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Veronica Ruiz gazes silently into distant and near spaces with her bright, brown eyes and sways her head gently./1B



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Second-year teams simply don't do this. They win a few games, lose more, then head home to watch the playoffs./1C

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GOP leaders pull for Gingrich

■ Top Republicans scramble to help the speaker of the House win re-election amid controversy from ethics investigation.

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top House Republicans have been aggressively pressuring wavering colleagues with network television appearances, overnight mail and conference calls in a scramble to secure Newt Gingrich's re-election as speaker.

Gingrich has faded from public view since admitting last month that he violated House rules. But he too is toiling behind the scenes, conferring frequently from his home in Marietta, Ga., with members of his leadership team and telephoning rank-and-file Republicans.

The full-court press seems to be working. A dozen Republican lawmakers who had been withholding declarations of support signed a letter to GOP colleagues Friday night that said: "We're writing to you today to let you know that we will be voting to re-elect Newt Gingrich on Jan. 7."

That left only 16 still uncommitted, and it was uncertain whether they have talked to Gingrich. But lawmakers said the Georgian's goal is to contact all GOP representatives before the House picks the next speaker Tuesday when the 105th Congress convenes.

"He's been totally focused on calling members and working for his re-election," Rep. Bill Paxon, R-N.Y., one of the most active participants in the leadership campaign to defend the speaker, said last week.

Three of Maryland's four GOP House members said Saturday they plan to support Gingrich, but an aide to Rep. Connie Morella, a moderate Republican who represents a heavily Democratic district, said she remains undecided.

Morella planned to spend the weekend reviewing documents on the ethics allegations against Gingrich before making a decision, said her chief of staff, William C. Miller Jr.

In Tennessee, freshman GOP Rep. Bill Jenkins, still technically on the undecided list, said he is likely to support Gingrich. He also said he is reviewing information, although "at this point, I expect he (Gingrich) will be eligible, and I expect to vote for him."

The bulk of the effort to bolster Gingrich has been waged by Paxon, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, conference chairman John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other lead-

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A.M. BRIEFING

Ducksworth elected

The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 7208 has elected Frances Ducksworth as its new president and Laura Graves as senior vice president. Others elected were Mildred Hurt, junior vice president; Ann Harper, treasurer; Shirley White, secretary; Anita Silvers, guard; Jean Melton, chaplain; Sue Smith, conductress; Nellie Kirkpatrick, Trustee #1; Alice Fisher, Trustee #2; Martha Bunch, Trustee #3; and Eula Keys, patriotic instructor.

Cocaine war

Dawn lifts the mist off the jungle canopy, and somewhere near this Amazon River outpost a small plane roars just above the treetops carrying a load of semi-processed cocaine into Colombia. It happens more or less daily, sometimes two to three times a day, in this region of impenetrable forests and vast rivers where Colombia, Brazil and Peru intersect—a new frontier in the drug war.

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Running dry

Fred Goldman says over and over he's after justice, not money, in the civil case against O.J. Simpson. If he wins, justice may be all he ever gets. Simpson doesn't have the deep corporate pockets typical of civil targets. By the best estimates, based on court papers and sources who spoke on condition of anonymity, Simpson is worth no more than $6 million, down from the almost $11 million he recorded in 1992 during a divorce fight with Nicole Brown Simpson.

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Flood continues

The rain stayed away from flood-ravaged Northern California for a second straight day Saturday, giving hope to tens of thousands of evacuees waiting to get back to homes and businesses. Officials kept a wary eye on levees as rivers swelled out of their banks with water draining away after nearly a week of storms. About 115,000 people were being kept away from their homes in California's agricultural Central Valley.

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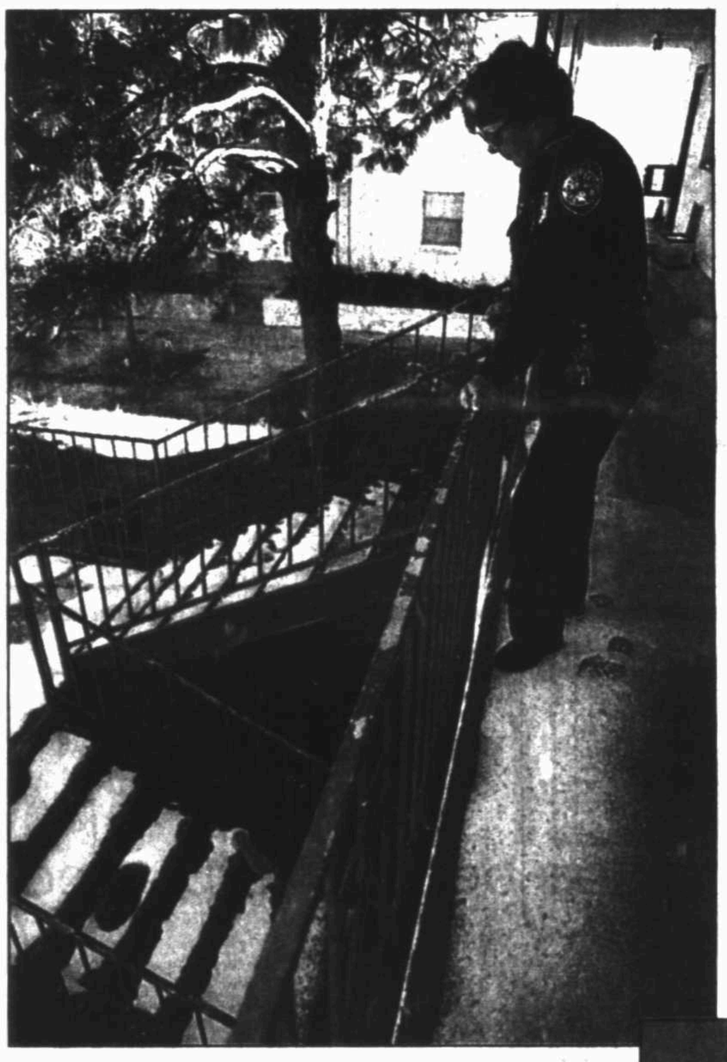
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Accidents waiting to happen



Police, residents hope actions will remedy problem apartments

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Four boarded-up, two-story buildings take up an entire block in a once-quaint east-central neighborhood. A bankrupt and abandoned apartment complex in west-central Midland has suffered two fires and appears to be a playground for delinquents. And a northwest condominium complex has become a regular for police visits.

"It really affects the neighbors and we're trying to be aggressive to fix the problems as fast as we can," Mayor Bobby Burns said.

Safety concerns, police calls and complaints from the public have led to three separate plans of action.

At New Horizons Condominiums, 3101 Midland Drive, there were 319 calls for police service last year. As a result, city officials, police and property management are trying to clean things up.

"This is the hot spot in Midland right now and has been for 1996," Police Officer Cass Jenkins said.

And the problems have spilled out into the outlying area. "We're having quite a cry from the neighborhood to do something about it," Assistant City Manager Glen Hackler said.

More than 50 residents of homes behind the complex signed a petition seeking help and presented it to a police officer.

Jeanette Dragisic, who resides in the cul-de-sac of Ruidoso Court, said conditions worsened in the past year.

"The biggest problem is the gunshots at night. It's really scary," she said.

Bottles and other garbage have been routinely tossed into back yards and property has been vandalized. Loud and large parties reportedly have been commonplace and there allegedly has been drug dealing taking place.

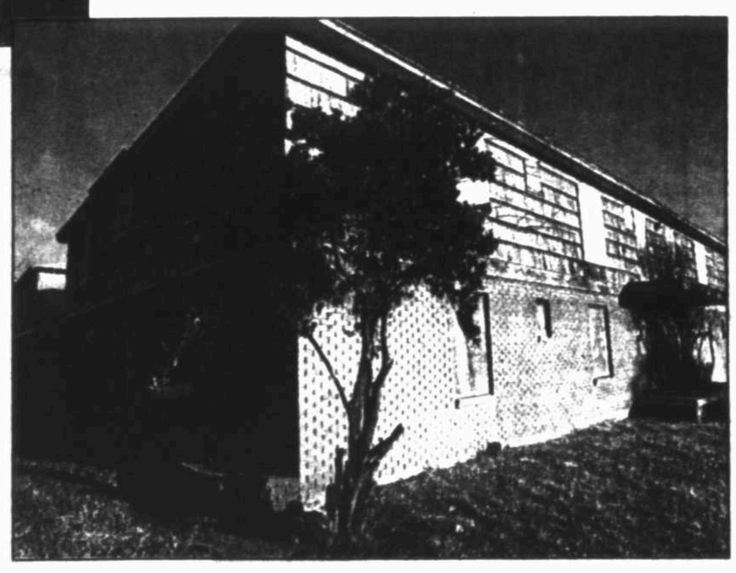
"From jumping over our fence to stealing stuff in our back yard to partying all the time to gunshots fired. It's just whatever can happen happens," said Gaylene Chappell, also a resident of Ruidoso Court.

Ms. Chappell said she talked to the complex manager but didn't feel enough was being done.

Ms. Dragisic decided to go after the owners but found out numerous people owned the condominiums. She didn't give up; she wrote many, most living outside the state,

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Officer Dale Garner, top, looks down a rundown staircase at Summer Place Apartments where police say delinquent behavior has increased since they closed down. Problems also have occurred at New Horizon Condos, far left, and a group of buildings on Estes Street, left.

Photos by Curt Wilcott and Tim Fischer

Big bird ranchers lament decline of market

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The ostrich and emu markets currently are in flux, with the slaughter market opening up and more and more meat becoming available — but big-bird ranchers still lament the passing of high-priced breeding stock.

For several years, breeders enjoyed big returns on their sales of breeding stock, with ostrich and emu breeding pairs bringing tens of thousands of dollars at sale.

Little more than a year ago, however, prices tumbled for breeding birds.

One year ago, a breeding pair of ostriches could bring between $3,000 and $20,000, said Lynn McKay of Gardendale, a board member of the Big Texas Ostrich Association.

Now, however, breeding pairs can be had for $800 to $2,000, he said.

The story with emus mirrors that of ostrich ranching. From an all-time high price a few years ago of $45,000 for a breeding pair, the 100-pound birds now can be had for as little as $500 for a breeding pair, according to local breeder Juanita Seales, past president of the Sandhills Ratite Association and of the Texas Emu Association.

"We'll never see $60,000 pairs again," McKay said of the ostrich breeder market.

This shift in the market was expected at some point by all who were raising the big birds, but the lucrative sales still are missed.

What is left, however, is the core market of the big birds, or ratites, which is a scientific name for all large, flightless birds such as ostriches, emus and rheas.

When the big prices tumbled, the market suffered a glut as many breeders got out of the business, McKay explained. "It seemed like it happened overnight," Ms.

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Ostrich breeding was once considered an up-and-coming high-dollar business, but a little more than a year ago, prices began to tumble.

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Ernest Bennett, symbol of Duvalier dictatorship, returns to Haiti

By Michael Norton
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — "Long live Duvalier!" The chant rings out from table to table in the patio of a middle-class restaurant.

On the crowded, rickety "tap-tap" buses that take the poor to work, morale is low: Poverty is deeper today than it was before the poorest Haitians forced Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier into exile.

Eleven years later, a symbol of the dictatorship that impoverished Haiti is back in town, and apparently in no danger of being brought to justice. The return of Ernest Bennett, Duvalier's former father-in-law, has many people wondering what's in store for their struggling democracy.

"Is this what we fought and bled for?" asked 34-year-old handyman Claude Martinel, shocked to learn that Bennett and two of his sons are back.

Their return with impunity is a sign of how demoralized most Haitians have become. Repression has ended but poverty has not, and there is no evidence of protests, government action or efforts to prosecute members of a family whose name here is synonymous with corruption.

Bennett is not a politician, but his return "is a sort of trial balloon," said Gary Lissade, a past president of Haiti's bar association. "If the Bennetts return and do not get into trouble, notorious Duvalierist politicians may follow."

Most Duvalierists remain in self-imposed exile. But a 10-year constitutional ban keeping them from running for office expires in March, when elections for local councils and a third of the Senate are scheduled.

"Is this what we fought and bled for?"
— Claude Martinel, when he learned that Bennett and two of his sons returned to Haiti

Bennett, a small-time coffee dealer, ended up a millionaire with the Mercedes Benz limousine dealership and a piece of most business deals in Haiti after his daughter, Michele, married Duvalier in 1980.

The marriage coincided with the downturn of Haiti's economy. The excesses of the regime were blamed on the first lady, who had air conditioning installed in the National Palace so she could wear her fur coats.

When Duvalier was ousted in a popular uprising in 1986, the Bennetts fled for their lives. Rioters ransacked the car dealership, pushing Mercedes Benz cars down the road — most Haitians are too poor to know how to drive.

Michele Bennett divorced and remarried abroad after Duvalier went broke in France. The Bennett family properties in Haiti were confiscated, for alleged misappropriation of state funds, but no other steps were taken.

"As usual in Haiti, there has been no judicial follow-up," said Lissade. "Disappointment and division have fragmented and enfeebled the democratic movement."

Bennett was seen by business associates last week, who only learned of his return days before. But his sons, Ronald and Rudi, have been seen regularly in suburban night clubs over the past five months. They apparently are living off money stashed abroad during the dictatorship.

On the front page of its year-end edition, the conservative daily Le Matin published an excerpt of "From Laughter To Tears," a book of rambling reflections written by Bennett years ago.

The Duvaliers ruled Haiti from 1957 until the 1986 uprising. Two military coups, an aborted election and another insurrection preceded the election of populist Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 1990.

The army ousted Aristide in September 1991 and ruled through terror; as many as 4,000 civilians died. In October 1994, President Clinton sent U.S. troops to stop the killings and halt an exodus of refugees.

In February, Rene Preval became president in Haiti's first peaceful and democratic transfer of power. Although the repression has stopped, corruption continues, few jobs have been created and poverty has continued to deepen.

According to a 1993 World Health Organization report, Haiti's economy has deteriorated steadily since 1980. When Duvalier fell the minimum wage was $3 a day; adjusting for depreciation, it is now $2.40.

Marking 193 years of Haitian independence on Wednesday, Preval hailed the restoration of free speech in response to a heckler accusing a local official of incompetence. The day before, Preval was booed when he asked a crowd to be patient until economic reforms take effect.

"Poverty is so extreme that some people say they want Duvalier to return. But they don't really mean it. It's their poverty speaking," said Volvick Remy Joseph, Duvalier's health minister in 1982.

"Baby Doc's return is impossible," he said. "But if poverty deepens, the temptation to return to dictatorship will spread."

Vatican official confirms Pope will visit Cuba

ROME — Pope John Paul II's trip to Cuba, in the works for several months now, has at last acquired its missing key element: a firm date, now set for late January 1998, a senior Vatican official confirmed Saturday.

Although several months later than originally expected, the importance of the fixed date — first announced late Friday in Havana by Jaime Cardinal Ortega — goes beyond a mere planning detail. It means that the Vatican has been able to pin down President Fidel Castro on an invitation that Cuba had issued several times, but never before on terms acceptable to the pope.

With agreement on the date, the stage is set for a visit that could have dramatic consequences for the Catholic Church in Cuba and the island's Communist government.

At a meeting at the Vatican in November, Pope John Paul II — the veteran anti-Communist crusader from Poland — and Castro — one of the world's last remaining Communist leaders — put their personal seals on negotiations that have been under way for several years.

In the years since the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, relations between the church and the Cuban government have been improving incrementally, as Castro seeks new sources of support inside and outside the country.

The Cuban church, which was repressed after the Communist revolution of 1959, has been allowed greater freedom to operate, although Cardinal Ortega and Vatican diplomats hope to use the papal visit to win still more rights.

In the meantime, Castro has found an ally in the Vatican in his campaign against the American trade embargo against Cuba. The Vatican, which almost always opposes international trade sanctions on the ground that they are more likely to harm ordinary people than the governments at which they are aimed, has been particularly outspoken in the case of Cuba, lashing out against the Helms-Burton law passed by Congress last year that would penalize foreign companies doing business with Cuba.

On Friday, President Clinton renewed his suspension of portions of the law.

For Castro, the pope's presence in Cuba still represents a gamble, as it was for Communist authorities in Poland in 1979 when John Paul made his first papal visit to his homeland.

For the church, there is still a risk that the Communist authorities will try to limit the pope's access to the population and to the press.

The official announcement from the Vatican Saturday gave no further details on the trip, like how long the pope will be in Cuba, and where he will go besides the capital city, Havana. But diplomats here assume that the Vatican has been reassured that the visit will take place with few restrictions.

In Havana Saturday, Cardinal Ortega said the pope had hoped to make the trip in 1997, as had been originally announced after his meeting with Castro in November. But having decided that Cuba should not be a stop on the way to a long-planned papal visit to Brazil in October, it was decided to slide the date into 1998, he said.

Pope John Paul has four trips planned for 1997: to the Czech Republic, Poland, Paris and as Brazil.

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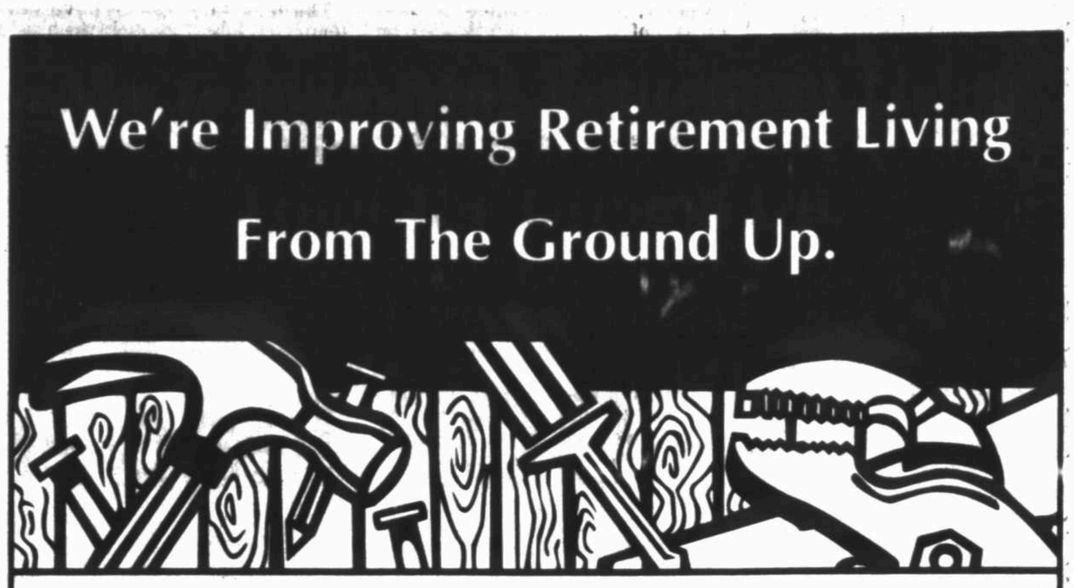


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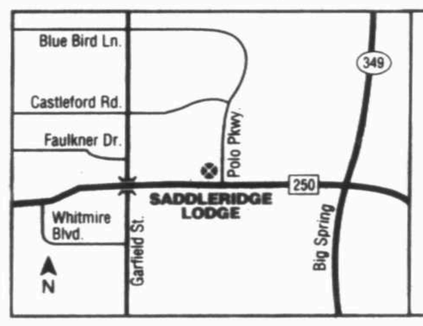
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Peru's crisis resonates among its millions of poor

By Bill Cormier
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO DE LA CRUZ, Peru — High on a hill, Renee Luna de Berrio stood on her patio and watched the fog roll inland from the Pacific.

Apart from steep streets and ocean mists, her San Francisco bears little likeness to the one in California: even the roads that hairpin up this arid Lima slum are rocky, rutted ribbons to a world of neglect.

Peru's poverty, sorely visible in such shantytowns ringing the capital, has inspired a war of words between hostage-taking rebels and a president who has vehemently attacked their claim of being "fighters for social justice."

"The Peru we all desire, a country where there is peace and jobs, is not going to be built overnight, less so with a gun held to the head of some hostage," President Alberto Fujimori said last week.

Over half of Peru's 24 million people are hostage to poverty, a situation the Tupac Amaru rebels exploited Saturday when they raised a banner on the roof of the Japanese ambassador's home, where they hold 74 hostages: "Peru today: 13 million people in extreme poverty. Where is the progress?"

Caught in the middle are poor folk like Mrs. Berrio, 46, a struggling mother of five whose house is a hodgepodge of cement, brick and wood, with blue plastic sheeting for a roof.

Mrs. Berrio said she abhors the violent extremism of the Tupac Amaru guerrillas holed up since Dec. 17 in a diplomat's mansion eight miles to the northwest.

"I don't think these people really have the interest of the poor in mind," she said, her hens clucked noisily on her back patio, laying eggs that help keep her children fed.

But she said she believed Fujimori's economic austerity plans — while slashing inflation from 7,600 percent in 1990 to 11.4 percent last year — seem only to have made life worse for the poor.

"Nothing's gotten better here," she said of the free-market economic reforms whose benefits haven't trickled uphill to San Francisco. "The majority of the people here don't have a job."

The Berrios can rarely afford meat, like most in this jumble of cardboard, brick and cement shanties populated by urban poor and peasants fleeing poverty or violence in the countryside.

Mrs. Berrio's family counts itself lucky: her 40-year-old husband Alejandro has a job. A welder, he is guaranteed a base wage of $8 a day — more if he works overtime — although he comes home gritty and weary at night.

But he doesn't earn enough to make ends meet. Mrs. Berrio operates a small grocery from her home, selling cooking oil, bread, candy and soft drinks — part of Peru's large informal economy.

The family's earnings are rapidly consumed on food, bus fare, school supplies and shoes for three teen-age girls and a 10-year-old boy. The eldest son, 23, has left home.

Poor-on-poor robberies are common and water is piped in once or twice a week at a gurgle. The shantytown does have lights, a result of a government program to bring basic services to shantytowns and rural villages.

Bronchitis and gastrointestinal disease are rampant, particularly among small children. Peru has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the hemisphere, with 63 per 1,000 live births.

"There is a lot of suffering here," said Jose Vera, an unemployed baker living next door to Berrio, his black tennis shoes split open at the toes. "Hopefully 1997 will be better."

Dragged down by a slowing economy, Fujimori's popularity has plummeted from 75 percent to 45 percent in the past year.

Never mind that he has attracted hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign investments by selling off state industries, including the telephone and power companies.

After a five-year recession, the economy boomed in 1993 and hit a peak of 13 percent growth in 1994, the world's highest at the time. But 1996 growth is expected to come in at about 2 percent.

The economic reforms have not generated jobs to replace the hundreds of thousands lost from privatization and the closing of factories that could not compete with the flood of cheaper imports.

But Fujimori argues that his policies will create jobs in time. And he says the attacks on factories; roads and bridges by rebels — whether the Tupac Amaru guerrillas or the larger, more violent Shining Path insurgency — show they "seek only to generate more poverty with their destructiveness."

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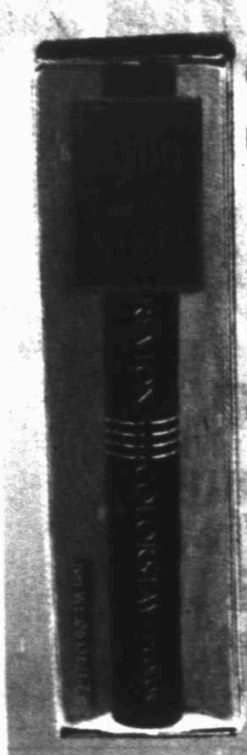
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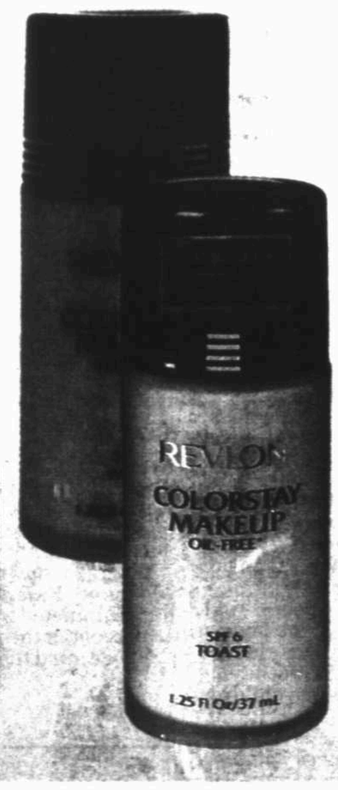
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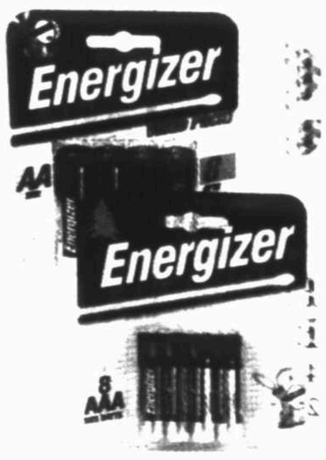
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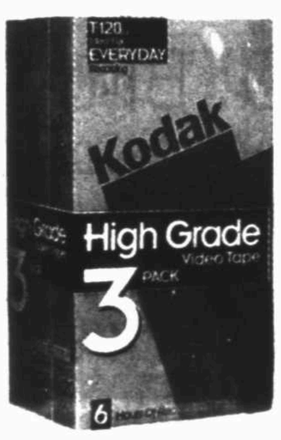


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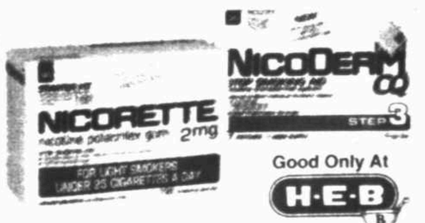
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Coming Monday

■ The Dallas Cowboys. Yes, when they are not making news on the front pages of the nation's newspapers, they sometimes play football games ... big, important games, in fact. They meet the Carolina Panthers later today in a playoff showdown, for example, and you can get all the behind-the-scenes details in Monday's Sports section.

■ It is one thing to remain married for 50 years, but it is quite another to accomplish that feat in a "spat-free" environment. Yet, that is exactly what Jimmy Patterson claims his parents have done. Read his Monday column and he'll tell you you more about it.

Also

■ Some local third graders recently spent time in the Lee High School cosmetology classroom being pampered ... and it ranged from getting their hair "done" to having their fingernails polished. What does it all mean? Check out the Monday Morning page and you'll find out.

WEATHER WATCH

Today's high to be around 71

Staff Report

Saturday was the fourth day of record high temperatures as the mercury reached 71. The old record was 70, set in 1948.

But the trend of record highs probably has come to an end as cooler weather is expected today, accompanied by a chance of freezing rain tonight.

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a high between 50 and 55. Winds will be from the northeast at 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy skies, a 20 percent chance of rain or freezing rain with a low between 30 and 35.

Monday's forecast calls for colder temperatures, with a 60 percent chance of rain, freezing rain or snow and a high around 35.

Friday's low was 53, compared to the record low of 8, set in 1959.

STATE

Winter was again knocking at the door Saturday as the vanguard of a cold front moved through North and West Texas, pushing down temperatures that had reached the 70s.

The front late Saturday stretched from Paris through Dallas and Abilene to El Paso. Ahead of the front, a dry line ran from Tyler through Waco to Laredo, prompting some fog and haze.

Afternoon highs in advance of the system climbed to 82 degrees at Waco, breaking the record of 80 set for the date in 1913.

Other highs ranged from 52 degrees at Amarillo and 66 at Paris to 91 at Laredo and 93 at McAllen.

But by Monday morning, sleet and snow was forecast for North and West Texas.

A wind advisory was posted by the National Weather Service for Saturday night and Sunday, when highs were only expected in the 50s in North Texas.

Winds Saturday were westerly behind the dry line with gusts to 25 mph and northerly behind the cold front.

Increasing cloudiness and cooler temperatures were expected Sunday, with a chance of sleet and snow Monday in North Texas and a wintry mix of precipitation in the Permian Basin and western region.

Overnight lows through Tuesday should range from the teens and 20s in the Panhandle and North Texas to near 70 in the far south.

Daytime highs were expected to reach the mid 30s in the northwest to mid 40s in the southeast.

NATION

Near-blizzard conditions halted travel on parts of the northern Plains Saturday with blowing snow and ice-covered highways, while record high temperatures stretched from the southern Plains to the East Coast.

Snow blown by wind gusting to 40 mph cut visibility to as little as 30 feet across parts of the Dakota into central Minnesota. As the storm pushed toward the east, up to 2 feet of snow was possible in central and northeastern Minnesota by Sunday afternoon.

Authorities shut down Interstate 94 between Sauk Centre in central Minnesota and Fargo, N.D., and Minnesota pulled snowplows off roads in some counties because of poor visibility and stalled vehicles getting in the way.

Stranded travelers had rented all 25 rooms at the Gopher Prairie Motel in Sauk Centre. Said clerk Mike Botz: "The freeway's a block from here, and I can't see it."

Across the eastern Dakotas, 200 miles of north-south I-29 was shut down from Brookings, S.D., to Grand Forks, N.D. South Dakota's Highway Patrol said more than 100 vehicles were believed stalled along its stretch of the highway. South Dakota also closed part of I-90 in the western part of the state.

Fifteen inches of snow fell by midday at Summit, in northeastern South Dakota.

The snow was expected to move eastward overnight into Wisconsin and Michigan, turning into rain in southern sections of Wisconsin and Michigan and northern Illinois.

South of the snow belt, however, unseasonably warm weather stretched from the Mississippi Valley to the East Coast.

Temperatures hit record highs from the 50s into the 80s in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

The high of 72 at St. Louis, Mo., toppled a record of 68 that had been on the record books since 1888, and North Little Rock, Ark., erased a record set in 1880 with its high of 77.

Thunderstorms were possible along the Mississippi Valley as cold air forced its way through the warmer air to the south.

Saturday's temperatures around the Lower 48 states ranged from a morning low of 4 above zero at Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., to the early afternoon reading of 87 at Corpus Christ. The lowest wind chill was 24 below zero at Glasgow, Mont., and Devils Lake, N.D.

Also see our expanded weather coverage, map on page 6C

Investigators strongly suspect Semtex in recent letter bombs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators strongly suspect that letter bombs sent to Washington and Kansas were armed with Semtex, a plastic explosive used for some of the most sensational terror attacks of recent years, security experts said Saturday.

"It's one of the principal explosive materials used by terrorists through the years, particularly throughout the Middle East," said Oliver "Buck" Revell, a former deputy FBI director. "It's been used as the explosive of choice in just about every major terrorist incident in the Middle East and in Europe."

FBI investigators are tracing the source of eight bombs mailed inside greeting cards addressed to the Washington offices of the Arabic-language newspaper Al-Hayat and a federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan. They would not talk about their findings.

But Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterterrorism official, said an orange color on the explosive material and a distinctive odor prompted investigators to suspect they were made with Semtex. He said his information came from people familiar with the investigation.

"It's pretty certain it was Semtex, but as of Friday, lab tests had not been done," Cannistraro said.

On Saturday, FBI spokesman Rex Tomb would not confirm or deny the presence of Semtex.

Developed in Soviet-era Czechoslovakia, Semtex was sold to terrorist groups in the 1970s and 1980s, largely on the black market.

"It's been manufactured for legal use and also has been a staple of the black market," Revell said. "It's very powerful, and it can be put into thin sheets. It's very malleable, and you can put it into different shapes and so forth."

Semtex was used in the bomb that exploded in Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, and killed 270 people. The material also was used as a detonating charge in the bomb that killed six people, wounded more than 1,000 and caused massive damage in New York's World Trade Center in 1993.

In 1990, Czechoslovakia President Vaclav Havel said the country's former Communist rulers sold 1,000 tons of Semtex to Libya.

Lotto Texas

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

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Pick 3 Texas

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

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HELP: Officials develop plans for complexes

(From 1A)

she said. Of those who responded, many were retired and made an investment in the condominium that they now regret, she said.

Because the 120-unit complex has multiple owners, getting authorization for changes has been difficult for the city as well, Hackler said.

City officials said the property manager has been cooperative but doesn't readily have the authority (due to multiple ownership) or money to help enough. The manager has put up bright lights around the perimeter of the complex and worked to evict troublemakers, city officials said.

Manager Gene Leimer said he recently has evicted seven tenants — three scheduled to move out this weekend — who have contributed to problems. He said the time it takes legally to evict bad tenants has been a hindrance.

Another problem with tenants has been renting to single mothers who later allow troublemaking boyfriends move in, he said.

Leimer said he became aware of escalating problems last year and has been working with city officials, police and residents to rectify the situation. He said conditions have improved "dramatically" in the last couple of months.

"I've put my heart and soul in this," he said.

In addition, Leimer — one of the owners — said he has worked as an unpaid manager since May and put thousands of his own dollars into the complex.

Meanwhile, the city and police are doing what they can to reduce complaints and police calls.

Officer Jenkins — who blamed ineffective management, lack of written leases required and multiple ownership for the problems — began a community policing project at the complex a few months ago. This includes working with the management and tenants, enforcing city codes and being proactive rather than reactive.

Jenkins said the complex has fallen to the "broken windows" theory. "If the place doesn't look cared for there's going to be an increase of criminal activity," he explained.

Police presence will be more visible next month when the department's mobile substation is scheduled to set up camp there for several weeks.

In addition, city officials are looking at erecting a fence around the property.

Next door at the Quail Hollow Apartments, police calls dropped from 62 in two months to 28 in two months after new owners installed a wrought-iron fence and made other changes last year.

The city can't require a fence at New Horizons and haven't been able to get the owners to put one up, Hackler said.

At the next City Council meeting, Jan. 14, the council is expected to authorize closure of an alley on the south side of the complex and award a $12,000 contract for a six-foot wood fence reinforced with steel poles on the west and north sides, Hackler said. A fence already exists on the south side and Midland Drive bounds the east side.

The fence should be up within six weeks after that and substantially reduce the number of problems emanating from the complex, he said.

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Summer Place Apartments, a 52-unit complex at 3000 W. Kansas Ave., has steadily gone downhill since owners got behind on utility bills and residents were forced to move out in July.

"It's a shame. It's got potential but no one took care of it," the mayor said.

Police have described the complex — with open apartments, deteriorating conditions and a swimming pool with about two feet of water — as an "accident waiting to happen."

There's evidence teens have used the apartments to hang out, sniff paint and drink beer.

In early August, two apartments were torched and six more were damaged from smoke and water. The Fire Department has determined it was arson and is offering a $1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

In early December, firefighters were back at the complex to douse a fire that gutted part of one apartment. Fire officials don't know if the fire was intentional or accidental from youngsters smoking or burning candles.

City officials had hoped to see the property secured, renovated or demolished after the lender foreclosed on Bethesda, Md.-based Colonial Court Investments Inc., which owns the property. But on Dec. 3 — the date for foreclosure — owners of the property filed for bankruptcy in Dallas, according to a representative with Amersco, a Dallas-based asset management company that filed the foreclosure notice.

One of the investors who purchased the property, Frederick Richardson of Maryland, could not be reached for comment.

For now, the bankruptcy filing has put on hold any action by the city or someone taking over the property. Nevertheless, city officials are seeking solutions.

On Jan. 15, city officials, including representatives from the code enforcement, fire marshal and police departments, along with nearby business owners and church leaders are expected to discuss solutions and to see if there's any interest in purchasing the property.

One way to deal with the problem would require the appraisal district to take the property for $7,300 in back taxes owed for 1995 and $10,500 due at the end of this month for last year. The appraisal district may then — if agreed by all taxing entities owed — allow the city to sell the property as-is or after demolition of the buildings, and recoup the money owed.

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In the 501 block of W. Estes Street, there are four two-story buildings with eight apartments in each. The windows and doors are boarded up.

Empty buildings such as these and brazen drug activity have taken away from the once "nice, quiet, family street," residents said.

Last year, the city condemned and demolished six structures and beefed up police patrols. But there are still problems.

In September, the City Council heard from a man who said he represented the owner of the four empty buildings on W. Estes St. He said the buildings were to be renovated for resale and there would be obvious improvements in a few weeks.

That never happened.

David Wayland, the city's building official, said the owner, Alan Herig, since has said the man was speaking out of place. Herig — who was deeded over the property in January 1996, according to a previous owner's letter to the city — could not be reached for comment Friday.

Meanwhile, the city is not waiting for any more promises.

City officials currently are determining the value, the cost to demolish and the structural and public safety conditions of the properties, City Manager Mike McGregor said.

Three of the buildings are expected to be inspected by code enforcement, fire and police officials this week, Wayland said. Officials will determine if the buildings meet the legal requirements to be condemned and subsequently demolished by the city.

But due to budgetary restraints, McGregor said, the city can only afford to demolish one building. Wayland said the demolition of one building would cost roughly $20,000.

The process to condemn a structure for demolition takes about two months. In cases such as this, the city has the option of placing a lien on property to recoup the demolition cost whenever the property is sold.

BIG: Bird ranchers hope to see good year

(From 1A)

Seales said. "It happened much sooner than we expected," she added.

But the basic market, which now is in transition to a slaughter market, is strong in that there remain buyers for the birds.

At a certified slaughter facility on the Yellow Rose Ranch in Ector County, 25 to 30 birds a month are processed, with most of the meat heading to the east and west coasts of the United States, according to ranch personnel.

And there are always markets for the hides, which are used in leather goods.

Locally, ostrich and emu meat is available at the H-E-B Food Store in Midland.

The specialty meat goes for about $4 per pound for ground meat and about $10 per pound for fillets.

Although substantial expansion in the slaughter market is expected in 1997 and 1998, the prices of meat at the grocery counter is not expected to change, McKay said. What should grow noticeably in the next few years is the availability of the meat.

Because there are no major commercial producers of ratites for meat — where several thousand animals at a time are taken for slaughter — it will be many, many years before ostrich and emu could ever truly compete with the beef or pork markets.

Such competitive pricing will "probably not happen in our lifetimes," McKay said.

What is driving the ratite meat markets, however, is that government research has now officially proven the claims made by ostrich and emu meat proponents.

Ostrich and emu meat is red meat, like beef or pork, but lower in fat and cholesterol than even chicken or turkey, according to ratite proponents.

Research now has proven those claims of low fat and low cholesterol, and the American Heart Association recently have approved the use of its "Heartsmart" label on packages of ostrich and emu meat, according to McKay and Ms. Seales.

"It is extraordinarily delicious, and is served as a main-menu item in some of the finest restaurants in the world. One such establishment, The Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas, was voted 'best restaurant in the USA' in 1994. The meat is so similar to prime beef in color, texture, and taste, that it can be difficult to tell them apart," said a spokesman for a national ostrich-raisers group.

Because of this growing awareness of the nutritional value of the meat, the ratite market will continue to grow and more producers will fall in line in the future, McKay explained.

And this awareness is not limited to the U.S., McKay said. The government of China is greatly interested in the big birds as food sources and breeders expect to sell as many as 10,000 birds to China in the next three years, he said.

"Mexico is a tremendous route right now for breeders," McKay added.

In addition to meat and hide sales, emu ranchers also are promoting an oil that is gathered from the spine of the emu, Ms. Seales said.

"This oil has some unusual qualities and is even being used in some medicinal applications, Ms. Seales said.

Now, with volume becoming a greater factor in the ostrich and emu business, dedicated producers are looking to exploit these waiting avenues for sales.

"Our goal in 1997 and '98 is market, market, market," McKay said.

As the market moves, greater production to fill the growing need, prices for producers and breeders are expected to come up somewhat.

"In 1998 we expect an upturn, but we've got to make it through this transition first," McKay said.

GOP: Leaders work to re-elect Newt Gingrich

(From 1A)

ers. They have become fixtures on Sunday news programs, rushed packets of information overnight to legislators scattered across the country and made hundreds of telephone calls to lawmakers to encourage support and count noses.

Michele Davis, Armey's spokeswoman, said their message is, "The speaker deserves our support, our vote for re-election as speaker. Do you have any questions about the ethics committee process or findings?"

Lawmakers who have received phone calls from top Republicans say they provide information and offer access to Gingrich, other leaders, even attorneys involved in the speaker's ethics committee case.

"I haven't heard that anybody's been yelled at," said Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., who says he will vote for Gingrich. "That's a substantial difference from the last two years."

The leaders' pro-Gingrich effort has intensified since Dec. 21. That's when he conceded breaking House rules by not attaining proper legal advice on use of tax-exempt contributions for possibly political purposes and by giving inaccurate information to the ethics panel about the role of his political organization, GOPAC, in the tax-exempt projects.

House leaders contend Gingrich will be re-elected Tuesday. Rep. Mike Forbes, R-N.Y., is the only Republican to declare he will not support Gingrich, and Republicans hold a 227-208 edge over Democrats and the lone independent. Assuming at least all the Republicans except the 15 undeclared vote for Gingrich, his total would surpass the Democratic votes for their party leader, Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt.

"We all understand they're being good soldiers," Forbes said. "They're in Newt's army, and they're being good soldiers."

To enhance their effort, GOP leaders have enlisted committee chairmen, DeLay's entire vote-counting operation and supportive rank-and-file members to call lawmakers to seek and gauge support. On Friday, they also elicited sympathetic statements from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., an old Gingrich friend, and top GOP governors.

Earlier, the leaders staged two conference calls that each attracted more than 100 GOP lawmakers. And Republican National Committee chairman Haley Barbour joined advocates with a news conference depicting Gingrich's ethics problems as politically motivated dirty tricks by Democrats.

Gingrich plans to address all House Republicans in a closed meeting Monday night.

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Colombian drug war moves to remote Amazon jungles

By Frank Bajak
Associated Press

It happens more or less daily, sometimes two or three times a day, in this region of impenetrable forests and vast rivers where Colombia, Brazil and Peru intersect — a new frontier in the drug war.

LETICIA, Colombia — Dawn lifts the mist off the jungle canopy, and somewhere near this Amazon River outpost a small plane roars just above the treetops carrying a load of semi-processed cocaine into Colombia.

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A potent mix of U.S. electronic surveillance and Peruvian air force shootdowns have disrupted the traffickers' old air routes since mid-1995.

Now drug pilots are increasingly making short, low-altitude flights using a network of jungle airstrips.

They spend just minutes on the ground in Peru, refueling and loading up with as much as a half ton of raw cocaine, which arrives by land and river on the backs and in the boats of locals.

The next hop is north to drug labs in Colombia's interior. Pilots skim the treetops to avoid the sweep of U.S. radar based in Leticia and upriver in the larger Amazon port of Iquitos, Peru.

The shift in smuggling patterns has overwhelmed law officers in the region, known as Three Corners. Struggling against the upsurge in traffic, they complain of being outgunned, outmanned and outsmarted.

"We routinely intercept radio transmissions so we know what time they fly. But there isn't much more we can do," said Capt. Gabriel Galvis, deputy police commander for Amazon state, Colombia's largest.

Galvis does not have a single plane or helicopter and the nearest Colombian government aircraft are at least two hours away, giving a drug-laden Cessna 206 or Piper Seneca ample time to slip away.

Peruvian and Brazilian air force planes are closer, but none of the three nations allow the others' military aircraft to enter their airspace. So the drug-runners use runways that hug the borders.

Natives fiercely loyal to their cocaine-rich paymasters guard and maintain the strips.

At least 15 airstrips straddle the Peru-Colombia frontier, delineated by the Amazon and one of its tributaries, the Putumayo.

Sitting just inside Peru along the green oblivion that divides it from Brazil are 18 more runways — a third of them built in the past year, said Mauro Sposito, federal police chief in Brazil's Amazonas state.

Sposito estimates 100 tons of raw Peruvian cocaine went north through the highway-less region in the past year. "The small-plane traffic is intense," he said.

Until mid-1995, larger planes based in Colombia flew with near impunity directly to the alpine Peruvian valleys where 70 percent of the world's cocaine originates on coca bushes.

The pilots dropped off bundles of cash and picked up a few tons of semi-processed cocaine. Local Peruvian officials and military chiefs took bribes and looked the other way.

That all changed when a combination of ground-based and airborne American radar, U.S. Customs Service executive jets and Peruvian fighter planes began a tightly coordinated interdiction campaign.

With orders to machine-gun suspected drug planes that refused to identify themselves and land, Peruvian A-37 fighters shot down at least seven planes as U.S. Customs agents looked on from their jets.

Gen. Jose Luis Rodriguez, the Peruvian air force's chief of operations, said narco-aviators are now charging the drug cartels three times what they did in 1994 to work his country's airspace.

But the drugs keep getting through. U.S. officials say there is no indication any less cocaine is entering the United States, while even more of the drug is reaching expanding markets from Brazil to eastern Europe.

New smuggling routes have flowered: down the Peruvian rivers that feed the muddy Amazon from cocaine-growing valleys on the Andes' eastern slope and along jungle paths where peasants earn $100 for a three-day trek with 30 to 40 kilograms on their backs.

"There are a thousand ways to move the raw cocaine," said a Peruvian anti-drug commander in Iquitos who uses the nom-de-guerre "Maj. Maranon." "They do it in speedboats, or under floorboards in larger, rustic boats. They hide it under fruits and vegetables, or float it down river tied to logs with a buoy attached."

By the time it reaches the border airstrips, each kilo (2.2 pounds) is worth between $800 and $900.

Peruvian police have seized 2.8 tons of raw cocaine on the region's rivers over the past six months. But much is slipping through, Maranon said.

Iquitos state has 6,000 miles of navigable waterways, and traffickers have equipped river dwellers with radios and cellular phones to warn them of police patrols.

Trying to disable airstrips has also proven hard.

On Oct. 24, Peruvian anti-drug commandos dynamited huge holes in four clandestine airstrips. Less than a week later, the holes were filled or covered with concrete slabs.

"Destruction of clandestine airstrips has a very temporary effect," said Rodriguez. "And there are actually benefits for the community. The drug traffickers pay for the repairs, so it's giving the locals more income."

On Nov. 17, six Peruvian policemen escorting three drug-trafficking suspects through Bellavista, 20 miles west of Leticia, were attacked by hundreds of villagers who beat them with clubs and the flat sides of machetes.

The officers fired in the air but did not dare shoot at their attackers for fear of being killed — and villagers seized their weapons, said Gen. Jose Maman, the state police chief in Iquitos.

The three suspects — all village leaders — were freed and the police lieutenant in charge was so badly beaten he had to be flown out by helicopter for treatment.

At least two airstrips just across the border in Peru — Remanso and Estrecho — are actually guarded by Peruvian police in the pay of traffickers, Colombian police say.

Peruvian police did not dispute the charge, saying it was understandable considering that they are outnumbered and earn the equivalent of just $150-$200 a month.

In the riverside fishing hamlet of Santa Rosa across the Amazon from Leticia, the local Peruvian police commander, Capt. Gilberto Torres, and his five men explain their predicament.

"With six officers you're simply not going to take an airstrip when there are 40 armed men guarding it," officer Darwin Perez said of the odds against attempting to surprise and seize a drug plane. "It's not like we're some sort of American Rambo."

Torres is temporarily boatless. A 12-foot skiff, half its turquoise paint flecked off to the metal, sits beached beside his stilt-supported command hut. The engine is out for repairs.

But even when it gets back, it won't matter. Their skiff is no match for smugglers' speedboats, which boast more than twice the horsepower of any Peruvian police boat between Santa Rosa and Iquitos.

Maranon, interviewed in a grimy-walled precinct office with no panes in its front window, suggested U.S. anti-drug aid be invested less in sophisticated electronics and more in the footsoldiers of the drug war.

"Give the police a commission based on how much coca base (raw cocaine) they seize," he said. "If you pay the people more, they'll move mountains."

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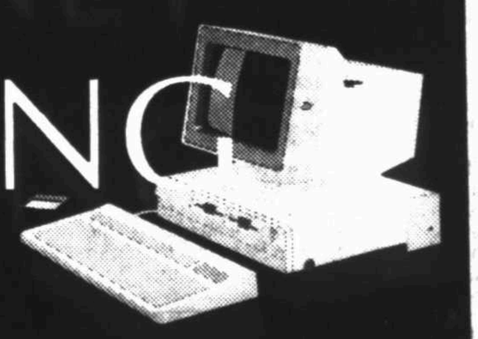
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Doctor-assisted suicide goes before Supreme Court

By Richard Carelli
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Long before Jack Kevorkian's notoriety, doctor-assisted suicide was practiced regularly in American homes and hospitals. Now out of the shadows, it's moving to the Supreme Court.

While Americans keep up the debate over parameters of the "right to die," the nation's highest court will decide whether the Constitution gives the terminally ill the right to a doctor's help in dying by their own hand.

At issue: May states prohibit doctors from prescribing life-ending drugs for mentally competent but terminally ill patients who no longer want to live?

Most states have such laws, but lower courts struck down assisted-suicide bans in Washington state and New York. In argument sessions Wednesday, the Supreme Court will study those invalidated laws.

"The significance of these cases is life itself," said Douglas Kmiec, a Notre Dame law professor. "The court's eventual ruling either will touch off a revolution in the law similar to that brought about by its Roe vs. Wade decision on abortion, or return the debate to the state political process."

The justices will take an initial, secret vote Friday. Their decision is unlikely to be announced until late June or early July.

A constitutional right to die was first recognized by the Supreme Court in 1990, when the justices ruled that a terminally ill person may refuse life-sustaining medical treatment.

That same year, Kevorkian helped someone die for the first time. The former pathologist since has aided more than 40 people in killing themselves and crusaded for legalizing doctor-assisted suicide.

The Supreme Court refused in 1995 to hear Kevorkian's challenge to Michigan's assisted-suicide ban, and he is not involved in the Washington and New York cases. But opponents who warn of abuses point to him as Exhibit A.

Not all the people Kevorkian aided were terminally ill. One 42-year-old woman was described as suffering from a nervous disorder and chronic fatigue syndrome. She was accompanied to her appointment with Kevorkian by her psychiatrist husband, who twice had been charged with assaulting her.

Three efforts to convict Kevorkian ended in acquittals. Michigan juries concluded that his conduct was merciful, not criminal.

In Oregon, voters authorized doctors to help patients die in certain cases, but litigation over the 1994 referendum measure has postponed its taking effect. A federal judge ruled that Oregon may not give doctors such authority.

Similar referendum measures were narrowly defeated in California and Washington.

Dr. Timothy Quill, one of three New York doctors who challenged their state's ban on assisted suicide, believes that easing or even ending a dying patient's suffering is part of his job.

"It's easy to say doctors shouldn't do this," he recently told reporters. But those arguments, he said, are far removed from someone who is dying an agonizing death and the patient's family and doctor.

"As one starts to go through the last phase of one's life, the relief of human suffering becomes the foremost object. To help people in that phase of their lives achieve a good and meaningful death is a central part of what we do as physicians," said Quill, a general practitioner from Rochester.

The Clinton administration disagrees and is urging the court to uphold the state bans.

In written briefs, Justice Department lawyers argued that a state "may conclude that it has an overriding interest in maintaining a prohibition against all assisted suicides."

No dispute currently before the court has attracted so much unsolicited advice. Hundreds of groups and individuals have joined in filing friend-of-the-court briefs.

"Assisting the terminally ill who wish to hasten their deaths has been a time-honored, though hidden, practice of compassionate physicians," the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations told the justices in one such brief.

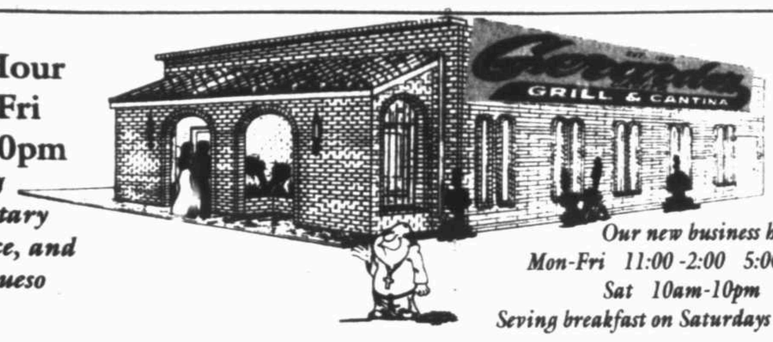
But the American Medical Association warned that once established, a right to physician-assisted suicide "would create profound danger for many ill persons with undiagnosed depression and inadequately treated pain."

At greatest risk, the AMA says, "would be those with the least access to palliative care — the poor, the elderly and members of minority groups."

Notre Dame's Kmiec predicted in an interview that the Supreme Court will uphold state bans. But he said such a ruling would not preclude state legislatures from establishing a legal right similar to one Oregon voters favored.

"No matter what the court says," he said, "the issue is not going away."

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Sources, court papers shed light on Simpson's financial situation

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Fred Goldman says over and over he's after justice, not money, in the civil case against O.J. Simpson. If he wins, justice may be all he ever gets.

Simpson doesn't have the deep corporate pockets typical of civil trial targets. By the best estimates, based on court papers and sources who spoke on condition of anonymity, Simpson is worth no more than $6 million, down from the almost $11 million he recorded in 1992 during a divorce fight with Nicole Brown Simpson.

With the costs of suing Simpson estimated at more than $1 million and rising, there is a question of just how much money, if any, the plaintiffs would get if they win, after factoring in attorneys' fees — usually a third of an award — and expenses.

Plaintiffs would also find themselves lining up with Simpson's creditors, including former Dream Team members still owed money for his criminal defense, and the Internal Revenue Service, which says it's owed $685,000 for back taxes and interest when Simpson was jailed.

And there's no guarantee Simpson will — or can — pay up. If he loses, Simpson can take any number of court actions, from appealing the verdict and award to filing for bankruptcy protection.

If he wins, it's simple. The plaintiffs get nothing.

The jury is expected to get the civil case late this month. If the panel finds Simpson liable for the 1994 knife murders of Ms. Simpson and Fred Goldman's son, Ronald — and decides he should pay punitive damages — a brief hearing would be held in which Simpson's books are opened and accountants testify.

Attorneys, under a gag order, refuse to comment on Simpson's situation. But court papers and sources familiar with Simpson's financial dealings shed some light on the subject. They show him to have some large, but one-time, chunks of income — and lots of heavy expenses.

Here is a rundown of Simpson's financial picture.

■ Before the divorce:

Simpson's biggest asset remains his Rockingham estate. It was valued at $5 million in 1992, but Southern California's real estate market has dipped since then.

While battling Ms. Simpson over child and spousal support, Simpson's net worth was listed at $10.8 million, as of Dec. 31, 1991.

His salary for 1991 was estimated at a little more than $1 million, including $400,000 from NBC and $550,000 from Hertz.

Simpson estimated his 1992 income at about $700,000, citing a $100,000 pay cut from NBC, losses from restaurant investments and a bad stock deal.

■ Trial costs:

Simpson's actual out-of-pocket costs for successfully fighting murder charges are unknown and subject to dispute, but estimates range from $3 million to $6 million.

To pay for it, he quickly went through $500,000 in liquid assets, then refinanced his Rockingham estate, getting a $3 million line of credit, from which more than $2 million has been drawn, according to sources.

That mortgage, combined with the real estate slump, has greatly dropped the property's value from its $5 million level in 1992.

Simpson also owes as much as $1.5 million to his lawyers and investigators, sources said.

■ Trial income:

Simpson still made money during the criminal case; indeed, the $2 million-plus he pulled in was about double what he made in some of his better years as a sportscaster and pitchman.

His share from the jailhouse book "I Want To Tell You" was about $1 million. He earned $250,000 more by autographing limited editions of the book, according to sources.

Other deals to autograph memorabilia, including some sold overseas, has brought in another quarter-million dollars, sources said.

He made $400,000 to $500,000 on a deal to sell photos of his homecoming after the verdict, sources said.

Simpson's much-talked-about video wasn't the huge moneymaker that he had hoped for but still brought in about $250,000 for him, according to sources.

■ Since the murder trial:

Simpson had always carried hefty household expenses, employing a full-time maid, personal assistant and gardeners. After his acquittal, he added security guards for his house and a bodyguard-chauffeur.

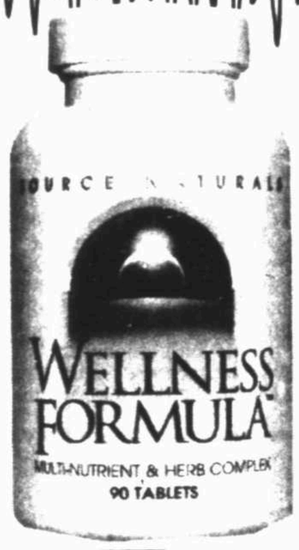
The costs aren't known, but one source said, "The security (expense) is killing him."

Also unknown: the costs of the bitter custody battle for his younger children, Sydney and Justin. Now that Simpson has custody, he must pay private school tuition.

■ Civil trial expenses:

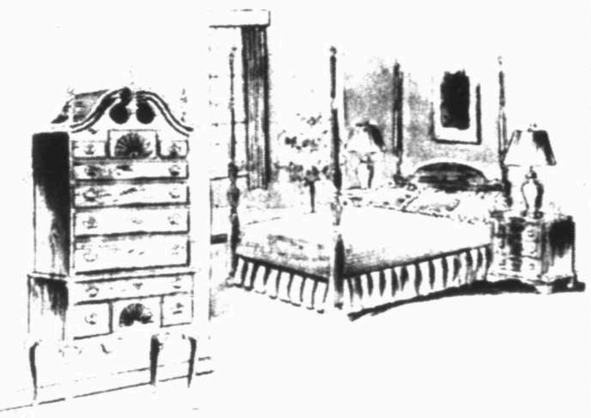
Simpson has avoided major costs for the wrongful death trial. After much uncertainty, and a threat by his lawyers to quit if they weren't paid, Simpson got his insurance company to cover the costs of the litigation, plus some living expenses, sources said.

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Lake questioning must be thorough

A Republican senator says CIA Director-designate Anthony Lake will be extensively questioned in the Senate about a $500,000 cash contribution from Iranian agents to the election campaign of the Muslim president of Bosnia.

Saying that the Senate Intelligence Committee is not going to "rubberstamp" Lake's nomination to be President Clinton's next CIA director, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said, "The fact that Lake was one of the authors of the duplicitous policy in Bosnia, which is very controversial and which has probably helped strengthen the hand of the Iranians, doesn't play well."

It recently was revealed that while serving as national security adviser, Lake had a hand in formulating the plan unveiled last week by the Clinton administration to train and equip troops of the Muslim-Croat federation.

Meanwhile, the Clinton administration has said Muslim-Croat troops will receive tanks, cannons and reconnaissance vehicles donated by Egypt and the United Arab Emirates and U.S. tanks, rifles, armored personnel carriers and other gear.

At issue, however, is a $500,000 cash contribution from Iran interests to the campaign of Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic in June.

As national security adviser and author of the questionable Bosnian policy, Lake's involvement in such a contribution, if any, must be determined before his nomination as director of the CIA is approved by the Senate.

Are we still carrying out proxy wars through the CIA as was done in the past which led the calamitous Vietnam War? The U.S. government needs to make that determination so the issue can be debated before the nomination of Anthony Lake or others for critical positions in the Clinton administration are approved.

ANOTHER VIEW

New approach offers landowner incentives

For years, landowners, fearing loss of private property rights, have hated and feared the Endangered Species Act.

Now the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or TPWD, is experimenting with a new approach that will make landowners partners in the attempt to save species.

Rather than relying strictly on government regulation, the department will offer incentives for landowners to cooperate in saving species on their property.

Under a pilot program, the agency will award grants of as much as $10,000 to landowners to help conserve threatened or endangered species.

Andrew Sampson, TPWD executive director, said the department wants to try the carrot instead of the stick by offering financial incentives instead of disincentives.

This is an intriguing and promising idea that could hold great appeal for private landowners. ...to help them find creative ways to nurture species while still farming, ranching and using their land in traditional ways.

Because 97 percent of Texas land is in private hands, this may prove a much more effective way to protect species.

One concern, of course, would be the cost.

But it may be a better use of dollars to secure landowner cooperation over the long term than to monitor and enforce punitive regulations.

The department said it will give priority to grant applications that can help protect more than one species, that can be accomplished in less than five years and that demonstrate that landowners are willing the share the cost by investing their own resources as well.

What kinds of actions might help preserve species? The department mentions habitat improvements such as restoring native vegetation, fire ant control, bird nest boxes, adjusting grazing rate and selective brush management.

It also points to habitat protection such as erecting fences to keep livestock or deer out of sensitive areas.

In addition, bonuses may be available for those who demonstrate an actual increase in the number of rare species or the areas they occupy as a result of these efforts.

We urge landowners to consider this program. Deadline for application is March 1.

We also commend Texas Parks and Wildlife for this innovative pilot project.

If successful, it could provide a national model.

— San Antonio Express-News

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 1997. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1896, the Austrian newspaper Wiener Presse reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Mass., at age 60.

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Ala., at age 81.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers, was found murdered

JACK ANDERSON

Army, Marines may let men carry umbrellas

WASHINGTON — In its never-ending quest to be all that it can be, the U.S. Army is now considering becoming dry. And they may also be joined by their Marine compatriots.


Anderson

Unlike the Navy and Air Force, the Army and Marines do not allow male service members to carry umbrellas with their dress uniforms. It's been considered foppish — not soldierly. Unmanly. At least by those who make the policies.

In Washington, the world's most important swamp, summer storms appear and unload barrages with the speed of a thunderclap, making common the sight of a soldier or Marine in dress uniform dripping his way onto a Pentagon-bound subway.

The umbrella policy poses few problems for top Army brass, however. Big shots like Gen. John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, travel to and from official Army functions in chauffeur-driven cars that are parked in the Pentagon's underground garages.

But in what may be the boldest proposed change in military attire since the English changed the standard color of their fatigues from red, the Army and Marines are ready to buck tradition by reversing an umbrella ban that many of the rank-and-file think is all wet.

Sgt. Major Johnnie Walters, who works on uniform policy for the Army, told us that a proposal to allow men in dress uniform to carry black bumbershoots is being bounced up the chain of command. The proposal came about after Army officials asked soldiers how they feel about the current policy.

"They (the soldiers) agreed the Army should be allowed to carry umbrellas," Walters said. "The leadership and the soldiers thought the policy should be changed."

Judy Petsch, who works in a similar job for the Marines, said that suggestions from the field are also prompting the Corps to reconsider its policy. "Possibly because it was such a wet summer," she told us. "Part of it is just practical."

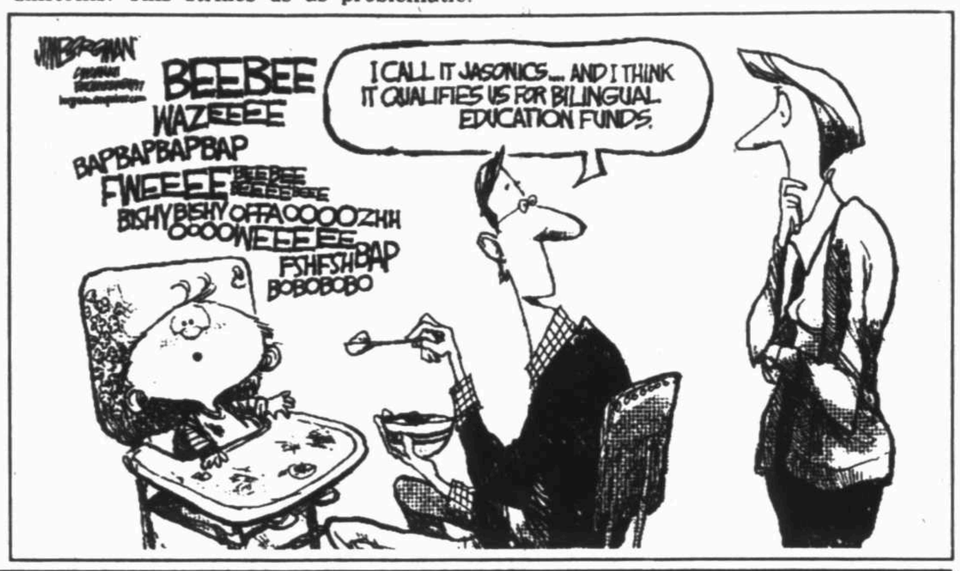
Walters thinks a change might be a morale booster for several reasons. Obviously, servicemen could stay drier and maybe save a little on dry cleaning bills. Also, men and women would be playing by the same rules.

Currently, women in the Army and Marines are allowed to carry umbrellas with their dress uniforms. This strikes us as problematic. Obviously there are going to be some differences between dress requirements for men and women. But as the name suggests, uniforms ought to be as uniform as possible.

Walters told us that the proposed change, "passes the common sense test as well, because soldiers are soldiers. I believe the (current) policy is biased; it's sexist. In the time of gender equity, it would improve morale for all soldiers."

This is not the first time the issue has been raised. It appears from time to time like a rainbow after a rainstorm. "It's not sudden," Petsch said. "It seems to cycle around every time we get a new commandant."

Jack Anderson's and Jan Moller's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



WILLIAM SAFIRE

Better be careful where you place your 'just'

James M. Edwards, a correspondent from Pittsburgh, was just wondering: Is he just persnickety, or is the word just just being tossed into sentences unjustly, with just no thought to its proper function?

He points to an article quoting the chemical-company executive Ray Aiken, saying, "You just can't keep pumping out the old stuff." Edwards suggests that Aiken has placed his just too early in the sentence, and his meaning would be better expressed as "You can't just keep pumping out the old stuff." (Even better: "You can't keep pumping out just the old stuff.")


Safire

Just so. In that sentence fragment, just means "exactly, precisely." The adverb can also mean "merely," as in "just wondering," or in the title of the new posthumous collection of more than 50 short stories by the novelist Shirley Jackson: "Just an Ordinary Day."

This ubiquitous modifier has another sense of "barely," as in "just a hair's breadth," and another of "nearly," as in "just about there," and "really," as in "I'm just fine — I only look sick," and more. (Forget about the adjective just; we're doing justice only to the adverb here.)

When used in the sense of "only," just is properly placed where the only should go. This presumes you pay attention to the position of your onlys. If you sing "I Only Have Eyes for You," you fall into romantic error; it should be "I have eyes only for you," or "I have eyes just for you." (Another possibility of placement — "only I have eyes for you" — can get your face slapped.)

For more help with only placement, try Patricia O'Conner's useful new grammar guide, "Woe Is I," which moves only around from "Only the butler says he saw the murder" (no one else says it) to "The butler says he saw only the murder" (he saw nothing else).

Edwards submits another citation, this from Howard Stern, the broadcaster: "Why don't you let me just work the equipment?" Since the shock jock presumably wants to speak on the radio and work the equipment simultaneously, shouldn't he pull the adverb up before the let and say, "Why don't you just let me work the equipment?"

Yes. When you use just in the sense of "merely," place it only before the part of the sentence you intend to modify.

I am being grumpily prescriptive here, firing off diktats perhaps without proper obeisance to sloppy usage that has reached the refuge of idiom.

Ordinarily I would wait six months for a response from the University of Chicago linguist Professor James McCawley, who saves up his anti-prescriptive harangues at my pop-grammarian conclusions and then looses a MIRV'd barrage. In this case, I ran the placement of just past him beforehand, rather than have legions of readers exposed to just one side (not "just exposed to one side").

The linguistic giant begins setting me straight with "Just has other meanings besides the ones you list. A relevant one is that in 'You've just got to help us,' meaning 'damn well,'" which a charitable reader will take to have been Aiken's meaning.

Just right. "In the Howard Stern quote, just probably has its 'only' meaning, but since we don't know what Stern was contrasting work the equipment with, the fact that he clearly wanted to talk as well as work the equipment need not conflict with what he said."

Say wha'?

"For example," goes McCawley, who knows his students need f'rinstances to grasp the heavy stuff, "if Lyndon Johnson had said, 'I only drink bourbon,' you wouldn't have been entitled to infer that he didn't drink, say, coffee: The implicit set of alternatives that bourbon is contrasted with can plausibly be interpreted as 'liquors' or 'whiskeys' — thus as not including coffee. Maybe Stern meant 'work the equipment and not listen to your kibbitzing.'"

Aha! Aren't you, heavy linguistic hitter, separating only from its focus, the way the lyricist Al Dubin mistakenly did with the Harry Warren melody in "I Only Have Eyes for You"? If you snatch just, when it means "only," away from its focus, aren't you creating ambiguity? (Let's see him just — meaning "damn well" — handle that.)

"Triple red herring. First, in spoken language, 'contrastive stress' marks the focus, irrespective of where only is placed. Second, even in written language there is most often only one plausible focus — what else could eyes be contrasting with? Third, keeping only adjacent to its focus sometimes creates ambiguity, as in 'Mary lets John drink only bourbon,' which could mean 'She doesn't let him drink anything else' or 'It's OK with her if he doesn't drink anything else.'"

McCawley then applies his crusher: "In its musical setting, the line 'I only have eyes for you' is unambiguous, since Harry Warren set the words only and you to rhythmically stronger beats than have and eyes, creating a musical counterpart to stresses on only and you."

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

GEORGE F. WILL

Supreme Court to consider assisted suicide

WASHINGTON—Wednesday morning a momentous event of 1997 will begin to move toward a summer climax. This will occur in the ornate chamber where, 24 years ago this month, the seeds of the event were sown.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments defending two lower courts' decisions in which judges discovered in the Constitution a right to physician-assisted suicide. Will the Court be appropriately dismayed by the use to which its abortion reasonings have been put?


Will

At issue is not proper public policy about an individual's involvement in ending his or her life. Rather, the issue is whether judges will use the Constitution as a pretext for pre-empting, as was done regarding abortion policy, and with comparable consequent public bitterness, democratic deliberation and decision about a complex question involving grave consequences for everyone.

Last March the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a Washington state law making it a felony to assist a suicide attempt. That court said its ruling was merely an extension of the "common thread" of the Supreme Court's abortion decisions. But that thread is snarled.

In 1965 the Court held that a Connecticut law banning the sale or use of contraceptives unconstitutionally violated a right not hitherto explicitly affirmed, a right of privacy. The Court grounded this right in society's stake in the institution of marriage, "an association that promotes a way of life ... a harmony of living ... a bilateral loyalty." Note well: The Court invested the privacy right with constitutional gravity for an institutional reason, not so that individuals could make whatever choices they pleased regarding sex.

However, in 1973, in Roe v. Wade, the Court said the privacy right is really about an individual's right to choose. The Court made abortion a choice free from interference by husbands or parents. And by 1992, in another abortion case, the Court, declaring abortion a right central to "autonomy," gaseously said, "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, or the universe, and of the mystery of human life."

Last March the 9th Circuit Court cited that effusion in declaring a constitutional right to make "decisions that are highly personal and intimate, as well as of great importance to the individual." Such as the decision to end one's life. Whether or not (by the implication of the 9th Circuit's "standards") one is terminally ill, or one's helper in suicide is a physician.

But, then, why not also declare constitutionally sacrosanct a decision—personal, intimate, important—to use heroin? Or to practice consensual incest or polygamy? Who is to gainsay a person's—or a judge's—contention that such practices accord with his definition of existence, or meaning, or the universe, or life's mystery? Has constitutional reasoning been so degraded that judges can use such words as scythes to mow down laws across the continent, and (regarding physician-assisted suicide) to overturn ethical and prudential norms more than two millennia old?

In April the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found New York's law against assisted suicide an unconstitutional denial of equal protection of the laws. Its reasoning: Persons on life support systems have a statutory right to terminate such treatment, so a ban on assisted suicide discriminates against terminally ill persons who are not on life support and therefore cannot similarly choose fatal withdrawal of treatment.

The Supreme Court should hold that there is a legitimate state interest in the distinction (drawn by most states) between passive measures to allow nature to take its course with a dying patient, and actively empowering physicians to use medical instruments, such as drugs, to cause death as a "therapeutic option." The Court would spare itself, and all federal courts, the agony of regulating the unregulable were it simply to say: The Constitution is silent regarding suicide, laws proscribing assistance for suicide were common when the Constitution was ratified, and many have been recently reaffirmed, so this is none of the federal judiciary's business.

Then 50 state legislatures can proceed with the increasingly urgent task of educating themselves and the public through deliberations about the dangers attendant upon erasing the distinction in the preceding paragraph. Those dangers include unpredictable, but certainly insalubrious, changes in the relationship between doctors, patients and patients' families in an era when the technology and finances of medicine multiply the ethical conundrums of serious protracted illness, particularly late in life.

Today's Court has a penchant for casting every complexity in terms of individual rights and for bandying notions of constitutionally protected "autonomy." It should master that penchant lest it further strengthen, as it did 24 Januarys ago, the culture of casual killing.

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LETTERS

Help with blood drive is greatly appreciated

The Staff of Total Health Care of Midland would like to express a huge "Thank You" to the community, volunteers, Expressions, Curry's, Bless Your Heart and Michaels, Klite Radio 104.7, KODM 97.9, KWES-9, KOSA-7, KMID-3, and Jimmy Patterson of the Reporter-Telegram for all of their support on our Blood Drive held on December 19. Everyones generosity in giving of their blood, time, efforts and the merchant giving of door prizes made the Blood Drive a trememdous success.

The people's willingness to participate, allowing us to post the announcement on radio, television and in the Reporter-Telegram helped in getting the word spread is deeply appreciated by the staff of Total Home Health Care. We hope to make our Blood Drive an annual event with such overwhelming community support we are sure each year will bring an even more successful drive. To everyone involved, thank you.

Mary Stotts, Office Manager
Total Home Health Care

Public transporation would help Midland

In response to the letter written by Faye Russel on public transportation, I agree 100 percent.

I don't like the survey results of Midland being one of the worst cities to live in. I live in Midland and want to be proud of where I live, but my neighbors and myself would benefit greatly from public tansportation.

All businesses would benefit, old and new, from bus lines.

Thousands of people would be able to get to their jobs, invest more in shopping and it would greatly improve the economy in Midland, as well as our image.

So, come on Midland, get with the program.

Peggy Catlett

Two Midlanders deserve recognition

Two young men have given much pleasure to Midlanders this past year. The first is the Reporter-Telegram's own Jimmy Patterson.

He obviously is a loving, caring husband and father, and his tales of the tribulations he has faced with his family are hilarious! He appears to be a henpecked man, yet allows us to know all is written with tongue-in-cheek. When his wife lost her car keys and it was his fault, we readers knew it was his fault! Yet his compassion was great when he wrote a column following the day a young murdered girl was found in Dallas. He told how he was still granted the privilege of having his children ask all those annoying questions. It was so beautifully written it brought tears to my eyes.

The other young man who has given pleasure is Rob Hunt, our conductor/director of the Midland-Odessa Symphony. We finally have a man who can direct classical compositions as written, and who has also the ability to conduct the jazz and blues songs at their proper rhythm to receive a foot-stomping', hand-clappin' response.

This year's Holiday Pops Concert was the best ever! Rob shared the songs of other cultures, giving us a wider knowledge of music, all with superb musical arrangements. In fact, as we left Midland Center, I heard a lady exclaim, "Now we have the Christmas Spirit!".

I look forward to many more columns in your paper from Jimmy, and to many concerts with Rob as conductor. Each man is to be commended for his work in his chosen field.

Mrs. B.J. Filley

Kudos to Target for not selling cigarettes

Recently Target Stores, which now operates stores in the Midland/Odessa area, made a decision to stop selling cigarettes in its 714 facilities. As president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, I wish to congratulate and commend Target Stores, a division of Dayton-Hudson Corporation, for this bold move.

Each year tobacco products kill 434,000 Americans including 23,000 Texans. Each day more than 3,000 children and teenagers start smoking, of which 90 percent will still be smoking by the time they are adults. Almost 1 million packs of cigarettes are illegally sold to American children each year.

By discontinuing tobacco sales in its stores, Target has further decreased the social atmosphere for smoking. Also, it makes it much more difficult for teenagers to illegally acquire tobacco products. On behalf of the health of all Texans and as a family physician who treats the ill effects of tobacco on a daily basis, I once again wish to commend and uphold the example of the Target Stores.

Sheri J. Talley, M.D.
Ft. Stockton

African American is inacurate term

It is too bad that the Rev. Jesse Jackson revised his thinking about Ebonics, the language uneducated-black students are using and that the Oakland California School Board seems to think it proper to encourage its use.

Now another thing. These students are Americans. They are not African Americans. In a recent article to "Dear Readers: Dear Abby refers to Booker T. Washington (1856-1915) as the most 'influential African American leader and educator of his time.'" Washington was born in Virgina. He became a citizen when the Fourteen Amendment wiped out that horrible decision in 1857 by Roger Tanry, Chief Justice of the United States in the Dred Scott case. Washington was not African American. Black persons born in the United States are not African Americans. Martin Luther King said that he was not an African, knew nothing about Africa. "I am an American," he said.

African American is not, in fact, indicative of a person of the black race. African is not a race. It is a nationality. American is not a race. American is a term through common usage refers to the nationality of a citizen of the United States of America. There are white Africans and black Africans. They are all nationals of the particular African nation in which they were born and reside. There is not such thing as an African American unless through some rare circumstance he or she have dual citizenship.

Now black Americans resent being set apart and discriminated against. And it is a righteous resentment. So they should cease from setting themselves apart by referring to themselves as African Americans or Afro-Americans. Neither term denotes their race. It does not refer to race. Those born in the United States are Americans, or if they so prefer Black Americans, because that is what they are. Those born in Africa, be they white or black are Africans.

Lowell Branum

Readers' views on: Phone competition

Competition is good for consumers, economy

Over the next couple of months you will hear a great deal about competition for your local-phone service. This is a "pocket book" issue that effects everyone who owns a phone regardless of whether its used for home or business.

The bottom line is about competition. Competition and free enterprise is good for a healthy economy and it helps you and me as consumers to get the best product for the best price.

Right now, we do not have much competition for local-phone service, but the Federal Communications Commission recently has ruled that this service must be open to competition. The issue now rests with the Public Utility Commission and the Texas Legislature.

Competition is healthy. It causes competing companies to work harder to earn your business — unlike monopolies that force you to take it their way or not at all — you don't really have a choice.

If you are interested in having a choice and promoting competition for local-phone service, then contact your state elected officials and let them know.

Mike Parker
Big Spring

Time to oppose phone service monopoly

As a native Texan and Midland resident for 30 years, it is time to speak up and oppose the control that Southwestern Bell has as our local-phone service provider. As evidenced by Southwestern Bell for years, a monopoly cultivates poor consumer relationships, products, inferior service and outrageous prices.

We Texans must take a stand against this monopoly in Texas and give Texans the freedom to choose our own local provider thus safeguarding our American belief that our country was founded on the free enterprise system. To take that choice away, leads to an erosion of the provided services and disregard for the users.

S.M. Wills

Deregulation will benefit consumers

Texans need deregulation to open the local-telephone service market to competition. This will greatly benefit the local consumer and provide a quality choice of services.

The deregulation of long-distance carriers lowered prices to the consumer without disruption of quality or service. This same principal also has worked in the oil and gas industry in Texas. In general, whenever there is a monopoly on a product or service, the price to the consumer is artificially high and service is most often lacking.

We need to let supply and demand govern the local-telephone service market.

David W. Cromwell

Our policy on letters

The Reporter-Telegram recognizes the "Letters to the Editor" format as an important forum for citizen opinion and encourages participation of all readers. To that end, we have set as few rules as possible. However, we must have some, and they are:

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SPEAKING OUT

Customers prove civility is not dead in Midland

Andy Salcedo is vice president of Human Resources of Kent Oil Company. He also teaches customer service classes to area businesses.

By Andy Salcedo

This last week, Reporter-Telegram staff reporter Mella McEwen went into several businesses and asked employees their opinions concerning the lack of manners in their customers. As we were the only locally-owned business referred to in her article, I'm writing this in response to it.


Salcedo

Centuries ago, Socrates warned the citizens of Athens that the youth of that day were degenerates, and that society as they knew it would probably not survive. Every generation since then has felt that its successors were more unruly and less mannered. In our company, as probably in yours, our team members are asked to do more than ever before. But the world in general is speeding up, and we are all rushed to get more done in less time.

Whenever I meet someone and tell them where I work, they invariably say, "Oh, the people who work there are so friendly." I take that as a compliment, as for years, I have hired and personally trained the people who work in our stores. Each new team member goes through a minimum of eight hours of customer service training. Our managers have considerably more training. Therefore, we stress the importance of greeting our guests with a smile, eye contact, and a friendly hello, and being upbeat throughout the day. Does that guarantee that all of them will be polite to us in return? Of course not!

Our average convenience store services over 7,000 guests a week. The vast majority of them are friendly and polite, visiting our stores to get their coffee and Midland Reporter-Telegram in the morning, and gas up and take their favorite beverage home at night. Of course, as in any business, there are a few who are short-tempered, or may be in a bad mood before they come into our store. However, we expect that, understand that it is human nature, and try to train our people to do whatever they can to make that person's visit a pleasant one.

We also realize that we may occasionally have a team member who is not in a good mood. We hire secret shoppers to monitor that. Being unfriendly is one of the quickest ways for a team member to jeopardize their career with our company. We serve the public, the public pays our salaries, and therefore, we have little tolerance when it comes to unfriendly team members.

It's human nature to dwell on the few things you don't have, instead of being grateful for the many things you do have. It's also human nature to remember the few instances during the day when people were rude to you, instead of the multitudes of times when people were polite. As we are in the service business, we are asked to serve some people (really only a handful a day) whom we refer to as "challenging." We take it as a personal mission to help every guest (including the challenging ones) leave our store feeling better than they did when they entered, and to also feel that they made a good decision in choosing us to meet their needs.

After 25 years of employment in the service industry, and 15 years with Kent Oil in Midland, I think I can speak with some experience about what it takes to be successful in service. One of the things I miss the most about working in our stores is the ability to lift someone up who was out of sorts when they came into my store. Every time I did that, I gave myself a lift. Put simply, we must meet and exceed our guests' expectations daily — quality products, and fast and friendly service. The bottom line is that we value all of our guests, every time they visit. As Goethe said, "Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together."

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CHARLEY REESE

Many lose sight of critical peace process in Israel

If you like tragedies, try this one. Many Americans, it seems, would rather justify anything the current Israeli government does or fails to do than preserve the state of Israel and save Israeli lives.


Anderson

They are so caught up in the polemics, in the contest to see who can proclaim themselves Israel's best friend and in their own paranoia, that they have forgotten the reality on the ground on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean.

Those who want to dump the peace process, which is the position of those who want to keep the land of the West Bank and Gaza under Israeli control, need to ask themselves seriously, What are the consequences of their position?

Do they think in the absence of peace that 2 million Palestinians will just pack up and go away somewhere?

Do they think, once Palestinians know there is no hope for their own state, that the Palestinians will meekly submit to perpetual Israeli occupation and rule?

Do they think other Arab governments will find it politically possible to make peace and cut economic deals with Israel no matter how badly the Palestinians are treated?

Do they think Israel, unlike the Soviet Union and the United States, can spend so much on armaments indefinitely without bankrupting itself?

Do they think Israel, projecting an image of a nation brutally holding another people in subjection, can avoid international isolation?

Do they think a nation about the size of New Jersey can last indefinitely in a state of siege in the heart of the Arab world?

The bottom line is that Israel's choice is peace and survival or conflict and eventual demise. Nobody who cares about the lives of the human beings, both Israeli and Palestinian, living in that land can with good conscience turn away from the path of peace.

Don't take my word for it. Read "Israel's Fateful Hour" by the late Col. Yehoshafat Harkabi, the former head of Israel's military intelligence. The English-language edition was published by Harper Row (1989). It is, in addition to being an authoritative analysis of the Arab-Israeli conflict, an excellent primer on foreign policy and diplomacy.

The United States cannot force Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to live up to the Oslo Accord and make peace. But it can, and it ought to, tell him that expanding settlements, humiliating Yasir Arafat and the moderate Palestinians and making peace impossible all lead to a suicidal course.

The alternatives to Arafat and the Oslo Accord are Hamas (the Islamic resistance movement) and suicide bombers. Much to my surprise, because I was a great admirer of Netanyahu's brother, Yoni, the present prime minister seems to be the Israeli equivalent of those Americans who see black helicopters flying all over the place.

One article I've read about him in an American Jewish publication says that he is disdainful of his own military and intelligence advisers. That's never a good sign in a national leader.

Christian Zionists should remember that God led Moses out of Egypt in around 1200 B.C. He did not lead Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism -- which was secular and nationalistic -- out of Vienna. It's impossible to say who are the genetic descendants of the biblical Israelites. It's not unlikely that some could be Palestinian Arabs since the area over the centuries has been swept by several conquerors and many religious conversions.

Those questions should be left to anthropologists. The point is, it is never a good idea to mix religion with politics. The present state of Israel is founded on United Nations Resolution 101, the British mandate for Palestine and the Balfour Declaration not on God's covenant with Abraham.

God will do what he pleases. We humans should support life and peace instead of death and war.

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Western storms: Weather improves but tens of thousands still flooded out

By Steve Lawrence
Associated Press

OLIVEHURST, Calif. — The rain stayed away from flood-ravaged Northern California for a second straight day Saturday, giving hope to tens of thousands of evacuees waiting to get back to homes and businesses.

Officials kept a wary eye on levees as rivers swelled out of their banks with water draining away after nearly a week of storms.

About 115,000 people were being kept away from their homes in California's agricultural Central Valley. Most of those evacuated were in Sutter and Yuba counties north of Sacramento, where levees broke under the pressure of high water.

Some residents, though, refused to leave.

"I am familiar with the lay of the land," said Bob Belden, who grows almonds and walnuts near the Bear River in Rio Oso, just north of Sacramento. "We're not going to get any water."

Only scattered light showers were forecast during the weekend over most of the West Coast states with drier weather next week, the National Weather Service said. No significant rainfall was reported Saturday in Northern California.

Despite the improved weather, much of the water dumped by four major storms still has to drain through the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta and reservoirs were filled to overflowing.

"We've got to get some empty space in those reservoirs in case we get another storm," said Bill Draper of the State Department of Water Resources. "Every day we have high waters, levees are at risk."

In Modesto, the Tuolumne River, gorged by water rushing out of the Sierra Nevada, was washing through the southern edge of the city 15 feet above flood stage.

More than 1,000 homes were flooded and evacuations were ordered for some 3,000 Modesto residents. The city's sewage treatment plant was knocked out of service, officials said.

At First Baptist Church, Jerry Bowen and his wife, Joyce Garland, said their neighborhood and the home they bought in July was submerged.

"We're scared to death," Bowen said. "We've got five kids. We've lost everything we own. We just don't know what to do."

