2 recovery in mature producing fields throughout the U.S.'

—Richard Kinder,
Chairman

The new partnership, announced in October, combines the extensive assets and expertise of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners and Shell CO2 Co. in a venture that will explore, produce, market and transport CO2 for enhanced oil recovery throughout the U.S.

Tim Bradley, president of Shell CO2 Co., called the partnership a natural outgrowth of Shell's growing position as a single-source provider of CO2 resources and technology. He said the integration of the two companies would allow Shell to provide a full-service package (supply, transportation, financing, design and technology) to operators looking to initiate CO2 projects.

A key element to the partnership is Kinder Morgan's 16-26 inch Central Basin Pipeline which runs 140 miles, through the heart of the Basin, from Denver City to McCamey. The spine of the CO2 pipeline infrastructure in the Permian Basin, it provides a vital transportation link between Shell's extensive CO2 reserves in Colorado and New Mexico and recovery pro-

jects throughout the Basin.

Bradley said the pipeline would provide a southern extension to the Cortez and Bravo pipelines, allowing Shell CO2 Ltd. to be more flexible and responsive to the transportation needs of customers. "It will also offer increased opportunities in the Basin." One operator said the partnership would mean operators can sit down and negotiate a total package for projects — technology, design, CO2 supply and transportation.

To secure a 20 percent interest in the new company, Kinder Morgan contributed the Central Basin Pipeline and \$25 million in cash. For its 80 percent stake, Shell will assign its reserves in

Colorado's McElmo Dome and Doe Canyon source fields and the McElmo Dome source field in New Mexico. It also dedicates its interests in the Cortez and Bravo pipelines which terminate at Denver City.

While much of the immediate focus is on the Permian Basin, the scope of the new partnership is broader. "We believe there are significant opportunities for CO2 recovery in mature producing fields throughout the U.S.," said Richard Kinder, Chairman Kinder Morgan. Kinder said the mutual interests of Shell and Kinder Morgan could significantly enhance the company's growth opportunity in the CO2 industry.

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Belco finals CODA Energy acquisition

NEW YORK - Belco Oil & Gas Corp. announced that it has completed the purchase of the outstanding stock of Coda Energy, Inc. from an affiliate of Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. holding 95% of the common stock of Coda, and certain members of Coda's senior management.

Commenting on the acquisition, Robert A. Belfer, Chairman and CEO of Belco stated, "The acquisition of Coda Energy was a departure from our historic strategy of growth through the drillbit; however, we felt that this transaction represented compelling value. Coda's proven reserves of 55.5 MMBOE as provided by Belco's independent reservoir engineering firm translated to a per barrel of oil equivalent cash cost to Belco of \$5.84 (exclusive of the value of the warrants). This gives no value to Coda's probable and possible reserves, an assumption we believe will prove conservative. Moreover, the combined companies are extremely well balanced for growth as Coda's Permian Basin and Mid-Continent core areas have been added to Belco's existing core areas in Wyoming and the Austin Chalk trend."

Laurence D. Belfer, President and COO stated, "The transaction will increase Belco's reserve life from just over five years to eight years. Proven reserves will more than double to over 600 Bcf, balanced almost equally between oil and gas (based on Belco's 1996 year-end reserve report and Coda's May 1, 1997 report). Further, approximately 78% of the proven reserves will be in the longer-lived Permian Basin, Mid-Continent and Rocky Mountain regions. Belco's total current production will increase by approximately 40% or over 10,000 BOE per day."

Robert A. Belfer continued, "There are several important qualitative factors that go beyond these impressive numbers. Coda shares Belco's core area and low-cost philosophy in addition to having high working interests and high operatorship of its wells. The two companies both make extensive use of technology, although the emphasis is somewhat different. For example, Coda has particular expertise in secondary waterflood recovery, while Belco is particularly skilled in horizontal drilling and deep zone exploration."

Laurence D. Belfer added, "Belco has identified numerous exploitation and exploration opportunities on Coda's property base including the potential for infill drilling, expansion of existing waterfloods, unitization and implementation of new secondary recovery projects as well as exploration of deeper zones on certain producing properties which we believe will add significant incremental value over time."

Robert A. Belfer concluded, "Coda's growth has largely come from acquisitions, which is a skill set that complements Belco's drill-bit growth orientation."



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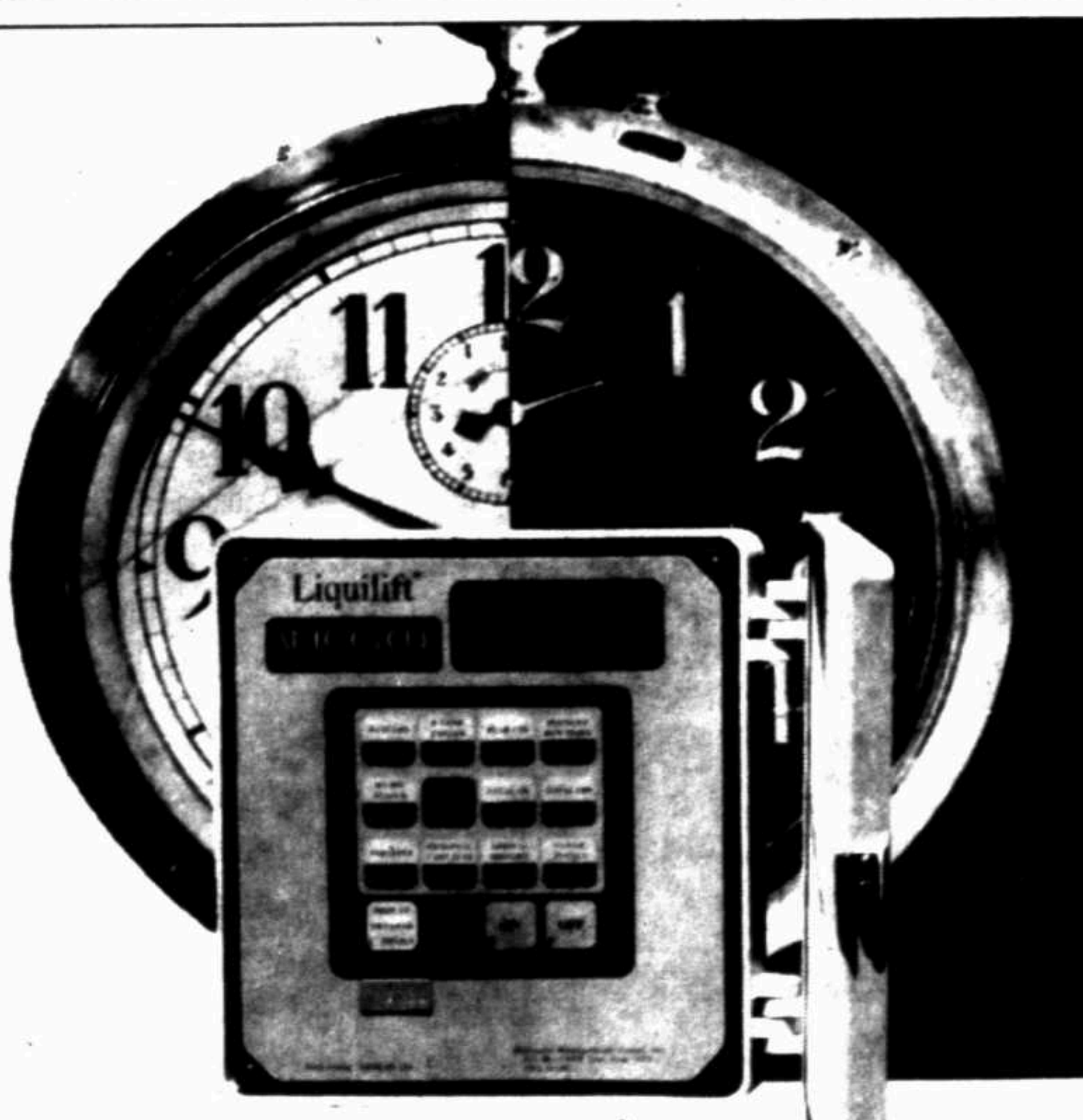
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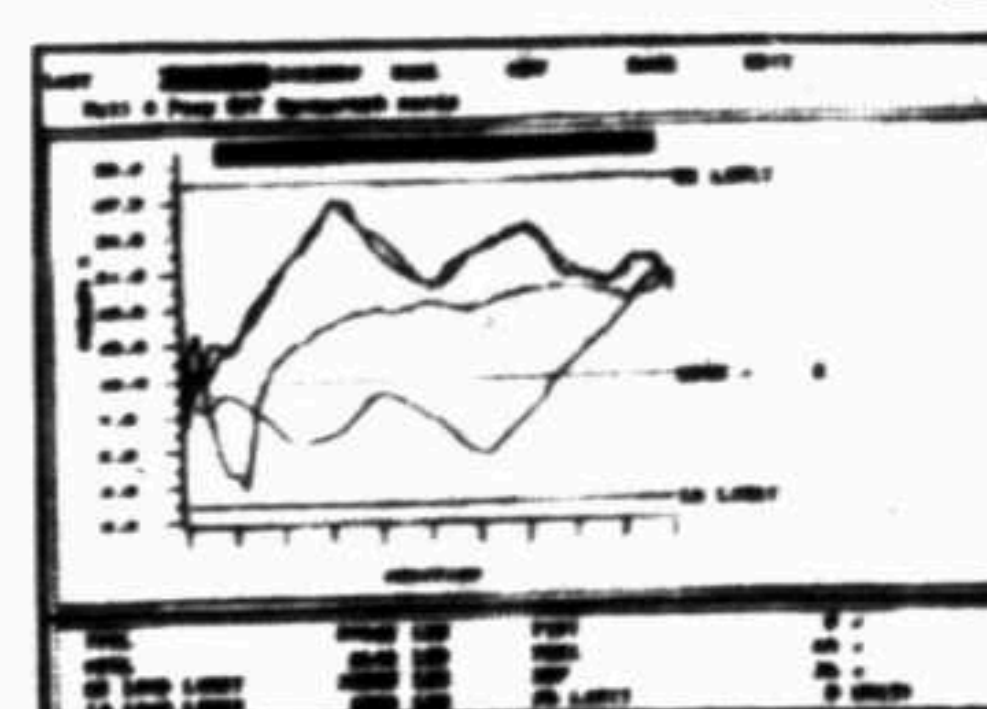
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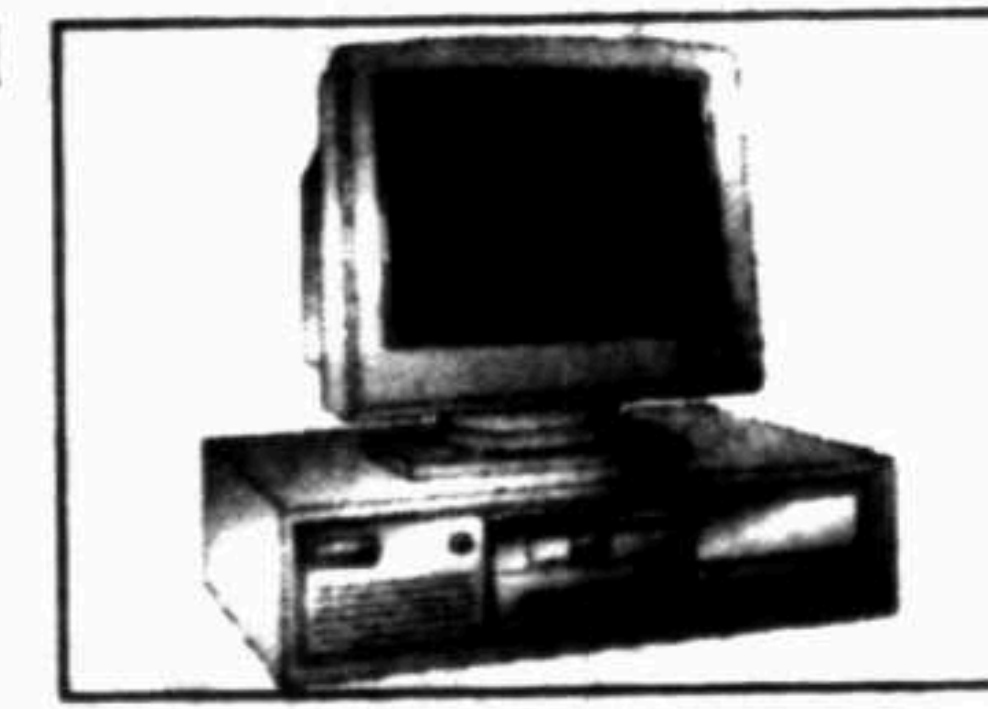
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TXCO completes gathering system