Early Saturday, two levees broke in a rural area west of Modesto, 78 miles east of San Francisco in the state's central valley, police spokesman Kelly Huston said. A handful of residents were evacuated from farms in the area.

And east of the Sierra Nevada, the Walker River surged out of its banks Saturday and into the town of Yerington, Nev., virtually isolating the community.

Rivers in most areas outside California were receding, but in Idaho, thousands of residents of small communities were still cut off by landslides and washed-out highways.

The only way in or out of the resort town of McCall, Idaho, 90 miles north of Boise, was the airport.

Governors of five Western states have declared a state of emergency in more than 80 counties since being deluged with snow and rain in a series of nonstop storms that began on Dec. 26. At least 23 deaths have been blamed on the storms.

President Clinton declared northern Nevada a major disaster area Friday and the governors of California and Idaho appealed for federal disaster help.

Yosemite National Park remained closed Saturday because of damage and damaged roads. Tourists stranded inside the park by flooding were able to leave Friday.

Thousands of tourists were still waiting for a chance to leave Reno, Nev., where the rampaging Truckee Rive had flooded casinos and caused the worst flooding in more than 40 years. The airport had long delays after reopening Friday; it had been closed for two days by flooded runways.

Many travelers whose flights were canceled during the closure were flying standby and facing uncertain prospects.

"It's been a rotten experience," said Fred Allen of Tacoma, Wash.

5 mothers seek to sue state over child support payments

By Luna I. Shyr
Associated Press

PHOENIX — What Judith Burdick wanted when she went to court 15 years ago was child support from her son's father. What she got was a judge who hinted she was promiscuous and a state agency she claims gave her the brush-off.

Frustrated and financially strapped, Burdick joined four other women in 1993 to sue the Arizona agency responsible for getting deadbeat parents to pay up.

The women claim the agency failed to help them collect child support. One woman is owed more than $22,000; another's ex-husband halted payments after six years.

When the U.S. Supreme Court hears the case Monday, it will consider whether individuals may sue states for not doing enough to collect child support. Thirty-six states and the District of Columbia want such lawsuits barred.

The Arizona women contend the state Department of Economic Security violated a law that ties federal funding of Aid to Families with Dependent Children to state efforts toward enforcing child support payments.

The law requires state agencies to offer services to help collect payments owed by deadbeat parents and to go after parents who disobey court orders to pay up. It also requires the agencies to establish paternity, through blood tests if necessary.

That isn't what happened in Burdick's case, the plaintiff claims.

Burdick asserts a California man fathered her son, Michael, now 20. She first went to court in 1981, seeking to collect part of the man's Social Security benefits of about $350 a month.

According to Burdick, a judge questioned the identity of the father and suggested Burdick had multiple sex partners.

The Arizona DES stepped into the case in 1989 after Burdick applied for help. Burdick says both the agency and the judge overseeing her request told her they could not contact the California man without violating his rights.

DES counters that it tried for five years to find the man but never could because he moved frequently and because Burdick was uncooperative. The agency says Burdick failed to fill out documents that would have allowed California authorities to find the man and take legal action there.

Burdick maintains she gave DES all the information they requested. The alleged father is named on Michael's birth certificate and signed paternity papers in California, where the couple lived before separating, she says.

"He was abusive and I was very young, but I had enough sense not to marry him," she says. "That's one thing Arizona and the judge held against me — well, like, 'You must have been a loose person.'"

Burdick does not recall the name of the judge involved in her case. DES, while conceding the California man is indeed identified as Michael's father on the birth certificate, insists Burdick hobbled its good-faith efforts to find him.

DES closed Burdick's case in 1994 after asking Burdick several times to file the interstate papers, said Kim Gillespie, chief counsel of the child support section of the state attorney general's office, which is representing DES.

Burdick, 49, says she stopped working about 10 years ago because of failing health caused by stress and heart problems. She lives in a small house in rural Arizona and cares for her daughter's two young children.

DES contends that parents should not be allowed to sue states over child support efforts because the agencies already are accountable to the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

"HHS has the authority to punish us. If you add in these third parties, you create two sources of enforcement when only one was intended," said Carter Phillips, a Washington, D.C., lawyer representing DES.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit were picked by child advocates to represent the range of problems faced by some 300,000 custodial parents in Arizona.

A federal judge threw out the lawsuit, ruling that Congress, when writing the law about states' responsibilities regarding AFDC, didn't intend to provide a judicial remedy for private citizens.

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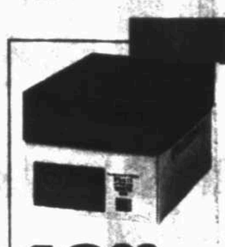
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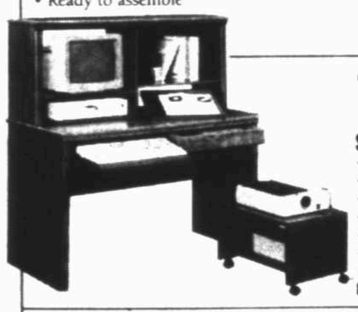
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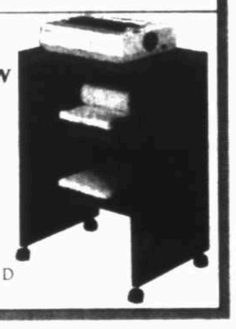
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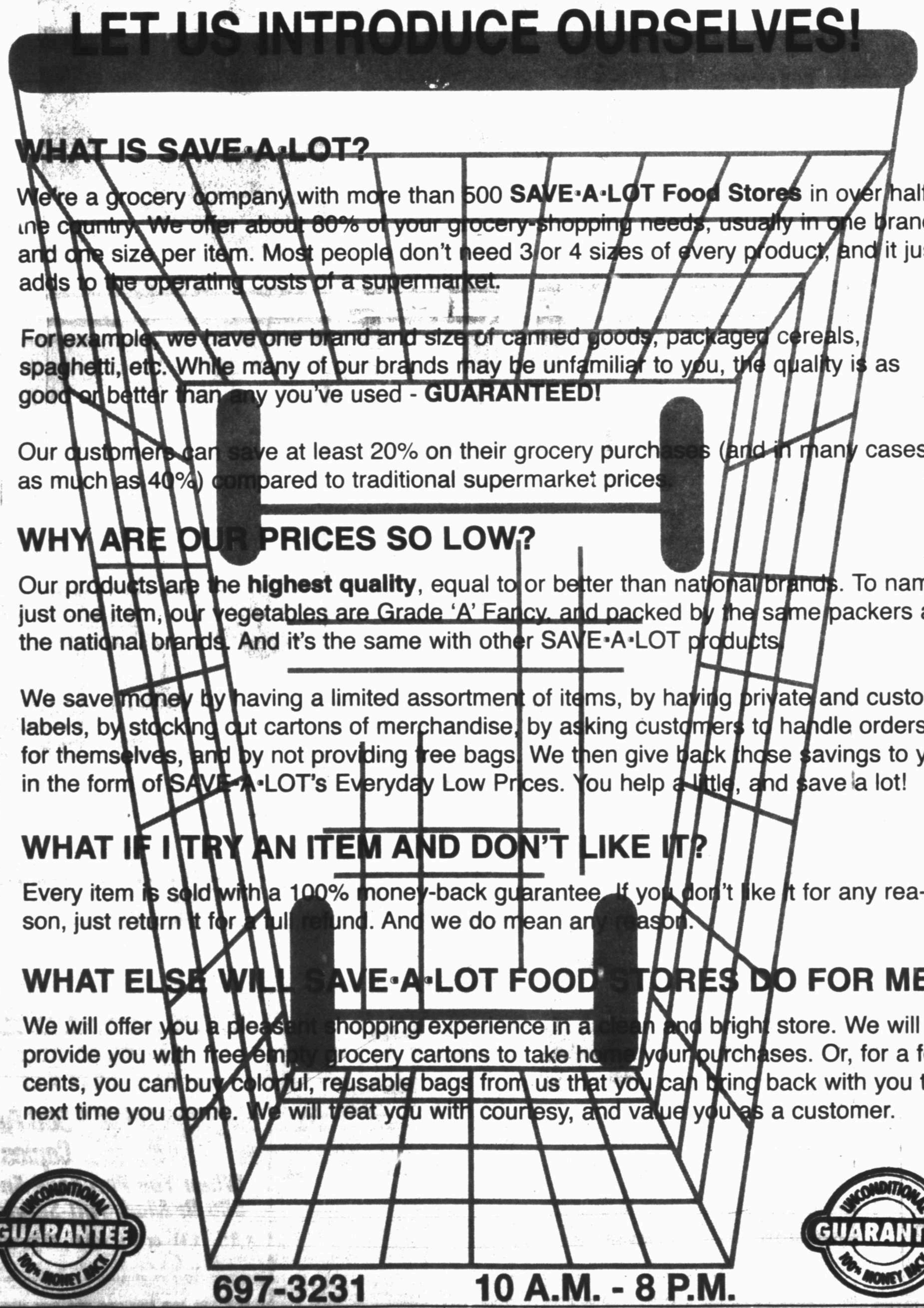
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Can you tell me how much money the city of Midland provides for the Midland Chamber of Commerce as well as the Hispanic and Black chambers of commerce?

For the 1996-97 fiscal year the Midland Chamber of Commerce was allocated $221,674 for economic development and $370,000 for convention and visitors bureau operations. The Hispanic Chamber received $85,000 for economic development and $40,000 for convention and visitors bureau operations. Although the Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs didn't receive funds, the Citizens Coalition for Economic Development and Community Service — which provides chamber of commerce functions — was allocated $34,000 for economic development. In addition, nine other organizations received a combination of economic development funds and hotel/motel tax funds from the city of Midland.

—Assistant City Manager Rick Menchaca

Readers with question should send them to "Answer Line," c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79701

Clements author

Carolyn Barta, author of the biography "Bill Clements: Texian to his Toenails," will be the featured speaker at Wednesday's Midland County Republican Women luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Midland Hilton. She will be accompanied by Rita Clements, the former first lady of Texas. Ms. Barta will talk about Texas' trend toward the Republican Party since Clements, a former oil drilling contractor, was elected the first Republican governor since Reconstruction in 1978. Ms. Barta has been a political columnist for the Dallas Morning News for more than 20 years. In 1996, she was a national political writer for the Dallas newspaper, covering the presidential race and national congressional elections. In addition, the local GOP women's group will host a reception and book-signing event for Ms. Barta at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Hilton's upstairs foyer. For reservations to the luncheon, call 682-2988 before 10 a.m. Monday.

Singing cadets

Texas A&M University Singing Cadets will perform in concert 7 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church. Tickets are $5 each and will be available at the door. The concert is sponsored by Midland Aggie Moms, Midland A&M Club and First Presbyterian Church.

Textbook display

Midland Independent School District will have textbooks on display Wednesday through Jan. 22 in Room 220 of the MISD downtown administration office, 615 W. Missouri Ave. The books available for public viewing are those being considered for adoption. Textbooks being considered will be for the following courses: Theatre Arts in grades 6-8, English as a Second Language in grades 1-8, Spanish as a Second Language, grades 1-6, Spanish 1 through VII, German 1through III, physical education, Science III, Physical Science, Social Studies (in English) grades 1-6, and Social Studies (in Spanish, grades 1-5). Viewing hours are from 8 a.m.-noon, and 1-5 p.m. Jan. 8-10, Jan. 13-17, and Jan. 21 and 22. Publishers Textbook hearings are set for Jan. 23 at Lee High School. If a citizen or parent requests a public hearing it will be conducted Feb. 6. A recommendation of textbooks to be selected will be given to the school board March 4.

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Brother-sister team boosts Mexican trade for Midland

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland's efforts to develop international trade are getting a boost from a brother-and-sister team importing furniture and accessories from Mexico.

Tom Schneider and his sister Molly Clark have opened Way Out West Trading Co. at 702-B S. Terrell to carry wood and iron furniture and accessories like lampposts, picture frames and sculptures made of pewter and ceramics from Mexico.

"In the last few years I've gotten interested in doing things with Mexico," said Schneider, who was raised in Eagle Pass and earned a degree in animal science from Texas A&M, working as a rancher near Alpine before joining his father's oil company. "There are a lot of opportunities in Mexico in different areas."

He makes frequent trips to the country to oversee production and also to find new sources of inventory. Right now the two work with manufacturers in the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Michoacan de Ocampo, Jalisco and Guanajuato.

"The problem with Mexican furniture sometimes is that they use green wood that's not dried; it looks great and then dries and begins to crack," said Schnei-

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The brother-and-sister team of Tom Schneider and Molly Clark is importing accessories from Mexico to help develop their local business.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Volunteers lend a hand



Maria Guadalupe Ruiz, 16, at right, braids 6-year-old sister Maria Audelina 'Leli' Ruiz's hair. Their other sister, Veronica, 12, reclines in the background. The room was built from a carport by Christmas in April volunteers for Veronica, who is disabled due to an accidental electrical shock while playing at home last May.

Below, Bobby Trimble, president of Christmas in April, examines the tiled shower in Veronica's room.

Photos by Curt Wilcott Reporter-Telegram



Christmas in April remodels home for local family

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Veronica Ruiz gazes silently into distant and near spaces with her bright, brown eyes and sways her head gently while teddy bears tenderly nudge her.

She lies as if in repose, with her long, flowing black hair, as might Sleeping Beauty in awaiting that magic moment of awakening.

Then, she frowns and seems to cry out but no tears flow. Momentarily, her countenance becomes peaceful and serene again.

Those brilliant eyes wander.

"She cries a lot," observed her older sister, 16-year-old Maria Ruiz. "She moves her head and her hands."



Veronica, at age 12, is a bedridden child who is in the care of her family following months of hospitalization.

It was on a blistering Sunday afternoon, last May 5, when the girl was shocked into unconsciousness while playing with her siblings with the coolness of streaming water from a water hose in her backyard in south Midland.

"We don't know exactly what happened," said Maria, who then was in the house with her 3-year-old brother, Gabriel.

Veronica had been playing with her brothers Joel, 4, and Jorge, 9, and sister Leli, 6. Their parents, Joel and

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GARY OTT

Long, lonely highway gives free rein to imagination

Maybe it is something we learn the first week we get our driver's license. Or perhaps it is just the lure of bright stars dotting an otherwise black sky. Or maybe it has something to do with rolling down the windows and letting a cool breeze rip through our hair.



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Or maybe it is all of the above.

But whatever the reason, there is something magical about driving a car late at night, especially on a long stretch of highway when you are all alone ... except for the radio and your imagination.

It usually works something like this:

You have been out of town for the weekend visiting family or friends and now, as the sun begins to disappear late Sunday afternoon, you glance at your watch one final time and reluctantly announce that it is time to "hit the road" and "head for the house."

Yeah, the party is over.

And since the drive home is going to last, depending on how much you want to press your luck with the cops, between four and five hours, you won't be turning into your driveway until some time after, oh, 10 p.m. or so, meaning the bulk of your drive is going to occur — that's right! — late at night.

Hallelujah!

The first hour, however, is rather bland, bordering on dull. The sun is still visible and your radio is picking up nothing but the predictable sounds of West Texas ... country-western music, silly-sounding disk jockeys, never-ending commercials and even a Hispanic song or two.

Boredom begins to creep in.

There are still three hours of hard driving ahead and you haven't even found a decent radio station.

So you get fidgetity.

You squirm in your seat, cursing the law that requires you to wear a seatbelt. You make another quick run through the FM stations, but, disgusted with your choices, you slip in a Billy Joel tape instead. You roll down the window. Then, five minutes later, you roll it back up.

You glance at your watch.

Only 10 minutes have past.

B-O-R-I-N-G.

But it is about to change.

That's because the sun has finally faded away.

Nighttime has arrived.

And that's when the fun begins.

Suddenly, everything is better. Indeed, for the next three hours there will be nothing but you, the highway, music and your imagination.

All in all, not a bad way to spend a Sunday night.

A surge of excitement shoots through your body.

You give the steering wheel a friendly pat as you roll down the window and savor the cool — almost cold — breeze as it envelopes your face, causing a satisfying grin to slowly emerge from ear to ear.

You remove the Billy Joel tape and give the radio another chance. Bingo! A Rolling Stones song suddenly reverberates throughout the car. You turn up the volume and sing along. Mick Jagger and the boys never sounded better.

But all good things must pass, and after four or five more songs, you begin to grow bored again.

So down goes the radio and up comes the imagination.

You let it wander aimlessly.

And it doesn't fail you.

For the next 45 minutes you contemplate the meaning of life, your financial future (or lack thereof), Woody Allen's latest movie, heaven, hell, O.J. Simpson's ability to sleep at night, presidential politics, the future of mankind, and, of course, sex.

Then it is back to the radio.

But after another 30 minutes or so, the restlessness begins to return.

You're getting tired. You have already yawned a time or two, and a quick check of your watch reveals that you still have another hour of driving to go.

So down goes the window.

A couple of minutes later, back up it goes.

Then something peculiar happens.

You begin to SEE things ... and not NORMAL things, either.

A great big giraffe, for example, just might jump out at you. And mountains. It is not unusual to get a weird sensation that you are surrounded by the Rockies, which, of course, means you will have to swerve abruptly to the left and right to avoid driving off a cliff.

It is right then — as you are swerving back to the middle of the highway — that you need to roll down the window one more time and stick your head out, letting the cool breeze snap you back to reality.

So relax. Soon, everything will be normal again.

And, before you know it, it is.

Your watch shows you to be no more than 30 minutes from home. The radio is playing a snappy song. And your imagination is under control.

Yeah, everything is normal.

Now if those darn giraffes will just stay hidden in the mountains, you might make it home OK.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Friday

Theft: A furnace was taken at 4405 N. Garfield St., reported Emerald Terrace Apartments at 11:41 a.m.

Burglary of a building: A report was made at 3200 N. Big Spring St. by Doc Holliday's Alamo Pawn Shop at 12:27 p.m.

Burglary of a building: A report was made at 12 Meta Drive by Portofino Ristorante at 12:43 p.m.

Stolen vehicle: A white, 1995 Pontiac Grand Am was taken at 4706 N. Midkiff Road, reported Zaira Valeriano at 3:30 p.m.

Burglary of a building: A report was made at 2311 Cloverdale Road at 3:58 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A refrigerator and bicycle were taken at 3000 Tealwood Place, reported John Creek at 5:52 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A report was made at 602 Watson St. by Gabriel Espinoza at 9:48 a.m.

Saturday

Burglary of a building: A report was made at 211 N. Tyler St. by Mount Rose Baptist Church at 7:45 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Friday

Burglary: A report was made at County Road 120 and Cottonflat Road, reported Joseph Ira Moreland at 10:02 p.m.

Theft: Beer and cigarettes were taken at 11400 W. State Highway 158, reported Kent Kwik Convenience Store at 11:32 p.m.

Saturday

Burglary of a residence: A tiller and air conditioner was taken at 508 E. County Road 138, reported Johnny Phillips at 11:29 a.m.

DEATH NOTICES

James Emerson

James Henry Emerson, 81, died Friday, Jan. 3, at his Midland residence.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Westside Church of Christ with Gary Montgomery officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 31, 1916, in Rule and had lived in Midland for the last 15 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel Emerson.

Survivors include his son, Jerry Emerson of Midland; sisters, Loudel Casey of Rule and Opal Akins of Seamore; and two stepgrandchildren.

Cleo Harrison

DENVER CITY — Cleo Varie Harrison, 87, died Friday, Jan. 3, in a local hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the Denver City Church of Christ with Tommy Allison, minister of the Eastwood Church of Christ of El Paso, officiating, and Skip Rogers, minister of the Denver City Church of Christ, assisting. Burial will be at Denver City Memorial Park under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 31, 1909, in Erath County and moved to Denver City in 1940. She was a Denver City Independent School District employee and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.C. Harrison, and her son, W.C. Harrison Jr.

Survivors include her son, Dennis Harrison of Denver City; daughters, Lois Marie Reed of Abilene, Mary Allison of El Paso and Sharon Goodman of Midland; sister, Tina Carter of Salinas, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchildren.

Dellia Lorea

Dellia Ramos Lorea died Thursday, Jan. 2, in a Midland hospital following a short illness.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today, Jan. 5, at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

She was born in LaMula, Chih, Mexico, and had lived in Midland since 1961.

Survivors include her father, Jesus Loera of Midland; daughter, Alejandra Carrillo of Midland; brother, Octavio Loera of Midland; and sisters, Trinidad Hernandez, Florentina Garcia, Catalina Loera and Socorro Vargas, all of Midland.

Lawrence Piper

Lawrence W. Piper, 74, died Thursday, Jan. 2, at a Midland hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Pipkin Chapel Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Palmer officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

He was born March 3, 1922, in Marlin. He was a U.S. Army veteran and worked for the U.S. Post Office.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Piper of Midland; daughter, Vivian Piper of Arlington; brothers, Linton Piper of Dallas, and Clinton Piper and Eugene Piper, both of Marlin; sisters, Marilyn Piper and Betsy Coleman, both of Dallas; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Joyce Jones

Services for Joyce Jean Jones, 60, are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Jan. 3, following a sudden illness.

OBITUARIES



Bessie Barber

Bessie Flournoy Barber was born July 5, 1916, in Duro, Texas (Ector County). The family moved to Weatherford, Texas, for several years and then returned to Midland in a covered wagon in 1920.

She graduated from Midland High School in 1934. She worked as a home teacher at a local ranch, and she worked as a telephone operator. She married Jesse Barber on November 1, 1938, in Midland. The Barbers lived in San Angelo during World War II, while Mr. Barber worked at Goodfellow Air Base. They returned to Midland in 1945. Mrs. Barber helped her husband with his business, Weber's Rootbeer Stand, Building Specialties and Chapparel Claim Service, and still raised her five children.

She was active in the Midland Association of Retarded Citizens. Mrs. Barber had been a member of First United Methodist Church since the late 1930's.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Barber Jr. of Midland; two sons, Jesse Lee Barber III of Hamilton, Texas, and Carl Elliott Barber of Overland Park, Kan.; three daughters, Barbara June Funk of Midland, Sharon Kathleen Womble of Burleson, Texas, and Bonita Louise Lakey of Midland; four brothers, Fred Flournoy of California, Frank Flournoy of Comanche, Texas, Claude Flournoy of Hutchinson, Kan., and Thomas Flournoy of Midland; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Barber died early Friday at Memorial Hospital in Midland.

Funeral services have been set for Tuesday, January 7, 1997, at 1 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with her son-in-law Don Womble, of Burleson Baptist Temple, officiating. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Karen Sorrel

Karen Sorrel was born November 20, 1943, to Bessie Rivers and Jimmy Gatlin in Turkey, Texas. She moved with her family to the Midland area where she was reared and educated. She was a member of South Memorial Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sorrel is survived by her companion, Joe C. Diaz of Midland; a son, Phillip Sorrel of Midland; one daughter, Stephanie Engbrock of Houston; five brothers, Leon Gatlin of El Paso, Dickey Gatlin, Tommy Gatlin, and Jiffy Gatlin of Midland, and Howard Gatlin of Odessa; two sisters, Christine Mansell and Peggy Ellison of Midland; five grandchildren, Tosha Sorrel, Jessica Sorrel, Tabitha Sorrel, Haley Sorrel and Zachary Engbrock; 30 nieces and nephews; 51 great nieces and nephews; and nine great-great-nieces and -nephew.

Mrs. Sorrel died Friday evening at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, in South Memorial Baptist Church with the Rev. A.L. Hall officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Paul Byrom

Paul Frederick "Fred" "Papa Fred" Byrom was born June 15, 1935, in Brownwood, Texas, to Mondean Nabours and Paul S. Byrom. He attended high school in Brownwood and attended Howard Payne University and graduated from U.T. in Austin.

In 1961, he married Mary Margaret Burns in Brownwood. He then moved to Pecos and worked for Core-Lab before moving to Midland where he worked for Lone Star Production as a District Geologist. Later, he worked for Claude Hammil in Houston, before becoming an independent Petroleum Geologist. He was a member of First Baptist Church, AAPG and West Texas Geological Society.

Mr. Byrom is survived by his wife, Mary Margaret Byrom of Midland; a son, Paul Frederick Byrom Jr. of Sulphur Springs, Texas; a daughter, Marietta Metcalfe of Midland; one sister, Patricia Byron of Euless, Texas; four grandchildren, Megan Rene Byron, Kaki Taylor Metcalfe, Hillary-Anne Metcalfe and Blaire Brittney Metcalfe.

Mr. Byrom died Friday evening at his residence.

Funeral services are set for 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, in First Baptist Church Sanctuary with Dr. Gary Dyer officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Heflin Cemetery in Brownwood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Pallbearers are Russell Neisig, Sarah Neisig, Bill Black, Sarilyn Black, Jake Young and Barbara Young. Honorary Pallbearers are Albert G. Metcalfe, Buddy Branum, Pierce Burns Jr., Todd Burns, Margaret Spellings, Laura Burns and Robin Roberts.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Look Good, Feel Good Shop or Hospice of Midland or the Family Life Center at First Presbyterian Church.



Claude Strickland

Funeral services for Claude Delton Strickland, 66, of Midland, have been set for Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, at 1 p.m. at Wilshire Park Baptist Church with the Pastor Steve Tims and and Pastor Jim Bradshaw officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Strickland died Saturday at a local hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born April 11, 1930, in Munday, and had lived in Midland since 1941. He worked at various oil companies during the 1950's and retired from the U.S. Post Office in 1980. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the Korean Conflict. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and member of the Midland Lodge No. 623 and Dallas and Midland Scottish Rite Associations. Strickland was also a member of the Wilshire Park Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nugent and Flossie Strickland; brothers, Boyce Strickland and Galon Strickland; and sister, Ozell Harrison, all of Midland.

He married Dorothy Jean Roderick of Midland on April 8, 1950, and is survived by her and their two daughters, Delta Martin of San Angelo and Donna Smith of Midland. Other survivors include two brothers, William Burnon Strickland and Jimmy Strickland, both of Midland; sons-in-law, Mike Martin of San Angelo and Dallas Smith of Midland; a daughter-in-law, Lori Sorrel; five grandchildren, Christy McClure of Houston, Chris and Ashley Martin of San Angelo, and Slade and Chase Smith of Midland; mother-in-law, Dorothy Roderick of Midland; three brothers-in-law, Don Roderick of Midland, Larry Roderick of El Paso and Rodney Roderick of Azle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be the deacons from Wilshire Park Baptist Church.

Honorary pallbearers will be from the U.S. Post Office.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Midland Chapter of the American Lung Association or the charity of one's choice.



Gertrude Ward

Gertrude Ward was born September 25, 1903, in Windom, Texas, to Cora Bell Cooper and John Walden. She married the late Ezra D. Ward in 1921. The couple moved to Midland in 1929. She was a homemaker and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was an employee of Woolworth. She retired in 1965 after working for 17 years. She was a member of Bellview Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ezra Ward in 1990; her daughter, Marie Ward in 1986; and a grandson, John Michael Ward in 1994.

She is survived by two sons, Carl Ward of Midland and John Ward of Santa Pala, Calif.; a daughter, Marjorie Livingston of Midland; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Ward died Saturday morning in a Midland hospital.

Graveside services are set for 4 p.m. Monday in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield, of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family will receive visitors at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

BUSINESS: Siblings team up

(From 1B)

der. "Our furniture is kiln-dried wood."

Some of the furniture is made of mesquite, and government permission is required before cutting down a mesquite tree in Mexico. Some of the processes used to create the furniture and accessories the duo sell have been handed down for centuries, taught by the friars who came to Mexico from Spain.

The biggest hurdle, according to Schneider, is transportation. Americans find it far easier to transport goods across the country than Mexican citizens do. And once the goods get to the U.S.-Mexico border, U.S. Customs can sometimes throw a kink in the process, he added.

"Some of the customs laws keep changing," he explained. "It's hard to keep up with all the changes."

The furniture imported by the trading company is targeted at those around 45-50 years of age and under and couples with young children. Ms. Clark said the furniture is both durable and casual.

"We live a more casual, relaxed lifestyle," she said. "Our parents' generation wouldn't like this style; they've already got their furniture and it's more formal."

The business also encourages custom orders.

Schneider said right now he is working with a furniture manufacturer to design a computer desk and computer armoire.

They also encourage feedback from Midland shoppers to help determine what pieces are popular and when shoppers' preferences change.

Ms. Clark, who graduated from Midland High School, attended Texas Christian University and holds an MBA in marketing from City University in Seattle, said she and her brother are also planning to establish a mail-order business.

"We've talked with designers in other states where this furniture is only available at exorbitant prices," she said, adding that she expects the simplicity and durability of the furniture to appeal to customers who lead busy lives. She noted that Mexican-styled tiles and home layout has become increasing popular in the last few years.

HOUSE: Christmas in April volunteers help family

(From 1B)

Joaquina Ruiz, were then at work at Alldredge Gardens when their daughter was injured.

Somehow, Veronica, who was wet from play, suffered an electric shock near an electrical terminal and fuse box adjoining the former carport.

Today, she is at home in her own 15-by-20-foot room, which Christmas in April volunteers had built from the old carport adjoining the Ruiz house.

On the wall nearest Veronica's recliner and bed is a crucifix above an image of the Virgin Mary, rosary beads and this blessing: "Yo Bendigo Este Hogar" — I Bless This Home.

"This was a carport. Now, it is (effectively) a private hospital room," said Bobby Trimble, who is president of Christmas in April, which is a volunteer home-repair program for elderly and disabled people in Midland.

Veronica is a "beautiful little girl," Trimble said.

Since its inception in 1973, the Christmas in April program has repaired about 4,000 Midland homes of elderly and disabled people, noted Trimble, who referred to Scripture, especially James 2:14-18, in carrying out the work.

"If you see a person hungry and naked, and you wish him good luck and send him on his way, wha good has it done?" Trimble asked.

To say to the destitute, " 'God bless you. We'll pray for you,' " and then do no good works for the downtrodden is for naught, Trimble said.

"A lot of people tell me how great Christmas in April is, but they don't support it physically or financially," Trimble said. "A lot of people are all show and no go." And some people "won't work (as volunteers) or send money" to support Christmas in April and its need for supplies, tools, and materials to repair houses and to build that which is needed, such as Veronica's room.

A core of Christmas in April volunteers works on houses year-round. And then, in April of each year, volunteers from churches, civic groups, businesses, and others take on house-repair projects, such as putting on new roofs, weatherizing houses, replacing flooring and walls, replacing windows, outfitting houses with plumbing, installing doors and paneling, painting the exterior and interior of houses and cleaning up debris.

"You can have all the volunteers in the world," Trimble said, "but if you don't have the money to buy materials, then you can't do anything."

Last year, 2,008 Christmas in April volunteers repaired 267 Midland houses at a cost of $220,000 in donated funds.

Following Veronica's accident, Mrs. Ruiz left her job at the garde center, where her husband still works, to take care of her daughter.

Mrs. Ruiz said that she was "saddened" by Veronica's accident but was not angry at God for her daughter's disability.

"I am grateful for everything they did," her husband, Ruiz, 33, said of Christmas in April volunteers. "Life has changed a lot" since Veronica's injury. "We can't go out together as a family."

Maria said her sister, who was completing the sixth-grade at Travis Elementary School at time of her injury, had "wanted to be a teacher." Her favorite subject was "math, I guess."

Veronica enjoyed reading, especially perusing history books, which she had checked out from the library.

"Selena was her favorite," said her mother.

Veronica's classmates at school offered greetings and "prayers for her to get well," Maria said.

"Her friends come see her often and pray for her," Maria said. "My friends come see her, too."

Carla Stringer, who is the secretary at Travis Elementary School, remembers Veronica as a "sweet little girl.

"I hope that one of these days," Mrs. Stringer said, "the Lord will work a (healing) miracle" for Veronica. "I believe in miracles."

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MAKING THE GRADE

Pamela Hutson of Midland was among degree candidates recognized in The University of Texas at Tyler fall commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 13.

She was a candidate for a bachelor of science in nursing.

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Jennifer Barker, daughter of Alan and Lorena Barker, has been named student of the week by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the winner of the Midland Morning Lions "Building AA peaceful Peaceful World" peace poster contest at San Jacinto Jr. High.

Jennifer is active in ballet, singing, making art crafts, skating, and basketball. She is a mediator and in the Drug Free Youth in Texas club and likes to read the exciting stories in the Bible and share it with others.

Jennifer was one among 150 students in Miss Tiffany Rawlings art classes who entered the contest at San Jacinto. The annual peace poster contest is a program promoted by the International Association of Lions Club to challenge 11 to 13 year old youth to use their imagination and sketch, draw or paint their feelings about world peace and the world they live in, and to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

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Shannon Morris of Midland was awarded a degree from the College of Agriculture at fall commencement exercises Dec. 20 in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

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At the recent Texas Music Educators' (TME) competition, conducted at Odessa Permian High School, 471 local band students tried out for TME Region VI All-Region Band.

Midland students chosen to participate in the clinic and concert scheduled for January 25, 1997 include: CORNET: Karl Heimke, Kevin White from Midland High School; Joelle Glaser, Charles Campbell, Regina Williamson, Aaron Gutierrez, Brannon Clayton from LHS; FRENCH HORN: Laura Hamblin from MHS; Grethe Hahn from Midland Freshman High School; Shawn Nishi, Anthony Vaughn, Amy Wassenberg, Amy Boomer, Kelly Johannesen, and Amanda Smith from LHS; TENOR TROMBONE: Landon Luttrell, Chris Lovett, Byron Simpson, Mark Kaufman from LHS; Edmundo Montoya, Matt Chase from Lee Freshman High Schoo.. BASS TROMBONE: Marisa White from LHS, EUPHONIUM: James Webster from MHS; Flint Weed, Scott Wauhob from LHS; TUBA: Trent Brough, Jarrod Cooley, Michael Fisher from LHS.

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Midland Independent School District students placed in the recent University Interscholastic League Math and Science practice meet at Fort Stockton Middle School. Lee High School will host a practice meet Jan. 11. The state qualifying meet will be held in March.

ABELL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Abell students who placed in Number Sense include seventh-grader Morgan Pinter, third place; and third place for the Number Sense Team of Daniel Silver, Ryan Berthold, Morgan Pinter and Rebecca Chumahusky.

Taking a third place in calculator was seventh-grader Robert Bicking, and the Calculator Team of Rebecca Chimahusky, Daniel Silver, Michelle Ott, and Robert Bicking placed third.

Seventh-grader Robert Bicking placed first in both math and science, and Morgan Pinter placed third in the same category, and eighth-grader Ryan Berthold placed fourth.

The Math Team of Ryan Berthold, Misty Chapman, Jeff Hughes and Robert Bicking placed first while eighth-grader Ryan Berthold placed first in math and Clayton Drescher placed second.

The Science Team of Ryan Berthold, Clayton Drescher, Robert Bicking, and Rebecca Chimahusky placed first.

ALAMO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The fourth place Number Sense Team was Michael Peterson, Amanda Ramby, Emily White, and Peter Ong. Matt Powe placed second in math, and the second place Math Team was Matt Powe, Michael Peterson, Brandon Barr, and Peter Ong.

SAN JACINTO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Seventh-grader Vanessa Krause placed second in math. The fourth-place Math Team was Jason Lindgren, Vanessa Krause, Kelly Beall, and Sabe Ebrahim. The third place Science Team was Kelly Beall, Brian Harrington, Saba Ebrahim, and Jason Lindgren.

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The Alamo Junior High School "Big Dog" Speech Team recently competed at the Permian High School Speech Tournament. Crystal Urias, led the "Big Dog pack" by advancing to Finals in Poetry Interpretation. Advancing to Semi-finals were: James Hershberger in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking; Mallory Blahnik and Mike Hamm in Dramatic Interpretation; and the teams of Sarah Greenhaw and Jennifer Harrison, Dani Turner and Jason Dzubinski, Jennifer Deramus and Mike Hamm for Duet Acting.

Tech-Prep to host conference

From Staff Reports

Permian Basin Tech-Prep/School-to-Work Partnership will host a regional conference Feb. 3-4 at the Radisson hotel in Odessa, 5200 E. University Dr. Registration is $15 before Jan. 15. After Jan. 15 registration is $25.

Keynote speaker at the Feb. 4 luncheon is Sandra Sarvis, associate superintendent of Lexington School District 4 in South Carolina. Under her leadership, the district has been recognized as a model in vocational/technical programs. She has also received several federal awards for her efforts in reform education.

Other speakers include Sally Cain, United States Department of Education School-to-Work regional representative; Barbara Bolin of Dell Computers in Austin who developed a model for employers to aid educators in identifying core competencies for the area; and Ben Helmandollar, of Roanoke Area Tech Prep.

The conference, "Connecting the Classroom to the Workforce," will feature the topics: Partnerships that Work, The Role of Skill Standards in Public Education, School-to-Work including Students with Disabilities, Fostering a Productive Advisory Committee, and Career Development with Activities for the Classroom.

Other topics will include "Liability Issues for Students in the Workplace," "Teaching Workplace Skills," "What Employers are Looking for in Employees," "School to Careers—What Direction to Go?" and "Competency Based Education: A True School-to-Work Initiative."

Registration will begin 8:30 a.m. Feb. 3. Friday's workshop will include breakout sessions, lunch and a tour of Ector County Independent School District's Career Center.

A post conference networking opportunity will be offered with representatives of Howard, Midland and Odessa colleges.

Registration fees are payable to Midland College.

In a "3 for 1 Offer," for every teacher who registers before Jan. 15, Tech Prep will pay substitutes and registration fees for two additional representatives to attend.

For every counselor who registers before Jan. 15, Tech Prep will pay for registration fees for two additional representatives to attend.

People wanting to stay at the Radisson will receive a special rate if registering before Jan. 20.

Judge to review confidentiality in case against surgical assistants

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge plans to revisit the issue of patient confidentiality Monday in the state's lawsuit against surgical assistants in Houston.

State District Judge David West recently ordered an emergency sealing of all documents in the case, saying assistant attorneys general had wrongly made public confidential patient information.

That information included names, addresses and telephone numbers of more than 1,000 people treated by surgical assistants.

The judge said he has no intention of keeping the remainder of the case documents private, but was forced to close the files until attorneys could be assembled Monday for a hearing on the matter.

The Attorney General's Office views the Monday session to be a hearing for West to reconsider his decision. Spokesman Ward Tisdale said West went beyond sealing the files and has ordered state attorneys to return patient information needed by the office for trial of the lawsuit later this month.

Last September, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales sued 17 surgical assistants, accusing them of fraudulent billing practices. They are accused of passing themselves off as licensed physicians to obtain higher fees from patients and insurers.

The defendants, who assist licensed surgeons in operations and other medical procedures, deny the claims. They say they have provided quality care while reducing medical costs to consumers, and that they work under the direct supervision of licensed doctors.

Tisdale said the Attorney General's Office carefully removed sensitive material concerning patients from documents filed in the case. But Tisdale said basic patient information was required to be released to defendants.

Tisdale said West's order would force the return of about 90 percent of some 30,000 documents handed over in the discovery process.

"This is a case about fraud and consumers," Tisdale said. "You have to have the consumers to make a case."

Other concerns from the state's attorneys are that West sealed the files without regard to the required procedures dictated by state law. In non-family civil cases, attorneys are to file motions requesting the closure of sensitive files, post notice of that request, and have a full hearing conducted at which all interested parties have the right to be present.

West said his actions are only temporary, forced by the "apparent defiance of plaintiffs of the orders of this court." He said he was particularly incensed that personal injury attorneys perused case files to obtain hundreds of names of patients.

Those names were then used to send solicitation letters that led to a separate lawsuit against the surgical assistants and several area medical centers where the assistants had helped in operations.

"I have no intention of sealing files from the Houston Chronicle or anybody else, but I'm not going to allow that foolishness to take place. This was a 'field day' for plaintiffs' lawyers," West told a reporter about the solicitation letters.

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TOP REBS

Lee Freshman High School has announced the Outstanding Student Achievement awards for the third reporting period.

This is a PTA student recognition program in which students are recognized for their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, as well as exemplary behavior.

The outstanding students are:

English: Jill Guttormsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Guttormsen

Social Studies: Kathryn Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Burke.

Mathematics: Beth Ann Kahlich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kahlich.

Science: Crystal White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis White.

Physical Education: Shelby Yarbrough, daughter of Dallas Yarbrough.

Tech Prep: Jesse Guzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Guzman.

Choir: Brandon Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greener.

Band: Chris Fierro, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fierro.

Orchestra: Jennifer Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blake.

Foreign Languages: Rachel Gardea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Gardea, and Nikki Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Medders.

Vocational: Jennifer Conner, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Conner.


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Art: Cipriano Chavarria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ciprian Chavarria.

Speech/Drama: Jennifer Velarde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Velarde.


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Burke


Kahlich


Yarbrough


Guzman


Campbell


Fierro


Blake


Gardea


Byrd


Chavarria


Velarde

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Wednesday - Breakfast: Hot biscuit, sausage pattie or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Beef enchiladas or tacos, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce/tomato, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Scrambled egg, ham stix or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Burrito combo or grilled chicken on bun, French fries, lettuce/tomato, fruit dippers, milk.

Friday - Breakfast burrito or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich or deli sandwich, tator tots, vegetable soup, lettuce/tomato, milk.

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Wednesday - Breakfast: Bacon, eggs, toast/jelly, orange juice, milk. Lunch: Tacos, refried beans, lettuce/tomato salad, hot sauce, cheese cups, jello w/fruit, milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: French toast sticks, grape juice, banana, milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, potatoes w/gravy, green beans, sliced bread, strawberry short cake, milk.

Friday - Breakfast: PopTarts, cereal, orange juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad w/pickles, Ranger cake, milk

FBI: 'Polo Shirt Bandit' suspect dies

'We'll continue our investigation ... to satisify that he committed the other 33 robberies.'
— FBI spokesman Al Tribble

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — The man dubbed the "Polo Shirt Bandit," who police believe committed 38 bank robberies over the last seven years, died Saturday, officials said.

William Frank Guess shot himself as Houston-area police surrounded him on Nov. 27. He died at a Temple hospice at about 5:45 a.m., said Special Agent Al Tribble, a FBI spokesman in Houston.

On Nov. 27, the 46-year-old allegedly completed what was believed to be bank robbery No. 38. Police, following a tip, chased after him in northwest Harris County.

As Harris County Sheriff's deputies closed in on him, Guess intentionally shot himself in the head. He was hospitalized at Houston's Hermann Hospital, then transferred to the Scott & White Medical Complex in Temple on Dec. 23.

The cause of death is believed to stem from the self-inflicted wound, the FBI said.

Last month, Guess was indicted on five of the 38 robberies. If convicted, he would have faced a maximum 210 years in prison and a $1.25 million fine.

"We'll continue our investigation long enough to satisfy that he committed the other 33 robberies," Tribble said.

The past seven years, police had tracked the bandit, who had kept authorities guessing about his identity.

The suspect, wearing pullover-type golf shirts and the same disguise — a fake beard, dark glasses, a baseball cap and wig — robbed 37 banks without hurting anyone.

Law officers have never revealed how much money was taken in those heists.

A 1969 graduate of Temple High School, Guess was the captain of the school basketball and golf teams. He became a Temple-area car dealer who lived in the nearby community of Oenaville with his wife, his former high school sweetheart, and three sons.

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TOP DAWGS

MIDLAND FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL "TOP DAWGS"

Midland Freshman High School has announced 18 students being awarded the honor of being "Top Dawg." They are selected by teachers, based on academic achievement, behavioral expectations and school attendance.

The following students were recognized as "Top Dawgs" for the third reporting period:

English I: Elijah Marion III, son of Mr. Elijah Marion.

Social Studies: Natalie Snow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Snow.

Biology I: Ellen Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell.

Physical Science: Jennifer Hollaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hollaway.

Geometry: Paul Corey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Corey.

Algebra: Crystal Swinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Swinney.

Algebra 1-4: Erika Morales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Morales.

Band: April Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dwayne Anderson.

Physical Education: Jimmy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy L. Smith; Christie DeValle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brunton; McAlister Southern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Southern.

Dance: Nikesha Hailey, daughter of Ms. Vicky Hailey.

Art: Rubi Aranda, daughter of Mr. Pedro Aranda.

Choir: Kim Hales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hales.

Theater Arts/Speech: Adina Madrid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Madrid.



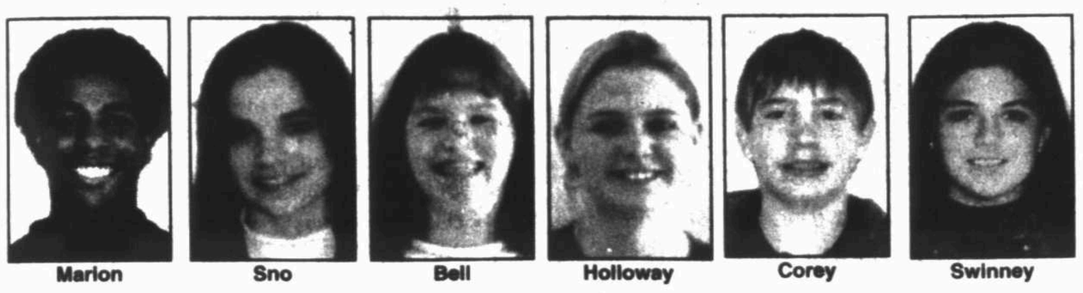
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Technical Systems: Anthony Lindsey, son of Ms. Debra Lindsey.

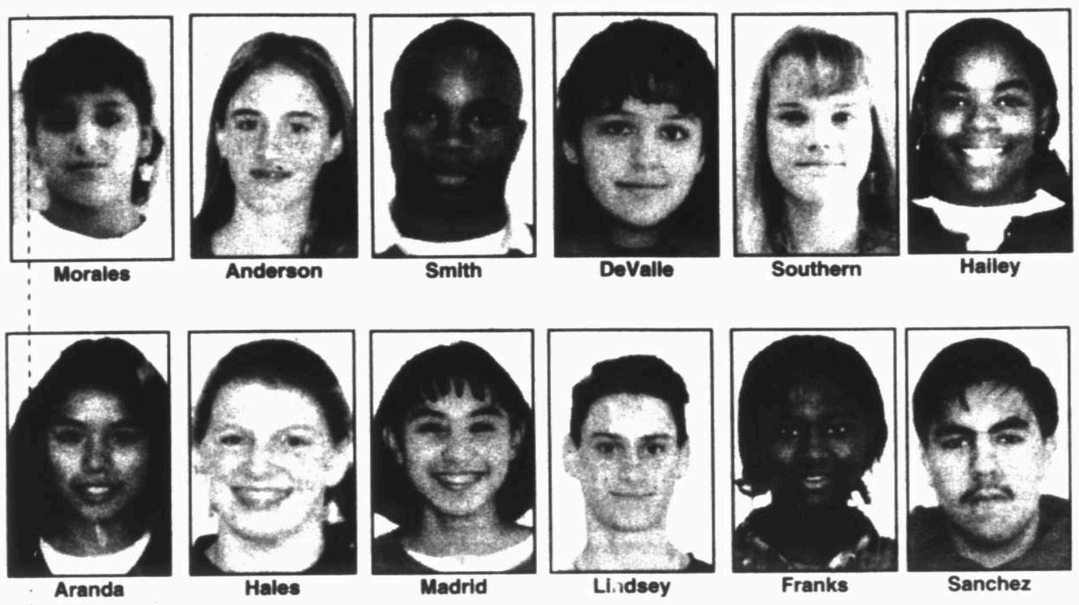
Homemaking: Tashika Franks, daughter of Ms. Janice Banks.

Keyboarding/Word Processing: John Joe Sanchez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sanchez.

Foreign Language - French 1: Jesse Pinard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Pinard.



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Suspicious fires raze 3 buildings at Mount Carmel

WACO, Texas (AP) — Suspicious fires destroyed three small buildings at the former Branch Davidian compound where cult leader David Koresh and 75 followers died after their 51-day standoff with federal agents.

No one was injured in the fires at the Mount Carmel site 10 miles east of Waco.

The blazes leveled the home of Amo Bishop Roden, former common-law wife of one-time Branch Davidian leader George Roden, and two museums she used to chronicle the group's history, including the deadly 1993 standoff.

"There was no wind and it had been damp. It's hard to believe an electrical fire or other accidental fire could have spread to all three buildings," said Terry Fuller, a detective with the McLennan County Sheriff's Department.

Officials did not have any suspects in the fires that occurred late Wednesday or early Thursday, Fuller told the Waco Tribune-Herald on Friday.

A sheriff's department dispatcher said Saturday that no one was available to discuss the case. Fuller has an unpublished telephone number.

A man living in a van on the property reported awakening early Thursday to find the buildings and a car parked nearby burned. The man called cult member Clive Doyle, who called the sheriff's department, Fuller said.

The man in the van apparently had permission from Ms. Roden to stay on the property, Fuller said. However, deputies were unable to locate him when they returned to Mount Carmel on Friday, he said.

Ms. Roden lived in one of the small buildings while maintaining a collection of Branch Davidian memorabilia in the two other structures, which she called the "Loud Cry Museum."

Fuller said he has been unable to locate Ms. Roden to inform her of the fires. She is believed to be honeymooning in Florida after a recent wedding.

George Roden was committed to a mental hospital after he was found innocent by reason of insanity in the 1989 slaying of his roommate in Odessa. He had moved to the West Texas city after a power struggle and 1987 gun battle with Koresh.

Ms. Roden later returned to the Mount Carmel site and erected her small settlement in an attempt to reassert her claim to the property.

Doyle, who met Friday with sheriff's deputies at Mount Carmel, survived the 1993 compound fire and was later acquitted of criminal charges arising from the siege.

Officials said trespassing has been a persistent problem at the former compound site. Ms. Roden was arrested in November 1994 after she was accused of firing shots over the heads of three men who came onto the property, officials said.

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Republic of Texas 'ambassador' holed up in 'embassy' in quiet standoff

By Barry Shlachter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DAVIS MOUNTAINS, Texas — For a siege, it's low-key, verging on slumberous.

Richard Lance McLaren, 43, who describes himself as the chief ambassador of the Republic of Texas movement, has holed up with two armed guards in his "embassy," in a rustic housing development 17 miles from Fort Davis.

The Missouri-born, Ohio-reared grape grower has been wanted since Dec. 19 on a civil contempt warrant, and he vows never to surrender.

"If they arrest me, we will fire upon them. A civil war will erupt," McLaren said at the "embassy," a corrugated-metal building that once housed a volunteer fire department.

McLaren, a balding, unshaven, highly animated man in blue jeans and scuffed tennis shoes, is an unlikely looking diplomat. He has been too afraid of arrest to travel to his nearby home, and a clogged septic tank kept the toilet from working. A backhoe was digging a ditch for a new septic tank as he expounded on his views to a reporter.

"I can't go home and sleep at night because the marshals will blow the door off," he said.

Rattling off arguments at lightning speed, McLaren asserted that Texas was never legally annexed by the United States in 1845. Then he spread out a stack of books on the floor that purportedly prove his position.

Inside his "embassy," there were computers, a rifle with blunt-tipped bullets, a paper-shredder, potato salad, corn chips, a color TV set and a video collection — but little tension.

Outside, no FBI agents, federal marshals or Sheriff's Department sharpshooters lurked among the pinyon and scrub oak. Authorities said McLaren's case has an extremely low priority. If they arrest him, one law enforcement officer said, it would likely be when he tries to visit Austin or elsewhere.

Nonetheless, the laid-back standoff in this remote corner of West Texas has attracted much news media attention, in which McLaren clearly revels.

"He's got NBC-TV, three other interviews today and a live radio show tonight," White Eagle Otto, a guard and chief of communications, said last week.

Most neighbors in the Davis Mountains Resort area, within sight of the McDonald Observatory, are less than amused by the attention.

McLaren has kept some of them tangled in legal disputes for years by placing notices of "lis pendens" (warning of pending lawsuits) on property titles. These have made land transactions difficult, if not impossible, for many, a local real estate agent said.

Steve Bailey, Jeff Davis County's new sheriff, called McLaren a "paper terrorist."

"No," said a smiling McLaren, who spent 43 days in jail last year on an earlier contempt charge. "I'm a 'paper warrior.'"

He pioneered the movement's wholesale use of property liens against officials and other perceived enemies. In the interview, McLaren said that he has learned how to access $70,000 in state funds and that he can tap $325 million, which is "enough to equip our defense forces." More revenue will be raised by selling powder-blue Republic of Texas passports at $10 a whack, he said.

In McLaren's mind, Texas will be free of federal restraints before he is ever arrested. Then, the resurrected republic will seal the Mexican border and solve the drug problem by legalizing drugs, he said. As for Lone Star embassies abroad, they will be housed in back rooms of an international chain of Republic of Texas restaurants, he disclosed matter-of-factly.

But it's McLaren's gun-toting guards, not his fanciful plans or past legal maneuvers, that have his neighbors riled.

Last month, the U.S. Postal Service cut off delivery to their mailboxes, located about 200 feet from the armed outpost. The postal service cited possible danger to the letter carrier, although McLaren is married to Evelyn Horak, a postal employee in Fort Worth.

One resident near the embassy complained that she has to drive 47 miles round-trip just to pick up her bills.

On Monday, a postal inspector is to meet with McLaren's neighbors to discuss how delivery can be resumed.

Upsetting them most is the fear that an eccentric quest could end in bloodshed.

Larry Sims, vice president of the residents' association, said: "We haven't been hassled by them, but we're all a bit fearful. We never locked our doors before. Now I lock them even when I'm home."

Dr. Orene Pedicord, 70, a resident who taught psychiatry at Texas Tech University medical school, said: "We're not terrified about the situation, but we know the potential. We don't want another Waco or Ruby Ridge."

She was referring to the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, in which more than 80 people died, and the 1992 standoff at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, during which the wife and 14-year-old son of survivalist/white separatist Randy Weaver, as well as a U.S. marshal, were killed.

"Right now, we feel deserted, like the government is not standing behind us," said another neighbor, Dottie Lindquist, 60. "We're all very apprehensive. Most of us carry a gun when we leave — and I'm a great-grandmother!

"People are frightened, but I feel McLaren is enjoying the notoriety, the publicity," she added.

In Fort Davis, McLaren's standoff is the talk of the town of about 1,200 people. Employees of the historic Limpia Hotel said they get calls from worried tourists who don't realize that the fuss is far out of town. But no bookings have been canceled.

"Everybody wants him to go away," said Donna Kruse, who runs a hair salon in Fort Davis, the Jeff Davis County seat in far West Texas. "They feel he's blackening the name of Fort Davis, where a lot of retirees have moved to and want to live their lives in peace. And everyone is fearful that it's going to turn into another Waco."

Court documents tell another tale. A state court ordered him to pay a local ranching family $10,000 to cover legal fees after an unsuccessful land case. In a dispute with the Stewart Title Co. in federal court in Pecos, which led to the current contempt order against McLaren for failing to respond to a judge's summons, there is a $1.8 million judgment against him for slander and attempting to defraud.

What is apparently more important to him is that a Republic of Texas "court" convening in an Arlington motel ruled in his favor in the Stewart case. He has also filed "genocide" charges with the World Court in The Hague, Netherlands, against the federal judge, Lucius Bunton III, and Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, he said.

Topping it all off is his demand on Texas' behalf for $93 trillion in "war reparations" from Washington, McLaren added.

"I signed the documents at a post office in Arlington," he said.

Even the Republic of Texas movement seems to have had enough of McLaren. It purged him in November, although he doesn't recognize the action.

Dallas resident Jackie Miller, the Republic's undersecretary for public relations, said McLaren's legal research helped launch the movement, but he was removed from office for overstepping his authority. For example, Miller said, McLaren concluded a "treaty" with a Louisiana Indian tribe and formed a coalition government on his own.

Moreover, the movement has no use for an embassy in the Davis Mountains, Miller said.

"The nation of Texas doesn't need an embassy on our own land," she said.

Karen Joy Coffey Kosier, whom McLaren appointed to be Texas' "ambassador to the Middle East" and who is one of the few local people supporting him, said the man is just misunderstood.



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Nurse admits to giving lethal dose to patient

AUSTIN (AP) — A nurse was arraigned on a murder charge Saturday after telling police she administered a lethal dose of potassium to an 83-year-old nursing home resident, authorities said.

Susan Lynne Hey, 38, was being held in a Travis County jail in lieu of $100,000 bond in the July 28 death of Harry Waddell of Austin. Ms. Hey was a nurse at the Cannon Oaks Nursing Home where Waddell was a resident.

Austin police spokeswoman Sally Muir said investigators have released nothing about any reasons Ms. Hey may have given for doing what she did.

Police said they received a telephone tip late Thursday regarding Ms. Hey's purported involvement in Waddell's death.

At the request of detectives, Ms. Hey came to the police station where she admitted injecting potassium into Waddell's feeding tube, according to an affidavit accompanying a warrant for arrest.

Authorities said Ms. Hey told them she knew that the amount of potassium she administered would cause irregular heartbeats and cause Waddell to die.

A deputy Travis County medical examiner confirmed that the dose was lethal, police said.

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Federal program to protect wild horses sends them to slaughter

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A multi-million-dollar federal program created to save the lives of wild horses is instead channeling them by the thousands to slaughterhouses where they are chopped into cuts of meat.

Among those profiting from the slaughter are employees of the Bureau of Land Management, the agency that administers the program.

These are the conclusions of an Associated Press investigation of the U.S. Wild Horse and Burro Program, which has rounded up 165,000 animals and spent $250 million since it was created by Congress 25 years ago.

The program was intended to protect and manage wild horses on public lands, where they compete for resources with grazing cattle. The idea: Gather up excess horses and offer them to the public for adoption.

However, nothing in the law prevents anyone from selling the horses to slaughterhouses once they gain ownership. While it is common for old or lame horses to go to slaughter, nearly all former BLM horses sent to slaughter are young and healthy, according to slaughterhouses.

The program's rules let anyone adopt up to four horses per year, paying $125 for each healthy animal. If the adopters properly care for the horses for one year, they get title to them in the form of BLM certificates bearing a number freeze-branded into each horse's hide.

Using freeze-brand numbers and computer records, the AP traced more than 57 former BLM horses sold to slaughterhouses since September. Eighty percent of them were less than 10 years old and 25 percent were less than 5 years old. Horses are often ridden well into their 20s.

At the Cavel West slaughterhouse in Redmond, Ore., for example, the proprietor, Pascal Derde, displayed a sheaf of BLM certificates for horses he recently butchered and sent to Belgium for human consumption.

"Killed on Friday, processed Monday, Thursday we load the truck and then it's flown to Europe," said Derde.

Asked about the AP's findings, Tom Pogacnik, director of the BLM's $16 million-a-year Wild Horse and Burro Program, conceded that about 90 percent of the horses rounded up go to slaughter.

Has a program intended to save wild horses, as a symbol of the American frontier, evolved into a supply system for horse meat?

"I guess that's one way of looking at it," Pogacnik said. "Recognizing that we can't leave them out there, well, at some point the critters do have to come off the range."

Clifford Hansen, a former U.S. senator from Wyoming who introduced the bill to create the program, now wishes he could remove his name from the legislation.

"The law was intended to recognize the significance of wild horses and burros," said Hansen, now 84, "but talk about a waste of public funds!"

The government spends up to $1,100 to round up, vaccinate, freeze brand, and adopt out a horse. Adopters pay $125 for each healthy horse, and can get lame or old horses for as little as $25, or even for free. After holding the horses for a year, the adopters are free to sell them for slaughter, typically receiving $700 per animal.

The government spends $1,100. The adopter can make $575 or more.

The sellers find no shortage of horse meat buyers. The demand for American horse meat has long been strong in Asia and Europe.

While nothing in the law prevents sending an adopted horse to slaughter, government officials offer conflicting opinions whether it is legal or ethical for BLM officials to adopt and sell horses wild horses.

The AP matched computer records of horse adoptions with a computerized list of federal employees and found that more than 200 current BLM employees have adopted more than 600 wild horses and burros.

Some of these employees, when contacted, could not account for the whereabouts of their animals. Others acknowledged some of their horses were sent to slaughterhouses.

In Rock Springs, Wyo., the BLM corrals are run by Victor McDarment, whose crew rounds up horses from open ranges in Wyoming and arranges adoptions.

According to BLM database records, McDarment has adopted 16 horses. His estranged wife adopted nine. His children adopted at least six. His girlfriend adopted four. His ex-wife adopted one. His co-workers in the corrals and their families adopted an additional 54.

McDarment said he could not account for the whereabouts of all the horses.

Federal law prohibits U.S. government employees from using public office for private gain. The U.S. Office of Government Ethics said this means BLM workers are not allowed to profit from BLM programs.

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Midshipmen sentenced in theft ring

BALTIMORE (AP) — Two former Midshipmen who pleaded guilty to being involved in an interstate auto-theft ring with Naval Academy classmates were sentenced in federal court.

Arthur K. Brown of the class of 1995 was ordered Friday to serve three months' house arrest and five years' probation and to make restitution to the victims. The Pensacola, Fla. man faced a maximum punishment of five years in prison and a $250,000 fine on conspiracy charges.

Corey M. Avens, 23, of Baltimore, was ordered to serve three months home detention and three years probation. Avens pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact to transporting a stolen vehicle across state lines.

According to police, the ring arranged to have eight vehicles stolen in New York and transported to Maryland, where they were given bogus paperwork and sold for a total of $85,000 to unsuspecting buyers.

Three other former midshipmen were sentenced in the auto theft ring in November. U.S. District Court Judge Marvin Garbis sentenced Christopher Rounds of Baltimore to three months of community confinement and three months of home detention. Arthur R. Sherrod, of Palestine, Texas, and Kenneth L. Leak, of Westbury, N.Y., were sentenced to three months of home detention.

Rounds was kicked out of the Naval Academy in 1994 for his involvement in a 1992 cheating scandal. Leak was expelled in 1995.

Another former Midshipman, Joshua M. Gray of Gulfport, Miss., pleaded guilty to conspiracy in November and will be sentenced March 4.

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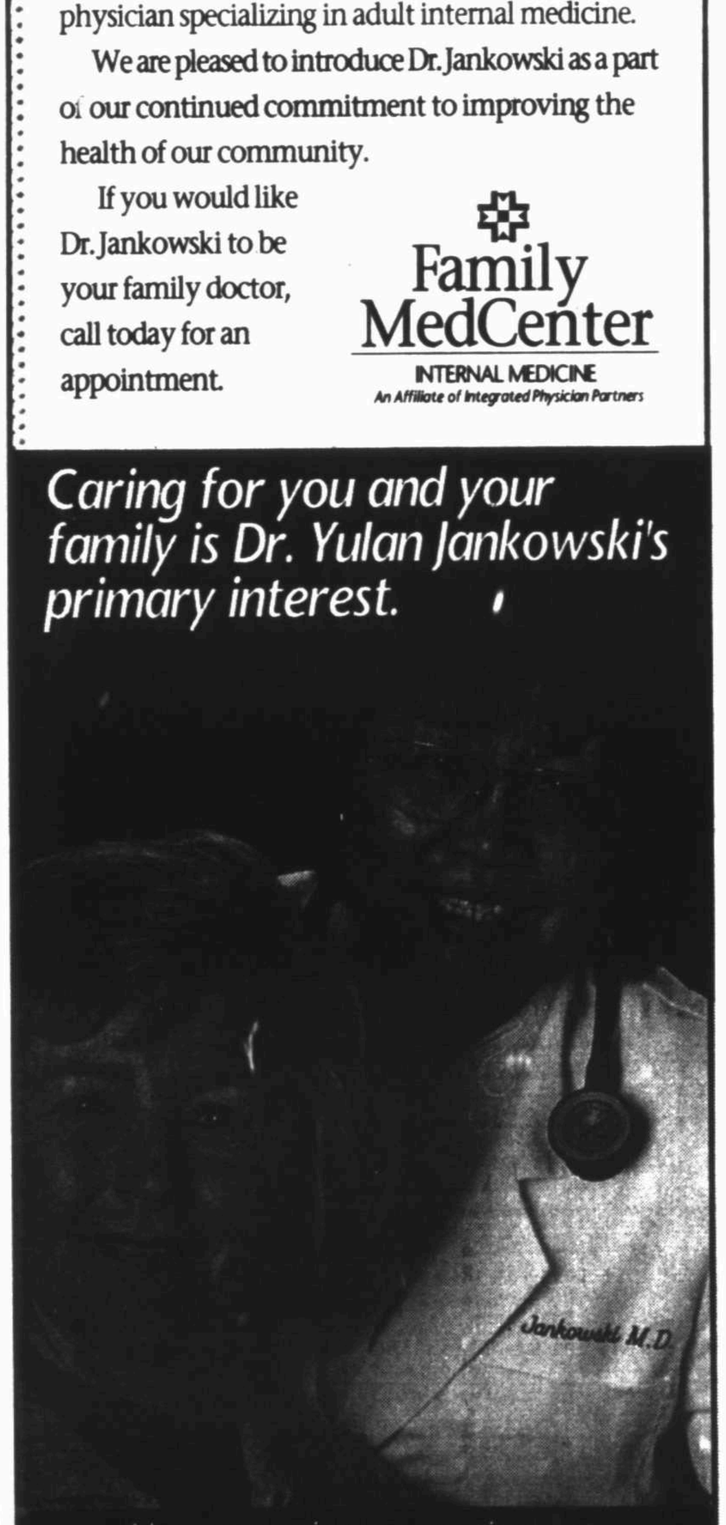
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Report: Comptroller Sharp expects little growth in state revenue

AUSTIN (AP) — State Comptroller John Sharp is expected to warn lawmakers that a lean two years lie ahead for state revenue, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Citing unidentified sources, the newspaper reported in its Saturday editions that Sharp is expected to predict an economic slowdown that will limit state revenue growth and threaten new initiatives.

Gov. George W. Bush has put two initiatives — property tax relief and reading programs — at the top of his program for the 1997 Legislature, which convenes Jan. 14.

The newspaper's sources said Sharp is expected to project state revenue growth of a modest $2 billion. Also, the state is likely to end the two-year period with as much as $1.8 billion in its coffers, bringing total revenue growth to less than $4 billion.

In the past two years, state revenue increased by $4.5 billion. In 1992-93, it rose by $5.7 billion.

"The economic growth over the last couple of years has been fairly strong," said Mike Reissig, the state's chief revenue estimator. "We expect growth to be a little slower, in keeping with national trends."

Sharp provides lawmakers with an outlook on how much money the state is likely to earn during the next two years from various sources, including fees and taxes. He has published economic forecasts projecting growth of 2.6 percent in 1997, 2.5 percent in 1998 and 3.2 percent in 1999.

State budget writers will unveil their spending plans on Monday with a preliminary budget that is expected to be conservative.

The preliminary 1998-99 budget includes $83.2 billion in state and federal money, or about 4 percent more than the current $79.9 billion budget. In recent years, growth in spending has been considerably higher, ranging from 27 percent in 1990-91 to slightly more than 7 percent in 1996-97.

"I think our numbers are in the same range as Sharp's. If we are off, it won't be by much," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, one of the budget writers.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said the budget is only a starting point.

"This is nowhere near a final budget," Ratliff said.

"I hope we can do the governor's plan, but I think a lot of people will be looking at the money that is available."

Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said the governor had not seen the preliminary budget but he plans to release his ideas on the shape the budget should take shortly after the Legislature convenes.

The four major spending areas in the preliminary budget would increase current spending by:

— $1.74 billion for public education, including $200 million to ensure fair funding of each school and $228 million for the teacher pension plan.

— $356 million for health and human services, including $126 million for elderly and disabled legal immigrants and children with disabilities who are losing benefits under federal welfare reform. The increase also includes $289 million for community care programs and pay increases for their workers who make minimum wage.

— $197 million for corrections and public safety.

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Victims' families to wait before visting damaged factory

HOUSTON (AP) — Families of victims in factory explosion will have to wait at least another one to two weeks before their representatives are allowed inside the damaged building where eight people died.

Doug Whelan, president of Wyman-Gordon Forgings Inc.'s forging division, said loose metal still had to be cleared from the site of the Dec. 22 accident before it was considered safe.

The blast occurred when employees tried to remove the lid from a tank, which the workers reportedly thought had been depressurized. The accident occurred during holiday maintenance on 16 tanks.

Attorneys for the families want to send engineers inside for a first-hand look at the evidence. The families are concerned that the blast site will not be preserved for independent inspections. But Whelan said there was "absolutely no indication that any evidence has been tampered with."

Richard Mithoff, attorney for the family of victim Steven Nagy, 29, said he is coordinating with lawyers for all the other families in reaching an agreement with Wyman-Gordon for access to the site. The two sides will discuss a proposed agreement, including new proposals from the company, in a meeting Monday, Mithoff said.

> **'The proposals are things that I can live with. If we cannot get immediate access after reaching that agreement, we will seek a court order.'**
> — Richard Mithoff, attorney to the family of one of the blast victims

"The proposals are things that I think we can live with," Mithoff said. "If we cannot get immediate access after reaching that agreement, we will seek a court order."

He would not elaborate on the company's proposals.

The eight men who died began removing the 3-foot wide lid from a nitrogen tank that was supposed to be depressurized when the lid blew off, hurling five to their deaths from the 90-foot tall tanks. Only two members of the 10-man crew survived. Officials said some of the victims were working directly above the lid, which was held in place by 20, 2-inch-thick bolts, when it blew.

Whelan announced Friday that a nondenominational memorial will be held Jan. 12 at the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

"This is just one more step we're taking to try to bring the family back together again and get together to share in the grieving process," Whelan said.

The cause of the accident is still months away from being determined, people associated with all sides of the investigation said.

Wyman-Gordon contracted with an engineering firm, which is already working at the blast site, and assigned its own investigative team "working to put together the company's side of what happened," Whelan said.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration controls access to the site until it finishes its work.

"We won't get into any speculation about what we're looking at or any of those things," said Sherrie Moran, regional director of public affairs for the U.S. Department of Labor.

OSHA can take up to six months to release an investigation report, she said.

Whelan said he could not clarify events leading up to the accident because the investigation is not complete.

Still, he blamed the blast on the maintenance activity because regular production work in that part of the plant wasn't going on during the holidays.

"We're pretty convinced that the incident really was caused by that maintenance activity," Whelan said, "not by whether the equipment was designed to do what it was supposed to do."

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Abilene High	1	2	.333	7	14	.333
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Saturday's Games

Abilene Cooper 86, Midland Lee61; Midland High 82, Abilene High 65; Odessa Permian 58, San Angelo Central 40; Odessa High 65, Amarillo Tascosa 57.

Tuesday's Games

Midland High vs. San Angelo Central at Chaparral Center, 7:30 p.m.; Monahans at Midland Lee, 7:30 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.; Abilene High at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.

4-5A Girls Hoops

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SA Central	4	0	1.000	19	3	.864
Odessa High	3	1	.750	15	6	.714
Midland High	3	1	.750	17	5	.773
Midland Lee	3	2	.600	8	11	.421
Abilene High	1	3	.250	3	14	.176
Odessa Permian	1	4	.200	11	11	.500
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Saturday's Games

Midland High 84, Abilene High 47; Midland Lee 58, Abilene Cooper 41; San Angelo Central 70, Odessa Permian 49.

Tuesday's Games

Midland High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m; Odessa High at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.; Midland Lee is idle.

Mavericks' visitor

DALLAS — Free agent Brian Williams, coveted by the Dallas Mavericks, reportedly visited the team Saturday as part of his NBA exploration tour.

The 6-foot-11 center flew to Dallas on Friday night, sources told The Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Mavericks minority owner Frank Zaccanelli refused comment when asked about the visit. Last weekend, Zaccanelli, director of player development Mark Aguirre and soon-to-be minority investor Michael Johnson flew to the West Coast to meet Williams and his agent to try to broker a deal.

Williams has visited several NBA cities recently to talk to bidders.

Chaps finish third

MESA, Ariz. — The Midland College men's basketball team closed out the Mesa Rotary Shootout Saturday with a 64-59 win over Morton College to capture third place.

The Chaps (11-6) got to the third place game after losing 67-53 to Eastern Utah in the tourney semifinals on Friday. MC's Ceedric Goodwyn and Bradley Watters were named to the all-tourney team.

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The Cowboys just can't avoid those distractions

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

■ Investigation/4C

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A week ago, the Dallas Cowboys thought they had put turmoil behind them and were ready for a run to their fourth Super Bowl in five seasons.

But nothing comes easy for this team.

It had only three days to savor its 40-15 wild-card rout of Minnesota, by far its best game of an up-and-down season. Only three days to concentrate on this week's opponent, the upstart Carolina Panthers, conquerors of mighty San Francisco and champions of the NFC West.

Then a 23-year-old woman alleged that two of Dallas' best and most troubled players, Michael Irvin and Erik Williams, had held her at gunpoint and forced her to have sex.

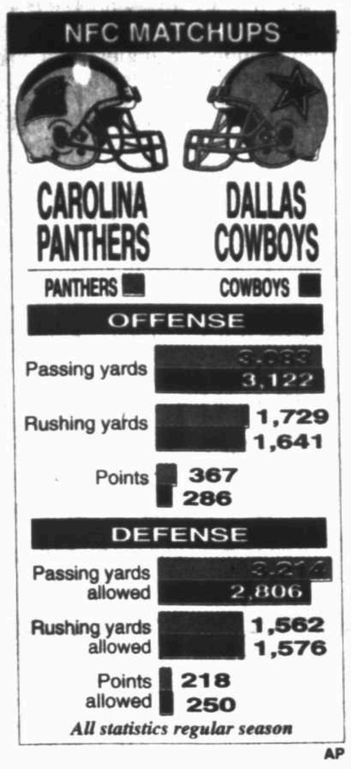
Irvin and Williams denied any wrongdoing, and a police investigation continued without any charges filed.

But the Cowboys were Team Turmoil again, a notion reinforced by the hordes of media descending on their headquarters at Valley Ranch. By Thursday, the investigation had slowed and the party line was that the Cowboys (with Irvin and Williams) would be ready for the Panthers, who in just their second season went 12-4, beating San Francisco twice to win the division title.

The Cowboys said the trouble united them, although most of their barbs are toward the media, not the Panthers.

"The the team is focused and doing what it has to do to win," said defensive tackle Tony Casillas, who is replacing another troubled teammate — Leon Lett,

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AP

Dallas faces Carolina's unfamiliar 3-4 defense

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys have seldom ripped apart talented teams that use 3-4 defenses — which is why the Carolina Panthers will present a problem in Sunday's NFC playoff game.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, although beaten 27-17 by the Cowboys in last January's Super Bowl, gave the Dallas offense fits with their blitzing 3-4 defense.

The Cowboys prepared Friday for the Carolina game in the shadow of rape accusations against Michael Irvin and Erik Williams, both of whom have denied any involvement in a Sunday night incident reported by a 23-year-old woman. No charges have been filed.

A day after police appeared to be slowing their investigation, the Cowboys' focus was back on football.

Daryl Johnston, whose primary responsibility is to block the Carolina linebackers to spring Emmitt Smith on his patented runs, said it's going to take an adjustment for the Dallas offense, which flashed Super Bowl form in a 40-15 playoff victory the Minnesota Vikings.

"Their defense is a quality group," Johnston said. "They may just be a two-year team, but they have a lot of veterans. They beat San Francisco twice. It's amazing to me that they haven't been given any more credit for what they did this year."

Johnston said the Cowboys don't often see the 3-4 defense.

"We've struggled in the past against the 3-4. It gives us trouble," Johnston said. "We'll have to make changes in our blocking schemes and protection schemes. Sometimes the 3-

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CONQUERING THE ROCKIES

Expansion Jaguars bury top-seeded Broncos in Mile High playoff grave

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

■ Sunday AFCPreview/4C

DENVER — Second-year teams simply don't do this. They win a few games, lose more, then head home to watch the playoffs on television, dreaming of what might be someday.

Someday has arrived for the Jacksonville Jaguars, who next Sunday will play for a spot in the Super Bowl.

The Jaguars shocked the Denver Broncos 30-27 Saturday as Mark Brunell made like John Elway and Natrone Means did a superb imitation of, well, himself.

Brunell threw two touchdowns passes in a masterful performance that topped his effort in last weekend's 30-27 upset of the Bills. Means rushed for 140 yards and a TD on top of his 175-yard performance a week ago.

The 35th game of the Jaguars' existence will be for the AFC championship, either at New England or Pittsburgh.

"Wow is right. We did what a lot of people thought was impossible," said Brunell, who led the league in yards passing this year. "Winning a lot of big games means this team is blessed."

And talented. And relentless. And united. And lucky.

They needed Atlanta's Morten Andersen — one of the most accurate kickers in NFL history — to miss a 30-yard field goal to get into the playoffs.

"People say we're lucky," defensive end Jeff Lageman said. "But we knew at the end of the season we were one of the hottest teams in the league, and our performance speaks for itself."

The Jaguars have also displayed incredible fortitude. They needed to win their last five games just to make the playoffs, and teams one year past their debut can't expect to do that. But the Jaguars did.

Nor are they supposed to hand the Bills their first playoff loss at Rich Stadium, then follow it by beating the Broncos — who were unbeaten at home this season.

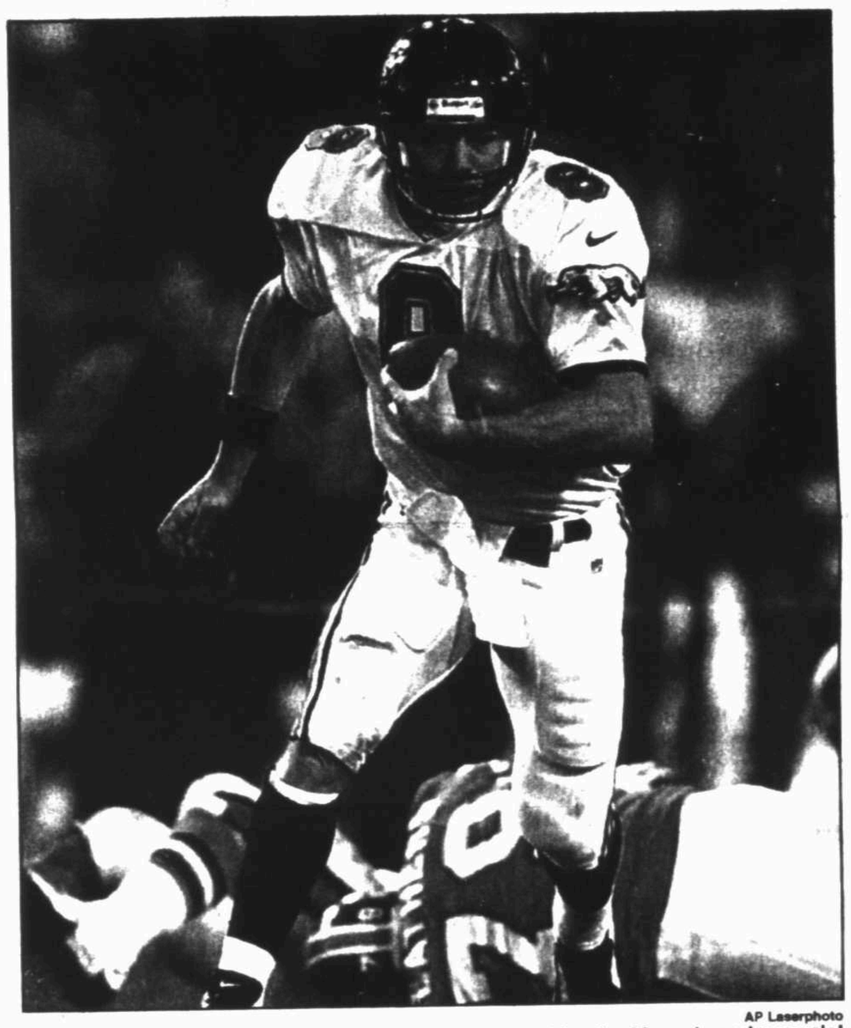
"I don't know what that means," coach Tom Coughlin said when asked what an expansion team was doing in the AFC title game so soon. "We're in our second year and we're playing the best football of our history right now, and that's where we are."

The Broncos, whose 13-3 record was the best in the league, are going home shaking their heads in wonder. They were 12-1, then rested many regulars in the final three games. Maybe that was unwise, because they made the crucial mistakes Saturday.

"This is the most disappointed I've felt, but then this is now," said John Elway. "We were third-and-long all the time and we played right into their hands."

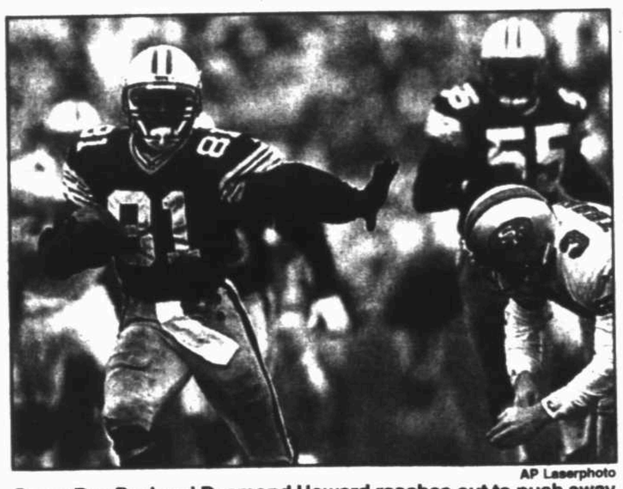
One of Denver's biggest goofs came

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AP Laserphoto

Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell scrambles for 29 yards and a crucial first down during the fourth quarter of the Jaguars 30-27 upset victory of the Broncos in an AFC divisional playoff in Denver on Saturday.



AP Laserphoto

Green Bay Packers' Desmond Howard reaches out to push away San Francisco 49ers punter Tommy Thompson (3) en route to a 71-yard punt-return touchdown in the first quarter of Green Bay's 35-14 playoff win over San Francisco on Saturday in in Green Bay, Wis.

Heisman Howard triggers Packers' return to NFC Championship contest

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Desmond Howard has more than regained his footing in Green Bay.

A bust in two cities and four NFL seasons after winning the 1991 Heisman Trophy at Michigan, Howard raced through the rain and mud Saturday to return the Packers to the NFC championship game.

Howard's punt returns jump-started Green Bay and the Packers ground the San Francisco 49ers into the Lambeau Field muck 35-14.

"I knew I had the talent. It was just a matter of getting the right situation and getting an opportunity to let it shine," Howard said.

The Packers will face the winner of Sunday's Dallas-Carolina game next Sunday in an effort to reach their first Super Bowl in 29 years.

Howard, who failed in Washington and Jacksonville, returned his first punt 71 yards for a score.

After a fair catch on his second, he took the next one 46 yards to set up Brett Favre's 4-yard touchdown pass to Andre Rison. That gave Green Bay a 14-0 lead while the Packers had only 9 yards of offense.

It was a mistake-filled game, caused largely by rain and mud, as the Packers (14-3) beat the 49ers in the NFC semifinals for a second straight season. San Francisco had five turnovers, four in the second half.

"We were concerned with Desmond Howard, but thought we could contain him," 49ers coach George Seifert said. "But he's a heck of a player and popped big plays for them all season. That's one of the reasons they're in the position they're in."

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Cooper boys bring out Lee's worst side

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

It certainly wasn't a night that Midland Lee coach Jon House would want or like to remember.

After the Rebels started the night with a 20-10 first quarter deficit, the bottom simply fell out from there and they could never recover in an 86-61 loss to Abilene Cooper Saturday night at Chaparral Center.

The Rebels (15-7, 1-2 District 4-5A) looked lost all night long as an opportunistic Cougar defense, second chance opportunities and strong rebounding reaffirmed Cooper's status as defending champions of District 4-5A.

Certainly Cooper coach Greg Gober wasn't expecting such a walk in the park, especially in a district road game.

"This really wasn't the Midland Lee team that we had prepared for all year," Gober said. "They're not at full strength. By losing four guys and having another one hurt, you definitely noticed a difference."

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Lee's Amron Washington (12) and Robert House (30) make life tough for a Cooper defender.

Lady Dawgs win ugly to improve to 3-1 in 4-5A

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Before a fighter can contend for the championship, he often has to muddle his way through some decidedly lackluster bouts.

That's the position the Midland High girls basketball team found itself in Saturday night against struggling Abilene High in a District 4-5A game. The Lady Dawgs, near the top of the district hill, had to contend with the Eagles before taking on district leader San Angelo Central next Tuesday. It was a successful outing for Midland High, which defeated Abilene High 64-47 to improve its district mark to 3-1.

The win was not without its perils, though, as the two teams combined for 46 fouls, 26 by the Lady Dawgs. MHS had four players with four fouls by the fourth quarter, but by then the Lady Dawgs had pulled far in front and led by as many as 21 on the way to victory.

"We came out and (the officials) called a lot of fouls," Midland High coach Jim Raughton said. "There was no flow to the game, but

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Norman, Hoch easily win matches at Andersen World Championships

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Greg Norman vs. Hisayuki Sasaki was little more than a walkover. Scott Hoch against Sam Torrance took longer.

In the end, though, the inevitable happened Saturday in semifinal matches of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf.

Norman, the white-thatched Aussie who has won more PGA money than anyone in history, needed 14 holes to defeat Sasaki, the Japanese champion, 5 and 4.

"I hope my seven birdies had more to do with it than my stature," Norman said about intimidation. "I didn't want to get beaten by him. He's a heck of a driver. He hit a frozen rope on every hole."

Norman, 41, ended the match with typical brilliance, chipping in from a bunker about 18 feet from the hole. The ball arced, bounced twice, hit the flagstick and dropped.

Hoch beat Torrance, a Scot who won the European section, 4 and 2, with his seventh birdie in a round that also included an eagle. He was 9-under when the match ended two shots shy of a full round.

Norman and Hoch will play a 36-hole match Sunday, with the winner pocketing $1 million as the tournament's second champion. Sasaki and Torrance have an 18-hole match for third place.

Barry Lane of England beat South Africa's David Frost in the inaugural world final, but neither made it out of the qualifying round this year.

The $3.65 million event offers golf's largest purse, with $2.28 million already distributed.



AP Laserphoto
International golf champion Greg Norman points to a missed par on the second hole of Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Carr, Battie pass 20-point mark; Raiders down Baylor

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Cory Carr scored 25 points and Tony Battie had 24 as No. 23 Texas Tech battled through a late cold spell Saturday to beat Baylor 86-75 in their inaugural Big 12 game.

The Red Raiders (9-2) led 70-56 with 9:39 left in the game after running off a 21-9 streak in which they appeared to race up and down the court at will.

The Bears (11-2), off to their best start in 51 years, clawed back. After Damond Mannon sank an acrobatic layup with 2:41 left, the score remained stuck at 78-72 for nearly two minutes.

Texas Tech made eight straight free throws over the last 52 seconds to finally blunt the Bears. The Red Raiders made just one field goal over the final six minutes — an alley-oop dunk by Battie off a no-look pass from Duece Jones.

No. 18 Texas 92, Oklahoma St. 58

AUSTIN — Reggie Freeman scored 33 points, including six 3-pointers, and No. 18 Texas beat Oklahoma State in the first Big 12 game for both teams.

Al Coleman added 17 points and Ira Clark had 14 — both career-highs — for the Longhorns (7-3), who avoided their first three-game losing streak in three seasons.

Adrian Peterson had 12 points and Maurice Robinson added 10 for the Cowboys (7-4).

Texas shot 46 percent from the field (33-of-72), including 15-of-27 (55 percent) from 3-point range. Oklahoma State shot 39 percent from the field (21-of-53).

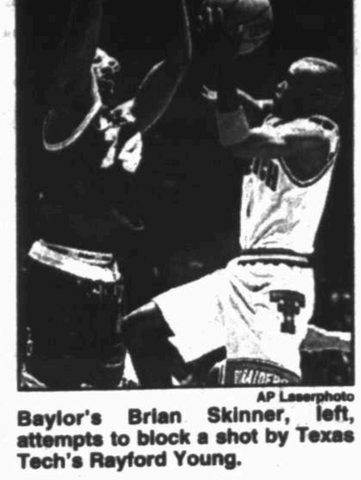
The game wasn't the return Oklahoma State Coach Eddie Sutton wanted. Sutton, a Southwest Conference rival of Texas when he coached at Arkansas from 1975-85, has a 21-7 career record against Texas.

Rice 70, Pennsylvania 63

HOUSTON — Shaun Igo scored 26 points, 16 in the second half, and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Rice Owls to a victory over the Pennsyvania Quakers.

Bobby Crawford contributed 16 points off the bench for Rice (6-4), and Eric Singleterry added 11. Penn (3-4) was led by Matt Langel with 14 points.

■ Men's Roundup



AP Laserphoto
Baylor's Brian Skinner, left, attempts to block a shot by Texas Tech's Rayford Young.

Sabonis scores career high, Mavericks lose

Associated Press

DALLAS — Arvydas Sabonis scored a career-high 33 points and Kenny Anderson added 25 as the Portland Trail Blazers completed a three-game sweep through Texas with a 110-104 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday night.

The 7-foot-3 Sabonis went 11-for-14 from the field and pulled down 12 rebounds, overpowering the Mavericks' frontcourt to lead Portland to its fourth straight win.

Cliff Robinson and Isaiah Rider added 19 points each for the Trail Blazers.

Chris Gatling had 24 points and Derek Harper scored 15 to pace the Mavericks, who have dropped six of their last seven and six straight to the Trail Blazers.

Portland began the Texas Triangle with victories over the San Antonio Spurs on Dec. 29 and the Houston Rockets on Jan 2.

■ NBA Roundup

Clippers 95, Rockets 91

HOUSTON — Loy Vaught scored 20 points and led a fourth quarter rally that helped the Los Angeles Clippers snap a 20-game losing streak in The Summit with a victory over Houston .

The Clippers hadn't won a game at Houston since Nov. 6, 1986. The victory also snapped Houston's seven-game overall winning streak against the Clippers.

The Rockets have lost six of their last nine games, including five at home, after starting the season 21-2.

Pistons 118, Raptors 74

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Michael Curry tied a career-high with 17 points, including 13 in the first half as Detroit went ahead by 22, as the Pistons crushed the Toronto Raptors 118-74 Saturday night.

The 44-point victory margin tied the second-largest in Pistons history and was the second-worst in Toronto's two seasons. The Raptors shot just 32 percent, the worst in franchise history.

Bullets 104, Hornets 93

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rod Strickland scored 16 of his 28 points in the second half and Washington took advantage of a third-quarter collapse by Charlotte.

Washington rallied from an eight-point halftime deficit by outscoring Charlotte 28-7 in the third quarter. The Hornets missed 16 of their 18 field-goal attempts in the period, including their last 13.

Cavaliers 99, Pacers 91

CLEVELAND — Terrell Brandon had 21 of his 32 points in the first half and Cleveland kept Larry Brown from getting his 600th NBA victory.

Cleveland, which has won nine of 11 games, had all five starters in double figures for the second straight night. Chris Mills had 20 points and 10 rebounds, Tyrone Hill added 14 points and nine rebounds and Danny Ferry had 11 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Hawks 88, Knicks 71

ATLANTA — Henry James made five 3-pointers and scored 19 points as Atlanta extended its home winning streak to 11 games.

The Hawks took control with a 21-6 spurt to start the second half, with Steve Smith scoring nine and James six. It gave Atlanta a 59-42 lead.

Alcala scores 10, Baylor falls to No. 10 Tech

Associated Press

WACO — Before their first conference game became a loss, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders knew they needed to rebound.

Leading by just one point at halftime, Texas Tech went to work on the boards in the second half and pulled away for a 75-58 win over Baylor.

Rene Hanebutt also contributed 19 points for Texas Tech (9-2, 1-0 Big 12) and Keitha Dickerson added 12 off the bench.

Toya Ellis finished with 15 points to lead the Bears (7-4, 0-1).

Crystal Boles had 11 points for Texas Tech while former Midland High star Amy Alcala and Shannon Applebury each added 10.

No. 14 Texas 83, Oklahoma St. 70

STILLWATER, Okla. — Danielle Viglione scored 14 points, leading four starters in double figures as No. 14 Texas opened Big 12 Conference play with an victory over Oklahoma State.

Angela Jackson and Vanessa Wallace scored 13 apiece, and Kim Lummus 12 for Texas (7-2 overall). The Longhorns weren't threatened after getting a 10-0 run in the final 3:05 to open a 17-point halftime lead.

Cheri Edwards had 21 points for Oklahoma State (8-3) and Jennifer Crow added 16. The Cowgirls shot nearly 60 percent in the second half, but couldn't overcome their 8-of-26 performance in the opening 20 minutes.

Texas never trailed after taking an 11-10 lead in the first five minutes.

Lady Chaps deliver with third win in three days

Staff Report

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Midland College coach Ron Jones wanted to see his team go a perfect 3-0 at the Scottsdale Classic. The Lady Chaparrals delivered by closing out the Classic with an 82-76 victory Saturday.

The Lady Chaps trailed 42-40 at the half before their depth finally wore down Phoenix College late in the game.

"It was a hard fought game and both teams played extremely hard," Jones said. "At the end we just wore them down with our depth and the girls did a pretty good job of staying focused."

Jill Davis led the Lady Chaps (15-2) with 19 points, Fatou Cisse and Jody Finley had 13 and Kellina Bradshaw added 11.

Next up for the Lady Chaps is Western Texas College at Chaparral Center on Jan. 13 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

Midland College 82, Phoenix College 76

Midland College (15-2): Kellina Bradshaw 4 2-2 11; Jody Finley 5 0-2 13; Jannell Bennett 1 0-0 3; Fatou Cisse 6 1-3 13; Mamie Ndoye 1 1-3 3; Jill Davis 5 4-8 19; Candy Mitchell 0 4-5 4; Mandi White 1 2-2 4; Holly Turnbough 1 2-2 4; Ndiasse Ndiaye 4 2-3 10. Totals 27 26-28 82.

Phoenix College (14-3): Raleigh 7 5-7 22; King 2 0-0 4; Meere 8 4-8 22; Cornfield 1 0-0 3; May 1 0-0 2; Fletcher 0 1-2 1; Schroeder 1 0-0 2; Early 3 1-2 8; Tapia 5 0-1 12. Totals 28 11-20 76.

Halftime: PC 42, MC 40. **3-Point Field Goals**: MC 10 (Davis 5, Finley 3, Bennett, Bradshaw), PC 9 (Raleigh 3, Meere 2, Tapia 2, Cornfield, Early). **Total Fouls:** MC 19, PC 23. **Fouled Out**: Meere. **Technical Fouls**: MC Ron Jones.

Duncan, No. 2 Wake Forest dunk No. 11 North Carolina

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — No. 2 Wake Forest fired the first salvo in what is expected to be one of the most competitive ACC races in years, getting 23 points, 18 rebounds and four blocks from Tim Duncan to beat No. 11 North Carolina 81-57 Saturday night.

The Demon Deacons (10-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 24th straight home game and matched the school's best start since 1983-84. Wake Forest has won 32 of its last 40 league games.

Duncan turned in his sixth career double-double against North Carolina (9-2, 0-1) and ran his overall streak to 19 straight. Duncan's performance came on the heels of a 23-point, 16-rebound effort in a 70-59 win Tuesday night at No. 7 Utah.

The 6-foot-10 Duncan also harassed ACC scoring leader Antawn Jamison most of the night, forcing him into a 6-for-19 shooting effort and 13 points — 10 below his average.

No. 1 Kansas 62, Kansas St. 59

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jacque Vaughn made two free throws with 13.5 seconds left and top-ranked Kansas held off Kansas State 62-59 on Saturday night.

The Wildcats, coming off a performance at Xavier labeled pathetic by their own coach, kept coming back against the Jayhawks (13-0, 1-0 Big 12) and were within 60-59 with 1:54 to play.

No. 3 Kentucky 74, Tennessee 40

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Jamaal Magloire scored 13 points, Nazr Mohammed had 12 and Jared Prickett added 11 as No. 3 Kentucky had little difficulty with Tennessee's deliberate offense in coasting to a victory in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

Kentucky (12-1) took an 8-0 lead on Magliore's tip-in as Tennessee (6-4) missed its first four shots and had five turnovers over the first five minutes.

■ Top 15 Roundup

No. 4 Iowa St. 68, Missouri 65

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Troubled Iowa State star Kenny Pratt, reinstated to the team earlier in the week, scored all but two of his 20 points in the second half as the fourth-ranked Cyclones opened Big 12 play with a victory.

Jacy Holloway clinched it with two 3-pointers in the final 2:40 for Iowa State (10-0), which extended its school-record best start and beat Missouri (8-5) for the fifth straight time. Before this season, Iowa State's best starts were 8-0 in 1940-41 and '41-'42.

No. 5 Clemson 63, South Carolina St. 44

CLEMSON, S.C. — Greg Buckner had 19 points, including three straight baskets the second half, and pulled No. 5 Clemson to its eighth straight victory.

Freshman Vincent Whitt had a 3-pointer and a steal that led to Terrell McIntyre's easy layup with 7:30 left as Clemson went up 48-34. Buckner followed with a three-point play and consecutive 3-pointers to turn an uncomfortable game into another blowout.

The Tigers (12-1) have won their past eight by an average of 19 points.

No. 8 Michigan 75, Northwestern 57

EVANSTON, Ill. — Louis Bullock equaled his career high by hitting seven 3-pointers and No. 8 Michigan snapped a two-game losing streak.

The Wolverines (10-3, 1-1 Big Ten) led by 11 at halftime, went up by 16 early in the second half and then stayed in front by double figures, sending Northwestern (5-8, 0-2) to its fifth straight loss.

Michigan has won 22 of the last 23 meetings between the schools.



AP Laserphoto
Wake Forest University center Tim Duncan (21) gets pumped up after a dunk.

No. 9 Arizona 76, No. 21 Stanford 75

TUCSON, Ariz. — Bennett Davison's tap-in with six seconds remaining gave No. 9 Arizona a victory over No. 21 Stanford, the Wildcats' second straight one-point, final-seconds win.

Arizona (9-2, 2-0 Pac-10) had led by as many as 14 points in the second half but trailed Stanford (8-2, 1-1) 75-72 with 1:53 to play.

Davison, who finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds, tapped in a missed jumper with 37 seconds left to bring the Wildcats within 75-74.

Wisconsin 71, No. 12 Indiana 58

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin scored the game first 17 points and went on to a 71-58 victory over No. 12 Indiana, the Badgers' first win over the Hoosiers since 1980, a span of 31 games.

No. 15 Minnesota 68, Michigan St. 43

EAST LANSING, Mich. — No. 15 Minnesota went on an 18-0 run late in the second half, holding Michigan State scoreless for 8:28, and defeated the Spartans.

John Thomas led a trio of double-figure scorers with 12 points as the Gophers (13-1) posted their eighth straight victory.



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New York	22	9	.710
Washington	16	15	.516
Orlando	11	17	.393
New Jersey	8	21	.276
Philadelphia	8	22	.267
Boston	6	23	.207
Central Division			
Chicago	28	4	.875
Detroit	24	7	.774
Cleveland	21	10	.677
Atlanta	18	11	.621
Charlotte	17	14	.548
Milwaukee	15	15	.500
Indiana	14	16	.467
Toronto	10	21	.323
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Utah	23	8	.742
Minnesota	14	18	.438
Dallas	10	19	.345
San Antonio	9	20	.310
Denver	8	23	.259
Vancouver	6	26	.188
Pacific Division			
L.A. Lakers	24	9	.727
Seattle	23	11	.676
Portland	18	15	.545
Golden State	12	18	.400
Sacramento	13	20	.394
L.A. Clippers	12	19	.387
Phoenix	10	21	.323

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Den—Davis 2 run (Davis run), 7:23.

Jac—J.Smith 16 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), 11:21.

Den—McCaffrey 15 pass from Elway (Elam kick), 13:10.

A—75,678.

	Jac	Den
First downs	22	21
Rushes-yards	36-203	21-126
Passing	240	225
Punt Returns	1-3	2-12
Kickoff Returns	4-75	6-123
Intercept. Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-0	25-38-0
Scked-Yds Lost	2-5	1-1
Punts	3-39.7	5-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-18	8-64
Time of Poss.	32:24	27:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Jacksonville, Means 21-140, Brunell 7-44, Stewart 8-19. Denver, Davis 14-91, Elway 5-30, Hebron 2-5.

PASSING—Jacksonville, Brunell 18-29-0-245. Denver, Elway 25-38-0-226.

RECEIVING—Jacksonville, McCardell 5-59, Means 4-46, J.Smith 3-71, Jackson 3-35, Michell 2-9, Stewart 1-25. Denver, Davis 7-24, Miller 5-67, McCaffrey 5-54, Craver 3-17, Sharpe 2-31, Carswell 2-18, R.Smith 1-15.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NFC Divisional Playoff
Packers 35, 49ers 14

San Fran.	0	7	7	0 —	14
Green Bay	14	7	7	7 —	35

First Quarter

GB—Howard 71 punt return (Jacke kick), 2:15.

GB—Rison 4 pass from Favre (Jacke kick), 8:44.

Second Quarter

GB—Bennett 2 run (Jacke kick), 11:42.

SF—Kirby 8 pass from Grbac (Wilkins kick), 14:36.

Third Quarter

SF—Grbac 4 run (Wilkins kick), :16.

GB—Freeman fumble recovery in end zone (Jacke kick), 8:10.

Fourth Quarter

GB—Bennett 11 run (Jacke kick), 9:29.

A—60,787.

	SF	GB
First downs	12	15
Rushes-yards	18-68	39-139
Passing	128	71
Punt Returns	3-23	3-117
Kickoff Returns	4-75	2-44
Intercept. Ret.	0-0	3-5
Comp-Att-Int	21-41-3	11-15-0
Scked-Yds Lost	1-5	1-8
Punts	6-35.8	6-43.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	5-1
Penalties-Yards	6-42	1-5
Time of Poss.	26:02	33:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Francisco, Grbac 4-32, Kirby 6-14, Floyd 5-13, Vardell 2-6, S.Young 1-3. Green Bay, Bennett 17-80, Levens 15-46, Favre 5-9, Henderson 2-4.

PASSING—San Francisco, S.Young 2-5-0-8, Grbac 19-36-3-125, Rice 0-0-0-0. Green Bay, Favre 11-15-0-79.

RECEIVING—San Francisco, Kirby 6-35, Floyd 6-30, Rice 5-36, B.Jones 4-32. Green Bay, Freeman 2-26, Levens 2-16, Bennett 2-14, Rison 2-13, Henderson 1-4, Jackson 1-4, Beebe 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NBA Results

Standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	8	.750	—
New York	22	9	.710	1 1/2
Washington	16	15	.516	7 1/2
Orlando	11	17	.393	11
New Jersey	8	21	.276	14 1/2
Philadelphia	8	22	.267	15
Boston	6	23	.207	16 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	28	4	.875	—
Detroit	24	7	.774	3 1/2
Cleveland	21	10	.677	6 1/2
Atlanta	18	11	.621	8 1/2
Charlotte	17	14	.548	10 1/2
Milwaukee	15	15	.500	12
Indiana	14	16	.467	13
Toronto	10	21	.323	17 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	8	.750	—
Utah	23	8	.742	1/2
Minnesota	14	18	.438	10
Dallas	10	19	.345	12 1/2
San Antonio	9	20	.310	13 1/2
Denver	8	23	.259	15 1/2
Vancouver	6	26	.188	18
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	24	9	.727	—
Seattle	23	11	.676	1 1/2
Portland	18	15	.545	6
Golden State	12	18	.400	10 1/2
Sacramento	13	20	.394	11
L.A. Clippers	12	19	.387	11
Phoenix	10	21	.323	13

Saturday's Games
Washington 104, Charlotte 93
Atlanta 88, New York 71
Cleveland 99, Indiana 91
Detroit 118, Toronto 74
Portland 110, Dallas 104
L.A. Clippers 95, Houston 91
Minnesota 97, Milwaukee 91
Utah 83, Miami 80
Sunday's Games
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

Trail Blazers 110, Mavs 104

PORTLAND (110): Robinson 8-22 2-2 19, Trent 5-9 2-3 12, Sabonis 11-14 8-14 33, Anderson 9-14 5-6 25, Rider 7-18 4-7 19, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0, McKie 0-2 2-2 2, Butler 0-1 0-0 0, Childress 0-1 0-0 0, O'Neal 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-81 23-34 110.

DALLAS (104): McCloud 4-12 0-0 10, Green 6-14 2-3 14, Montross 3-8 0-0 6, Harper 7-10 1-1 15, Jackson 3-9 4-4 11, Gatling 7-14 10-16 24, Cassell 4-13 3-4 12, Miller 1-3 0-0 2, Dreiling 0-0 0-0 0, Finley 1-2 1-2 3, Mashburn 3-6 0-0 7. Totals 39-91 21-30 104.

Portland	38	18	26	28 —	110
Dallas	28	27	25	24 —	104

3-Point goals—Portland 7-16 (Sabonis 3-3, Anderson 2-4, Rider 1-2, Robinson 1-6, McKey 0-1), Dallas 5-13 (McCloud 2-5, Jackson 1-2, Mashburn 1-2, Cassell 1-3, Finley 0-1). Fouled out—Montross. Rebounds—Portland 58 (Sabonis 12), Dallas 55 (Green, Montross 12). Assists—Portland 21 (Anderson 11), Dallas 21 (Harper 5). Total fouls—Portland 22, Dallas 22. Technical—Miller. A—15,148 (18,042).

Clippers 95, Rockets 91

L.A. CLIPPERS (95): Rogers 6-15 4-4 19, Vaught 9-14 0-0 20, Wright 4-8 1-2 9, Sealy 4-11 0-0 8, Martin 7-15 4-6 20, Murray 1-3 3-3 5, Outlaw 1-3 0-2 2, Dehere 0-1 0-0 0, Schintzius 1-2 0-0 2, Barry 3-5 0-0 8, Richardson 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 37-82 12-17 95.

HOUSTON (91): Mack 1-6 0-0 3, Barkley 9-14 2-5 23, Olajuwon 10-25 5-8 25, Drexler 5-15 2-2 14, Maloney 1-4 0-0 3, Willis 7-11 5-6 19, Bullard 0-2 0-0 0, Livingston 1-2 0-0 2, Moore 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 35-80 14-22 91.

Los Angeles	23	30	22	20 —	95
Houston	20	37	22	12 —	91

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 9-19 (Rogers 3-6, Vaught 2-2, Barry 2-3, Martin 2-4, Sealy 0-1, Murray 0-1, Dehere 0-1, Richardson 0-1), Houston 7-19 (Barkley 3-4, Drexler 2-6, Maloney 1-3, Mack 1-4, Bullard 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 51 (Vaught 11), Houston 52 (Barkley 13). Assists—Los Angeles 22 (Martin 8), Houston 23 (Drexler 7). Total fouls—Los Angeles 22, Houston 19. A—16,285 (16,285).

Hawks 88, Knicks 71

NEW YORK (71): Johnson 3-8 1-1 7, Oakley 3-5 0-0 6, Ewing 8-19 0-0 16, Houston 4-9 1-3 9, Childs 2-7 2-2 7, Starks 3-10 2-3 9, B.Williams 1-2 2-4 4, Ward 1-3 0-0 2, Wallace 2-6 1-4 5, H.Williams 2-3 0-0 4, McCarty 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 30-73 9-17 71.

ATLANTA (88): James 7-13 0-0 19, Laettner 6-13 5-6 17, Mutombo 5-7 3-6 13, Smith 5-15 7-8 18, Blaylock 6-16 0-2 15, Recasner 1-2 0-0 2, Newbill 0-0 1-2 1, Hancock 0-0 0-0 0, Lauderdale 1-1 0-0 2, Boyce 0-1 1-2 1, Barry 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-68 17-26 88.

New York	17	19	13	22 —	71
Atlanta	18	20	23	27 —	88

3-Point goals—New York 2-9, (Childs 1-3, Starks 1-5, Houston 0-1), Atlanta 9-20, (James 5-8, Blaylock 3-9, Smith 1-2, Laettner 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New York 53 (Oakley 11), Atlanta 44 (Mutombo 14). Assists—New York 17 (Johnson, Starks 5), Atlanta 18 (Smith 7). Total fouls—New York 25, Atlanta 18. Technicals—Ewing, New York coach Van Gundy, B.Williams 2. Ejections—B.Williams. A—16,378 (16,378).

Cavaliers 99, Pacers 91

INDIANA (91): McKey 4-10 0-0 8, D.Davis 8-17 2-2 18, Dampier 1-2 0-0 2, Best 1-4 2-2 4, Miller 6-10 4-4 20, Allen 4-7 1-2 10, A.Davis 5-10 3-5 13, Askew 3-3 3-5 9, Johnson 3-6 0-0 7. Totals 35-69 15-20 91.

CLEVELAND (99): Mills 8-10 2-2 20, Ferry 4-16 2-2 11, Hill 7-10 0-2 14, Brandon 12-24 4-6 32, Phills 4-7 3-3 12, Sura 1-6 2-6 4, West 3-5 0-2 6, Lang 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-79 13-23 99.

Indiana	21	21	16	33 —	91
Cleveland	29	27	19	24 —	99

3-Point goals—Indiana 6-10 (Miller 4-5, Allen 1-1, Johnson 1-2, McKey 0-2), Cleveland 8-20 (Brandon 4-7, Mills 2-2, Phills 1-2, Ferry 1-7, Sura 0-2). Fouled out—Askew. Rebounds—Indiana 32 (D.Davis 8), Cleveland 57 (Mills 10). Assists—Indiana 22 (McKey 8), Cleveland 27 (Sura 7). Total fouls—Indiana 22, Cleveland 21. Flagrant foul—Askew. A—17,852 (20,562).

Pistons 118, Raptors 74

TORONTO (74): Christie 7-12 3-5 20, Jones 4-9 2-3 10, Wright 1-6 1-2 3, Whiteside 1-9 0-0 2, Stoudamire 1-10 2-4 4, Earl 1-8 3-3 5, J.Long 4-10 2-2 12, Rogers 5-10 7-7 18, Cureton 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-75 20-26 74.

DETROIT (118): Hill 3-6 0-0 6, Thorpe 7-9 0-0 14, Reid 4-6 3-4 11, Hunter 4-7 6-7 15, Dumars 5-10 2-2 14, Ratliff 2-8 2-2 6, Curry 5-5 4-4 17, Green 4-8 0-0 8, Mills 2-5 0-0 5, G.Long 4-4 1-2 9, Williams 0-0 2-2 2, Augmon 4-7 3-6 11. Totals 44-75 23-29 118.

Toronto	20	20	15	19 —	74
Detroit	32	28	26	30 —	118

3-Point goals—Toronto 6-27 (Christie 3-7, J.Long 2-4, Rogers 1-3, Earl 0-1, Stoudamire 0-5, Whiteside 0-7), Detroit 7-15 (Curry 3-3, Dumars 2-5, Hunter 1-2, Mills 1-3, Green 0-2). Fouled out—Wright. Rebounds—Toronto 37 (Jones 7), Detroit 57 (Hill 8). Assists—Toronto 9 (Stoudamire 5), Detroit 30 (Hill, Dumars 7). Total fouls—Toronto 21, Detroit 25. A—21,454 (21,454).

Bullets 104, Hornets 93

WASHINGTON (104): Grant 3-5 0-0 7, Howard 8-17 1-2 17, Muresan 7-11 1-6 15, Cheaney 5-9 1-2 11, Strickland 12-19 2-2 28, Williams 1-1 2-2 4, Murray 7-12 5-5 20, Jackson 0-2 0-0 0, Whitney 0-3 0-0 0, Amaya 1-2 0-0 2, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-81 12-19 104.

CHARLOTTE (93): Mason 3-9 5-6 11, Addison 2-4 0-0 4, Divac 6-12 4-4 16, Rice 8-18 7-7 27, Bogues 0-2 0-0 0, Curry 6-13 4-4 18, Goldwire 0-5 0-0 0, Zidek 5-10 2-2 12, Delk 1-1 0-0 3, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Rose 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-76 22-23 93.

Washington	27	26	28	23 —	104
Charlotte	32	29	7	25 —	93

3-Point goals—Washington 4-11, (Strickland 2-3, Murray 1-3, Grant 1-2, Whitney 0-1, Jackson 0-2), Charlotte 7-13, (Rice 4-6, Curry 2-2, Delk 1-1, Smith 0-1, Goldwire 0-1, Bogues 0-1, Addison 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Washington 49 (Muresan 14), Charlotte 40 (Rice 8). Assists—Washington 23 (Strickland 11), Charlotte 27 (Bogues 11). Total fouls—Washington 23, Charlotte 17. A—24,042 (24,042).

Timberwolves 97, Bucks 91

MINNESOTA (97): Garnett 8-15 6-6 22, Gugliotta 9-24 7-8 25, Vrankovic 0-0 0-0 0, Carr 1-4 0-0 2, Marbury 3-16 8-10 14, Parks 4-7 1-1 9, Porter 4-10 1-2 11, Mitchell 2-6 5-6 9, J.Robinson 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 33-75 28-33 97.

MILWAUKEE (91): Baker 8-23 8-11 24, G.Robinson 7-19 4-4 18, Lang 3-4 2-2 8, Allen 5-17 7-8 17, Douglas 3-8 0-0 6, Gilliam 1-3 3-4 5, Perry 1-4 0-0 2, Newman 3-4 0-0 6, Brown 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 33-85 25-31 91.

Minnesota	23	24	22	28 —	97
Milwaukee	26	24	22	19 —	91

3-Point goals—Minnesota 3-8, (Porter 2-3, J.Robinson 1-1, Marbury 0-1, Gugliotta 0-2, Parks 0-1), Milwaukee 0-10, .000 (Douglas 0-1, Perry 0-1, Baker 0-2, G.Robinson 0-2, Allen 0-4). Fouled out—G.Robinson. Rebounds—Minnesota 50 (Garnett, Gugliotta 13), Milwaukee 55 (Baker 12). Assists—Minnesota 22 (Gugliotta, Marbury, Porter 3), Milwaukee 19 (Douglas, Perry 4). Total fouls—Minnesota 16, Milwaukee 23. Technicals—Carr, Douglas. A—17,218 (18,633).

Jazz 83, Heat 80

MIAMI (80): Askins 0-4 0-0 0, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Mourning 8-13 2-6 18, Danilovic 6-15 3-3 15, Hardaway 5-18 5-6 15, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Lenard 6-13 0-0 18, Austin 4-6 2-5 10. Totals 31-75 12-20 80.

UTAH (83): Russell 3-4 4-6 11, Malone 10-22 8-14 28, Ostertag 2-5 2-2 6, Hornacek 4-9 4-4 13, Stockton 3-8 0-1 6, Foster 1-6 0-0 2, Eisley 1-2 2-2 4, Watson 1-2 1-2 3, Morris 4-5 0-1 8, Carr 0-2 1-2 1, Keefe 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 29-65 23-36 83.

Miami	24	18	15	23 —	80
Utah	23	26	21	13 —	83

3-Point goals—Miami 6-29 (Lenard 6-13, Askins 0-3, Danilovic 0-5, Hardaway 0-8), Utah 2-6 (Russell 1-1, Hornacek 1-3, Stockton 0-2). Fouled out—Danilovic, Lenard. Rebounds—Miami 55 (Mourning 15), Utah 46 (Malone 12). Assists—Miami 16 (Hardaway 8), Utah 23 (Stockton 11). Total fouls—Miami 31, Utah 27. Technicals—Danilovic, Hardaway, Thomas 2, Ostertag 2. Flagrant fouls—Askins. A—19,911 (19,911).

Top 12 Boxes

No. 1 KANSAS 62, KANSAS ST. 59

KANSAS (13-0): Pierce 3-10 1-2 8, LaFrentz 4-10 2-3 10, Pollard 4-9 9-13 17, Haase 1-11 6-11 8, Vaughn 2-8 7-8 12, Bradford 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 2-2 0-2 4, Thomas 0-5 0-0 0, Pugh 1-2 0-0 2, Robertson 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 17-59 26-41 62.

KANSAS ST. (7-4): Dies 4-10 1-3 9, Young 4-9 2-2 11, Eaker 1-4 0-0 2, May 3-15 4-6 10, Swartzendruber 3-11 2-2 9, Rhodes 4-9 6-9 15, Griffin 0-1 1-2 1, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Reid 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 20-61 16-24 59.

Halftime—Kansas 33, Kansas St. 29. 3-Point goals—Kansas 2-12 (Pierce 1-2, Vaughn 1-3, Haase 0-3, Thomas 0-4), Kansas St. 3-9 (Young 1-2, Swartzendruber 1-3, Rhodes 1-3, Reid 0-1). Fouled out—Pierce, Young, Eaker. Rebounds—Kansas 47 (LaFrentz 11), Kansas St. 41 (Swartzendruber 9). Assists—Kansas 10 (Pierce, Vaughn 3), Kansas St. 9 (Swartzendruber 5). Total fouls—Kansas 21, Kansas St. 26. Technical—Kansas St. bench. A—13,500.

No. 2 WAKE FOREST 81, No. 11 NORTH CAROLINA 57

NORTH CAROLINA (9-2): Okulaja 3-10 2-3 9, Jamison 6-19 1-2 13, Zwikker 5-9 0-0 10, Williams 2-12 0-0 6, Carter 6-13 0-0 14, Cota 0-2 0-0 0, Ndiaye 1-4 0-0 2, Evtimov 0-2 0-0 0, Sullivan 1-1 0-1 2, McNairy 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 24-72 4-8 57.

WAKE FOREST (10-0): Peral 5-10 1-1 11, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Duncan 10-15 3-4 23, Braswell 6-12 2-2 17, Rutland 2-4 0-0 6, Woods 1-4 0-0 2, Amonett 4-5 0-0 10, Goolsby 2-6 4-5 10, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, West 0-0 0-0 0, Fuller 0-0 0-0 0, Herbst 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-58 10-1 81.

Halftime—Wake Forest 37, NCarolina 28. 3-Point goals—NCarolina 5-20 (Carter 2-5, Williams 2-8, Okulaja 1-5, Jamison 0-1, Cota 0-1), Wake Forest 9-21 (Braswell 3-6, Amonett 2-2, Rutland 2-3, Goolsby 2-6, Duncan 0-1, Peral 0-3). Fouled out—Allen. Rebounds—NCarolina 33 (Jamison 10), Wake Forest 43 (Duncan 18). Assists—NCarolina 8 (Williams 3), Wake Forest 18 (Braswell 8). Total Fouls—NCarolina 19, Wake Forest 11. A—14,407.

No. 3 KENTUCKY 74, TENNESSEE 40

TENNESSEE (6-4): Green 2-9 0-0 5, Wharton 2-12 3-4 7, Jones 1-3 0-0 2, T.Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Hathaway 1-4 0-0 2, Black 4-9 8-12 16, Jackson 2-8 2-2 6, Lee 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 1-1 0-0 2, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, A.Harris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 13-46 13-18 40.

KENTUCKY (12-1): Mercer 4-10 0-0 8, Padgett 3-6 0-0 9, Mohammed 5-10 2-3 12, Anderson 3-8 0-0 8, Epps 1-3 0-0 2, Turner 1-3 0-0 2, Edwards 3-9 0-0 7, Prickett 3-5 5-6 11, Magloire 6-7 1-2 13, Mills 0-1 2-3 2, Masiello 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-62 10-14 74.

Halftime—Kentucky 28, Tennessee 12. 3-point goals—Tennessee 1-8 (Green 1-2, Wharton 0-3, Jackson 0-3), Kentucky 6-14 (Padgett 3-5, Anderson 2-4, Edwards 1-4, Mercer 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Tennessee 32 (Black 9), Kentucky 37 (Mohammed, Prickett 7). Assists—Tennessee 10 (Jones 6), Kentucky 18 (Anderson 6). Total fouls—Tennessee 19, Kentucky 17. A—24,091.

No. 4 IOWA ST. 68, MISSOURI 65

IOWA ST. (10-0): Bankhead 2-5 0-0 4, Pratt 6-12 8-12 20, Cato 3-8 4-6 10, Holloway 3-5 0-0 8, Willoughby 5-15 5-5 18, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Edwards 0-0 0-0 0, Hampton 4-5 0-1 8. Totals 23-51 17-24 68.

MISSOURI (8-5): Tate 2-8 0-0 5, Thames 10-12 2-2 22, Grimm 4-7 0-0 11, Sutherland 4-10 0-0 11, Ray 1-4 2-2 4, Lee 2-5 0-0 5, Decker 1-2 1-2 3, Walther 0-0 0-0 0, Hafer 2-2 0-0 4, Murdock 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-50 5-6 65.

Halftime—Missouri 34, Iowa St. 31. 3-Point goals—Iowa St. 5-12 (Holloway 2-2, Willoughby 3-10), Missouri 8-18 (Tate 1-1, Grimm 3-6, Sutherland 3-6, Ray 0-3, Lee 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Iowa St. 31 (Cato, Pratt 8), Missouri 27 (Thames 7). Assists—Iowa St. 10 (Holloway 6), Missouri 19 (Tate 5). Total fouls—Iowa St. 14, Missouri 20. A—13,300.

No. 5 CLEMSON 63, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE 44

S.C. STATE (1-7): McGowens 4-9 1-2 11, Samuel 0-2 0-0 0, Neis 2-5 0-0 4, Moore 1-4 0-0 2, Blakney 5-12 4-6 17, Jackson 3-7 3-4 10, Alston 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 0-3 0-0 0, Gilliard 0-1 0-0 0, Dixon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-44 8-12 44.

CLEMSON (12-1): Buckner 6-9 4-5 19, Jamison 2-3 2-4 6, Wideman 0-1 0-0 0, McIntyre 2-8 3-3 8, Code 3-5 0-0 7, Iturbe 2-5 0-0 4, Whitt 3-6 5-8 12, Jones 0-1 0-1 0, Christie 0-2 5-6 5, Harder 0-2 0-0 0, Woni 0-1 2-2 2, Chester 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-44 21-29 63.

Halftime—Clemson 29, S.C. State 17. 3-Point goals—S.C. State 6-16 (Blakney 3-5, McGowens 2-4, Jackson 1-2, Samuel 0-1, Moore 0-1, Gilliard 0-1, Davis 0-2), Clemson 6-13 (Buckner 3-3, Code 1-2, Whitt 1-2, McIntyre 1-3, Iturbe 0-1, Christie 0-1, Chester 0-1). Fouled out—McGowens. Rebounds—S.C. State 19 (Neis 5), Clemson 42 (Wideman 12). Assists—S.C. State 6 (Blakney 3), Clemson 14 (McIntyre 6). Total fouls—S.C. State 22, Clemson 11. A—8,500.

No. 7 UTAH 84, COLORADO ST 63

COLORADO ST (10-3): Christiansen 2-4 2-2 7, Barnett 5-14 3-4 13, Chilton 3-7 2-2 8, Palacio 0-3 0-0 0, Mahmud 6-10 0-0 14, Johnson 0-4 2-3 2, Booker 1-1 3-6 5, Smith 1-3 2-2 4, Benson 0-3 0-0 0, Ford 2-5 2-5 6, Ware 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 22-58 16-24 63.

UTAH (9-2): Johnsen 2-8 3-4 8, Van Horn 8-12 5-5 21, Doleac 5-12 4-5 15, Caton 4-5 0-0 11, Miller 2-8 3-5 8, Jackson 1-4 0-0 3, McTavish 1-6 1-2 4, Mottola 4-5 0-0 8, Hansen 2-2 1-1 6, Fluga 0-0 0-0 0, Sampson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-62 17-22 84.

Halftime—UTAH 43, CSU 25. 3-Point goals—CSU 3-12 (Mahmud 2-4, Christiansen 1-3, Barnett 0-1, Palacio 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Ware 0-1, Benson 0-1), UTAH 9-19 (Caton 3-4, Johnsen 1-1, Doleac 1-1, Hansen 1-1, Miller 1-2, Jackson 1-3, McTavish 1-5, Van Horn 0-2). Fouled out—Chilton, Mottola. Rebounds—CSU 33 (Barnett 8), UTAH 45 (Van Horn 11). Assists—CSU 13 (Palacio, Mahmud 3), UTAH 20 (Miller 7). Total fouls—CSU 18, UTAH 22. A—14,296.

No. 9 ARIZONA 76, No. 21 STANFORD 75

STANFORD (8-2): Sauer 2-4 1-2 5, Jackson 4-5 0-0 10, Young 4-8 4-7 12, Weems 4-8 1-2 12, Knight 6-17 2-4 17, A.Lee 0-2 2-2 2, Moseley 1-2 0-0 2, Mendez 0-1 2-2 2, Van Elswyk 3-5 0-0 6, Seaton 0-0 1-2 1, Madsen 1-4 4-6 6. Totals 25-56 17-27 75.

ARIZONA (9-2): Davison 6-12 4-7 16, Dickerson 8-21 4-7 21, Bramlett 3-6 2-4 8, Bibby 1-3 1-2 4, Terry 3-8 6-7 13, Harris 2-5 2-2 6, Ash 0-0 0-0 0, Edgerson 0-0 0-0 0, J.Lee 2-3 3-3 8. Totals 25-63 22-32 76.

Halftime—Arizona 40, Stanford 31. 3-Point goals—Stanford 8-21 (Knight 3-7, Weems 3-7, Jackson 2-3, Sauer 0-1, A.Lee 0-1, Moseley 0-1, Mendez 0-1), Arizona 4-13 (Bibby 1-2, Terry 1-2, Dickerson 1-3, J.Lee 1-6). Fouled out—Bibby. Rebounds—Stanford 40 (Madsen 8), Arizona 37 (Davison 12). Assists—Stanford 13 (Knight 7), Arizona 14 (Terry 6). Total fouls—Stanford 25, Arizona 23. A—14,342.

WISCONSIN 71, No. 12 INDIANA 58

INDIANA (14-2): Patterson 4-11 6-6 15, Mujezinovic 0-0 0-2 0, Collier 2-4 2-2 6, Reed 0-0 2-2 2, Guyton 1-3 0-0 2, Lewis 5-8 7-7 19, Paul 0-0 0-0 0, Eggers 0-1 0-0 0, Richardson 1-2 0-0 2, Jimenez 2-2 4-4 9, Miller 0-0 3-4 3, Mandeville 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 15-33 24-27 58.

WISCONSIN (8-3): Okey 4-7 3-4 13, Daugherty 4-11 4-4 13, Grant 3-5 7-9 13, Auriantal 2-7 2-2 7, Calderwood 5-13 0-1 11, Burkemper 0-0 0-0 0, Coleman 1-1 0-0 2, Duany 2-7 0-0 5, Kosolcharoen 2-4 2-2 7, Totals 23-55 18-22 71.

Halftime—Wisconsin 35, Indiana 23. 3-Point goals—Indiana 4-10 (Lewis 2-2, Jimenez 1-1, Patterson 1-4, Guyton 0-1, Eggers 0-1, Mandeville 0-1), Wisconsin 7-22 (Okey 2-3, Auriantal 1-3, Duany 1-3, Kosolcharoen 1-3, Daugherty 1-4, Calderwood 1-6). Fouled out—Kosolcharoen. Rebounds—Indiana 32 (Lewis 6), Wisconsin 22 (Okey 5). Assists—Indiana 8 (Lewis 3), Wisconsin 13 (Calderwood 6). Total fouls—Indiana 20, Wisconsin 23. A—11,716.

College Basketball

Big 12 Standings

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Through Games of Jan. 4

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Kansas	1	0	1.000	13	0	1.000
Iowa State	1	0	1.000	10	0	1.000
Texas Tech	1	0	1.000	9	2	.818
Colorado	1	0	1.000	10	3	.769
Texas	1	0	1.000	7	3	.700
Oklahoma	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
Texas A&M	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Baylor	0	1	.000	11	2	.846
Kansas St.	0	1	.000	7	4	.636
Okla. St.	0	1	.000	7	4	.636
Missouri	0	1	.000	8	5	.615
Nebraska	0	1	.000	7	5	.583

Texas Men

No. 18 TEXAS 92, OKLAHOMA STATE 58

OKLAHOMA STATE (7-4, 0-1): Mason 2-4 0-1 5, Skaer 0-6 0-2 0, Robisch 2-6 2-2 6, Peterson 4-11 4-4 12, Roberts 3-6 3-4 9, Dorsey 0-1 0-0 0, Alexander 1-1 0-0 3, Robinson 4-7 2-5 10, Laster 0-0 0-0 0, Adkins 3-7 2-2 9, Webber 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 21-53 13-20 58.

TEXAS (6-3, 1-0): Muoneke 1-5 0-0 2, Clack 3-10 2-2 10, Jordan 1-2 0-0 2, Vazquez 1-3 0-0 2, Freeman 12-24 3-3 33, Quarles 3-9 0-1 6, Coleman 5-7 3-4 17, Perryman 1-5 0-0 3, Goode 1-1 0-0 3, Clark 5-6 3-4 14, Dixon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-72 11-14 92.

Halftime— Texas 42, Oklahoma State 26. 3-Point goals—Oklahoma State 3-16 (Mason 1-3, Skaer 0-4, Peterson 0-4, Alexander 1-1, Adkins 1-4), Texas 15-27 (Clack 2-4, Vazquez 0-1, Freeman 6-11, Coleman 4-6, CPerryman 1-3, Goode 1-1, Clark 1-1). Fouled out— Oklahoma State (none), Texas (Jordan). Rebounds—Oklahoma State 30 (Skaer 7), Texas 47 (Freeman 10). Assists— Oklahoma State 12 (Adkins 4), Texas 14 (Coleman 6). Total fouls—Oklahoma State 12, Texas 17. A—12,997.

No. 23 TEXAS TECH 86, BAYLOR 75

BAYLOR (11-2): Brandt 5-9 0-0 13, Morris 3-9 0-0 7, Skinner 7-18 2-2 16, Hunter 6-11 5-6 18, Miller 2-5 0-0 5, D.Jones 1-4 0-0 3, Mannon 2-13 1-4 5, Kendrick 0-0 0-0 0, J.Jones 4-8 0-0 8, Perkins 0-0 0-0 0, Ramirez 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 30-80 8-12 75.

TEXAS TECH (9-2): Carr 6-16 12-12 25, Cooper 3-4 5-6 11, Battie 10-17 4-6 24, Jones 0-4 2-3 2, Bonewitz 4-9 0-0 11, Young 5-6 0-0 11, Averil 0-1 0-2 0, Owens 1-3 0-0 2, Myers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-60 23-29 86.

Halftime—Tech 45, Baylor 43. 3-Point goals—Baylor 7-24 (Brandt 3-4, Jones 1-3, Hunter 1-4, Miller 1-4, Morris 1-5, Mannon 0-4). Tech 5-12 (Bonewitz 3-5, Young 1-1, Carr 1-6). Fouled out—Brandt, Miller. Rebounds—Baylor 42 (Mannon, Skinner 5), Tech 45 (Cooper 16). Assists—Baylor 14 (Miller 4), Tech 21 (Jones, Bonewitz 7). Total fouls—Baylor 24, Tech 14. A—7,428.

HOUSTON 74, CREIGHTON 72

HOUSTON (8-4): Robinson 10-14 4-6 24, Moore 2-6 2-2 6, Knox 3-4 3-4 9, McBride 4-7 4-4 15, Jones 3-11 0-0 8, Pratta 1-2 0-0 2, Braxton 3-5 0-0 8, Grant 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 26-49 15-18 74.

CREIGHTON (5-7): Johnson 2-6 1-3 5, Buford 10-22 4-4 27, Templeman 0-3 0-1 0, Wharton 1-2 1-4 4, St. Fleur 1-3 4-4 7, Chestnut 3-11 2-3 9, Crutcher 7-12 1-2 15, West 0-0 0-0 0, Mungin 2-3 1-4 5. Totals 26-62 14-25 72.

Halftime—Creighton 32, Houston 25. 3-Point goals—Houston 7-25 (Moore 0-1, McBride 3-5, Jones 2-6, Braxton 2-3), Creighton 6-15 (Buford 3-5, Wharton 1-2, St. Fleur 1-2, Chestnut 1-6). Fouled out—Moore, Johnson. Rebounds—Houston 35 (Robinson 10), Creighton 32 (Johnson, Crutcher 6). Assists—Houston 15 (Jones 6), Creighton 15 (St. Fleur, Chestnut 5). Total fouls—Houston 24, Creighton 17. Technicals—Buford, Mungin. A—4,571.

RICE 70, PENN ST. 63

PENN ST. (3-4): Mboya 2-5 1-1 5, Ryan 4-6 0-0 8, Langel 6-8 0-0 14, Lyren 3-8 3-4 9, Kreitz 3-9 2-2 10, Dzik 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan 4-11 0-0 9, Romanczuk 2-6 2-3 6, Owens 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 25-55 8-10 63.

RICE (6-4): Johnson 0-2 3-4 3, Lumpkin 1-3 0-0 2, Igo 11-20 4-5 26, Polk 2-4 1-4 5, Singletary 3-8 3-4 11, Armstrong 0-0 0-0 0, Stringer 0-0 0-0 0, Crawford 6-16 0-0 16, Sanni 3-8 1-2 7, Bougaeff 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-61 12-19 70.

Halftime—Rice 30, Penn St. 24. 3-point goals—Penn St. 5-17 (Langel 2-3, Kreitz 2-7, Jordan 1-4, Lyren 0-1, Ryan 0-2), Rice 6-16 (Crawford 4-9, Singletary 2-5, Polk 0-1, Johnson 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Penn St. 32 (Mboya 7), Rice 38 (Sanni 12). Assists—Penn St. 9 (Langel, Lyren, Jordan 2), Rice 19 (Polk 9). Total fouls—Penn St. 18, Rice 13. A—2,954.

Texas Women

No. 10 TEXAS TECH 75, BAYLOR 58

TEXAS TECH (9-2): Schmucker 2-6 1-3 7, Thompson 7-16 6-6 22, Boles 4-6 3-5 11, Lake 0-2 0-0 0, Hanebutt 4-9 9-10 19, Gibbs 0-0 0-0 0, Cockerell 1-1 2-3 4, Dickerson 6-6 0-0 12, Parker 0-0 0-0 0, Sumrall 0-0 0-0 0, Tate 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-46 21-27 75.

BAYLOR (7-4): Palmer 1-6 0-0 3, Wright 3-8 0-0 6, Moffitt 1-2 0-0 2, Ellis 5-16 1-2 15, Alcala 4-10 2-4 10, Harris 0-2 0-0 0, Byas 0-1 0-0 0, Hayworth 3-7 1-2 8, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Mooney 2-5 0-0 4, Applebury 4-7 2-2 10. Totals 23-64 6-10 58.

Halftime—Texas Tech 28, Baylor 27. 3-Point goals—Texas Tech 6-10 (Thompson 2-2, Schmucker 2-4, Hanebutt 2-4), Baylor 6-19 (Ellis 4-9, Hayworth 1-4, Palmer 1-6). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 42 (Thompson, Dickerson 8), Baylor 27 (Hayworth 6). Assists—Texas Tech 15 (Dickerson 4), Baylor 16 (Palmer 5). Total fouls—Texas Tech 12, Baylor 18. Technical—Baylor bench. A—4,376.

No. 14 TEXAS 83, OKLAHOMA 70

TEXAS (7-2): Smith 3-5 2-3 8, Viglione 4-10 6-7 14, Jackson 6-9 1-1 13, Wallace 5-10 3-4 13, Lummus 4-8 0-0 12, Hansenmyer 1-4 5-6 7, Ogletree 0-0 0-0 0, E.Brown 2-7 0-0 4, T.Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Littleton 3-3 2-2 8, Bailey 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 30-61 19-23 83.

OKLAHOMA ST. (8-3): Roberts 4-9 0-0 8, Edwards 9-13 2-4 21, Folsom 0-3 3-6 3, Bower 0-1 2-2 2, Boyd 4-9 2-2 11, Sa.Jackson 2-4 1-2 7, Douglas 0-0 0-0 0, Harmon 0-0 0-0 0, Sh.Jackson 1-1 0-0 2, Crow 4-11 8-8 16, Releford 0-0 0-1 0. Totals 24-53 18-25 70.

Halftime—Texas 40, Oklahoma St 23. 3-Point goals—Texas 4-8 (Lummus 4-6, Viglione 0-1, Wallace 0-1), Oklahoma St. 4-11 (Sa.Jackson 2-2, Edwards 1-2, Boyd 1-3, Bower 0-1, Crow 0-3). Fouled out—Jackson. Rebounds—Texas 40 (Ogletree 6), Oklahoma St. 26 (Folsom 7). Assists—Texas 13 (Lummus 4), Oklahoma St. 15 (Crow 5). Total fouls—Texas 23, Oklahoma St. 17. A—2,235.

OKLAHOMA 71, TEXAS A&M 69

Texas A&M (5-5): Rollerson 1-3 1-2 3, Yates 4-13 2-4 12, Tucker 5-15 0-0 12, Sharpe 0-4 3-5 3, Lake 0-2 0-0 0, Patterson 0-0 2-2 2, Tucker 3-4 7-11 13, Alexander 5-6 4-6 14, Linder 0-0 0-0 0, Beard 0-2 0-0 0, Burrows 3-9 4-4 10. Totals 21-58 23-34 71.

Oklahoma (5-6): M. Workman 11-23 6-7 31, Taylor 1-3 2-2 4, Whaley 4-11 2-2 10, Long 3-7 2-4 11, Bramer 0-1 0-0 0, Stacy 1-1 2-3 4, Breedlove 0-3 8-8 8, Kem 0-1 0-0 0, K. Workman 0-2 3-6 4. Totals 20-52 25-32 71.

Halftime—Oklahoma 35, Texas A&M 22. 3-point goals—Texas A&M 4-15 (Yates 2-5, Sharpe 0-2, Tucker 2-7, Beard 0-1), Oklahoma 6-16 (M. Workman 3-8, Taylor 0-1, Whaley 0-1, Long 3-5, Breedlove 0-1). Fouled out—Rollerson, Alexander, Taylor Long, Breedlove. Rebounds—Texas A&M 41 (Sharpe 8), Oklahoma 40 (Long 11). Assists—Texas A&M 9 (Tucker 3), Oklahoma 14 (Long 5). Total fouls—Texas A&M 26, Oklahoma 25. A—6,250.

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Arkansas Tech 86, Christian Brothers 79
Austin Col. 93, Ambassador 84
Cent. Oklahoma 119, Abilene Christian 94
Delta St. 64, Cent. Arkansas 50
Lamar 75, Louisiana Tech 64
McMurry 103, Hillsdale Baptist 63
Midwestern St., Texas 97, Angelo St. 74
NW Louisiana 63, Sam Houston St. 47
NW Oklahoma 58, Friends 42
North Texas 67, Phillips 57
Oklahoma Baptist 91, E. Central U. 82
Oral Roberts 74, N. Iowa 72
Prairie View 80, Jackson St. 65
Rice 70, Penn 63
SW Texas St. 82, Nicholls St. 73
Southern Meth. 74, Air Force 65
Stephen F.Austin 83, NE Louisiana 74
Texas 92, Oklahoma St. 58
Texas Southern 65, Alabama St. 41
Texas Tech 86, Baylor 75
Texas-San Antonio 78, McNeese St. 75
EAST
Army 70, Brown 51
Boston College 80, Seton Hall 64
Boston U. 67, Maine 62, OT
Buffalo 65, Cent. Connecticut St. 50
Colgate 93, Siena 81
Connecticut 79, West Virginia 62
Drexel 74, Vermont 49
Duquesne 102, Radford 92
Fairleigh Dickinson 79, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 75, OT
George Washington 86, Fordham 66
Hartford 52, Hofstra 49
Iowa 69, Penn St. 57
La Salle 73, Holy Cross 56
Long Island U. 82, St. Francis, Pa. 79, OT
Miami 69, Georgetown 67
Monmouth, N.J. 77, Marist 55
New Hampshire 59, Northeastern 57
Niagara 82, Appalachian St. 74
Rhode Island 97, Dayton 68
Rider 67, Wagner 66
Rutgers 70, Notre Dame 53
St. Francis, NY 53, Robert Morris 45
St. John's 75, Pittsburgh 64
SOUTH
Austin Peay 96, SE Missouri 85
Campbell 68, Mercer 56
Clemson 63, S. Carolina St. 44
Coll. of Charleston 88, Georgia St. 63
E. Illinois 73, Tennessee St. 71
E. Kentucky 79, Middle Tenn. 77
East Carolina 66, American U. 60
Fla. International 94, Centenary 79
Florida Atlantic 76, SE Louisiana 62
Florida St. 71, N. Carolina St. 51
George Mason 63, N.C.-Wilmington 59
Grambling St. 86, Southern U. 83
Hampton U. 81, Florida A&M 79, OT
Jacksonville 91, SW Louisiana 87
Kentucky 74, Tennessee 40
Maryland 78, Virginia 62
Memphis 64, Detroit 55
Miss. Valley St. 79, Alcorn St. 78
Mississippi St. 69, LSU 66
N.C. Charlotte 96, VMI 76
N.C.-Asheville 69, Md.-Baltimore County 45
N.C.-Greensboro 78, Loyola, Md. 70
New Orleans 82, Ark.-Little Rock 79, OT
Old Dominion 76, Richmond 69
Samford 68, Cent. Florida 65
South Alabama 72, Arkansas St. 53
South Carolina 66, Auburn 56
Stetson 86, Jacksonville St. 78
Tennessee Tech 100, Morehead St. 79
Vanderbilt 92, Alabama 84
W. Carolina 93, Wofford 78
W. Illinois 84, Troy St. 77, OT
Wake Forest 81, North Carolina 57
William & Mary 64, James Madison 61
Winthrop 103, Bryan 59
MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 83, Bowling Green 79
Cleveland St. 79, Wright St. 76
Drake 68, Loyola, Ill. 55
E. Michigan 91, Kent 77
Houston 74, Creighton 72
Illinois 72, Ohio St. 64
Illinois St. 80, Evansville 67
Iowa St. 68, Missouri 65
Marquette 61, Southern Miss. 44
Miami, Ohio 84, Akron 51
Michigan 75, Northwestern 57
Minnesota 68, Michigan St. 43
N. Illinois 72, Wis.-Milwaukee 58
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Temple 73, DePaul 60
Valparaiso 81, Mo.-Kansas City 66
W. Michigan 64, Ohio U. 63
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N. Arizona 54, Portland St. 42
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Portland 81, Cal Poly-SLO 72
Southern Cal 106, Washington St. 73
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UCLA 79, Washington 70
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McMurry 87, Southwestern, Kan. 70
Midwestern St., Texas 95, Angelo St. 67
N.C. Charlotte 64, Houston 47
North Texas 56, St. Mary's, Texas 53
Oklahoma 71, Texas A&M 69
Rice 77, Texas Christian 67
SW Oklahoma 59, Incarnate Word 57
SW Texas St. 78, Nicholls St. 55
South Alabama 55, Lamar 49
Stephen F.Austin 92, NE Louisiana 57
Texas 83, Oklahoma St. 70
Texas A&M Commerce 95, Texas Women's 58
Texas Tech 75, Baylor 58
EAST
Boston College 67, Syracuse 62
Columbia 58, Manhattan 54
Fairleigh Dickinson 72, Mount St. Mary, N.Y. 69
Fla. International 80, La Salle 62
George Washington 62, Princeton 42
Harvard 81, Dartmouth 68
Maine 89, Boston U. 42
Massachusetts 66, Rhode Island 56
Monmouth, N.J. 65, Marist 48
Rider 84, Wagner 67
Robert Morris 79, St. Francis, NY 67
Seton Hall 73, Pittsburgh 62
St. Bonaventure 94, Fordham 82
St. Francis, Pa. 75, Long Island U. 64
St. Peter's 86, Siena 71
Vermont 80, Drexel 51
Villanova 51, St. John's 45
West Virginia 65, Rutgers 56
SOUTH
Ala.-Birmingham 77, South Florida 67
Cent. Florida 87, SE Louisiana 74
Clemson 58, Virginia 44
Coll. of Charleston 57, Mercer 44
E. Kentucky 91, Middle Tenn. 73
Florida 71, Auburn 58
Florida A&M 76, Hampton U. 58
Georgia St. 79, Campbell 66
Grambling St. 76, Southern U. 66
Jacksonville St. 81, Stetson 70
Liberty 74, Wofford 53
Louisiana Tech 87, SW Louisiana 30
Marshall 75, E. Tennessee St. 68
N.C.-Greensboro 99, S. Carolina St. 42
Radford 82, Belmont 74
Tennessee Tech 78, Morehead St. 57
W. Carolina 72, Appalachian St. 70
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 59, Cent. Michigan 50
Colorado 65, Nebraska 58
Dayton 83, Xavier, Ohio 80
Detroit 60, Butler 58
Drake 68, Loyola, Ill. 55
Iowa St. 61, Missouri 50
Kansas 70, Kansas St. 54
Kent 91, E. Michigan 67
Miami, Ohio 73, Akron 69
Mo.-Kansas City 64, Valparaiso 45
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	25	12	4	54	133	100
N.Y. Rangers	22	16	5	49	151	120
Florida	20	10	9	49	113	92
New Jersey	21	14	3	45	102	96
Washington	17	20	4	38	109	110
N.Y. Islanders	12	19	8	32	99	113
Tampa Bay	13	20	5	31	109	124
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	21	15	4	46	148	127
Buffalo	20	15	4	44	116	105
Hartford	17	15	7	41	118	126
Montreal	15	18	8	38	131	140
Boston	15	18	6	36	113	136
Ottawa	12	19	7	31	104	115

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	23	15	3	49	118	100
Detroit	20	13	6	46	120	80
Phoenix	18	18	4	40	109	125
St. Louis	17	20	4	38	115	133
Chicago	15	21	6	36	106	115
Toronto	17	23	0	34	122	139
Pacific Division						
Colorado	24	10	6	54	142	96
Edmonton	18	19	4	40	136	127
Vancouver	17	19	1	35	112	126
Anaheim	14	20	5	33	112	121
San Jose	14	20	4	32	98	121
Calgary	13	22	5	31	98	118
Los Angeles	13	22	4	30	104	133

Saturday's Games
Boston 3, Dallas 2
Washington 1, Hartford 1, tie
Pittsburgh 7, Tampa Bay 3
Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
N.Y. Rangers 6, Ottawa 4
Philadelphia 4, Colorado 4, tie
Toronto at Vancouver, (n)
Calgary at San Jose, (n)
Florida at Los Angeles, (n)
Sunday's Games
Phoenix at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Canadiens 3, Islanders 1

N.Y. Islanders	0	0	1 —	1
Montreal	0	1	2 —	3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Montreal, Richer 13 (Bordeleau, Brunet), :42.

Third Period—2, Montreal, Tucker 3 (Thornton, Richer), 8:26. 3, New York, McInnis 11 (Palffy, Smolinski), 12:09 (pp). 4, Montreal, Damphousse 16 (Bordeleau, Popovic), 18:54.

Shots on goal—N.Y. Islanders 12-6-9—27. Montreal 15-8-8—31.

Power-play Opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 1 of 4; Montreal 0 of 4.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Fichaud 4-9-4 (31 shots-28 saves). Montreal, Thibault 10-12-5 (27-26).

Bruins 3, Stars 2

Dallas	1	1	0 —	2
Boston	0	2	1 —	3

First Period—1, Dallas, Langenbrunner 10 (Hogue, Nieuwendyk), 13:57.

Second Period—2, Boston, Odgers 5 (Harkins), 4:43. 3, Dallas, Gilchrist 7 (Sydor, Ledyard), 5:26. 4, Boston, Donato 13 (McCleary), 15:06 (sh).

Third Period—5, Boston, Bourque 4 (Harkins, Roy), 19:24.

Shots on goal—Dallas 13-11-8—32. Boston 6-10-7—23.

Power-play Opportunities—Dallas 0 of 2; Boston 0 of 2.

Goalies—Dallas, Turek 2-1-0 (23 shots-20 saves). Boston, Tallas 3-1-0 (32-30).

Rangers 6, Senators 4

Ottawa	0	2	2 —	4
N.Y. Rangers	0	5	1 —	6

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, New York, Messier 23 (Kovalev, Karpovtsev), 1:23. 2, New York, Sundstrom 16 (Gretzky, Driver), 7:06. 3, Ottawa, Cunneyworth 4 (Van Allen, Daigle), 9:13. 4, New York, Sundstrom 17 (Robitaille, Gretzky), 10:08. 5, New York, Robitaille 16 (Gretzky, Kovalev), 12:35. 6, Ottawa, Cunneyworth 5 (Zholtok, Dackell), 15:27 (pp). 7, New York, Robitaille 17 (Gretzky, Flatley), 18:35.

Third Period—8, New York, Kovalev 12 (Graves), 7:17. 9, Ottawa, Alfredsson 14 (Redden, Daigle), 15:00 (pp). 10, Ottawa, Zent 3 (York, Zholtok), 18:34.

Shots on goal—Ottawa 11-19-9—39. New York 11-12-5—28.

Power-play Opportunities—Ottawa 2 of 4; New York 0 of 2.

Goalies—Ottawa, Rhodes 10-14-7 (23 shots-18 saves), Tugnutt (0:00 third, 5-4). New York, Richter 20-9-2 (39-35).

Penguins 7, Lightning 3

Tampa Bay	1	1	1 —	3
Pittsburgh	3	2	2 —	7

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Nedved 18 (Mullen, Sandstrom), 6:54. 2, Pittsburgh, Jagr 35 (Lemieux, Olausson), 7:59. 3, Tampa Bay, Gratton 15 (Cross), 10:22. 4, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 28 (Woolley), 11:45 (pp).

Second Period—5, Pittsburgh, Hicks 5 (Dziedzic, Barnes), 7:34. 6, Tampa Bay, Langkow 7, 14:51. 7, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 29 (Olausson, Francis), 17:40 (pp).

Third Period—8, Pittsburgh, Francis 14 (Lemieux), 7:44. 9, Tampa Bay, Bannister 4 (Ciccarelli, Bradley), 9:38 (pp). 10, Pittsburgh, Francis 15 (Jagr, Lemieux), 11:21.

Shots on goal—Tampa Bay 11-3-17—31. Pittsburgh 6-11-7—24.

Power-play Opportunities—Tampa Bay 1 of 4; Pittsburgh 2 of 5.

Goalies—Tampa Bay, Tabaracci (4 shots-2 saves), Schwab 6-10-1 (7:59 first, 20-15). Pittsburgh, Lalime 9-0-1 (31-28).

Capitals 1, Whalers 1 (OT)

Washington	0	0	1	0 —	1
Hartford	1	0	0	0 —	1

First Period—1, Hartford, Janssens 2 (Godynyuk), 14:53.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Washington, Konowalchuk 7 (Bondra, Nikolishin), 15:46. Penalties—Tinordi, Was (high-sticking), 2:50; Konowalchuk, Was (roughing), 13:19; Wesley, Har (roughing), 13:19.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—Washington 11-8-9-2—30. Hartford 9-9-6-1—25.

Power-play Opportunities—Washington 0 of 4; Hartford 0 of 4.

Goalies—Washington, Kolzig 5-7-4 (25 shots-24 saves). Hartford, Muzzatti 9-8-4 (30-29).

Avalanche 4, Flyers 4 (OT)

Philadelphia	1	1	2	0 —	4
Colorado	3	1	0	0 —	4

First Period—1, Colorado, Jones 13 (Deadmarsh, Sakic), 1:28. 2, Colorado, Corbet 7 (E.Lacroix, Miller), 1:51. 3, Philadelphia, Lindros 12 (Therien, LeClair), 6:39. 4, Colorado, Jones 14 (Lemieux), 9:11.

Second Period—5, Colorado, Keane 8 (Ricci, Miller), 2:13. 6, Philadelphia, Hawerchuk 9 (Desjardins, Brind'Amour), 11:52.

Third Period—7, Philadelphia, Klatt 12 (Therien, Brind'Amour), 12:01. 8, Philadelphia, Renberg 8 (Lindros, Niinimaa), 14:12.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 13-13-14-4—44. Colorado 13-9-6-1—29.

Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 2; Colorado 0 of 2.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Snow 5-5-3 (29 shots-25 saves). Colorado, Roy 20-7-5 (44-40).

Transactions

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TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Mike Devereaux on a one-year contract.

COLLEGE

KENTUCKY—Announced QB Billy Jack Haskins will transfer to Rhode Island next fall.

Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — The 1997 ballot distributed to the members of the Baseball Writers Association of America. Results will be announced Monday, Jan. 6 (x-first year eligible):

Dick Allen, Bobby Bonds, Bob Boone, Dave Concepcion, x-Dwight Evans, Steve Garvey, x-Ken Griffey, Ron Guidry, Keith Hernandez, Tommy John, Jim Kaat, x-Terry Kennedy, Mickey Lolich, Fred Lynn, Minnie Minoso, Graig Nettles, Phil Niekro, x-Dave Parker, Tony Perez, x-Terry Puhl, x-Rick Reuschel, Jim Rice, Ron Santo, x-Mike Scott, Rusty Staub, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, x-Garry Templeton, Luis Tiant, Joe Torre.

Tennis Results

Hopman Cup

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Results Saturday of the $640,000 Hopman Cup at the Burswood Dome:

Championship
United States 2, South Africa 1

Chanda Rubin, United States, def. Amanda Coetzer, South Africa, 7-5, 6-2.

Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, def. Justin Gimelstob, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

Gimelstob and Rubin, United States, def. Ferreira and Coetzer, South Africa, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Australian

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Results Saturday of the $328,000 Australian Hardcourt championships at Memorial Drive (seedings in parentheses):

Singles
Semifinals

Todd Woodbridge (4), Australia, def. Mikael Tillstrom, Sweden, 6-7 (8-6), 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.

Scott Draper, Australia, def. Jeff Tarango, Manhattan Beach, Calif., 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Results Saturday of the $107,500 New Zealand Classic at Stanley Street (seedings in parentheses):

Singles
Championship

Marion Maruska, Austria, def. Judith Wiesner (2), Austria, 6-3, 6-1.

Gold Coast Classic

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Results Saturday of the $164,250 Gold Coast Classic at the Hope Island resort (seedings in parentheses):

Singles
Quarterfinal

Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (1), Netherlands, def. Maria Luisa Serna, Spain, 6-1, 6-4.

Semifinals

Elena Likhovtseva (3), Russia, def. Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (1), Netherlands, 6-4, 6-3.

Ai Sugiyama (6), Japan, def. Anne-Gaelle Sidot, France, 6-2, 6-4.

Qatar Open

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Results Saturday of the $635,000 Qatar Open:

Singles
Semifinals

Tim Henman, Britain, def. Hicham Arazi, Morocco, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

Jim Courier (8), Miami, def. Sergi Bruguera, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.



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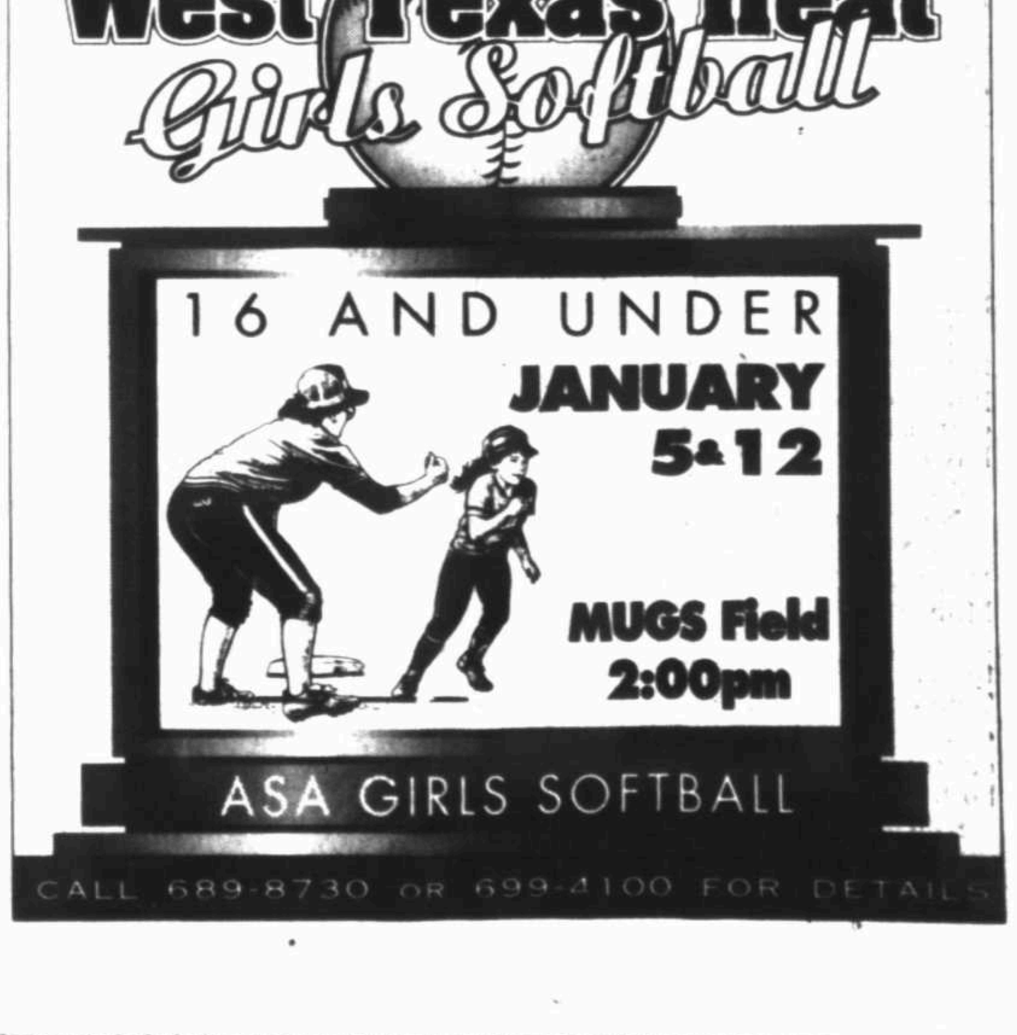


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New England, Pittsburgh bring different weapons

By Howard Ulman
AP Sports Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. — The Pittsburgh Steelers have Bettis and the blitz. The New England Patriots have Bledsoe and the bye.

They'll be two evenly matched teams with much different weapons when they face each other Sunday with the same goal — to return to the AFC championship game.



AP Laserphoto
New England Patriots head coach Bill Parcells laughs during a news conference at the stadium in Foxboro, Mass.

The Steelers reached it the past two years and made the Super Bowl last season, losing to Dallas. The Patriots played for the AFC title only once, 11 seasons ago, and lost the 1986 Super Bowl to Chicago.

Pittsburgh's playoff experience "is significant," New England coach Bill Parcells said, "but they had to start somewhere."

This could be the start for the Patriots, who rebounded from a 6-10 season to win the AFC East with an 11-5 record as Drew Bledsoe's passing led them to a first-round bye.

The Steelers' rely on the running of powerful Jerome Bettis. They beat Indianapolis 42-14 last Sunday with a relentless blitz and Bettis, who rushed for 102 yards and two TDs.

He's listed as questionable for Sunday's game with a groin injury — although he sounded ready to go in mid-week — while the bye week gave the Patriots time to rest.

"My teams have played better when I've had that time (off) but the quality of the opponent has something to do with that," said Parcells, who won two Super Bowls as the New York Giants' coach. "You're not playing solitaire out there."

The Steelers allowed the fewest points in the AFC, but the Patriots scored the most. The Steelers have momentum from their first-round win, but the Patriots have a friendly crowd for their first home playoff game since 1978 and 11 wins in their last 14 games.

"We're going to be emotional but that's not going to be a cure-all," fullback Keith Byars said. "That's where our fans are going to come into play."

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher seems unconcerned about his team's 3-5 road record, a sharp contrast to its 8-1 mark at home, including the playoff win.

"I don't think it was a situation of coming out and just playing a very poor game. We haven't done that all year long," Cowher said. "We did play a couple of big games at Kansas City and Miami," both wins.

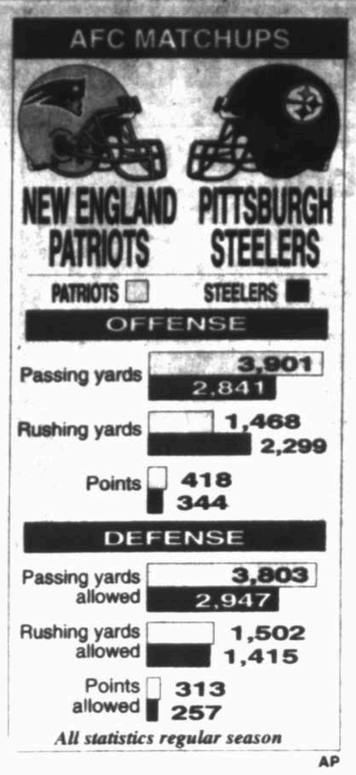
The Steelers were dominating against the Colts, sacking Jim Harbaugh four times. But the Patriots dominated Indianapolis twice this season and are one of the best teams at protecting the quarterback.

"We'd like to try and get some big plays on them when they come after us," Bledsoe said. "They get the pressure on the quarterback and then force you into some bad throws (but) when they blitz there are some holes that you can get the ball to."

"Drew Bledsoe's a smart guy," Cowher said. "You can't make a living by blitzing him. We have to pick our time."

Bledsoe leads the league in pass attempts, but the Patriots are striving for a balanced attack with Curtis Martin, the AFC's fifth-leading rusher.

That would enable them to control the ball and avoid a repeat of the 9 1/2-minute scoring drive Pittsburgh began the second half with against Indianapolis.



Report: Police source says Irvin doesn't appear on seized videotape

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin doesn't appear on a seized videotape that shows teammate Erik Williams having sex with a woman who has accused him of rape, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

An unidentified police source told the newspaper in a copyright story that Irvin does not appear on the tape, but that detectives intend to submit voices on the tape to a sophisticated analysis.

Sources previously told The Associated Press the woman told police Irvin videotaped at least part of the alleged incident.

Investigators have not determined from the tape whether the encounter between Williams, a Cowboys lineman, and a 23-year-old woman was rape or consensual sex, the source told the newspaper.

Dallas police spokesman Ed Spencer said Saturday that he could not comment on any evidence in the case.

"We've just got to protect the integrity of the investigation and that just absolutely requires us to not discuss any of the details," he said. "All we've been able to say in the most general terms is that we're in the process of talking to anyone who might have knowledge of the allegations, might be able to shed light on the woman's allegation."

Police have not charged or questioned Williams and Irvin in the reported incident Sunday night at Williams' home, in which the Mesquite woman alleged Irvin forced her at gunpoint to submit to sex with Williams and another man who has not been identified.

Irvin and Williams, who have denied the woman's allegations, spent the week practicing for Sunday's NFC division: playoff at Carolina.

Lt. David Goelden, head of the department's sexual assaults unit, has said his detectives were still investigating the complaint and have not decided whether charges will be filed in the case.

"It could take a few hours, a few days or a few weeks," he said. "No one seems to understand it can take awhile."

Police have placed the woman in seclusion for her safety.

Positively identifying a voice on an audio tape is difficult and often uncertain, said Norman Perle, director of the National Audio Video Forensic Laboratory in Northridge, Calif. He said attempts to retrieve audio that has been recorded over rarely succeed.

"Even if by some stretch of the imagination they were able to accomplish this, which does happen in very rare cases, they would only retrieve a very narrow band of frequencies, and that would make it very difficult to link it to a specific suspect," Perle said.

Without a clear and lengthy recorded sample, identifying a voice is "next to impossible," he said.

JAGS: Brunell throws for 245 yards, runs for 44

(From 1C)

when Keenan McCardell, a Pro Bowl receiver who was shut down for most of the game, got free behind Lionel Washington to haul in Brunell's pinpoint 37-yard pass to make it 20-12. The Jaguars mixed Means' running with short passes before Brunell spotted McCardell streaking to the end zone.

That play brought boos from the crowd of 75,678. It also brought no response from the Broncos, whose ineffectiveness was punctuated by having 12 men on the field for a Jacksonville punt near the end of the third quarter — Micheal Dean Perry slowly was strolling off the field when the kick came.

"They probably call that penalty one in a million. That's the way the day went," Perry said.

The penalty gave the Jaguars a critical first down, and they got another when James Stewart gained 25 yards with Brunell's short pass.

Mike Hollis' 22-yard field goal capped the 88-yard, 17-play, 8 1/2-minute drive and made it 23-12. It was the fifth straight series on which the Jaguars scored against the league's fourth-ranked defense.

Strangely, the Jaguars then tried a short kickoff and Denver started at its 43. Elway hit five passes in a 57-yard drive and Terrell Davis scored on a 2-yard run.

Davis, the AFC's leading rusher, also ran in for a 2-point conversion, bringing Denver within three points. He finished with 91 yards.

Brunell used his feet to set up his third-and-5, 16-yard TD pass to Jimmy Smith that clinched it. His 29-yard scramble on which four Broncos missed him was the most important play. He was 18-of-29 for 245 yards and also ran for 44.

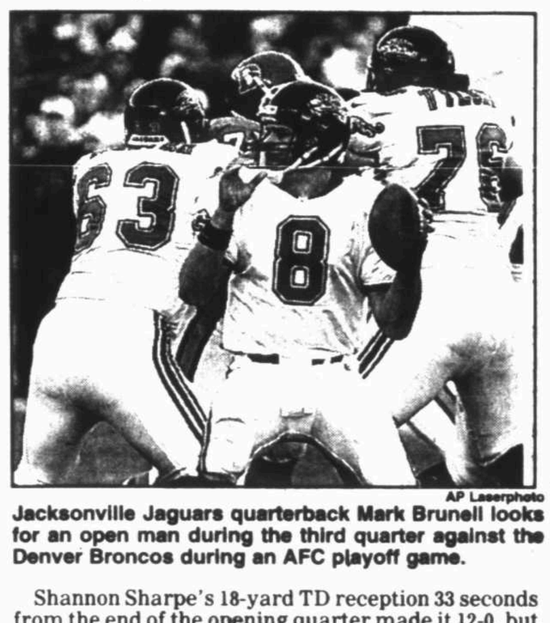
"He remained poised the entire game," Smith said. "Mark will be a household name."

Elway didn't quit, of course, and he had all day to find Ed McCaffrey for a leaping 18-yard TD with 1:50 to go, making it 30-26. It was Elway's 25th completion in 38 attempts. He threw for 226 yards.

Jason Elam's extra point hit the left upright and went through.

Denver's only remaining hope was to recover an onside kick. But the ball went directly to Le'Shai Maston, and the Jaguars ran out the clock.

Davis' 47-yard first-quarter run set up Vaughn Hebron's 1-yard vault into the end zone and was the longest postseason run in Denver history. But Clyde Simmons blocked the extra point, Elam's first miss of the season, leaving the Broncos ahead 6-0.



AP Laserphoto
Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell looks for an open man during the third quarter against the Denver Broncos during an AFC playoff game.

Shannon Sharpe's 18-yard TD reception 33 seconds from the end of the opening quarter made it 12-0, but Sharpe dropped Elway's pass for a 2-point conversion.

Jacksonville, ranked second in offense this year behind Denver, did not get its initial first down until the opening play of the second quarter. That conversion sparked a 50-yard drive to Hollis' 46-yard field goal.

Just as they did a week ago at Buffalo, the Jaguars kept coming. Aided by a controversial pass interference penalty on Tory James that gave them a first down, the Jaguars went 80 yards. They converted two third downs on passes of 20 yards to Means and 19 to Willie Jackson before Means ran left for an 8-yard score, making it 12-10.

They took the lead with two quick strikes — a 21-yard run by Means and a 44-yard pass to the wide-open Smith — that led to Hollis' 42-yarder with 10 seconds left in the half. The drive took 47 seconds.

The Jaguars never looked back.

"They're going to open up the suicide hot lines tonight here in Denver," said Jacksonville center Dave Widell, a former Bronco.

And they'll be jamming the airport in Jacksonville to welcome back a team that recognizes no limits.

PACK: Packers will host NFC title game

(From 1C)

"My major concern was to try to field the ball," said Howard, who set an NFL record with 875 punt-return yards in the regular season. "With the rain coming down and the wind pretty gusty, that was going to be first and foremost.

"If I can catch it cleanly, then we always feel we can score."

In the closing minutes, the frenzied crowd chanted, "We want Dallas!"

The Cowboys have ended the Packers' season three straight years, each time at Texas Stadium. The Packers, who won their 17th straight at Lambeau, are undefeated in 10 home playoff games.

Just as they did in knocking the Niners from the playoffs last year, the Packers jumped to a 21-0 lead by dominating San Francisco (13-5) in all phases. The third TD was a 2-yard run by Edgar Bennett in the second quarter following Craig Newsome's interception of Elvis Grbac.

Ineffective and ailing Steve Young, trying to play despite pain from ribs injured in last week's win over Philadelphia, was pulled in favor of Grbac early in the first quarter. The quarterback confirmed after the game what had been rumored during the week, that his ribs were not bruised but actually broken.

Also hurt was Bryant Young, San Francisco's All-Pro defensive tackle, who was taken off the field on a stretcher after hurting his back and neck in the first half.

Thanks to Howard's two big returns, the Packers were able to keep the ball on the ground, as Bennett rushed for 80 yards on 17 carries and Favre, the two-time MVP, threw only 15 times, completing 11 for 79 yards.

"He really hurt us at the start. It's hard to play catch-up football in these conditions," 49ers receiver Jerry Rice said.

Despite their early dominance, the Packers gave up two TDs in a 40-second span covering the end of the first half and start of the second as San Francisco cut it to 21-14.

Both came after turnovers on special teams — one on a punt at the end of the first half, the other on the opening kickoff of the second half.

The 49ers, playing for the third time in 13 days, didn't get past midfield on their first seven possessions, which ended in six punts and an interception.

But they scored with 24 seconds left in the first half on Grbac's 8-yard pass to Terry Kirby. The Niners got the ball at the Green Bay 26 when Tommy Thompson's punt bounced off the Packers' Chris Hayes and was recovered by Curtis Buckley.

At the start of the second half, Steve Israel recovered Jeff Wilkins' bouncing kickoff at the Green Bay 4 after it squirted past Don Beebe.

On first-and-goal, Grbac scored on a bootleg that made it 21-14 just 16 seconds into the third period.

The Packers responded with a 72-yard scoring drive, 52 of the yards on the ground.

"I thought the table was getting ready to turn, but to their credit, they marched the ball right down the field," said Rice, who caught five passes for just 36 yards.

"That drive proved what a great team they really are," said Seifert, who fell to 0-3 against Packers coach Mike Holmgren, his former offensive coordinator. "That drive was the sign of a championship team."

Bennett fumbled as he crossed the goal line, and the Lambeau Field record crowd of 60,787 sat in silence as officials peeled bodies from the pile. The fans erupted when it was ruled that Packers split end Antonio Freeman recovered.

That made it 28-14 with 6:50 left in the third period.

Eugene Robinson picked off two of Grbac's passes in the final 5:16 to end the 49ers' hopes.

Howard signed with the Packers for $300,000 last summer and beat out Anthony Morgan.



AP Laserphoto
Green Bay Packers' Eugene Robinson, right, jumps up after intercepting a pass intended for San Francisco 49ers' Mike Caldwell (17) during the fourth quarter of Green Bay's 35-14 win Saturday in Green Bay.

UNITED: Panthers have playoff experience

(From 1C)

suspended for a year for substance-abuse violations.

"All the guys on this team are great guys and the bottom line is that we'll do our job," Casillas said. "We can't get caught up in this tabloid journalism. We're not interested in all that sensational press."

Ignored in all this are the Panthers, the most successful expansion team in sports history — 19-13 in two years of existence.

They quietly went through preparations after a week off. Last time they had a bye week, they spent it preparing for the 49ers and shocked them 23-7.

But even the Panthers weren't immune from strife.

On Wednesday, coach Dom Capers suspended defensive end Shawn King for repeatedly showing up late for meetings. Offensive tackle Blake Brockermeyer, meanwhile, publicly vented his frustration over being kept on the bench while his broken thumb heals.

That had Capers, who won coach-of-the-year honors, sounding suspiciously like Dallas' Barry Switzer has sounded all season.

"There's always some things on the outside that can become peripheral distractions if you let them," Capers said. "You have to be mature in your approach, put blinders on and focus on what it's going to take to go out and play."

The winner Sunday goes to the NFC championship game, obviously the first ever for the Panthers but a potential fifth straight for Dallas.

That contrast makes Dallas the favorite, even though the Cowboys were just 10-6 in the regular season, have spent the week talking about everything but football and are on the road against a team that's 8-0 in its new home, Ericsson Stadium.

And Carolina hardly has a roster filled with neophytes.

The Panthers have six defensive starters over 31, seven Pro Bowlers, and a group that has 118 games of playoff experience. Twelve have been in Super Bowls and six have played on teams that have won Super Bowls.