SAN ANTONIO - The Exploration Company announced that it recently completed construction and commenced operation of a new six mile, six inch diameter, gas gathering system on its 50,000 acres of leases in Maverick County, Texas.

Paloma Pipeline, LP, a limited partnership of which TXCO owns 61.5%, completed construction in late October of the pipeline that connects its gas to markets through Aquilla Gas Pipeline Corporation's system on the west side of the 50,000 acres block. Previously, TXCO's production was restricted to the West Texas Gas, Inc. system whose capacity was limited. During November, the first month that the pipeline has been operational, the gross production that TXCO operates on the lease block increased by over 50% from 2,400 mcf.

James E. Sigmon, president of TXCO, stated, "This new gathering system will allow us to increase our production and take advantage of the higher gas prices that are available during the winter months."

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HS will pay Amoco \$290 million in cash, issue 1.2 million shares of stock, and give Amoco some of its own properties east of the Rocky Mountains.

HS will gain properties located in the Denver-Julesburg Basin that have proven reserves estimated at 15.2 million barrels of oil and 390 billion cubic feet of natural gas. The purchase will increase HS' proven reserves by 49 percent from Dec. 31, 1996.

Ortiz named president of Halliburton unit

DALLAS - Dick Cheney, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Halliburton Co., announces the appointment of Edgar Ortiz, 54, as president of the company's Halliburton Energy Services (HES) business unit.

With more than 29 years experience in the oil service business and 20 years with Halliburton, Ortiz replaces Zeke Zeringue who has elected to voluntarily resign from the company at the end of the year to pursue other interests. Ortiz has held numerous management positions with Halliburton including, most recently, senior vice president-global operations, with responsibility for all HES business operations worldwide.

Superior participates in reopening well

YUKON, Okla. - Superior Oil & Gas Co. has recently participated in the reopening of a temporarily abandoned well in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, with estimated remaining recoverable gas reserves from the Morrow formation to be approximately 3.5 billion cubic feet of gas. The Selby-Hooper 1-5 is currently producing 20,000 MCF of gas per day, without compression, into a 1,500 pound pipeline.

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Transpetco-Bravo ready to take CO2 to Kansas

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

With Mobil's CO2 project in the Postle-Hogue performing as expected after two years of operation, Transpetco-Bravo pipeline, which brought the CO2 industry to Oklahoma, is poised not only to expand recovery in that field but to take CO2 to Kansas as well.

The 120-mile, 12-3/4 inch Transpetco-Bravo pipeline from Clayton, New Mexico to the Oklahoma panhandle has a capacity of 200 mmcf but has been delivering only 60 mmcf to the Postle-Hogue project. Mobil has put Transpetco on notice that it will need to increase delivery to 90 mmcf by January 1, for phase two, but that leaves plenty of capacity for the CO2 pipeline.

Wallace Stanberry, president of Transpetco Ltd. Pipeline, says the pipeline company will announce a 50-mile extension to the southeast sometime in 1998. In the meantime, the company has under study a northeast extension to begin moving CO2 technology and gas to Kansas, where Stanberry says total recovery could equal Permian Basin projects now underway.

Stanberry, who received the Hearst Newspaper Energy Award as a pioneer of the CO2 industry, says the expansion studies have involved more than 100 fields in Kansas and Texas, Oklahoma panhandles. He noted that the Russell-Hays area in Central Kansas looks very promising.

"Seven fields in the area have recovered 1.1 billion barrels and have the potential to recover an additional 500 million barrels. This is what the Permian Basin has already recovered to date."

With no major oil company operations in Kansas, Transpetco expects it will take a major effort with intense detail work to bring Kansas' many small independent operators into a unitization program necessary for CO2 recovery. Said Stanberry: "We are confident we can do it. We have a good unitization program. There are no problems with the geology or wells, and we will have the cooperation of Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association."

Transpetco-Bravo pipeline has not set a firm date for its Kansas CO2 debut, but it is expected to quickly follow the southeast extension in Oklahoma.

The first penetration into Kansas, says Stanberry, will be into fields just across the line, followed by an advance into Central Kansas.



The terminal point of the Transpetco Pipeline, left top, currently serves the Postle-Hogue field in Oklahoma but is ready to expand into Kansas. The move would open the Mid-continent area to CO2 recovery. The pipeline under construction, below left, has the capacity for 200 mmcf but has been delivering only 60 mmcf to Mobil. While Mobil plans to take another 30 mmcf within the next few months, the line will still have plenty of capacity to serve other projects. Transpetco has identified over 100 fields in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas as potential CO2 candidates for the pipeline.

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Cross Timbers completes acquisition of Amoco San Juan Basin properties

FORT WORTH - Cross Timbers Oil Company closed its previously announced acquisition of San Juan Basin Properties from a subsidiary of Amoco Corp.

The properties were purchased for an approximate price of \$188 million and five-year warrants to purchase 625,000 shares of Cross Timbers common stock at \$22.97 per share. The original purchase price of \$252 million was reduced for the exercise of preferential purchase rights valued at \$60.2 million and an estimated \$4 million in net revenue from the Nov. 1, 1997 effective date. In addition, Amoco elected to accept certain producing properties owned by Cross Timbers valued at \$15.7 million in lieu of cash, reducing the cash consideration to \$172.3 million. The purchase price will be adjusted post closing to reflect the actual net revenue from Nov. 1, 1997 and typical purchase price adjustments.