"Sam Mills; that golden-haired guy, I can't think of his name; Lamar Lathon, Eric Davis. They've got some veterans," guard Nate Newton said. The one he can't remember is Kevin Greene, the NFL's sack leader.

All those players are on defense, which along with special teams is the Panthers' strength. The offense is greener, led by quarterback Kerry Collins, Carolina's first-ever draft pick in April 1995, and tight end Wesley Walls, one of the many free agents who have made the team more than respectable.

But even Carolina's offense was slightly better than Dallas' for most of the season — the Panthers ranked 23rd in the league in yardage, the Cowboys ranked 24th and were held without a touchdown in three of their last five regular-season games. Some of that can be attributed to Irvin's suspension for the first five games after pleading no contest to cocaine possession and receiving a suspended sentence — Dallas was 2-3 while he was out and was carried all year by the defense and kicker Chris Boniol.

GAME: Dallas hopes to play to capability

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4 can make us struggle in our running game."

Led by linebackers Kevin Greene, Sam Mills and Lamar Lathon, the Panthers have held opponents to only a 32 percent third-down conversion rate.

The linebackers create havoc with zone blitzes because teams usually don't know where they're coming from.

"We've got a sense of urgency this week because we know we have a lot to get done," Johnston said. "There has to be a lot of extra study."

Johnston said the Cowboys can't be considered back in prime offensive form just because of the Minnesota blowout.

"It was the only game we've played to our (offensive) capabilities this year," Johnston said. "It certainly gave us much needed confidence. Now we need to build on it."

Even Dallas coach Barry Switzer, who said the Cowboys should know how to handle the 3-4 defense, termed the blitzes that come out of it "very challenging for our offensive line."

"It's not a gimmick defense, either," Switzer said. "The reason they are successful with it is because they are very talented. If you don't look out against that defense, a quarterback can get hit in the mouth."

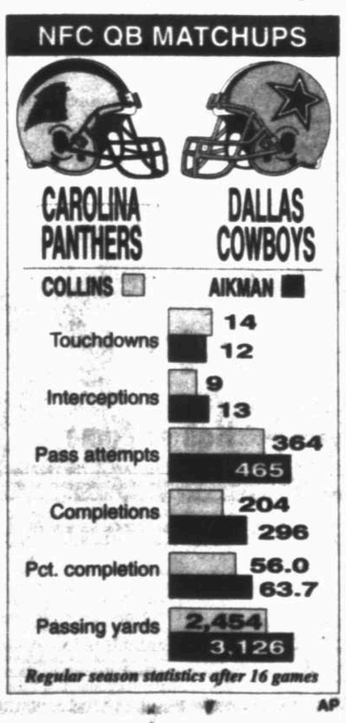
Carolina coach Dom Capers brought the defense with him from Pittsburgh, where he was an assistant.

"Capers took it to Carolina and has done well with it," Switzer said. "That scheme shouldn't bother us."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said the prime requirement against the 3-4 is patience.

"We've seen it before, but we know it can cause problems," Aikman said. "We've been studying hard all week to try to figure it out."

Offensive tackle Nate Newton said, "We've got to make sure that on third down, we just have four yards to go or less or we could get into trouble."



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Jags' effort leaves Broncos stunned

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Dazed, demoralized and bitterly disappointed, the Denver Broncos had only themselves to blame for a 30-27 loss to the upstart Jacksonville Jaguars on Saturday. When they weren't praising the Jaguars, that is.

"I'm just really stunned," Broncos safety Steve Atwater said. "I hadn't even considered a scenario with us losing the ballgame. I don't know what I'm going to do tomorrow."

"It's a terrible feeling," cornerback Lionel Washington added. "We knew we had to stop the run with Natrone (Means) and to contain (quarterback Mark) Brunell. We didn't do either."

For much of the AFC divisional playoff game, the Broncos were their own worst enemy.

With Denver leading 12-0 early through the second quarter, Denver rookie cornerback Tory James intercepted Brunell's pass in Jacksonville territory, but James was whistled for pass interference. The Jaguars maintained possession and scored a field goal eight plays later to cut the deficit to 12-3.

"It didn't look like interference to me," James said. "I guess the referee saw something else. It was a key play, but I don't think one call makes the whole game. We had to come back on defense and stop them, and we didn't."

Late in the third quarter with Jacksonville lined up to punt, the Broncos were called for having 12 men on the field when defensive tackle Michael Dean Perry didn't get off the field in time. The Jaguars got a first down on the penalty and later scored a field goal for a 23-12 advantage.

"They called me for not being all the way off the field," Perry said. "I thought I was off. They probably call that penalty one in a million. That's just petty. That's the way the day went."

Perry preferred to focus on the bigger picture.

"It was all Jacksonville," he said. "How many yards did they have rushing, 300 (actually 203)? You can't win any game giving up 300 yards on the ground. And give Jacksonville credit. They made big plays over and over, especially Brunell.

"You always hear from coaches and players that a quarterback can't beat you running the ball. But after seeing that guy (Brunell) scramble and run like he did, I know he can beat you with his feet as well as his arm. We couldn't tackle Means for nothing, and we couldn't tackle Brunell, either."

Denver's John Elway is the only player who experienced a similar playoff loss by the Broncos. In 1984, the Broncos went 13-3 and had a first-round bye in the playoffs, then lost their first game, at home. They duplicated that failure on Saturday.

"I'd have to say this was more disappointing, maybe because it's now," Elway said. "This is what we worked so hard for, and we didn't take advantage of our situation. I thought we had a team that would make (a Super Bowl) happen."

Elway denied that Denver's layoff was a factor. It clinched homefield advantage throughout the playoffs on Dec. 1 and then played three meaningless games before having a bye last week.

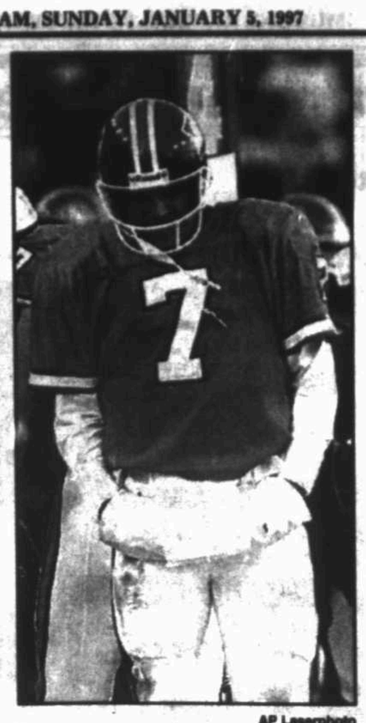
"We weren't flat," he said. "We were ready to play. They just played better. They played a perfect game. They didn't have any penalties (actually three for 18 yards), and Brunell played great. We got it going in the fourth quarter, but they made the plays and kept us chasing them."

Safety Tyrone Braxton agreed. "I don't think we lost our edge," he said. "We started out strong, but they came back and whipped us."

Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe offered the darkest assessment.

"No matter what happens in the next three or four years, we'll always look back and say, 'I can't believe we lost this one,'" he said. "I don't think I'll ever be in a better situation than we had this year. Everything was just so ideal. And to have it slip away — this sets the organization back four years, at least. It's going to be the year 2000 before we can ever recover from this."

And what are the chances of Elway, now 36, still being around then?



AP Laserphoto
Denver quarterback John Elway stares at the Mile High Stadium turf after the Jacksonville Jaguars ended the Broncos' season with a 30-27 upset Saturday in Denver.

Late substitute leads U.S. to initial Hopman Cup title

Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — Justin Gimelstob, a late replacement who had never played mixed doubles before this week, teamed with Chanda Rubin on Saturday to give the United States its first title in the Hopman Cup tennis championship.

Gimelstob and Rubin beat Wayne Ferreira and Amanda Coetzer 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 in the decisive mixed doubles match to earn a 2-1 victory over South Africa in the final at the Burswood Dome.

Rubin defeated Coetzer 7-5, 6-2 in the opening women's singles, before Ferreira tied the match with a 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) win over Gimelstob.

The unseeded Americans won the match when they broke Coetzer's serve to love after 1 hour, 47 minutes, of mixed doubles action.

"This wasn't bad for a last-minute effort," a beaming Rubin said.

The Americans began the tournament as 66-1 shots after the 19-year-old Gimelstob was called from a vacation in Miami Beach to replace Richey Reneberg, who withdrew when his wife was overdue with their first child.

Gimelstob played his first match within 12 hours of arriving.

■ Tennis Roundup

Qatar Open

DOHA, Qatar — Jim Courier, winner of 19 career titles including four Grand Slams, advanced to the final of the $635,000 Qatar Open by defeating two-time French Open winner Sergi Brugera of Spain 6-4, 6-2 Saturday.

Courier's opponent in Sunday's championship match will be Britain's Tim Henman, a 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 winner over Moroccan Hicham Arazi in the other semifinal.

Australian Hardcourt

ADELAIDE, Australia — Fourth-seeded Todd Woodbridge and Scott Draper won semifinal matches today to set up an all-Australian final in the Australian Hardcourt championships.

Texas inks Devereaux

By Johnny Paul
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Rangers satisfied their need for a reserve center fielder Friday with the acquisition of free-agent outfielder Mike Devereaux, who signed a one-year contract worth $250,000 plus incentives.

Devereaux, 33, should improve the organization's bench strength and provide insurance should 26-year-old Damon Buford fail in his attempt to replace Darryl Hamilton as the Rangers' center fielder.

The acquisition puts the Rangers' major-league roster at 39 players, 16 of whom are signed for 1997 at $35,055,000.

"We're fortunate to get a veteran guy like this at this stage of his career," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "He knows what his role will be."

Devereaux appeared in 127 games last season for the Baltimore Orioles and played all three outfield positions. Devereaux hit only .229, but as a pinch hitter he hit .412 (7-for-17), which ranked second among American League pinch hitters with 15 or more at-bats.

Rangers pinch hitters produced only eight hits in 74 at-bats last season for a .108 average. Devereaux made $700,000 in 1996, and the Orioles didn't offer him arbitration, making him a free agent.

Devereaux, a right-handed batter with a .254 career average, hit .276 with 24 homers and drove in 107 runs with the Orioles in 1992. He hit .299 with 11 homers and 24 doubles and drove in 63 runs during 121 games in 1995 for the Chicago White Sox and Atlanta Braves.

"I think he's a good fit for our ballclub," Melvin said. "He's a good guy to have so we can give the opportunity to Damon, and there's insurance there in case it doesn't work out."

Plan for new Astros' stadium needs work

HOUSTON (AP) — A plan to build a new stadium for the Houston Astros needs some fine tuning, Harris County's new attorney said.

Michael Fleming wants to make sure the Astros remain interested in helping the county get legislative approval for the financing tools to build a new football facility as well as a baseball park.

Fleming, who took office this past week, wants to change the letter of intent with the Astros — to be voted on this Tuesday — to allow commissioners to reconsider if the Texas Legislature does not approve enough funding to address a football facility.

"I want to make sure we are all on the same page when we go to the (Texas) legislature," Fleming said. "If the legislature doesn't pass something satisfactory to the commissioners, then commissioners can reconsider."

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TODAY Partly cloudy with cooler conditions
High: 50
Low: 35

MONDAY Cloudy with scattered showers
High: 44
Low: 28

TUESDAY Cloudy with rain and freezing rain
High: 38
Low: 26

Texas Yesterday

City	H / L / Pcp
Abilene	74/60/0.00
Amarillo	57/36/0.00
Dallas/Ft. Worth	77/62/0.00
El Paso	63/50/0.24
Lubbock	65/51/0.00
San Angelo	76/55/0.00
San Antonio	85/63/

YESTERDAY'S PRECIPITATION

Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	0.00 in.
Total for the year	0.00 in.
Normal for the month	0.06 in.
Normal for the year	0.06 in.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

High	71
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Norm. Low	28

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MOON PHASES



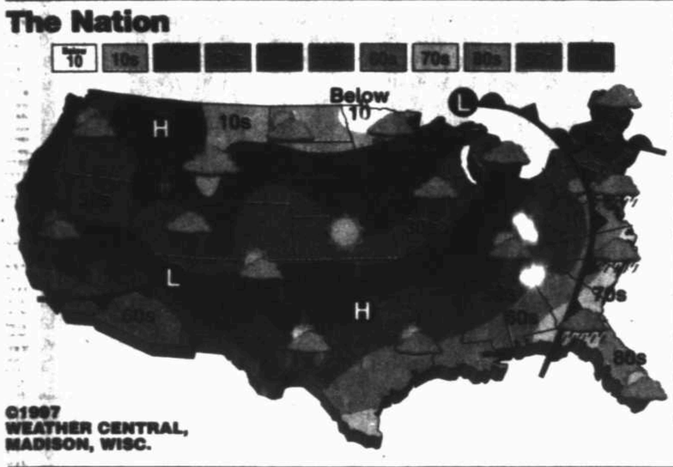
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SUNRISE & SUNSET

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Sunset tonight	5:59 p.m.
Sunrise Monday	7:50 a.m.
Sunset Monday	6:00 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:01 a.m.
Moonset today	3:03 p.m.



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United States

City	H	L	W	City	H	L	W	City	H	L	W	City	H	L	W
Albany	46	39	r	Colorado Spgs.	29	7	pc	Juneau	33	32	i	Phoenix	65	48	pc
Albuquerque	40	22	pc	Columbia, SC	75	46	r	Kansas City	29	17	pc	Pittsburgh	61	28	c
Anchorage	4	-10	pc	Columbus, OH	52	22	c	Las Vegas	54	35	pc	Portland, OR	43	34	pc
Aspen	24	1	sn	Dayton	47	19	pc	Little Rock	51	28	pc	Raleigh	69	43	r
Atlanta	62	40	c	Denver	32	6	pc	Los Angeles	66	47	pc	Reno	40	21	pc
Austin	61	38	pc	Des Moines	25	12	pc	Louisville	52	28	pc	Richmond	69	43	r
Baltimore	64	40	r	Detroit	47	26	i	Memphis	48	32	pc	St. Louis	40	19	pc
Birmingham	61	34	pc	Duluth	16	3	sn	Miami Beach	83	68	pc	Salt Lake City	35	20	sn
Bismarck	18	5	pc	Evansville	42	21	pc	Milwaukee	35	17	sn	San Diego	64	50	pc
Boise	32	16	pc	Grand Rapids	41	24	i	Minneapolis	21	6	sn	San Francisco	54	42	pc
Boston	50	40	r	Great Falls	25	5	c	Mobile, AL	68	44	pc	Seattle	41	32	pc
Buffalo	52	34	c	Helena	25	10	pc	Nashville	52	28	pc	Sioux Falls	16	4	sn
Charlotte	66	41	r	Honolulu	77	67	pc	New Orleans	66	46	pc	Spokane	29	20	c
Cheyenne	27	10	pc	Houston	65	40	pc	New York	54	36	r	Tampa	80	66	pc
Chicago	33	15	i	Indianapolis	42	17	c	Omaha	27	12	pc	Topeka	32	17	s
Cincinnati	48	20	pc	Jackson, MS	59	36	pc	Orlando	82	62	pc	Washington	64	41	r
Cleveland	51	23	c	Jacksonville	80	57	c	Philadelphia	59	41	r	Wichita	37	14	s

Pan American

City	H	L	W
Acapulco	90	72	pc
Bermuda	69	60	pc
Cabo San Lucas	75	54	pc
Chihuahua	68	41	pc
Guadalajara	74	45	pc
Havana	81	66	s
Kingston	85	73	s
Mazatlan	81	59	pc
Merida	88	68	pc
Mexico City	68	48	pc
Nassau	81	63	pc
St. Thomas	83	74	pc
San Jose	75	64	s
San Juan, PR	81	71	pc
Torreon	68	46	pc
Trinidad	86	71	t
Vera Cruz	84	68	pc

World

City	H	L	W
Bangkok	88	67	t
Beijing	26	11	pc
Bogota	68	48	pc
Johannesburg	81	56	pc
London	33	27	c
Montreal	26	22	sn
Moscow	18	8	c
Nairobi	79	60	c
New Delhi	68	45	pc
Paris	31	20	c
Rio de Janeiro	72	64	pc
Riyadh	66	45	s
Rome	47	35	c
Stockholm	20	10	s
Sydney	78	62	pc
Tokyo	50	36	pc
Toronto	56	32	r

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MHS: Landreth paces team with 12

(From 1C)

there were spurts when we played real well. We shot the ball a whole lot better and things always go well when you do that."

Offensively the Lady Dawgs were balanced, with nobody putting up spectacular numbers, but most everybody who played made positive contributions. As was the case two nights earlier against Odessa Permian, Midland High had a solid evening from its bench, which scored 26 points against Abilene High.

The offense was set up by the customary pressure applied by guards Talitha Belcher and Jodie Mitchell, whose contributions went beyond the eight points apiece they scored.

"We want the ball in (Belcher's) hands as often as possible," Raughton said. "Jodie Mitchell also had a real good game."

Belcher and Mitchell helped force Abilene (3-14 overall, 1-3 in district) into 29 turnovers as the Eagles fell behind early and never could climb back into the game. Midland High never trailed as Belcher opened the scoring with a three-point play. Abilene High, meanwhile, couldn't get anybody but Sarah Laster to put the ball in the hoop for the first quarter-and-a-half.

Laster scored the first eight points of the game for the Eagles, who made only five of 17 shots in the first half. Heaven Balanciere finally hit a three-point shot for Abilene to make the score 21-11, but the Eagles never got within nine points after that.

The Lady Dawgs went inside more successfully in the second half, with post Deborah Landreth leading the way with a team-high 12 points. Landreth did this damage despite the fact that she, Belcher, Bianca Lane and Jamie Nicholson all had four fouls early in the fourth quarter.

"A lot of times I don't think that hurts us," Raughton said. "We've got some quality to come in behind them."

Kim Paschall was the only other Midland High player in double figures with 10 points. Laster led Abilene with 19 points.

Midland High won the junior varsity game 58-55 with Tiera Barber scoring 15 points and Michelle Acosta adding 12. MHS also won the sophomore game 51-45. Jodie Faulkner had 16 points while Jenni Crawford added 12. Brandi Crawford had 10 rebounds.

Midland High 64, Abilene High 47

Abilene (3-14, 1-3): Sarah Laster 7 5-10 19; Randi Williams 1 1-2 3; Michelle Martin 1 1-7 3; Misty Mays 3 0-3 6; Kim Roach 1 1-2 3; Heaven Balanciere 3 2-4 9; Jeannette Wingert 0 0-0 0; Sara Pearce 1 2-4 4. Totals 17 12-32 47.

Midland High (17-5, 3-1): Jodie Mitchell 3 2-4 8; Kim Paschall 5 0-0 10; Talitha Belcher 3 2-5 8; Bianca Lane 0 0-0 0; Deborah Landreth 5 2-2 12; Tarhonda Belcher 2 3-4 7; Jamie Nicholson 2 0-0 4; Heidi Lange 1 0-0 2; Jamelyn Swinney 2 0-0 4; Kristy Cornelius 0 0-0 0; Rebecca Nobles 2 2-2 6; Kelly Scharbauer 1 0-0 2; Kyleigh Griffin 0 1-2 1. Totals 26 12-19 64.

Abilene	5	13	14	14—47
Midland High	12	17	22	13—64

3-Point Goals: A 1 (Balanciere). **Rebounds:** A 20 (Laster, Balanciere 6), MHS 25 (Tar. Belcher 5). **Turnovers:** A 29, MHS 23. **Total Fouls:** A 20, MHS 26. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technicals:** None.

LEE: Washington scores 20 for Rebs

(From 1C)

House is not a coach to make excuses. The end result was certainly clear in his eyes.

"Any district loss is tough, and especially losing at home. They beat us in every phase of the game. There's nothing they didn't do," House said. "They played better defense, they played better offense, they shoot it and miss it and go put it back. We didn't do simple fundamentals. It's kind of fun to come down and shoot it, knowing you're going to get it back."

In just a span of two weeks, the Rebels lost the services of John Norman, Antwan Alexander and Corry Pertile. House said that all of them decided to quit the team on their own and they gave him no particular reason for their departure.

The Rebels trailed throughout and were only down 13-10 midway through the first quarter when the Cougars (14-7, 2-0 district) went on a 7-0 run for a 20-10 lead thanks to Lee turnovers. Rough shooting by Lee and second-chance shots by Cooper saw the Rebels down 39-24 at the half.

House apparently didn't say much to his team at halftime because the Rebels were warming up for the second half just two minutes into the break. That seemed to spark the Rebels as they went on a 6-0 run, sparked by Amron Washington's four points, to start the half and cut the lead to 39-30. That, unfortunately for Lee, was the closest they would get on the night as Cooper went on a 19-8 run for a 58-38 lead after the third quarter.

By the time the fourth quarter started, one could see the wear of the game starting to take its toll on the Rebels' faces. Cooper just continued to pound away as the Cougars took advantage of poor shots, turnovers and foul trouble by Lee to put the game away.

Now the question remains if Lee can recover from its worse loss since 1992. House wonders and hopes his team can.

"With these guys it's hard to tell," House said. "They worry about too many little things like if their ankles are taped. If we can get those things straightened out, then maybe we can go play basketball.

"We haven't had a whooping like this is district since I can remember. It'll be interesting to see how we can recover. It's something new for us."

Lee takes a break from district play Tuesday when it hosts Class 3A Monahans at 7:30 p.m. at Lee gym.

The Lee junior varsity had better luck against Cooper with a 77-56 loss. Keith Rotan led the Rebels (13-2, 3-0 district) with 19 points, David Gonzales had 17, Jake Lacy had 12 and Jeremy Conaway added 12.

The Lee sophomores (15-1, 3-0 district) also beat Cooper, 55-34, with Justin Gibson and J.P. Ratliff leading the way with 14 and Roy Thompson chipping in with 10. The next game for the sophs is Friday at Abilene High School

Abilene Cooper 86, Midland Lee 61

Abilene Cooper (14-7, 2-0): Chris Cherry 3-7 2-2 8; Josh Depaul 2-7 1-2 6; Aric Garrett 4-7 9-10 18; Shawn Hudson 0-0 0-0 0; Tim Hutchinson 3-4 0-0 6; Tony Roach 9-16 1-3 20; Brandon Schmitz 4-11 0-0 8; Kyle Scott 1-3 6-8 8; Felton Freeman 4-8 3-5 12. Totals 30-63 22-30 86.

Midland Lee (15-7,1-2): Chamoy Ephriam 4-10 2-2 10; Amron Washington 8-17 4-6 20; Robert House 2-8 0-0 4; John Purves 5-7 3-4 13; Aaron Erdwurm 0-2 0-0 0; Josh Ralston 2-6 0-0 4; Dreyfus Andrews 3-6 4-6 10; Brian Massey 0-0 0-0 0; Heath Huff 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-56 13-20 61.

Cooper	20	19	19	28—86
Lee	10	14	14	23—61

3-Point Field Goals: Cooper 4 (Garrett, Depaul, Freeman, Roach). **Total Fouls:** Cooper 22, Lee 27. **Fouled Out:** Washington, Erdwurm, Ephriam, Cherry, Schmitz. **Turnovers:** Cooper 13, Lee 15. **Technical Fouls:** None.

Local Sports

Mustangs fall in consolation

SUNDOWN — Midland Christian defeated Three-Way late Friday night to make it into the consolation championship on Sautrday, but that's where the Mustangs were stopped here at the Sundown Basketball Tournament.

Lubbock Christian, who will host the Mustangs on Friday in a TAPPS district contest, outscored Midland Christian 21-6 in the second quarter and went on to win the consolation title, 53-48. The Mustangs beat Class 1A public school Three-Way 67-38 on Friday to make it to the trophy game.

John Koss was named all-tournament after pouring in 35 points against Three-Way and 30 against Lubbock Christian. The Mustangs improved to 13-6 overall.

Midland Christian 67, Three-Way 38

Midland Christian: Trent Lee 1 0-0 2; Colby Lee 0 2-4 2; Josh Miller 0 0-3 0; Jerod Womack 3 1-4 7; Alex Awtry 2 1-2 6; Andrew Hufford 4 3-4 11; John Koss 13 9-12 35; Geoff Chinn 2 0-1 4. **Totals 25 16-30 67.**

Three-Way: J. Kinole 0 2-2 2; Pina 0 1-2 1; J. Perez 7 6-9 20; Wilson 1 1-2 3; Pollard 0 2-6 2; K. Kinole 1 2-4 4; G. Perez 3 0-0 6. **Totals 12 14-25 38.**

Score by Quarters

Midland Christian	15	20	11	21—67
Three-Way	10	2	14	12—38

Three-point goals: M 1 (Awtry). Total Fouls: M 18, T 24. Fouled Out: G. Perez. Technical fouls: None

Consolation Championship

Lubbock Christian 53, Midland Christian 48

Midland Christian: C. Lee 1 0-0 2; Womack 1 1-2 3; Awtry 2 0-0 4; Hufford 2 1-3 6; Koss 12 6-8 30; Chinn 1 1-2 3. **Totals: 19 9-15 48.**

Lubbock Christian: O'Bannon 2 0-0 5; Pringle 1 0-0 2; **Sellers** 1 1-2 3; Riley 1 0-0 2; Paden 6 2-4 16; Crawford 3 2-3 8; Epperson 2 7-8 11; Echols 2 2-3 6. **Totals: 18 14-20 53.**

Score by Quarters

Midland Christian	14	6	12	16—48
Lubbock Christian	12	21	7	13—53.

Three-point goals: M 1 (Hufford); L 3 (O'Bannon, Paden 2). Total Fouls: M 16, L 15. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None

Lady Rebs win soccer scrimmage

LUBBOCK — The Midland Lee girls soccer team won their second scrimmage in two days with a 4-3 win over Lubbock Monterey Saturday.

Lee led 3-1 after two first half goals by Kristina Farmer and one from Tara Marshall. Monterey did come back to score two to tie the game at 3-3 but Ritha Belizaire's late goal was the difference in the win.

Lee opens the regular season Friday with a trip to the Brenham tournament.

Excalibur 3rd in River City

SAN ANTONIO — Midland's Excalibur volleyball team placed third in the 16 and under Silver Championship Power Pool at the River City Classic Volleyball Tournament.

Overall, Excalibur finished 11th out of 64 teams frmo Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana which competed in the age group. Excalibur features players from Midland High, Midland Lee, Greenwood High and Odessa Permian.

Lady Rebs rebound with win over Abilene Cooper

Staff Report

The Midland Lee girls basketball team defeated Abilene Cooper 58-41 Saturday night in District 4-5A action, recovering from a loss on Thursday to Odessa High.

Lee (8-11 overall, 3-2 in district) withstood a potential scare as Angie Siebold, Jamie Rhodes, Tamika Thurman and Kim Albus each had three fouls before the end of the second quarter. However, coach Elise Kail's club got some strong bench play and held on to its 25-17 lead.

"Teamwork and unity (were the keys)," Kail said. "That is something that had been missing. We have to play together and build on this instead of worrying about the past."

Midland Lee will have a few days to savor the win before taking on Abilene High next Friday.

In JV action, Midland Lee was also victorious. The Lady Rebs defeated Cooper 52-38. Katie McLane scored 14 while Dee Frazier chipped in 11.

The Lady Rebels sophs also wom with a 43-32 performance over Cooper. Lee (8-6 and 3-2) were led by Mikel Hunter and Kristi West. Both scored nine points.

Midland Lee 58, Abilene Cooper 41

Midland Lee (8-11, 3-2): Kendra Albus 0 0-2 0; Roxanne Pylant 0 0-0 0; Sarah Buchanan 0 0-0 0; LaSaundra Christian 1 2-4 4; Maurion Strambler 5 3-7 15; Jennifer Aman 0 0-0 0; Jamie Rhoads 3 2-3 3; LaToya Strambler 5 3-7 13; Sarah Luehring 1 0-4 2; Tamika Thurman 2 2-4 6; Angie Seibold 1 7-8 9; Nisha Washington 3 0-0 6; **Totals 18 19-36 58.**

Abilene Cooper (9-10, 0-4): Courtney Brooks 0 0-0 0; Toni Choate 1 2-8 4; Dara Welch 0 0-0 0; Tamara Hart 0 0-4 0; Kim Golson 0 0-10 0; Ashley Verner 0 0-0 0; Lauren Wallace 0 1-2 1; Robin Padgett 2 0-2 4; Catherine Weir 10 10-13 32; Ida Ridgeway 0 0-0 0; **Totals 13 3-29 41.**

Score by Quarters

Midland Lee	15	10	13	20—58
Abilene Cooper	9	8	12	12—41

Three-point goals: L 3 (Pylant, M. Strambler 2); C 2 (Weir). Total Fouls: L 29, C 26. Fouled Out: Hart. Technical Fouls: None. JV Score: Lee 52, Cooper 38.

Midland High boys roll over Abilene High

Staff Report

ABILENE — It was all over by halftime.

The Midland High Bulldogs took a 49-23 halftime lead on the way to an 82-65 win over Abilene High in District 4-5A play Saturday night.

"We were ahead at halftime and after that I guess we decided we had it won because we sort of stopped playing," said Midland High coach Jack Stephenson. "We did shoot ball real well and it was a good road win for us."

Kirby Lemons led the Bulldogs (18-3, 3-0 district) with 26 points, Jon Stephenson had 14, Charles Tatum had 11 and Russell Gardner added 10.

MHS returns to action Tuesday when it hosts San Angelo Central at 7:30 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

In other action the MHS junior varsity won 60-58 over Abilene and the Bulldog sophomores were also winners with a 63-60 victory.

Midland High 82, Abilene High 65

Midland High (18-3, 3-0): Charles Tatum 2 6-6 11; Jerome Eldridge 0 1-4 1; Lee Dunn 0 1-2 1; Roosevelt Erving 0 1-2 1; Jay Christian 4 0-2 8; Blake Johnston 0 1-2 1; Jon Stephenson 5 0-0 14; Camar Jackson 2 0-0 4; Kirby Lemons 13 0-0 26; Trey Manning 1 0-0 3; Josh Fernau 1 0-0 2; Russell Gardner 4 2-3 10. Totals 32 12-21 82.

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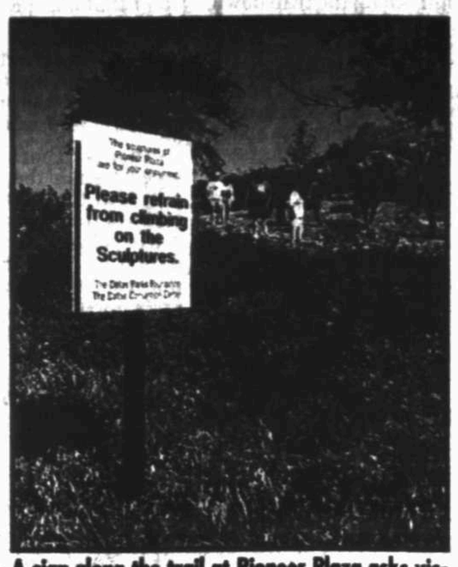
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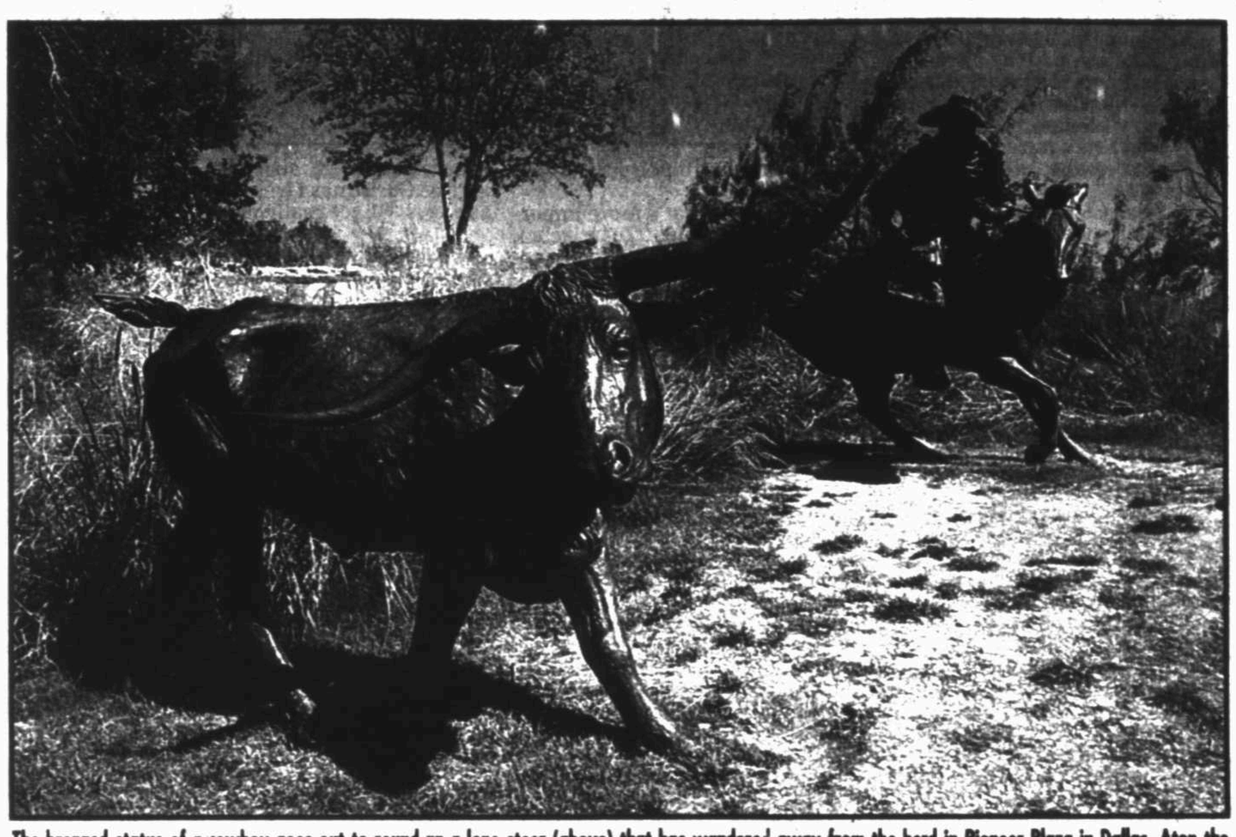
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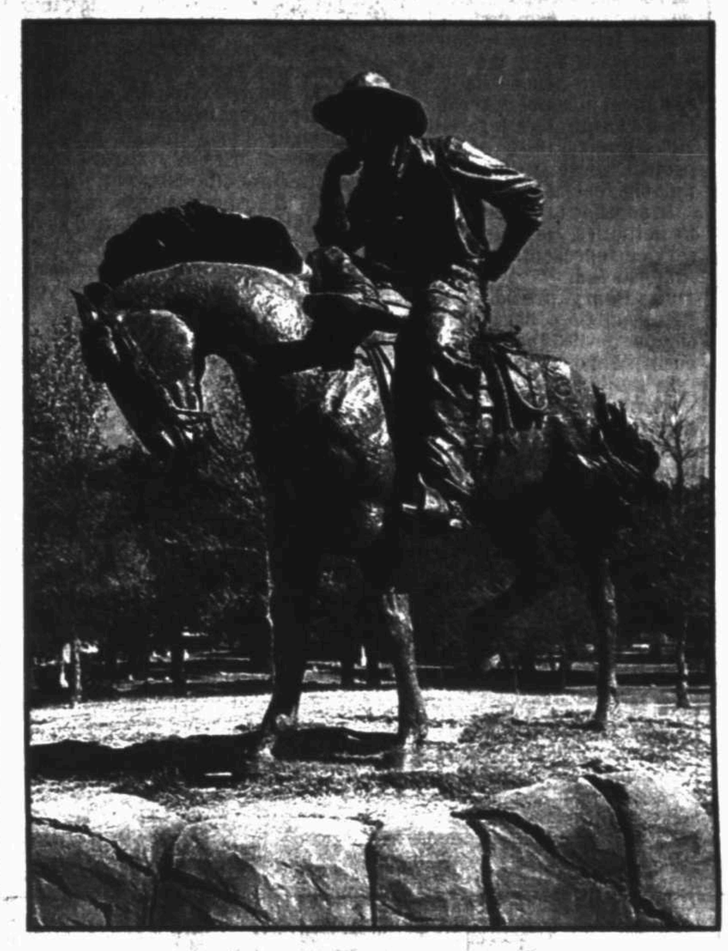


A sign along the trail at Pioneer Plaza asks visitor to refrain from climbing on the statues.



As the herd of bronze longhorn steers walks across the stream in Pioneer Plaza, this steer stops to take a drink. The reflection of downtown Dallas can be seen in the water.





The bronzed statue of a cowboy goes out to round up a lone steer (above) that has wandered away from the herd in Pioneer Plaza in Dallas. Atop the hill, a cowboy sits mounted on his horse (right) overlooking the progress of the herd down the hill. The entire monument has 50 steers and three cowboys on horseback. Funds are being raised to add 20 more steers to the herd, making Pioneer Plaza the world's largest bronze monument. The statues are located on an actual historic cattle trail used beginning in 1854.

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DALLAS — Living in the Wild, Wild West ... it has been the theme of countless movies, the subject of many songs, the topic of thousands of books, and most assuredly the daydream of many Texans and Texan wanna-bes.

Envision the dusty road the stagecoach took from town to town, or imagine the responsibility of the cowboys on a cattle drive with the well-being of the entire herd riding in their hands.

Living in the 1990s, it's truly difficult to imagine those days of yesteryear that fill Texas history books. Cattle drives today don't even exist — except for a tourist-travel attraction. And if cattle drives still did occur, cowboys would probably communicate with cell phones and drive Ford Broncos rather than ride real ones.

But there is a place in Dallas where visitors can get an artistic glimpse into the past. Pioneer Plaza, at the corner of Young and Griffin Streets in downtown Dallas, offers an idea of what it might have looked like to "head 'em up and move 'em out" in the Old West.

There, just north of the Dallas Convention Center and next to City Hall, are 50 larger-than-life bronze statues of longhorn steers and three bronze statues of cowboys on horseback set in a 4.2-acre plaza of native plants, a waterfall and flowing steam.

The park first opened in May 1994, in time for World Cup visitors. An additional 20 bronze steers are to be added to the herd, which will make Pioneer Plaza the world's largest bronze monument.

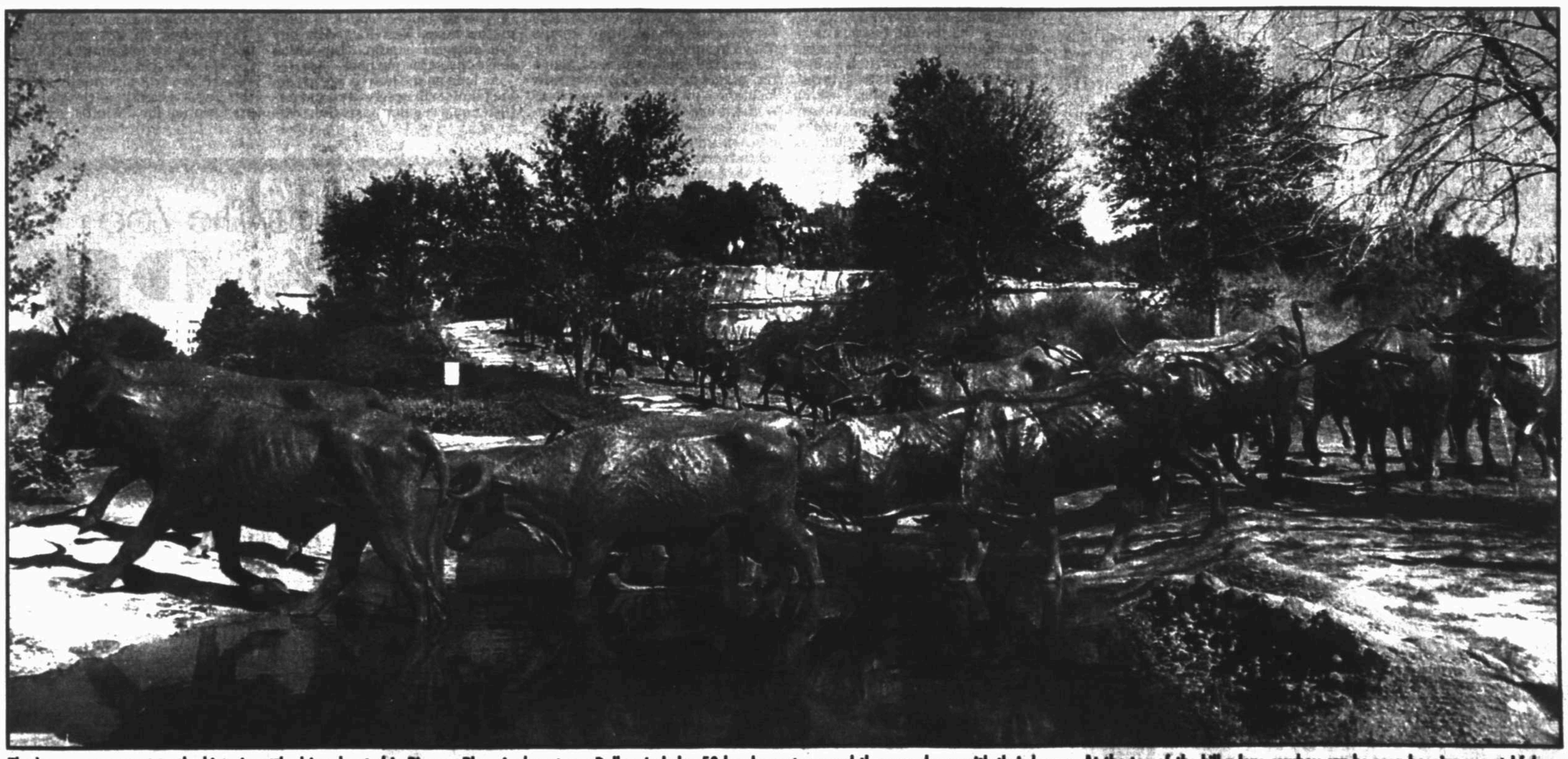
The Plaza has become one of Dallas' most popular tourists sites. Crafted by national award-winning sculptor Robert Summers of Glen Rose, the bronze herd is actually located on the historic cattle trail used beginning in 1854.

The trail moseys from the hill-top historic, century-old Pioneer Cemetery — where many Dallas founders are buried — down to a pond and the busy streets of down-

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This cowboy leads the trail with his lasso ready to catch the steer that is getting too far ahead of the herd. Visitors are able to walk right up to the statues in Pioneer Plaza, where they can truly see and touch the detailed bronzed figures.



The bronze monument to the historic cattle drive, located in Pioneer Plaza in downtown Dallas, includes 50 longhorn steers and three cowboys with their horses. At the top of the hill a lone cowboy can be seen keeping a watchful eye over the herd's progress as they cross the stream below.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Midlanders share their New Year's resolutions

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

We used to think New Year's Resolutions meant the old tried-and-true "to lose weight" or "to stop smoking" (or end some other bad habit). But of late, goals are not all about self-improvement. Among the persons we spoke with, their goals were defined in terms of helping others, as well as themselves.



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Junior League of Midland president Helen Shelton has resolved to start on a project later this year that is dear to her heart. She lost a good friend to cancer in early 1996, and it has been her dream to establish a support unit, which will be named Hope House, for cancer patients and their families. "Other friends and I want to provide a place where they can gather socially, access information, and meet in support groups away from a hospital setting." Although Helen realizes this is an ambitious project, there is enough support that she feels it will come to pass.

In addition to her civic and family activities, Helen is a customer service representative for Trace Analysis Lab.

Jim Henry, president of Henry Petroleum Corp, has goals and resolutions for 1997 that affect both his business and personal life.

In the business realm, Jim is working toward getting legislation passed for state-assisted unitization, which is important to the oil industry and will make business infinitely better for West Texas oil operators and royalty owners. "It also has the potential to provide as many as 27,000 new jobs in the Permian Basin," Jim says.

Jim states that life is good as the new year begins, and he and his wife, **Paula**, want to spend more time with family. For one thing, they are experiencing the joy of being first-time grandparents. A baby girl was born to their daughter, **Jamie**, and her husband, **Doug Askelson**, in December.

Paula's resolve is to finish her master's thesis in history at Texas Tech University during the year.

Dr. Eileen Piwetz, vice president of institutional advancement at Midland College, plans a continuous study of biographies of famous individuals, whether it be through television or books. Eileen is currently reading David McCullough's book, "Truman." "Incidentally," she says, "Mr. McCullough is going to be the inaugural speaker for the Davidson Family Distinguished Lecture Series at Midland College this year."

Eileen further states, "I would like to get a handle on the reams of paperwork that come across my desk. While I'm not sure if I can conquer this or not, I'm going to make that a priority in '97."

The Rev. Lane Boyd, senior pastor at First United Methodist Church, says, "There's no place like home," and after a busy year of traveling, he plans to spend more time there. "This hopefully will allow me time to read more books, which is one of my New Year's resolutions."

Jane Phares, executive director of the Petroleum Museum, has established that she will get through a busy spring sanely, taking things "one day at a time." On her agenda are two weddings, that of her son, **Rod Jr.**, and also a nephew; the Texas Association of Museums' state convention in Midland, and the Petroleum Museum's Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. As though not busy enough, Jane has resolved to redo a room of her home sometime this year.

As the experts advise, focus on goals that are attainable and have the potential to make you feel better. No need to make resolutions that might make you angry if you don't succeed.

And with that said, best wishes to our readers for a new year of happiness!

MIDLAND NATIVE and children's performer **Eddie Coker** was the featured subject in last Sunday's High Profile section of the Dallas Morning News.

The 36-year-old singer/songwriter's career is blossoming and is receiving increased national exposure. He blends storytelling messages with his music and mixes that with a **Jerry Lewis**-style of entertaining to capture the kids' fancies.

Midlanders who attended the Junior League's "Festival of Trees" kids' concerts its first two seasons will remember Eddie's magical rapport with the youngsters in the crowd.

Eddie is the son of **Melissa and Gene Coker**, who moved to Dallas a number of years ago.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

PLAZA: 20 steers to be added to Pioneer herd

(From 1D)

town Dallas. Atop the hill, a cowboy is mounted on his trusty steed quite relaxed, yet keeping a watchful eye over the herd's movement down the hill. Along the trail down, stones have been placed allowing visitors to easily walk alongside the herd. The park is so open to visitors that you can walk right up and "pet" these critters, if you have a mind to. However, there is a sign asking visitors to refrain from climbing on the sculptures — an activity that could be very enticing given the size of these animal sculptures.

And as you walk along the trail, don't be surprised if an occasional lizard or horny toad runs past.

As these incredibly realistic beasts reach the bottom of the hill, they cross a creek where one longhorn statue even reaches down to take a drink. Off to the side, a cowboy rounds up a stray longhorn. At the front of the herd, another cowboy readies his lasso to catch a steer that has gotten too far ahead of the herd.

In the foreground of the park is a small man-made pond which on warm days children can be seen dipping their toes in.

"Pioneer Plaza is an important investment in the city's future. Not only will this historic site attract visitors to Dallas' downtown, but it will serve as a celebrated destination where millions of conventioneers, visitors and families will flock each year," said Dan Petty, past board chairman of the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau.

History has shown Texas to be a major part of the Wild West, full of adventures and happy trails. However, the history behind Pioneer Plaza hasn't always been, and by some Dallasites opinions still isn't, happy trails.

Many people criticized and even fought the project from its beginning. These nay-sayers claim that Dallas only briefly hosted a minor cattle trail, but was much more an Eastern mercantile and financial center than an outpost of the Old West, according to a May 27, 1996, Dallas Morning News article.

But now that the project is finished, even most of the people who opposed the project have had to admit that it is much more of a tourist success than they expected it to be.

The park was built with privately-raised money, but the city donated land worth about $5 million. The Dallas Parks Foundation continues its efforts to raise $1.5 million to place the additional 20 steers planned for the project. With the addition of the steers, the herd would extend almost to Young Street, according to the Dallas Morning News.

There is no charge to view Pioneer Plaza, and free 20-minute parking is available next to the Plaza off Griffin Street.

For more information about Pioneer Plaza or other sites or events in the Dallas area, call the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau at (214) 746-6677 or visit the Web page at http://cityview.com/dallas.

One woman takes control of her diet, her life

By June Naylor Rodriguez
N.Y. Times News Service

'Vital statistics' reveal changes

N.Y. Times News Service

CHRIS JACKSON IN 1993	NOW
Body fat: 35 percent to 40 percent	Body fat: 16 percent
Weight: about 180	Weight: about 135
Dress size: 16	Dress size: 6
Attitude: "I just wanted to sleep all the time."	Attitude: "I wear people out because I'm 'up' about 90 percent of the time. I'm doing handstands in the lobby when nothing's going on."

FORT WORTH — Three years ago this month, Chris Jackson had quit looking in the mirror. Seeing how she had ballooned to 180 pounds was just too painful.

Nest month, however, a national magazine will portray Jackson as a fitness success story. Old friends who see the Fort Worth woman in February's Shape magazine probably won't recognize her.

That's because, as an editor in Shape's Los Angeles office puts it, "she did a 360."

"Chris lost a substantial amount of weight, but what's more important is that she changed her whole life," says Robin Heinz. "To be included in our 'Success Stories,' you have to really be dedicated to changing your lifestyle for good, and that's what Chris did."

In reshaping her body, Jackson, 28, renovated her life, culminating with a decision to give up her position as an English teacher at Monnig Middle School and immerse herself in a career as a fitness instructor and personal trainer.

LOOKING IN the mirror constantly comes with that territory; anyone who has been in an aerobics class knows the mirrors are everywhere. But Jackson sees herself differently now, and not just in the way she views her body. There's a confidence that was hidden beneath 45 extra pounds.

"A person who gains control over food and exercise becomes changed. It's a natural part of the process," Jackson says.

"I'll figure out what changes I still want to make when I get through this transition phase," says Jackson, who says a few insecurities still creep up now and then. "When changes are this drastic, you can't not change some of who you are, how others perceive you and how you perceive yourself."

In a three-year journey down a road of revised eating habits, aerobic exercise and strength training, Jackson remodeled her body from a size 16 to a 6. And she left behind a lethargic person.

"I'm definitely a happier person now," says Jackson, who recently taught aerobics at a resort in Jamaica for a week. "How could you not have fun working in fitness? I mean, who gets to teach aerobics in Jamaica?"

Colleagues and clients at Aerobics to Go in Fort Worth describe her as transformed.

"I can't believe how different her whole body shape is," says Brandy Hudson, a member at the fitness studio who remembers when a heavier Jackson first attended classes there. "She is so self-assured now, so in control. And her classes are challenging both physically and mentally."

REMARKABLE FOR an only child who learned, at age 6 upon her parents' divorce, to block feelings of sadness with food and television. Her mother and stepfather had to drag her along on outings.

Food became an early issue. When she was 9, she put on 10 pounds after visiting a grandmother in New England for three weeks, where she ate home cooking rich in cream and butter. Her mother promptly sent her to a nutritionist.

And then there were the typical pitfalls of teen-age girls.

"I thought I had a weight problem, but now I look at pictures and see I didn't," Jackson says. "Still, I remember eating nothing for days but Diet Pepsi and saltine crackers."

Exercise was never an interest — she went to perhaps two Jazzercize classes in high school — yet she longed to be smaller. When visiting her father in Florida, she decided he thought she was fat. She ached to look like her thin stepsister in a swimsuit.

"I felt like I couldn't please him," Jackson says. "I'm now realizing what effects that had on me, and why I have had certain relationships."

College bore out the cliches of dorm life, where starvation diets were interrupted by midnight pizza feasts.

Still a college student, she was a size 9/10 when she married at 21. Then came a baby, and "voila!" — she woke up at 22, about 55 pounds overweight.

"The Christmas I was pregnant, my mom had out the video camera," she says. "I got really mad at her when she'd point it at me."

JACKSON TOOK her pregnancy as "a license to eat everything." She cooked a great deal, typically buying a pork roast to make huge quantities of chimichangas and burritos to be eaten at one sitting.

When she moved from Arizona to Fort Worth in 1993, the weight stayed on under the stress of relocating with a 2-year-old and starting a new job.

And then one day she picked up a copy of Shape and saw the "Success Stories."

"I thought, 'Why can't I look like this? Can't I be in control?'"

At the start of Christmas break — she remembers it was Dec. 17 — she decided to beat the New Year's resolution rush and start running. At first she could walk/run about a block, but she went a little farther each night after that.

Later she bought good running shoes to run eight laps around her apartment complex, and then she graduated to the Trinity River bike trail.

When March rolled around she had lost 15 pounds, and was running three miles at a stretch. She adopted low-fat recipes and began bicycling. By August, Jackson was curious enough about aerobics to check it out.

"I got up the courage to go to a class, but when I got there, I was really freaking out," she says, looking amazed. "I was thinking people are wondering, 'What is SHE doing here?'"

THE NEXT DAY she was so sore she could barely walk. But soon she was taking five classes per week. By the following May, she began instructor training.

Jackson changed her approach to food, as well. Her typical diet includes a lot of brown and white rice, chicken, broccoli and asparagus, pinto and navy and kidney beans, whole-wheat bagels and bananas. She admits to still being a fool for cheese, although she chooses the reduced-fat variety now. And although she confesses to wolfing down several small Reese's Peanut Butter Cups in a single sitting, she says that happens rarely.

Jackson spent a year teaching aerobics at night and on weekends while continuing to teach school. But last summer, she began strength training about three times a week and realized she wanted to become a personal trainer as well as an instructor — which meant a commitment to a full-time fitness career.

Claire Keyworth, Jackson's mother, who lives in Tempe, Ariz., is keenly aware of the inner changes in her daughter.

"She's more assertive, more confident than before. I don't think she ever knew her potential," says Keyworth. "Now I think she's on a roll."

The instructor/trainer who was Jackson's mentor at the fitness studio says that she exemplifies the difference between dropping weight and overhauling a lifestyle.

"Chris is living fitness — she's made that commitment," says Jim Benson, adding, "Now I'm at a point where I can learn from her."

Answering machine messages intriguing

By Julie Hatfield
N.Y. Times News Service

The telephone message on my machine wasn't even for me, but how could I not be intrigued, when I heard my son the lawyer's voice answering what was evidently my daughter the singer's question with, "Juliana, the short answer is 'yes.'"

This was followed by the next message on the machine, which was, "The longer answer is that when it was statutory rape, and you can prove that it was statutory rape, then yes, you would conceivably have legal grounds for murder, if you could prove self-defense."

That's all. End of message. After the initial shock, I called my son back: Turns out she was writing a story or some lyrics. Nevertheless, how many endings could be imagined from a few simple half-messages left on your telephone machine? It gets one wondering, for example, when your telephone answering machine doesn't have enough space for messages on it, and you wish you had been home when the call came in. These are the calls you wish you had never received ...

"Mrs. Smith, this is the Police. Your son ...

"ohn, this is the pathology department of at City Hospital, and the results of your tests have come in. They show that ..."

"Hi Sue. Remember when you took that vacation on St. Maarten last February, and you met a guy in the bar who, although he was married, spent the rest of the weekend with you on the beach? Well, this is that same guy, Sue, and I wanted to let you know that I've gotten a divorce, I'll be going back to St. Maarten again, and my telephone is ..."

"Congratulations, Emily. This is the Nobel Prize committee representative, Bertram Sorensen, and you have ..."

"Mr. Southerland, this is the personnel department of the Glick Company where you interviewed last week. We found your interview provocative. But we would like to ask you to ..."

"This is the garage, Betty, and we were taking your car out for a test drive this morning when, unexpectedly, the ..."

"Hi Jill. You know the prom is coming up in a few weeks, and a few of the guys wondered if you'd ..."

"Hi, Mom here. You'll never believe what happened to your father yesterday. Are you sitting down? Well, he left at 5 a.m. with his fishing buddies, hoping to make it up to the lake by 8, but when he got into the car he ..."

"Hey Bill, it's Frank over at Jones Barney. Remember those mutual funds we were going to buy last week for your retirement fund? Well, we've had a funny thing happen with our computers here, and ..."

"Hello, it's Jim, the painter at your house. We're about halfway through the job now, and we wondered, are you sure you wanted it painted black? That's what you said in the note you wrote to us, right? It sure looks funny, but if we don't hear back from you in the next hour or so, we'll just finish up and leave the bill inside the door. It's a black door now ..."

"Hi, Mr. Adams, I'm calling from your vacation house in the Caribbean, where I've been housesitting, and you know there's a hurricane on its way today, and ... oh my God! ..."

Sweet scent makes freesia plants more appealing

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Your nose is usually first to know that there's a pot of freesias nearby, for the flowers' sweet scent fills every corner of the room. Then the petals — soft cheery blues, reds and yellows — catch your eye.

Freesia bulbs are readily forced indoors, but forcing them is more of a challenge than forcing common flowering bulbs such as daffodils and tulips. In contrast to daffodil and tulip bulbs, which already contain dormant flower buds just waiting to unfold, freesias develop flower buds as they grow. So the luxuriance of freesia blossoms depends on current growing conditions.

The first step in forcing freesias is to pot up the bulbs. Fill flower pots to within 2 inches of their rims with a well-drained, neutral pH potting mix, then set the bulbs on top of the mix 2 inches apart with their pointed ends up. Do not overcrowd the bulbs or the roots will not have enough room to spread and adequately nourish the plants. Once the bulbs are in place, pile on additional potting mix until the tops of the bulbs are buried 1 inch deep. Then water thoroughly.

To grow into compact flowering plants, freesia bulbs must first be kept cool for awhile. The ideal is 55 degrees F for 45 days. Light is not needed until leaves show, so a good spot for the pot at this stage might be a basement or an unheated, attached garage. Do not keep the plants cool for too long or they will "pupate," diverting energy into forming small, bulblike corms above ground on stems.

After the cool treatment, move the plants to a slightly warmer location. Now the plants need light — the more the better — to manufacture enough food to form flowers. An unheated sun room or a south-facing basement can provide the ideal combination of brightness and without too much heat.

Do not be put off by these rather exacting growing requirements. You will still get some flowers over broader conditions than those described previously. Keep the plants as cool — and in as much light — as possible.

Soon after the first shoots poke through the soil, your pot of freesias will become a jungle of lush, strappy foliage. Some sort of support is needed to keep the leaves from flopping down over the sides of the pot, and to hold the long flower stems up for best display.

Contain the foliage and flower stalks before the jungle grows too lush by making a cage around the rim of the pot. One way is with brushy twigs pushed into the soil. Another way is with a ring of a half-dozen or so thin bamboo stakes pushed into the soil, with thin string looped from one stake to the next. You also can buy reusable wire supports, which serve the same purpose.

As long as the leaves are green, the plants will need water and fertilizer on a regular basis. Fertilize with a neutral (nonacid) fertilizer. Throughout the plants' growth, keep the potting mix moist, but never sodden. Fluoridated municipal water can potentially injure freesias, but this should not be a problem as long as you use a neutral fertilizer and potting mix. If in doubt about your mix or fertilizer, or if problems arise, use spring water, bottled water or rainwater.

Depending on growing conditions and the particular variety of freesia, the first blossoms will appear two to four months after you begin forcing — the perfect prescription for a winter's day.

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Midland County Livestock Show is scheduled for Jan. 9-11 at Midland County Exhibit Building. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Judging of animals will begin 10 a.m. Jan. 9 for swine, rabbits and poultry, and continues at 8 a.m. Jan. 10 for meat goats, lambs, heifers and steers.

Barbecue dinner will be served 11:30 a.m. Jan. 11. Children aged 5 and younger may participate in a peewee goat show at 12:45 p.m. on that day. Premium auction sale will begin 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11.

The Livestock Show, sponsored by Midland County Livestock Association in cooperation with County Extension agents, vocation ag instructors and 4-H and FFA clubs of Midland County, is staged to recognize efforts of youth participating in 4-H or FFA livestock projects.

For more information call 687-1351...

...PYRACANTHA GARDEN Club will meet 9:30 a.m. Jan. 7 for a program on "Herbs and Peppers" presented by Barbara Porsch. For location and information call 520-3228...

...NEWCOMERS CLUB will meet for coffee 9:30 a.m. Jan. 9 at 4013 Edgebrook in Mockingbird Heights. For information call 520-0254 or 699-0832...

...CAREGIVERS MONTHLY support group will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at Allison Cancer Center. Family members and friends who help care for patients with cancer or other serious illnesses are invited to attend. Angela Peterson, LMSW, will lead the open forum discussion. For information call 685-6606...

...WEST TEXAS Writers and West Texas Storytellers Guild's second annual Short Story Contest is now accepting entries. Stories must be written *by* adults *for* children, and be no more than 1,000 words. For information call 699-7820...

...LT. WILLIAM Brewer chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and NSDAR, will meet 1:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at Midland Woman's Club. Guest speakers John Philbeck and George Manley will discuss Vietnam veterans. All interested persons are invited to attend...

...AMERICAN LUNG Association's Better Breathing Club will meet at noon Jan. 7 at Westwood Hospital. For more information call 522-2273...

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2855...

...KEEP MIDLAND Beautiful has two drop-off sites for cut Christmas trees: Hogan Park's No. 7 Field, and the corner of Powell and Roosevelt Streets. Trees may be dropped off anytime up to Jan. 6. Disposing of trees in city parks or alleyways is not permitted and may result in a fine of up to $500. Cut trees will by mulched by the City's Solid Waste Department. The mulch will be used in city parks and public areas...

...MIDLAND CHRISTIAN Women's Club will meet for "Let's Get Organized" luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 7 at Midland Country Club. Becky Mims of Women Time Management will give hints and tips on how to "Simplify That Kitchen." Michael Sherrod will play music at the piano. Linda Parker of El Paso will speak on "An Orderly Life."

Cost of the luncheon will be $10 per person. Free nursery will be provided at Northwestern Baptist Church. Mothers are asked to bring sack lunches for their children.

Midland Christian Women's Club is non-denominational and has no membership or dues. All interested women are invited to attend. For luncheon and nursery reservations call 570-8945 or 682-5851...

...MIDLAND AREA Parkinsons support group will present "Humor: It's Serious Business" 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at Midland Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital. All interested persons are invited to attend...

...PERMIAN BASIN chapter, Poetry Society of Texas, will meet 2 p.m. Jan. 11 in the upstairs meeting room of Midland County Public Library. Program will be a poemathon. Members are asked to bring several of their original poems or favorite poems by others poets to be read aloud. Visitors are welcome. Membership in the chapter is open to anyone interested in poetry. For more information call 520-4679...

Faberge exhibit inspires unique creations

By Rebecca Rolwing

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Shoppers snatched up dozens of eggs, pulling them off shelves, turning them upside down, examining their design and colors.

A frazzled employee explained to a disappointed shopper that there was a limited number of the eggs she wanted — that was all the busy shop had.

Husbands carried prospective purchases and tallied up the bill. Eggs lined the shop's walls and filled multi-tiered displays.

Since the world famous Faberge exhibit swept into New Orleans this winter, the town is full of Faberge-inspired products.

And consumers are gobbling them up. "I just love eggs," said Myrna Cooper, an Atlanta egg collector who was purchasing eggs at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

"The town is full of eggers," said Eleanore Meade, manager and buyer for the New Orleans Museum of Art's gift shop.

From polished professional products to homemade creations with glue oozing out the sides, Meade has seen it all. But it will pay off. She expects to sell $100,000 or more of egg-related products this year.

"There's a whole (egg) industry out there, it's not large but there is a whole industry," said artist Paul Wirhun, of Provincetown, Mass., where he is known as the "Eggman."

SHOPPERS AT the gift shop chose from elegant rhea egg purses, decorated porcelain and stone eggs, egg necklaces and what ever else they could pile in their arms.

Behind the egg madness is Peter Carl Faberge, whose exquisite jewel-encrusted creations amaze thousands and sell for millions.

Centuries ago, the Russian Orthodox church initiated the tradition of decorating eggs. Eggs, which produce new life, symbolize the resurrection of Christ, said John Bullard, director of the New Orleans Museum of Art.

It was Russian tradition to give an egg, three kisses and say "Christ has risen," he said.

"The idea of Faberge was to carry that Russian tradition one step further and make the most fabulous egg of all," Bullard said.

Russian Czar Alexander III began the Faberge tradition by commissioning Faberge to custom design a jewelled Easter egg for the royal family. Czar Nicholas II continued the tradition by ordering Faberge Easter eggs for his mother and wife. From 1884 until 1917 Faberge oversaw the creation of 56 Imperial eggs and about 44 eggs for commoners.

A team of jewellers, artists and craftsmen dedicated about 15 months to the creation of a single egg, which cost about $50,000 at the time. Today an Imperial egg sells for about $5.5 million, a non-Imperial egg costs $1 million to $2 million.

EACH FABERGE EGG opens in some way and has a surprise inside. Several eggs include portraits of the royal family, one egg opens to reveal a tiny gold coach. Faberge in America, a collection of eggs owned by American collectors, will be in New Orleans through Feb. 9. It includes 15 Imperial Easter eggs and four non-imperial eggs.

"I think anyone who decorates eggs, their model would be to aspire to make something as beautiful as the Faberge eggs," Bullard said.

And many have. Some mimic Faberge's designs on a wood or porcelain egg to make a pendent or an artistic trinket. Others use real eggs to make unique creations.

Alexander Caldwell converts 7-inch rhea eggs into elegant evening purses in a Maurice, La., studio that once was a barn.

After years as an amateur egger, Caldwell dreamed up the egg purses while at a Mardi Gras ball. He thought the women needed purses as elegant as their costumes.

He laid out the design for his first purse on a cocktail napkin. Soon the former civil engineer was a full-time designer. His business sells about 1,000 purses annually, at $1,000 to $2,500 or more.

Caldwell custom designed a purse for the governor's wife, Alice Foster, to carry to her husband's inaugural ball. And like many Faberge eggs, her egg purse was made with photos of her husband and his grandfather, who had also been a Louisiana governor.

The egg purses snap open and have a cloth-lined interior. Many of the purses have gold details, rhinestones and jewels. A special enamel provides a shiny finish and strength.

Caldwell equates the durability of the purses to the durability of a camera: it's solid out don't drop it.

In honor of Faberge, Caldwell designed a purple, jewel-encrusted egg purse.

Artist Wirhun uses a traditional Ukrainian egg-dying technique to turn duck eggs into Faberge-style Christmas-tree ornaments. He has decorated eggs for years but specially designed the Faberge-style egg, which sells in a New Orleans gallery, for the collection's appearance in this city.

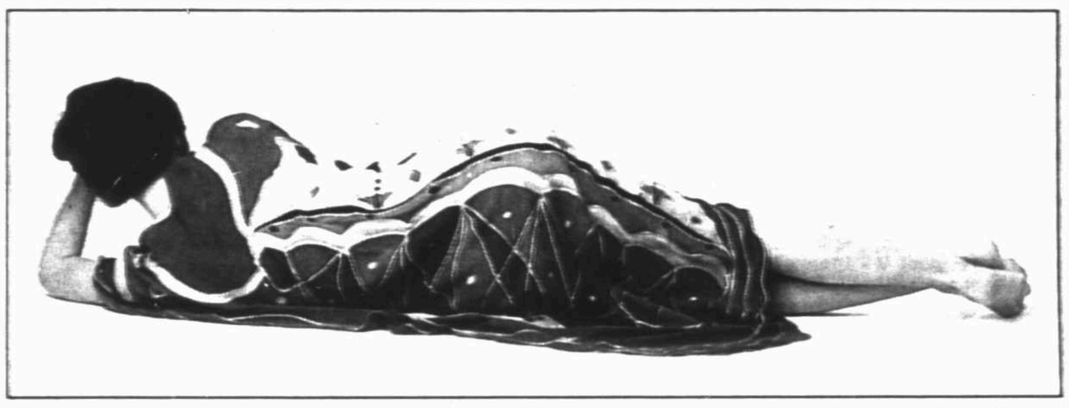
He says decorating eggs carries on a family tradition that's important to him.

"It's a culturally bound phenomena ... as a folk art these eggs have a lot of power to them. They are talisman," he said.



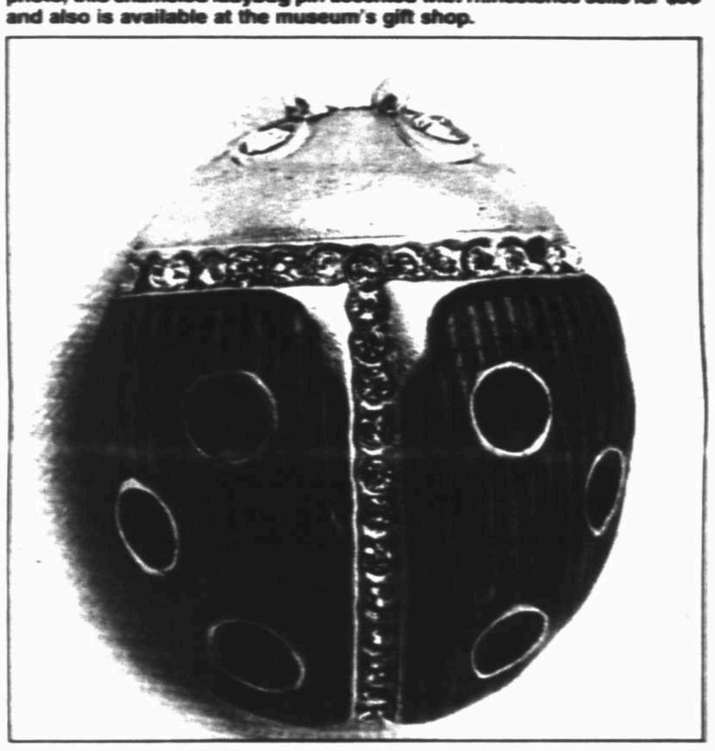
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The Faberge exhibit at the New Orleans Museum of Art has inspired clothing and jewelry designers. Top photo, this limited edition Vivian Alexander minaudiere was designed from egg shell and adorned in Faberge style. It is one of several evening bags that range in price from $1,300 to $2,500. The handpainted silk scarf of Lilies of the Valley is by Kathy Schorr and is priced at $150. Both are available at the museum's gift shop. Bottom photo, this enameled ladybug pin accented with rhinestones sells for $80 and also is available at the museum's gift shop.



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This long shawl of hand-painted silk georgette and silicone lace, designed by Ray Cole, is one of the many clothing and jewelry styles inspired by the Faberge exhibit at New Orleans Museum of Art. The shawl is available at the Shop of Two Sisters in New Orleans and is priced at $1,500.



Children can find friends in books

By Jane P. Marshall
Hearst News Service

Friends live in books.

Some are old friends like Pooh, whose exploits we live over and over. Others are new ones who promise adventures out of our world or within ourselves.

In book buddies, children seek the same qualities they look for in others in their lives — familiar enough to be cozy, unusual enough to intrigue, wise enough to teach but not suffocate.

Meet Fanny and "el viejo." Meet Little Babaji and Albert.

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Here's Fanny, a dreamer and a realist. She expects a fairy godmother to materialize and whisk her away from her daddy's Wyoming farm to a prince's castle where she will live happily ever after. She waits and waits.

The godmother doesn't show up, but Heber Jensen does. "I'm waiting for my fairy godmother," she tells him.

Heber is a realist. "Can you twirl and waltz and curtsy ... do you know how to use 20 forks and spoons and eat snails, can you flutter your fan and simper?" he asks.

No, Fanny admits, "but I can harness a horse, kill and dress a chicken, milk 10 cows and spread manure."

After Fanny makes it clear that "I don't do windows," they agree she might be better suited to be his wife than to be a princess. They marry and have three children.

"As for Heber, he figured that it hadn't been easy for Fanny to give up her dreams, so he made it a point to wait on her at least once a day, as if she were a princess, and every so often he wiped the grime off the windows." Then one day the fairy godmother twinkles down with "sorry, I'm late." And Fanny has to make a decision.

Caralyn Buehner wrote "Fanny's Dream" (Dial, $14.99) using the familiar and the unexpected. Mark Buehner's paintings elevate the charm of the story.

Here's "el viejo," the old man. "The Old Man & His Door" (Putnam, $15.95), from author Gary Soto and illustrator Joe Cepeda, brings a simple lesson in understanding, patience and flexibility.

"El viejo" is not good at listening to his wife, so when she tells him to bring the pig to the barbecue, he misunderstands. After all, "el puerco" (pig) and "la puerta" (door) sound alike if you aren't paying attention.

He unhinges the door, hefts it to his back and heads to the party. His adventures with the door prove that sometimes mistakes have a way of turning out for the best. They prove, also, that a door has many uses. "El puerco" or "la puerta," it didn't really matter.

Introducing Albert. During a vacation with his parents, Albert falls off a cliff. The cloud children, who live in "Cloudland" (Crown, $19), catch him, and he magically becomes one of them. He fancies playing among the clouds until he remembers Mom and Dad and home. John Burningham must be a child disguised as a highly talented adult. With his typical twist of magic, he captures that funny feeling of wanting, at the same time, freedom and parents.

"The Story of Little Babaji" (HarperCollins, $14.95) is the second book this year based on Helen Bannerman's controversial 1899 classic "Little Black Sambo."

In "Sam & the Tigers" (Dial, $15.99), Julius Lester and Jerry Pinkney reinvented and modernized the story. In "Babaji," illustrator Fred Marcellino keeps the original story about a plucky child but drastically changed the art.

He reset the story in India, where Bannerman lived for 30 years and where Marcellino believes the story takes place. The characters get new, authentic Indian names — Babaji, Mamaji and Papaji. The small book is beautifully produced. Drawings retain the humor and integrity of the original tale. This is a respectful way to treat an old friend who has a new name, one our evolving society can tolerate.

Boots keep feet warm, fashionable

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Winter usually means rain, snow and such and calls for protective footwear. There are plenty of bad-weather boots that are both stylish and practical.

The Patrick Cox boutique at 702 Madison Ave. (62nd Street) has knee-high rain boots with chunky mid-high heels in glossy red, green, gold, brown, beige, black, grey or navy ($90).

Saks Fifth Avenue stocks DKNY's rain shoes and zip-front low boots in black or white rubber ($65 and $85). Hush Puppies' black or brown suede midcalf boots ($130) and Aquatalia by Marvin K's side-zipped black suede boots ($160).

Bloomingdale's has Stuart Weitzman's short black leather-tipped suede boots ($205), Vincini's brown nylon with fake-fur lining ($225), Bally's quilted leather ankle boots ($395) and Bottega Veneta's shearling lace-ups ($340).

Searle has shearling-lined sleek black leather boots and lace-up ankle boots (both $225).

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WEDDINGS

BINGHAM-CONNALLY



Mrs. Michael Shayne Connally

FORT WORTH — Jennifer Lee Bingham of Dallas became the bride of Michael Shayne Connally, also of Dallas, 8 p.m. Dec. 27 at Thistle Hill Mansion in Fort Worth. Bobby Clark officiated.

Parents of the bride are Dean and Linda Bingham of Gainesville. The bridegroom is the son of Dale and Pat Connally of Midland.

Julie Titlow of Rowlett was matron of honor for her sister. Mendy Huser of Dallas was bridesmaid. Bridesmatrons were Malynne Atkinson of Springfield, Mo.; Sheila Bedichek of Carrollton; Elizabeth Berry of Grand Prairie; Anna Clark of Dallas; and Terri Lewelling of Noble, Okla. Flower girls were Hannah Bingham of Weatherford and Brittany and Baylee Titlow of Rowlett, nieces of the bride.

Chris Connally of Fort Worth served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Jason Berry and Jason Phelps of Grand Prairie; Jeff Bingham of Weatherford, brother of the bride; Jeff Connally of San Antonio; Doug Cochran of Lubbock; and Gary Titlow of Rowlett. Jim Curry of Roland, Ark., was ring bearer.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple lives in Dallas.

BACON-DEAN



Mrs. Bryan Dean

SAN ANTONIO — Emily Gayle Bacon and former Midlander Bryan Dean, both of Houston, were married 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 1996, at Sunset Ridge Church of Christ in San Antonio. John Harp, youth minister, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Bacon of San Antonio, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Ballew of Cleburne and Mrs. S.A. Bacon of Lorenzo. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dean of Midland. His grandparents are Xenia Vista Robertson of Kermit and Mavis Dean of Longview.

Sarah Stratemann was matron of honor for her sister. The bride's other attendants were Teresa Biggs, Kim Bobo, Kim Chancellor and Julie Tumma, all of Houston. Katie Bacon, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

Doug Chappell of Houston served as best man. The bridegroom also was attended by Doug Brown of Fort Worth; Deonna Dean, his sister, and Jeannie Von Stultz of San Antonio; and Jason Harris of Atlanta.

The couple is planning an April honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica. They live in Houston.

ENGAGEMENTS

JOHNSON-MOSELEY



Robbie Lynn Johnson and R. Fields Moseley

Robbie Lynn Johnson and R. Fields Moseley, both of Mount Pleasant, S.C., are planning to be married 6:30 p.m. April 5 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Johnson of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moseley of Sugar Land.

Miss Johnson is a respiratory therapist at the Medical University of South Carolina. Her fiance is the morning anchor at WCBD-TV 2 in Charleston, S.C.

PRICE-JONES



Summer Genelle Price and Birch Cross Jones

Summer Genelle Price of Midland will become the bride of Birch Cross Jones of Pawhuska, Okla., 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at First Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Price of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones of Springer, Okla., and Carolyn Jones of Pawhuska.

Miss Price graduated from Midland High School in 1996. Her fiance is a 1996 graduate of Lone Grove High School in Pawhuska. Both are students at Sul Ross University.

Men who don't dance missing out on life, fun

By Tim Madigan
N.Y. Times News Service

In the fall of 1971, I transferred from a Catholic parochial school to a public school, and thus was the new kid in eighth grade. Army brats know immediately what this means. New kids are outsiders, which I remained for several weeks that year because of my timid nature, slight build (roughly 4 feet tall, 85 pounds, dripping wet), and a voice like a chipmunk, all of which made it hard to be taken seriously.

But there came for me a breakthrough moment — our first class party. Kris Melby was very tall, even for a girl, had long blond hair and was very beautiful. She was a goddess, as unapproachable as Olympus to an eighth grade boy, even one who didn't talk like a chipmunk. Nevertheless, as the other guys stood with jaws agape, I went over that night and tapped Kris on the shoulder as she stood with a cluster of other girls. I gestured toward the dance floor. She followed.

There I began to do my thing, moving to the music with impeccable rhythm, gyrating with enviable abandon.

"You're quite a dancer for a little guy," Kris said above the music, looking down at me.

"It's nothing," I replied.

A few seconds passed.

"Tim," Kris said.

"Yes, Kris."

"I think I love you," Kris said, weeping.

"Completely understandable," I replied, with a studied bit of nonchalance.

AND THE REST, as they say, is history.

Actually, I made most of that stuff up. Kris never said a word to me that night, other than maybe "thank you" at the end of whatever song we danced to. That night was probably the one time we danced, ever. She ended up marrying a guy back home named Eddie, and now teaches at our high school in the small Minnesota town where we grew up. But on that one fateful night, I was the first boy with the nerve to ask her to dance. I could do this because of my ability to cut a rug, as they say.

Once when I was very young, I saw my parents dance together. It must have been at a wedding, though I do not recall exactly. They swirled around the dance floor as one that night, doing a zippy form of the polka called the schottische. They were beautiful together, my mom and dad. My mother's face was the picture of joy. But it was the vision of my father that I most remember. His knees bent jauntily as he led my mother around in perfect time to the oom-pah-pah. I remember the sound of his shoes shuffling in the sawdust. On his face he wore the half-smile of ultimate control, of self-satisfaction, of 'savoir-faire.' Remembering that distant night, it is easy for me to envision my mother falling in love with my father at the North Dakota barn dance where they met more than 40 years ago.

And for me at my new school, the ice was broken. The other fellas thought I was pretty cool. Had I charged up a hill and taken out a nest of enemy machine guns, they could not have been more impressed. That one dance with Kris Melby did it.

Which, I guess, is my whole point.

There is a new John Travolta movie out, "Michael." I haven't seen it yet, but I know the Travolta character is an angel, and there is a dance scene. These days, Travolta could be playing a comatose paraplegic and there would be a dance scene. Which I kind of understand because the guy has definitely got it. "Welcome Back Kotter" would have been more popular than "MASH" if Vinnie Barbarino (the Travolta character) would have danced a little each week.

Oprah, meanwhile, has recently declared Travolta the coolest man alive, an accolade that has nothing to do with his acting.

SO KNOWING THIS, why are guys generally such recalcitrant dorks when it comes to dancing?

I posed this question to Julie Ebe, a dance instructor at Dance Makers of Texas, located in Fort Worth.

"It's because they don't want to embarrass themselves," she replied.

It's pretty much as I surmised. Men will dance. They just don't want to let on that they enjoy it. It's the reckless abandon part of dancing that men have a problem with.

I, however, do not. Only two years ago, for instance, at my younger brother's wedding dance, I soiled an already sweat-stained suit jacket by flopping down on the floor and doing something called "The Worm." (I was stone-cold sober at the time, in case you're wondering.)

Ahh, yes. Impeccable rhythm. Enviable abandon. The two most crucial attributes of a great dancer, of which I am one. Which is not to say that I'm as cool as Travolta, mind you. It has after all been several years since I shot a dance scene in a major motion picture, but otherwise ...

This particular blessing I attribute to genes. Once when I was very young, I saw my parents dance together. It must have been at a wedding, though I do not recall exactly. They swirled around the dance floor as one that night, doing a zippy form of the polka called the schottische. They were beautiful together, my mom and dad. My mother's face was the picture of joy.

But it was the vision of my father that I most remember. His knees bent jauntily as he led my mother around in perfect time to the oom-pah-pah. I remember the sound of his shoes shuffling in the sawdust. On his face he wore the half-smile of ultimate control, of self-satisfaction, of "savoir-faire." Remembering that distant night, it is easy for me to envision my mother falling in love with my father at the North Dakota barn dance where they met more than 40 years ago.

THE YEARS eventually brought seven children for my father to support, and too often, that burden seemed to wear heavily on his shoulders. From my limited perspective, it seems there have been too few schottisches in his life. But if he was too busy or weary to dance, I was more than glad to take up the legacy.

There was that eighth grade dance with Kris Melby. Years later came the Viking Bar and Lounge. When the disco craze arrived in the mid-1970s, the Viking installed a lighted, multicolored floor, a strobe light, and one of those spinning balls that hung from the ceiling, looking as if it were made of tinfoil.

My buddies and I would go there on summer nights of my college years, still dressed in our blue baseball uniforms, thinking that prospective dance partners found dirt, grass stains and body odor somehow appealing. The disc jockey was an illegal immigrant from England. In a little town in northern Minnesota, there was something hopelessly exotic about a DJ with a British accent. We called him The Brit Kid.

Night after night The Brit Kid whipped us into a frenzy with Donna Summer, K.C. and the Sunshine Band, the Bee Gees, Earth Wind & Fire. Night after night we danced up to the thin line separating euphoria and debauchery, heaven and hell. Sometimes we crossed that line. More often we didn't. But talk about your sweaty ecstasy. Talk about your enviable abandon.

AS AN ADULT, I have learned to distrust euphoria because it is both fleeting and illusory. But I smile when I remember those days now, often wondering what became of The Brit Kid (after he was deported) and the others who shared those adrenaline-filled nights long ago.

Yet my dancing career didn't end with my youth. My greatest dancing conquest of all, in fact, came on a warm August night in 1987. I met a stunning woman named Catherine that night.

Sunday was her birthday. I know this because seven years ago next month we were married. I am still mystified by the notion of such an exquisite creature choosing to take up with me.

But as I think of it, maybe it's quite simple. On the night Catherine and I met nine years ago, we went dancing. Once on the floor, I began to do my thing, moving with impeccable rhythm, gyrating with enviable abandon. Perhaps Catherine saw in me that night the "savoir faire" of an earlier generation, the joy and confidence of one wholly at home on the dance floor.

The rest, as they say, is history.

This part, I'm not making up.

ANNIVERSARIES

Halls celebrate 50th anniversary



Fred and Leona Hall

Fred and Leona Hall of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 4 with a reception, hosted by their daughters, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ.

Hall and the former Leona Hughes were married Jan. 2, 1947, in Odessa. They lived in Warfield before moving to Greenwood in 1951. They have five daughters — Roberta Wilhelm of Dallas, Bobbie Thornberry of Clarendon, Collene Locklar and Ellen Hall of Midland and the late Patricia Hall — and four grandchildren.

Hall has been active in farming and custom combining. His wife retired last year from the Midland Farmers Co-Op. They are members of the Church of Christ and attend North A and Tennessee Church of Christ.

Former Midlanders mark 25 years

ABELL COMMUNITY, Okla. — Former Midlanders Jenifer (Jeni) and William Nicolai (Nic) Thams of Abell Community, near Guthrie, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 31, 1996.

Thams and the former Jenifer Vick were married Dec. 31, 1971, at First Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

The couple moved to the Abell Community in 1976. They have three children, Heather, Skye and April Thams.

Thams is an independent petroleum geologist. His wife educates their children at home. They are members of First United Presbyterian Church in Guthrie.

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

Information for Sunday pages must be in the Lifestyle Department office by 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, we must receive the information by noon two days before the information is to be published. For example, an item for Wednesday's paper must be received by noon Monday.

Engagement announcements must appear at least two weeks before the wedding date. Wedding announcements must appear within six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — must be published within six weeks of the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners will only be published for teenage pageants and older. Photographs will be published only of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space available basis.

All articles must be submitted in writing. Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries, only published Sundays, are available in the Lifestyle office. All materials must include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

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.

Photos should be vertical, black and white, glossy finish, studio portraits. Color pictures may be submitted, but quality reproduction cannot be assured. Snapshots generally are not acceptable and Polaroid shots are not accepted.

The MRT reserves the right to deny publication of any photo due to quality or content.

Photos can be picked up in the Lifestyle Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

There is no charge for publication of photographs and articles.

London park is known worldwide

LONDON (AP) — Hyde Park, covering 341 acres in the heart of London, is one of the world's first and best-known city parks.

The park extends westward from Mayfair's Park Lane to Kensington Gardens and includes a 41-acre lake named The Serpentine and a bridle path called Rotten Row.

Edward the Confessor, who reigned in England from 1042 to 1066, originally owned the property, part of the manor of Hyde, as did King Henry VIII in the 16th century.