Included in this acquisition are approximately 130,000 net acres in San Juan and Rio Arriba counties of New Mexico. Cross Timbers' internal engineers estimate proved reserves attributable to the acquisition to be 205 billion cubic feet of natural gas, 13 million barrels of natural gas liquids and 1.2 million barrels of oil, or a total of 48.5 million barrels of oil equivalent (BOE). Proved developed reserves represent 92% of the value of the properties. Virtually all of the value is attributable to reserves in the Dakota, Pictured Cliffs, Mesa Verde and Fruitland Coal formations.

Cross Timbers estimates current net daily production at 39 million cubic feet of gas, 2,500 barrels of natural gas liquids and 230 barrels of oil from more than 1,660 gross (720 net) wells with a reserve-to-production index of 14.4 years. The current lifting cost is less than \$2 per BOE and the properties generate Section 29 income tax credits of approximately \$2 million per year. More than 675 wells representing about 70% of the value of the acquired properties are expected to be operated by the Company.

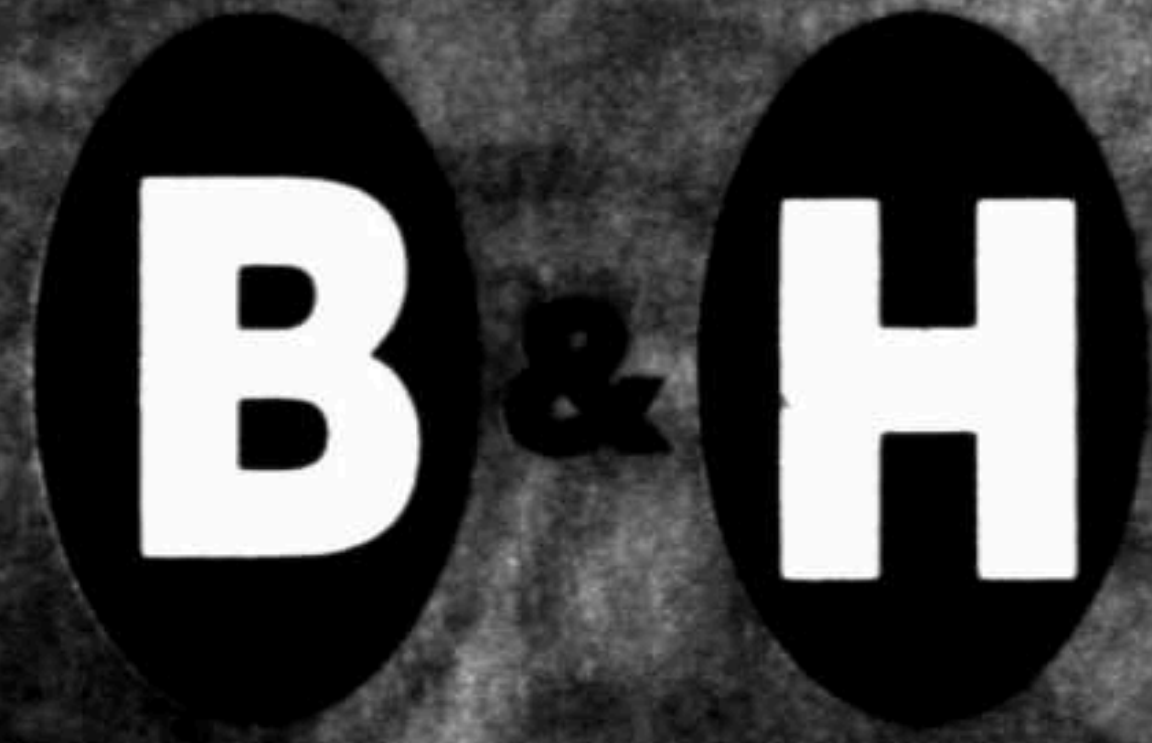
"We are extremely pleased to have purchased 48.5 million BOE of long-lived, high-quality San Juan Basin reserves at a cost of approximately \$4.00 per BOE," stated Bob R. Simpson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "As a result of this acquisition, we have taken a giant step toward meeting our two-year goal of increasing cash flow and reserves per share by 50%. We plan to meet our debt

target of \$2.40 per BOE through a combination of reserve growth and debt reduction through cash flow and non-strategic asset sales.

"We expect to continue actively pursuing strategic acquisition opportunities and will consider offering equity to partially finance these future acquisitions, but only if we believe additional value per

share will be created for our shareholders over time," Simpson emphasized.

"This landmark acquisition creates an important entry into the San Juan Basin," stated Steffen E. Palko, Vice Chairman and President. "It increases our proved reserves by more than 35% and establishes a new core operations area."



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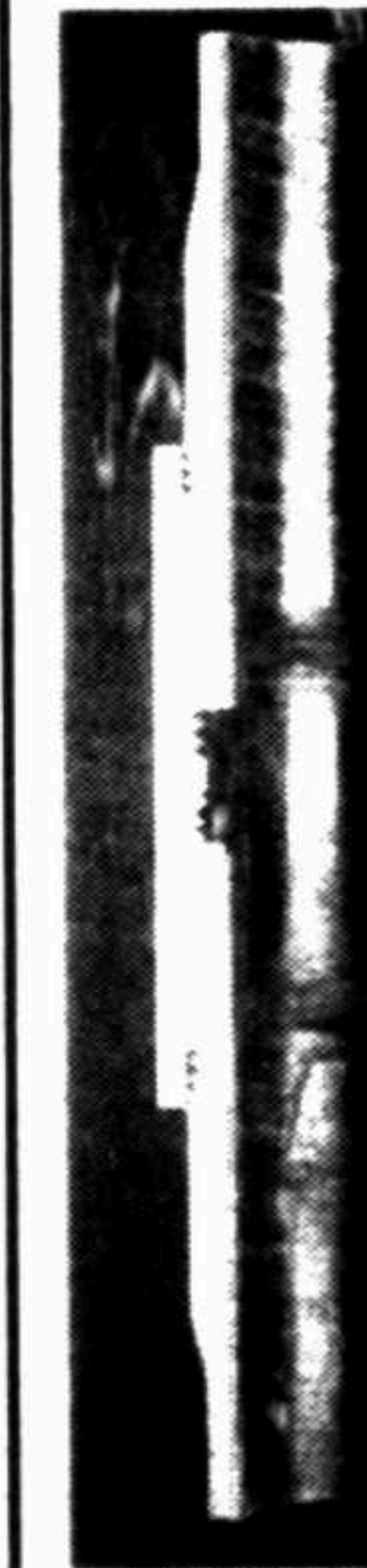
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Basin's first major CO2 project has colorful beginning

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When it comes to tales of conflict and cunning, few oilpatch events can match that of the Permian Basin's first CO2 project — SACROC.

The mother of all Basin CO2 projects, SACROC (pronounced Sack Rock) was born in conflict with all the ingredients of a good novel—big name wildcaters, movie stars, leading-edge technology, new unitization concepts, regulatory loopholes and fortunes made and lost.

The product of one of Texas' last onshore booms, SACROC was not only the first massive CO2 recovery project in the Permian Basin, it was also the first attempt at unitizing an entire productive area involving many fields and operators.

When the Standard of Texas No. 1 Jesse Brown drilled into the Canyon Reef on November 19, 1948 and opened the Kelly-Snyder field. It kicked off a major drilling boom. Field after field was discovered all along the limestone atoll — Diamond M., Cogdell, Sharon Ridge. By 1950, 490 wells were producing from the reef, and 187 rigs were drilling, earning the "Snyder Boom" its place in history. While it ranked alongside Wink, Ranger, and Big Lake in activity, the Snyder boom, which was the last big-time exploration boom for the Permian Basin, was much tamer than its predecessors. Myers says that was because Snyder was already a well-organized town when the boom came, unlike the other booms where it was a matter of developing an oilfield and building a town at the same time.

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The boom was still building, however, when bottomhole pressures in the formation quickly declined. Railroad Commission studies revealed that the reef formation did not have a water drive or gas cap — only gas in solution, and that steps must be taken to energize the reservoir if production was to continue. In 1951, the Commission recommended a waterflood for the Canyon Reef, noting that it would recover an additional billion barrels of oil. To do nothing, the report informed, would be disastrous.

With more than 93 percent of working interest owners and 80 percent of the royalty owners participating, the Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee (SACROC) was formed and voted to unitize and waterflood the area, making it, at that time, the largest recovery project in the world. The Railroad Commission, despite the objection of a few operators, approved.

However, famed Fort Worth wildcatter W.A. Moncrief objected strenuously to the unitization, waterflood and allocation. According to historian Samuel Myers, he



A gas processing facility in the SACROC area, photographed in the 1980s. The first major CO2 project in the Permian Basin had a colorful beginning that made it a first in several categories. Pennzoil, which purchased Chevron interests in the unit, is now exploring plans to upgrade the CO2 recovery aspect of the giant Canyon Reef producing unit.

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waged a legal battle that delayed the project for 2-1/2 years. But when it appeared he could not win, Moncrief sold his interests and the interests of his partners (including Bob Hope and Bing Crosby) to Ponies Oil Co. for \$21 million.

It was one of the "sweetest" oilpatch deals ever made. Ponies Oil Co. was established for the benefit of Southern Methodist University. SMU was only required to put up \$50,000 with the remainder to be paid from production income. Bob Hope took part of his profits from the sale to build the Bob Hope Theater at SMU.