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DEAR ABBY

Ten Commandments are powerful words to live by

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I read in a newspaper that a poll was taken in which 1,500 people were asked if they could quote the Ten Commandments. Only a few could come up with three, or four at the most. Many of those questioned said there was no way they could remember all of them.

Abby, will you please print the Ten Commandments? You may use my name. — LINDEL SEXTON, OCEANSIDE, CALIF.



Van Buren

DEAR LINDEL: According to the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments were given to the Israelite leader Moses on Mount Sinai. They are as follows:

1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from Mr. Harry C. Williams Jr. of Nashville, Tenn., who refuses to shake hands with people he visits in the hospital for fear of transmitting germs.

As a professional health-care chaplain in a hospital setting, I too am very conscious of the spread of infection through person-to-person contact. However, studies have shown that people are starving for the caring touch of another human being. An appropriate touch such as a gentle handshake, or holding the hand of someone who is ill can be healing to that person.

Frequent hand washing is a must for anyone who touches others, especially in a hospital or other health-care facility, but to forgo all contact of skin with skin is not conducive to the healing of the spirit, which is vital to overall good health.

So let's continue touching as appropriate, and practice good hand-washing techniques. — CHAPLAIN BOB BURNS, FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN, EUSTIS, FLA.

DEAR CHAPLAIN BURNS: I was touched by the number of health-care professionals who wrote to defend the practice of gently holding the hand of a person in a health-care facility. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While it may be true that inadequate hand-washing is a common cause of spreading infection, this should not prevent visitors or doctors from shaking or holding a patient's hand.

Most patients feel isolated, and denying them what little physical contact they receive is not the answer. A far better solution would be to touch the patient, then wash your hands before touching your face, or another patient.

Patients would rather see you wash your hands after a visit than be treated as an untouchable. — A HEALTH-CARE WORKER IN COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: My friend and I belong to the same organization. Recently her husband was arrested for fraud and absconding with funds from his employer. He was found guilty and is now serving time in prison.

Whenever I see this woman, I want to ask her how her husband is, and how she's doing. I am truly concerned about her welfare, but I don't know whether it would be appropriate to ask her since she has never spoken about it. I learned that her husband went to prison when I read it in the paper.

I don't want to offend her by asking. Your advice would be greatly appreciated. — IN DOUBT

DEAR IN DOUBT: When you see your friend, ask her how her husband is doing — it will open the door for further conversation concerning his incarceration should she want to talk about it. You will know by her response whether she appreciates your having asked about him.

If any of my readers have experienced this situation, I would like to hear from them. I will keep your identity confidential.

DEAR ABBY: On Thanksgiving Day, 1968, a friend and I were coming home on U.S. Highway 101 from the San Francisco Bay area. We were about an hour from home (West Los Angeles) when we were in a traffic accident. A car going north hit us on the driver's side, went over our car and landed on the other side of the highway. We were turned southward by the collision.

Almost before I could get out of the car, people were there to help. I heard several people yell, "Call 911!" etc. The lifeguards for Oxnard were there right away. Ambulances came immediately. Several passers-by stopped, got me out of the car and over to the side of the road. They stayed with me until my friend was freed from the car and we were both put into the ambulance. Firemen had to use the "jaws of life" to get my friend out.

Among those who stopped to help were a doctor and a nurse. I had minor injuries, but my friend was badly hurt, and these people probably saved her life.

I never got a chance to thank everyone who stopped. So, from my friend and me: Thank you to all of the people who stop to help others along the road of life, without worrying about the possible consequences to themselves. You are lifesavers. — ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL IN LOS ANGELES

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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

Club News

MUSICIANS CLUB

The Musicians Club met at Grace Presbyterian Church with Mrs. Manton Jones, Vera Osadchuk, Mrs. Allan G. Stroker and Mrs. Elmo G. Weyel as hostesses.

Debby Vester led the hymn of the month, "See, Amid the Winter Snow." Program director was Peggy Jones.

Performers were Kathleen Janssen, Beverly Wise, Jane Ward, Ms. Vester, Vivian Moss, Edith Hardy, Marge Savage, Linda Williams, Linda Fox and Claudia Traxel. Several guests attended.

MIDLAND ASSOCIATION OF MUSIC TEACHERS

Midland Association of Music Teachers met at Crestview Baptist Church for Christmas luncheon.

Hostesses were Maydell Corley, Mary Aldridge and Kristine Cardon.

A flute choir performed a musical program presented by Martha Davis.

PRECEPTOR EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Nancy McNerney for Christmas dinner and meeting. Barbara Adams presided.

Pledge ritual was given for Beverly Brock. Secret sister gifts were exchanged.

Also attending were Jeane McGilvray, Suzy Arnold, Diana Henderson, Alice Wood, Rozann Milam, Judy Jehring, Sue Adams, Nan Doyal, Pauline Heidel, Ann Poteet and guest Karen Crouse of Stanton.

Members and their spouses traveled to Carlsbad, N.M., for "Christmas on the Pecos," a river boat ride to see local holiday lights.

Making the trip were Suzy and Jim Arnold, Leonard and Alice Wood, Sue and Fisher Adams, Beverly and Jimmy Brock, Nancy and Charlie McNerney, Barbara and David Adams, Judy and Bob Jehring, Jeane and James McGilvray, Ms. Poteet, Rozann and Bob Milam and guest Florence Burk of Andrews.

PERMIAN BASIN CHAPTER, POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS

Permian Basin chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas met for Christmas party in the Anne Hathaway Cottage on the campus of Odessa College, with 19 members and guests attending.

New officers are Doris Duncan, president; Rosemary Dudley, vice president; Heidi Goebel, secretary; Colleen Beeson, treasurer; Karen Pape, workshop chairman; Pat Peek, publicity chairman; Linda Robinson, librarian and Midland telephone chairman; Beth Hopwood-Pasley, Odessa telephone chairman; and Madie Prather, historian.

Ms. Pape has recently had several poems accepted for publication. Poems by Lucille Callaway, Alice Greenwood, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Peek placed in the 1996 Poetry Society of Texas state contests.

Mrs. Prather presented a monologue as Mrs. Santa Claus, and members read Christmas poems. The group sang Christmas songs, accompanied by Mrs. Greenwood on the piano, and exchanged Christmas ornaments.

Mrs. Beeson and Mrs. Prather served refreshments.

Poet's South Carolina home open for tours

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FLAT ROCK, N.C. — Poet Carl Sandburg (1878-1967) lived the last 22 years of his life here in a white Colonial-style house called Connemara. The house, in the area's highland foothills, was built in 1838.

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SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

'Bare-root' plants can be lovely bargain

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

The garden catalogues should be rolling in at any time, and eager gardeners are ready for them. Pictures of gorgeous fruits, nuts and berries are irresistible. The thought of fresh backyard fruit, coupled with the beautiful photographs of flawless plump produce is almost more than a gardener can resist.



Benge Frost

While not as common as in the past, many of these fruits, nuts and berries can be found as bare-root plants.

Twenty years ago it was common to find fruit, nut, berry, roses and many ornamental shade trees as bare-root plants, but since then containerized plants have become popular with the nursery trade and more successful for the consumer. Many plants are still field-grown, but are potted in containers before they are sold at retail locations. Despite this popular shift, some bare-root plants are still available and well worth the effort of finding them.

Many deciduous (drop leaves) trees, shrubs and vines can be field grown and undercut, dug and handled with little or no soil around the roots during late fall and winter. The plants are stored so the roots are kept moist and tops dormant, and planted in the landscape before they begin to grow. Bare-root plants can be found with their roots packaged in moist sawdust, potting soil or similar material. Some nurseries and garden centers will have the plants heeled into soil. Either method is good as long as the roots are kept moist and protected.

Bare-root plants have two distinct advantages: They are more economical and easier to handle than their containerized counterparts. They also have disadvantages: They are more vulnerable to climactic conditions and improper handling, and they must be planted between now and mid-February.

Containerized plants have a higher rate of survival with marginal care and can be planted year around. The disadvantages of containerized plants include higher cost and heavier handling weight.

For a bare-root plant to be successful, each handler must do his or her share in taking care of the plant. The grower, shipper, retailer and consumer must work together to make sure the roots don't dry out, aren't exposed to temperature extremes, don't stand in water and of course, are planted and cared for properly.

Success with bare-root plants can be yours if you'll follow these guidelines:

- Before you buy, make sure you've got room and a good location for the plant. Note the light requirements, exposure, drainage, space, utility lines and other requirements or possible problems.
- Buy bare-root plants as soon as they are shipped or as close to that date as possible. Avoid plants that have been on site for many weeks under stressful conditions, such as too warm a room, roots that have dried out or been kept too wet, roots exposed to light and temperature extremes.
- Look for signs of fresh, vigorous plants. Pencil-sized limbs should be green, supple and easily bent. Buds, especially those toward the end of the stems, should be green, plump and moist. Bark should be green and moist. Make a small, discreet thumbnail scratch on the bark to see.
- Plant immediately using proper planting techniques or heel-in to moist soil in a protected area until you are ready to plant. Plant at the same level as the plant grew in the field, no deeper and no shallower. Look for a color change to help you determine what is stem tissue and what is root tissue.
- After planting, deep water, mulch and carefully monitor the soil for the next watering time. A young, thin-barked tree can be protected from frost cracks and southwest injury by wrapping the trunk with newspaper or any light reflective paper or aluminum foil. Wraps can be removed after spring weather has settled.

Don't automatically pass these so-called "sticks" by. With proper selection, handling and care, you can get a great tree or shrub from a bare-root plant, at a bare-root price.

If you need to know what the best fruit, nut, berry and landscape plants are for our area, come by or call the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and ask for the "Recommended Plant Lists." Call 687-1351.

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The 1997 Permian Basin Master Gardener Program will begin 10 a.m. Jan. 8 at Ector County Extension Service, 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa. Call 687-1351 or (915) 335-3071 for more information on this volunteer program.

Deborah Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

En Amie Review Club to meet

Staff Reports

En Amie Review Club will meet for luncheon at noon Jan. 8 at Midland Woman's Club in Hogan Park.

Dorothy Perkins, guest reviewer, will present a program on the Brothers Grimm called "Once Upon a Time Again."

Miss Perkins attended Texas Woman's University, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree, and Middlebury College in Vermont, where she earned a master of arts degree.

Miss Perkins, retired chairman of the English Department at Midland High School, is an active community volunteer who works with Museum of the Southwest, Community Concerts, the Woman's Club and Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church.



Dorothy Perkins

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for Dec. 16-22, 1996.

MONDAY

1. Jo Smith, Carl Ellis
2. Mary Renton, Ken Hill
3. and 4. Tie: Billie Ruppe, Sue Conner, B.J. Filley, Herb Wales

WEDNESDAY

OVERALL WINNERS:
1. Guida Dunn, Laura Williams
2. Leonora Slusher, Lena Nichols
3. Sandra Landua, Fern McGuigan
4. Jimmie Penn, Mary Hammond

NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Guida Dunn, Laura Williams
2. Leonora Slusher, Lena Nichols
3. Mary Hammond, Jimmie Penn
4. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker

EAST-WEST:
1. Sandra Landua, Fern McGuigan
2. Verna Chambers, Dale Beck
3. Belle Harris, Charlie Grimes
4. Kathry Gesell, B.J. Filley

FRIDAY
1. Leonora Slusher, Jimmie Penn
2. Ann Servatius, Sue Gardiner
3. Mary Hammond, Vangie Lindsey
4. Beulah Prichard, Aggie Anguish

SUNDAY
1. Babe Griffin, Frances Levin
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by Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
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If you are expecting twins, you can expect some difference in the way your body changes and in the recommendation you are given about taking the best possible care of yourself and your babies. As a specialist, I fully understand that women have their own unique needs, as well as wishes, when having a baby. My office is located at the Primary Medical Clinic-Westwood, 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite#100, in Midland. Call us at 522-2222 to arrange an appointment. We'll help make the birth of your child a very special delivery.



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Anniversary flag-raising

Midland College will begin a year of activities celebrating the school's 25th anniversary with a flag-raising ceremony 9:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 6 at the Garfield entrance to the college. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 685-4553.

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Classes are offered in room 105, AFA at Midland College at the following times:

—Midland College, 105 AFA; all levels; 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday.

—Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane; Levels I and II; 8:30-10:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday.

—Cogdell South Facility, 201 W. Florida; All levels; 9-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 7-9 p.m. Monday & Wednesday.

—Boys and Girls Club, 1321 S. Goode; all levels; 9-11 a.m. Monday-Thursday.

The classes are open-entry, so come anytime. Call 685-4566 for more information.

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More than 25 classes offered in spring Weekend College

Arelia Carrasco found that a Weekend College English class was an easy solution to fitting in a full load of classes with two jobs.

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> **—Arelia Carrasco**
> **Midland College**
> **Weekend College Student**

For Midland College student Arelia Carrasco Weekend College "just fit my lifestyle."

Last fall she had signed up for 15 hours of classes and already had a workstudy job in the vice president of instruction's office when she was asked to be a manager for the Chaparral women's basketball team.

There didn't seem to be enough hours in the weekdays to fit in class, work, practice and games. The solution to Carrasco's problems was to take an English class through Weekend College.

The fact that she would have to give up her Saturdays for class was not a problem, she said.

"I just looked at it knowing I could do it easily," she said, pointing out the class was over in five Saturdays.

"I would say it's worth giving up five Saturdays to get three hours of credit," Carrasco said.

While absorbing the material for Masterpieces of the Western World in just five sessions might seem daunting, Carrasco said she liked the class format.

"We got a lot of information at one time, and (course instructor) Dr. Howell made it interesting and we didn't feel rushed," she said.

Some 15 students—a mix of traditional and non-traditional students—were enrolled in the course, and Carrasco said they all seemed to like the idea of Weekend College.

Carrasco said she liked the Weekend College so well that she plans to take another English course this spring.

MC introduced Weekend College last fall to give area residents the opportunity to take classes Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

This spring the Weekend College schedule has expanded to include more than 25 classes from health sciences to biology and from math to management.

In general, courses are offered in six-week and 12-week blocks so that students can earn as much as 12 hours credit in a semester just taking classes on the weekend, according to MC Vice President of Instruction Richard Jolly.

"We know there are many potential students who work 40 hours a week and have families to take care of," he said.

"For this population, having the option of taking classes on the weekend may make college an immediate reality."

Weekend College also targets another group of students.

"There are many working adults who need to retrain, upgrade their skills or sharpen their skills and further their careers in business and industry," Jolly said. "We hope the flexibility of Weekend College will be valuable to this group."

Classes offered this semester are anatomy and physiology, environmental microbiology, a special topics class in business, business law lab, writing communications, developmental English, composition and rhetoric, work place composition, creative writing, advanced studies in literature, masterpieces of the western world, fire prevention, U.S. history, pharmacology, math calculations, communications in management, computer software, and special topics in petroleum technology.

The first group of Weekend College classes begins Jan. 17 with additional courses beginning through the spring semester. The semester ends May 9.

The registration process for Weekend College is the same as traditional classes. Students may register for the first session of Weekend College through Jan. 17, the day classes begin.

For more information about specific Weekend College classes call 685-4501.

Classes are listed on page 27 of the Midland College spring schedule.

ELISE COOMBES

MC gets ready for spring as registration continues

Winter may be less than a month old, but Midland College is ready for spring to begin with the start of classes Jan. 13. Registration continues this week with a special registration day scheduled for Jan. 8.

On Wednesday, students can take advantage of additional advising from MC faculty from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Students also may register Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Late registration is 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Jan. 13-16.

Registration is a one-step process that lets students register at their convenience. To get started, students need to come to Student Services in the Scharbauer Student Center where they can see a counselor, arrange for testing, get information about financial aid and register for classes.

"We want to accommodate the needs of the student," Rita Nell Diffie, assistant dean of Student Services, said.

"We want to do whatever we can to make registering at Midland College painless."

Counselors are available to help with information about specific programs, financial aid, testing, concurrent enrollment or any other questions students may have about what the college has to offer.

For more information about spring registration at Midland College, call 685-4501.

Elise Coombes is public relations director for Midland College.

Continuing Education sets computer classes for spring

Look for the spring Continuing Education schedule in today's issue of the *Midland Reporter-Telegram*.

The next class in **Truck Driver Training for Class A Commercial Drivers License (CDL)** begins Jan 20, and registration for the class is going on now. The six-week, 240-hour course consists of 80 hours in the classroom and 160 hours of road and range driving, with new classes starting every four weeks. Call 570-4767 for more information.

The following computer courses will be offered during the spring semester:

How To Buy A Computer—Learn the basics for buying the computer that will suit you.

Computer And You—Learn the basics of operating a Personal Computer including formatting, copying and naming a disk.

Computer And You-For Grandparents—Learn the basics of operating a Personal Computer in this course especially geared for those who are 50+.

Intro To Windows 95—Learn the skills needed to operate Microsoft's Windows 95.

MS Windows 3.1—This course includes using the mouse and accessory programs and manipulating windows and icons.

MS Office For Windows—Learn the basic functions of MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Access. Significant experience with the Windows operating system is required.

Quicken For Windows—Learn this bookkeeping system, which includes tracking savings, checking, and money market accounts.

Quicken For Investment—Learn how to use Quicken to track your investments in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.

Quickbooks For Windows—This small business accounting package teaches accounts receivable, accounts payable, and invoicing.

Intro To The Internet—Learn what the Internet is and its many practical uses.

MS Excel For Windows—Learn the uses of Excel in a business environment, which includes using and creating spreadsheets. Significant experience with the Windows operating system is required.

MS Excel For Windows II—This course examines the more advanced features of MS Excel For Windows.

MS Access For Windows—This course teaches the general uses and concepts of a database system. Significant experience with the Windows operating system is required.

MS Word For Windows—Learn this word processing program, which includes terminology, button bars, editing functions, and more.

Word For Windows II—This course examines the more advanced features of MS Word For Windows. Significant experience with the Windows operating system is required.

Corel WordPerfect 7 For Windows—Learn the basics of this new word processing program.

Corel WordPerfect 7 For Windows II—This course examines the advanced and automated capabilities of WordPerfect 7.

Corel WordPerfect 7 Desktop Publishing—Learn the features of WordPerfect 7 used to produce flyers, newsletters, greeting cards, and more.

For more information about these and other Continuing Education classes, call 685-4518. For information about Defensive Driving courses, call 685-4518 or 560-2400, ext. 2806.

Continuing Education offers two-week computer classes

The Midland College Continuing Education Department will offer eight computer courses in two-week sessions. The first week, Jan. 13-17, classes will be Monday through Friday. The second week, Jan 20-23, classes will be Tuesday-Thursday. Classes and times are:

Quicken will be 9-11:20 a.m.

MS Office will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Computer & You will be 2 p.m.-4:20 p.m.

Windows '95 will be 5:30-8:20 p.m.

The following classes will be offered at the Cogdell South Facility:

Computer & You will be 9-11:20 a.m.

MS Word will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Windows '95 will be 2-4:20 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Wordperfect 7 will be 5:30-8:20 p.m.

Call 685-4518 for information.

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Topic.....Category No.

√ Midland College Job Listings.....2802
√ Spring Registration.....2803
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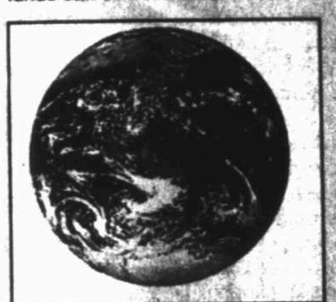
SCHOOL BRIEFING

Donations sought for greenhouse

Lee High School's science students need new or used tools, pots, watering cans, hoses, gardening equipment and plants for a new campus greenhouse.

The 22 foot by 32 foot premanufactured greenhouse will soon be open and ready for business under the supervision of LHS teacher Dan Sweet.

The greenhouse will be used by students in the biology and environmental science classes. Students will observe the development of a wide variety of plants, and they will participate in long-term projects with a focus on horticulture, landscaping, agriculture or botany. To donate items or funds call Sweet at 689-1640.



Schools win cash

AUSTIN — Some local students will receive grants to work on innovative environmental education projects this school year in the Environmental Challenge program. Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro has awarded grants to Trinity School and Andrews High School.

Trinity School will receive $600 for a project to inform the public about litter laws, Adopt-a-Highway opportunities and clean-up events. Andrews High School will receive $535 for a project involving bats, insects and a prairie garden.

"The teachers, parents and students who proposed the winning projects from 36 Texas schools were incredibly creative this year," Mauro said. "Their projects involve all aspects of the curriculum, ranging from science to math to arts to bilingual educaiton. It shows that our educators are doing a great job of integrating real-life problems and solutions into classroom studies."

The financial grants were provided through the land commissioner's office and financed through the San Antonio-based H-E-B Grocery Company.

Student serving as band teacher

CANYON — College student Brian Collins has finished his first semester as a student teacher for the Lee High School band. He is serving as a paid intern through West Texas A&M University's Student/Teacher Expanded Program (STEP). He attended workshop training in September.



Collins

Collins had completed all of his college-degree requirements except for his professional semester of teaching. He earned 75 percent of a teacher's salary.

To qualify for the program, he had to have a B average and a 3.25 grade point average in education courses or passing scores on state-mandated finals. LHS band instructor John Cillian served as Collins' mentor teacher.

New degree at OC

ODESSA — Permian Basin residents now have an opportunity to receive intensive training to develop safety and health programs.

Odessa College just finished its first semester offering an associate degree in occupational safety and health technology. The college received approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer the degree.

Federal regulations — mandated by agencies that include the Occupational, Safety and Health Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Texas Railroad Commission — have resulted in a demand for both men and women who can create and maintain safe work environments. In a recent OC survey of area employers, 82 percent indicated they would hire people with an associates degree. Salaries average $31,504 for graduates.

EDUCATION PAGE EDITOR
MYRA LEE SALCEDO



Photos by Curt Wilcott

Abell Junior High School eighth-grade students, from closest to the camera back, Katie Cobb, Mandy Goode, and Mario Rey put newspapers on the wall from around the world.The students wrote letters to newspapers around the globe requesting articles on coverage of the U.S. presidential election. "It was a good lesson for students to see they could get a response, if they requested something in the right way," said Abell teacher Loyce Martin.

News gets a global slant

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer



An Abell Junior High School student walks past the school's wall display of newspapers from around the world.

If you request it right, the newspapers will come. That is what a host of Abell Junior High School students learned when they wrote off for newspaper articles from around the world.

In a writing exercise, students learned how to organize their requests to ask editors aross the globe for samples of their coverage on the recent U.S. presidential election.

Newspapers poured in from Berlin, Paris, Cairo, Hawaii, China, Saudi Arabia, Bermuda, Australia, Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Nova Scotia, and — yes — even Odessa.

With President Bill Clinton's inauguration looming, students have been interested to see what other countries think about America's politics.

"I was surprised to get a newspaper back written in Chinese," said Abell eighth-grade student Mario Rey, who requested a newspaper from Hilo, Hawaii, that had some pages printed in Chinese. The Spanish-speaking student, who enrolled in English as a Second Language classes, has learned English well enough to move into advanced courses at the school. Chinese, however, is foreign to him.

Fellow eighth-grade student Katie Cobb said she wrote to Longview, Texas, since she used to live there. "Their coverage of the election wasn't much different than ours (in Midland)," she said. "I wanted to get their newspaper because I used to live in Longview."

Mandy Goode, also in eighth grade, said, "I wrote to Stolkhom, Sweden. Although the newspaper was in a different language, they sent us some facts about their circulation and readership in English."

"It's really powerful to hold up a newspaper that was in Paris, France just a few days ago," said Abell teacher Loyce Martin, who spearheaded the student project. "It teaches students that you can get something like this if you know the right way to request it."

The teacher said the project's intent was to prepare students for the writing section on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. "The writing section requires students to organize ideas in sequence, not just list them, and to elaborate. Students did this in writing or through computer e-mail," she said. "Some students with relatives overseas had the technology to e-mail them."

THE STUDENTS deemed most of the articles they received as "pretty factual." They enjoyed one European newspaper running Clinton's reelection story much smaller than a photo and story on a rock-and-roll star.

One letter, however, really took students aback. It came from an editor in Reykjavik, Iceland, with an illegible signature. The letter read: "Dearest Garrett, The daily newspaper Tjoduiljinn no longer excists (sic), but I am the editor of Vikubladid (the weekly), an offspring of Tjoduiljinn. I thank you for your letter. Vikubladid did not cover the U.S. presidential elections. Our interest in it's (sic) outcome was limited, as was the interest of about half of the potential voters in your otherwise great country!"

Ms. Martin said, "Students are preparing a response to that."

Students roam halls of school Web page

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

A new "school" without teachers or books and the "World's Loudest Library" is attracting youngsters on the Internet. The General Mills sponsored "You Rule School" Web page offers adolescents interactive games, a chance to find charms hidden in the site, and to change outfits on a rabbit.

First off, students have to pick out a nickname and get assigned a locker (some things never change). Picking out a name is pretty important because — when a computer user finds all the charms in the site — that name is added to a "class list" of other savvy game players. A sampling of class list honorees reveals the cool names of current players, including, Dance Girl, Argonaut, Baywatch, MegJam, Kip Cooleoh, Mcdaddy, Come Back Zach, Taz Twins, and Dom the Bomb. So not just any name will do.

Then, once a name is selected and a locker assigned, the fun begins. There are games, riddles, jokes, fun cereal facts, like: "It takes 290,000 Cheerios to fill a bath tub, unless you add milk, then you only need 180,000."

While the site has been approved by the Children Advertising Review Unit of the Council of Better Business Bureaus, it appears that the names game players select are not monitored. Parents may want to check the "class list" site out before allowing younsters to cruise the "school" web pages. Billed as "good, wholesome interactive fun," there were a few illicit words selected for names on a recent visit to the site.

Nonetheless, the site does rate high for entertainment value, according to some Midland youngsters, and there is a good selection of outdoor and indoor games, as well as brain games for children.

"It's just a fun place where kids can spend some time and feel empowered and entertained," said Laura Daly, web site project director.



Cereal dances across the screen on the "You Rule the School" Internet Web page, above. The Internet site offers free interactive games (with no equipment needed) to play, illusions, tongue twisters, videos and jokes. It is located at http://www.youruleschool.com.



A Little Closer to Heaven

Soprano Helen Donath to perform in Midland

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Her mother wanted to name her Jeanette. Her father balked, saying he wanted his daughter to have her mother's first name — Helen. They compromised on Helen Jeanette Erwin.

"My mother was a great fan of opera, that's why Jeanette of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy," said Helen Donath. "When my mother knew that she was expecting a child, she said, 'Oh, I hope this child will love music.' She had a couple of other wishes. At least this one came true."

This Texas native, who finds the "sound of beautiful singing" like "being a little bit closer to Heaven," has sung principal roles at the Bavarian, Vienna and Dresden state operas, La Scala, the Royal Opera/Covent Garden, Deutsche Opera Berlin, Hanover and Cologne operas, Opera Pacific and the Metropolitan and San Francisco operas.

She performs in concert here with bass-baritone William Rhodes at 8 p.m. Jan. 11 at Lee High School Auditorium. Her Midland engagement is the result of a joint effort between the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc., and the Midland Opera Theater.

"Singing in Texas is always a special occasion," said the Corpus Christi native. "Going back home — there's nothing like it."

Ms. Donath tours extensively in Europe. In 1988, she was made a Kammersangerin, the highest award a singer can receive in Germany or Austria; in 1990, she was given the Niedersachsen Preis for her contributions to the world of music and the arts in the state of Lower Saxony; and in 1992, she was made an Honorary Member of Germany's Richard Wagner Society.

Represented on more than 100 recordings, her most recent releases include Haydn's "L'anima del filosofo," Mendelssohn's "Elijah" with Kurt Masur and the Israel Philharmonic, and the Marilyn Horne 60th Birthday Fund Gala recorded "live" at Carnegie Hall. She chuckled as she recalled her first recording, made when she was 2.

"There's a recording of me singing three little songs," said the soprano, who sang popular show songs for numerous local organizations when she was growing up.

She traces her passion for opera to her love for the movies.

"I used to go to the movies all the time — 'Annie Get Your Gun' or 'Carousel' — get in and stay all day. Watch the movies three or four times. When I was 13, 14, I went to see 'The Great Caruso.' Mario Lanza was singing the role, and I said, 'That's what I want to do.'"

She convinced her mother to buy the album. "I listened to and learned every single tenor aria phonetically. When I found out I wasn't able to sing those arias, was I ever crushed. I was really sad."

After deciding on opera as her career of choice, Ms. Donath asked the same question of "every opera singer who came to Corpus Christi — May I sing for you?"

She remembers her first meeting with baritone George London, who came to her hometown several months after she'd made her decision to pursue opera.

After she had entertained him with her tenor aria selection, he said, "'What category are you?'

"I thought, What does that mean?, I looked at the program, and it said, 'George London, baritone,' and I said, 'I'm a lady baritone.' And he thought that was, of course, immensely amusing.

"I saw him again, when I was 17, in San Antonio. By then, I was beginning to learn how little I knew about everything. Still I'm going backstage, and, when he saw me, he said, 'Oh, there's my lady baritone.' It floored me.

"The culmination came when I was engaged in Cologne. It was my very first engagement. I was 21 years old, and George and I stood on the same stage doing Wagner's 'Das Rheingold.' I sang a Rhine maiden, and he said, 'Helen, now I know for sure you're not a lady baritone.'

"The summer after that I started studying with his voice teacher, Paola Novikova, a great woman. She had many great opera singers. I owe a major part of my success to her and to my husband, who listened to all these lessons and kept coaching me along those lines." She paused and added, "A couple of years ago I heard, behind every great singer there's a great coach."

Ms. Donath lives in Germany with her husband, conductor Klaus Donath. They frequently work together. Most recently, they were in pre-recorded programs on both major German television channels New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. He will be conducting the San Francisco Symphony's New Year's Eve concert in 1997, an engagement moved from 1996 due to the orchestra strike.

"Everybody loves Klaus," Ms. Donath said. "He's so cute when he talks to the orchestra. His way with the American language is so sweet. He says, 'I learn very much better from year to year,' and I tell him, 'Don't.'"

They have one son, Alexander, 28.

"We both would have been perhaps more household names if we had not opted to really concentrate on taking care of having our family life," Ms. Donath said. "God graced us with a child, and we wanted to be there for him, and it's paid back with interest plus. It's been a wonderful life."

In addition to combining their talents in concert performances and on recordings, they sometimes conduct master classes together.

"In every master class that we have given there have been one to three really fine singers among the young people," Ms. Donath said. "It's always been a major pleasure to experience the next generation of really fine voices coming into bloom."

While she is in the Permian Basin, Ms. Donath will appear at a free master class being held at 2 p.m. Jan. 12 in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church.

Her advice to those who "really have talent" is "find an excellent teacher to take you through your young years."

For information on the master class or the concert call the symphony, 563-0921, or the opera, 684-4101. MOSC sponsors for the concert include Dr. and Mrs. Bart Mayron, Drs. Terry and Elvira Burns, Dr. and Mrs. Roberto Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. David Morrow. MOT season sponsors are Texaco, the Arts Assembly of Midland, the Beal Foundation and the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

Of the program she will be performing with the symphony, the Chorale, the Lee High School Chorale, and guest artist, bass- baritone William Rhodes, Ms. Donath said, "There's Mozart and Puccini and Wagner and Verdi, so there's something for everybody there. If you want hors d'oeuvres, the main course or cake and coffee, you've got it all."





Texas soprano Helen Donath as herself, top, in concert in Germany; center, as Susanna in "Le Nozze di Figaro" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City; and below in her Metropolitan Opera debut as Marzelline in Beethoven's "Fidelio."

Photos by Winnie Klotz

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

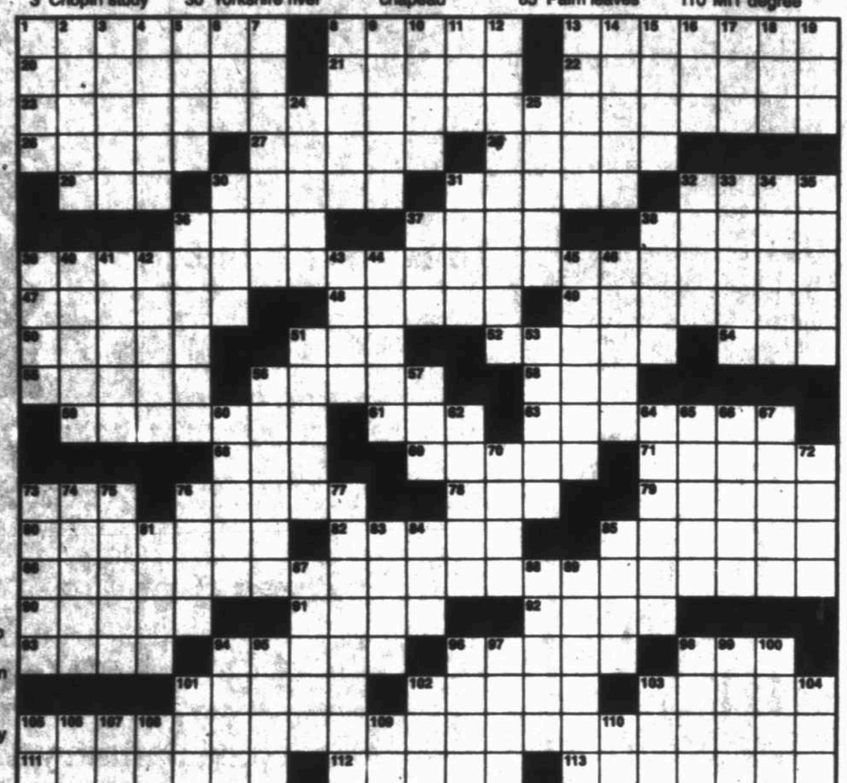
Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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"RESOLUTIONS" By BERT KRUSE

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1 Jumped, as a hurdle
8 Punctuation mark
13 Slowly disappear
20 On the town
21 Hersey's village
22 Mint family herb
23 Make comedians happy
26 City stickers
27 The best
28 Author Loos
29 Sun. talk
30 Blue dyes
31 Mich. resort town
32 Enthusiasm
36 Musical Puente
37 MX, cardinal style
38 First in a series
39 Make waiters happy
47 Melodic
48 Church instrument
49 Get
50 Coats or shirts
51 Drift off
52 Ermine in summer
54 MIT degs.
55 Night noise
56 Instructed a computer
58 Photo —
59 Breastbone
61 Denials
63 More odd
68 Civil War general
69 Holy water container
71 Connection
73 Zadora
76 Helmet decorations
78 Actress Mary
79 In reserve
80 Goodlooking, to a cockney
82 Heard the alarm
85 Brunch dish
86 Make social sidelines happy
90 Caffeine nuts
91 "— Man": Hoffman film
92 Winged
93 British gun
94 Intended
96 Temporary stars
98 CEO deg.
101 Bouquet —
102 Place fit for a sultan
103 Aches accompaniment
105 Make everyone happy
111 Usually
112 Regarding
113 "The Importance of Being —"
114 "Lakme" composer
115 Slip of the tongue
116 Cannot stand

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1 Tap choice
2 Beach bashes
3 Chopin study
4 Horatio or Hiss
5 Cheers
6 Athenian letter
7 Pacification
8 Find fault
9 "Golden Boy" playwright
10 Byway
11 Switch selections
12 Observations
13 Bookholder
14 Mountain crest
15 — -vu
16 Kind of maniac
17 Chestnut's cousin
18 Arles article
19 Frost predecessors
24 Prufrock progenitor
25 Pear variety
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31 Bean
32 Author Grey
33 Banks or Pyle
34 Martin or Allen
35 Shore phenomena
36 Insomniac, at times
37 Verbal end
38 Understanding
39 A little night music
40 Snead's needs
41 Aviator
42 Dudley or Demi
43 Roughneck
44 "As You Like It" forest
45 Support
46 Hire out
51 — plume
53 Chef's chapeau
56 Curved-bill bird
57 Two, in Toledo
60 Desmond of "Sunset Boulevard"
62 Luftwaffe plane
64 Captivate
65 Stitch over
66 Outcast
67 Less polite
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72 Match parts
73 Stuffs
74 — water: embarrassed
75 Allan- —
76 Exclamations of awe
77 Devilish
81 Peruse quickly
83 Smidgen
84 Possess
85 Palm leaves
87 Man from Tehran
88 French wartime minister
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94 "A Year in Provence" author
95 Seabirds
96 Gas signs
97 Hold forth
98 Where the Saco flows
99 Twining stems
100 Dread
101 Eats
102 — lively: hurry
103 Fresh
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105 Naughty
106 Legal ending
107 Kilmer of film
108 Silkworm
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1997

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Bigger and better financial rewards will come your way. You gain access to elite social circles. Do not be lax about home security; an ounce of precaution is worth a pound of cure. Real estate offers look promising. Devote more attention to someone who needs your guidance. Artistic and creative endeavors will flourish throughout the spring. A career in publishing or public relations holds new appeal. Business proposals submitted next fall will meet with approval.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actress Diane Keaton, dance great Alvin Ailey, famed botanist George Washington Carver and me!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A loved one's problems will test your patience. Avoid grumbling in front of the children. If asked to mediate a dispute, be objective. Do not let a recent slight, real or imagined, influence you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Show your considerate side. A change of scenery will delight someone who has been stuck indoors recently. Exercise good judgment when talking with people you have just met.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Accept a social invitation. Watch what you say in fun lest others misconstrue your lighthearted remarks. Saying everything that is on your mind would be a tactical error.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The emphasis now is on acquiring knowledge through books and travel. Widen your social horizons by joining a club or charitable organization.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wonderful opportunities lie just ahead. Work on improving your physical fitness. Regular exercise and healthy eating habits will boost your energy level.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ignoring a family member's concerns would be a mistake. Give a little and you will gain a lot! Keep a New Year's resolution to stay within your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A quiet day at home suits you fine. Keep business concerns to yourself while focusing on family life. A heart-to-heart talk with a child leads to new understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A show of affection helps you avoid quarrels with your loved ones. Ask children to help you with a household project. Socializing with friends does not have to be expensive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not understand the message someone is sending you. To end your confusion, ask direct questions. Something you thought lost forever turns up again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Doing something nice for a friend confined to a hospital or nursing home will bring you a feeling of satisfaction. Attending a posh social event gives you a chance to mingle with VIPs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be prepared to deal with an old issue. A loved one does not need any more pressure. A conversation with a wise neighbor sheds new light on a tricky situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can prevent some turbulence today by working hard to preserve a partnership. Go out of your way to assist someone who needs a chance to shine.

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1◇	1♠	2♣	Pass
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3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

The neophyte bridge player loves to take a finesse. The veteran strives to avoid one if possible. The difference can be staggering in the results it produces.

The auction was uneventful. North's three hearts showed values and was an attempt to steer the contract to three no trump should South have a spade stopper. It succeeded.

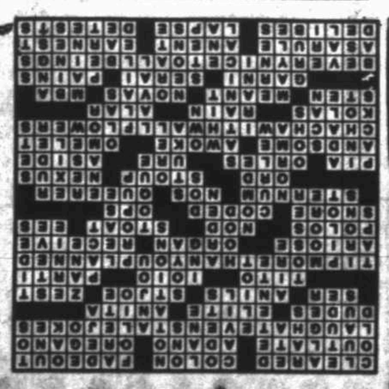
West led a low spade and East's ten forced the king. Declarer could count eight fast tricks, and there were overtricks for the taking if the clubs behaved. So declarer unblocked the ace of hearts and crossed to dummy with the king of clubs, and West's heart discard was a sore blow.

Declarer looked no further than the diamond finesse for the fulfilling trick. The king and queen of hearts were cashed, followed by the ace and queen of clubs, on which West sluffed a card from each red suit. A diamond to the queen lost to West's king, and four spade tricks completed a one-trick set.

Somewhat better technique would have been to forgo the diamond finesse. Indeed, the suit should not be touched at all! After cashing out the winners in hearts and clubs, declarer should exit with a spade, giving West the four tricks in the suit to which the defender was entitled. At the end, West would have to lead away from the king of diamonds into declarer's major tenace, giving declarer the fulfilling trick.

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JANUARY 5 - 11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger as well as many traveling exhibits on display. Those enjoying an adventure may take a ride in the simulator, located in the museum gift shop, and experience a ride in a World War I airplane; FILM SERIES: "Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II," shown through the end of 1996, 10am & 2pm, museum docent will moderate, Free, 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.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: "Members Show, with Friends", Kitt Beck, Travis Beckham, Olivia Hill and many more, through January 5, EXHIBITION: Elliot Norquist Show, Sante Fe artist, OPENING RECEPTION: January 11 , 7-10pm, through Feb. 16, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 682-9303, Free.

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: EXHIBITION: Executone Building, 112 S. Loraine, Suite 119, Tues. 8am-3pm, Thurs. - Fri. 11-3pm, Free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Living Traditions: Mexican Popular Arts, , folk art paintings, textiles, weavings, ceramics, yarn paintings, etc., through January 12, EXHIBITION: "Under Starry Skies: Defining the Southwest," permanent collection; EXHIBITION: "The Search or Ancient Plainsmen: An Archaeological Experience", ongoing; EXHIBITION: The Collection, ongoing, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat.& Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miquel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Transparencies: Glass by Robert Wilson and Watercolors by Margaret Pace Wilson, through Jan. 5, EXHIBITION: More Ancient Myths From The Modern Suburbs, Ceramics by Chris Stanley, through Jan. 5, Free, ADVENTURES IN ART: Batik, a fun program of art appreciation, art history, and studio art for the whole family, 2:30pm-4:30pm, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 550-3811, Admission charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E Murphy St., Tues. 12pm-3pm, Wed.-Fri. 10am-3pm, Sun. 2pm-5pm, call 1-333-4072, Free.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: Mon.-Fri.,9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Presidential Museum: Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL "Forever Plaid," 8pm, Yucca Theatre , 7pm, opening night party sponsored by HEB, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Midland County Public Library: CRAFT TIME: Bendy Animals, 2:30pm, ages 6 & up, Free.

Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale with the Midland Opera Theatre: CONCERT: Masterworks Series, Guest artists William Rhoades, Helen Donath, 8pm, Lee High School, 3500 Neely, call 563-0921, Admission Charged.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494.

NYC Opera to tour without orchestra

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York City Opera will use two pianos instead of an orchestra to save money when it goes on tour next month.

The annual tour was over budget, and "The board said we must break even or we must cancel," executive director Sherwin M. Goldman said Friday. Last season's tour lost about $85,000, he said.

The opera company has scheduled 90 performances of the Italian opera "La Boheme" in 68 U.S. cities from Jan. 10 and April 27. The ensemble includes about 50 people: crew, pianists and singers, including members of the opera company and recent music school graduates.

"We're the last national touring company for opera," Goldman said. "If we didn't do this, we'd be dead, too."

Goldman said everybody had agreed on daily expenses but Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians wanted promises of higher expenses for future tours. Goldman said the opera wouldn't make that promise.

Mary Landolfi, union vice president, told The New York Times that the union has not been informed of the company's final decision. She said the musicians have agreed to more negotiations.

The opera's music director decided the orchestra needed at least 27 musicians and "two pianos would be better than a smaller, shabby-sounding orchestra," Goldman said.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

MCT musical

Midland Community Theatre presents the popular musical, "Forever Plaid," featuring Drew Anderson, C. Louis Renaud, Rob Montgomery and Rogers "Scooter" Tilley," Jan. 10th though the 25th at the Yucca Theatre.

After a sell-out smash hit last September in Theatre I, the squeaky-clean quartet is coming back to the Yucca Theatre this January.

The Plaids are four guys who love to sing Sparky (Drew Anderson — treasurer of the MCT Board of Directors) is the cut-up of the group, always looking to crack jokes.

Jinx (C. Louis Renaud) is the shy one who is usually too terrified to remember what song is next.

Smudged (Rob Montgomery) is the worrier of the group, with a chronic nervous stomach.

And Frances (Rogers "Scooter" Tilley) is the leader of the group, with a great deal of compassion. He is the caretaker of his fellow Plaids.

They all met in high school, when they joined the Audio Visual Club (1956). Discovering that they shared an affection for music and entertaining, they got together and dreamed of becoming like their idols ... the Four Aces, The Four Lads, the Four Freshmen, the Hi-Lo's, and the Crew Cuts.

They rehearsed in the basement of Smudge's family's plumbing and supply company. It was here they became Forever Plaid, a name that connoted as the continuation of traditional values of family, home and harmony.

Tracy Goodwin, the educational director of MCT, is the director and choreographer for the show and Bert Bostic is the musical director. Paul Fiorella has designed a nightclub set, Eddie Taylor is the light and sound designer and Denise Larsen has handcrafted the plaid evening wear. Carolyn Sutton is the stage manager, with Kay Brokman and Sharon Petty serving as assistant stage managers. Stuart Ross is the playwright.

The Plaids relive the fifties with a musical review of favorites such as "Three Coins in a Fountain," "Chain Gang," "Catch a Falling Star," and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," to name a few.

The show runs from Jan. 10-25. For ticket information and reservations call 682-4111.

Santa Fe artist

Works by Santa Fe artist, Elliot Norquist, will be featured at Gallery 1114 Saturday, Jan. 11.

Art in the show will consist of prints, folded paper works, and what the artist terms "sheet metal painting." Norquist works could be called minimalist. His gallery pieces employ quiet color, sensitive use of material, and he is sensitive to attain a contemplative effect from geometric shapes and forms.

Norquist's work has been shown at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe. He has done numerous one-man shows and permanent installations around the southwest.

Gallery 1114 is a cooperative center for modern and contemporary art located at 1114 N. Big Spring, Midland. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Celebration of the Arts

Applications are available for artists to show and sell their works at Celebration of the Arts, May 16-18.

More than 8,500 people will come from Midland and the surrounding communities to enjoy the 14th annual three-day spotlight on the visual and performing arts. The festive Preview Party, which will be held Friday, May 16, brings about 1,000 art enthusiasts into Midland Center.

The deadlines for entries is Feb. 14.

Fine art and original hand-crafted items are acceptable with the following restrictions: limited edition prints of art on approval only; no ceramics from commercial molds; no black and white photography which has not been printed by the photographer; no silk-screened T-shirts. Jurying is done by a highly respected artist who judges by looking at three slides per applicant.

This year the Arts Assembly has made some significant changes prompted by artists' comments and suggestions including the following:

- All artist booths are inside air-conditioned Midland Center and include carpeted floors and close access to hospitality room. (Outside booths will be available on request.)
- All booths are 8 by 10, except for one 1997 Distinguished Artist, which is 8 by 20.
- Attractive curtained booths, rather than pegboards, will be provided.

Two artist will receive $200 for exceptional work, which is judged on site. Ribbons are given for first, second, third, honorable mention and best booth display. All artist and a friend/spouse are invited to a special dinner Friday night before the Preview Party.

For more information, contact Arts Assembly of Midland, PO Box 3494, Midland, 79702, 915 687-1149, Fax 687-1600.

SMU Press

The Southern Methodist University Press is releasing 11 books this season, ranging from novels to short-story collections to the historical account of a presidential assassination.

Midland native Tracy Daugherty — the author of "The Woman in the Oil Field" — has written one of the books.

From the sometimes humorous predicaments of gender wars and domestic change to class conflicts, the horrors of the Stalinist period and the more recent Middle Eastern wars, the 20th Century's violence haunts Daugherty's stories. With a compassionate eye on human frailties and needs, he creates a contemporary kaleidoscope of the forces that shape people.

These books are available in most retail bookstores, or they may be purchased through the publishing company by calling 1-800-826-8911.

Mexican folk art

"Living Traditions: Mexican Popular Arts" is being featured at the Museum of the Southwest.

The display started Dec. 3 and will continue through Jan. 12.

The exhibition from the collection of Annie O'Neill, former advisor to the Nelson A. Rockefeller Mexican Folk Art Collection, is curated by Marta Turok, presidente of Asociacion Mexicana de Arte y Cultura Popular, A.C.

"Living Traditions: Mexican Popular Arts" portrays chance and continuity among Mexican folk artists, their crafts, and the purposes for which these objects were created. The exhibition investigates how economic and social modernization in Mexico and an influx of tourists from Europe and the Americas affected folk art production since 1950.

The more than 500 individual two and three dimensional objects range in size from 6 by 4 by 4 inches to 26 by 32 by 16 inches and represent culture in motion.

Artists include Dona Teodora Blanco, who was inspired by animal and figural ceramics at the archeological museums in Oaxaca. Oil paintings by Alfonso Jimenez depict pastoral landscapes of an idealized Olinala', and bark paintings by Teleforo Rodriquez illustrate ceremonial, agricultural, and utilitarian elements of village life.

The Museum of the Southwest is located at 1705 W. Missouri Ave. in Midland. Public hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. For information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Ector County Coliseum

ODESSA — Ector County Coliseum and Exhibition Center, located at 42nd and Andrews Highway, will hold the following events in January: Jan. 17-18, Main Attraction Tractor Pulls; Jan. 18-19, Permian Basin Gun Show; Jan. 24-26, West Texas Marine Deals Show; and Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, Midessa Marine Dealers Show.

Also, the Western Professional Hockey League is coming to the Permian Basin in October 1997. Call 915-552-PUCK or 915-683-4251 to obtain season tickets.

Writers and Storytellers

West Texas Writers combined with West Texas Storytellers Guild will hold a proclamation on Tuesday, Jan. 14, that will be read at the City Council meeting, 300 N. Lorraine, at 10 a.m. announcing the kick-off for the 2nd Annual Short Story Contest which began Jan. 1.

A fundraiser dinner will be held Feb. 2 at El Chico's restaurant from 5 until 10 p.m. There will be entertainment by Las Adelitas Folklorico dance group, Hispanic stories for children by storyteller members and an honor/autograph table for local published authors.

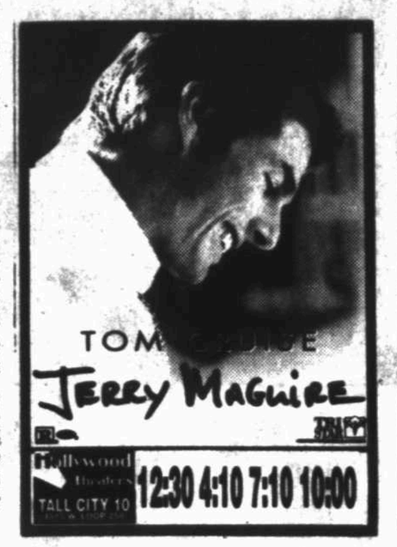
The public is invited, but table time & reservations are needed. Call 699-7820 for more information.

Murder Mystery

BIG SPRING - Area citizens are asked to solve a murder in groups of eight, at the Heritage Museum's annual "Let's Solve a Murder Mystery" benefit Jan. 11.

The fundraiser begins at 6:30 p.m. with all costumed guests sharing hors d'oeurves at the museum and adjourning to gather clues. Past locations have included antique shops and local homes as well as the museum and Potton House

For information about hosting a group of sleuths or being a detective, call 267-8255.



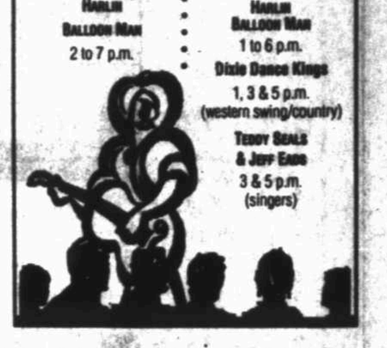
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Sunday, Jan. 5
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Harlin Balloon Man 1 to 6 p.m.
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Terry Seals & Jeff Eads 3 & 5 p.m. (singers)



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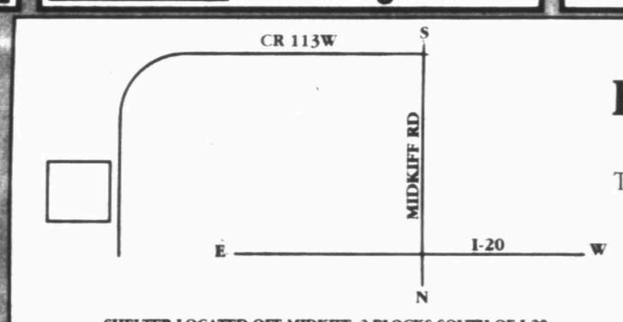
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105 Happy Ads

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163 Money To Loan

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Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Dr. 520-9206. Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo. Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. mtng. 8 pm. Marvin Witcher, Pres. Earl Selman, Secty. 687-4344

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448, 1000 Upland. Reg.stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am. Rusty Hill, W.M. Bob Ellwood, Secty.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623, 1600 W. Wall. Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm. Kip Beeson, W.M. Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

115 Announcements

WILL THE Witnesses in the white pickup who saw the wreck Thursday, December, 26th at 3:45 pm on the Rankin Hwy 349 & County Road 118 please call 520–6200.

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REWARD! CHILD'S PET!!Lost: Small black & white male dog. Medium length hair. Vicinity of Thomason & Midkiff. PLEASE call 694–3877.

FOUND: Black & White puppy. Vicinity of Golf Course & A. 8- 12 weeks. Call 687–4118.

LOST: GREY TABBY female cat, 5 months, declawed, no collar in Midkiff/ Neely area. Reward. 520–3080.

LOST: Tabby Cat, Green Tree area, missing since 12/29/96, vicinity Green Tree Blvd. 694-1737.

150 Lost & Found

LOST: Orange male tabby, neutered, last seen wearing red collar and tags. 694-2275 or 684–5287.

LOST Brown long haired Siamese/ Himalayan cat. (Dewclawed), answers to Tye. Reward if found. Please call 694–1567.

150 Lost & Found

LOST: Small tan Chihuahua in vicinity of Eisenhower & Illinois. Please call, 697–0848.

FOUND: MULTI Colored Shepherd mix. "N" Street & Humble. Call 683–6830.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND: Poodle, 5- 6 months old. Black, male. Shepherd, black & brown male. Older. Dobie mix. Black & rust male with purple nylon collar. Heeler, Black , white & brown female, 7 weeks old. Bassett Hound, male, 3 years old. Heeler, black, grey and tan male. 3 months with blue & white flea collar. Call Midland Animal Control, 685–7420.

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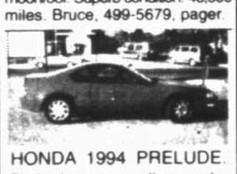
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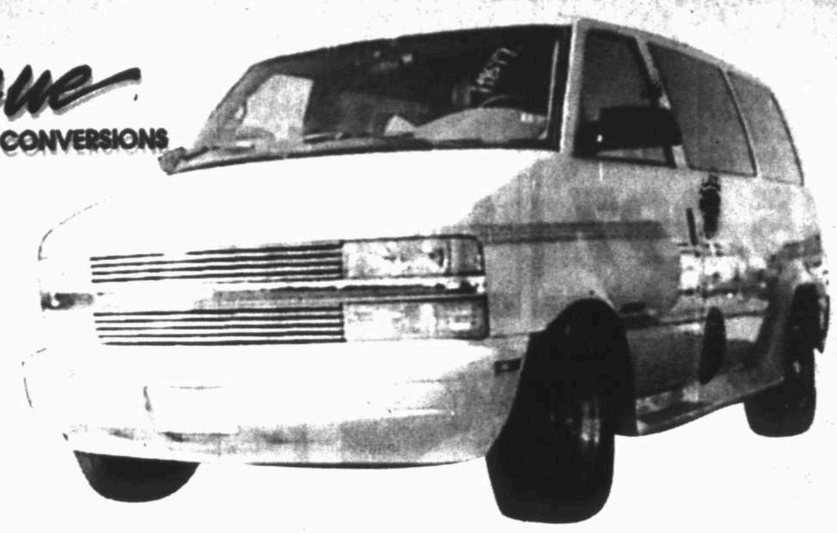
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This position offers flexible daytime hours with no weekends or selling. We will provide you with thorough training as well as starting pay up to $5.21/ hour. To qualify, you must have reliable, insured transportation, strong attention to detail, and a willingness to learn.

Please call our Voice Mail Response Center at:

1-800-900-0070
Mailbox #994

SUPERIOR JEWELRY COMPANY
Equal Opportunity Employer
Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply.

GENERAL- "Racehorse" in Access, Excel and Word. Need presentation & correspondence experience. Salary DOE, possible temp-to-hire. Call for appointment, 683-7277.

GRAPHIC ARTISTS- Ricochet Sports & Graphics is looking for several contract artists to design graphics for imprinted sportswear division. Previous experience not necessary. Send resume and sample artwork to: Ricochet Sports, PO Box 5554, Midland, TX 79704.

GRILL COOKS- immediate openings. References required. Pay up to $6.50 to start! Apply between 2- 4 pm, Fuddruckers, Midland Park Mall.

GUEST SERVICE AGENTS- Midland Fairfield Inn is seeking part-time guest service agents. Applicants must posses hotel experience and good guest relations. Apply in person at 2300 Faulkner Drive. No phone calls please.

HARD WORK, Good Pay! The nation's leading inventory service is now interviewing for people to train with us and travel in a 3 state area taking retail inventory. Must be able to leave early in the week, returning late Friday. Work an average of 35 hours per week. We pay mileage, motel expenses, meal allowance, above average starting rate, 10 key experience helpful but we will train. Call 694–3399, Monday between 9:30 am- 3:00 pm, ask for Joe. RGIS Inventory Specialist.

HOUSEKEEPER needed Monday through Thursday, some Fridays, 10 am- 2 pm. General housekeeper duties, some cooking. References required. Non- smoking environment. Call 682-1291.

JANITORIAL- NOW HIRING experienced floor hands. Night work. Call 520–6618.

310 General Help Wanted

INSIDE SALES/ deliveries person wanted. Must be 21 and have good driving record. Apply at 4612 Billingsley, Monarch Paint Company.

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MAID NEEDED. Apply at Rodeway Inn, 3708 W. Wall.

MARKETING PERSONNEL
CASH PAID DAILY
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- Salary, commissions
- Management positions
- 4 Day work week
- Full benefit package
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MORNINGS 570-1381

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Our company will train 20 to 30 men and women for display work.

Must be neat in appearance and have own transportation.

Only unemployed need apply. Bonuses and vacation for those who qualify. Full and part- time positions available. Call for interview Monday only 9AM til 5 PM, 520–5900.

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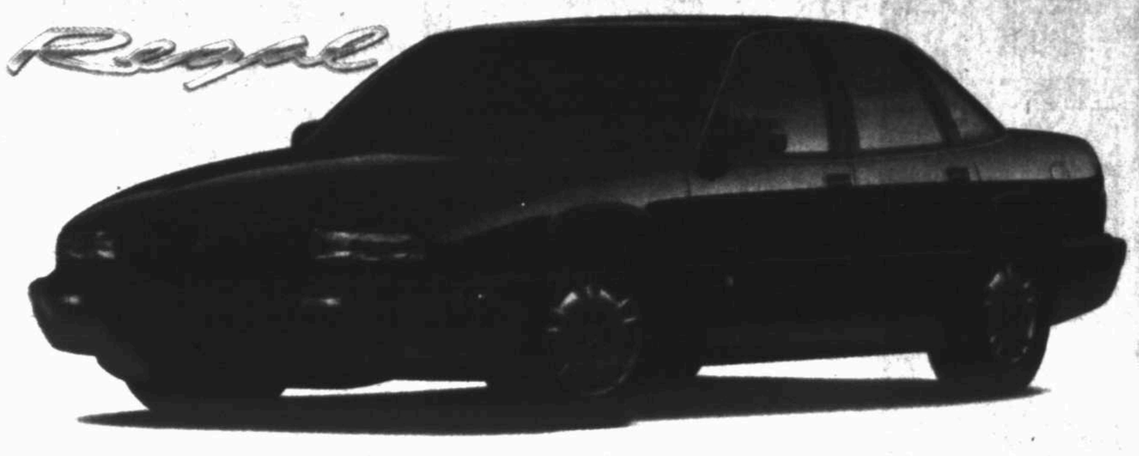
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EXPERIENCED OR INEXPERIENCED
North American Van Lines has owner operator openings in the Relocation Services Division. **Tuition- free training!** Tractor purchase programs.
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310 General Help Wanted

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Must be at least 21 years of age, have good driving record, must be able to pass pre-employment drug screen, be able to work flexible hours. We offer good starting pay and good benefits. Please apply at Midland International Airport: Advantage Rent-A-Car. No phone calls please.

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Capable, self-starter needed to work in small independent oil and gas office. Duties include data entry, typing, filing and copying. Experience with federal and New Mexico state production reports required. Please send resume to P.O. Box 10426, Midland, TX 79702.

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24 Hour * Job Hotline
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RECEPTIONIST/ SHAMPOO TECHNICIAN needed. Shampoo or cosmetology license required. Bring resume by or call 570–7100.

RESTAURANT

WANTED: KITCHEN HELP & DISHWASHER

Apply in person only:
Cattleman's Steak House
3300 N. Big Spring St.

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Restaurant Team Members

Popeyes is looking for enthusiastic and firendly individuals to become part of our winning CREW TEAM!

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Midland, Texas 79705

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RESTAURANT- Gill's Restaurante and Cantina is now hiring for Waitstaff and Drive- through positions. Apply at: 4411 W. Illinois.

RESTAURANT- Now hiring for Prep Work- Day hours. Apply in person, JIB'S Family Dining, 3316 W. Illinois.

SEASONAL CHRISTMAS Lighting take down- full time. Please contact Curtis. 694-2178.

310 General Help Wanted

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GET ORGANIZED!

Seeking dependable, self- starter for part time sales associate position. Must have friendly & helpful attitude with a desire to work. Retail experience a plus. Apply at store: Midland Plaza - Loop 250 & Midkiff.

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ROOM ATTENDANTS needed. Duties include; but not limited to: make readys, general housekeeping of daily hotel rooms, and deep cleaning. Apply in person at 1003 S. Midkiff, Lexington Hotel Suites.

ROUTE DRIVER- grocery/ retail experience required, CDL, 6 day work week, bring resume/ salary history to: 15 Smith Rd., Suite 1100, Interim Personnel, 570–7002. No fee!

RESTAURANT- The Plaza Club is now looking for experienced full time Waitstaff. Please apply in person only between 9- 11 am and 2- 4 pm Tuesday thru Friday at 6th floor ClayDesta Center, Suite 6600.

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Restaurant Management

Assistant Manager and Store Manager positions. Please mail resumes to: 1000 N. Midkiff #3, Midland, TX 79701.

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TELEPHONE COLLECTORS Needed. Please fax resumes to 915-570-9077. Salary DOE, bilingual a plus. Resumes only.

APARTMENT LEASING Agent- 114 units, Sinclair Place. Sale skills required. Prefer experienced. $6/ hour plus bonuses. Resume: Manager, Fax 689–8125 or 4534 Sinclair, Midland, Texas 79707.

TRUCK SALES- Heavy Duty. Opening for Salesman in Permian Basin area. Must be aggressive with a good personality. Knowledge of trucks a must. Growing company with benefits. Send resume to Box A-22, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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310 General Help Wanted

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311 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
for Eye Center. Certified in Opthamology is preferred, but will train. Strong math skills, people oriented. Excellent English and spelling is required. $8.75- $9.00.
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PRN

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****TECHNICIAN****
Entry level position for good computer skills, good typing skills with at least 2 years prior office experience. Will train. Must be a self starter and know how to communicate well and work with public. Call Career Path Temps, 697–6710 for appointment.

****RECEPTIONIST/****
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Medical office needs all around person to deal with patients, file, work with insurance and data entry. Bright, quick to learn. Must be computer literate; will train on software. Must also have good typing skills. Call Career Path Temps at 697–6710 for appointment.

311 Medical Help Wanted

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We are prepared to offer a most competitive compensation package that includes Health, Life and Dental Insurance; Paid Retirement; Sick Child Care; and career growth opportunities.

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MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

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Home Health Director

Bachelor's Degree in clinical or administrative field. Clinical or home health supervisory experience required. Plans, implements and oversees operations of agency.

For more information, contact Human Resources Department at 806/743-3355 602 Indiana Ave. • Lubbock, TX 79415 • EOE

University Medical Center

*HEALTH CARE

The Brown Schools of West Texas has the following employment opportunities available for highly motivated health care professionals:

Mental Health Counselors

Mental Health Counselors with one year experience assisting in the direct care and management of adolescents. Assists in providing safe delivery of care to promote wellness, including physical and ADL care.

RN's

Part-time position for RN's to work with adolescents on Saturday and Sunday. Experience working with adolescents desired; psych experience a plus. Texas RN licensure required.

Send resumes to Brown Schools of West Texas, 3300 S. FM 1788, Midland, TX 79706, Attn: Human Resources. Application deadline January 15, 1997.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

RN-Experience required

- Operating Room - Full-time
- 6:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Must be able to circulate various
- Surgical specialties

- Pediatrics - Full-time

- Labor & Delivery - Full-time/Part-time
- 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.

- NICU - Full-time
- ACLS required.

- Med/Surg- Full-time/Part-time/Relief

- ICU - Part-time
- ACLS required.

- Express Care - Staff relief

LVN- Experience required

- Pediatrics - Full-time

- Med/Surg - Staff relief

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Current Texas license required.

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Experience required.

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File Clerk/Receptionist-Imaging Dept.
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Public relations skills required.

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Experience required

Odessa Regional Hospital

Odessa Regional Hospital is a progressive 100-bed hospital providing West Texas with high-quality family centered care.

We offer competitive compensation and excellent benefits. Qualified candidates may send resumes or apply in person to our Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 4859, Odessa, Texas 79760. EOE 915/334-8397.

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Full-time position; experience in operating room preferred; will perform non-licensed responsibilities.

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST
PRN positions available; Rotating shifts; Certification and license required.

INTENSIVE CARE REGISTERED NURSES
Full-time positions; Part PROMPT Care Register time position; weekends; Register patients & interchanges; Texas RN license required; ICU/CCU experience required.

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Full-time position; Degree with Texas License required; Area travel required.

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Full-time position; Cook experience required; Hospital experience preferred.

WESTWOOD MEDICAL CENTER
P.O. BOX 51070
Midland, Texas 79710
(915) 522-3030
EOE

Westwood Medical Center offers its staff competitive salaries, medical/dental/vision insurance, tuition reimbursement, 24 days paid time off per year, shift / specialty / weekend differential, credit union membership and 401K. For details on our exciting opportunities, interested persons should contact:

J. Rick Brown
Director of Human Resources

Westwood Medical Center is a substance free workplace. Drug screens will be performed on all applicants considered to be final candidates for a position with Westwood Medical Center.

Westwood Medical Center does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation or any other legally protected status.

A career filled with

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ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT
Full-time. Computer and keyboarding skills essential. Must be organized and a team player. Knowledge or Healthcare terminology and insurance experience a plus.

REGISTERED NURSES
Several PRN positions available (all shifts)

LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES
Full-time 3pm-11pm and 11pm-7am available and PRN (all shifts).

REHABILITATION NURSING TECHNICIANS
Several PRN positions available (all shifts)

We offer a competitive salary, a comprehensive benefits package, and all the opportunities a leader in rehabilitation has to offer. For consideration, please send or fax resume including salary history to ***Human Resources:***

HEALTHSOUTH
Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/Odessa
1800 Heritage Blvd.
Midland, TX 79707
FAX: (915) 520-1704

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*HEALTHCARE

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As part of TLC, you will be assigned to a group of our residents and will be responsible for delivering a variety of services including: housekeeping & laundry, personal assistance and dining service. In addition, each day shift team will plan and conduct one activity each day.

Support Team

The Support Team provides support to the TLC teams through the following positions: Administrative Assistant, Director of Resident Services who is a licensed LPN and a Part-Time Driver.

Dining Experience Team

Our atmosphere of care is supported in the dining area where the following opportunities are available: Department Supervisor, Cooks, and Dishwashers

We are seeking individuals with relevant experience and a compassion for the elderly. We offer a comprehensive benefits package including: competitive pay, medical, dental, vision, life insurance, disability, 401K, and paid vacation, holiday & sick leave. Interested candidates should forward a resume to: Saddleridge Lodge, 1808 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, TX 79705. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Saddleridge Lodge

Retirement & Assisted Living

Texas Workforce Commission News

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HEALTH CARE OPPORTUNITIES
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We have openings for licensed, experienced Nursing Home Administrators in Texas and Oklahoma. We are seeking career oriented administrators who are dedicated to providing quality patient care.

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The candidate selected must be willing to relocate.

We offer a competitive salary/benefit package. If you are interested, please send a current resume or contact:

Jerry McMorrough, Director of Human Resources
Horizon Facilities Management, Inc.
401 North Elm. Denton, TX 76201
817-387-4388 Fax 817-380-2423

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311 Medical Help Wanted

CRTT OR RRT- If you are tired of shift work and the hospital environment, looking for a rewarding career, willing to relocate and enjoy a challenge, contact: Amco Medical Service & Supply, Snyder, Texas. 1-800-687-8116 for appointment.

DATA INPUT
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Data Input Specialist needed. Must be familiar with LCS Prompt program, have a positive attitude and the ability to work with a team. Salary and benefits. Please call 570–4475, ask for Michael.

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DIETARY HELP Needed- Martin County Hospital. Split shift & weekends. Contact Joann at 915-756–3345, ext. 229.

PROVIDER needed for weekends, southeast area. Tasks to include: bathing & toileting. Please call Interim Health Care, 550-7593.

MEDICAL- Interim Healthcare now hiring an RN for Branch Manager position. Experience preferred, but not required. Please call 1-800-791-7007.

LVN NEEDED for very busy medical clinic. Experience preferred. Send resumes to: Box F-18, Midland Reporter- Telegram, P. O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

MEDICAL
Big Bend Regional Medical Center
M.T. or M.L.T. needed for 11-7 shift. Send or fax resume to: Mona Sullivan, Laboratory Manager, 801 E. Brown, Alpine, Texas 79830. Fax 915-837-3870.

311 Medical Help Wanted

PART TIME secretary/ receptionist needed for doctors office. Hours are 11 am- 3 pm, Monday through Friday. Experience required in Medical Manager data entry, insurance filing, collections and general office duties. Please respond to box E-28; C/O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Registered Nurse
Week-end Coverage

Terrace West Nursing Center has current opening for a Register Nurse to work week-ends. We offer a very competitive salary/benefits. If interested please come by:

Terrace West Nursing Center
2800 N. Midland Dr.
Midland, TX 79707

No Phone Calls Please

RN NEEDED
HOME HEALTH
1 year Medicare experience required. Contact:
KIM LAMB, RN
(915) 570-8080
409 Andrews Hwy.
Midland, Texas 79701

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BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER
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Needs experience in recommending, purchasing, upgrading and troubleshooting Laptop and Desktop computers. Will install upgrades, train, and advise. Must have supervisory experience. Will make computer based presentations. Experience with phone systems and 2-way systems also a must. Willing to travel. Relocation Paid. Excellent salary and benefits. Call Career Path Inc., 4410 N Midkiff, D-210, 697–6710 for appointment.

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CREDIT. City Pipe And Supply Corp., a progressive growth oriented company, is seeking a credit and collections manager. The ideal candidate will have a college degree, credit and collections experience, and a positive attitude. We offer a competitive salary, a full benefit package, and a comfortable non smoking work environment. If you meet the requirements please send cover letter and resume to: CFO, P.O. Box 2112, Odessa, TX 79760. All responses will be confidential.

DESKTOP PERSON. Progressive high end printing company is looking for an experienced high quality Macintosh Desktop person. If you are a team player, we need you. Applicant must have 4 + years experience and be willing to work overtime as needed. Apply in confidence: Teraco, Inc., 2080 Commerce Drive, Midland, Texas 79703.

Technologies Designer/Trainer

Applications invited for Technologies Designer/Trainer at Odessa College. Requires Bachelor's degree, familiarity with PC and Mac hardware, operating systems and software along with teaching/training experience and instructional technology applications experience. Knowledge of LANS and WANS desirable. Part-time position of approximately 25 hours per week contingent upon federal grant funding. Salary ranges from $11 to $14 per hour. Some benefits. Deadline January 8, 1997. Application and flier available from Human Resources, Odessa College, 201 W. University, Odessa, Texas 79764. Phone 915/335-6606. AA/EO/ADA

ENGINEERING- Project and Staff Engineering positions available. Growing West Texas firm, serving the oil, gas and process industries for 30 years, needs Civil, Mechanical and Chemical Engineers. Salary DOE, Insurance, 401K. Respond in confidence to Engineering, P.O. Box 5198, Odessa, TX 79763.

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OPERATIONS/ AREA Engineer. Midland-based aggressive independent oil company is seeking an engineer with 10+ years experience. Requires well rounded experience in drilling, production & reservoir engineering. Strong waterflood knowledge. SE NM experience with understanding of state & federal regulatory requirements. Submit resume to Box F-28, C/O Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

311 Medical Help Wanted

REHABILITATION
PTs, SLPs, OTs, & COTAs

NovaCare, Inc., a leading provider of rehabilitation services, is seeking full- time and part- time rehab professionals to provide clinical services at the following locations:

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Midland/ Odessa:
PTs, SLPs

NovaCare offers a competitive compensation package including salary, comprehensive medical and dental coverage. Appropriate state licensure/ certification required. Please contact Amy Morgan at (800)544-0349 or fax to (972)758-7356. EOE

NovaCare

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Must have Accounting background with supervisory experience for medical office. Must have good computer knowledge and skills with billing procedures. Excellent benefits and good salary DOE. Call Career Path, 4410 N Midkiff, D-210, 697–6710. Fee Paid or Temp to Perm. No fees to applicants.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Certified a must with experience for busy dental office. Salary DOE. Definitely an increase. Fee Paid.
Joan Dale
Global/Perm Division
Ofc. 686-6360 * Fax. 686-6302
global@apex2000.net

NURSING PROFESSIONALS
Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for RN/LVN/ PRN. Our nurses play an integral role in the care our our patients and in the environment of our care center. If you are a career oriented person dedicated to providing quality patient care, we want to talk with you. We offer an excellent salary/benefit package. If interested, please come by:
Terrace West Nursing Center
2800 N. Midland Dr.
Midland, TX 79707
No Phone Calls Please

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Medical Records Director Needed...
Permian General Hospital is seeking applications for a Director position in Medical Records.

- Must be an A.R.T. or R.R.A.
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- Current knowledge of coding both ICD-9 and CPT
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Please submit your resume to Randy Richard,s C.E.O.:

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Andrews, Texas 79714
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Horizon Facilities Management, Inc.
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WEEKEND RN's- PRN LVN's. Qualifications: must be graduate professional nurse from an accredited school, currently licensed in Texas. Certified Nurse Assistant; qualifications: high school graduate or GED, registered in Texas. Also need PRN CNA's. Great benefits! Complete application to Midland Presbyterian Home/ Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79707. EOE M/F

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FULL-TIME STAFF NURSE, RN
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Department of Internal Medicine is seeking an R.N. Must have current Texas R.N. license. Prefer individual with nursing experience with patient teaching in a clinic setting. Working Monday-Friday. Excellent benefits. Apply at 800 W. 4th Street, Odessa, TX 79763. For additional information call 915/335-5112. TTUHSC is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

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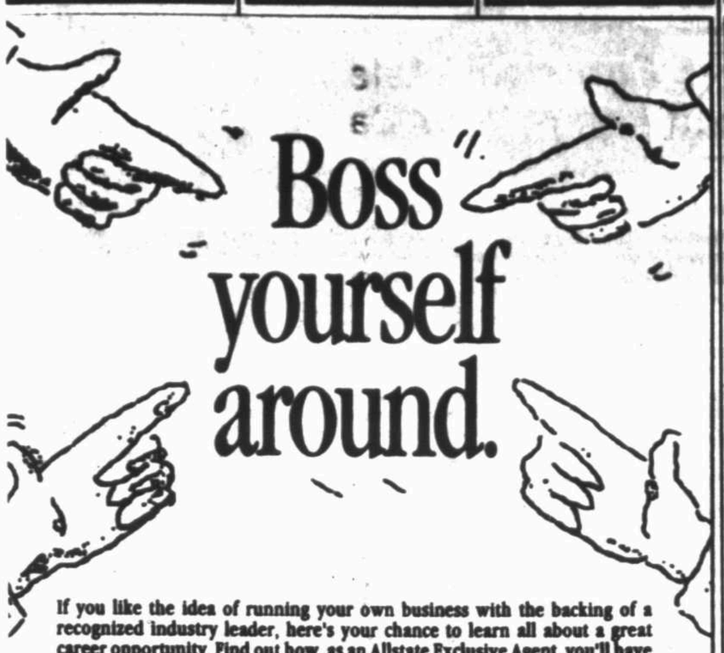
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The Global Information Utility, Americas West & South Telecommunications Region of Conoco is seeking an experienced Communications Engineer to provide support to its sites as well as Dupont business units in it's Mid-West Zone. Engineering support includes project budgeting, proposal, design, documentation, licensing, equipment procurement, and installation coordination in accordance with the business needs of the customer. Engineering support will encompass a wide variety of telecommunications services with a heavy emphasis in radio communications. Standards and procedures to be aligned with corporate guidelines.

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- An undergraduate degree in Engineering (EE preferred).
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- Basic understanding of telephone/voice mail systems, ethernet LANs, satellite systems, digital/analog transport, and multiplexing systems.
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Conoco offers a competitive salary and a an excellent benefits package. Qualified candidates should apply:

Midland T.W.C. Office
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IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR, GS-1816-7, (approximately $24,610 per year). Applicants must be a graduate of a 4 year accredited college or university and must have a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate courses, or must be in the upper 10% of baccalaureate class as verified by a letter from the registrar's office. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and possess a valid driver's license. Application packages may be obtained at the INS District Office, 1545 Hawkins Blvd., El Paso, Texas between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Please direct any questions to the Administrative Office at 915-540-1725.

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needed - Business School - must be proficient in current business software, typing and other business courses. Bachelors degree a must, Business Education major a plus - call 684-6960.

PROFESSIONAL- Agency Therapeutic Foster Group Parents for High Sky Children's Ranch needed. Opportunity to work with children of all ages in a homelike environment. Extensive training and support provided. Call 694-7728 for more information.

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These positions are responsible for case management for all assigned youth. Requirements: CW I= Unrelated Bachelor's + 2 years direct at risk childcare. OR if no degree then 2 years TYC YAS experience + 15 hours related coursework. CW II= BS/BA in Clinical Psy/Soc., Psy/Soc. CJ, SW, Family Relations, Guide/Counseling, Interdisciplinary degree in Social Science or Rehab with no experience or Unrelated degree + 2 years experience in CW, or if no degree + 2 years experience in a CW I position. CW III= BA/BA + 2 years casework experience or Unrelated degree + 3 years experience. OR Master's with no experience. Salary: Up to $2236.00/month.

ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN III (HRD-97094)
Responsible for admin./tech support. Requirements: BS/BA + 3 years sec/clerical, or general office work. OR HS/GED +5 years experience. Salary $1961.00/month. Excellent benefits. Apps. (NO RESUMES). Apply on or before 1/17/97. Send application to:

Texas Youth Commission
4900 N. Lamar, P.O. Box 4260
Austin, TX 78765
512-424-6130
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF WEST TEXAS STATE SCHOOL

Texas Youth Commission is seeking an Assistant Principal for the West Texas State School facility in Pyote, TX. This individual will assist the principal with student discipline counseling and scheduling. S/he is subject to work overtime. Minimum requirements: MA/MS Education from an accredited College or University. Provisional teacher certificate with three years acceptable classroom teaching experience and mid-management certification from TEA. TEA approved temporary mid-management certification or approval by TYC educational. Superintendent for mid-management deficiency plan may be substituted. Salary: dependent upon experience. Comprehensive state benefit package. Apply on State of Texas Application by Jan. 17, 1997 to:

West Texas State School
P.O. Box 415
Pyote, TX 79777
EOE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Minimum qualifications: two years of full-time experience in telecom services or completion of a telecom course or a vendor supplied program of study in telecom may be substituted for one year of the required experience or three years of full-time professional experience in TDHS which included planning for program or support services or one year of full-time experience in TDHS as a Telecom Specialist II. Salary $2,389 per month. Pick up application at Tx. Dept. of Human Services, 2109 Ave. Q, Lubbock, or call 806-472-2500.

Applications must be submitted by 1/10/97.

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Field Landmen needed, 5+years experience, computer literate a must. Immediate openings, long-term jobs.

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AREA DIRECTOR. 25 hours per week. Responsible for fund raising in program activities in the Midland/Odessa area. Some travel required. Past fund raising/ volunteer organization experience preferred. 1 person office in Midland. typing skill a must. Send resume to: American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road #12A, Lubbock, TX 79424.

PROFESSIONAL- Permian Basin Center For Battered Women And Their Children has an opening for Children's Program Assistant. Must have bachelor's degree in education or social services and experience working with children. Send resume to: P.O. Box 2942, Midland, Texas, 79702 or Fax to "Children's Program" at 915-686-7186.

ACCOUNTING POSITIONS

Chesapeake Energy Corporation, a NYSE-listed independent energy producer, is the fourth most active operator in the U.S. with a gross drilling budget for 1997 of $350 million and a market capitalization of $2 billion.

Chesapeake is currently seeking the following positions in its Oklahoma City headquarters. Candidates should be professional, cheerful, self motivated, flexible, and team players.

Oil Revenue/Production Accounting Supervisor requiring an accounting degree with a minimum of 3 years supervisory experience and 5 years oil revenue and/or production experience. Knowledge of Artesia Data Systems accounting software and experience with large oil and gas company a plus.

Special Projects Coordinator position requiring an accounting degree and a minimum of 5 years energy related accounting experience. Candidate should have diversified accounting background with excellent oral and written communication skills.

Special Projects Accountant and Accounts Payable Accountant positions requiring and accounting degree and a minimum of 1 year accounting experience.

Receptionist position to answer and direct incoming telephone calls and provide general clerical support in the Accounts Payable group.

For immediate and confidential consideration please forward your resume with salary history/requirements to:

Human Resources Department
Chesapeake Energy Corporation
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Fax: 405-879-9576

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Requires: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in business, computer science, secretarial sciences, communications, or related field, plus one (1) year of experience with manual or automated data systems, One (1) year of experience may be submitted for each year (30 semester hours) of college. Maximum substitution, four (4) years.

Preferred qualifications include: Experience troubleshooting and maintaining personal computer hardware (IBM compatible) and software, troubleshooting and maintaining Ethernet LANs. Knowledge of network planning and modeling tools including project management software. Knowledge of Novell NOS, TCP/IP and open systems standards. Experience in use of sophisticated LAN and WAN diagnostic equipment.

If qualified, submit completed State of Texas application to:
Texas Department MHMR
Big Spring State Hospital
Human Resources Services
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Very active oil and gas exploration/production company has an immediate need in its corporate offices for a seasoned Reservoir Engineer. Prefer Master's Degree in Petroleum Engineering plus ten years experience. Rocky Mountain background is a definite plus. Company offers competitive salary, full benefits and excellent working conditions. Respond in confidence to:

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Box F-23
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Midland, TX 79702

UTPB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Development Officer to plan, implement, and maintain a comprehensive program of major gift solicitation and campaign fund raising in support of the educational activities of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute located at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Minimum requirements are a Bachelors degree, two years of progressively responsible fund raising experience, computer literate, and willingness to travel extensively. Salary dependent on qualifications. For more information, you may call 915-552-2854, 8-5 CST. Applications with resume and three letters of reference should be sent to Office of Personnel, UTPB, 4901 E. University, Odessa, Texas 79762-0001. Deadline is 1/17/97. EEO/ AA Employer.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Part-time Accounting Professional

Small CPA firm with expanding practice is seeking self-directed CPA or CPA candidate to assist accounting/tax operations. Flexible hours and seasonal schedule. Minimum 3-5 years previous public accounting experience necessary. Responsibilities include: tax preparation, tax research, write-up work, compilations, reviews. Participate in decision making with partners and staff. Turbo-tax, Excel, and Word a plus. Non-smoking office. Compensation DOE. Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

Mary Glenn, CPA
Glenn, Prather & Company
P.O. Box 8750
Midland, Texas 79708-8750

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TAX PROFESSIONAL

Expanding regional CPA firm has an immediate opening for a CPA or candidate with 3-5 years of Public Accounting experience including tax, accounting, and auditing. Competitive salary offered by a diversified practice with direct client and partner contact. Send resume in strictest confidence to:

Killman, Murrell & Co., P.C.
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ACCOUNTANT- WEST TEXAS Construction Company has an immediate opening for an expeneced cost accountant with computer operation capabilities. Must be able to post all records thru general ledger and prepare monthly financial statements and supporting statistics data. C.P.A. preferred but not required. Compensation include retirement and medical benefits. Base salary will be commensurate with experience and credentials. EOE. Send resume to: Box F-25, Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

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Mary Glenn, CPA
Glenn, Prather & Company
P.O. Box 8750
Midland, Texas 79708-8750

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant-Area non-profit seeking Administrative Assistant. Must be knowledgeable in Microsoft Word and have excellent telephone, organizational, and people skills. 10 to 5, Monday-Friday. Non- smoking environment. Send resume to: P.O. Box 3113, Midland, TX 79702.

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FULL TIME Receptionist needed for busy accounting office. job requirements include: excellent telephone, organizational and people skills, professional attitude and ability to work under pressure a must. Send resume and salary requirements to: P. O. Box 3487, Midland, Texas 79702.