With Ponies, the wells were incorporated into SACROC, and the waterflood was initiated in 1954. As predicted it increased production dramatically, earning millions for the University and SACROC operators. Operators say it is frightening to think what would have become of the Canyon Reef reservoir if Moncrief had prevailed in his efforts to deny unitization.

The year 1962 was another milestone year. Chevron-West became the single operator of SACROC, replacing operators in three segments of the Canyon Reef. It was also the year Chevron began to explore the possibility of using

CO2 to recover more oil from the formation. According to Myers, tests had shown CO2 could be effective in the formation, and Chevron had identified vented CO2 in the Val Verde Basin, 225 miles to the south, as a source field.

The recovery project, one of the largest of its kind, would require the tremendous investment of \$175 million, all to be paid by the operators. Nevertheless, the decision was made to go forward. It was a decision that was to pay off in barrels.

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At the time, the allowances for the reef producing unit were eight days per month, but tertiary projects were exempt. While some have claimed that SACROC was not a true CO2 project, that it would have never been done except to get field allowances increased to 30 days per month, one cannot ignore the historical or

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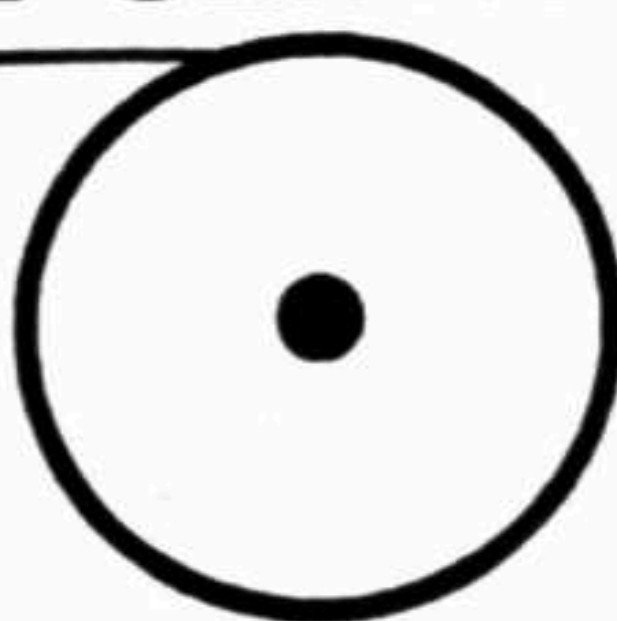
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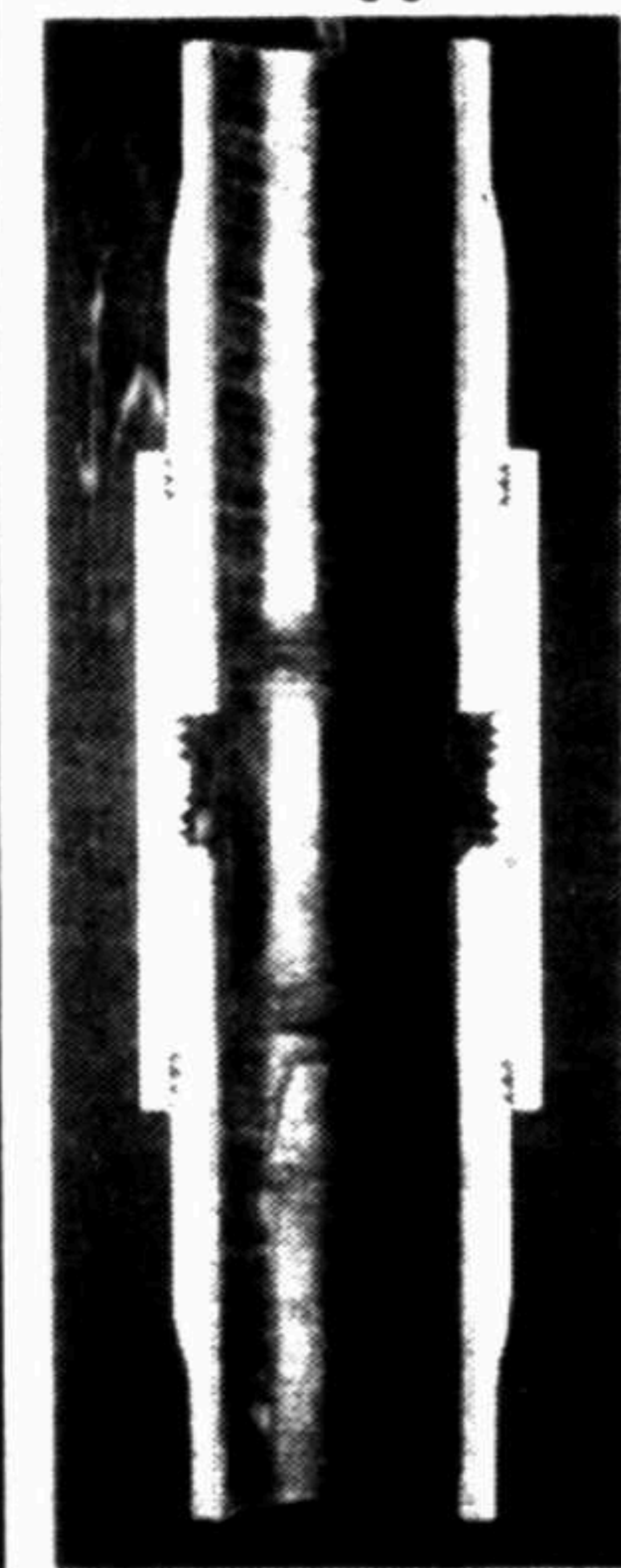
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FWL OF LSE; 525 FSL 1323 FWL OF
SUR; 6 MILES NW OF ROPESVILLE;
OBJ: 11500; PERMIT # 470352; API #
42-219-01480

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR
CO SUR, A-220, BLK 37, T1N, SEC 17;
329 FNL 264 FNL OF LSE; 2640 FNL
2310 FEL OF SUR; 9 MILES NW OF
STANTON; OBJ: 9200 (TREND AREA);
PERMIT # 470095; API # 42-317-34136
TERRACE PETROLEUM CORPORA-
TION
TOM RANCH "41" #2
GORDON STREET-D: T&P RR CO
SUR, A-126, BLK 35, T1S, SEC 41; 660
FNL 660 FNL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660
FNL OF SUR; 2 MILES S OF STANTON;
OBJ: 9900 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT #
470100; API # 42-317-34137
JOHN L. COX
GRISHAM-GREEMAN #49
SPRABERRY-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-
143, BLK 36, T1N, SEC 33; 5940 FSL
5940 FNL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 660 FWL
OF SUR; 6 MILES NW OF STANTON;
OBJ: 9100 (TREND AREA); PERMIT
470211; API # 42-317-34138
KINDRED PETROLEUM COMPANY
GLENNING GRAYBURG #3
PHOENIX-D: T&P RR CO/L. P. ROUN-
D TREE SUR, A-809, BLK 36, T3N, SEC
26; 660 FNL 1980 FEL OF LSE; 660
FNL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 7 MILES NW
OF LENORAH; OBJ: 3990 (GRAY-
BURG); PERMIT # 470315; API # 42-
317-34143

MIDLAND COUNTY

TERRACE PETROLEUM CORPORA-
TION
BARROW "28" #35
SPRABERRY-D: T&P RR CO/W. H.
PERRY SUR, A-970, BLK 39, T3S, SEC
28; 660 FNL 1980 FNL OF LSE; 660
FEL 1980 FNL OF SUR; 10 MILES SO
OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 10200 (TREND
AREA); PERMIT # 470097; API # 42-
329-33947

MITCHELL COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
ETTA HOLT BROWN #12
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D: T&P RR
CO/E. H. BROWN SUR, A-1856, BLK
29, T1S, SEC 12; 1696 FNL 2027 FEL
OF LSE; 1696 FNL 600 FWL OF SUR; 9
MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ:
3450; PERMIT # 470339; API # 42-335-
34026

STERLING COUNTY

STELLER ENERGY & INVESTMENT
CORP
HMM-LAURIE #1
CONGER-D: H&C RR CO/H. BADE
SUR, A-792, BLK 22, SEC 22; 660 FSL
660 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660 FWL
OF SUR; 10 MILES WLY OF STERLING
CITY; OBJ: 8200 (PENN); PERMIT #
470277; API # 42-431-32903

TEXAS RRCD 8A

COCHRAN COUNTY

WASH PETROLEUM INC
MILLER WRIGHT #6
LEVELAND-D: BREWSTER CSL LGE
97, LAB 15, A-82; 440 FSL 1400 FWL
OF LSE; 440 FSL 1400 FWL OF SUR; 7
MILES W OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5100;
PERMIT # 470189; API # 42-079-32922

DAWSON COUNTY

TIPPERARY OIL & GAS CORPORA-
TION
EILAND #1128
LAMESA FARMS-RECOMP; EL&RR
CO/J. R. WEAVER SUR, A-1180, BLK
M, SEC 128; 660 FNL 660 FNL OF LSE;
660 FNL 1980 FNL OF SUR; 12 MILES
WLY OF LAMESA; OBJ: 12237 (MISS);
PERMIT # 470181; API # 42-115-31774