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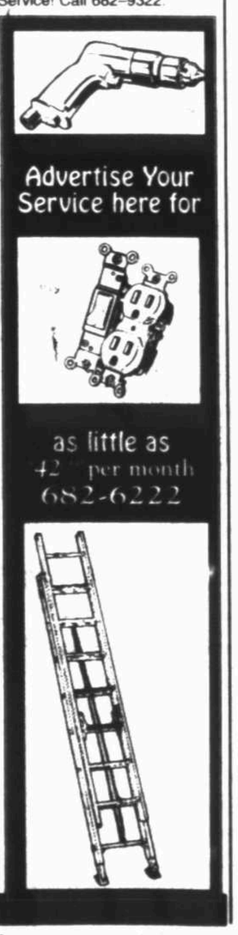
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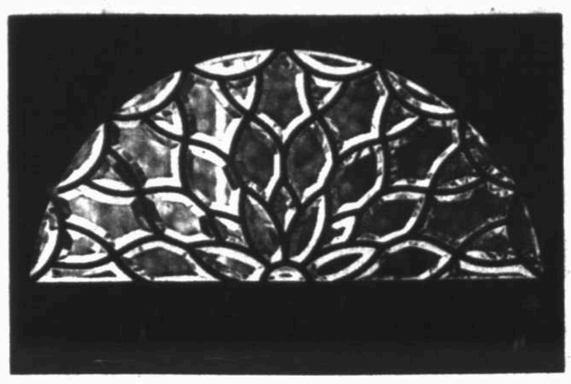


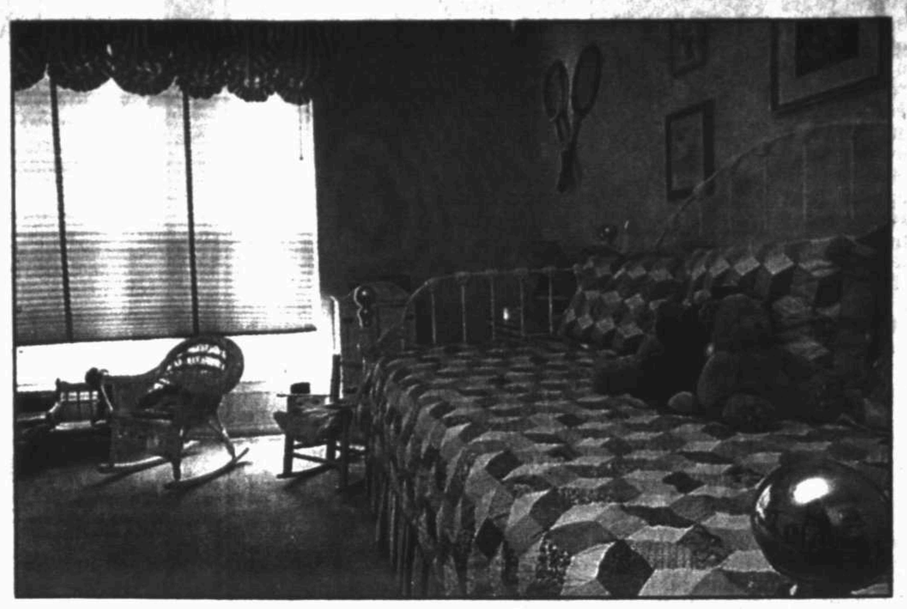
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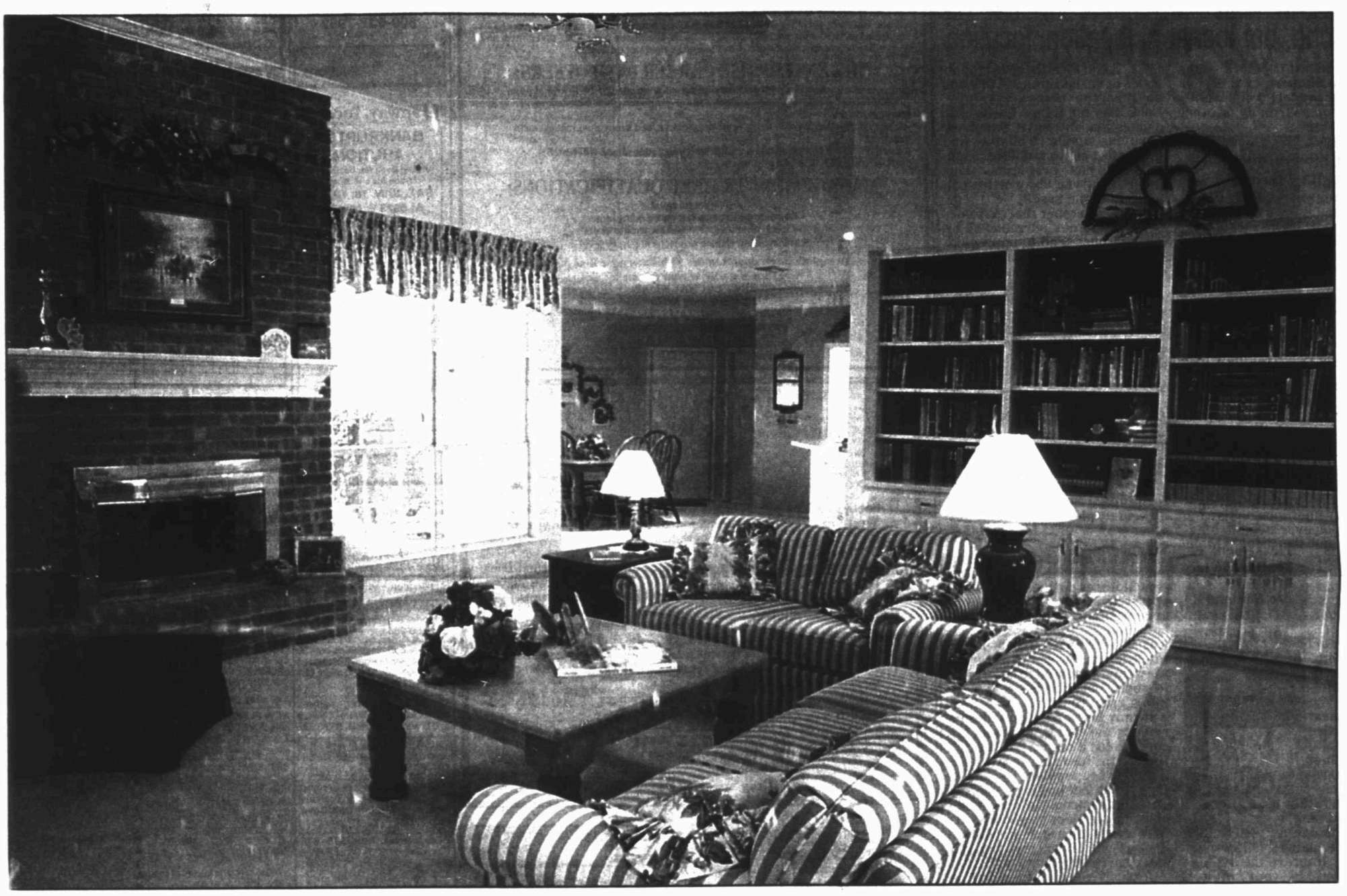
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Shades of Style







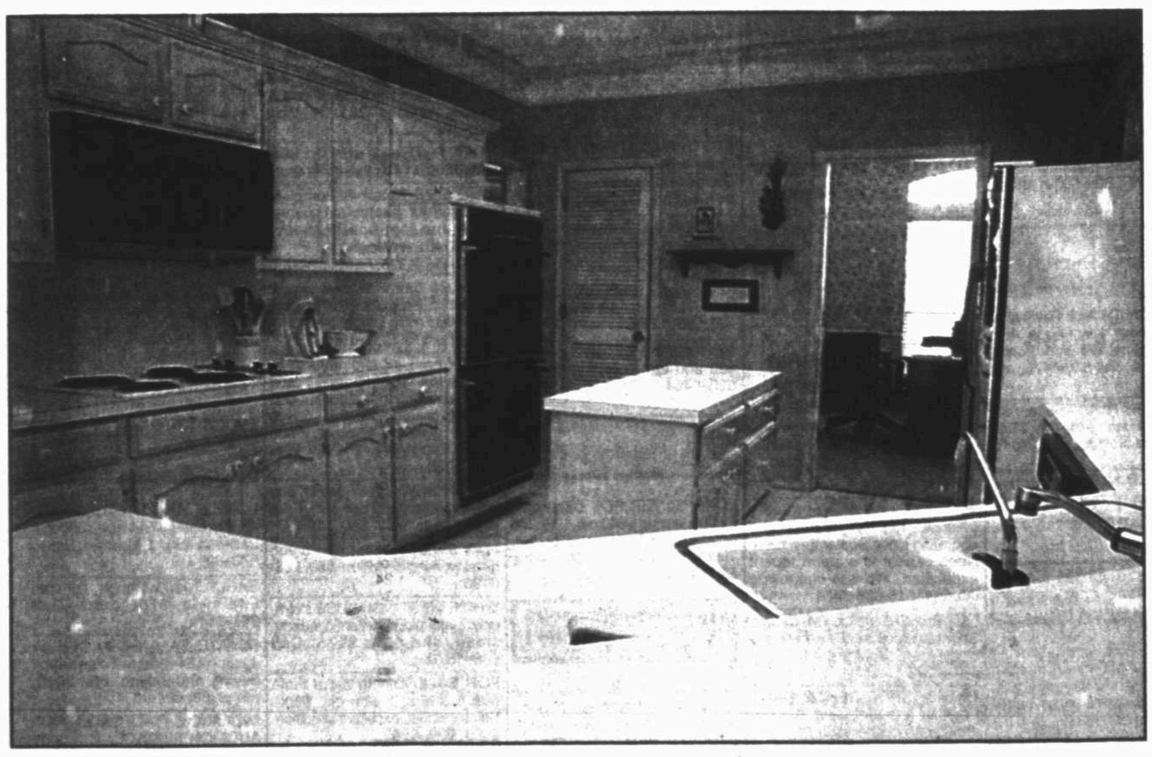
The open house, which commences at one o'clock this afternoon, is the perfect opportunity to view this impressive property in the Polo Park subdivision. Overflowing with a plethora of interesting features, all within a stimulating floor plan, this is arguably the first must-see home of the year.

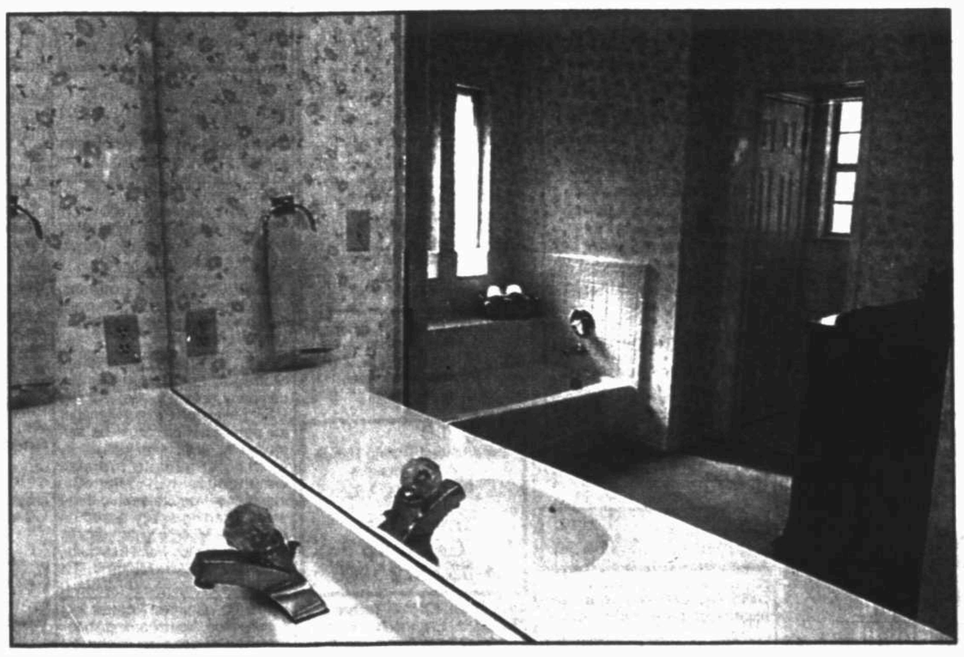
With four bedrooms, large formal areas and a game room there is plenty of space for a large family and the amenities reflect this.

The kitchen for example is perfectly proportioned. A curving combination of counter-top and breakfast bar forms the junction between the breakfast area and the working space, helping to make this a very practical as well as elegant space. As one would expect from a home listed for $168,000 the kitchen is full of built-in appliances and other utilities, such as a the double ovens, pantry and microwave. Aspects such as the large central island with built-in storage help maximize efficiency.

The main family room is, without doubt the most dramatic space in the house. Dominating the center of the home it offers pleasant views of the back garden and features a wall of built-in book shelves and a dramatic brick fireplace. Natural light floods in from two sides of the room via large picture windows accenting the neutral decor and providing a glorious effect.

For more information about this house at 5014 Stoneleigh either stop by the open house between one and three this afternoon or contact Lori Lanier of Lanier & Co. at 682-1144.





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Condo considerations

As important as where you live is what you live in. How much space do you need?

Single people and newlyweds who aren't planning to start a family for several years need smaller homes than do large or growing families. You can anticipate how big your household will be in the next several years and buy for that size.


Sutton

It used to be that houses came in one variety: a single-family detached dwelling with a backyard. Today you have a choice:

- You can buy the traditional single family home.
- You can buy a house that's attached to another or is part of a cluster of four or five attached houses.
- You can even buy an apartment.

When you buy an attached house or an apartment, you usually share a common wall — and probably common hallways, landscaping and parking areas — with a neighbor. In other words, you're a part of either a condominium or a cooperative housing project in which the owners as a group own the common areas of the property.

Usually, a management company maintains and manages the building on behalf of the homeowners. Condominiums and co-ops are great for people who want to own their own space without being responsible for mowing the lawn or repairing the roof. The management company handles that.

On the other hand, the management company charges for its services, usually a per-owner monthly fee that can range from as low as $50 to as high as several hundred dollars. But if you want home ownership without any of the direct responsibilities and maintenance problems, the fee may be worth it.

Your local Realtor can help you tailor you home purchase for your living needs.

This story submitted by Kay Sutton , Owner of Kay Sutton Realtors.

It's cliche, but location, location, location

You've heard it before — the three most important things in real estate are location, location and location. Virtually no other single factor has a bigger impact on the desirability and resale value of your home-to-be.


Garrett

No home is an island, and the value of yours is affected by the homes that surround it.

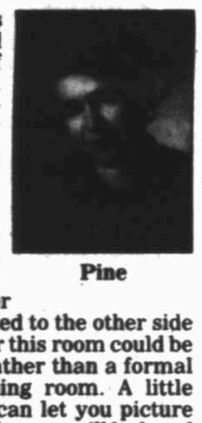
Your first consideration is the neighborhood. If you're not familiar with the area or community you're moving into, talk to a real estate professional who has experience there and can advise you of the area. Then visit those neighborhoods at various times of day and observe the homes carefully. Look also for things like traffic congestion, intrusive sounds or annoying smells. You may find the perfect home, but if the neighborhood has problems, your investment won't be worth much when it's time to sell.

Also, remember that extremely large homes surrounded by smaller ones tend to appreciate less than a large home among other large homes. Conversely, the smallest home in the neighborhood tends to be "pulled up" by the others. However, remember that when you sell many people may not be willing to pay extra for the neighborhood.

This story submitted by Vicky Garrett, of Re/Max of Midland.

Visualizing the possibilities

Seeing the possibilities in a home can sometimes be hard to do. Have you ever stood in a living room and the thought went through your mind, "This house would be perfect if only the front door were over there, or if this room could be used for something else."


Pine

Sometimes it is altogether possible that the door could be moved to the other side of the room or this room could be a bedroom rather than a formal living or dining room. A little imagination can let you picture just how the changes will look and how it may improve the livability of the house for your family.

Being able to visualize changes and how the plan will flow when those changes are made may open up more potential homes than you thought were available. Sometimes the current owner's furniture arrangements make it difficult to picture the rooms any other way or used for any other use.

Sketch a plan of the house and make notes of the more permanent features such as fireplaces, doors windows, kitchen appliance positions and access to the bathrooms. If you can see real, workable changes that could be made and the price is right, what may have appeared to be a reject in your househunting may turn into a great find.

It may be worth it to talk to a remodeling contractor about the cost of such a redo if the location fits and the basic house is to your liking. The popular TV shows about remodeling old houses have gotten people into the mode of looking at older neighborhoods with an eye toward making those lush green lawns and big old trees part of their future.

Just a little imagination may be all that it takes. Ask your Realtor for some suggestions.

This story submitted by Norma Pine, Owner/Broker of Chaparral, Realtors

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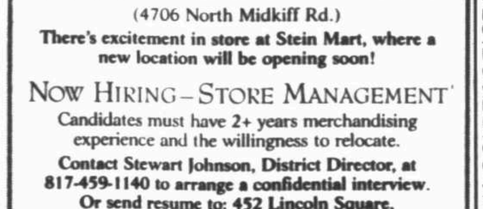
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Mechanic. MAC Trucks, Triplex pumps, Mostly in shop work. Own tools, references and relocation required. Uniforms, 401(k) retirement, insurance, credit union, vacation, paid holidays available. Mail resume to: 418 S Grimes, Hobbs, NM 88240.

OIL FIELD LINEMAN- needed immediately, must be experienced. Send resume to: P.O. Box 60755, Midland, TX 79711.

PAINT ESTIMATOR/ Project Manager. Local construction company looking for experienced Paint Estimator/ Project Manager for paint division. Must be self motivated, self starter with ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously. Minimum experience requirement is three years. Starting salary based on experience. Must have own vehicle. Send resume to: Paint Estimator, P.O. Box 50653, Midland, TX 79710-0653.

SKILLED- General knowledge: construction, wood framing, metal framing, sheet rock, acoustic ceilings, paint. 559-4879.

SKILLED- Mr. Rooter Plumbing now hiring professional plumbers. Benefits and good pay. 570-7473.

335 Adult Care Needed

ELDERLY LADY Needs "caretaker couple" to care for her and yard. Free rent in separate house plus salary. In the Greenwood area- is surrounded by beautiful trees. Ask for Andy, 684-6094, after 5 pm.

336 Adult Care Providers

HOME HEALTH Aides available to attend your daily needs. Also hospital sitting. We work from 4 to 24 hours. Call 570-4475, ask for Jackie.

PRIVATE SITTER. Experienced. Will care for elderly TLC. References provided. 520–7047.

CERTIFIED NURSE Aide will provide lots of loving care, with lots of smiles. Call 570–8103.

340 Child Care Needed

NEEDED reliable ride to Midland schools for two children from Odessa. Hourly pay plus gas. Must have local references. Leave message at 550–8349.

341 Child Care Providers

AFTER SCHOOL care. Will pickup and take home or keep at my home. References available. 694–3571, leave message.

CONVENIENT LOCATION- Monday through Friday 7 am- 6 pm. References upon request. 699–7191.

EXPERIENCED, dependable Christian Mom, would like to keep your child in her Northwest Midland home. Ages 2- 4, Monday thru Friday. Call 697–3531.

OPEN MONDAY- Friday, 7 am- 6 pm beginning January 6th. Call Jana for application 689–2623.

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LOW RATES. Fun filled days at Chanda's Child Care. Available days and nights, Monday- Saturday. 520–9174.

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ESTABLISHED RESTAURANT For sale in Northwest Midland area. Very good location. Currently open & doing well. Call 683–5504.

FOR SALE: SUZI'S CLOSET. A junior specialty shop. Fixtures, inventory, accounts receivable. Serious buyers call before 8 am or after 6 pm. 684-6439.

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682-6222



79701

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NEW FURNITURE SALE- Large selection. Low- Prices. Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave., 570-4408.

79703

YARD/ MOVING Sale! Bed, clothes, dining table, sofa and miscellaneous!! Friday, evening, Saturday- Sunday, 9- 2. 109 Holly Drive.

79705

GLASS TOP Dining table with 4 chairs, bookcases, silk plants, decorator and household items. Saturday- Sunday, 8- 5. 1208 Neely. Cash only.

79707

REMAINING ESTATE Sale- W.C. Phillips. Miscellaneous antique furniture, frames, paintings, glassware, tools, odds n ends. Power and hand tools, fishing, golf, guns, electronics, old records, books, dishes, etc. No clothes. 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Saturday and Sunday. #6 Widener Strip. 694–7396. Midland Drive North to Tanforan Drive., left on Tanforan to Widener Strip then left.

79707

SALE! SALE! SALE!

We've closed our seasonal store at Midland Park Mall and now we have to find room for it, plus a new shipment at our Mission Square store!

ANTIQUITIES
4400 N. Big Spring, B-19
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✔✔★✔✔

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BLACK & WHITE Fluffy kittens. Free to good home. Call 520–8853.

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GORGEOUS Golden Retriever puppies. AKC registered, champion bloodline, parents on premises. 520–0810.

2 DOGS NEEDING Good Homes! 1 Dalmatian male, 1 Lab male. $25 each. Call 694-3877 evenings.

AKC RED SIBERIAN Husky pups. 6 weeks old, shots. $250- $275. Days, 550–9200. Evenings, 332-9000.

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NEW YEAR'S Anomalies! 1/2 Dachshund, 1/2 Dalmatian mix puppies. All with spotted bellies. $35 each. 697–6435.

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AKC ENGLISH Bulldogs. Call for information telephone 520–0011, leave message.

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505 Livestock & Poultry

TWO BARBADO Rams for sale. Call 687–3332 after 6 pm.

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HAYGRAZER, round bales, $50 per bale. 2 or more $45 each. Rain damaged $35 each. Call 683-2630 or 684–7000.

510 Office Supplies

BEAUTIFUL Teakwood Reception desk with left hand return. Good condition. $500. 699–4907.

540 Building Materials

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550 Portable Buildings

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10 X 12 STORAGE- factory direct purchase- reduced 35%. Delivery and financing available, 563-3108.

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2 SCOTT Escape packs, excellent condition. H2S Monitor. Johnson 8870 Mobile telephone. Reasonably priced. 699–6688.

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682–1546.

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FOR SALE: Lincoln SA200 Welding machine. Call 685–1473 for more information.

5 BOTTOM Harrell deep breaking plow with packer attachment. Excellent condition. Call 563–0239.

8 FOOT AIR MOTOR Windmill tower, rods, pipe, etc. Good condition. Call 563–0239.

590 Legal Notices

On January 7, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at the Scurry County Courthouse, Independence Funding Company, LLC as agent for, and acting on behalf of, the United States Small Business Administration, intends to sell to the highest qualified bidder the real estate, improvements and personal property currently located at 4212 College Ave., Snyder, TX. We are not selling the name or Franchise Agreement in this sale. Terms will be offered to qualified buyers and the sale is subject to the United States Small Business Administration's approval. For more information, contact Steve Ray at (972) 247-1776.

590 Legal Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for a VOICE /DATA /CCTV /PAGING CABLING DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, January 6, 1997.

A pre-bid conference and site inspection will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 17, 1997 in Room E-12 (Human Resources Classroom) of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. All interested contractors must attend this meeting.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "PROPOSAL #267-010397 ENCLOSED".

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from respondents be accepted.

All proposals must be received in the Office of the Materials Manager by 1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1997.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL MAY 30, 1997.

All proposals will remain confidential until after the Board of Directors has met and voted an award. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according the the policy/procedure of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Midland County Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Memorial Hospital and Medical Center
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 pm, January 20, 1997, to be opened at 3:00 pm, in the office of the purchasing agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #041-97 for:
An annual contract for Dry Cleaning, Pressing and Laundry Service for the Police Department and Fire Department.

Information for Bidders, Proposal forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas Purchasing Division, City of Midland, Texas.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given that SDS, transferor, heretofore a proprietorship composed of Shawn Jantzen and Laura Jantzen, doing business at Midland,d Texas, will be dissolved and that after 1, 1997, the business will be conducted under the name of Signature Data Solutions, Corp., transferee, a Texas Corporation, at Midland, Texas. This notice is given pursuant to Article 1302-2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act, Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, and Section 35 of Article 6132b of the Texas Civil Statutes.

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Kent County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., on Monday, January 13, 1997 for grass and /or hunting leases on Public School Land owned by Jayton-Girard Independent School District located in Dawson and Martin Counties.

Details regarding location of land, length of lease, minimum bid, and other information may be obtained from the office of the Kent County Judge.

The Kent County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Witness my hand this 10th day of December, 1996.

Tommy Stanaland
Kent County Judge
P.O. Box 6
Jayton, Texas 79528
(806) 237–3373

CORRECTED TIME

PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at 11:03 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 1997, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to consider an Ordinance designating the following property as a Reinvestment Zone, as authorized by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, to wit:

Lot Three (3), Block Three (3), Wallace Heights Section 5, an addition to the City of Midland County, Texas.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the Southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the Southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Kaylah McCord
CITY SECRETARY

CORRECTED TIME

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been scheduled to be held before the City Council, City of Midland, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, at 11:00 A.M., o'clock on the 14th of January, 1997. At this hearing the City Council will consider an Ordinance requiring the removal or demolition of the building(s) or structure(s) located on the below referenced properties for the reason that the building(s) or structures(s) located on said property fails to comply with the minimum standards for the intended use and occupancy of the building, as provided in Title IV, Chapter 9 of the Midland City Code, at which hearing the owners, mortgagee or lienholder of the properties that appear below or persons interested are hereby notified to appear and testify as to the issue to be decided.

STREET ADDRESS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
OWNER

404 E. Estes
Lot 3, Blk. 4
Moran Addition
David Revilla
102 W. Cowden St.
Midland, TX 79701

1602 W. Washington Ave.
Lot 10 E.20' & W40' of Lot 11
Blk 59, West End Addition
Joyce Wallen
1602 W. Washington Ave.
Midland, TX 79701-7081

2000 Carter Ave.
Lot 17, Blk. 9
Hines Addition
Jimmie E. Leath
2502 Neely Ave.
Midland, TX 79705-7343

103 S. Mineola St.
Lot 4 S.50' of N.100', Blk 73
Original Town Addition
Mattie Templeton
101 S. Tyler St.
Midland, TX 79701-7558

201 S. Tyler St.
Lot 12, Blk 37
Moody Addition
C & W Building Co.
1208 E. Wall St.
Midland, TX 79701-4956

1500 E. Industrial Ave.
Lot 6, Blk 11
Moody Addition
Myrtle Featherstone
1500 E. Industrial Ave.
Midland, TX 79701-2201

1213 Pratt St.
Lot 3 N.90', Blk 5
Haley Heights Addition
Clinton Bullock
1213 Pratt St.
Midland, TX 79701

604 S. Atlanta St.
Lot 3, Blk 138
Southern Addition
James B. Crabtree
RR1, Box 22M
Ashdown, AR 71822-9716

604 N. Weatherford
Lot N.50' of SW/4, Blk 24
Homestead Addition
J.R. Farmer
604 N. Weatherford
Midland, TX 79701-4872

311 S. Adams St.
Lot 7, Blk 1
Greenwood Addition
Cloma Powell
Ennis Powell
809 N. Major Ave. Apt. B
Henderson, NV 89015-5741

407 S. Benton St.
Lot 9, Blk 12
Greenwood Addition
Virginia Booker
4264 Layla Ct.
San Diego, CA 92154-3833

704 N. Weatherford St.
Lot N.45' of S. 150' W/2
Blk 15, Homestead Addition
Eulalio Salazar
c/o Daniel Salazar
216 Cambridge Dr.
Saginaw, TX 76179-1209

413 W. Pecan Ave.
Lots 7 & 8, Blk 14
Kelview Heights Addition
Albert Dahlin Est.
c/o Vera Dahlin
2200 N. Pecos St. Apt 208
Midland, TX 79705-7601

600 S. Dallas
Lot 1, Blk 143
Southern Addition Section 3
Raul Borego
602 S. Dallas
Midland, TX 79701

3100 N. Fairgrounds Rd.
NW/4, Blk 38 T-1-S
Section 31
Patrick McGee

291 Emerald Oak Dr.
Galt, CA 95632-2371

605 N. Baird St.
S.36' of NE/4, Blk 26
Homestead Addition
Cecil C. Maldonado
108 E. Louisiana Ave.
Midland, X 79701-3481

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595 Public Notices

MIDLAND CENTER PUBLIC NOTICE

The parking lot immediately east of the Midland Center, bordered on the west by main Street and on the south by Wall Street, is intended for use only by patrons, visitors, employees and lessees of the Midland Center. Signage is posted indicating such at the entrances to the parking lot. As indicated on the signs, violators will be towed at their own expense. Midland Center, 105 North Main, Midland, Texas, 79701.

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1210 COLLEGE. 1 Room. Bills paid. $250 monthly, $75 deposit. Call 689–7107 for more information.

STUDIOS. 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155.

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687–4514
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694-7112

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699-5168

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2 Bdrm Townhomes $380
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THE TRELLIS
3212 W. Wadley at Midkiff
(915) 697-0177

Hunter's Ridge Apartments
$185 - 1 Bedroom
$99 Off 1st Months Rent!
4201 Andrews Highway
520–0023

THE PARK AT CALDERA, 3100 Caldera Blvd. All the amenities!! Call 699–2173.

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1,2 & 3 bedroom apartments with washer and dryer connections. Don't Miss our January Special on our 1 & 2 bedrooms. First month rent free. 687–0653. 2438 Whitmire.

✔ COURTYARD

APARTMENTS, 2300 North A Street. If you're tired of the Elephant walking upstairs, come home to the Courtyard. Single story 1 & 2 bedroom homes. Call 682–3831.

TOWNHOMES/ Apartments 1-2 bedroom, 1- 1/2 bath, 616 to 1186 sq. ft., garage, washer/ dryer, pool, ceiling fans. $295 up. 689–8115.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, Westside. Refrigerator, stove, washer connections. Upstairs. $275 monthly. $150 deposit. 682–9420.

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PROFESSIONAL
Divorced white female, 5'1", attractive, petite blonde, 43, family-oriented, seeks divorced white male, non-smoker, degreed professional, who enjoys family and social functions. ☎2625 (exp2/16)

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Attractive divorced white female, early 30s, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks athletic, attractive white male, 32-42, who enjoys socializing, working out, kids. Non-smoker preferred. ☎2624(exp2/16)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Single female, 49, black/brown, enjoys reading, television, studying. Seeking single white or Hispanic male, 45-49, non-smoker, must be sociable and have similar interests. ☎2580(exp2/9)

BIG BEAUTIFUL WOMAN
Single black mom of two, 31, enjoys romance, children, movies, music. Seeking strong, intelligent man, 30-45, race unimportant, no drug users need apply. ☎2577 (exp2/9)

LOTS TO OFFER
Divorced black professional seeks male companionship, individual should possess vivid imagination, good sense of humor, directional goals, honesty and a sincere heart a plus. Optimistic about possibilities of a fun-filled relationship. Age/race unimportant. ☎2479 (exp1/19)

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Outgoing single white female, 37, 5'5", medium-built, enjoys camping, fishing, travel, all sports. Seeking single white male, 35-45, who loves being spontaneous, wants to be pampered. ☎2478 (exp1/19)

WHAT HAPPENED TO ROMANCE
Single white female, 22, seeks romantic single white male, 22-30, for candlelight dinners, movies, spending quiet times together. Must respect the fact that I have a child. ☎2477(exp1/19)

A FEW GOOD MEN
Tall student, 25, brown/brown seeks attractive, financially secure single white professional male, 26-40, who enjoys the finer things in life. Must be adventurous and have a sense of humor. ☎2471(exp 1/19)

EASYGOING
Single white female, 34, 5'2", 115lbs, seeks single or divorced white male, 34-43, who enjoys the simple things in life. ☎2574 (exp2/9)

COWBOY LADY
Single white mother of three, 44, 5'7", blonde/green, professional, enjoys dancing, country music, rodeos, fishing, lakes, mountains. Seeking white male, 30-50, for relationship or friendship. ☎2476 (exp1/19)

SEEKING YOU
Single Hispanic female looking for a boyfriend or a husband, 55-57, whose romantic, caring, must speak Spanish. ☎2215(exp1/18)

ATTRACTIVE AND INTERESTING
Attractive, happy, loving, loveable, interested, interesting, intellectual, 5'4", 138lbs, health enthusiast, well-educated and traveled, loves spy novels, big bands, pets, children, outdoors and romance, seeks similar gentleman, 60-? No grumpies. ☎2474(exp1/19)

BEAUTIFUL BLACK WOMAN
Very attractive single black female, 23, 5'4", no children, enjoys romance, dancing, movies, dining out, laughing. Seeking good-looking single male, 24-35, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. Race unimportant. ☎2412(exp1/12)

LOVABLE WF
Christian, reddish-blonde hair, sensitive and spiritual, enjoy most everything, non-smoker, non-drinker. Seeking romantic, lovable guy, 50s, with same qualities, for friendship, possibly more. Where are you? ☎2422(exp1/12)

CREOLE BEAUTY
Single Creole female, 26, brown/brown, enjoys dancing, reading, movies, long walks. Seeking romantic single or divorced white professional male, over 6' under 40, who enjoys the same. Smokers and drinkers ok. ☎2415(exp1/12)

HEART OF GOLD
Single white female, 50s, 5'10", enjoys movies, dining out, the arts, music, seeks single white/Hispanic male with similar interests for friendship/possible long-term relationship. ☎2212(exp1/18)

ENERGETIC
White female, 26, with red-brown hair and green eyes. If you're a romantic, fun-loving white male with lots of energy, you need to apply! ☎2110(exp1/11)

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Honest, romantic, caring, divorced professional lady, 37, 5'4", medium build, enjoys cooking, dancing, bike rides, swimming, quiet times. Seeking a caring, single, white male, 36-45, for friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎2211(exp1/18)

JINGLE MY BELL
Single, brown-haired, brown-eyed beauty, 26, tired of the bar scene, seeks single/divorced, white male, 25-37, must be employed, relatively tall, attractive, athletic, and fun loving. ☎2112(exp1/11)

NO COWBOYS, PLEASE!
Educated, professional, divorced white female, 42, 5'3", auburn/blue, height/weight proportionate. Enjoys travel, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking white male, same interests, sense of humor a must. Non-smoker, social drinker. ☎2108(exp1/11)

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ATTRACTIVE
White male, 22, seeks single white female, 25-40, for fun, possible relationship. ☎2481(exp1/19)

ALL CALLS RETURNED
White male, 33, 5'7", 155lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys traveling, sports, dining out, movies, and quiet times, seeks slender white female, 26-33, with similar interests. ☎2831(exp2/23)

ITALIAN, 37
New year's resolution: attractive single white male looking for fun-loving, easygoing, spontaneous female who likes the finer things in life, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎2830(exp2/23)

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 39...
nice, and nice-looking, seeks nice-looking, attractive woman, in similar age group, maybe younger. ☎2579(exp2/9)

HOLIDAY BLUES
A holiday wish for one lady, 42+, medium-sized, who enjoys fireplaces, romantic times. I am a causcasian gentleman, early 50s, professional, educated. I want someone to spend my life with. Long-term relationship desired. ☎2626(exp2/16)

FUNNY GUY
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Ba	Bath
Kit	Kitchen
Dbl	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm	Master Bdrm.
Gar	Garage
Bldg	Building
Cond	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
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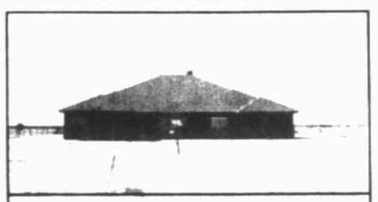
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GREENWOOD. 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3 1/2 acres. Barn, fenced, underground sprinkler system. $25,000 below appraisal! $112,000 firm. Serious inquiries only. 685-3532.

KNIFFEN ESTATES. 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, study, 2 living areas, formal dining, double car garage on 2.76 acres. Call after 6 pm or leave message at 685-1993.

730 Suburban Property

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✔ GREENWOOD- Next to School. 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1994 doublewide. 10 x 12 storage building, large covered porch. 570-0770.

740 Out of Town Property

HILL COUNTRY
Blanco County. Owner selling homestead. Lovely rock home, 146 acres, barns, fields, deer, highway frontage. 5 minutes from Blanco, 40 minutes from San Antonio or Austin. Low taxes!!! 210-525-2055, (210) 833-2185.

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4301 Crestridge	Awesome!	4/3/2
2301 Gulf	Fantastic!	4/2/2
1714 Northrup	2 Story, Lots of Goodies!	3/2/2
5112 Canadian	Great Location	3/2/2
2704 W. CR RD 140	Lots of Storage	3/2/1
4501 Erie	Well Maintained!	3/2/1
712 W. Spruce	Cozy!	3/2/2
4002 Avondale	Lovely!	3/2/1
3311 W. Louisiana	Big Backyard	3/2/1
3303 W. Cuthbert	Location! Location!	3/2/2
4101 Amistad	Great Townhome	2/2/2
111 N. Carver	Handyman's Delight!	2/1

HUD & VA PROPERTIES

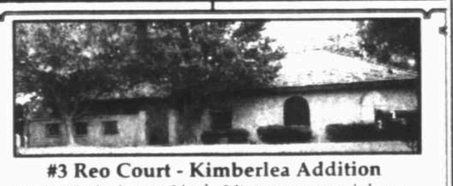
4088 Camelia	$30,000	3/1
3804 Fannin	$62,100	3/2/2
1100 Mogford	$60,500	3/2/2
810 W. Tennessee	$16,500	4/2/1
4100 Harlowe	$32,000	3/2/2

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES:
Office, Industrial, Warehouse $20,000-$217,000

701 N. Big Spring	Close to Downtown
912 S. Garfield	Great Visibility/Great Location
2202 W. Wall Street	High Traffic Area
3404 W. Illinois	2 Story Office Building

For Sale or Lease:
CONDO'S & DUPLEXE'S & OFFICE SPACE
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#3 Reo Court - Kimberlea Addition
Updated 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living area on cul-de-sac $129,900.
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720 Homes for Sale

FOR SALE by owner. Four bedrooms, new construction. 3306 Claremont. Call after 6 pm, 694-8531.

FOR SALE By Owner. 3 bedroom, 2 bath patio home near Goddard Junior High. $94,000. Call (215) 393-8088 or talk to any Midland realtor.

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725 Condos Townhouses

CONDO- $6,500! Nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath, recent A/C and hot water heater. Cash. Call Jody Smith 694-9426, Chaparral Realtors.

CONDO- $8,000. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Needs work. Jody Smith 694-9426, Chaparral Realtors.

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OPEN HOUSES

1-2:30 5500 Hillcrest $209,955
Custom 4br/3ba in Grassland. Only 6 mos. old & still under builder's warranty. Too many amenities to list. Shown by Diana Wright.

1-2:30 4307 Leisure $58,500
3 br/2ba totally redone with new carpet, paint, water heater and more. Over 1700 sq. ft. Water well for yard. Shown by Wanda Gressett.

2-3:00 2903 Northtown Pl
Very spacious 4 br/2 1/2 ba, rear double garage, 2 living areas. Excellent condition. Call Becky Penney @ 520-8041.

3-4:00 2601 McClintic $154,900
Super low maintenance Townhome or house. 4br/ 3 1/2 ba, fireplace. Great home with lots of footage. Features separate his & her offices w/outside entrance. Lots of extras!

NEW LISTINGS

E CO RD- 129 3 br/2 ba, 2 la, fp, pool, barns, pens, orchards & more	$210,000
HILLCREST - Custom 4 br in Grassland.Top Qual. thruout. Still under builder's war.	$209,955
DAVENTRY - Lovely 4 br/3 ba/2 car garage. Quality everywhere.	$173,000
PINE - Fantastic Town home w/ 5 br/3 ba/2 la/2 car gar., fp, bonus room/shop	$169,900
HUNTINGTON - 5 br/3 ba/2 la, fp, storage rm, sun room, mother-in-law suite	$124,976
LEDDY - 3 br/2 ba/2 la. Neat & clean	$47,500

SENSATIONAL HOMES OVER $100,000

CUTHBERT - Heart of Old Midland, pool, 5 bd /2 la	$495,000
FM 307 - 30.39 Acres. Residence w/ pool, arena & barns	$295,000
S CR 1200 - 5.7 acres 4 br/3.5 ba, 2 la, 2 fp,	$200,000
SEQUOIA - 4 br/4.5 ba/ 2 ba, 2 fp, pool, high ceilings. Lease purchase!	$174,500
GRASSLAND -5615 CROWLEY - 4 br/3 ba, RV Pad, Home Owners Warranty!.	$154,915
MCCLINTIC - Town House or home -4 br/3 1/2 ba, fireplace, lots of new	$154,900
CROWLEY -4 br/3 ba with all the amenities. Home Warranty	$137,900
KESWICK -3 br/3 ½ ba/2 la/3 car garage, his & her bath	$130,000
GOLF COURSE - 5 br-like new inside-beautiful kitchen, fp	$125,000
PRINCETON - 4 br/2 .5 ba w/all the amenities, pool, extras	$122,500
S CD 1130 -4 br/2 ba/ garage, fireplace-Greenwood area	$119,975
ROSEMONT - 4 br/2 1/2 ba/2 la on quiet cul-de-sac. A must to see!!!	$119,950
CASTLEFORD-Great house in Polo Park-3 br/2 ba/2 car gar., approx. 2000 sq.ft.	$119,000
SAND HILL CIR - Upscale beauty - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar.-large walk-in closets	UC
BELLECHASSE -3 br/2 ba/2 la, fp, pool & hot tub, large rooms. Owner ready to sell!	$110,000
AUBURN -3 br/2.5 ba/2 la/2 car garage/newly remodeled, lush landscape!	$107,000
NORTHTOWN PL - Pristine condition - 4 br/2.5 ba very spacious, lots of update	$109,900
WINDSOR - Need office in home? Lovely 3 br/3 ba/2 car gar., gorgeous POOL	$107,500

TERRIFIC VALUES UNDER $100,000

E CO RD 139 - 3 br/2 ba w/ 2 acres.	$97,000
TERRACE - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, fp,workshop or office & many extrax	$92,000
CO RD 3626/STANTON - 4 br/3 ba/2 la on 2 ac.,	$91,900
MARINOR CT -3 br/2 ba, 2 la, formal dining, RV pad & great workshop!!!	$89,900
EDGEMONT - 3 br/2 ba, fp	$89,900
WESTMINSTER- Colonial beauty, skylight in kitchen, new tile floors, bay windows	UC
WADLEY #34 Awesome Town Home! Lrge liv. area & master,great kit.,lrge patio	$89,000
CINDY - 2-story 3 br/ 2 ba, Wydewood cutie!!.On cul-de-sac	$88,000
GULF-3 br/2 ba/ 2 la/swimming pool. ***OFFERS PLEASE*** Great Buy!!	$85,000
LANHAM - 3 br/2 ba/2 la ,.	$82,000
W CR RD 130 - 2-story house w/10 acres, fenced & irrigated. FHA/VA appraised.	$82,000
BRUNSWICK- 2 br/2 ba, 2 car garage, fireplace, refrig.	$79,900
PRESTON - 3 br/2 ba, fp, great floor plan, glass patio	$78,900
STANOLIND - 4 br/3 ba - large backyard. Home Warranty	$78,900
N. "I" -3 br/2 ba/2 la/ 2 car garage, pool - NQ Assumption!!	$77,500
GULF-4 br/2 ba/2 la/workshop, open kitchen & den area	$76,500
LOUISIANA -3 br/2 ba with 2-½ ba /3 car gar., Must SEE!!. Reduced to	$76,500
PROVIDENCE, fireplace, 3 br/2 ba, cathedral den/ cute/sassy.	UC
N CO RD 1140 - 2 br/2 ba on 5 acres, barn, pens, 3 wells	UC
STANOLIND - Spacious 4 br/2 ba, great neighborhood, big shade trees & storage.	UC
OHIO - Lots of room!! 3 br, 2 ba.	$64,950
PRESTON - 3 br/2.5 ba Townhome, 2 la, fp, bonus room, hot tub in garden room,	$64,449
S CR 1185 - 3 or 4 br /2 1/2 ba on approx 2 acres, fresh paint in & out . Reduced to	$63,900
DORMARD - Has it all!!! 3 br/2 ba, large living, seq. master...circle drive	UC
TENNESSEE -"Old Midland" -3 br/2 ba, 2 lrg LA. areas. MUST SEE!!	$59,000
McDONALD - 3 br/2 ½ ba, new carpet, fresh paint, FHA/VA appraisal	UC
LEISURE- 3 br/2 ba, 2 la, new carpet, paint & much more, water well.	$58,500
CRENSHAW - Lovely well kept 3 br/2 ba/fp, N Q Assumption.	$56,500
COUNTRY CLUB -3 br/2 ba, super home w/lots of updating.	$54,000
S CO RD 1220 - 2 br/2 ba, large workshop and storm cellar on approx 3 acres	$49,900
ERIE - 3 br/ ba/2 la, fireplace, wet bar, freshly painted.	$49,000
COLLEGE - Great starter home! 3 br, 2 ba with a/c -new to market	$47,500
CUTHBERT - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet, vinyl, paint, roof, FHA appraisal	$47,000
BOYD -3 br/2 ba/large workshop extra storage, new carpet, remodeled Reduced to	$46,715
CARPENTER/STANTON 3 br/1 ba -repairs in process	$43,500
CUNNINGHAM - 3 br/1 ba/ 3 car gar., lots of storage, lots of room to grow!	$39,950
KANSAS - Triplex! Put your money to work	$38,950
ANETTA - Cute 3 br, 1 ba with a/c- New on Market	$35,000
MARIANA - 3 br, over sized gar., all appliances stay w/house, lots of new & extras	$29,990
1st STREET/ STANTON -3 br/1 ba	UC
S CO RD 1206 - 2 br/2 ba/2 car garage, decks front & back, new carpet	$27,900
COLLEGE-2 br/1 bath with rental apartment in back	$24,900

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND VACANT LOTS

VERSATILE BLDG - Almost 2 acres)	$275,000
N BIG SPRING-5 Acres, zoning comm.	$155,000
COMMERCIAL - Lot on Big Spring	$150,000
10 ACRES , middle of Greentree North	$150,000
ILLINOIS -Duplex each side $650/mo income	UC
W. LOUISIANA - FORMER PROFESSIONAL OFFICE - ZONE 0-1	$82,500
SINCLAIR- 3.41 acres zoned 1F1	$40,500
W. LOUISIANA- Very good location with a super nice building	$40,000
E NEW JERSEY- 2 bldgs, 2 lots w/well, for SALE or LEASE	$28,900
S HWY 349- 4 AC, 1 AC w/well	$24,850
SINCLAIR - Lot sq. ft. 10146, electricity, water, fence, pecan trees	$20,000
N CR 1135 - Fully developed, water, septic, 50 fruit trees, etc.	$14,900
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.5 acres) -	$13,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.47 acres)	$13,000
LOT on CO RD1806	$12,500
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.0 acres) -	$12,000
TEJAS- 1 Lot on 2 ½ acres, Ranch Estates-	$9,500
FRANCES - 24 ac, lot sq. ft. 10500, zoned for commercial	$5,350
S- 1788 -63+ acres Commercial or Industrial, Price Redu on !!	Acre/$3,500
W. SHANDON - One lot.	$3,250
W. SHANDON -Three lots ea.	$2,950
N. BIG SPRING - Retail space AppWare. 2500 sq. ft.	$900/mo
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3609 GODFREY CT-5BDR/3.5BTH	
1411 S. TERRELL-3BDR/1BTH	VRM G

RESIDENTIAL

3801 SUNCREST-3BDR/2BTH	VRM
2519 NEELY-4BDR/3BTH	VRM 10
ANDREWS HWY-5BDR/3.5 BTH	$150,000
CHESTNUT-3BDR/1BTH	$20,000
CRESTGATE-4BDR/3.5BTH	VRM 10
DALLAS-3BDR/1BTH	$19,750
DENGAR	SOLD
HAYNES-2BDR/2BTH Duplex	$99,950
ISLAND DR-4BDR/4BTH...Reduced	$362,000
LANHAM-3BDR/2BTH...Lease	$750.00
MICHIGAN	SOLD
NEELY-2BDR/2BTH, Duplex...Reduced	$39,900
NEELY-4BDR/3BTH	VRM 10
PRESTON-2BDR/2 1/2BTH, townhome	VRM 1
TENNESSEE-3BDR/1BTH	$47,500
TENNESSEE-3BDR/2BTH	$47,500
TERRELL-3BDR/1BTH	VRM G
SHANDON-4BDR/2.5BTH	$94,900
SEABOARD-Two story 4BDR/3BTH	$159,900
SUNCREST-3BDR/2BTH	PENDING
WEDGEWOOD-3BDR/2BTH	$112,000
WEDGEWOOD-3BDR/2BTH	$110,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

433 ANDREWS HWY...OFFICE LEASE	$800.00
3411 ANDREWS HWY	$150,000
2310 TENNESSEE	$47,500
2312 TENNESSEE	$47,500

GARDEN CITY HWY-Office/Warehouse	$25,000
1500 GARDEN CITY HWY-1800 SQ. FT. shop	$25,000
DAYTON RD-Possible owner finance	$54,900
3106 KENTUCKY	$70,000
3838 WEST WALL	SOLD
ANDREWS HWY-High traffic location	$125,000
3103 W. FRONT	FOR LEASE
#26 VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER-2 Story office suite	$199,000
305 E. TEXAS	$125,000
1701 COTTONFLAT RD	$69,500
211-213 E. TEXAS	REDUCED $225,000
3405 W. WALL	$59,950
CR 129 -1 1/2 acres with building	$167,000
CR 133 & 1303-1750 sq. ft. office & 8,250 Whse. Shed	$130,000

LOTS AND ACREAGE

401 ANDREWS HWY-High Trafic location...Lot	$82,500
IH-10 & HWY. 285, FT. STOCKTON...31,500 sq. ft. ...Lot	$150,000
E. COUNTY RD 62-2BDR/1BTH, Mobile home	$15,000
2632 LAKE CO. RD. 252-3BDR/2BTH	$49,900
"A" & MISSOURI vacant lot behind old Exxon service station	$12,000
BRIARWOOD & HOLIDAY HILL ROAD	$250,000
RANGER ESTATES-11.86 acres	$20,000
RANGER ESTATES-7.45	$15,000
AIR PARK AND SMITH ROAD	$19,500
COUNTY RD 118-several lots at $5,000 each	CALL OFFICE
3838 WEST WALL-5 acres at 1.25 per sqft	PENDING
BIG SPRING & CORPORATE DR...1.50 per square foot	
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W. SCHARBAUER & "I" ST.,large residential lot	$16,000
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VERDE GLEN ...2-Story- 5 bd -2 liv-Gamerm	$ 335,000	2215
BAYBROOK...5 bd -4.5 ba -2 liv +Gameroom Upstairs	$ 312,000	2218
HIALEAH...**REDUCED**: 3 bd-3 ba-Pool, Spa & Cabana	$ 310,000	2266
FAIRWOOD	UNDER CONTRACT	
RIDGEFIELD...Graham Custom: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-3 gar	$ 212,000	2213
ASHWOOD CT...New Graham 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv	$ 197,500	2254
HATHAWAY...Grassland Custom: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-3 gar	$ 192,500	2206
DOGWOOD CT...Green Tree 2 Story: 4 bd - 3.5 ba	$ 179,900	2230
HATHAWAY...Grassland: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Sun Room	$ 179,900	2232
HEARTLAND...New: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Open Den Plan	$ 167,900	2219
ROSEWOOD NEW LISTING	$ 159,900	2221
Beautiful Home: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Plantation Shutters-Security System		
BLUEBIRD BRANCH	UNDER CONTRACT	
SPRINGMEADOW	UNDER CONTRACT	
HEREFORD	UNDER CONTRACT	
WHITMAN...Beautiful New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv	$ 140,675	2258
CUTHBERT..."Old Midland":4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Wkshp	$ 139,900	2242
GOLF COURSE ROAD...2-Story - 4+ bd-3 ba-2 liv	$ 128,500	2231
WHITMAN...New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 128,450	2208
MELVILLE...Plantation Hills: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Form.Din	$ 127,900	2271
KENSINGTON...**REDUCED**: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Seq. Mstr	$ 124,500	2268
DOWNING...Skyline Terrace: 4 bd-3.5 ba-1 liv	$ 122,500	2290
McCLINTIC...Very Private: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Ingrnd Pool	$ 119,900	2236
CUTHBERT...2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-2+Ac. Pecan Orchard	$ 119,900	2204
MARMON...Kimber Lea: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv	$ 119,900	2212
BERMUDA...Beautifully Maintained: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv	$ 118,500	2284
BERMUDA...**REDUCED**: Cul-de-Sac: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv	$ 117,500	2262
WHITMAN...Whitehead Const: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 115,950	2208
SHANDON...Storage Galore: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv- Blt-ins	$ 110,000	2235
AUBURN...Great Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Huge Rooms	$ 109,900	2291
WHITMAN...By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Options	$ 107,950	2208
WHITNEY...Beautifully Maintained: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 105,000	2225
TIMBERLANE	UNDER CONTRACT	
WHITMAN...New Whitehead Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 102,950	2208
CALDERA...Beautiful Kahler Resale: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 102,900	2253
HAYNES...Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba- 2 liv-Great Access	$ 99,900	2211
ANDOVER...Quiet Cul-de-Sac: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 99,900	2282
NOEL...3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated A/C, roof	$ 99,900	2250
McCLINTIC...Pretty Quiet Street: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 98,500	2281
ANDOVER...**REDUCED**: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Garden Rm	$ 97,500	2216
GLENEAGLES...**REDUCED**: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-One Owner	$ 94,900	2267
PURPLE SAGE...4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq. Mstr; Cul-de-Sac	$ 94,900	2269
LINDORA NEW LISTING	$ 92,500	2203
Great 4 Bedroom Plan: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Updated		
HAYNES	UNDER CONTRACT	
NOEL...Beautifully Maintained: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Twnhme	$ 90,000	2278
EDGEMONT...**REDUCED**: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated	$ 89,500	2209
GREEN TREE...High Ceilings: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Wet Bar	$ 89,000	2279
2nd STREET (Plains) ... NEW LISTING	$ 89,000	2227
Updated/Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Circle Drive-Plains, Texas		
BELLECHASSE...Light/Bright: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Hot Tub	$ 86,000	2201
GLENEAGLES...**REDUCED**: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 85,000	2285
DENGAR...Dupiex: 3bd-2ba-1 liv(Dwn)+2bd-1ba-l liv(Up)	$ 84,500	0302
SPENCE NEW LISTING	$ 83,500	2286
New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Colors/Options Available		
HARVARD NEW LISTING	$ 82,500	2248
Large/Open Living Areas: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Shop-Recent Carpet		
FLOYD NEW LISTING	$ 81,500	2255
New in Fairway Park: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options		
BEDFORD	UNDER CONTRACT	
OHIO	UNDER CONTRACT	
JORDAN	UNDER CONTRACT	
N. I STREET...Nice/Updated: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Great Area	$ 78,000	2238
GLENEAGLES...Home Warrant 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 76,800	2280
SPENCE NEW LISTING	$ 76,744	2286
New in Fairway Park: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Options/Colors		
SPENCE NEW LISTING	$ 76,244	2286
New by Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available		
CASPER NEW LISTING	$ 74,744	2251
New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Colors/Options-Pick Now!		
FLOYD NEW LISTING	$ 74,244	2255
Whitehead Construction: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors		
WYLEA...Immaculate: Much T-L-C: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 73,900	Ad 2243
BELLE GROVE	UNDER CONTRACT	
LOUISIANA...Nice Home/Great Location: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 71,500	2200
LINDORA NEW LISTING	$ 71,500	2233
Large Sunken Living/Formal Dining: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv		
SPENCE NEW LISTING	$ 70,225	2286
New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options		
BROOKDALE	UNDER CONTRACT	
TREVINO...To be Built: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 68,225	2288
RIO GRANDE...New in Northgate: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 67,704	2263
SPENCE NEW LISTING	$ 67,704	2286
New Whitehead in Nortgate: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options		
GRAHAM...New Construction: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 66,704	2256
RIO GRANDE...New Whitehead Home: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 66,704	2263
STOREY...**REDUCED**: Totally Updated ! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 65,000	2226
EVERGLADE (Odessa)...**REDUCED**: 3 bd-2 ba	$ 64,900	2264
GRAHAM NEW LISTING	$ 64,704	2256
Fairway Park New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors/Options		
CANADIAN...Nice Northgate Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 63,500	2214
BRAZOS...DRASTICALLY REDUCED: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 60,500	2222
BEDFORD	UNDER CONTRACT	
GOLF COURSE...Flagstone Fireplace: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv	$ 56,000	2223
PASADENA	UNDER CONTRACT	
THORNRIDGE...**REDUCED**: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Cute!!	$ 46,900	2275
CUTHBERT...Lots of Updating: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-2 gar	$ 44,900	2241
PASADENA...**REDUCED**: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv	$ 41,750	2277
CENTURY...**REDUCED**: 3 bd- 1 ba-1 liv- Fireplace	$ 39,900	2265
ROOSEVELT...Gardener's Dream! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 38,000	2224
ROOSEVELT...Nice Home: 3 bd; 1 ba; 1 liv	$ 37,500	2261
ST. ANNA...Mob.Home - Stanton - Near Schools	$ 36,000	2246
KEITH ST...Relaxing Front Porch: 3 bd-2 ba-Fireplace	$ 35,000	2260
WASHINGTON...2 bd-1 ba-2 liv-Great Yard/Wtr Well	$ 33,500	2276
RAYMOND...**REDUCED**: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-1 car garage	$ 31,500	2202
MARIANA	UNDER CONTRACT	
ROOSEVELT...Assumable: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv	$ 30,900	2245
CHEROKEE...Lots of updating-3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-1 gar	$ 30,000	2249
CHECOTAH...Mob.Home - 3 bd - 1.5 ba - Carport	$ 27,500	2239
TANGLEWOOD	UNDER CONTRACT	
MONTY	UNDER CONTRACT	
AVONDALE..."AS IS": 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv	$ 18,500	2217
THOMASON...Bargain Buy: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv	$ 18,450	2247
BOULDER...2 Condos: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fireplace...each	$ 18,000	2237
N. LEE...Nice Beginner Home: 2 bd -1 ba -2 liv	$ 17,500	2210
BOULDER...2 Condos: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fireplace...each	$ 15,000	2292

SUBURBAN PROPERTIES

S. CO RD 1200...Fine Country Living: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv	$200,000	Ad 0303
S. CO RD 1218...Apprx 20 Ac: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Wkshp	$198,500	2220
S. CO RD 1128 NEW LISTING	$175,000	2234
Greenwood: Built 1996: Tons of Built-ins: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Approx. 2 Ac		
E. CO RD 98	UNDER CONTRACT	
S. CO RD 1114	UNDER CONTRACT	
S. CO RD 1314...Beautiful 2 Story: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$110,000	0304
E. CO RD 140...Huge Metal Shop: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 75,000	2287
S. CO RD 1138...Very Nice Greenwood-3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 74,500	2229
E. CO RD 107	UNDER CONTRACT	
E. CO RD 104...**REDUCED**: Grnwd - 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 66,900	2252
S. CO RD 1210...2 Farmhses: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv- 3+ Ac.	$ 60,000	2240
E. CO RD 96... Greenwood: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 22,500	2259

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BOWIE DR	1 Lot	$ 4,500
NEELY	3 Lots	$ 5,000 ea
E. CR 110	NEW LISTING	$ 6,950
Greenwood - Apprx 2.13 Ac		
DOUGLAS	Great Location	$ 10,000
S. CR 1065	Mob.Hm.Allowed	$ 18,000
SCHARBAUER & "I"		$ 21,000
N. CR 1130	Apprx 25 Ac	$ 30,000
E. CR 307	Apprx 21.5 Ac	$ 39,800
Greenwood School District		
WHITMAN	Apprx 11 Ac	$ 130,000

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2608 Terrace.....$89,000
3408 Wedgewood.....$89,900
4900 Hillsboro.....$124,900
OPEN HOUSE 3-5 PM
4901 Rustic Trail.....$269,000
NEW LISTINGS
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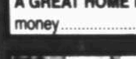
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THIS LOVELY 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths - super large living area - wet bar, you won't want to miss - Great workshop.....$127,500
BRAND NEW in Northgate - Lovely.....$74,900
OWNER IS CONSIDERING owner carry on this 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living areas.....$184,500
KITCHEN REPAINTED-Super home on Maxwell.$81,500
A GREAT HOME located in Stanton - alot of space for the money.....$74,900



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NEW IN GREENHILL.....$93,500



WALLACE TOWNHOME.....$105,900



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1997 Resolutions:
1. Quit Paying Rent
2. Buy a home from a professional Realtor
3. Start enjoying the benefits of home ownership
4. Lose weight

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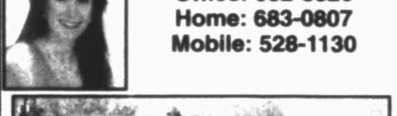


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Happy New Year



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1404 HARVARD - $87,500
Owner finance on this "Old Midland" home. Over 2500 s.f. 2 car garage. Large den with fireplace, formal living, formal dining. Call me for your personal showing. 682-8820 or 683-0807.



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4904 SUNSHINE PARKWAY-Nice 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath home, new carpet & vinyl, will lse for $900 month or sell for.....$79,900
5609 E. CO. RD. 60-Lovely 2 bdrm, 2 bath with 2 car garage on 5 acres small barn, good area.....$61,500
4807 SHADY LANE-Updated 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 liv. areas...$54,900
3905 W. ILLINOIS-Updated 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 liv. areas, fireplace, ref. air, workshop, reduced to.....$49,500
1402 NAVAJO-Country in the city, 3 bdrm, 2 bath on 1/2 ac.....$45,000

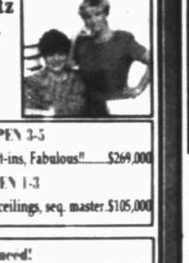


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PERFECT HOUSE LIKES PEOPLE Lovely custom built 2 story in Greentree is just waiting for you. Unique kitchen is excellent for large gatherings, 3 LA, 4 BD, great view of golf course. Great New Years beginning...$259,900
RESOLVE TO ENTERTAIN MORE all year long in this luscious Bill Brown home in Mockingbird Heights. Beautiful modern kitchen overlooking large den with built ins, 5 BD, 2 LA, fabulous MBR. A must to see to appreciate.....$239,900
TASTE PLUS SPACE things are already off to a great start in this 5 BD, 2 LA home in Greentree. Make plans now to see this Graham resale.....$197,300
MY FIRESIDE CHAT keep cozy and warm in this 4 BD, 3 BA, 2 LA home in Grasslands. Popular floor plan, tiled floors. Excellent kitchen with breakfast bar overlooking den to give a togetherness feeling.....$172,900
MEMORIES START HERE Celebrate in this great home with 4 BD, pretty kitchen, separate formal dining area. Spacious LA and sun room. Swimming pool and play area.....$125,000
LIMITLESS TOMORROWS Lots more good times to be had in this spacious patio home. Hugh LA with built-ins and fireplace. Nice country kitchen with island. 3 BD, 2.5 BA, office/hobby room. Sauna. Please call today for your personal showing.....$119,900
STOP DREAMING, START LIVING! We've got the house. Traditional style home, 4 BD, 3BA, 2 LA, pretty stairway. Huge garage room useful for your favorite hobby. Cul-de-sac.....$119,900
TWELVE TEMPTING REASONS That's what you'll say next December after living in this 4 BD, 2LA, 3 BA home. Spacious kitchen, sequestered guest room. Large back yard with storage building.....$119,000
A REAR MEMORY MAKER There's no place like home in this inviting easy to love 3 BD, 2 LA home. Formal dining, great backyard with a game pool. Make plans now to see this lovely home.....$116,900
SUPER * STAR value when you choose this exciting 3 BD, 2 LA, 2 BA home. Corner lot. RV/boat pad. Call for your appointment today.....$54,900
SOLID COUNTRY VALUE Listen to crackling logs in the corner fireplace. Sunken living area, 3 BD in Andrews, TX. Call today to view.....$54,900
NEW BEGINNINGS IN YOUR OWN NEW HOME 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sunroom, low maintenance. Call to see!.....$69,900
RESOLUTION TO MOVE into this 3 BD, 2 LA, 2 BA home on 2 lots Separate double garage can second as a workshop. Huge fenced back yard. Call to see.....$32,000
COUNTY ROAD 118 2 acres ofland with a water well, septic system and outbuildings. Call to inquire.....$17,500

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4901 Rustic Tr...OPEN 3-5
Mediterranean style, 4BR, 3.5 BA, 2 Liv, built-ins, Fabulous!!.....$269,000
2703 Caldera...OPEN 1-3
New Const., 3BR 2BA, formal dining, high ceilings, seq. master.$105,000

#9 Hialeah...Reduced!
Saddle Club Estates...5BR, 2 liv, 2 din, 2 FP's, pool/cabana.....$299,000
4807 Pine Meadow...
One-of-a-kind 3BR, 2.5BA, 2 liv, sunken living, custom kitchen...$169,900
2511 Castleford...
Gorgeous townhome! 2BR, 2BA, atrium, hobby room, Perfect!.....$89,900
2405 Princeton...
3BR, 2BA, 2 living, dinin, master has FP & hot tub, Great area.....$79,900
3811 Sunerest...
Repairs done! 3BR, 2BA, 2 liv, 2 car gar, lg kitchen, mature trees...$59,500
3516 W. Louisiana...
3BR, 2BA, 2 dining or 2 living, nice home, quiet location.....$59,000
4728 Country Club...
3BR,2BA, NEW CARPET! Too Nice!.....$56,900
1106 Carrizo...Reduced
Duplex-Both are 2BR, 1BA, FP's, 1 car gar. W/D hookups.....$39,900
1603 Graceland...
3BR, 2BA, large living, FP, garage, ref. air, nice!.....$37,900
1003 North D...
Live in one & rent the other...2BR/1BA, guest house 1BR/1BA.....$35,000

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NEW LISTING!



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RESOLUTIONS RESOLVED...You're bound to have a better year in this fabulous 4 bedroom beauty in coveted Trinity Estates with all the extras including in-ground pool and spa. Jewel-tone colors and gorgeous wallcoverings throughout, 2 living areas + formal dining, 3 full baths. Home backs up to the park affording homeowner more privacy.



$204,000

PERFECT HEADQUARTERS FOR AULD LANG SYNE!...This beautiful McPherson new construction in Midland's exclusive golf course neighborhood. Don't miss the 4 large bedrooms, one of which is sequestered with it's own bath. 2 living areas, and 3 baths plus study, gourmet kitchen, 4 car garage and FREE country club membership! **GREENTREE NORTH.**



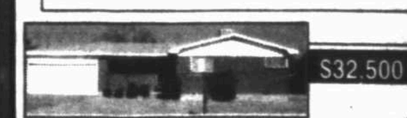
$79,900

NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN TO VALUE...This 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage in quiet neighborhood. Has tile floor in kitchen, berber carpet, vaulted ceilings in living, sequestered master, breakfast room with bay window and freshly painted interior! **WYDEWOOD ESTATES.**



$52,500

JANUARY JUBILATION...Get all excited about you year to come in this roomy 4 bedroom, 2 bath with 3 living areas! Just a little TLC will give you a home you can love AND live in. Bank-owned - will look at all offers! **DELLWOOD.**



$32,500

BEST DEAL OF THE NEW YEAR...Three bedrooms, 2 bath red brick cottage has 2 car garage, corner fireplace, large living area and kitchen. Much more! **PERMIAN ESTATES.**

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MLS #13580-Updated "Old Midland" charm. French doors open to a great room, loaded with rich woods, built-ins, and parquet wood floors. 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 baths, and a COOK'S KITCHEN, with 3 ovens! From the formal living located informally off the kitchen, look past the 30' covered porch at a 16x36 heated pool. Spaciousness and Quality throughout.....$99,900
✓ ON MORNING GLORY-in Gardendale - 5 AC. MH hook-ups. 2 WW. 3 Septic, pipe fencing, pipe framed stalls. – Will divide - Great water & soil.....$60,000
✓ ON BUTTERCUP- in Gardendale - 5 AC. 3/2 5/4+. cinder block, pipe fenced, detached building with hot tub. BIG REDUCTIONS!.....UNDER CONTRACT
✓ 2503 COUNTRY CLUB-Excellent potential, but over-looked.....$49,900
✓ 4601 PARKDALE-3/2/1, large corner lot, detached 1 bdrm apartment, lots of updating, B-I-G kitchen, bonus room, A/C being added.....$59,900

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TWO LIVING AREAS-Delightful living room and formal dining, the den has high ceilings and rock fireplace, all rooms are large. This home is located on a corner lot with lots of storage and workshop.....$82,000
LIVE AMONG THE TREES-In Older Midland, lots of privacy, pretty back-yard, has deck and hot tub. This affordable 3 bed., 2 bath home is priced to sell.....$79,900
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OPEN 1-3

1601 KANSAS — Danny Norwood — 141,900
Great new listing in "Old Midland" with all the updating done for you!

4200 KNIFFEN — Amy Johnson — 145,000
Wonderful suburban home! Lots of extras - pool, barn/possible office.

OPEN 1-5

3621 BAUMANN — Michelle Hardin — 69,900
Custom home on corner lot. Fresh paint and super clean!! Come see!

OPEN 2-4

702 W. SPRUCE — Pam Messer — 61,900
3 Bdr/2Bath/2Garage. Well maintained home w/large living area w/fireplace.

OPEN 3-5

2407 APPERSON — Danny Norwood — 95,000
Price has been reduced again on this super 4BR home located on quiet cul-de-sac!

UNDER $100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

LONOKE-Great low maintenance TH, security system. High ceilings 99,750
HARVARD-Not the usual! Spacious 3BR w/3FP and guest house 99,000
HAYNES-Spacious TH. Enclosed patio, skylights, great master & bath 98,500
CRESTWOOD-Patio style TH. Small backyard, low maintenance front, 3/3 97,000
LAWSON-Old Midland charmer. Large baths, two master bedrooms, updated 96,500
APPERSON-Pride of ownership is evident everywhere. Park-like yard, w/hot tub & gazebo 95,000
SKYLINE-Large 4BR with 2 LAs and formal dining on corner lot, priced right 95,000
CUTHBERT-Expansive not expensive! 3 or 4BR in Old Midland. 3 baths, TLC shows 93,500
HARVARD-Great 3BR/2BA, hardwood floors and lots of windows 92,500
DURANT-Huge 3BR with wonderful "great room"/kitchen combination 92,500
IMPERIAL-One-owner home! Lovely, immaculate and spacious, Game room/sun room 92,500
BEDFORD-Location, location, location. Old Midland home w/loads of charm! 89,900
PHILLIP PL-Seq master, pool, walking distance from schools, new heat & air 89,900
IMPERIAL-Cheerful 4 BR. Walk to schools, church and shopping 89,900
LAVACA-Get comfy by the FP in this larger 3/2 in N. Gate. Too good to last! 88,000
D-Spacious & wonderful TH w/high ceilings, built-ins & tile floors. 2BR/2BA. Owner agent 84,900
FRONTIER-Darling 3BR in Fannin Terrace. Beautiful drive-up and backyard 84,500
WESTERN-Gracious 2 story TH in "Old Midland". 3/2/studio & den/guest 82,500
MOGFORD-Extra, extra special. Very well kept, nice living areas and beautiful yard 79,900
DENGAR-Sensational location on this freshly painted home near schools, shopping 79,900
SHANDON-3BR/ 2 1/2 BA w/lots of storage. Detached 2-car garage w/shop 79,000
TAMMY COVE-Charming 3BR w/in-ground spa, plantation shutters 78,500
WESTERN-Older Midland. 3 roomy bedrooms, spa, workshop 74,900

CAMARIE-Spotless & updated in many areas. Storage building & RV parking 74,500
SPARKS-Beautiful home in Old Midland. Lots of storage and great landscaping 72,000
CUTHBERT-4 or 3BR, FP in big MBR, formal dining and formal living 69,900
BAUMANN-Great custom built home on corner lot, lots of new and updated 69,900
SEABOARD-Great 3 bedroom home with 2 living areas and large trees 67,500
LANHAM-Non-qualifying assumption. 3/2, large covered patio, established area 67,000
GOLF COURSE-Quaint home, lots of charm - park-like backyard is a definite plus 66,900
SHANDON-4BR/2BA/2LA, price to sell. Privacy fence to street 65,000
GOLF COURSE-Owner wants fast sale and considering paying buyer's costs 63,900
STANOLIND-Large house for little money! 3BR/2BA/2LA 63,500
ANETTA-Immaculate, updated, gorgeous landscaping & patios; 3/2 w/2 living 63,000
GARFIELD-4BR/3BA/2 living & 2 dining, large yard, cinder block fence 62,500
BOYD-Delightful 3BR with lots of storage, open kitchen/den, 2LAs 62,500
SPRUCE-3BR/2BA, energy efficient home 61,900
DENGAR-Fannin Addition. 3/2/1, "Huge" kit/dining. Extra 3-car parking slab 61,000
GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is 60,000
PALMER-Terrific 5BR/2BA home in Fairway Park 59,500
MONTY-Wonderful w/vaulted ceilings, FP, French doors, built-in bookcases, study & much more 58,900
WADLEY #61-New carpet, paint & tile. Like new! May consider owner fin., lease purchase 57,500
FRONTIER-Great price on this 3BR/2BA, Fannin area. Large 2-car garage w/workshop 57,300
WADLEY L14-Enjoy peaceful, low maintenance living. 3/2, bring offers 55,000
NEELY-3BR/2BA, fresh paint outside and some inside, pretty yard 54,900

TENNESSEE-4BR/2BA, non-qualifying assumption 52,500
CROCKETT-Outstanding 3BR home, fresh paint throughout, bay window and FP 51,900
RIC-Spotless 3BR/2BA, white tile, new paint. Hurry! 51,000
STANOLIND-Generous repair & decorating allowance for buyer to work with! 3LAs 51,000
MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside, 3BR/2BA 49,900
LOUISIANA-Sweet & Low. Sweet house, low price. 3 roomy bedrooms, 2LAs 49,900
PARKDALE-Available for HIP program, updating, new carpet & paint, huge MBR 49,500
DEWBERRY-Loads of extras!! Low maintenance yard, extra parking in front 47,500
SHANDON-Value in the land, adjacent to land on Wadley, across from Clay Desta 45,000
THORNRIDGE-Lots of updating in this 3BR/2BA. Tree-shaded lot 44,500
IDLEWILDE-Spotless 2/2 condo. Newer heating/AC 43,500
KENTUCKY-Wonderfully updated home, 2LA, hardwood floors, garage and workshop 39,500
THOMAS-Perfectly affordable 3BR/1.5BA. Gorgeous landscaping 38,500
CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well 38,500
COWDEN-Perfectly charming 2BR/1BA. Possible owner finance 35,000
KENTUCKY-Well maintained 3BR w/lots of closet space. Cute, cute 31,000
CANYON-Lots of new. Thermal windows and ceiling fans in every room 29,900
MARIANA-Great little home with a great little price 29,900
LINCOLN-3BR/2BA 20,000
JACKSON-2BR house plus bonus corner lot 20,000
LORAINE-Clean and neat 2BR/1BA - sold "as is" 19,900
CUTHBERT-Owner anxious, Old Midland home, priced to sell 17,000

$100,000-$200,000...BEAUTIFUL HOMES YOU'LL WANT TO SEE! CALL TODAY!

MEADOWVIEW-Beautiful country estate on 2.3 acres. 4BR/3 1/2 BA. Located on paved, quiet cul-de-sac 199,000
HATHAWAY-New home by Fred Nobles in beautiful Grassland Estates. Call for details 189,900
TEAKWOOD-Fabulous 4BR home in Greentree, enormous room! Outstanding kitchen 189,000
GREENRIDGE-Spacious, open, light 4BR/3 1/2 BA, 2 LA, high ceilings, 3-car garage 188,500
EDGEBROOK-Like new! 4/3 w/2LA & 3C garage. Plantation shttrs. Large mstr w/Jacuzzi tub 184,900
CASTLEFORD-Super home w/tremendous quality! 4/4 1/2, 3 FP, gourmet kitchen. Unique features abound in this one 182,000
HUMBLE-Lots of space for large family. 4BR + office, wood floors under upstairs carpet 169,900
HILLTOP-Price reduced on this 4BR/3BA/2LA in Briarwood. Plante shutters! Large backyard! 169,900
ASHWOOD CT-Grassland beauty under construction. This one has it all. 4/3 1/2BA, 2LA, pick your colors 169,900

KNIGHTS PL-Good floor plan, 3 separate bedroom areas. Country kitchen, 1 large LA, 2 patios 168,000
COLEMAN-traditional charm, hardwood floors, pretty decor 165,000
RUSTIC-4BR/3BA Rasnick built w/seq. guest, water well for yard, whirlpool tub and wonderful decor 159,900
ASHDOWN-Lovely TH in Saddle Club South. 3BR/3 1/2 BA. Style & space! 155,000
HIGHLAND-Lee Evans new construction in Grassland, 4BR/2 1/2 BA, all amenities including landscaping 149,900
LAFAYETTE PL-Lovely New Orleans style 2-story townhome. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths 149,900
NORTHFIELD-Spacious 4BR in Trinity Meadows with all the updating done for you! 142,900
KANSAS-Beautiful home in Old Midland that has been totally redone 141,900
DAWN CIRCLE-Great 4BR/3BA. Lush landscaping, outside hot tub 139,900
KNIGHTS PL-Custom built 3BR in Polo Park. 3 years new, lots of extras, beautiful rose garden, low maintenance backyard. Home office or hobby room 139,500

BERMUDA CT-One of Crestgates largest, loveliest! 4/3, incredible space for 132,900
PINE-Light and spacious townhome in wonderful location. Lovely courtyards 128,500
TENNESSEE-Unique & lovely Old Midland. Could be 3BR, guest qrts w/bath, replaced all elec., sprinkler sys 127,500
MEADOWBROOK DR-Exceptional 4BR. Beautiful landscaping, fabulous 'great room' 124,800
VENTURA-Lovely Wallace townhome across from park. Lots of updating! 119,900
RIDGMAR-Lovely curb appeal, great space, 4 BR and bonus room. Come see 119,500
PINE-Updated 3BR Wallace townhouse. Replaced carpet, new paint, new kitchen counter tops and flooring 117,500
MAXWELL-Super condition! 3BR/2BA/2LA, big rooms! Like new! 109,900
NORTHTOWN PL-Wonderful patio home! Seq master with FP. Spacious patio 106,000
NOEL-Totally charming patio home built around center courtyard. All rooms huge! 105,000
HUMBLE-4BR/2BA/2LA, great backyard w/2 shops 101,900

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SADDLE CLUB-Incredible stone patios, brick floors, rich paneling, marble baths, seq. guest w/kitchen/sitting. Huge basement 900,000
PECAN CT-Architecturally designed home with every amenity! True master piece! ..... CALL
SADDLE CLUB-Gorgeous Midland Estate. Must call 765,000
COUNTRY CLUB-One of Midland's loveliest! Pool, cabana, exquisitely decorated. 4BR/5 baths, two offices 725,000
INCREDIBLE TOWNHOME-Indoor pool, stunning architecture, gorgeous terraces, 4/6, studio, office, darkroom 490,000
COUNTRY CLUB-A rare offering with all the amenities of newer construction - yet lovely "Old Midland" location! 3 or 4 BR/6 baths, study, gameroom 385,000
HIGHWAY 349 NORTH-5 Bdr Country Estate with beautiful wood and tile floors 349,000
FAIRWOOD-New Bill Brown 5BR/4 1/2 BA, seq. owner's suite with study. 4 fireplaces. 319,900

BAYBROOK-Fabulous James Morris Construction. Rare 5BR, 3LA dream home 310,000
LAKES DR-Fabulous custom home, beautifully decorated, carefully designed 309,600
BASSWOOD-Huge family home - Greentree, formals, gameroom, study - Beautiful! Big porches-SUPER! 275,000
BAYBROOK-Fabulous Bill Brown. 4BR/4BA w/beautiful landscaping. Master w/fireplace 269,900
LOCKHEED-Exquisite patio home, immaculate condition! Fabulous landscaping, unbelievable master suite 269,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-New paint, fresh, spacious, grand plan! Formals+study+den+wonderful kitchen. Elegant entry, beautiful high ceilings 260,000

SADDLE CLUB-Stunning 2-story, great master with 2 baths, study, super sunroom, pool and tennis court, now 260,000
RUSTIC-Wonderful 5BR or 4BR with a gameroom. Study located next to master. Custom built in Greentree with a great view of course 258,900
DOUGLAS-JJ Black contemporary - enormous master w/fireplace & sitting area, 5BR/4BA, 3LA, guest house, pretty courtyard w/putting green 249,900
HEARTLAND-Mark Payne delight, quality flows through this lovely 4BR/3BA/3 garage w/3FP in Grassland. Don't miss all this for 225,000
RICHMOND-Paul West perfection. 4 BR/3BA/2LA on a quiet cul-de-sac 210,000
LOS ALAMITOS-Fabulous custom one-owner home, light, bright, immaculate, wonderfully maintained 200,000

SUBURBAN HOMES

EDINBURGH-Horse lovers home. 4BR, 3 1/2 BA, 2 LA, study, big barn 265,000
5 MINUTES NORTH OF THE LOOP-Enjoy sunsets, the city skyline from this wonderful retreat or building site. Charming 2/2, bunkhouse, barns, w/shop, 5 acres 225,000
S. CO. RD. 1213-Large home, pool, 2 barns, workshop and 10 acres 185,000
S. CO. RD. 1128-$2000 buyer incentive. 5 pastures, 6-stall barn plus 4BR/2BA home 184,500
N. CO. RD. 1244-WOW! 3/3 1/2/2, Lots of new. Barn, pens, den with 2nd FP, bath, loft 169,900
KNIFFEN-Wonderful 3BR/2BA, 1.25 acres. Gameroom, pool & dog pens 145,000
CO.RD 2000-"Stanton Schools" N of Hwy 80, W. of Stanton, 14 acres, 3/2½/2LA , 3 ga 92,000
ELKINS-3/2/1, Brick custom built, one-owner on 20 acres 89,000
MILLER ROAD-Owner says "Give It Away". 10+ acres and house. Gardendale farmette 85,000
E. CO. RD. 60-Greenwood Addition! Super nice 3BR on 1/2 acres. Much new in last 2 years 78,500
E CO. RD. 120-4BR/2BA, double-wide mobile home on approx. 9+ acres. Extra hook-ups 65,000
W. CO. RD. 137-3 or 4BR, 1 or 2LA, 2BA, 4 acres, totally refurbished inside & out 65,000
E. CO. RD. 90-Perfect 3BR/2BA suburban property-fenced 54,900
W. CO. RD. 116-2 story on .79 acres, 3BR, 2 living, needs work 50,000
N. CO. RD. 1275-Country home. 91, 3, 1 3/4, shop, half way between Midland & Odessa, owner finance 39,900
W. CO. RD. 137-Foreclosue sold"as is". 3 BR/2BA manufactured home on lot 21,900

DUPLEXES/RENTAL INVESTMENTS

COLORADO-5 rental units, great return 60,000
SIESTA LANE-Great investor property. Well-maintained duplex near Midland College 59,000
COLLEGE-Duplex + efficiency 39,500
KANSAS-Updated duplex with both sides rented; conveniently located to shopping 34,750
CONDOS-Great living or investment in several fine condo developments, call today for those nice properties on Boulder, Neely, Eastridge Road 10,500-21,000
TYLER-Nice income producing duplex-1BR each side 20,000

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 LANE-Three 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available 64,000
INWOOD CT-lot inside Loop 59,900
D-Lovely landscaped lot in Old Midland 59,500
GREENTREE-Select from 6 spacious lots to custom build your home 35,000-47,500
BLUEBIRD-Lovely 2 acre home sites in the green belt! ..... 45,000 ea.
RUSTIC TRAIL-4 deep lots suited to a large w/pool etc. Last estate lots on Rustic 35,000
OAK-300 ft on Oak 127 ft on Main-financing available 30,000
MAIN-New houses under construction across the street to the east. Excellent opportunity for builder 28,500
GREENTREE BLVD-Great Green Tree location 20,000
HIGHWAY 349-RIDGE HEIGHTS-3 acre tract-Ridge Heights with water well 15,000
CO. RD. 1156-One plus acre lots. Well and septic, owner financing, moderate restrictions starting at 12,000
PECOS-Downtown Lot 50'x140' 9,000
GASTON-Two lots - sold together 7,500
GOLF COURSE, NEELY-Build in the heart of the city! Super lots 7,500-10,000
CROCKETT-5 lots ..... 6,000 each
VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES-Call for more details 2,950-35,000

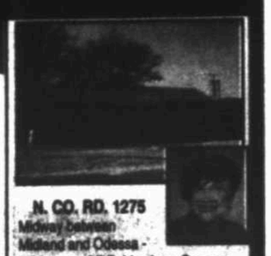
SUBURBAN ACREAGE

40 ACRES JUST MINUTES NORTH OF MALL-Super improvements including home, barns, water 345,000
FM 307-Prime acreage in Greenwood 178,800
FM 159-160 acres between Tower and Cotton Flat Roads. Great possibilities 160,000
CO. RD. 105-New home development directly West & East 110,000
CO. RD. 144-8 acres with owner financing available 40,000
FAIRGROUND-3 lots East of city, owner may carry the financing 38,500
CO. RD. 1146-25 acres, farm land or subdivide for houses. Restrictions apply 28,500
CO. RD. 144-3.65 acres with owner financing available 25,000
FM 1788-Two 1.69 acre residential tracts to be sold together 20,000
CO. RD. 52W-3.02 prime acreage, possible owner finance 15,000
CO. RD. 80-Several 4-5 acre sites, call for details 10,000-13,000
CO. RD. 1186-1 to 1 3/4 acre lots with owner financing available, mobile homes allowed 12,000-16,000
CO. RD. 1297-4.96 acres adjacent to Water Wonderland 12,000
S. CO. RD. 1204-1.58 acres w/septic tank, mobile home hook-up, field fence 11,900
S. CO. RD. 1183-Owner will consider financing 8,900

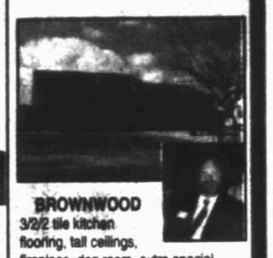
INVESTMENT & COMMERCIAL

FOR LEASE-Single office to 2650 sf downtown, park at door, bills paid ..... CALL
MAIN-14,000 sq. ft., tile building, retail/warehouse, etc. Near downtown ..... CALL
ESTABLISHED RESTAURANT & CLUB-8,000 SF Plus all fixtures, furniture and equipment. Owner may finance ..... CALL
DAVIS RD-Full super nice 14 space Mobile Home Park on 4.4 acres includes 6 nice owned rentals & 3 BR house. 4 wells, 2 carports each ..... CALL
INDUSTRIAL PARK-44,000 SF shop + office - Loop 250 & IH 20 395,000
COTTON FLAT RD-20 acres, 14 mobile homes leased. Good income, 5WW 169,500
INDUSTRIAL-20,000 warehouse office, financing available 155,000
RANKIN HWY-Established business for sale 125,000
DAKOTA-Office warehouse - retail off Big Spring 100,000
MARIENFIELD-Income -44 unit mini storage - near downtown 95,000
MICHIGAN-DOCTOR'S OFFICE,. One block from MMH, 2900 sf and 1000sf 85,000/90,000
COPUS-Trailer park w/26 spaces. Owner will consider financing 75,000
ILLINOIS-2250' tile bldg - club or restaurant, one blk. to MMH. REDUCED 70,000
TERRELL-Great potential for restaurant, dance place, etc 68,300
BIG SPRING-6 offices on 1/3 block. Good child care or law office. Owner finance 68,000
WALL-Really nice small office bldg, 6 rooms, kitchen & bathroom facilities, recent paint & carpet 53,000
MISSOURI-Good close to downtown location for small business or office 49,900
CARRIZO-4 room converted office bldg., 1718 sq ft (approx) 45,000
TERRELL-Retail across from Community National Bank 38,000
BEHIND RED LOBSTER-17,500 sq. ft. Lot 36,000
FOUR LOTS NEAR DOWNTOWN-Bargain - 30,000 sq. ft. 30,000
DAYTON RD-2 lots approx. 2.1 acres each ..... 10,000 each
OFFICE BUILDING FOR LEASE-1650' bldg. Lots of parking 700/mo

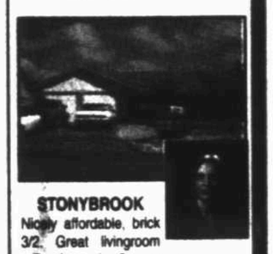
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N. CO. RD. 1275
Midway between Midland and Odessa - 0.91 acres, 3/2/2, big shop. Owner finance.
39,900
Call Laura Manulik



BROWNWOOD
3/2/2 tile kitchen flooring, tall ceilings, fireplace, dog room, extra special price.
49,900
Call Skeet Doss



STONYBROOK
Nicely affordable, brick 3/2. Great livingroom w/fireplace, plus 2 c. garage.
52,900
Call Beverly Dwyer



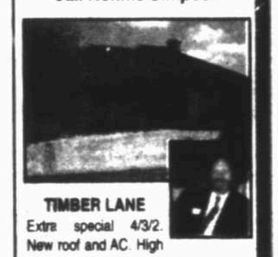
W. SHANDON
Great 4 bedroom in Fannin. Needs updating, but priced to sell.
65,000
Call Steve Johnson



W. CUTHBERT
Country living in town, over 2400 sq. ft., 3 or 4 bdr, huge den with fireplace.
66,900
Call Roy Proctor



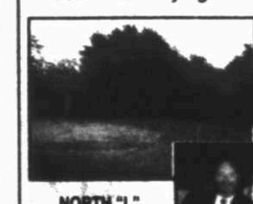
VENTURA
Lovely 2/2/1 townhome - priced to sell and easy to show!
79,900
Call Nonnie Simpson



TIMBER LANE
Extra special 4/3/2. New roof and AC. High ceilings, nice tile, carpet and paint.
126,500
Call Skeet Doss



S. CO. RD. 1120
$2,000 buyer incentive. 5 pastures, 6-stall barn plus 4BR/2BA home.
184,500
CORP - Call Any Agent



NORTH "L"
Warwick addition. New paint, carpet, plantation shutters. Smashing custom home.
230,000
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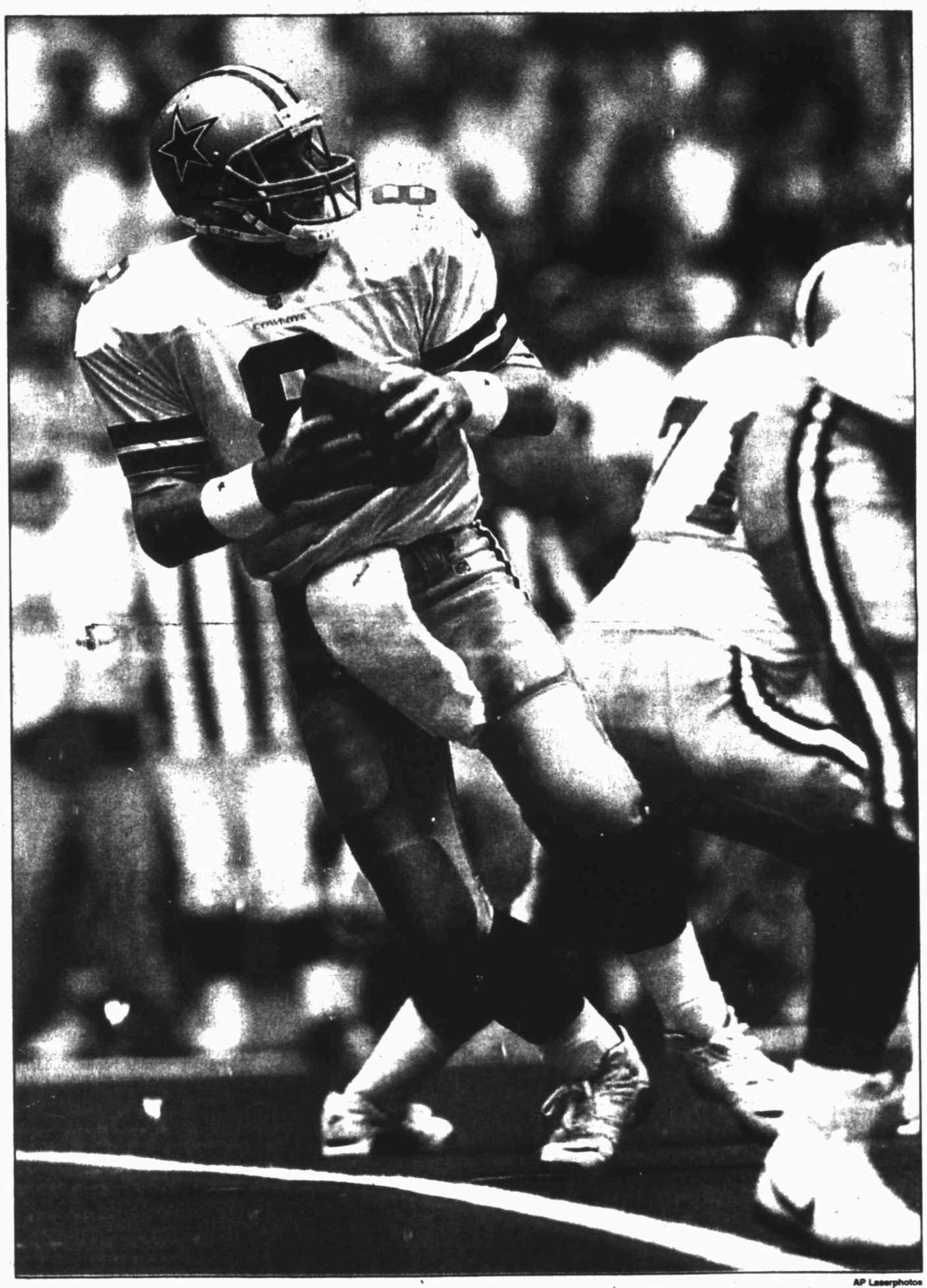
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Rising to the Occasion

Only Starr has better playoff mark than Aikman



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Dallas Cowboy quarterback Troy Aikman ranks second in all-time quarterback playoff ratings behind former Green Bay Packer Bart Starr, who twice beat the Cowboys in NFL title games and owns an incredible 11-1 record in post-season games he has started. At right, Aikman talks with former Cowboy broadcaster Dale Hansen earlier this season.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Crowd noise and the Carolina blitz package will be making life miserable for Troy Aikman today, but the Dallas Cowboys quarterback has proved nobody handles playoff pressure better than he does.