DICKENS COUNTY

KROCAN ENERGY CORPORATION
FINABLE (A' UNIT) #2194
NAVIGATOR-D: H&GN RR CO/E. M.
DICKEY, A-621, BLK 1, SEC 194; 467
FWL 280 FSL OF LSE; 2253 FEL 2260
FSL OF SUR; 8 MILES SE OF SPUR;
OBJ: 4800 (TANNENHILL B); PERMIT
470168; API # 42-125-30680

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EDDY COUNTY

DEVON ENERGY CORP
EAGLE "33P" FEDERAL #14
 RED LAKE (QU/GB/SA); T17S, R27E, SEC 33; 430 FSL 330 FSL; EL: 3533 GL; SPUD 7/17/97; COMP 8/10/97; TD 2500, PBTD 2447; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1756 TO 2290; IPP 113 BOPD, 170 MCFD, 407 BWPD; API # 30-015-29599

WISER OIL CO
SKELLY UNIT #264
 GB-JACKSON (SR/OU/GB/SA); T17S, R31E, SEC 27; 20 FNL 2619 FNL; EL: 3815 GL; SPUD 10/9/96; COMP 6/20/97; TD 3900, PBTD 3520; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 3282 TO 3451; IPP 14 BOPD, 10 MCFD, 488 BWPD; API # 30-015-28999

LEA COUNTY

YATES PET CORP
PEGASUS ARN STATE #1
 NO. VACUUM (ABO); T16S, R35E, SEC 30; 660 FSL 1980 FNL; REENTRY OF MOBIL-STATE SEC 30 #1, P&A, OLD TD 4794; EL: 4026 GL; REENTERED 6/28/97; COMP 8/21/97; TD 12973, PBTD 12450; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8921 TO 8930; IPP 69 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 9 BWPD; API # 30-025-30788

CHESAPEAKE OPER INC
KIM "1" #1
 NORTHEAST LOVINGTON (PENN); T16S, R36E, SEC 1; 810 FSL 746 FSL; EL: 3883 GL; SPUD 9/17/97; COMP 11/7/97; TD 11950; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 11490 TO 11580; IPP 612 BOPD, 620 MCFD, 0 BWPD; API # 30-025-34133

WISER OIL CO
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT #28
 MALJAMAR (GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES); T17S, R32E, SEC 4; 660 FSL 660 FSL; REENTRY OF CHEVRON, P&A, OLD TD 4090; EL: 4160 KB; EL: 4160 KB; REENTERED 1/30/97; COMP 2/28/97; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3885 TO 3979; IP WIW; API # 30-025-00462

WISER OIL CO
CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT #13
 MALJAMAR (GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES); T17S, R32E, SEC 13; 1980 FSL 1980 FSL; REENTRY OF MURPHY B. BAXTER-STATE 13 #4, P&A, OLD TD 4432; EL: 4110 GL; REENTERED 8/1/96; COMP 10/3/96; TD 4432, PBTD 4423; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4029 TO 4193; IP WIW; API # 30-025-00528

NEARBURG PROD CO
OPAL 28 FED COM #1
 SO SALT LAKE (MORROW); T20S, R33E, SEC 28; 1650 FSL 660 FSL; EL: 3621 GR; SPUD 6/19/97; COMP 9/16/97; TD 14387; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 14118 TO 14126; IPP 61 BOPD, 1774 MCFD, 0 BWPD; API # 30-025-34004

CONOCO INC
WARREN UNIT BL/TUBB/WF #206
 WARREN (BL/TUBB); T20S, R38E, SEC 34; 2630 FNL 2630 FNL; EL: 3523 GL; SPUD 8/2/97; COMP 9/12/97; TD 6750; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5813 TO 6676; IPP 33 BOPD, 10 MCFD, 142 BWPD; API # 30-025-33941

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
A. H. BLINNEY FED NCT-1 #49
 SOUTH BRUNSON (DRK/ABO); T22S,

R38E, SEC 20; 2630 FNL 160 FNL; EL: 3377 GR; SPUD 5/27/97; COMP 6/20/97; TD 7200, PBTD 6820; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6186 TO 6327; IPP 71 BOPD, 128 MCFD, 17 BWPD; API # 30-025-33936

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
C. C. FRISTOE B FEDERAL NCT-1 #3
 JUSTIS (BL/TUBB/DRK); T24S, R37E, SEC 26; 900 FSL 900 FNL; EL: 3169 GR; SPUD 6/26/97; COMP 7/26/97; TD 6550, PBTD 6452; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5152 TO 5312; IPP 105 BOPD, 121 MCFD, 565 BWPD; API # 30-025-34009

TEXAS RRCD 7C

CROCKETT COUNTY

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COMPANY
#7010D C.C. MONTGOMERY
 OZONA (CANYON SAND); 7-R-TC RR CO SUR; 1700 FNL 1980 FNL; 20 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2387 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING CO; TD 6628, PBTD 6560; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 6248 TO 6426; IP CAOF 337 MCFD

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COMPANY
#3401 WATSON RANCH
 OZONA (CANYON SAND); 34-A-TC RR CO SUR; 500 FNL 500 FNL; 20 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2032 GR; CONTR: WEST-TEX DRILLING; TD 6800, PBTD 5892; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 4886 TO 5744; IP CAOF 278 MCFD

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
#18 SCHEUBERT JEAN "A"
 HENDERSON (CANYON GAS); 26-KL TC RR CO SUR; 2048 FNL 1112 FNL; 11 MILES SE OF OZONA; EL: 2372 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING CO; TD 8012, PBTD 7956; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7760 TO 7810; IP CAOF 655 MCFD

REAGAN COUNTY

HALLWOOD PETROLEUM INC
#8 LOU GOULD
 SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 1217 D&E RR CO SUR; A-118; 1984 FSL 1984 FSL; 4 MILES SE OF STILES; EL: 2613 GR; CONTR: DEL MAR DRILLING; TD 7510, PBTD 7480; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5817 TO 7358; IPP 3 BOPD, 5 MCFD, 82 BWPD

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ANDREWS COUNTY

ALTURA ENERGY LTD
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES) UNIT #128
 FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); J. W. LOGSDON/PSL SUR; A-26, SEC 25; 100 FNL 1200 FNL OF UNIT; 8 MILES N OF FRANKEL CITY; EL: 3363 GL; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 3/25/97; COMP 4/14/97; TD 4806, PBTD 4760; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 4566 TO 4680; IPP 62 BOPD, 9 MCFD, 87 BWPD; PERMIT # 456034; API # 42-003-38103

LEWIS B. BURLESON INC
UNIVERSITY D #5
 FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); UL SUR; BLK 13; SEC 3; 479 FNL 900 FNL OF UNIT; 3 MILES NW OF FRANKEL CITY;

EL: 3274 GR; CONTR: CAPSTAR DRILLING; SPUD 3/26/97; COMP 4/4/97; TD 4520; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4347 TO 4437; IPP 50 BOPD, 10 MCFD, 70 BWPD; PERMIT # 458258; API # 42-003-38147

TEXLAND/JMC JOINT VENTURE
LOGSDON "C" #333
 FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); PSL SUR; BLK A-37; SEC 1; 0 FSL 1320 FNL OF UNIT; 20 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3341 GR; CONTR: CAP STAR DRILLING; SPUD 4/17/97; COMP 4/24/97; TD 4740; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4487 TO 4590; IP WIW; PERMIT # 460245; API # 42-003-38186

DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION
FSAU #34
 FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); PSL/ODESSA RANCH CO SUR; BLK A-26, SEC 23; 1330 FSL 2289 FNL OF UNIT; 8.5 MILES FROM FRANKEL CITY; EL: 3340; CONTR: TMBR/SHARP; SPUD 4/4/97; COMP 4/24/97; TD 4805, PBTD 4756; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4567 TO 4577; IPP 68 BOPD, 17 MCFD, 108 BWPD; PERMIT # 451644; API # 42-003-37063

SAGE ENERGY COMPANY
SAGE-EXXON "6" #3
 FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); PSL SUR; BLK A-32; SEC 6; 555 FNL 1600 FNL OF UNIT; 14 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3335 GR; CONTR: CAP STAR DRILLING; SPUD 3/11/97; COMP 3/20/97; TD 4783, PBTD 4749; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4545 TO 4640; IPP 35 BOPD, 9 MCFD, 62 BWPD; PERMIT # 459512; API # 42-003-38178

SAGE ENERGY COMPANY
SAGE-EXXON "6" #4
 FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); PSL SUR; BLK A-32; SEC 6; 555 FNL 2200 FNL OF UNIT; 14 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3341 GR; CONTR: V&B DRILLING; SPUD 3/19/97; COMP 3/24/97; TD 4784, PBTD 4753; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4544 TO 4633; IPP 50 BOPD, 12 MCFD, 50 BWPD; PERMIT # 459511; API # 42-003-38177

CRANE COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O & G CO
W. N. WADDELL #1221
 WADDELL; PSL SUR; BLK B-23, SEC 10; 3678 FNL 5610 FNL OF UNIT; 15 MILES NW OF CRANE; EL: 2760 GR; SPUD 3/20/97; COMP 4/19/97; TD 3608, PBTD 3552; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3442 TO 3478; IPP 215 BOPD, 80 MCFD, 4578 BWPD; PERMIT # 457977; API # 42-103-34476

BURLINGTON RES O & G CO
W. N. WADDELL #1220
 WADDELL; PSL SUR; BLK B-23, SEC 14; 11550 FSL 20953 FSL OF UNIT; 15 MILES NW OF CRANE; EL: 2757 GR; CONTR: ROD RIC CORP; SPUD 3/25/97; COMP 4/19/97; TD 3625, PBTD 3582; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3434 TO 3480; IPP 321 BOPD, 199 MCFD, 1900 BWPD; PERMIT # 457978; API # 42-103-34473

HOWARD COUNTY

ORYX ENERGY COMPANY
DORA ROBERTS BD&E #4118
 HOWARD GLASSCOCK; W&NW RR CO SUR; BLK 29, SEC 136; 700 FNL 3270

FEL OF UNIT; 1.25 MILES SE OF FOR-SAN; EL: 2785 GR; CONTR: BANDERA DRIG; SPUD 4/23/97; COMP 4/30/97; TD 3100; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 2402 TO 2922; IPP 105 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 280 BWPD; PERMIT # 456672; API # 42-227-35125

ORYX ENERGY COMPANY
DORA ROBERTS BD&E #294 L
 HOWARD GLASSCOCK; W&NW RR CO SUR; BLK 29, SEC 137; 660 FNL 2520 FEL OF UNIT; 1.5 MILES SE OF FOR-SAN; EL: 2789 GR; CONTR: BANDERA DRILLING CO; SPUD 4/19/97; COMP 4/24/97; TD 3100, PBTD 3097; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2644 TO 2918; INJECTION WELL; PERMIT # 456664; API # 42-227-35117

MIDLAND COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
JUNE T. LYNCH "48" #3
 SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR; BLK 41, T3S, SEC 48; 860 FEL 1980 FNL OF UNIT; 20 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; EL: 2896 GR; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 8/16/97; COMP 8/31/97; TD 9950, PBTD 9865; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 8160 TO 9735; IPP 22 BOPD, 280 MCFD, 110 BWPD; PERMIT # 464005; API # 42-329-33783

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
MCCLINTIC "E" #23
 SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); J. R. RAY SUR; BLK 37, T2S, SEC 60; 1981 FNL 3300 FNL OF UNIT; 11 MILES SE OF MIDLAND; EL: 2650; SPUD 8/5/96; COMP 1/13/97; SPUD 8354 MD, 11504 TD, 7100 PBTD; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH OPEN HOLE 7167 TO 8354; IPP 2 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 15 BWPD; PERMIT # 450918; API # 42-329-31287

ARCO PERMIAN
JUNE T. LYNCH "40" #1
 SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR; BLK 40, T3S, SEC 48; 778 FEL 1522 FSL OF UNIT; 15 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; EL: 2892 GR; SPUD 9/8/97; COMP 9/22/97; TD 11232, PBTD 10172; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 8140 TO 9950; IPP 14 BOPD, 60 MCFD, 170 BWPD; PERMIT # 467798; API # 42-329-33512

ARCO PERMIAN
TXL "N" 9-2 #2
 SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR; BLK 39, T4S, SEC 6; 660 FNL 660 FNL OF UNIT; 16 MILES S OF MIDLAND; EL: 2734; CONTR V&B; SPUD 8/10/97; COMP 8/25/97; TD 10160, PBTD 10089; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 7730 TO 9960; IPP 59 BOPD, 50 MCFD, 164 BWPD; PERMIT # 464652; API # 42-329-33806

PECOS COUNTY

THE CLEVELAND OIL CO LLC
MAUER "R" #1
 ABELL (PERMIAN GENERAL); H&TC RR CO SUR; BLK 3, A-594, SEC 11; 400 FSWL 400 FSWL OF UNIT; 1 MILE SE OF IMPERIAL; EL: 2389 GR; CONTR: J. C. WELLS; SPUD 3/6/97; COMP 3/22/97; TD 3907, PBTD 3884; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3263 TO 3301; IPP 7 BOPD, 25 MCFD, 23 BWPD; PERMIT # 458144; API # 42-371-36674

REAGAN COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #662
 SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); L&SV RR CO SUR; BLK C, SEC 3; 1345 FSL 3995 FNL OF UNIT; 15 MILES NW OF STILES; EL: 2690 KB; SPUD 4/2/97; COMP 4/30/97; TD 7666, PBTD 7490; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH OPEN HOLE COMPLETION 7690 TO 8459; IPP 50 BOPD, 22 MCFD, 86 BWPD; PERMIT # 460538; API # 42-383-01091

ORYX ENERGY COMPANY
BROWN ALTMAN ACCT # 87
 EMPEROR (WOLF CAMP); PSL/E.E. BROWN/WALTMAN SUR; BLK B-11, SEC 5; 660 FEL 600 FNL OF UNIT; 5.2 MILES S OF KERMIT; EL: 2796 GR; CONTR: LUCKY WELL SERVICE; SPUD 9/4/97; COMP 9/27/97; TD 9085, PBTD 8970; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7162 TO 7394; IPP 10 BOPD, 92 MCFD, 11 BWPD; PERMIT # 465686; API # 42-495-32510

WINKLER COUNTY

D. K. BOYD OIL AND GAS CO INC
SCARBOROUGH C #21
 SCARBOROUGH; PSL SUR; BLK C-22, SEC 2; 1840 FSL 467 FNL OF UNIT; 10 MILES N OF KERMIT; EL: 3177; CONTR: HONDO DRIG CO; SPUD 7/14/97; COMP 10/13/97; TD 8942, PBTD 4531; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4108 TO 4343; IPP 48 BOPD, 36 MCFD, 160 BWPD; PERMIT # 452939; API # 42-495-32637

TEXAS RRCD 8A

CROSBY COUNTY

TEXLAND-RECTOR & SCHUMACHER
PRICE-THOMAS #31P
 FORBES (GLORIETA); D&E RR CO SUR; A-391, BLK 2, SEC 15; 2456 FSL 50 FNL OF UNIT; 15 MILES N OF POST; EL: 2774 GR; CONTR: STELZER

DRIG; SPUD 4/16/97; COMP 4/24/97; TD 3800, PBTD 3799; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3753 TO 3763; IPP 82 BOPD, 1 MCFD, 96 BWPD; PERMIT # 452132; API # 42-107-30971

DAWSON COUNTY

OXY USA INC
WEST WELCH UNIT #4854
 WELCH; EL&RR SUR; BLK M, SEC 70; 6600 FSL 660 FNL OF UNIT; 3 MILES W OF WELCH; EL: 3112; CONTR: ROD RIC; SPUD 2/20/97; COMP 2/28/97; TD 5053, PBTD 5040; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4886 TO 4964; IPP 53 BOPD, 5 MCFD, 300 BWPD; PERMIT # 457471; API # 42-115-32947

GAINES COUNTY

BLANCO OIL
CHERRY ESTATE A #1
 TEX-MEX, S.E. (WICHITA-ALBANY); PSL SUR; BLK A-23, SEC 13; 1980 FNL 1980 FNL OF UNIT; 20 MILES SW OF SEMINOLE; EL: 3497 GR; CONTR: V&B DRILLING; SPUD 11/26/96; COMP 12/9/96; TD 7650, PBTD 7586; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7085 TO 7126; IPP 55 BOPD, 40 MCFD, 50 BWPD; PERMIT # 455309; API # 42-165-35090

GARZA COUNTY

PRIMROSE OPERATING CO
FULLER DORWARD #167
 DORWARD; H&TC RR CO SUR; A-1060, BLK 97, SEC 692; 221 FNL 409 FEL OF UNIT; 9 MILES SE OF JUSTICEBURG; EL: 2352 GR; CONTR: PALMER OILFIELD CONSTR; SPUD 4/8/97; COMP 4/13/97; TD 2753, PBTD 2698; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2004 TO 2568; IPP 22 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 91 BWPD; PERMIT # 460813; API # 42-169-33458

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Case History #934

PowerPerf Technique Brings in "Sleeper Morrow Zone"

TYPE OF JOB: Extreme Overbalanced PowerPerf
 Customer Challenge:
 • Bring innovative new technology to the completion process for Atoka and Morrow completions in Se New Mexico.
 • Successfully complete the tight, water sensitive Morrow formation.
 • Previous perforating techniques included perforating with casing guns, under-balanced TCP, and through tubing perforating. All of these techniques often showed significant skin damage after perforating.
 • Typical completion procedures for these zones call for acidizing the perforations if a "natural" completion is not achieved from perforating.
 • The Morrow formation is known to be easily damaged by injected fluids because of the mineralogy and clay content in the rock. Many times acidizing the perforations only creates additional skin damage.
 • The operators AFE included a \$100,000 contingency for fracturing the well if necessary. Challenge to HES was to delay or eliminate the need for major stimulation.