Except Bart Starr.

Aikman ranks second in all-time quarterback playoff ratings behind the former Green Bay star who twice beat the Cowboys in NFL title games and owns an incredible 11-1 record in post-season games he has started.

What makes him so good in big pressure-cooker games?

Not even Aikman himself is sure.

"That's just the way it has come out," said Aikman, who led Dallas to a 40-15 wild-card win over the Minnesota Vikings last week. "I just seem to always play well in playoff games. My game seems to come off at a higher level. I can't put my finger on why I enjoy playoff success."

One good reason might be is that Aikman relishes the pressure, particularly in a hostile arena. He endures the regular season with all the circus that swirls around a team with image problems. In prime playoff time his confidence and concentration reach amazing levels, as his three Super Bowl rings will attest.

Aikman got the Cowboys to a fifth consecutive NFC East title with a 10-6 record and now he's ready to really have some fun.

"I like the playoffs and what it represents," Aikman said. "There's no problem that this team is going to overlook anybody. There are no excuses in the playoffs. If you don't play you go home. I like that sudden death quality about it."

Actually, Aikman said, the game is "going to be a big relief. This organization draws a lot of attention. Some of it is because of its rich history and some of it is self-inflicted because of off-field activities. At least on Sunday, we'll have three hours to enjoy the game."

He said the distraction of the Michael Irvin and Erik Williams police sexual assault investigation "is just another thing we're forced to overcome. We've done it in the past."

Fullback Daryl Johnston said there is no player he would rather go into a playoff game with than Aikman.

"His 11-1 record speaks for itself," Johnston said. "That says it all right there. He always rises to the occasion in the playoffs. When the heat is on, he has his best games. He's at his best in the big games."

Running back Emmitt Smith said Aikman is very poised on game day in the playoffs.

"In big games he is as calm as calm can be," Smith said. "Our major task on Sunday is to keep the rush pressure off of him and let him perform like we know he can."

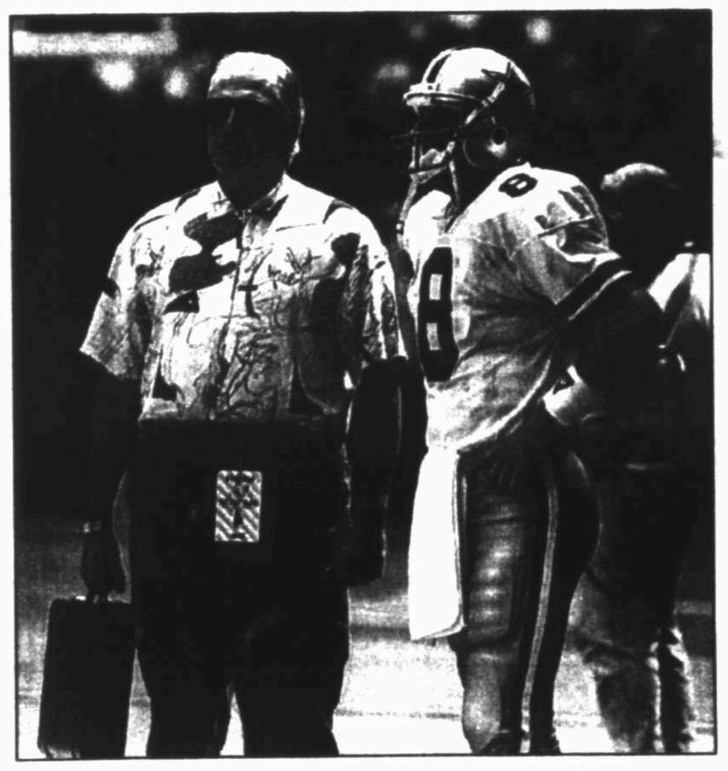
In his 12 playoff games as a starter, Aikman has passed for over 3,000 yards and thrown 21 touchdown passes to just 10 interceptions.

"Troy has proved he's the best when the playoffs roll around," said coach Barry Switzer. "He plays at a level reached by very few quarterbacks."

Only Bart Starr.

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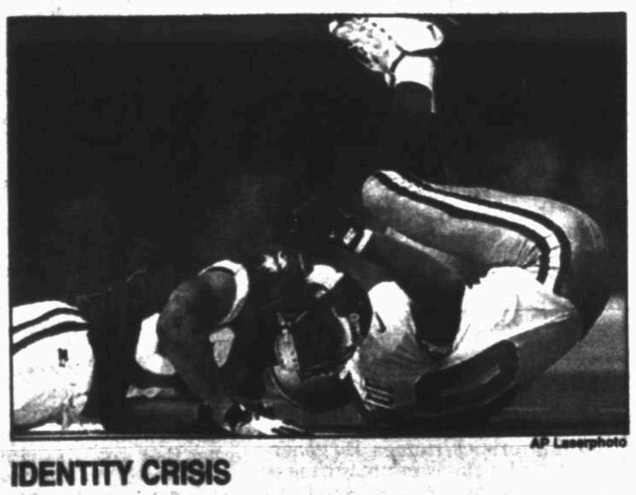
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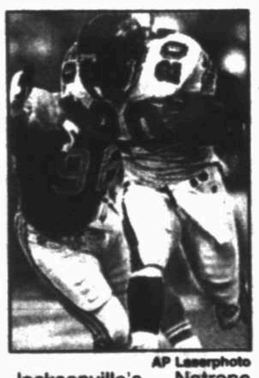
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Did the Jaguars and Panthers get unfair advantage?

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

Some front office people in the NFL point at Jacksonville and Carolina in the first flight and grumble that the owners were too liberal with the personnel rules when they let them into the league.

The rules were liberal — extra high draft picks and no salary cap.

But the Jaguars and Panthers did a superior job in using them. The most damning thing that can be said is that Bill Polian, now Carolina's general manager, was a member of the committee that drafted the rules on free agency and probably knew them better than any other team executive in the league when he went to the Panthers.

But knowing the rules is no sin and the NFL isn't the only league where expansion teams have thrived — baseball's Colorado Rockies and Florida Marlins are competitive and hockey's Florida Panthers reached the Stanley Cup finals last season in just their third year.

Why are the Panthers and Jaguars so successful? Free agency to some extent, the salary cap even more.

Carolina used free agency to sign veterans with a total of 118 playoff games among them. Twelve have been in Super Bowls and six have been on teams that won them.

Polian and Mike McCormack decided a team could be more competitive quickly by building a decent defense. So they hired a defensive coach, Dom Capers, and signed veterans such as Sam Mills, Lamar Lathon, Kevin Greene and Eric Davis for a defense on which six starters are 31 or older.

They could be signed because the expansion teams had no money tied up in existing contracts that hampered even the weakest of their rivals.

Davis is the perfect example of how the Panthers changed the balance of power in the NFC West.

When Carolina offered Davis a four-year deal at $11.4 million last year, the 49ers couldn't fit him in. When the Panthers beat San Francisco twice this year, they did it in part by picking on Tyronne Drakeford, his replacement at cornerback, a double hit on the 49ers.

Jacksonville, with coach Tom Coughlin making most of the decisions, spread its signings out a little more between offense and defense — Natrone Means, Keenan McCardell and Leon Searcy on offense, Jeff Lageman and Clyde Simmons on defense.

And it took advantage of the salary cap when it got Marc Brunell from Green Bay for a third-round draft pick last year. The Packers couldn't afford Brett Favre plus Brunell and Ty Detmer, who both went elsewhere and became starters this season.

But none of that would mean anything if the players the Jaguars and Panthers signed hadn't performed.

Nor would the extra draft picks the expansion teams got the past two years mean anything if the picks hadn't been good.

"We think Kerry is a franchise quarterback," Polian said last year when he traded down to take Kerry Collins. Some teams downgraded Collins for an allegedly slow delivery and because his supporting cast at Penn State was so good. After two years, Polian looks like he's right.

Jacksonville used the second overall pick last year to take Tony Boselli, who should be a Pro Bowl offensive tackle for a decade. But it got Tony Brackens, one of those premier pass rushers NFL teams so covet, on the second ROUND this year.

Whatever the rules, the Panthers and Jaguars still had to choose the right players.

Coaching caravan

Two years ago, commissioner Paul Tagliabue came down hard on Carolina, which effectively hired Dom Capers as its first coach while Capers was still in the playoffs as Pittsburgh's defensive coordinator.

As a result, some of the seven current coaching vacancies in the NFL may not be filled for the next couple of weeks, when there are just two teams left in the playoffs. It may go even longer if some of the candidates for vacancies are left on the two teams that qualify for the Super Bowl.

That means that teams interested in Pete Carroll, San Francisco's defensive coordinator, will have to wait until after Saturday at the earliest to talk to him. They include the Lions and the Rams.

The Giants want to interview Sherm Lewis, the Packers' offensive coordinator. But they may not wait — Jim Fassel, Arizona's offensive coordinator, remains the front-runner there.

Then there is Bill Parcells, who will decide after the Patriots' season ends whether to stay in Foxboro, go back to television or entertain offers from suitors such as the Jets and Falcons. That puts Dan Reeves on hold — the ex-coach of the Broncos and Giants is Atlanta's first choice, unless Parcells, his predecessor once removed in New York, is available.

And there could be more if Bobby Ross and Dennis Green leave San Diego and Minnesota. They would instantly become candidates for some of the vacancies — Ross in Atlanta, Green in Oakland.

Tagliabue's ban also extends to executives — there were reports in New Orleans this week that the Saints are willing to give Bill Polian, the Panthers' general manager, total control of the team. That would be a promotion that would allow Polian to get out of the two years left on his contract with the Panthers.

Polian, in fact, is this year's "hot" guy — hotter than any assistant coach. The Jets are also interested and the Panthers are liable to match any bid he gets from outside.

All of this stems from the switches of the early '90s, when many assistants were being interviewed for jobs while preparing for the playoffs.

Mike Holmgren, for example, spent the 1989 playoffs, when he was offensive coordinator of the 49ers, talking to the Jets, then turning down their offer. Two years later, he took the Green Bay job.

And Dave Wannstedt actually took the Chicago job before the 1992 playoffs while he was still Dallas' defensive coordinator. He did it with the blessing of Jimmy Johnson, who didn't want any distractions during the playoffs.

Norv Turner, another Johnson assistant, did the same the next year with Washington, although it wasn't publicly announced because Tagliabue stepped his toes with the Redskins.

Then came the Capers caper — the Panthers paid $50,000 and forfeited a draft choice.

Given the job he's done in Carolina, the Panthers would do it again.

Polian, of course, was the man he dealt with.

And who knows where he's going next?

If they call, OK, if not...

Jim Mora, who quit as the coach of the Saints at midseason, has told friends that he'll listen to any offers.

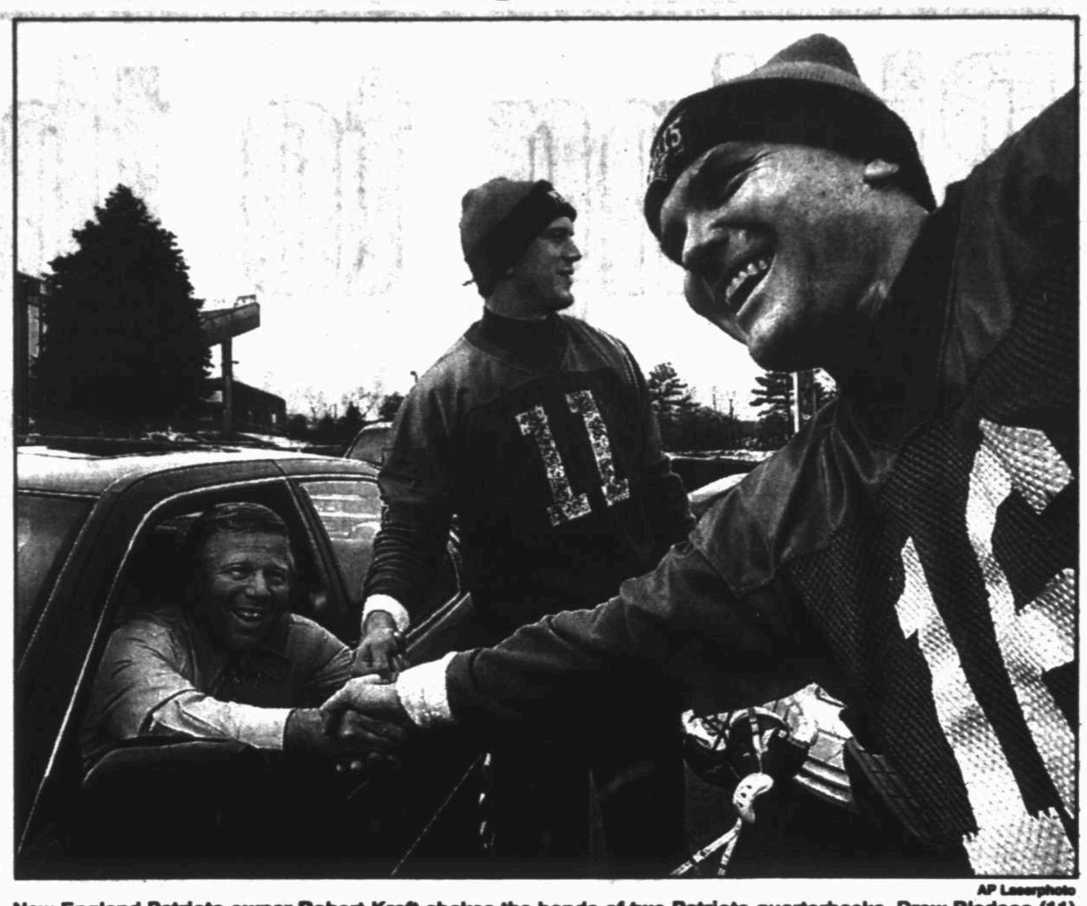
The friends also say he's as relaxed as he's been in years.

By the way, nobody's called with any offers yet.

Luck or blessings?

Patriots had four defining moments in '96

By Nick Cafardo
The Boston Globe



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New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft shakes the hands of two Patriots quarterbacks, Drew Bledsoe (11) and Scott Zolak (16) outside the stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Friday.

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — With five press conferences per week since July, over the course of the season Bill Parcells has had his favorite phrases.

He often described a certain role player as "getting it," meaning he understood his limitations and didn't have delusions of being a star.

Another favorite expression was, "God's playing in some of these games," a reference to wacky things that happened to help or hinder his team, things that seemed inexplicable.

"I don't think God cares who wins or loses," countered fullback Sam Gash.

Maybe not. But all would agree that during the course of this 11-5 season, the Patriots had breaks here and there that helped them become AFC East champions.

"Hard work creates those breaks," said Gash. "You're helped out with things because you work your behind off and once in a while you're rewarded with a good call or the ball bounces the right way for you.

"We certainly had it the other way, also. We had some calls that didn't go our way. We were victimized by Hail Marys (against Jacksonville) that, even though we won that game, made it closer than it should have been. Things definitely work the other way, too.

"But I would say this team earned what it got through hard work, nothing more."

There were at least four interesting plays on which a little divine intervention, some pure luck, or merely the judgment of an official gave the Patriots a boost:

1. The Golden Spot.

Nov. 10 at the Meadowlands, the New York Jets took a 21-0 lead before the Patriots came back to tie it, 24-24. New York's Nick Lowery hit a 32-yard field goal with 8:17 left, putting the Jets ahead again.

But Dave Meggett returned the kickoff 32 yards to the Patriots 41, where a very interesting drive began. On fourth and two from the 49, Drew Bledsoe dropped back and spotted his big target, Ben Coates, just over the line of scrimmage. Coates made the reception but seemed to be stopped by Victor Green after only a one-yard gain.

But line judge Charles Stewart spotted the ball right at the first-down marker and signaled the first down.

"We were all saying, "He got it! He got it!'" said Shawn Jefferson. "When something's close, as players you try to sway the way people think. It was close, real close. I don't know if it was a generous spot, but Ben gave it a lot of second effort with the ball to get it."

The Patriots went on to score the winning touchdown.

"That was the big one," recalled safety Willie Clay. "If we didn't get that call right there, I don't know if we win the game and who knows the rest? Would we have won the division? Would we have the bye? I don't know. Who knows really?

"That was one very big call that went our way. I would say that's one that we all feel helped us along."

That made the Patriots 7-3 and was their fourth straight division victory.

2. Hail Mary.

The Jaguars had made a wonderful comeback from a 22-0 deficit Sept. 22. The score was tied with three seconds remaining in regulation when Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell dropped back, eluded pressure and winged the ball as far as he could in the general direction of the end zone.

The Patriots already had been burned by one such pass earlier in the game. As the ball neared the goal line, Jaguars receiver Willie Jackson leaped and caught it. He came down 1 foot from the goal line, where defensive back Jimmy Hitchcock made the stop and the clock ran out.

"A lot of that stuff is overrated, but I think it evens out," said Clay. "We had been burned on a Hail Mary earlier and this time we got burned again, but someone was watching over us and left that a foot short."

The Patriots received the overtime kickoff at their 29 and marched to the Jacksonville 22, where Adam Vinatieri kicked the winning field goal.

3. Fumble?

The Patriots turned a 14-14 halftime tie against Miami Nov. 3 into a 42-23 rout at Foxboro Stadium, but the game took a crucial turn with 10:54 remaining in the third quarter and the Dolphins leading, 17-14.

Bledsoe's pass, intended for Coates, was picked off by Shawn Wooden and returned to the New England 36. On the next play, Karim Abdul-Jabbar ran for an 8-yard gain to the 28 and seemed to be on the ground when the ball squirted out of his grasp following a Ted Johnson hit. Lawyer Milloy recovered what was ruled a fumble, but replays clearly showed Abdul-Jabbar was on the ground.

Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson went crazy on the sidelines, disputing official Ben Montgomery's ruling to no avail.

On the ensuing drive, Bledsoe went to the air for long gains by Jefferson and Curtis Martin as the Patriots scored the go-ahead touchdown and dominated the game from that point on.

4. Ghost of a Pass.

The 45-7 pasting of San Diego Dec. 1 was not yet in full swing when a call against the Chargers changed the momentum dramatically in New England's favor.

The Patriots were leading, 14-7, early in the second quarter when punter Tom Tupa hit a coffin-corner kick to the Charger two-yard line.

After Leonard Russell lost a yard on a big hit by Willie McGinest, quarterback Stan Humphries threw long on a go pattern to Charlie Jones, who made what appeared to be a marvelous diving catch. Though replays were inconclusive, officials ruled that the ball hit the ground before Jones had possession, making the pass imcomplete.

Instead of first down near midfield, Humphries faced third and 11 from his own 1, and his worst nightmare occurred. He threw a partially deflected pass that was picked off by Johnson at the 7. Bledsoe then hit Gash with a touchdown pass and the rout was on.

QB controversy with a twist

■ Steelers like platoon plan for quarterbacks.

By Gerald Eskenazi
N.Y. Times News Service

Sometime today — "when it feels right and the momentum is right," Chan Gailey said — the Pittsburgh Steelers will again laugh at convention in their divisional game against the Patriots.

The Steelers' starting quarterback, Mike Tomczak, will trot to the sidelines to give way to Kordell Stewart.

Football has always had quarterback controversies and even two-headed quarterbacks. In the 1950s the Rams employed the pure passers Norm Van Brocklin and Bob Waterfield, and the Giants used to start Don Heinrich, whose job was to probe the defense while Charlie Conerly would observe from the sidelines and then replace him.

But Gailey, Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator, views the Steelers' quarterback system differently. "I think we may be the first to use a situational quarterback," he said.

But this is the situation: Tomczak, the more conventional dropback quarterback, starts today at Foxboro, Mass.

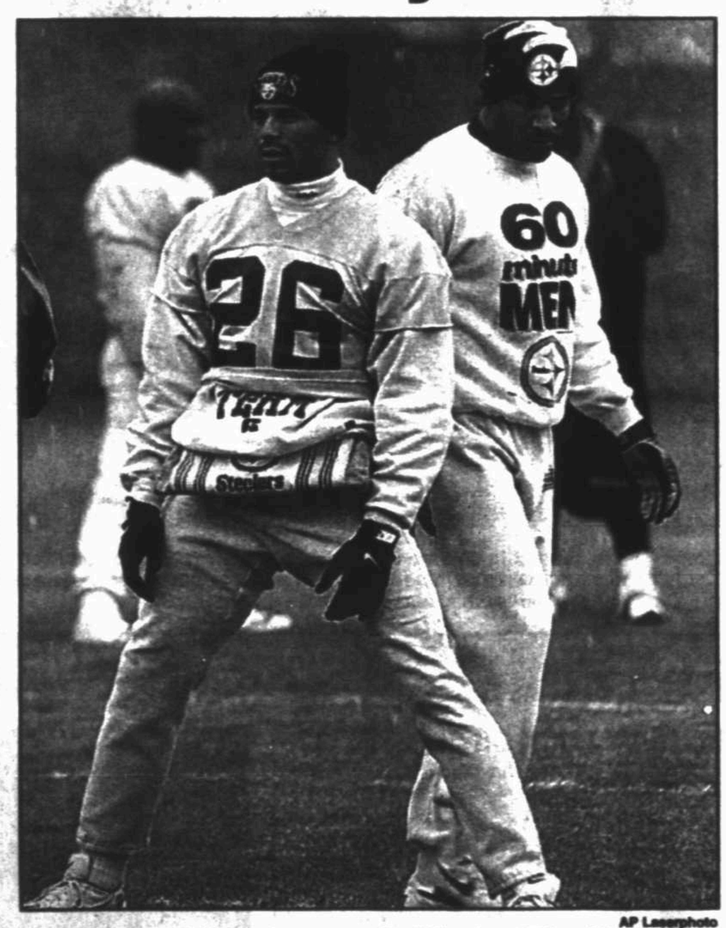
"Right now, we're 11-6, and one of the losses was not his," Gailey said of Tomczak. "As long as things are going well, he's it. He runs the show great. He calls on his experience."

But Stewart, with his electric run-pass-catch ability, will continue to be a valuable wild card as backup. Gailey is generally credited with coming up with the five-receiver schemes using Stewart as a wide-out.

And now Stewart is also the fellow who comes in as the designated quarterback-runner. He generated two touchdowns among his 48 rushing yards in last Sunday's wild-card victory over the Colts. One of his scores came after running back Jerome Bettis was sidelined and Gailey felt momentum slipping.

Stewart threw only once, but lined up behind center 10 times.

This was the second straight game Stewart took snaps in places other than goal-line situations. In other words, in the most critical games the Steelers have played, the two-quarterback system was introduced.



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Two of Pittsburgh's defensive stars — Rod Woodson (26) and Carnell Lake — prepare for practice recently. Meanwhile, the Steelers' offense, led by quarterbacks Mike Tomczak and Kordell Stewart, hopes it can make an impact along with the defense today against New England.

"I thought about it when I was coaching Birmingham in the World League," said Gailey. "You want to be unique and you want to be better. But being unique isn't enough. It's got to work to make you better."

But why haven't other people done this before? "The one thing that inhibits us is our mind," said Gailey, who will be 45 years old today. "You can get tunnel vision."

Gailey claims that he didn't even have an idea of who would replace Neil O'Donnell when summer camp began. O'Donnell was a free agent and went to the Jets for a long-term deal that included a $7 million signing bonus. Suddenly, the Steelers were without the quarterback who took them to the Super Bowl.

But the Steelers had it figured right. They had enough talent surrounding the quarterback, whoever he may be, to continue winning.

"We're close to where we were," Gailey said. "We had to look at what we had and what it would cost to drastically change. We felt we could work from within."

Still, in O'Donnell's place they had Tomczak, who was going to be 34 years old and who hadn't been a full-time starter since 1992. There was also Stewart, who threw seven passes as a rookie, and Jim Miller, who saw more action in the World League than with Pittsburgh.

"I had no preconceived notions," Gailey said. "The first 'rep' was taken by Mike Tomczak, because he had been there the longest, and then by Jim Miller, who was the next longest, and then Kordell Stewart."

Miller started the opener — and the Steelers lost to the Jaguars.

"A lot of bad things surrounded that game," said Gailey as he looks back on the decision to bench Miller for Tomczak in Game 2. "Greg Lloyd suffered a season-ending injury. And that loss looked worse than it was because we didn't realize how good Jacksonville was going to be. They were only a second-year team."

The change has resulted in another run at the Super Bowl and, for Gailey, enough public notice for consideration as a head coach.

"I'm hoping for that," he said. Asked about the Jets, he said, "I'd rather not comment. There is nothing official. Just say I'm interested generally."

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Identity crisis

Some Cowboys concerned with team's image

By Josie Karp
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IRVING — While Cowboys owner Jerry Jones maintained his silence last week in the aftermath of allegations that two of his star players were involved in a sexual assault, several team members, including quarterback Troy Aikman, expressed their concern about the team's sullied image.

"I know there are a lot of people within this organization that are not real happy with that image that might be out there," Aikman said. "I've always wanted to be proud of the organization that I play for and am a part of, so any time anything happens that may take away from the image that we have or how we're seen in the public light, it's a concern. There's no question about that."

Aikman refused to respond when asked whether the Cowboys' image problems have him reconsidering his association with the team.

"I'm not going there," Aikman said. "Those are questions that really don't need to be addressed at this time."

Fullback Daryl Johnston also expressed concern when asked about the Cowboys' image.

"I think you'd have to be foolish not to be concerned what the public perception is going to be," Johnston said. "Obviously we've had a string of several incidents where you have brought a little bit of tarnish to the Dallas Cowboy organization, which is one of the more quality organizations in professional sports.

"It was built by people with great moral character and you try and uphold that, but, with the situations that have occurred in the last few years, obviously you have brought a little bit of tarnish to the organization and it's a very unfortunate situation."

But both players said this week's revelation that wide receiver Michael Irvin and tackle Erik Williams are being investigated on allegations of sexual assault has not changed the team's approach in preparation for Sunday's divisional playoff game at Carolina.

Irvin and Williams participated in yesterday's practice. Johnston and Aikman said the Cowboys are not implementing any plans to play without them.

"I don't even think that that's been considered," Aikman said. "It hasn't on my part. It hasn't entered my mind, them not playing."

Said Johnston: "We're going to go through and approach this as if nothing happened. We can't worry about what's going to happen 28, 48 hours from now. We're just going to have to go through and prepare under the circumstances that we expect them to be there with us. That's the only way we can approach this."

An argument can be made that the Cowboys have mastered this particular approach.

During the course of their championship run, which includes victories in three of the past four Super Bowls, the Cowboys have endured six drug suspensions, several criminal investigations, a nearly fatal drunken driving accident involving Williams, and a quarterback-head coach conflict rooted in allegations of racism.

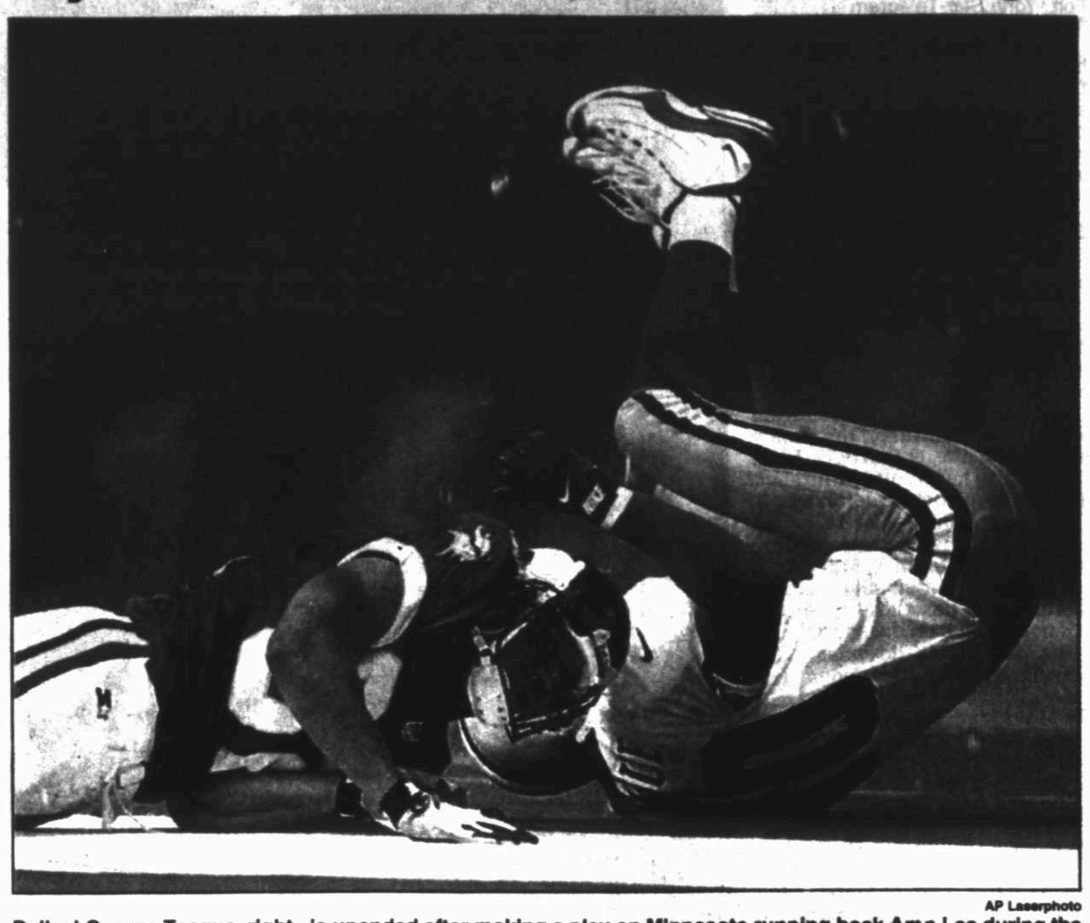
In light of this week's police investigation, the Cowboys yesterday implemented a change in the typical player access procedure. Media members were not allowed into the locker room. Instead, players were brought to a team meeting room where reporters could question them.

"I don't know that you ever get used to distractions," Aikman said. "There seems to be a lot said about this football team overcoming a great deal when it's faced with adversity, that it responds and plays well. I don't know if that's true or not. I don't think distractions are ever good."

Cowboys veteran defensive back Bill Bates, who describes himself as a "family man," said the overall effect of the continued off-field problems of his teammates has affected him personally.

"Obviously the things that have happened over the last couple of years are very disappointing for a guy who his whole life wanted to play for the Dallas Cowboys," Bates said. "At times it really makes you sick to your stomach, just hearing things. What's bad about it now is one thing happens and maybe another thing happens and it just kind of multiplies."

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Dallas' George Teague, right, is upended after making a play on Minnesota running back Amp Lee during the Cowboys 40-15 win over the Vikings in the first round of the playoffs. While things are going well for the Cowboys on the field, the team hopes it can get past several off-the-field problems in time to beat Carolina today.

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Dallas tries to refocus drive to Super Bowl

■ Many Cowboys have built up an immunity to controversy.

By Timothy W. Smith
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IRVING — It has become such a common occurrence around their Valley Ranch practice facility that many of the Cowboy players have built up an immunity to controversy. They know instinctively that when the satellite trucks for television begin pulling up out front it's time to go into the bunker.

However, there were signs Wednesday among some of the Dallas players and coaches that the sordid nature of the incidents involving some players this season is beginning to tear at the fabric of the defending Super Bowl champions.

"For a guy who his whole life wanted to play for the Dallas Cowboys, you know at times it really makes you sick to your stomach," said 14-year veteran Bill Bates, who was wearing a baseball cap with "Shut Up and Play" on the front.

The Dallas running backs coach, Joe Brodsky, said, "Most people on this team are about weary of, No. 1, the media, and No. 2, the people involved."

The latest controversy involves the Dallas police investigation of a complaint from a 23-year-old Mesquite woman who accused star receiver Michael Irvin of holding a gun to her head while his teammate, tackle Erik Williams, and an unidentified man raped her at Williams' house in North Dallas today.

According to the authorities, the woman who made the complaint is in seclusion in a location known only to them.

Irvin continued to vigorously assert his innocence Wednesday by maintaining that he was not at Williams' house when the incident was said to have occurred.

"You know I'm going to talk to the police, I'm going to cooperate fully in any way I can," Irvin said before he climbed into his white Mercedes Benz. "I'm also looking forward to seeing how you guys are going to react, whether you rewrite, reprint, rerun all these things about what happened Sunday night, when you find out that I wasn't even at Erik's house."

Irvin said he didn't know anything about the alleged incident and had done nothing to violate his probation on felony drug-possession charges. Irvin could be sentenced to 20 years for violating the terms of his probation.

His no contest plea to the drug charges resulted in four years' probation, a $10,000 fine and 800 hours of community service. In addition, the National Football League suspended him for the first five games of the season for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

The latest incident further stains an already tarnished team image. Of the last 13 NFL players who have been suspended for violating the league's substance abuse policies, seven have been Cowboys. Defensive tackle Leon Lett was suspended in November for an entire year after failing his third drug test.

The Cowboys' public relations office has swung into full damage control mode, altering the access that the news media has to players this week. Instead of opening the locker room for an hour around noon, which is typical for a Wednesday before a game, the Cowboys brought certain players into a meeting room at the team's facility for interviews. Security has been beefed up inside the practice center.

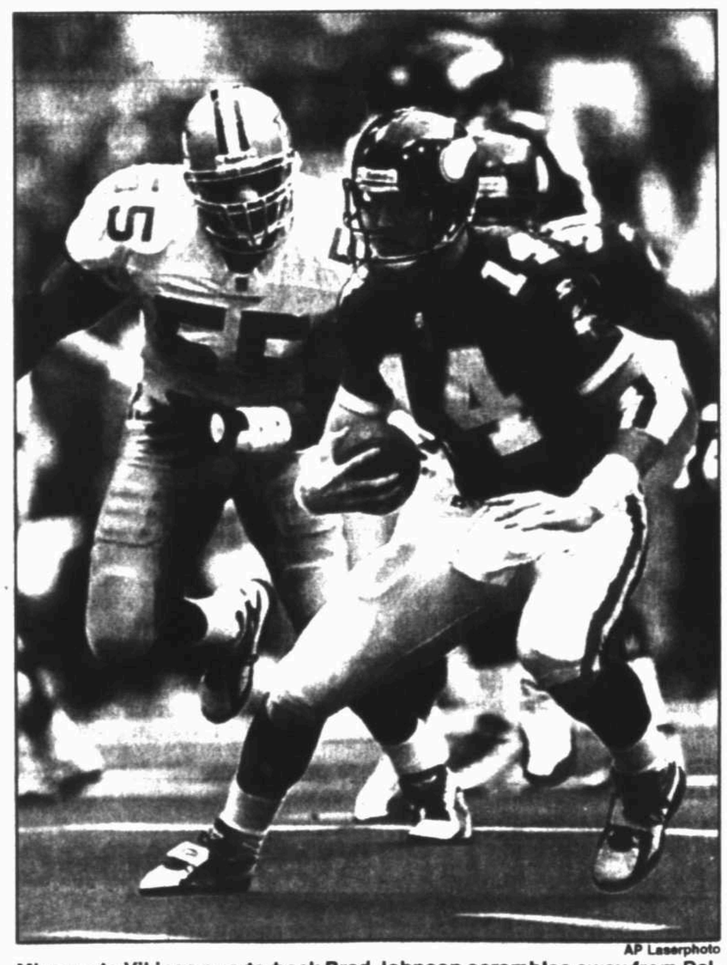
Dallas Coach Barry Switzer, who would not comment directly on the latest incident, said it had not distracted the team or in any way hindered the preparation for Carolina.

"We practiced hard and had a good day, and I hope we have another good day tomorrow," Switzer said. "We've got to prepare for a game on Sunday in the biggest game of the year, against a very good opponent that hasn't been beaten at home this season. That's all I want to think about."

Apparently, a season filled with controversy has seeped into the players' thinking. Before the news of the latest incident broke, fullback Darryl Johnston said all the incidents this year had been a major drain on the team.

"I just think this is a team that's struggled throughout the season, has been affected by a lot of different things that have happened away from the football field," Johnston said last week, following the team's 40-15 wild-card playoff victory over Minnesota.

"It's taken a toll on us emotionally and physically, and it's shown in the way we've played. This is the first time since I've been here that situations that occurred outside of the football arena have affected us."



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Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brad Johnson scrambles away from Dallas Cowboys defender Fred Strickland (55) in the third quarter of last week's, NFL wildcard playoff game in Irving.

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Smith expects offense to need 27-point effort

By Kevin Lyons
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Since the Cowboys began their Super Bowl run in 1992, they are 11-1 in the playoffs. In each game, they have never scored fewer than the 27 points they used to defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XXX last season.

With that in mind, Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith said he would not feel comfortable with anything less than that from the offense today against the Carolina Panthers.

Carolina "does not score a lot of points," Smith said. "That's fine, but I wouldn't feel secure with 21 points. If we score more than 21, I'd feel a whole lot happier."

The Panthers average nearly 23 points per game.

"I'm the worst guy at trying to predict how many points we will need to win," Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said. "I don't have a good crystal ball."

Except for the season finale in Washington in which starters were rested after two series, the Cowboys' defense has not allowed more than 21 points since Nov. 3, a 31-21 loss at home to Philadelphia.

SMITH FEELING BETTER: Smith said his chronically sore right ankle is feeling better. It is "in the 90s," Smith said, referring to a percentage. When Smith runs well, the Cowboys usally win. They are 7-0 when Smith gains at least 100 yards in the playoffs. Smith has been prolific in the playoffs. He is at or near the top of every NFL postseason record list.

The rundown:

Career rushing playoff yards — 1. Franco Harris, 1,556; 2. Thurman Thomas, 1,[illegible]9; 3. Tony Dorsett, 1,383; 4. Smith, 1,333.

Career playoff touchdowns — 1 (tie). Smith, Thomas, 20; 3. Jerry Rice, 18.

Career playoff rushing touchdowns — 1. Emmitt Smith, 18; 2. Harris, 16; 3. Thomas, 15.

Career playoff points — 1 (tie). Smith, Thomas, 120; 3. George Blanda, 115.

Consecutive playoff games rushing touchdowns — 1. Smith, 8; 2. John Riggins, 7, Thomas 7.

Career playoff 100-yard rushing games — 1. Emmitt Smith, 7; 2. Riggins, Thomas, 6.

HITCH NO HINDRANCE: The knock on Panthers quarterback Kerry Collins before he was drafted out of Penn State in 1995 was the way he threw the ball. He has a hitch in his delivery, a hitch that many scouts said would make him unsuccessful in the pro game, where faster defensive backs would benefit from the extra split second it takes Collins to get rid of the ball.

So far, however, Collins' hitch has caused more problems for Carolina opponents than for the Carolina offense. The second-year pro finished 1996 with 14 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

"His delivery is fine," Cowboys safety George Teague said. "He gets the ball there fast. His release is not a hindrance."

Collins' accuracy (56.4 percent) needs improvement if he is ever to be considered an elite quarterback, but Carolina coach Dom Capers is happy with Collins' progress.

"I've got confidence in Kerry because I've watched him progress," Capers said. "The fact he started 13 games last year is paying dividends now. He's making better decisions on where to throw the football."

BONIOL WON'T BE FLUSTERED: If the Cowboys need Chris Boniol to kick a last-minute field goal to pull out a victory against the Panthers, fans might see Panthers coaches call timeout just before the snap to fluster Boniol.

It's a trick pulled by many league teams, hoping to get the opposing kicker out of rhythm. But Boniol says it will not matter if they call a 30-minute timeout; he'll be unaffected.

"Everything I do is a routine," Boniol said. "I come off the bench and run from the sidelines to the field. I throw (holder John) Jett the towel, go through my steps and kick the ball. If they call timeout, I won't go all the way back to the bench, but I'll go to the sidelines and wait until the timeout is over and go through my routine again. I'm not just going to sit out there and wait until its time to kick it."

Panthers work to steer clear of off-field woes

By Mike Fisher
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers, the second-year expansion team that opposes the Cowboys in this weekend's second round of the NFC playoffs, said last week that they have taken steps to avoid the sort of behavioral problems that plague the Cowboys.

"I can't see that happening here," said Panthers quarterback Steve Beuerlein, a former Cowboys player. "Not one incident after another. No way. Examples would be made of somebody."

Coach Dom Capers, careful to avoid sounding critical of Cowboys management, said "accountability" has been his mantra in building his franchise.

"There are problems in society today, and I can't control what a player does, but I can tell him what is expected of him," Capers said. "We've got six things we base everything on: effort, smarts, toughness, class, team and consistency.

"All that is what we'd like our identity to be."

Countered Cowboys coach Barry Switzer, when asked by Carolina reporters whether the Cowboys' misbehaviors are the responsibility of management: "If you think it comes down from the top, you're full of ——!"

There is, however, a rather stunning Cowboys-Panthers coincidence.

The Cowboys plan to allow Michael Irvin and Erik Williams to play today despite an ongoing police investigation into sexual assault accusations against them.

The Panthers will play the rest of this season without reserve defensive end Shawn King. King has been suspended without pay for the remainder of the season. His offense? Not heeding Capers' warning about habitual tardiness to meetings.

"This is not a knock on anybody," said Beuerlein, who considers himself a close friend of Irvin's. "But here, the organization would not tolerate an inappropriate action that reflected negatively on the franchise. That's not to say one way is right and one way is wrong. I just cannot see a series of incidents happening here."

COWBOYS IN BLUE: The Panthers, as the home team in charge of uniform decisions, have opted to wear their white jerseys. The Cowboys, against their traditional preference, will wear blue.

Capers played coy when asked whether his decision had anything to do with the Cowboys' superstitious preference. After all, Carolina wore its dark jerseys in four consecutive games down the stretch, part of its seven-game win streak to close the season.

"Nah," Capers said with a laugh. "We started the season in white. We might as well start the postseason in white, too."

BRIEFLY: Fox broadcaster John Madden is saddened by the effect off-field incidents are having on fans' — and his — enjoyment of the playoffs: "To me, this is the best weekend in pro football," Madden said. "All of the teams that have really earned the right to be in the playoffs will play this week. Then something like this happens and this is going to be what all the talk is about."

Panthers quarterback Kerry Collins said he has noticed the Cowboys' tendency of cheating both safeties up to the line to play the run, a tactic that normally allows quarterbacks to attack the cornerbacks. "The problem is, they come up and force you to go outside, and when you do, it's Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith," Collins said. "We've got to find a solution there."

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Last of last summer's free agents, changes agents

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

Last summer's free-agent market has had one straggler, a 6-foot-11 center who has stayed on the shelf long past everyone's expiration date.

Brian Williams, a five-year veteran who averaged 15.8 points and 7.6 rebounds for the Los Angeles Clippers, has remained available through the first third of the season.



Teams have been interested, but Williams' agent, Fred Slaughter, was notoriously hard to get in touch with. It got to the point where general managers were leaving desperate pleas for a call-back on Slaughter's answering machine.

Williams eventually got fed up with the lack of progress, and on Christmas he switched agents and became the second player (the other is Dennis Rodman) to sign with Dwight Manley.

"I offer services that most other agents don't, and I think that's evidenced by the success of the rest of Dennis' business affairs," said Manley, the mastermind behind Rodman's book signings, movie appearances and other endorsement riches.

Williams recently visited several NBA cities to talk to interested bidders, and Manley said he has spoken to half the teams in the league.

"There's a tremendous amount of interest. Everyone realizes Brian is the sixth or seventh best center in the league, and good centers are in short supply," Manley said.

The likeliest signing scenario would be for Williams to ink a multi-year deal with the Clippers — the only team that can go over the salary cap to re-sign him — and then be traded to another team (Mavericks, Pacers, Heat, Suns).

The possibility remains, however, that Williams will stay with the Clippers, who were forced to negotiate by fax with Slaughter.

"Brian had no problem with the Clippers. The problem was between his former agent and the Clippers. Those problems have been dealt with," Manley said.

Utah and Indiana are the only two teams that still have a $1 million salary cap exception, but Manley predicted Williams "will sign for an awful lot more than $1 million."

In Toronto, Williams went out to dinner with general manager Isiah Thomas, coach Darrell Walker and players Damon Stoudamire and Doug Christie. The next day, he watched a 90-minute workout.

The Raptors could afford to pay him only the league-minimum $247,500 salary, but they would have the right to go over the salary cap to re-sign him next summer when he becomes a free agent again.

"When a decision feels right, it will be made. I can't put a timetable on that," Williams said in Toronto.

Manley said a deal should be completed in the next two weeks, although he left open the option of Williams sitting out the season and becoming a free agent next July.

The New York Post reported Friday that Williams underwent clandestine surgery in September and had a screw implanted in his knee, then had it removed three weeks ago.

Manley vehemently denied the story.

"It sounds like sour grapes from somebody. It's a total fabrication," he said. "Brian had a bone spur removed after there was a mis-diagnosis of tendinitis. There were no tendons, muscle, cartilage or anything like that operated on. Brian is in the best shape of his life."

POINTS OF INTEREST: What a week it was, both good and bad, for backup point guards in the Western Conference.

The week began with Jason Kidd going on the injured list for the Phoenix Suns after playing just a fraction of one game for his new team. That bumped Kevin Johnson right back into the starting point guard role he had expected he would have to abandon.

Monday night, Derrick Martin of the Clippers scorched John Stockton for a career-high 38 points with Martin's former college coach, Jim Harrick, watching from the front row. Martin moved into Los Angeles' starting lineup when another former UCLA Bruin, Pooh Richardson, fell out of favor with coach Bill Fitch and then got injured.

One the same night, seldom-used James Robinson of Minnesota was inserted for early garbage time with 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter, then made six 3-pointers and scored 23 points to single-handedly bring the Timberwolves back into the game.

On Thursday night, Sacramento Kings third-stringer Bobby Hurley got his first extended playing time since his Duke days because starter Tyus Edney and backup Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf were sick with the flu.

Hurley shot 0-for-6 in 38 minutes against the Lakers, committed five fouls and was yanked with two minutes left and the game on the line.

YUGO BACK OVERSEAS: Those who watched the gold medal men's basketball game at the Olympics may remember point guard Aleksandar Djordjevic of Yugoslavia, who held his own against John Stockton but fared a bit worse against Gary Payton and Penny Hardaway.

The 30-year-old, who had been one of the most consistent point guards in the Italian League, decided to give the NBA a shot and had offers from Atlanta and Portland.

He chose the Trail Blazers, but he quickly came down with groin, neck and ankle injuries while trying to beat Randolph Childress out of a job.

Djordjevic's NBA experiment came to an end last week when he was waived after playing only 61 minutes in eight games for the Blazers, averaging 3.1 points and 0.6 assists.

"I don't want to put words in his mouth, but I'd say he thinks he never really got a fair shot over here," coach P.J. Carlesimo said.

The Miami Heat called with an offer a couple days later, but Djordjevic had already flown to Spain to sign a three-year contract with F.C. Barcelona.

EURO-STARS: The first European League All-Star game was held Monday night at the Abdi Ipecki Arena in Istanbul, drawing a crowd of 14,000 — a record for basketball in Turkey.

Former Notre Dame point guard David Rivers picked up the most valuable player award, and former Utah Jazz guard Delaney Rudd won the 3-point shooting contest. Zoran Savic of Virtus Bologna was the high scorer with 30 points.

Other players of note in the game were Bulls draft pick Dragan Tarlac, former Dallas Mavericks forward Randy White and ex-Syracuse center Conrad McRae.

MORE EURONOTES: Predrag Stojakovic, the first-round draft pick of the Sacramento Kings last summer, is second in the Greek League in scoring with an average of 20.4 points. The 18-year-old, who turned professional when he was 15, is shooting 34.3 percent on 3-pointers and playing 36 out of a possible 40 minutes for PAOK.

Other Greek League notes: Ex-Spur and ex-Knick Willie Anderson was recently released from his contract with Olympiakos. ... Cuban defector Andres Guibert, once of the Minnesota Timberwolves, leads the Greek League in rebounding (12.8 per game), turnovers (4.6) and minutes (38.8). ... Scott Skiles is averaging 3.3 assists for PAOK. ... Anthony Bonner of PAOK is leading the league in steals.

BALTIMORE BULLETS: The Washington Bullets are playing four home games this season at the 12,756-seat Baltimore Arena, built in 1962. The first one was last Saturday night against Atlanta, and the Bullets found out that some of the arena's hardware also dates back to the Kennedy administration.

The Bullets' locker room is actually smaller than the visitors' room, although the opposing team must climb a narrow spiral staircase to get to its dressing room.

In the home team's locker room is an ancient television — one of the old ones with knobs for turning the channels — and it worked on and off as they tried to watch a videotape of the Hawks.

Several players got lost on their way to the arena, and a parking lot attendant didn't believe reserve forward Ashraf Amaya was a member of the team, the Washington Post reported.

FAB FIVE REDUX: Two members of Michigan's old Fab Five (Chris Webber, Juwan Howard, Jalen Rose, Ray Jackson and Jimmy King) squared off as professionals for the first time in the CBA. Jackson scored 30 points for Grand Rapids in an overtime victory over Quad Cities, which got 10 points from King. Jackson is averaging 13.1 points and shooting 40 percent in the CBA, while King is shooting 45 percent and averaging 13.0 points. Both players are shooting below 27 percent on 3-pointers.

Making his point

Cassell says he'll make Mavs forget Kidd

By Dwain Price
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — Sam Cassell knows he's not going to make Mavericks fans forget Jason Kidd any time soon. But he does know he can make them remember the chills and thrills of playing in the playoffs.

During his first two seasons in the NBA, Cassell played a pivotal role in the Houston Rockets' drive to consecutive league championships in 1994 and '95. He is a fierce competitor who can take over a game with nifty drives to the basket, or by burying jump shots from the perimeter. He also knows how to distribute the ball.

Cassell is, in effect, Jason Kidd without the fanfare, the fancy passes and the entourage. Plus, Cassell also has a solid jump shot, and is a much better defender.

"A point guard has to be an extension of the coach, the game plan and the team," Mavericks coach Jim Cleamons said. "I think Sam Cassell has those qualities. It's not that Jason doesn't."

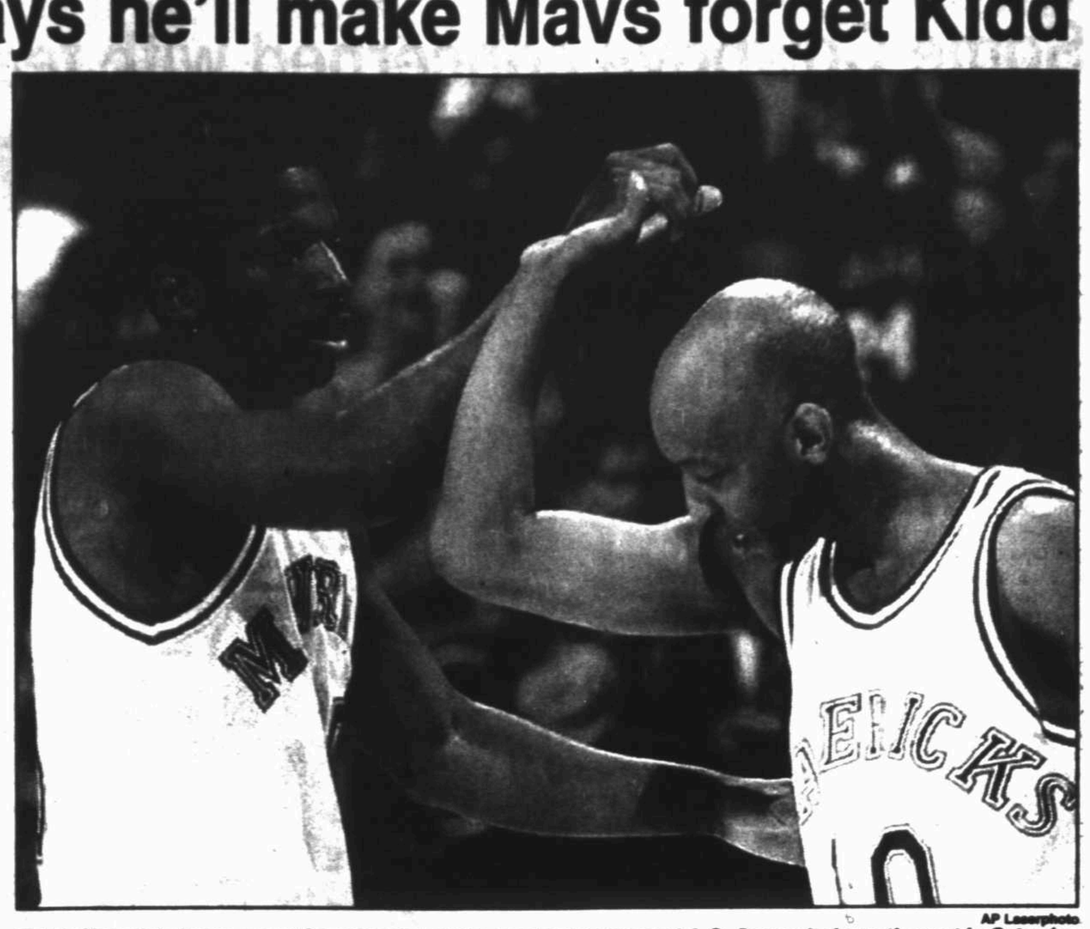
It's just that Kidd wasn't displaying those qualities under Cleamons. Which is one of the reasons the Mavs traded him, Loren Meyer and Tony Dumas to the Phoenix Suns recently for Cassell, A.C. Green, Michael Finley and a second-round draft choice.

As an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls, one of Cleamons' duties was to scout the Rockets during their two championship seasons. So he often got a hard look at Cassell and knows that this player has a tremendous upside.

"Sam can do the same things Jason does," Cleamons said. "Sam doesn't have Jason's burning speed from end-to-end, but Sam Cassell knows and understands how to play the game."

Cassell also came to the Mavs with an understanding that they want his services over the long haul. A product of the famed Baltimore Dunbar High School, Cassell becomes an unrestricted free agent after this season.

He said reports that he turned down a six-year, $40 million offer from Phoenix is ludicrous. "If they offered me that," he said, "I would have taken it."



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Dallas Mavericks' new guard Sam Cassell, right, greets new forward A.C. Green during a timeout in Saturday night's game against the Seattle Supersonics in Dallas recently. Cassell and Green came to the Mavericks in the Jason Kidd trade to Phoenix.

Cassell said he can see a long and bright future with the Mavericks, mainly because this regime doesn't mind making bold moves to improve the overall product.

"I'm going to wait free agency out, but Dallas is not a bad place at all," Cassell said. "I want to stay here in Dallas, and I like Dallas. But I just have to do what's best for me.

"If Dallas comes to me with an offer that's reasonable to both parties and that's negotiable, I would be a fool not to consider it. That means they're showing me that, 'Sam, this is your team and we want you here.'

"But I don't think they would have made the trade if they didn't think they were going to sign me back."

Cleamons agreed with that astute analysis.

"We didn't bring him in here to let him go," he said. "Sam has every reason to want to be here and to play.

"He's going to determine his market value. And I told him that his market value, as far as I'm concerned, is about leadership; it's about direction and it's about winning. These are the things we want him to exemplify."

When Cassell talks, he talks about winning games and about going to the postseason dance. He does not wax phrases about how many points he can score, how many minutes he wants to play, how many endorsements he can secure, or how many celebrities he can conquer.

"I like coach Cleamons, because he's trying to become a winner again," Casell said. "And I want to become a winner again.

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On, off the road, Knicks show they're complete

By Mike Wise
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LANDOVER, Md. — Harvey Grant lifted off from the left baseline. With no one visibly in his path, he headed for orbit and beyond. How Patrick Ewing came careening across the key and sent his dunk attempt back to the floor still needs explaining, but that scintillating play in the third quarter became a clear symbol of the rivalry.

The Washington Bullets want to go between their legs and behind their backs and throw the ball down. When it matters, the Knicks will not let them. They left the Chris Webber-Juwan Howard video montage unwound and tangled on the USAir Arena floor Thursday night.

Physically roughed up and beaten down, the Bullets lost, 92-80, as the Knicks used the first of their 10 road games this month to demonstrate how complete a team they can be away from Madison Square Garden.

"Whenever we play these guys, you get caught up in the highlight reel mentality of them," reserve forward Buck Williams, 37, said. "You find yourself trying to make the same highlight plays. It's just natural."

And breathtaking. Williams converted three of the most malicious dunks of his season, including a devastating jam over a stunned Jarren Jackson with 10 minutes 11 seconds remaining and the Bullets within six points. It came from the right side and left the fans gasping as if they had just seen the final blow in a heavyweight fight.

New York built a 15-point lead and Washington (15-15) never came closer than 87-80 in the final minutes and lost for only the fourth time in the last 12 games.

Ewing was calling Williams rejuvenated, but he looked spry and young himself. The 34-year-old center finished with seven blocks — he also rejected a Howard dunk attempt — 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Of his seven blocks, he added ominously, "All of them were all ball."

Williams finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds, John Starks added 16 points and John Wallace, who had played only 42 minutes the past seven games, came off the bench to contribute nine points, six rebounds and trash talk to keep Webber and Howard occupied.

Webber and Wallace engaged in a nasty jawing session in the final minutes. "I didn't look at it like a rookie and a veteran," said Wallace. "I see it as man to man."

Whether this was merely the Bullets, a mouthy, young team, getting under the Knicks' skin enough to motivate or the beginning of a trend, Jeff Van Gundy is not sure.

"I thought not only our energy was right, but also our approach was right," he said afterward. "But that's something we can't fluctuate with. It can't be right tonight and then not right tomorrow."

Still, New York held Washington to 33.8 percent shooting from the field and did not allow a field goal the first five minutes of the fourth quarter. Webber finished with 19 points and 17 rebounds and Howard added 16 points and eight rebounds, but they were completely overwhelmed by an aggressive defense in the middle. The ironic thing about the victory is that came hours after Van Gundy said he was still waiting to gauge the pulse of his team after two months and 29 games.

"I don't know what we have, to tell you the truth," Van Gundy said Thursday. "I'm not sure where we're at, because I'm disappointed with our mentality on the road.

"I wouldn't say worried is a good word, but I would say we'll find out if we have the requisite mental and physical toughness to do it every possession of every game."



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Washington Bullets Jaren Jackson, left, tries to defend against New York Knicks Allan Houston, right, in the fourth quarter on Thursday.

The Knicks alleviated those concerns early in the game. Chris Childs was called for a flagrant foul as Webber had a dunk in mind in the opening minutes of first quarter. Webber glared, raised a fuss then disappeared from the offensive landscape.

Childs did not have a superb game, but the stutter step he used to get by Rod Strickland in the final minutes was another of those spectacular plays that left the Bullets in awe.

Ewing said he thought the Knicks were genuinely starting to come together after the game in a manner that did not suggest cockiness as much as it did confidence. Trying to describe his awesome block on Grant, he was at a loss for words. "I just tried to ... get a piece of it," he said. "Someone penetrated. That's all I remember."

Bryant makes impact while Shaq's gone

By Marc Stein
Los Angeles Daily News

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Shaq Diesel was parked on the bench. So the Lakers rode their Showboat.

Behind a career-high 21 points from Kobe Bryant, including two breathtaking baskets in the final period, the hosts overcame the first injury absence of O'Neal's L.A. career to hold off the Sacramento Kings for a 100-93 victory Friday night before a Forum sellout of 17,505.

With O'Neal, wearing a knee-length black coat, on the sideline because of a sprained right ankle, the Lakers relied on Elden Campbell in the trenches and the open-court flair of the kid Shaq dubbed "Showboat" for their ninth straight home triumph.

Bryant backed Campbell's season-high 22 points and 15 rebounds with a backhanded tip-in of a Nick Van Exel air ball with 1:33 remaining to give the Lakers a 95-89 lead.

The no-look hoop, preceded by a 360-degree dunk early in the fourth quarter, enabled Bryant to beat his previous high of 16 points in just 22 minutes.

To prevail, the Lakers (24-9) had to survive numerous scares, starting in the third quarter when the Kings opened with a 19-3 run after trailing 60-41 at the break.

A blocked shot by Travis Knight that led to a Bryant layup at the other end capped a recovery spurt that made it 77-64, but Sacramento refused to fold.

Down 85-74 after Bryant stripped Billy Owens at midcourt and waltzed in for the 360 slam with 9:07 to play, the Kings answered with back-to-back 3-pointers from Mitch Richmond (33 points) and got as close as four to make the Lakers miss their go-to guy.

"His numbers," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "That's basically it. (O'Neal's injury) takes away 27 points, 13 rebounds, three blocks, that sort of thing.

"The presence that you can't put a statistic on."

O'Neal suffered the injury in the final minute of Thursday's win in Sacramento when he landed awkwardly after trying to save a loose ball and call a timeout simultaneously.

The maneuver couldn't have been more unsuccessful. O'Neal didn't get the TO — costing the Lakers a crunch-time possession and, worse, crunching their star's ankle in the process.

Now you know why Harris has lobbied the league for the past two years to outlaw the midair timeout call.

"They did not pay heed to ol' Del's suggestion," Harris said ruefully.

Since O'Neal also ignored it, the coach had to shuffle his lineup for the second straight game, with the main concern finding someone to shut down Laker-killer Olden Polynice.

Thanks to Eddie Jones' hawk-like defense, Richmond hasn't caused L.A. nearly the problems Polynice has, before and after the arrival of O'Neal. The journeyman center totaled 33 points and 30 rebounds in his two meetings with Shaq this year, after averaging 16.8 points and 12.6 rebounds against the Lakers in the previous two seasons.

"He's played well against us whoever we've put on him, but he's a pretty good player," Harris said of Polynice. "He didn't do so well with the Clippers, so people in L.A. sell him a little short. They haven't had a better center in Sacramento since they've been there."

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KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG-OUT

Coaches: Big 12 will be highly competitive

By Mike Jones
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

. OK. Enough jingle bells and confetti. Let's get physical.

"I'm anxious to try out the newness of this thing," Kansas coach Roy Williams observed as the tipoff of the Big 12 basketball race began Saturday. "I think it will be exciting."

That, of course, depends on one's point of view.

"You guys," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said, referring to the attending members of the media, "can sit over there and laugh and tell jokes and watch the coaches sweat. Because every game is going to be a knock-down, drag-out. There are no bad teams in this thing."

Some better than others, as December has — or in some cases — has not proved.

Other than Texas, Kansas, Texas Tech and Nebraska (in that order), none of the other eight has played a schedule competitive enough to draw any meaningful conclusion. The rest of the league played squat for the month, though in many cases schedule-lite was apropos for respective situations.

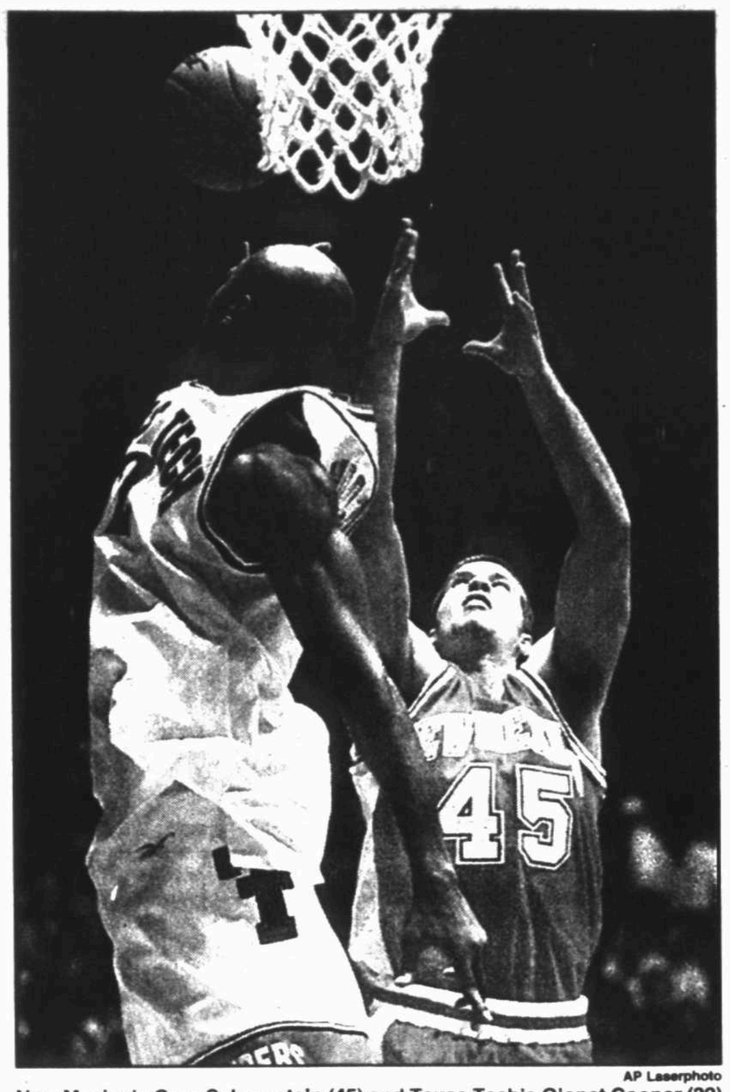
The top-ranked Jayhawks are most deserving of their No. 1 ranking. At the moment, no other Big 12 team approaches them in strength — despite the anticipation of Monday night's tipoff in Lawrence against the No. 18 Longhorns. Unless Texas gets more consistent punch from someone such as Kris Clack — who scored only 19 total points in consecutive losses to Utah and Providence — the Longhorns are going to scramble.

Iowa State? Well, coach Tim Floyd believes his team is inflated at No. 4 and he'll get little argument here, especially considering the apt-to-backfire Kenny Pratt situation (see below). It will be a surprise if the Cyclones — or anyone else — challenges KU in the North, but watch Nebraska.

The most interesting aspect of Big 12 hoops will be the South Division race. And No. 23 Texas Tech is the most intriguing team, with three unexpected victories in December against then-Top 25 opponents.

The Red Raiders have shown unanticipated ability to score (89 and 105 points in their two losses, and averaging 91.2), but are still relatively young. Conversely, that means Tech still has a potential upside — as does Texas.

"We're going to maintain our philosophy of not looking ahead," Tech coach James Dickey said, "but in the bigger picture, our focus needs to be on the South. We can't sit here and worry how in the world we're going to beat Kansas or Iowa State."



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New Mexico's Greg Schornstein (45) and Texas Tech's Glonet Cooper (32) go for a rebound during the game earlier this season in Lubbock.

As the computer turns

What is the determining factor in what appears to be a highly contested women's conference race for overall superiority? It could be the schedule — specifically the draw by Texas Tech.

The Lady Raiders must play the three best teams in the North Division — Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado — on the road. Texas gets all three at home. That scenario flops next season when Tech appears poised to make a serious run at another Final Four, but that's of little immediate consequence.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp isn't ecstatic about the prospect of those road trips, but feels like December has prepared her team for the long haul.

"I just have a feeling that because of the things we've experienced, some of the things we're going to experience in the Big 12 will be a little easier for us to handle now," Sharp said.

Overall preseason favorite Kansas may yet be the team to beat, but they lost their only two games against ranked teams (Tennessee, Connecticut) by a total of 50 points. Both were on the road.

Unbeaten Nebraska has been the surprise team through the first month and has a victory against then-No. 10 Iowa in the Big Kona Classic.

Pratt's latest setback

Iowa State forward Kenny Pratt, suspended by coach Tim Floyd last week after his latest brush with the law, was reinstated "pending the outcome of charges against him," on New Year's Eve after stating his case before the school's athletic department appeals committee.

Pratt, the Cyclones' second-leading scorer and rebounder last season, was arrested Saturday night after being involved in a wreck, then failing a field sobriety test, police said. According to police reports, Pratt began kicking at officers as they attempted to place him in a squad car. Pratt was subsequently charged with driving while intoxicated, harassment of a public official, interference with official acts and serious assault on a police officer.

This came after Pratt had pleaded guilty Nov. 19 to disorderly conduct and received deferred adjudication after a September incident outside an Ames, Iowa, bar during which he was accused of shouting obscenities at police and shoving an officer.

Around the Big 12

Safe at home: The Big 12 men have posted a 72-4 mark on home courts as the basis for a 97-29 record to date. Eight teams (Iowa State, Baylor, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Colorado, Kansas, Tech and Texas) did not lose a home game in December.

Colorado, at 9-3, has equaled last season's number of victories. Sophomore guard Chauncey Billups is working on a string of 18 consecutive successful free throws.

Statistics say Baylor's 11-1 record has been done with defense. The Bears, who open Big 12 play at Texas Tech, are limiting opponents to a 38.4 shooting percentage — only 27 percent from 3-point range — and forcing 20.4 turnovers a game.

Add one, drop one to the Baylor Lady Bears' roster. Last year's leading scorer and rebounder, Tonia Harris, is back after not being in school the first semester. Junior Christie Holler quit the team Dec. 26, citing burnout. Holler, who started 27 of 30 games last season, was averaging 19 minutes as a backup.

The Lady Raiders' Alicia Thompson is shooting a better percentage from 3-point range (.556 on 10-of-19) than from inside the stripe (.510), while averaging 22.9 points a game.

Tech's Cory Carr is the first player to twice be chosen Big 12 player of the week after averaging 27 points as the Red Raiders went 1-1 in the Wyoming Cowboy Classic. He and center Tony Battie rank 2-3 in league scoring behind Texas' Reggie Freeman. Other honorees have been Kansas' Raef LaFrentz, Freeman and Battie.

It was a disappointing follow-up by the Texas A&M men after some good minutes in a loss to No. 8 Clemson last week. The Aggies (6-4) lost to Princeton (46-38) and Northern Iowa (80-72).

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UConn, Tennessee rivalry a classic

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

Connecticut and Tennessee had never played each other prior to their game on Jan. 16, 1995. Since then, it has become one of the classic rivalries in women's basketball.

"It just seems like we've played so many games in such a short period of time and a lot of people around the country have come to look forward to the game," said Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma, who sends his No. 1-ranked team against the eighth-ranked Lady Vols at the sold-out Hartford Civic Center on Sunday.

That will be the fifth meeting between Connecticut and Tennessee in three seasons. Connecticut won that first game 77-66, then beat the Lady Vols again, 70-64, in the national championship game.

They also met twice last season, Connecticut winning 59-53 in Knoxville and Tennessee prevailing 88-83 in overtime in the NCAA semifinals.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt agreed that the game has become one of the sport's top attractions.

"I think a lot of it had to do with the position both programs have been in," she said. "It's been two of the top teams in the country. Certainly that brings a lot of national exposure and attention to this particular game. With the television and media coverage, it has become a real event.

"In athletics, that's what you want to see. You want to see the best play the best."

It has even been suggested that the first Tennessee-Connecticut game helped speed the arrival of professional basketball for women. The game, which was televised nationally, had a huge buildup because both teams were unbeaten and were ranked 1-2 in the country.

"I think the way it played out a couple of years ago, everything happened at the right time and at the right place," Auriemma said. "All of the elements where there to come together. It was like the stars were lined up just right.

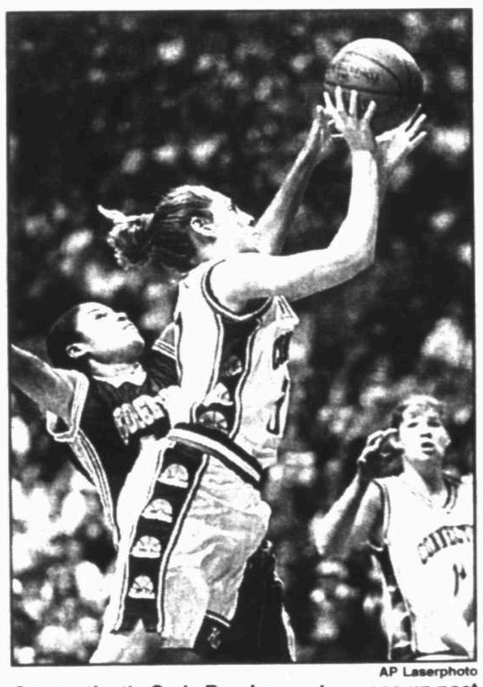
"Plus, the games all went right down to the wire. The fact that the games have been close has brought a lot of interest to women's basketball."

ROUGH HOMECOMING: Oregon coach Jody Runge endured a rough homecoming when she took her team to Iowa State.

Runge starred at Waukon High School in northeast Iowa, where she played 6-on-6 basketball and once scored 81 points in a game, and the Ducks' visit to Iowa State on New Year's Eve was her first to her home state as a head coach. It didn't go as planned.

First, there were travel problems. The Des Moines airport, 40 miles from the Iowa State campus in Ames, was fogged in, so the team's plane landed in Cedar Rapids, which is 100 miles away. By the time the team got to Ames, Runge decided not to practice and also canceled a shootaround the next morning.

Then, Oregon managed only one field goal in the final seven minutes after leading by six points and lost to the Cyclones 72-63.



AP Laserphoto

Connecticut's Carla Berube, center, goes up past Georgetown's Tesha Nixon, left, for a jump shot in Big East conference game recently.

Still, the trip wasn't a complete washout. Runge got to see some relatives and she felt it was the type of game her team needed before starting Pac-10 Conference play.

"It was a good test before the conference," she said. "It helps us go back home and work hard to get ready for the Pac-10. Iowa State's a good team. We knew it would be a tough game. They were talking about it being against a Top 25 team, which we're not yet, so it was a big deal for them."

PERFECT TRIO: As the season moved into January, only three Division I teams still were unbeaten.

No. 1 Connecticut and No. 25 Nebraska both were 9-0. Unranked Louisiana State improved to 10-0 with an 84-69 victory over Southern Mississippi on Thursday night.

FROSH PHENOMS: Freshmen are making a big impact in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Two of the best are at Xavier, the league's highest-scoring team. Guard-forward Kim Hotz of Sheboygan, Wis., was leading the league in field goal percentage (.563), was tied for sixth in rebounding (7.3) and was 11th in scoring (16.0). Teammate Tina Greer, a guard from Los Angeles, was first in assists (7.4) and steals (3.9).

Massachusetts guard Kelly Van Huisen, a freshman from Haverhill, Mass., was leading the conference in 3-point shooting (.593) and was second on her team in scoring with a 13-point average.

RAZORBACK SURPRISE: Bill Smith of Arkansas has two big reasons to always remember Dec. 29.

Smith, the women's sports information director at Arkansas, first saw the Lady Razorbacks upset Tennessee 77-75 — their first victory in six tries with the Lady Vols.

Then, while Smith was overseeing the postgame press conference, his wife Libby, who was pregnant and due in six days, called one of his assistants.

"She tells him, 'Mike, could you find Bill? I need him to call me,'" Smith related. "So he goes, 'Yeah, OK.' Five minutes later she called back and said, 'Mike, you really need to find him because my water just broke.'"

So he hustled to the media room, pointed to Smith and said: "You need to go. Your wife just called and you need to go now."

Seven hours later, Libby Smith gave birth to a 7-pound, 3-ounce girl named Ashley.

Two nights later, when Arkansas beat Alcorn State 90-56, it just wasn't the same for Smith.

HOMESICK BOILERMAKER: Purdue lost six players between the firing of coach Lin Dunn and the hiring of Nell Fortner as her replacement. Now, the Boilermakers have lost another.

Diamond Desmond, a freshman center from Gadsden, Ala., has withdrawn from school and gone back home.

"Diamond has made the decision that she doesn't want to play basketball anymore," Fortner said. "She wants to stay home in Alabama."

Desmond had played in three games for the Boilermakers, averaging 2 points and 1.3 rebounds.

Dunn, by the way, is back in coaching. She was named coach of the Portland Power of the American Basketball League and won her first game, 79-63 over the Richmond Rage on Thursday night.

"I've done a lot of things in my life, but I've never coached a team without practicing with them once," Dunn said. "I guess that's the way they do it in the pros."

GIANT KILLERS: Other than Old Dominion, the Colonial Athletic Association doesn't get much attention nationally. But CAA teams already have three noteworthy victories this season over opponents from prime-time leagues.

The first was American's 69-67 victory over then-No. 7 Virginia back on Nov. 24, which still ranks as the biggest upset of the season.

Old Dominion beat then-No. 1 Stanford 83-66 on Dec. 17 and last Monday, George Mason of the CAA upset No. 12 Auburn 58-55 in overtime in the finals of the Central Florida tournament.

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It's conference time

By Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

The made-for-TV matchups and the games made only for guarantee checks and sure wins are behind us, except for a straggler or two. The new year means conference play begins and it's time to crown the non-conference king.

The Atlantic Coast Conference was a clear winner in non-league games played while it was still 1996, going 74-11, a winning percentage of .871.

Three other leagues managed to win at least three of every four non-league games: the Big 12 (97-29, .770); the Big East (80-25, .762); and the Big Ten (88-29, .752).

The worst record for non-league play belonged to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference which went 12-63, a winning percentage of .160.

Stark Tark

Jerry Tarkanian's second season at Fresno State started out as well as could be expected. The Bulldogs were ranked 14th in the preseason poll and got as high as No. 13 during a five-game winning streak to start the season.

The talk turned from next season's potential powerhouse with transfers and recruits waiting to join to what could be this season. Tarkanian's system seemed perfect for the current roster.

Then came the road trip. Ten games away from home and it still hasn't ended, with a game at Rice closing it out on Monday. It can't come soon enough for Tarkanian.

A loss at Oregon was followed by a win at Massachusetts. Then came losses at Texas and to Texas Tech at Las Vegas, Tark's old stomping grounds. A win at St. Mary's, Calif., was followed by a loss at LSU. Then came the trip to Puerto Rico and that became a seventh-place finish in an eight-team field with losses to Southwest Missouri State and Mississippi State before a victory over Southeast Missouri State. That's a record of 8-6 after a 5-0 start.

"I was thinking it would be great to take a sleeping pill and never wake up again," Tarkanian told the Fresno Bee after beating Southeast Missouri State.

Forward Daymond Forney summed things up for the Bulldogs.

"We've been humbled," Forney said.

Coach Quip I

Kentucky's recent victory over Ohio State had a few stoppages in it because of problems at the scorer's table ranging from fouls charged to the wrong player to too many point awarded for a basket.

With Ohio State's Jermaine Tate at the foul line and the scoreboard reading 63-56 in favor of Kentucky, Wildcats coach Pitino came running over to the scoreboard operator at Cleveland's Gund Arena yelling, "Are you sure about the score?"

Turned out Ohio State's Otis Winston was given credit for a 3-pointer on a high-arcing baseline jumper taken inside the line. The point was taken away.

"Guys, it's not how high you shoot the ball that determines the 3," Pitino told the stat crew.

Coach Quip II

Alaska-Anchorage had a chance to do what every Division II program dreams of: beat a Division I school on the road.

The Seawolves trailed Seton Hall 71-69 with 4.9 seconds left in an opening-round game of the Seton Hall-Meadowlands Tournament. Rick Stafford, the Seawolves' best free-throw shooter, was fouled attempting a 3-pointer and went to the line with a chance for the very late lead.

Stafford missed his first two attempts and then tried to deliberately miss the third, but failed to hit the rim.