Halliburton's Solution:

- Halliburton engineers and TCP specialists reviewed open hole logs, tubular and well bore details to custom design a PowerPerf completion.
- No acid and a minimal amount of formation compatible fluid was used to provide a carrier fluid for the proppant.

Major Obstacles:

- The Morrow zone did not exhibit many of the classic signs of a good productive zone.
- The background gas did not show a significant increase when the well was drilled.
- Drilling break through the zone was not exceptionally faster than the previous ROP.

- Open hole logs average porosity was low and the resistivity log did not indicate good permeability in the zone.

Details Of Job:

Products Used
 Proppant
 HES PSL's used:
 PowerPerf-Extreme Overbalanced
 20/40 Sand
 Completion Products
 Tools, Testing & TCP
 Stimulation-Nitrogen Services
 Engineering Tech Support

- Job Procedure
- Check for PBTD
- Pickle tubing and spot formation compatible fluid across zone of interest.
- TOOH and Pick up TCP assembly.
- TIH, correlate depths and set packer/TCP assembly on depth.
- Pressure tubing to achieve a minimum BHPT of 1.4 times the formation fracture gradient to fire the TCP guns and

release proppant from the carriers.
 Results:
 • Well responded with stabilized production of 20,000 Mcf/D plus 420 BOPD condensate.
 • The well was flowing gas to the sales line 6 hours after shooting the well.
 • Nodal analysis predicts the well is capable of 30 MMcf/D if the tubing is perforated above the packer and flowed up the annulus and tubing.
 • This well was successfully completed without acidizing the perforations.
 • Major fracturing stimulation costs of \$100,000 were eliminated.
 • The stabilized rate is 8.33 times the operator's estimated rate for the zone. This far exceeds the customer's expectations of 2.4 MMcf/D and 50 BOPD.

Uniqueness Of Job:

- Halliburton's ability to communicate and interact among its specialized product lines and disciplines enables Halliburton to provide a total evaluation and solution to the completion process, from reservoir evaluation to job execution.
- Successfully stacked 2 proppant carriers above the gun assembly.
- The PowerPerf technique successfully achieved a low skin completion without the use of acid.

Information To Determine Economic Value To The Customer

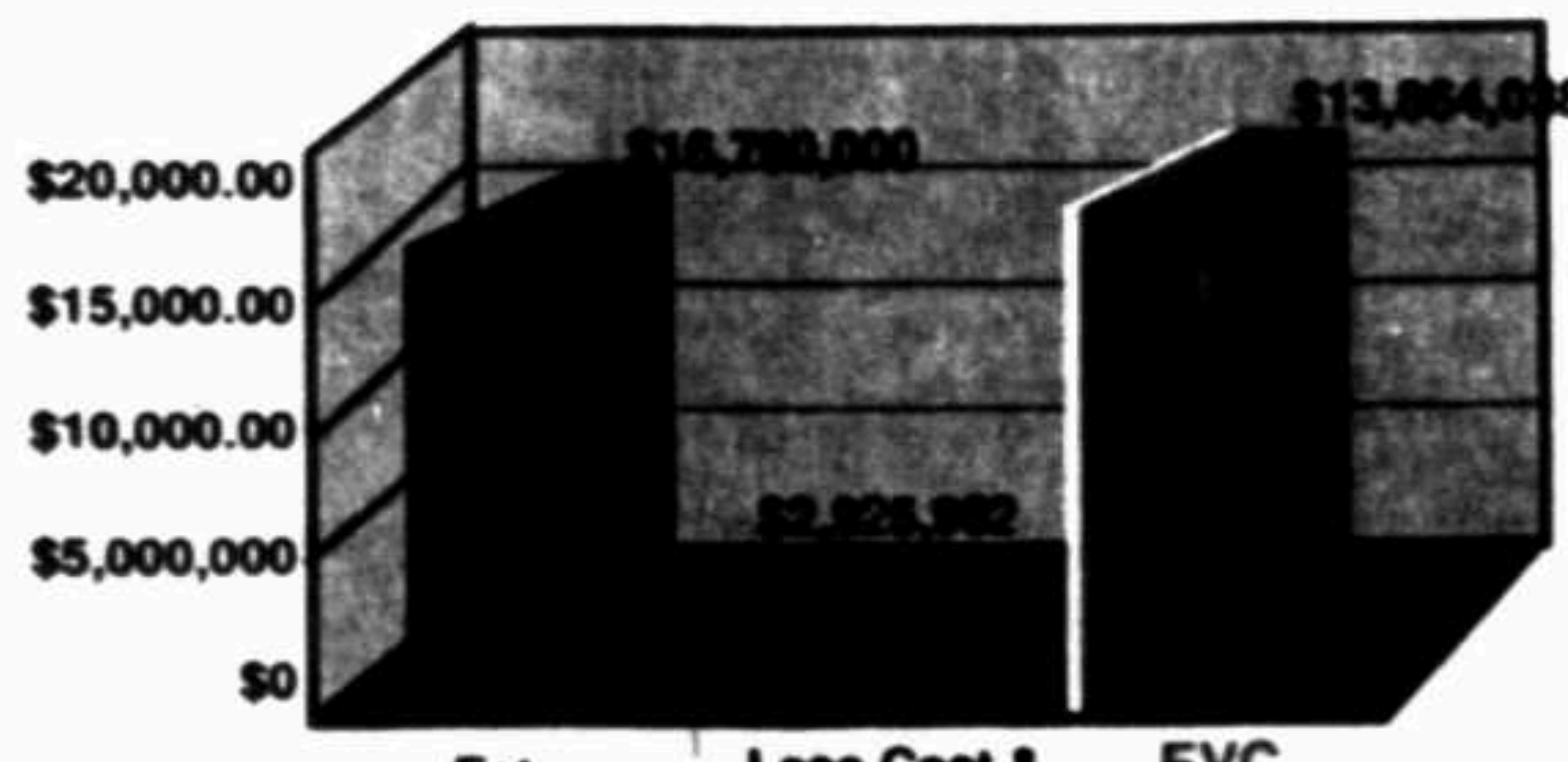
Cost Analysis:
 PowerPerf Cost
 with packer and N2 pumping
 Total completion cost including PowerPerf
 Total Well Costs

Payouts:
 Daily revenue (20,000 Mcf/D @ \$2.00/Mcf)
 Daily revenue (400 BOPD @ \$15/bbl)
 PowerPerf Cost payout (\$26,000/\$46,000)
 Completion cost payout (\$54,360/\$46,000)
 Total Well cost payout (\$90,212/\$46,000)

Benefit Analysis:
 Estimated Cumulative production from PowerPerf (7.3 BCF 1 year @ \$2.00/MCF)
 (146,000 bbls condensate @ \$15.00/bbl)
 Less expectations (2.4 MMcf/D @ 50 BOPD)
 Less total well costs

ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO CUSTOMER \$13,864,038

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Workmen, above, complete a 15-mile pipeline expansion in the Val Verde Basin, where pipeline activity has proliferated. PetroSource announced a new CO2 pipeline that will provide Val Verde CO2 to projects in the Basin.

Pipeline revives Val Verde CO2

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

When several gas plants in the Val Verde Basin found themselves without a pipeline to transport their CO2 to projects in West Texas and faced the dilemma of having to vent valuable CO2, many predicted it would not be long before a solution was found to prevent the waste. The solution appears to have arrived in the form of a new 82-mile pipeline.

PetroSource Corp., a Utah company with its headquarters in Houston, Texas, says it plans to construct an 82-mile pipeline that will transport CO2 being vented into the atmosphere from gas treating plants in West Texas to enhanced oil recovery projects.

Petro Source has completed the acquisition of 100 MMCFD of CO2 from gas treating plants in the West Texas Val Verde Basin and has begun construction of a 10" and 12" pipeline to deliver the CO2 to markets in West Texas.

For the past two years, Petro Source has been aggregating supplies of CO2 being vented by four gas treating plants in the West

Texas counties of Terrell and Pecos. Under Petro Source's plan, the vented CO2 will flow into the new pipeline, connect to the other CO2 pipelines near McCamey, Texas, and from there it will be transported to existing and newly-developed enhanced oil recovery floods. Total capital requirements of the project, including refurbishment of the compression facilities, is 16,500,000.

PetroSource's CO2 pipeline project will result in significant benefits to the environment while providing a good source of economical CO2 to major and large independent oil companies operating enhanced oil recovery projects in West Texas.

In other pipeline development in the southern reaches of the Basin, USX-Delhi Group says it has completed the expansion of its Tippet Gas Processing Plant in Crockett County, increasing its capacity 40 percent to 55 million cubic feet per day. The expansion also doubles the facilities' natural gas liquids production to over 200,000 gallons per day.

In conjunction with the expansion, Delhi has also initiated con-

struction of a 15-mile, 12-inch pipeline to add a residue outlet to Oasis Pipe Line from the Tippet plant. The pipeline which is expected to be completed by June, will provide shippers the option to use either intrastate or interstate markets.

SACROC: Proved CO2 concept

(From 9)

technical merits of the project, nor the fact that the MER was increased by almost 100,000 barrels daily.

SACROC not only demonstrated the validity of CO2 to recover more oil, but the critical need for cooperation and unitization in such large producing areas. Had SACROC not been unitized, there would have been no waterflood, no CO2 project and Kelly-Snyder and the rest of the fields in the unit would have long ago died an uncer-

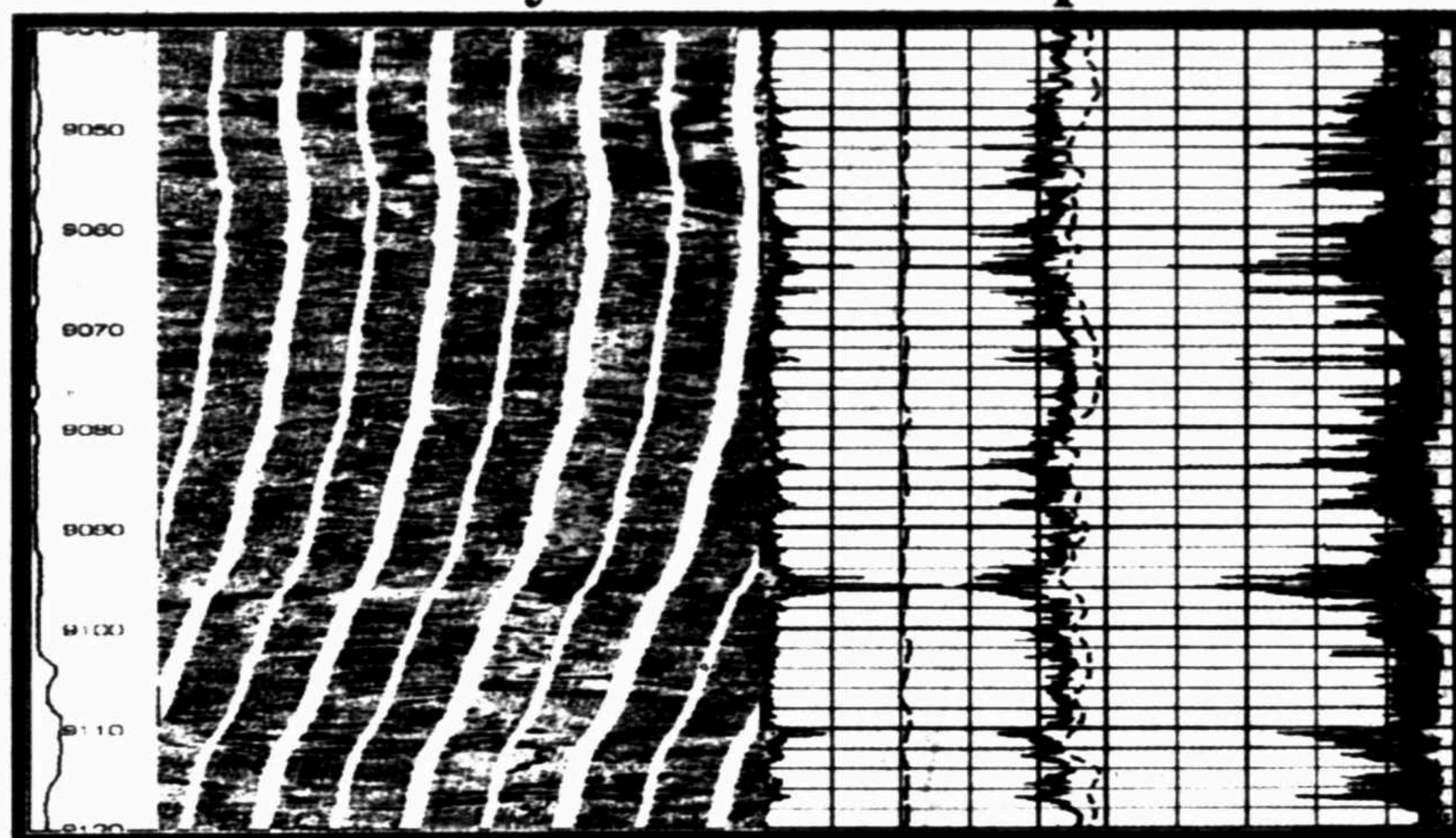
emonial death. Instead, thanks in part to CO2, Scurry eventually became the largest oil-producing county in Texas. Now, Pennzoil, who purchased Chevron's position in the unit, is planning to take the recovery project to another level.

A plaque, right, celebrates the billionth barrel of oil to be pumped in Scurry County.

John Paul Pitts / Reporter-Telegram



FMI/PoroSpect Used to Identify Bypassed Pay in the Wolfcamp



Objective: Operator is faced with a pipe setting decision in an interval with weak LDT/CNL porosity response but good sample shows and drilling time.

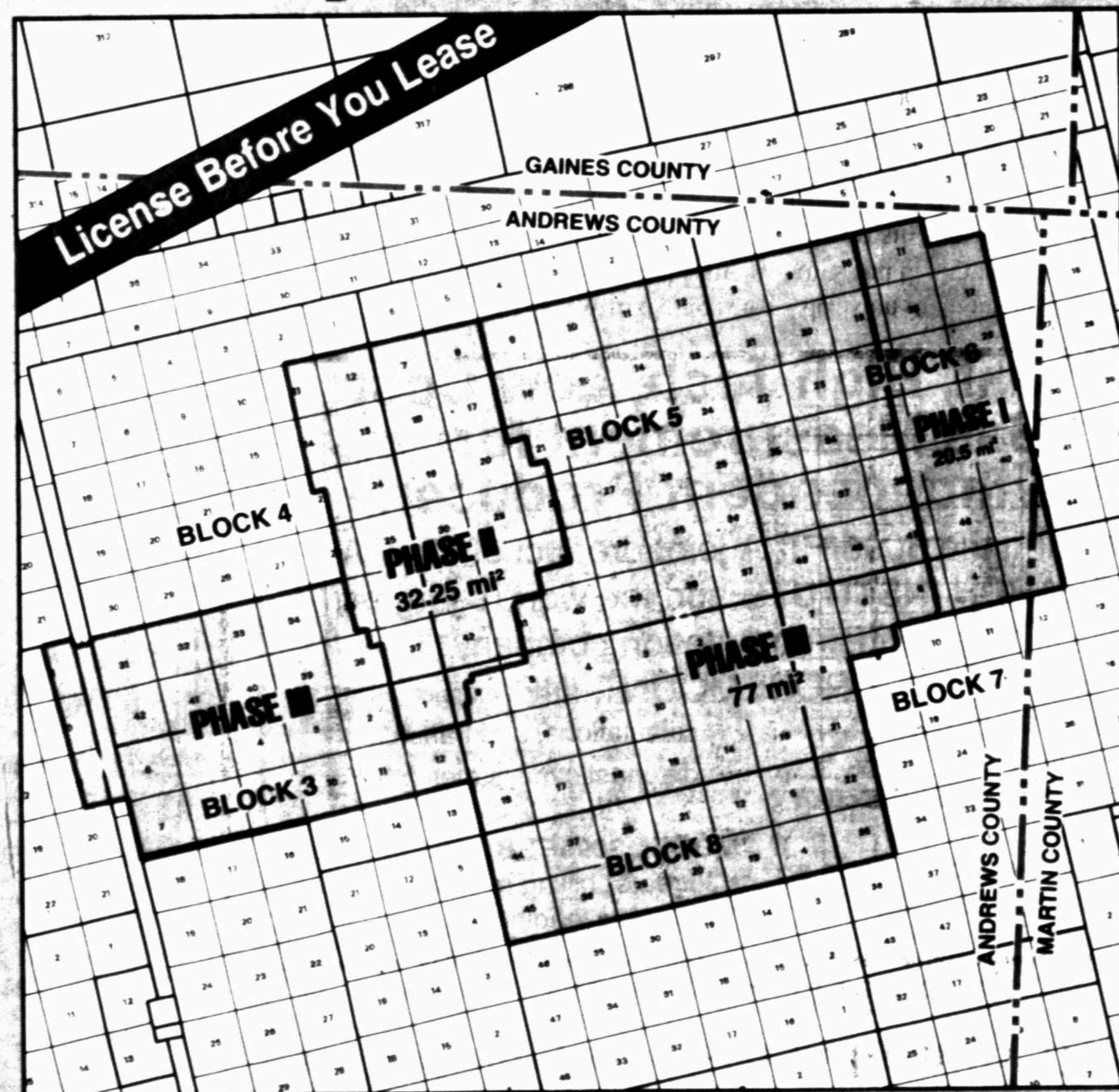
Methodology: FMI and PoroSpect (imaged based porosity) were run to determine the amount of porosity in the section.

Results: Images and PoroSpect indicated the section had enough porosity for a production test. Perforations were picked with a subsequent well IP of 350 BOPD, 400 MCFGPD and 0 BWPD at 1000 psi on a 22/64" choke for the interval 9062' to 9170'.

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Objective:
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Results:
The contacts were determined by comparing open hole density and neutron porosities and their respective cased hole equivalents IPH and RPH. Instantaneous oxygen rate (ORA) and CATO were also used. Two oil legs separated by waterflood zone. Well has been producing over 500 bopd with some methane for over a year. (Reference SPE #95165)

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