Seton Hall added two free throws for the final margin of 73-69.

"We were able to luck out at the end when they missed those free throws," Seton Hall coach George Blaney said. "I didn't know you could ice somebody from Alaska."

The Seawolves did take the third-place game with a 92-70 victory over San Francisco, another Division I victory for the team that plays host to the Great Alaska Shootout each year.

Coach Quip III

St. Joseph's has struggled with its shooting all season, so coach Phil Martelli was thrilled with a 51 percent effort from the field in a 74-58 victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay, including going 18-for-27 in the second half.

When asked his thoughts about the team's best shooting game of the season Martelli replied: "Have you ever been to one of our shootarounds? I have to give out helmets if people are watching. In fact, we haven't shot 51 percent at a shootaround this season."

Double Deals

The latest men's and women's polls have eight schools with a team in each — Arkansas, Clemson, Duke, Kansas, North Carolina, Stanford, Texas and Texas Tech.

Alabama State might not be in either, but its teams got a bad taste of facing ranked teams.

In less than a week, Alabama State's men's team lost to No. 15 Minnesota 114-34 and the women's team lost to No. 10 Virginia 106-21. In case your calculator is broken, that's a combined margin of loss of 165 points.

Big East Streak

The Big East started the season by losing 12 straight games to ranked non-conference opponents. The year closed with an upward turn, however, as Pittsburgh beat No. 8 Michigan in the Rainbow Classic and Providence downed No. 18 Texas.

There are still two such games remaining on the schedule: No. 1 Kansas at Connecticut on Jan. 19, and No. 10 Villanova at No. 3 Kentucky on Feb. 9.

Ruffin It

Every once in a while comes the tale of a college athlete who has an exotic pet collection. This season's nominee: Michael Ruffin of Tulsa.

The 6-foot-8 sophomore forward has some impressive numbers: 6.9 points per game, a team-leading 9.5 rebounds and a 3.57 GPA in chemical engineering.

Then there are his pets.

Ruffin has one croodile, one African bullfrog, three American bullfrogs, one Morris Gecko (a lizard), one mud turtle and Sparky, a dalmatian-shepherd mix.

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1997 NHL All-Star Game

For the 11th year, fan voting determined the starting lineups for the NHL All-Star Game. The following are the starting lineups for the 1997 All-Star Game to be held Jan. 18 in San Jose:

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Pos.	Name	Team	Votes
C	Wayne Gretzky	N.Y.R.	196,603
W	Jaromir Jagr	Pitt.	302,212
W	Dino Ciccarelli	T.B.	182,514
D	Ray Bourque	Bos.	285,624
D	Brian Leetch	N.Y.R.	284,504
G	John Vanbiesbrouck	Fla.	334,919

Head coach: Doug MacLean, Florida
Assistant: Paul Maurice, Hartford

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Pos.	Name	Team	Votes
C	Joe Sakic	Col.	243,674
W	Brett Hull	St. L.	255,414
W	Paul Kariya	Ana.	210,015
D	Chris Chelios	Chi.	366,408
D	Sandis Ozolinsh	Col.	214,510
G	Patrick Roy	Col.	324,068

Head coach: Ken Hitchcock, Dallas
Assistant: Marc Crawford, Colorado

Source: National Hockey League — AP

Sellout City: Hockey fans know the way to San Jose

By Ken Rappoport
AP Hockey Writer

The San Jose Sharks came up with a few more seats this season at San Jose Arena, but nothing's changed — they're still selling out.

The Sharks recently posted their 100th straight sellout, on Dec. 17 against Toronto. To mark the occasion, the Sharks gave away 100 prizes — including authentic team jerseys autographed by players and $100 gift certificates for local businesses.

The streak started in March 1994 and included the Sharks' exciting playoff run that season, when they upset Detroit in the first round and then took Toronto to seven games in the conference semifinals.

This season, the Sharks somehow found room for more seats, boosting the capacity for hockey from 17,190 to 17,442. It's still the hottest ticket in town.

Ken Arnold of the Sharks' media relations department reports that it is the longest current streak in the league, but says the NHL has no way of determining the all-time record for such streaks.

By the way, it hasn't been the standout play of the Sharks that has attracted the sellouts. They were 37-55-8 during the 100-game stretch.

"Our fans our just loyal," Arnold said.

Tall order

Although the New York Rangers have revived themselves of late, coach Colin Campbell still isn't sure whether his team is properly built for the playoffs. Campbell is aware the Rangers don't have the big forwards required for the pitched battles in the Atlantic Division, where they were 3-9-4 record in their first 16 intra-divisional games.

He is especially concerned about playing the Philadelphia Flyers, the NHL's biggest team.

"It's a difficult matchup against this team," Campbell said. "Like a (New) Jersey game or a Washington game, a battle along the walls, in the corners, they keep throwing them at you. Our forwards have to play bigger down low, and harder. You know we're going to get games like that in our division every night."

Drawing them in

Maybe the Nordiques should have stayed in Quebec. The International Hockey League team currently playing in the Colisee leads all minor league teams in attendance this season, with an average of 12,621 as of Jan. 1.

Not unexpectedly, the IHL, with its NHL-size buildings, boasts 10 of the top 15 attendance figures so far this season, according to Doug Kennedy of the Colonial Hockey League media office.

Kennedy says the IHL has eight of the top 10 average attendance figures — No. 3 Grand Rapids (10,796), No. 4 Detroit (9,621), No. 5 Orlando (8,900), No. 7 Houston (8,050), No. 8 Chicago (7,824), No. 9 Phoenix (7,581) and No. 10 Milwaukee (7,547). Louisiana of the East Coast Hockey League is No. 2 at 11,291 and Oklahoma City of the Central Hockey League is No. 6 at 8,792.

Remainder of the top 15: No. 11 Las Vegas of the IHL (7,518); No. 12 Utah of the IHL (7,352); No. 13 Providence of the American Hockey League (7,250); No. 14 Quad Cities of the Colonial Hockey League (7,148); and No. 15 Charlotte of the ECHL (7,031).

The Mallards, for one, have been a breakthrough team in the CHL, according to Kennedy. "When they came into the league, the biggest seating capacity was less than 5,500," he said. The Mallards, who play in Moline, Ill., and represent Moline and Rock Island, Ill., and Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, seat from 6,000-7,000.

Great One says great choice

Rob Blake has taken the place once filled by Wayne Gretzky as captain on the Los Angeles Kings. The Great One can't think of anyone more deserving.

"He is a tremendous hockey player," says Gretzky, now with the New York Rangers. "Playing on the West Coast is a little different. You don't get all the media attention. He is one of those guys who gets lost in the spotlight.

"I played with him and I know he is a wonderful hockey player — he's big and strong and does a lot of good things for everyone. He was always great to have on my side."

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Complete All-Star Rosters

NEW YORK (AP) — Complete rosters for the NHL All-Star Game, to be played Jan. 18 at San Jose, Calif. (x-denotes starters voted by fans):

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Goaltenders
x-John Vanbiesbrouck, Florida; Martin Brodeur, New Jersey; Dominik Hasek, Buffalo.

Defensemen
x-Ray Bourque, Boston; x-Brian Leetch, N.Y. Rangers; Paul Coffey, Philadelphia; Kevin Hatcher, Pittsburgh; Scott Stevens, New Jersey; Robert Svehla, Florida.

Forwards
x-Wayne Gretzky, N.Y. Rangers; x-Jaromir Jagr, Pittsburgh; x-Dino Ciccarelli, Tampa Bay; Daniel Alfredsson, Ottawa; Peter Bondra, Washington; John LeClair, Philadelphia; Mario Lemieux, Pittsburgh; Eric Lindros, Philadelphia; Mark Messier, N.Y. Rangers; Zigmund Palffy, N.Y. Islanders; Mark Recchi, Montreal; Geoff Sanderson, Hartford.

Coaches
Head Coach: Doug MacLean, Florida. Assistant: Paul Maurice, Hartford.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Goaltenders
x-Patrick Roy, Colorado; Andy Moog, Dallas; Chris Osgood, Detroit.

Defensemen
x-Chris Chelios, Chicago; x-Sandis Ozolinsh, Colorado; Rob Blake, Los Angeles; Derian Hatcher, Dallas; Al MacInnis, St. Louis; Oleg Tverdovsky, Phoenix.

Forwards
x-Joe Sakic, Colorado; x-Brett Hull, St. Louis; x-Paul Kariya, Anaheim; Tony Amonte, Chicago; Jason Arnott, Edmonton; Pavel Bure, Vancouver; Theoren Fleury, Calgary; Peter Forsberg, Colorado; Mike Modano, Dallas; Owen Nolan, San Jose; Mats Sundin, Toronto; Steve Yzerman, Detroit.

Coaches
Head Coach: Ken Hitchcock, Dallas. Assistant: Marc Crawford, Colorado.

Roman's numerals

Rookie Turek saves 38, Stars stop losing

Associated Press

DETROIT — Nobody told Roman Turek that Joe Louis Arena is usually a graveyard for the Dallas Stars.

Turek, a 6-3 rookie goalie, stopped 38 shots in his second start of the season and Dallas ended a three-game losing streak by beating the Detroit Red Wings 2-1 Friday night.

"He played well and stood his ground," said forward Mike Modano, who scored one of Dallas' two power-play goals. "He's a big goalie and he takes up a lot of space.

"We threw him in the fire tonight. Sometimes it works and sometimes it backfires, but he played well tonight."

The win moved Dallas three points ahead of Detroit in the Central Division. The Red Wings have lost two straight, both at home, after a three-game winning streak.

Detroit had not lost two straight home games since March 1994.

"We played good tonight, but their goalie was pretty hot," said Detroit forward Martin Lapointe. "It just didn't seem like the puck wanted to go into the net."

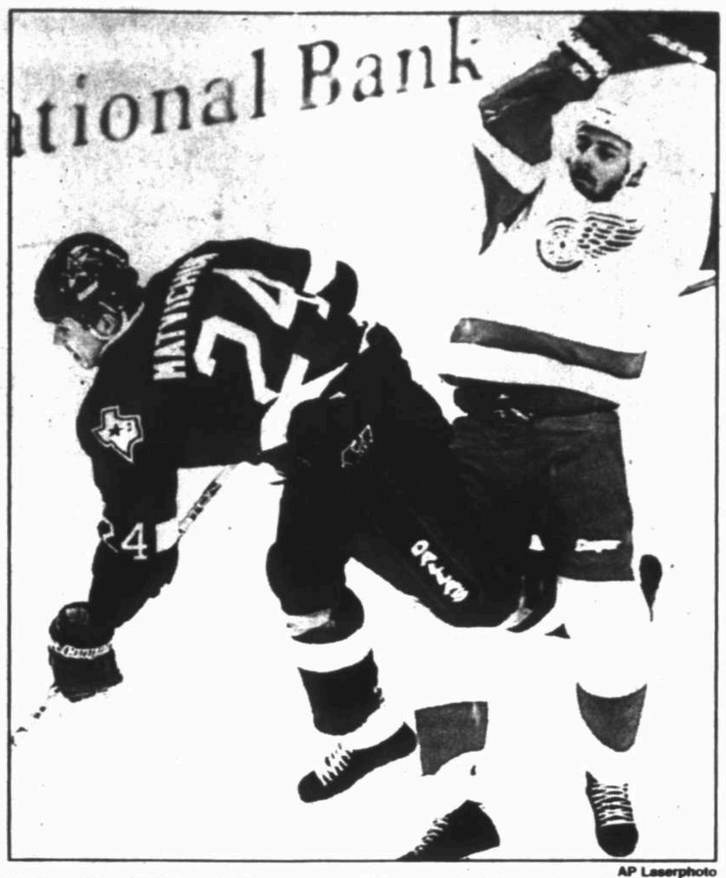
Brent Gilchrist scored a power-play goal in the first period and Modano added another in the second for the Stars, who improved their NHL-best road record to 13-5-1.

It was their first win at Detroit in their last 11 tries.

"You always think bad things are going to happen in this building," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "That's why this is a big win.

"We wanted to beat a good team. To be considered a good team, we had to beat a top-flight team and tonight we did."

Igor Larionov's 100th career goal accounted for Detroit's only scoring as the Red Wings fell to 1-2 against Dallas this season.



AP Laserphoto

Dallas Stars' Richard Matvichuk (24) is checked into the air by Detroit Red Wings' Martin Lapointe during the first period in Detroit on Friday. The Stars won 2-1 behind rookie goalie Roman Turek's 38 saves.

Turek, recalled Tuesday from the Stars' top farm club at Kalamazoo, Mich., sparkled in his third NHL appearance. He got the start because Andy Moog is out with a knee strain and top backup Arturs Irbe allowed five goals in his last start.

"He knows (Detroit's) shooters," Hitchcock said. "We needed someone who was on top of his game tonight and that's why we went with him."

Turek was particularly stingy in the third period, when he stopped Vyacheslav Kozlov on a breakaway and later turned back five shots during a Detroit power play.

Turek was looking for his first NHL shutout until Larionov scored 9:41 into the third period.

Larionov was sliding to the ice with the puck in front of the goal but managed to get off a shot that deflected off the skate of Dallas defenseman Craig Ludwig and past Turek.

"I think we played a little nervous after that, but I was really happy with the effort," Hitchcock said.

Detroit went on another power play in the last 1:46 and pulled goalie Mike Vernon for a two-man advantage with 1:03 to play.

Turek made a pad save on a close-in shot by Steve Yzerman and Sergei Fedorov fanned on the rebound to end Detroit's last threat.

Vernon made 18 saves for Detroit as the Red Wings lost again despite a huge shooting advantage over an opponent.

"It was not a high-chance game, but we had enough chances to win," Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman said. "Once they had the lead, they weren't playing much offense."

Joe Nieuwendyk set up the game's first goal. With Dallas on a power play, he poked the puck loose from a scramble to Gilchrist, who was alone in front of Vernon and beat him on the short side for his sixth goal.

Modano's 16th goal, on another power play, made it 2-0 at 2:07 of the second. Modano, using Detroit defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom as a screen, put a shot from just inside the left circle between Vernon's stick and the left post after Detroit failed to clear a shot by Jere Lehtinen.

The Stars are 14-1-1 when they score at least one power-play goal.

"We just played a solid road game tonight," Modano said. "We got the puck out of bad areas and got two power-play goals.

"It's something that comes and goes with our team, and when it comes we're pretty successful."

Win over Detroit couldn't be more timely for Dallas

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — With their 2-1 victory Friday night in Detroit, the Dallas Stars ended their longest losing streak of the season at three games. And it couldn't have come at a better time.

With a 6-4 loss to the Montreal Canadiens last Wednesday, the Stars for the first time this season lost three straigh , they lost another home game t fall to 10-9-2 on Reunion Arena ice and they lost a third-period lead for the first time this season when they squandered a great comeback by yielding four third-period goals.

What's more, they had bad goaltending from Arturs Irbe, who was pulled after allowing five goals on 18 shots, and likely won't have Andy Moog's gimpy knee healthy for another week.

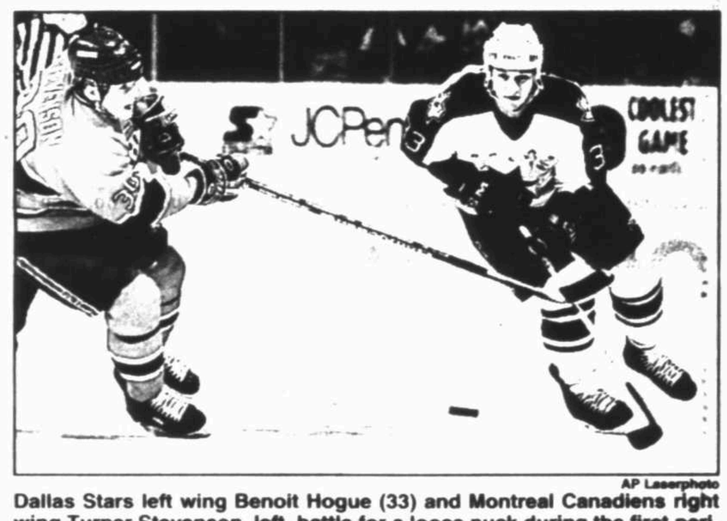
And if that wasn't enough, Stars coach Ken Hitchcock had his first major blowup with a player when he sent winger Benoit Hogue from the bench with 15 minutes remaining in the game. Hogue left the bench, dressed in the locker room and left the arena before the game ended.

"I've never seen that happen before," one Stars player said. "I've seen guys yell at each other, but not a coach actually send a guy off the bench in the middle of a game."

Hogue and Hitchcock have had a couple of meetings the past few weeks and Hitchcock has privately expressed his displeasure with Hogue's inconsistent play.

Wednesday, with the Stars on their first power play of the game and Mike Modano pushing up from the blue line to join the offensive play, Hogue failed to rotate back to cover Modano's defensive position at the point.

Montreal's Vincent Damphousse took advantage as the puck was turned over and he scored on a short-handed breakaway with Hogue helplessly trailing, and the Stars were behind 1-0 at the 7:38 mark of the first period. That mistake continued a trend of yielding the first goal that has plagued the Stars in their past three losses — something that players said has been instrumental in changing the Stars' style of play during the game.



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Dallas Stars left wing Benoit Hogue (33) and Montreal Canadiens right wing Turner Stevenson, left, battle for a loose puck during the first period in Dallas on Wednesday.

"We just can't always be playing from behind," center Joe Nieuwendyk said. "We're not that type of team."

Hogue then saw spotty playing time throughout the first and second periods. After the Stars tied the score with Brent Gilchrist in his place, Hogue broke his stick against the board in disgust and tossed it onto the ice.

Hitchcock yelled, "Why don't you just get the —— out of here?" according to several sources, and Hogue did.

Hitchcock declined to comment on the situation other than to say that Hogue was indeed told to leave the bench and that the situation, as far as he was concerned, is over.

"We have practice" today, the Stars coach said. Where the two go from here is anybody's guess, as the organization under Bob Gainey often has dealt with similar situations by trading the player in question. Brian Bellows was traded in Minnesota after a blowup with Gainey, and Dave Gagner and Russ Courtnall were dealt in Texas when they had disputes with the man who is now the Stars' GM.

Where the Stars as a team go from here is also an interesting question. They are 23-14-3 and in first place in the Central Division, but they also have another big game against the Red Wings on Wednesday at Reunion Arena.

Messier remark worries referee

■ League looks into incident reported by referee, a former policeman, in which he said the Ranger star accused him of having vendetta against Rangers.

By Joe La Pointe
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Don Van Massenhoven, a National Hockey League referee, was formerly a police officer in Ontario.

Bryan Lewis, the league's director of officiating, said Van Massenhoven was deeply concerned about Mark Messier's charge that the referee displayed a "vendetta" against the New York Rangers during Thursday night's 4-3 victory over the New York Islanders at Madison Square Garden.

"Van Massenhoven told me: 'I don't have a vendetta. I don't hold grudges,' " Lewis said Friday by telephone from Toronto after speaking with Van Massenhoven.

"The word vendetta is taken strongly in police language. They don't take it lightly. I've never heard this type of term in our profession. It seems like a heavy term. Don Van Massenhoven is an extremely professional referee."

Messier made his harsh comments after scoring two goals, including the game-winner with 3 minutes and 30 seconds remaining. Van Massenhoven's official report, of the game and of his confrontations with Messier, has been forwarded to league headquarters, Lewis said.

When asked whether Messier would be fined or suspended for his words and actions, Lewis said the decision would be made by Brian Burke, senior vice president of the NHL.

A spokesman said Friday night that the league is "looking into" Messier's comments.

Messier, who leads the Rangers with 22 goals, also won a face-off to set up the tying goal, by Alexander Karpovtsev, at 13:12, as the Rangers extended their recent record to 14-3-1.

Messier earned a game misconduct after the final buzzer for berating Van Massenhoven on the ice and in the corridor behind the benches with a profanity-laced tirade.

"You embarrassed the league!" Messier shouted. In a television interview, Messier said, "The officiating tonight was a disgrace." Later, Messier elaborated, calling for "repercussions" against the referee.

"He brought a personal vendetta," Messier said, adding that he knew no reason for the alleged vendetta. "He let that get the best of him. There were obvious, blatant infractions right in front of him that he decided not to call. It became personal for some reason. The whole system broke down, and I think he should have to answer for that."

Messier was especially angry about a first-period check against his teammate Ulf Samuelsson, who was injured by Travis Green. The infraction, which put Samuelsson out with back spasms, was called a two-minute penalty for boarding. Messier wanted a five-minute major.

"The guy was injured with a hit from behind," Messier said. Referring to Van Massenhoven, he added, "He missed that call and it got worse."

The Rangers said that Samuelsson would play Saturday night against Ottawa at the Garden.

An 18-year veteran who is articulate and passionate about his profession, Messier sometimes makes public statements that seem to be calculated for maximum effect on teammates, Ranger fans, team management and league officials.

In the past, he promised victory in a playoff game against the Devils and urged the team's front office to hire more rugged players to protect the Rangers, one of whom is his close friend Wayne Gretzky.

Messier is extremely protective and supportive of Gretzky. Throughout his brilliant career, Gretzky has been given preferential treatment by officials. But not all the calls have gone Gretzky's way this season.

It might seem to some that Messier's denunciation of Van Massenhoven at midseason was meant to put all referees on notice that they should avoid angering Messier, Gretzky and their mates. Or, perhaps, it was just one player expressing emotion toward one referee after one game.

Lewis said Van Massenhoven told him that he would like to speak with Messier.

"The conversation could be on a street corner," Lewis said, stressing that any such talk would be peaceful.

Will the league arrange such a meeting?

"Have we set it up?" Lewis said. "No."

COVER BOYS

■ They become worn and weathered as readers analyze, compare and comment, but how accurate are recruiting magazines?

By Jill R. Dorson
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Their covers tout the top high school football players. Inside, there are lists upon lists of blue-chip football recruits. At the beginning of each football season, the magazines trickle in, shiny and bright.

As the season progresses, the lists are passed around by players, fans, high school coaches and even college recruiters. The magazines become worn and weathered as readers analyze, compare and comment.

But how accurate or useful are these magazines published by so-called recruiting experts?

"The books are legitimate because they do a great job as far as finding and listing prospective players," said Jack Tayrien, director of football operations at Texas Tech. "I don't worry about the Top 100 or the Fabulous Six or whatever until we look at that youngster and see if he fits our needs. But they do a good job of identifying people."

The magazines specialize in identifying Division I football recruits. In the past several years, such standbys at SuperPrep and Blue Chip Illustrated have been joined by the likes of National Recruiting Advisor, which was founded in 1993 and is based in Austin. There are also a plethora of regional magazines — including Texas Football and Heartland Recruiting — 1-900 telephone lines and fax-on-demand services.

College recruiters say the magazines make the recruiting process easier but should never be relied on completely.

"I don't recruit a guy because he is on the list, and I don't eliminate a guy because he's not on the list," said Keith Burns, the defensive coordinator at Southern California and a graduate of L.D. Bell High School. "Primarily, you have to know what your needs are."

SuperPrep editor Alan Wallace says the market for such magazines has boomed in recent years because of increased interest in the lives and habits of college recruits.

"The reason the recruiting business is so interesting is because of the intrigue," he said. "It's a little like Vegas or the stock market. People say it is so questionable, but they take advice on money from people who are no more qualified. ... It's about people's connection to people, about decisions made by young people that will affect the rest of their lives."

For National Recruiting Advisor managing editor Bobby Burton, who calls himself a "veritable sports fanatic," the magazine gives him an outlet for his interest. Besides writing and editing, Burton travels around the country scouting high school players.

"I've been to 13 states this year looking at players," Burton said. "Obviously Texas is a good place to start because there are more Division I signees in Texas than any other state. But it's one of those deals where no one is absolutely correct."

Burton and Wallace say their publications offer insight into the recruiting process, verification of players' sizes and abilities, and opinions about players' futures. Wallace, who rarely sees players in action, rates recruits based on videotape and evaluations by regional contributors.

"The basic purpose of the magazine was to bring the fan into the world of college recruiting," Wallace said. "But it didn't take long for us to gravitate to the other end of the market: colleges. We did understand that it would be foolish for most colleges to ignore us totally."

The colleges agree. Recruiting magazines and experts validate opinions, delve a little deeper into a recruit's lifestyle and often provide a jumping off point.

"It is really a very good source, and those guys really, from my experiences with them, they are really very diligent and they do a lot of follow-up work," Tayrien said. "And they do have an opportunity that we do not, which is that they can talk to the kids any time and we cannot."

The NCAA limits the amount and kind of contact that recruiters can make, but recruiting services have no such limits.

For players, who pass the magazines and lists around amongst themselves, the additional telephone calls from recruiting services can add to the already large volume of recruiting telephone calls, but the magazines are a source of pride and one-upmanship.

"It's fun to know where you are ranked amongst all the other Texas and (national) high schools," said Arlington Bowie quarterback Vernon Wells III, who has committed to Texas. "I think it puts a cap on your season. I went in knowing I was one of the top athletes in the nation or the state."

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Bobby Burton of Austin, National Recruiting Advisor managing editor, sits in the press box at Texas Stadium prior to the Austin Westlake-Abilene Cooper Class 5A Division II state championship game recently.

Off-track betting big at Lone Star

By Randy Moss
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

GRAND PRAIRIE — Horse racing tracks usually describe it as simulcast wagering, the process of betting on televised races from other locations through the wonders of modern electronics. It is also known as satellite wagering, intertrack wagering, off-track betting, TV betting or teleracing.

But whatever its name, it can be called a smashing success at the Post Time Pavilion.

Through mid-December, the new simulcasting center adjacent to the construction site of Lone Star Park's future grandstand was averaging about $500,000 in daily wagers since opening May 3 in time for the Kentucky Derby, despite competition from football, the state lottery and riverboat casinos across the border in Louisiana.

"They're betting with both hands," Lone Star mutuel manager Don Fontenot said.

With the product of as many as 12 national tracks beamed in daily, the Post Time Pavilion's racing-on-television has actually surpassed on-track averages for live racing at other state tracks, Sam Houston Race Park in Houston and Retama Park in San Antonio. Its numbers also compare favorably with simulcasts at established national racetracks such as Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., and Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark.

Churchill Downs' acclaimed Sports Spectrum simulcasting facility — at Louisville Downs, the remodeled former harness track — is averaging about $550,000 this year. Oaklawn's on-track simulcasts are doing about $320,000 daily despite operating five days a week, compared with Lone Star's six days.

The Post Time Pavilion's success has validated the insistence of track and civic officials — over the concerns of some state racing commissioners — that a season of simulcasting before Lone Star's live thoroughbred racing was vitally important to the track's future.

Simulcasting has given the new track at least $5 million extra for construction, an estimated $3 million for purses next year, and a chance to offer a racing education to fans and employees.

"I'm glad we pursued it like we did," Grand Prairie Mayor Charles England said. "We were optimistic it would be a winner, but I don't think any of us had any idea it would have the success it has had. I'm just glad we hung in there and got the racing commission to approve it."

Of course, the Lone Star simulcast phenomenon can be partly explained because many Lone Star bettors didn't need much of an education. They had already been to school at nearby tracks such as Louisiana Downs, Remington Park, Oaklawn, and, lately, Trinity Meadows Raceway.

When the Post Time Pavilion opened, per capita betting was an immediate $200. That soon climbed to $250, where it has remained since, with an occasional foray into the $300 region on big days.

And on Dec. 15, eight bettors accounted for about $14,000 in handle at the Pavilion's VIP room, where the biggest home-run swingers are given red carpet treatment with amenities such as meals and sports tickets.

"They're running a first-class operation out there," said David Hulkewicz of McKinney, a collection agency owner who also has a small stable of racehorses and gambles recreationally. "It looks a lot more like the Las Vegas-racebook style than most of the places I've visited, and the comfort for the horseplayer is outstanding."

The occasional complaints from customers usually involve overcrowding, and, among serious bettors, a lack of information about upcoming carryover pools at various tracks.

The Pavilion features 175 TV monitors, including two giant 6-by-8-foot video screens and electronic message boards for the quick dissemination of racing information. Simulcast-goers seem to prefer the betting-carrel seating at both ends of the 36,000-square-foot building, of which more than 250 are available, about half with personal 9-inch televisions.

The facility is open Wednesday through Monday for both afternoon and evening simulcasts, and can handle up to eight racetrack signals simultaneously.

Lone Star contracts with numerous U.S. racetracks to televise their races, for fees averaging about 3.3 percent of total betting. The races are picked up on four satellite dishes, digitally decoded with special equipment, and channeled to various monitors for public viewing. Each track is assigned its own TV channel each day, and the video wall's jumbo screens are used for a closeup look at whatever race is in progress.

Additionally, Lone Star has a high-speed telephone modem connection to each host track so that wagers made here can be immediately transferred and commingled with on-track betting pools.

So far, local horseplayers have beaten the game at Sam Houston, Retama, and, surprisingly, Saratoga. They're about even at betting Del Mar, Pimlico and Fair Grounds, but have done poorly at Arlington International, Churchill Downs, Belmont, Evangeline Downs, The Meadowlands and Turfway Park.

Simulcasts will continue even during Lone Star's live season, scheduled to begin April 17. The most devoted fans will be able to watch and wager on simulcast races on weekday afternoons, then take in Lone Star's 6:30 p.m. cards.

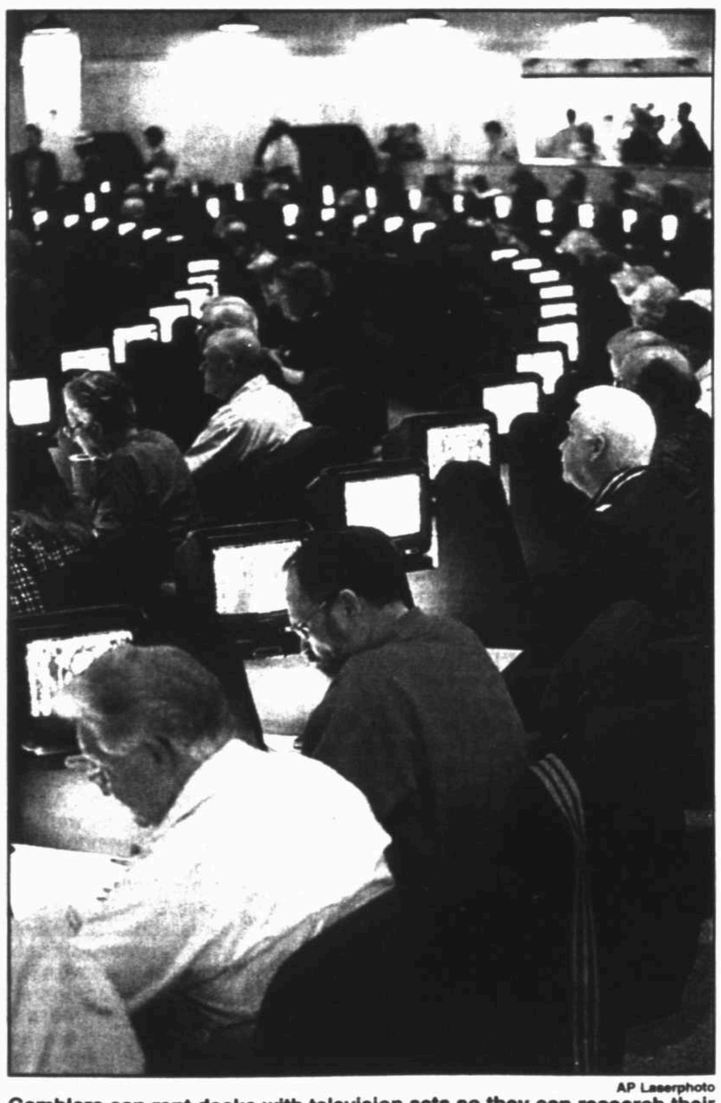
And if its live season goes as well as the simulcasts, Lone Star could quickly become a national player in the sport. Before signing on with Lone Star, Fontenot experienced simulcast wagering at racetracks such as Remington Park, Retama Park and Evangeline Downs.

But he said he hasn't seen anything quite like this.

"People aren't afraid to take a gamble here, and it seems like there's so much available cash for entertainment," he said. "We've got a strong core base who just really hammer the simulcasts, to be honest with you. It's amazing. "But this is Texas, and people do it up big in Texas."

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Gamblers can rent desks with television sets so they can research their bets at the Post Time Pavilion at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie.

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Jan. 5

1964 — Keith Lincoln of the San Diego Chargers rushes for 206 yards in 13 carries, catches seven passes for 123 yards, completes one pass for 20 and scores two touchdowns in a 51-10 rout of the Boston Patriots for the AFL title.

1983 — Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky scores his 100th point of the season with an assist in the Oilers' 8-3 triumph over the Winnipeg Jets. It was Gretzky's 42nd game.

1991 — Kevin Bradshaw of U.S. International scores 72 points to break Pete Maravich's NCAA Division I single-game scoring record of 69, but Loyola Marymount sets an NCAA team scoring record in defeating the Gulls 186-140.

Jan. 6

1980 — The Pittsburgh Steelers advance to their fourth Super Bowl appearance since 1974 by eliminating the Houston Oilers for the second consecutive year with a 27-13 triumph in the AFC title game.

1985 — Dan Marino passes for a record 421 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Miami Dolphins to a 45-28 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC championship game.

Jan. 7

1920 — Joe Malone of Quebec scores two goals to become the NHL's all-time leading scorer with 59 and leads the Bulldogs to a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Arenas.

1925 — Harry Broadbent of the Montreal Maroons scores five goals in a 6-2 triumph over Hamilton.

1972 — The Los Angeles Lakers defeat the Atlanta Hawks 134-90 for their 33rd straight victory, an NBA record.

1979 — The Pittsburgh Steelers win their third AFC championship by beating the Houston Oilers 34-5 in a cold, steady rain at Three Rivers Stadium.

1981 — Marcel Dionne of the Los Angeles Kings scores his 1,000th point with a goal in a 5-3 triumph over the Hartford Whalers.

1987 — Gary Bossert of Niagara sets an NCAA record by hitting 12 of 14 three-point shots, including 11 straight, against Siena.

Jan. 8

1972 — The NCAA announces freshmen will be eligible to play on varsity football and basketball teams starting in the fall.

1984 — The Executive Committee of the NCAA votes to expand the championship basketball field to 64 teams starting in 1985.

1984 — Bengt Gustafsson of the Washington Capitals scores five goals in a 7-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

Jan. 9

1942 — Joe Louis knocks out Buddy Baer with four seconds left in the first round at Madison Square Garden in New York to retain the world heavyweight title.

1977 — Oakland wins their first NFL Championship and the Minnesota Vikings drop their fourth Super Bowl as the Raiders post a 32-14 triumph.

1988 — Anthony Carter catches 10 passes for an NFL postseason-record 227 yards to lead the Minnesota Vikings to a 36-24 victory over the San Francisco 49ers and advanced to the NFC title game.

Jan. 10

1972 — The longest winning streak in major professional sports is snapped when the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Los Angeles Lakers 120-104. The Lakers had won 33 straight, but Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 39 points gave Los Angeles their first loss since Oct. 31.

1980 — Goaltender Jim Stewart, playing in his first and only game with the Boston Bruins, gives up three goals in the first four minutes of the game and a total of five in the first period. He's replaced and never plays in the NHL again.

1982 — Joe Montana's third touchdown pass of the game, a 6-yarder to Dwight Clark, with 51 seconds remaining, lifts the San Francisco 49ers to 28-27 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC title game.

Jan. 11

1970 — The AFL wins its second straight Super Bowl as the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Minnesota Vikings 23-7 behind Len Dawson's superb quarterbacking and Jan Stenerud's three field goals.

1973 — The American League adopts the designated hitter rule.

1981 — Jim Plunkett completes 14 of 18 passes for 261 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Oakland Raiders to 34-27 victory over the San Diego Chargers and becomes the first AFC wild card team to advance to the Super Bowl.

1984 — The Denver Nuggets beats the San Antonio Spurs 163-155 in the highest scoring regulation-length NBA game.

1987 — Denver's John Elway leads the Broncos to a 23-20 overtime victory over the Cleveland Browns to win the AFC Championship. Elway capped 15-play, 98-yard march with a 5-yard TD pass to Mark Jackson to tie the game with 37 seconds remaining. Rich Karlis kicks a 33-yard field goal in overtime to give Denver the victory.

Quotebook
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Compiled by Melissa Murphy

"Y'all want us kissin? I don't think he'll kiss me." — **Florida State coach Bobby Bowden**, posing with Florida coach Steve Spurrier and the national championship trophy before the Sugar Bowl game.

"They just beat us at every part of the game. They kept us pinned down the whole night." — **Bowden**, after the Seminoles lost to Florida 52-20 in the Sugar Bowl.

"God has smiled on the Gators, no question about it. Texas did what they had to do and then Ohio State did it." — **Spurrier**, on the road to the national championship.

"It's just a Cinderella story for a guy like Joe to be raised in Mesa, and apparently wasn't offered a scholarship out there, and came back and won the big one today." — **Ohio State coach John Cooper**, on quarterback Joe Germaine, who was recruited by ASU at defensive back and led the Buckeyes to a 20-17 Rose Bowl win against Arizona State.

"Joe was really calm. You can just look (in) his eyes. You can see the determination. He knew we were going to win this game." — **Ohio State offensive lineman Orlando Pace**, on Germaine's winning 5-yard touchdown pass with 19 seconds left in the Rose Bowl.

"I would have liked to have a couple of ticks left and get into range for a field goal. But (Ohio State) just played great." — **Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer**, whose 11-yard, broken-field touchdown run gave the Sun Devils a 17-14 lead with 1:40 left.

"I'm ... looking forward to seeing how you guys go rewrite, reprint, rerun all these things about what happened Sunday night when you find out that I wasn't even at Erik's house." — Cowboys star receiver Michael Irvin, on reports of a woman accusing teammate Erik Williams of sexual assault and Irvin of holding a gun to her head during the alleged incident at Williams' home.

"I've been falsely accused of something that I didn't do and I'm looking forward to the truth to come out as soon as possible." — Erik Williams, accused of sexually assaulting a woman in his home.

"It seems like this is a different era. It just seems like the players can do whatever they want." — **Tom Landry**, former Dallas coach, on the spate of allegations against Cowboys players in recent years.

"The bottom line is, sometimes you have to play with a little pain. This is not badminton; it's football." — **Green Bay quarterback and league MVP Brett Favre**, who took a career-high 40 sacks and relied on non-narcotics to cope with injuries this season.

"I remember when I came back from the Menninger Clinic I said, 'Look, you guys can say what you want to say, but if you don't believe in me, lay your money on the line and bet against me.' And I meant it. I firmly believed that I was going to come out and play well this year." — **Favre**, who spent 46 days at a drug rehab center in the offseason to kick his addiction to the painkiller vicodin.

"You'd think we only had one rival, Utah. But week in and week out, wherever we go, they hate us. We go to Hawaii, they hate us. We go to San Diego, they hate us. We play Wyoming, they hate us. New Mexico hates us. I'm sure it won't take long for TCU and SMU to hate us, too," — **BYU quarterback Steve Sarkisian.**

"The guys really fought their way back into the game and I blew it for them with some dumb mistakes. I was trying to do too much." — **Indiana guard Reggie Miller**, who was 1-for-3 with three turnovers in the Nets 110-102 overtime victory.

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Notebook

Woods to play in mother's homeland for first time

By Ron Sirak
Associated Press Golf Writer

Tiger Woods will play in Thailand for the first time as a professional in February, squeezing in a trip to his mother's homeland right after the Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Woods first played in Thailand at the Johnnie Walker Classic in 1994, making the cut at 18 years of age.

This time Woods will be returning as one of the most widely known athletes in the world and as a local hero of sorts since his mother, Kultida, is from Thailand.

The trip to Thailand pretty much takes care of Woods' schedule for the first two months of the years. He'll play the Mercedes Championships Jan. 9-12, the Phoenix Open on Jan. 23-26, Pebble Beach the following week and then Thailand.

He'll likely then take a couple of weeks off and pick up the tour in Florida, where he lives.

Faldo File

Nick Faldo was turned down in his attempt to rescue a stunning golf course on the northwest coast of Ireland, but may get a second shot at it in a special meeting early in the year.

Faldo offered to pay off the nearly $1 million in debts owed by the village golf club at Ballyliffin on the Innishowen Peninsula in County Donegal.

The Masters champion found the beautiful course on the rugged coast while on vacation and offered to pay off all the debts and build a showpiece clubhouse in return for taking control of all commercial rights under a lease running to the year 2030.

The club's ruling council turned him down because they feared the deal would mean surrendering control of the course even though the proposal prepared by Faldo's business team claimed to guarantee the rights of the 960 members.

But the council has now called for a rare general meeting of the membership to examine the plan themselves. It's expected to take place within the next six weeks.

Chip Shots

The PGA Tour is going on online. A website with information concerning the PGA Tour, Senior PGA Tour and Nike Tour will debut on Jan. 8. Helen Ross, a veteran golf writer at the Greensboro News & Record in North Carolina was hired as Internet manager. The site will be accessed at pgatour.com. ... The PGA of America had to wait to get access to PGA as an Internet site until the Potato Growers Association would give it up. ... Frank Nobilo, the dashing European Tour member from New Zealand with the well-trimmed beard, is joining the PGA Tour in 1997. Nobilo, 36, finished 81st on the money list in 1996, earning $282,292 in only nine tournaments, including a fourth-place finish at the Masters. He has eight victories overseas. ... Jumbo Ozaki won more official money than any other golfer in the world in 1996, earning $1,944,034. Tom Lehman was second on the international money list with $1,789,304. ... Brad Faxon set a PGA Tour record for most money won without a victory — $1,055,050. ... The PGA Tour Policy Board ratified new slow-play guidelines. A player is fined $1,000 for his first two warnings and receives a one-stroke penalty for the third violation. A fourth violation brings a two-stroke penalty and a fifth results in disqualification. ... All corporate hospitality tents are sold for the PGA Championship Aug. 11-17 at Winged Foot, near New York City. Season tickets ($225), Wanamaker Club tickets ($300) and single-day tickets ($30-$60) are still available by calling 1-800-742-8248. ... The PGA Championship is looking for volunteers for the 1997 tournament. Call (914) 777-1997 for information.

Golf Glance

By John Nicholson
Associated Press Writer

Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf

Site: Scottsdale, Ariz.
Dates: Final round today.
Course: Grayhawk Golf Club, Talon Course (7,001 yards, par 72).
Purse: $3.65 million.
Winner's share: $1 million.
Television: ABC (Today, 1-5 p.m. CST).
Format: Match play (semifinals, 18 holes; final, 36 holes).
Tournament entries: Greg Norman, Australia; Hisayuki Sasaki, Japan; Scott Hoch, United States; Sam Torrance, Scotland.
Last season: England's Barry Lane won the inaugural competition, beating South Africa's David Frost 2-up in the 36-hole final. Lane beat American Mark McCumber 2-up in the semifinals.
Notes: Norman won the International title in late July at Kohler, Wis., beating Craig Parry, Steve Elkington and Frost. The Australian star won the PGA Tour's Doral-Ryder Open in March and added his fifth Australian Open title in November. ... Hoch, the Michelob Championship winner, beat Tom Lehman, McCumber and Lee Janzen in the U.S. section ... Torrance, an eight-time Ryder Cup player, beat Colin Montgomerie in the European final. ... The PGA Tour seasons opens Jan. 9-12 with the Mercedes Championships at La Costa in Carlsbad, Calif.

Turf specialist honored

Staff Report

FAR HILLS, N.J. — The USGA announced it will recognize Dr. Paul Rieke, a researcher, teacher and state turfgrass extension specialist at Michigan State University, with the 1997 USGA Green Section Award.

The annual honor, given by a distinguished panel of experts, recognizes persons for distinguished contributions to the game of golf through work with turfgrass. It will be presented to Rieke in February at the annual conference of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) in Las Vegas, Nev.

"Receiving this award was such a surprise," Rieke said. "I am highly honored to accept this award and flattered that my peers felt I was worth of this recognition. I am grateful to have been considered in light of the number of people who contribute in this area."

Rieke, who has a doctorate in soil chemistry from Michigan State, has a record of service to the turfgrass industry that is extensive. In 1996 he received the Distinguished Service Award from GCSAA.

Those who wrote in support of Rieke's nomination praised his work in the area of teaching. He has taught more than 1,000 undergraduates in the fields of turfgrass management and soil science, many of whom have gone on to prominent position as golf course superintendents, academicians, industry leaders and agronomists for the USGA Green Section.

Rieke has taught a plan nutrition/soil fedility workshop to golf course superintendents for 24 years in conjuction with the GCSAA, a program that has reached more than 1,600 superintendents in more than 30 countries.

New year, another shot

Best thing about game is second chance

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

One of the best things about golf is that there is always another shot, another hole, another nine and another day. Just one perfectly struck shot creates the illusion that all shots can be hit just as sweetly.

■ On the Fringe

And this is the season where the true golfer can escalate the fantasy of perfection to another level. It's time to start thinking about the ultimate back nine — another year.

Some thoughts, wishes and resolutions for some people in golf:

For Ryder Cup captain Tom Kite a victorious trip to Spain in September and for Seve Ballesteros the chance to play one last Ryder Cup in his homeland.

Tom Watson deserves one more victory, this one in the PGA Championship making him the fifth player to complete the career grand slam.

Speaking of deserving one more victory, Nancy Lopez, who turns 40 the first week of January, hasn't won in almost four years. Go get one, Nancy.

And Paul Azinger hasn't won since the 1993 PGA Championship, right before he was diagnosed with cancer. Make the comeback complete this year, Zinger.

Here's hoping that John Daly toasts the New Year with an alcohol-free beverage and stays straight enough to celebrate another sober victory.

And here's hoping that Tiger Woods lives up to his promise and doesn't forget where he came from.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Annika Sorenstam did what no woman has done and won her third consecutive U.S. Open. And wouldn't it be great if it gets the attention it deserves.

Here's wishing many more years of robust health to Sam Snead, Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson — all 85 in 1997 — and Gene Sarazen, who turns 95 on Feb. 27.

Phil Mickelson worked his way East in 1996 with victories in Texas and Ohio, winning on this side of the Rockies for the first time. His next victory will be his 10th and he won't be 27 until June 16, the day after the U.S. Open ends. That would make a nice present.

Perhaps the only thing better would be Davis Love III once again coming to the final hole of the U.S. Open on Father's Day with a chance to win — and this time winning.



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New Year's resolution: Here's hoping Tiger Woods lives up to his promise and doesn't forget where he came from.

Let Jack Nicklaus make the cut in his 41st consecutive U.S. Open and walk to the 18th green on Sunday at Congressional Country Club to the tumultuous ovation he deserves.

Let the competitive heart and constant compassion of Arnold Palmer be copied and shared with every professional athlete everywhere as an example of how someone can become a living legend and never lose his sense of decency.

Steve Stricker deserves recognition in 1997 as one of the best players on the PGA Tour.

Here's hoping caddies get to wear shorts the next time it is 90 degrees with 90 percent humidity at a major championship.

And here's hoping Karrie Webb builds on her remarkable rookie year in which she became the first woman to win $1 million playing golf.

If Jim Ritts does as much in his second year as commissioner of the LPGA as he did in his first he will be a strong candidate for sportsman of the year honors.

Here's hoping Nike uses Tiger Woods for all the right reasons and that IMG rises to the challenge of guarding the scared trust it has in representing the most significant athlete in decades.

And here's hoping that 19-year-old Kelli Kuehne doesn't regret turning pro after LPGA qualifying school, limiting her to only four tournaments on sponsor exemptions in 1997.

May Tim Finchem succeed in his goal to make the leading money on the PGA Tour earn more than an average baseball player. Like Ritts, this commissioner is the right man in the right place at the right time. And may Laura Davies be recognized for her all-around wonderful game and not just her entertaining power.

Tom Lehman's climb to the top is truly one of the inspiring stories in golf. Here's hoping he gets a couple of more rungs up the ladder.

Here's hoping that Nick Faldo wins a U.S. Open or a PGA Championship so that the full accomplishment of his three Masters and three British Open titles will be recognized.

And here's hoping Greg Norman wins one more major championship. Say what you will, he deserves it both as a player and as a person.

And finally, here's hoping that every tournament comes down to the last putt, that the game remains the only sport in which cheating is not part of the plan, and that everyone who plays the game hits it on the sweet spot enough times to keep alive the dream that the next round will be the best ever.

Happy New Year.

1997 will be real test for Norman

By Bill Huffman
N.Y. Times News Service

PHOENIX — Upon arriving in the Valley of the Sun this week for the first time in 10 years, Greg Norman did which of the following:

A. Took a tour of Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, where he plans to earn a quick $1 million this weekend in the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf;

B. Visited his old buddy Paul Hospenthal at the Desert Institute of Physical Therapy, also in Scottsdale, to get some relief for his aching back that has plagued him since the TOUR Championship in late October;

C. Joined several friends for an evening at the Improv Comedy Club in Tempe. Norman needed a few laughs after what he'd been through in 1996;

D. All of the above.

If you answered "D," you get an A. You will also want to brace yourself for more Great White Shark sightings this weekend at Grayhawk. Would winning the 'Andy' make up for Norman's collapse last spring in The Masters, where he blew a 6-shot lead on the final day to Nick Faldo?

Hardly, said the swashbuckling Australian, who reminds one of a combination of several of his countrymen — Mel Gibson in the looks department; media mogul Rupert Murdoch in the empire-building department; and Crocodile Dundee in the way he handles each adventure with a laugh and a smile.

"I guess losing The Masters wasn't the way I would have liked to have had it," Norman said during a teleconference for this weekend's tournament. "But that happened. It didn't change my life one bit with the way I approach the game.

"I am going to go toward (this year's) Masters like I would have any other Masters irrespective of what happened (last year). So, I learned a lot from The Masters. It changed me in a dramatic way."

Whether "Stormin' Norman" actually has altered his attitude remains to be seen. The truth is, his collapse may have changed others' opinions of him more radically than vice versa.

The media certainly got a different view of Norman, when after the "Great White Shock" he reported to The Masters' media room and promptly announced, "I played like (expletive), fellas."

No tears. No excuses. Just a straightforward answer to what happened on the final day, when the Shark beached himself with a 78, and Faldo won by 5 shots. Reporters, generally a hardened lot, were moved by his sincerity.

Even more important to Norman, who has made a career out of losing major championships (eight and counting), was the reaction from the fans. He said he was taken aback by the cards and letters of sympathy.

"Even to this day, I speak to individuals who talk to me about the effect it has on them, their life and their families, the way I handled The Masters," Norman said. "So, those types of things are very positive."

Besides, all of Norman's near misses in the majors are not necessarily a negative thing. After all, if he wasn't such a great player, he never would have had the chance to win those coveted titles in the first place.

And don't forget that on two occasions, Norman did prevail, winning the 1986 and '93 British Opens. All totaled, he has 18 PGA Tour victories, as well as 52 other wins around the world. Outside of Arnold Palmer, Norman is the wealthiest player in the game, being the all-time leading money winner on the PGA Tour ($10.5 million) as well as on the PGA Tour of Australia ($2 million).

Everyone talks about Tiger Woods' $43 million contract with Nike, but Norman picked up a pretty penny several years ago when he sold his stock in Cobra Golf for nearly the same astronomical amount.

Those big bucks have allowed Norman to buy yachts, jets and supersleek sports cars. It also has helped him gain the necessary status it takes to tee it up with such dignitaries as President Clinton, which he did after Clinton's re-election.

But at age 41, how much longer can Norman remain at the top of golf's heap? Apparently, quite a while. The Shark said he still has the bite it takes to win championships.

"I have a long ways to go," he said. "I have always said my best golf is going to be in my 40s. So, I am going to enjoy it."

Whether he will enjoy Grayhawk's Talon course this weekend is another question. No doubt someone, at least by now, has told him that the superfast tract was designed by Gary Panks and David Graham.

That's right, the same David Graham that Norman had been accused of ousting from the role of captain on the International team at last year's President's Cup. The incident has been well-chronicled, and Norman has insisted on numerous occasions that he was no Brutus.

Not that Norman hasn't found himself involved in controversy before. Who can forget that ugly incident in 1995 at the World Series of Golf, where Norman accused Mark McCumber, a semifinalist in last year's Andersen Consulting, of tapping down spike marks?

But that's just Greg Norman. He has a flair for the dramatic, and for playing great golf. When he's on, which he was during the Doral Ryder Open, his only win in '96, no one hits it from tee to green quite as sweetly.

Norman may not even have to play his best to beat the little-known Sasaki in the semifinals; but it should take a solid effort against either Hoch or Torrance.

What is his game plan?

"The only time the game plan changes (in match play) is if you are way ahead or way behind," he said. "If it is a close match, you're playing shot for shot, you are playing your own shots and not trying to compare with what he is doing."

And his aching back?

"It's not an injury. It gets worn out just from wear and tear, and from hard use without resting it," Norman said. "But that's why I plan to give it a three-month break."

So the Andersen comes down to the only shot Norman will get at a victory until he starts his official 1997 campaign at Doral.

"It is going to be interesting to see basically how your mind-set is going into the tournament just for the weekend," Norman said of the unique, two-day showdown. "That is the interesting factor that I will have to deal with.

"But, of course, any win is a good win, and to win the Andersen Consulting would be a feather in my cap, or to anyone who does it."

Equitable Stroke Control Procedure

Course Handicap	Maximum number that can be posted		
	Par 3	Par 4	Par 5
9 or less	5	6	7
10-19	6	7	8
20-29	7	8	9
30-39	8	9	9
40+	9	10	10

For more information on the USGA Handicap System, please call the USGA at (908) 234-2300.

USGA to test stroke control procedure

Staff Report

FAR HILLS, N.J. — The United States Golf Association announced recently it will work with selected state golf associations to test a new modified par-based Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) procedure in 1997. ESC sets a maximum score that can be posted on golf holes to make USGA handicap indexes more representative of a player's potential ability.

Since 1993, golfers, have expressed opinions to the USGA, golf clubs and golf associations that the current ESC procedure should permit a single-digit course handicap player to post a double bogey on a par-5 because it is a common occurrence. However, it was suggested that those low handicappers not post a triple bogey on a par-3, because that is a rare occurrence.

The USGA said the implementation of the test procedure is expected to raise the handicap index of the single-digit players only an average of .15 strokes, while lowering the index of high handicap players by the same amount. Players of average ability (10-19 handicaps) should experience no change.

The USGA has authorized up to 12 golf associations, including ones in Southern California, Massachusetts and Wisconsin, to test this procedure in 1997. If by mid-year the results of that test indicate that a change is warranted, the USGA said it may decide to officially implement the change as of Jan. 1, 1998, in the USGA Handicap System manual.

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Surviving in the mountains: It's tough in winter

By Tom Stienstra
San Francisco Examiner

SAN FRANCISCO — Mountains wait for you to make a mistake. Then if you do, you will pay for it.

When trapped in a winter blizzard, the difference between survival without injury and a frost-covered death can lie in something as small as having remembered to pack a Power Bar and plastic bottle of water.

Recently, two parties were lost in mountain blizzards. Race car driver Bobby Unser and a friend survived by building a snow cave and hunkering down until the horrific storm finally passed their area of Colorado. But San Francisco developer James Augustino, 48, perished in the same storm, 5 miles from Donner Summit.

Though the snow cave Augustino and his 18-year-old son, Harley, built as a shelter was a good one, according to the search-and-rescue team, somewhere along the way Augustino got wet, and the mountain would not forgive. He died of exposure.

That is why a detailed weather report is mandatory. Every newscast out last week was predicting a mammoth storm, and when the brunt of it hit Friday night at Tahoe, nobody should have been surprised. But they were because they were not prepared.

Being prepared begins with wearing the right stuff. Whatever is next to your skin should keep moisture away from your body. The next layer or two should keep you warm. The top layer should keep you dry.

And in the winter, regardless of whether hiking or cross-country skiing, one should always carry a small pack filled with essentials.

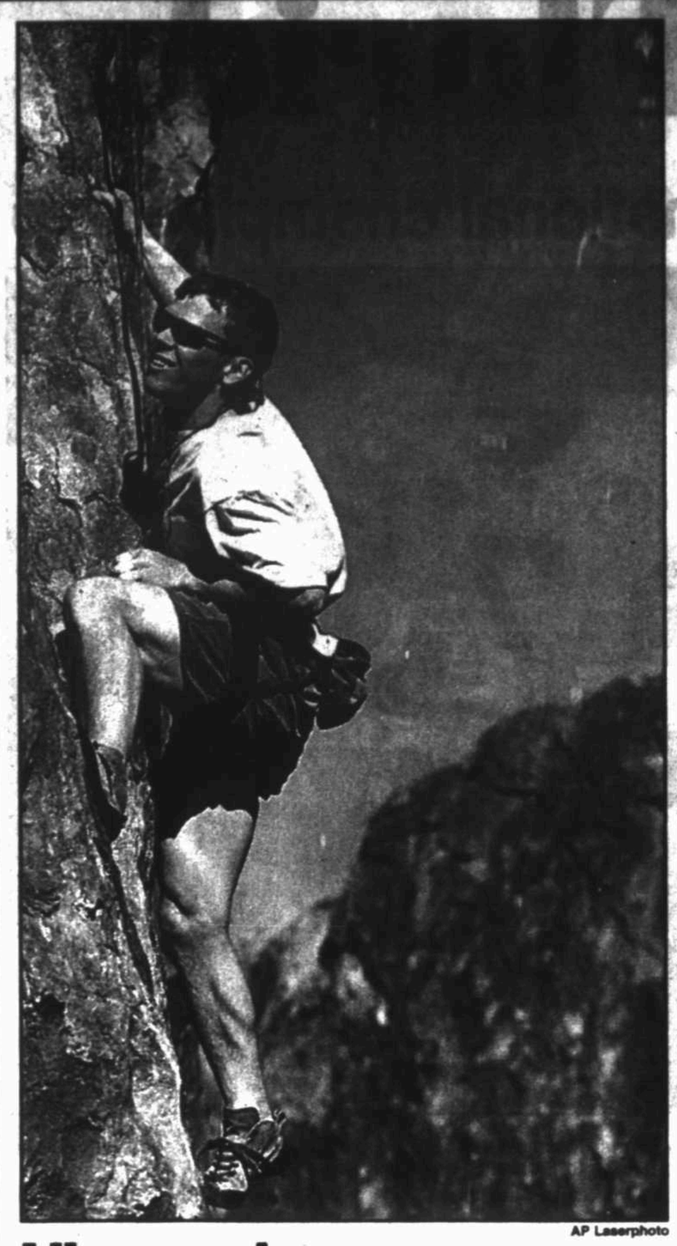
That starts with first-class foul weather gear — the top layer — because you simply must never get wet. It includes food such as energy bars, jerky, trail mix and, of course, water, at least eight ounces, and preferably a two-quart canteen filled to the brim.

If you do not have water, do not suck on snow. It takes more of your body's energy to melt snow than drinking the resulting water provides. Instead, find a water source other than snow. I also carry a lightweight space blanket to provide emergency warmth, a lightweight flashlight, a lighter and toilet paper.

A lighter is a better item than matches for a safety kit because your hands can stop working in the cold, and you can still make the lighter work. You should also have some directional equipment, including a good map, a compass and, in the mountains, a watch that provides elevation and barometric pressure. Practice in clear weather so you know how to use them.

Even properly outfitted and equipped, always file a trip plan with somebody, just as pilots do before departing on cross-country flights, so if you need to be rescued, people will know where to look. Always have dry, warm clothes waiting in your vehicle, as well as an emergency sleeping bag and reserve food and water. A cell phone is also a good idea and has resulted in many mountain rescues and lives saved in recent years.

If you do get lost in the snow, you can usually find your way back by simply following your footprints or ski tracks. If you have to spend the night out, a deep snow cave can allow you to survive.



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Like a rock...

Graham Hill, from New Orleans, La., climbs up the side of Mushroom Rock at Hueco Tanks State Park near El Paso recently. Hueco Tanks is one of the most popular winter rock climbing areas in the United States.

'The Streak' prevails on slopes

By Barbara Lloyd
N.Y. Times News Service

For Paul Schipper, a retired airline pilot, skiing has become life's sweet obsession. How else to explain The Streak, a 15-year stretch that as of Friday adds up to a whopping 2,600 consecutive ski days on the slopes of Sugarloaf, Maine?

"When it started, I just said to myself that I was going to ski all season," said the 73-year-old Schipper. "But now I just want to go on as long as I can. I'd hate to have stopped, and then say, 'Jeez, I could have gone on longer.' "

The Streak, which so far has gone unchallenged in skiing, has been compared to Lou Gehrig's 2,130-game baseball streak that went unbroken for 56 years until Cal Ripken surpassed the game count in 1995. Ripken will enter the 1997 season with 2,315. Schipper's quest is further evidence that such strings of longevity are hard to come by in any sport.

So consumed is he by his daily winter routine, that Schipper rearranges life to fit around the skiing. When his son graduated from college nine years ago, Schipper went to the graduation in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. But he was back at Sugarloaf in time for two moonlit runs that night.

Through the generosity of slope workers, Schipper rode a snow-grooming machine up the mountain. "I met them at the base of the lodge, then we went up and figured out a good spot to start off," he said. "I skied down in front of the headlights. It was bright enough — a beautiful night — and the best part was there was no traffic."

On other days, he skis in the morning, then runs errands or tends to appointments in the afternoon for himself and his wife, Christine. Schipper owned and operated an inn at Sugarloaf — the Lumberjack Lodge — from 1979 until last year.

His age, which would seem to be a good reason for calling an end to The Streak, is less of a factor than medical considerations. But for Schipper, a wiry former fighter pilot, neither are deterrents.

"We don't think of him as an old man," said Nancy Marshall, a Sugarloaf spokeswoman who has tracked Schipper's dogged determination through wind, sleet and snow storm. "I think It's like the fountain of youth in him."

Most assuredly, there have been hills to climb on his road to ski-slope fame. In the 1992-93 season, Schipper was told that he needed to have a kidney removed because of cancer. He asked if doctors might wait until after the ski season. They did. He was operated on in June 1993.

And then in 1995, he needed triple-bypass heart surgery to repair an aorta that first required surgery in 1969. Much of the trouble seems to have stemmed from a heart aneurysm that developed years after an airline accident in 1961.

A fire at the time in the cockpit of the commercial airliner he was about to fly prompted Schipper to take a nose dive out the cockpit window onto the airport tarmac. In the fall, he broke his neck, both wrists and sternum.

Dr. Felix Hernandez, the physician from Bangor, Maine, who performed open-heart surgery on Schipper last year, said recently that it never occurred to him to ask his patient to stop skiing.

"I told him the operation would be extremely risky," Hernandez said. "But he just sat there and winked at me, and said, 'We'd better get going because ski season is coming.' "

The operation was a success, and Schipper was back on the slopes for Sugarloaf's opening on Oct. 30, 1995. "His skiing has a lot to do with his being so healthy," added Hernandez. "He's not a couch potato. If you took his skiing away, it'd kill him."

Schipper concedes that the sport keeps him going. But on days when the wind is stirring a pot of bitter wind-chill, he would rather keep his runs brief. Several years ago, a minus-70-degree cold snap forced him onto the kids' lift, which was the only chair running that day.

At other times, he says he could ski forever. "I remember days when I didn't even want to go home," Schipper said. "You tend to get about 10 or 12 of those a year."

Schipper has become a local celebrity to both adults and children at Sugarloaf, but he keeps his popularity in perspective.

"I was talking to one of the fathers," Schipper said. "He was really impressed with The Streak, and was explaining to his son who I was. The father introduced us, and the kid just looked up at me and said, 'Why?' "

Good book helps indoor time fly by

By Tony Chamberlain
The Boston Globe

■ Column

So you broke your fibula on that last ski trip, you've finished cleaning, oiling and storing all your boat and fishing gear, there's nothing on TV and your brain is slowly acquiring web-rot from surfing the Internet? For you, Mr. Outdoorsman, there is nothing but nothing left to do this winter?

Which does bring to mind that ancient and honorable world of books, and the especially rich tradition of outdoor literature that split off from the naturalism of Thoreau and Muir and became the sports writing of Hemingway and Zane Gray.

I am one of those readers who looks back. Probably a bad habit, but more often than reading the newest and latest stuff off the presses, I go back and reread what has taught and delighted me before.

So if you're stuck in the old Lazy-E-Boy this winter and are about to amass the first stack of golden oldies in outdoor writing, I offer some choices from my bookshelf.

—Hemingway, in fact, is the wellspring from whence all modern outdoor writers spring. Not that there was not fine nature and sportsman writing before him, but in the early 1920s when he published "In Our Time" Hemingway had raised writing about such simple pleasures as fishing and rowing a boat to high art. Generations of young writers would become infected by that lean simple prose that belies his huge and complex vision.

"Big Two-Hearted River (1 and 2) shows the young writer himself, in the person of Nick Adams, hiking alone deep into the hill country around Lake Superior for a camping and trout-fishing trip. If there is a better trout-fishing story in the English language I have missed it. Here is the account of a trout Nick hooked after casting a grasshopper over a weedy bend in the river.

"Holding the rod far out toward the uprooted tree and sloshing backward in the current Nick worked the trout, plunging, the rod bending alive, out of the danger of the weeds, into the open river. Holding the rod, pumping alive against the current, Nick brought the trout in. He rushed but always came, the spring of the rod yielding to the rushes, sometimes jerking under water, but always bringing him in. Nick eased downstream with the rushes. The rod above his head he led the trout over the net, then lifted."

—John Muir, the mid-19th century naturalist is a wildlife writer who founded The Sierra Club. For this, he gets mixed reviews from organized sportsmen who have been misinterpreting his essay on the "Rights of Animals" ever since Muir wrote it.

Though he does not write hook 'n' bullet stuff, Muir's writing about animals and wild places is as good as it gets. Here is his encounter with a brown bear.

"In my first interview with a Sierra bear, we were frightened and embarrassed, both of us, but the bear's behavior was better than mine. ..I was concealed behind a tree on the side of it. After studying his appearance as he stood at rest I rushed toward him to frighten him, that I might study his gait in running. But, contrary to all I had heard about the shyness of bears, he did not run at all; and when I stopped short within a few steps of him, as he held his ground in a fighting attitude, my mistake was monstrously plain. I was then put on my good behavior and never afterward forgot the right manners in the wilderness."

—Think what you will of him as a president, Jimmy Carter is one fine outdoor writer. In his "An Outdoor Journal", Carter describes a trout fishing experience: "The fish and I struggled for every inch of line as I tried to keep the pressure strong but steady. Once, when I gave the rod an extra tug, way down the river a big fish leaped. I could hardly believe this was my fish, so far away almost out of sight. Practically all of my 150-yards of backing was gone, and the outcome...was becoming quite clear."

—William G. Taply (son of H.G.) has a really nice book out that gets to the heart of that elusive father-son thing that remains so fundamental to outdoor sports. Told in "Those Hours Spent Outdoors" here is the account of a son's first woodcock, shot while hunting with his dad.

"I won't ever forget the first cover of that first Saturday in October of my first real hunting season. The New Hampshire countryside blazed orange and gold. Duke, our rawboned setter, bounded through a meadow of frost-killed goldenron that sloped down toward a narrow tongue of alders where the cover proper began. I clutched the oily-new Savage at port arms...The alders grew thick along the stream bottom. The mud sucked at my boots. Duke raced back and forth, a white blur. He worked too fast. It was his first cover of the season, too. Dad kept pace with me on my left flank."

—Saltwater anglers, especially surfcasters from the beaches and jetties of the northeast, will find "Reading the Water" by the late Robert Post one of the great reads to be found anywhere.

Post, a dentist who moved with his family to Martha's Vineyard and became a fanatical fishermen himself, took a page from Studs Terkel's approach to a subject: talking to people who do it, know it, and can talk about it. Post's book presents interviews with 16 surfcasting legends from Martha's Vineyard, from Nelson Bryant to Kib Bramhall. Their collective knowledge and passion for surfcasting, with the backdrop of the sport's mecca (Martha's Vineyard) will make anyone a better informed and newly inspired angler. It is a funny and very human book as well. Hear Cooper Gilkes talk about fishing his first 50-pound striped bass from a Vineyard beach.

Ski Report

Associated Press

Rockies

WOODSTOCK, Vt. — Latest skiing conditions as reported by SnoCountry Worldwide. Conditions are subject to change due to weather, other traffic and other factors. Be aware of changing conditions.

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — packed powder 64 base 66 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open

Aspen — packed powder 43-48 base 74 trails 8 of 8 lifts 97% open 9a-5:30p

Aspen Highlands — packed powder 54-57 base 84 trails 8 of 8 lifts 99% open

Beaver Creek — packed powder 36-60 base 18 of 15 lifts 9a-4p

Breckenridge — packed powder 52-60 base 140 trails 19 of 22 lifts 99% open 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — packed powder 39 base 44 trails 7 of 7 lifts 99% open

Copper Mtn — packed powder 49 base 21 of 21 lifts

Crested Butte — packed powder 49-65 base 13 of 13 lifts 90% open 9a-4p

Eldora Mtn — packed powder 46 base 9 of 9 lifts

Howelsen — packed powder 41 base 2 of 3 lifts

Keystone — packed powder 54-55 base 91 trails 19 of 20 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p

Loveland — powder 52 base 10 of 10 lifts

Monarch — packed powder 66 base 4 of 4 lifts

Powderhorn Resort — packed powder 39 base 3 of 4 lifts

Purgatory — packed powder 53-55 base 75 trails 10 of 10 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Silver Creek Resort — packed powder 30 base 28 trails 5 of 5 lifts

Ski Cooper — packed powder 56 base 4 of 4 lifts

Snowmass — packed powder 44-61 base 73 trails 17 of 17 lifts 94% open

Steamboat — packed powder 68-73 base 118 trails 21 of 22 lifts 8:30a-4:30p

Sunlight — packed powder 36 base 3 of 4 lifts

Vail — packed powder 62-94 base 29 of 30 lifts 100% open 8:30a-5:30p

Winter Park — packed powder 50-68 base 118 trails 20 of 22 lifts 97% open 9a-4p

Wolf Creek — packed powder 74-75 base 50 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Montana

Big Sky — 3- new packed powder 64-66 base 14 of 16 lifts 9a-4p

Bridger Bowl — 4- new variable 48-77 base 60 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Discovery — packed powder 46-60 base 5 of 5 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Great Divide — 1-2 new packed powder 30-50 base 60 trails 3 of 3 lifts 100% open 10a-4p

Lost Trail Powder Mountain — 8- new powder 85-95 base 16 trails 2 of 2 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p

Maverick Mtn — 8- new powder 45-80 base 17 trails 2 of 2 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p

Montana Snow Bowl — 2- new powder 63-99 base 32 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Red Lodge Mtn — machine groomed snow 36-60 base 7 of 7 lifts 9a-4p

Showdown — 1- new packed powder 42-55 base 34 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

The Big Mtn — powder 98-101 base 83 trails 9 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

New Mexico

Angel Fire — packed powder 30 base 47 trails 6 of 6 lifts am

Pajarito Mtn — packed powder 30 base Open Wed, Sat & Sun

Red River — packed powder 20-34 base 50 trails 5 of 6 lifts

Sandia Peak — packed powder 18 base 8 trails 3 of 7 lifts 40% open 9a-4p

Santa Fe — packed powder 46 base 34 trails 7 of 7 lifts 9a-4p

Sipapu — packed powder 27 base 19 trails 2 of 3 lifts am

Ski Apache — packed powder 27-44 base 16 trails 8 of 11 lifts 30% open am 8:45a-4p

Ski Rio — powder 31 base 77 trails 6 of 8 lifts am 9a-4p

Taos — packed powder 49 base 68 trails 11 of 11 lifts 95% open

Utah

Alta — packed powder 69 base 8 of 8 lifts 100% open 9:15a-4:30p

Beaver Mountain — variable 97 base 16 trails 3 of 3 lifts 100% open

Brian Head — packed powder 49 base 53 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-10p

Brighton — packed powder 83 base 64 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

Deer Valley — powder 89 base 67 trails 13 of 13 lifts 100% open am 9a-4p

Elk Meadows — packed powder 75 base 30 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open

Nordic Valley — packed powder 33 base 18 trails 2 of 2 lifts 100% open 9:30a-10p

Park City — powder 81 base 88 trails 14 of 14 lifts 9a-5p

Powder Mountain — packed powder 172 base 33 trails 4 of 7 lifts 100% open 9:30a-10p

Snowbasin — packed powder 89 base 4 of 5 lifts 100% open

Snowbird — packed powder 82 base 9 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-5p

Solitude — packed powder 80 base 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-4:30p

Sundance — packed powder 72 base 3 of 9 lifts 95% open

Wolf Mountain — variable 84 base 60 trails 7 of 7 lifts 95% open

Wyoming

Antelope Butte — packed powder 34-46 base 3 of 3 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Grand Targhee — packed powder 126-157 base 4 of 4 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p

Jackson Hole — 4- new packed powder 102-112 base 9 of 9 lifts 100% open

Sleeping Giant — wet packed snow 40-60 base 9:30a-4p

Snow King — Not operating Jan 2, call 307-734-2020

Snowy Range — packed powder 75 base 9a-4p

Pacific South

Arizona

Arizona Snowbowl — hard packed 13-25 base 3 lifts 85% open 9a-4p

Sunrise Park — packed powder 34 base 9 lifts

California

Alpine Meadows — Not operating Jan 2

Bear Mountain — machine groomed snow 12-60 base 17 trails 8 lifts 57% open 8a-4p

Bear Valley — Plan to reopen Jan 3

Boreal — wet packed snow 72 base 3 trails 1 lift 6% open 9a-5p Jan 3: 100% open

Heavenly — Not operating Jan 2 due to high winds

June Mtn — packed powder 60-72 base 6 lifts 9a-4p

Kirkwood — Not operating Jan 2, call 209-258-3000

Mammoth Mtn — packed powder 96-144 base 30 lifts 8a-4p

Mountain High — wet packed snow 24-36 base 6 lifts 8a-10p

Mt. Shasta — wet packed snow 21-55 base 25 trails 4 lifts 6a-4p; call ahead for night skiing

Northstar-at-Tahoe — packed powder 37 trails 7 lifts

Sierra at Tahoe — machine groomed snow 72-156 base 46 trails 8 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p

Sierra Summit — spring snow 4 lifts 9a-4p

Snow Summit — wet granular 8-24 base 12 trails 7 lifts 7:30a-5:30p

Snow Valley — wet granular 12-60 base 13 trails 6 lifts 8a-4p

Sugar Bowl — Plan to reopen Jan 3

Tahoe Donner — wet packed snow 48-84 base 3 lifts 9a-4p xc: 40km

Nevada

Diamond Peak — Not operating Jan 2, call 702-832-3211

Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard — machine groomed snow 24-30 base 8 trails 3 lifts 80% open 9a-4p

Pacific North

Idaho

Bogus Basin — light rain 39 degrees 68-87 base wet snow 45 trails 7 lifts Limited Operation 9a-10p

Lookout Pass — snow 31 degrees 2-4 new 100-110 base corn snow 12 trails 2 lifts Jan 4: free ski & snbrd lessons 9a-4p

Schweitzer Mtn. Resort — snow 35 degrees 12- new 91-114 base wet snow 86 trails 5 lifts Jan 4: Snowboard demo day 9a-5p

Silver Mountain — snowing heavily 32 degrees 2- new 106-130 base wet snow 50 trails 5 lifts 8a-4p

Sun Valley — chly 35 degrees 4- new 48-60 base packed powder 17 lifts 9a-4p

Oregon

Anthony Lakes — snow 30 degrees 2-9 new 68 base machine groomed snow 23 trails 2 lifts 9a-4p

Hoodoo — snow 31 degrees 72-96 base wet packed snow 24 trails 4 lifts Full operation 9a-4p

Mt. Ashland — Not operating Jan 2: access rd blocked

Mt. Bachelor — snowing lightly 28 degrees 102-106 base machine groomed snow 9 lifts 9a-4p

Mt. Hood Meadows — snow 31 degrees 4- new 117-140 base machine groomed snow 10 lifts 9a-10p

Spout Springs — chly 30 degrees 70-90 base wet packed snow 11 trails 2 lifts 9a-4p; 9a-10p

Timberline — snowing lightly 32 degrees 6- new 145 base powder 4 lifts 9a-4p

Willamette Pass — snow 30 degrees 4- new 97-98 base machine groomed snow 29 trails 4 lifts Full operation 9a-4p

Washington

49o North — raining 36 degrees 59-120 base wet packed snow 9 lifts 10am-3:30p

Crystal Mtn — snow 32 degrees 1- new 70-112 base machine groomed snow Full operation 8:30a-4p

Mission Ridge — mixed snow/rain 32 degrees 5- new powder 4 lifts 9a-4p

Mt. Baker — light rain 34 degrees 8- new 140-150 base wet packed snow Full operation 8:30a-5:30p

Mt Bluewood — raining 34 degrees 70-110 base wet packed snow 21 trails 3 lifts 9a-4p

Stevens Pass — snowing lightly 32 degrees 7- new 124-145 base powder Full operation 9a-10p

The Pass — snow 30 degrees 1- new 91-140 base machine groomed snow Full operation 8:45a-10:30p

White Pass — snow 31 degrees 8- new 94-140 base powder Full Operation 8:45a-10p

Southeast

Georgia

Sky Valley — wet granular 6-12 base 3 trails 9a-10p

Maryland

Wisp — base granular 30 base 10 trails 6 lifts am 9:30a-10p

North Carolina

Appalachian — machine groomed snow 20-40 base 7 trails

Cataloochee — machine groomed snow 6-12 base 2 trails

Hawksnest — wet granular 12-24 base 8 trails 9a-5p

Sapphire Valley — Plan to re-open soon, weather permitting

Scaly Mountain — Not operating Jan 2

Ski Beech — Plan to re-open soon, weather permitting

Ski Wolf Laurel — wet granular 10-30 base 2 trails

Sugar Mtn — wet granular 10-30 base 8 trails 9 lifts 9a-4:30p; 6p-10p

Virginia

Bryce Resort — wet granular 20 base 4 trails 3 lifts 9a-4:30p

Massanutten — machine groomed snow 10-30 base 7 trails

The Homestead Ski Area — Plan to re-open soon, weather permitting

Wintergreen — base granular 12-36 base 6 trails 3 lifts am 9a-4:30p, 5p-10p

West Virginia

Canaan Valley — machine groomed snow 10-50 base 15 trails 3 lifts 9a-4:30p

Snowshoe/Silver Creek — base granular 12-32 base 41 trails 11 lifts 8:30a-4:30p

Timberline — wet granular 12-36 base 15 trails 5 lifts 9a-5p

Whitegrass — wet granular 14-24 base 4 trails 3 lifts 9a-10p

Midwest

Illinois

Chestnut Mtn — machine groomed snow 20-40 base 10 trails 6 lifts am 8:30a-10p

Ski Snowstar — packed powder 24-48 base 10 trails 2 lifts am 9a-11p

Indiana

Ski Paoli Peaks — wet granular 10-20 base 11 trails 5 lifts 10a-10p

Iowa

Sundown — machine groomed snow 28-60 base 22 trails 5 lifts

Michigan

Alpine Valley — wet granular 6-28 base 15 trails 6 lifts 9a-11p

Big Powderhorn — machine groomed snow 50 base 24 trails 9 lifts 9a-4p xc: open

Shanty Creek — machine groomed snow 21 base 11 trails 9a-10:30p

Skiddaw — packed powder 14-48 base 20 trails 6 lifts

Boyne Highlands — packed powder 16-48 base 41 trails 10 lifts

Boyne Mountain — machine groomed snow 64 base 41 trails 12 lifts am xc: 25km

Caberfae Peaks — machine groomed snow 18-48 base 21 trails 5 lifts 10a-6p xc: open

Cannonsburg — machine groomed snow 30 base 17 trails 5 lifts 9a-10p

Crystal Mountain Resort — machine groomed snow 30-48 base 25 trails 7 lifts am 9a-10p xc: 30km

Hickory Hills — packed powder 8-36 base 6 trails 3 lifts 11a-9p xc: open

Indianhead — packed powder 50 base 22 trails 9 lifts am 9a-4p

Mt. Brighton — machine groomed snow 10-24 base 12 trails 6 lifts 9a-11p

Norway Mountain — machine groomed snow 24-36 base 11 trails 3 lifts 9a-4p

Nubs Nob — machine groomed snow 22-36 base 26 trails 7 lifts am 9a-4:30p xc: 20km

Pine Mountain — machine groomed snow 26-39 base 16 trails 5 lifts am xc: 15km

Porcupine Mtns — machine groomed snow 35 base 15 trails 5 lifts xc: 42km

Shanty Creek — packed powder 45 base 29 trails 6 lifts am 9a-10p xc: 20km

Ski Brule — machine groomed snow 24-40 base 17 trails 10 lifts xc: 25km

Swiss Valley — machine groomed snow 20 base 11 trails 7 lifts 9a-10p

Timber Ridge — machine groomed snow 20 base 5 trails 5 lifts

Minnesota

Afton Alps — machine groomed snow 24-60 base 27 trails 10 lifts 9a-10p

Buck Hill — machine groomed snow 24-40 trails 12 trails 10 lifts 9a-10p

Buena Vista — packed powder 24-60 base 15 trails 4 lifts 10a-9p xc: 20km

Coffee Mill — machine groomed snow 20-44 base 10a-10p

Giants Ridge — machine groomed snow 40-62 base 34 trails 8 lifts 9a-9p

Hyland Hills — machine groomed snow 24-40 base 14 trails 8 lifts 9a-10p

Lutsen Mtn — packed powder 30-65 base 7 lifts am 9:30a-4p xc:18km

Mount Kato — machine groomed snow 24-62 base 17 trails 8 lifts 9:30a-10p

Mt. Frontenac — machine groomed snow 20-60 base 11 trails 5 lifts 10a-10p

Powder Ridge — machine groomed snow 34-48 base 15 trails 8 lifts am 9a-9p

Quarry — machine groomed snow 28-64 base 13 trails 3 lifts 9a-6p

Spirit Mountain — packed powder 37-55 base 22 trails 3 lifts 9a-6p xc: 22km

Welch Village — machine groomed snow 25-60 base 28 trails 9 lifts 9a-10p

Wild Mountain — machine groomed snow 30-70 base 23 trails 6 lifts 9:30a-10p

Ohio

Alpine Valley — wet granular 16 base 3 trails 3 lifts 9a-10:30p

Clear Fork — wet granular 8-12 base 4 trails 4 lifts 10a-10p

Mad River Mtn — wet granular 10-18 base 7 trails 4 lifts 9:30a-10p; 11p-4a

Snow Trails — base granular 8-12 base 4 trails 2 lifts

Wisconsin

Cascade Mtn — machine groomed snow 39 base 26 trails 10 lifts 9a-10p

Christie Mtn — machine groomed snow 20-60 base 11 trails 10a-6p

Devil's Head — machine groomed snow 40 base 26 trails 10 lifts 9:30a-4:30p, 6p-10p

Mt. LaCrosse — machine groomed snow 20-61 base 18 trails 4 lifts 9a-6p

Nordic Mountain — machine groomed snow 22-36 base 13 trails 5 lifts 10a-6p xc: open

Pig Mountain — machine groomed snow 40 base 12 trails 4 lifts am 9a-6p

Tyrol Basin — wet packed snow 10-30 base 10 trails 4 lifts 10a-10p

Whitecap Mtn — packed powder 50 base 35 trails 6 lifts 9a-4p

Northeast

Connecticut

Mohawk — packed powder 18-60 base 13 trails 4 lifts am 9:30a-10p

Mt. Southington — packed powder 10-60 base 8 trails 3 lifts am 9a-10:30p

Powder Ridge — 3- new packed powder 4-60 base 4 trails 2 lifts am Fri-Sun

Ski Sundown — packed powder 12-60 base 10 trails 4 lifts am

Woodbury — packed powder 12-60 base 9 trails 2 lifts am 9a-10:30p

Maine

Camden Hills — packed powder 6-40 base 6 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Carrabassett — packed powder 18-60 base 41 trails 9 lifts am 8:30a-4:30p xc: 40km

Eaton Mtn — packed powder 6-40 base 4 trails 2 lifts am Fri-Sun

Lost Valley — packed powder 12-60 base 10 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Mt. Abram — packed powder 12-60 base 41 trails 5 lifts am 9a-4p

Pleasant Mtn — packed powder 6-40 base 8 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Powderhorn — packed powder 12-60 base 7 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Saddleback — packed powder 12-60 base 41 trails 6 lifts am 9a-4p

Sugarloaf — packed powder 12-60 base 81 trails 14 lifts am 9a-4p xc: 40km

Sunday River — packed powder 12-60 base 72 trails 15 lifts am 9a-4p

Massachusetts

Berkshire East — packed powder 12-60 base 45 trails 8 lifts am 9a-4p

Bousquet — packed powder 12-60 base 20 trails 7 lifts am 9a-4p

Brodie Mtn — packed powder 12-60 base 12 trails 4 lifts am 9a-4p

Jiminy Peak — packed powder 12-60 base 45 trails 9 lifts am 9a-4p

Nashoba Valley — packed powder 12-60 base 12 trails 4 lifts am 9a-4p

Otis Ridge — packed powder 12-60 base 20 trails 6 lifts am 9a-4p

Ski Butternut — packed powder 12-60 base 22 trails 8 lifts am 9a-4p

Wachusett — packed powder 12-60 base 20 trails 6 lifts am 9a-4p

New Hampshire

Attitash Bear Peak — packed powder 6-60 base 60 trails 11 lifts am 8:30a-4:30p

Bretton Woods — packed powder 6-60 base 26 trails 6 lifts am 9a-4p

Cannon Mtn — packed powder 6-60 base 10 trails 4 lifts am 9a-4p

Dartmouth Skiway — base groomed snow 6-60 base 9 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Gunstock — packed powder 6-60 base 6 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

King Pine — packed powder 12-60 base 6 trails 4 lifts am

Loon Mtn — base groomed snow 6-60 base 60 trails 9 lifts am 8a-4:30p

Mt. Sunapee — base groomed snow 6-60 base 7 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Pats Peak — packed powder 6-60 base 9 trails 4 lifts am 8:30a-4p

Ragged Mtn — packed powder 6-60 base 8 trails 3 lifts am 9a-4p

Tenney Mtn — packed powder 6-60 base 6 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Waterville Valley — base groomed snow 6-60 base 52 trails 10 lifts am xc: 100km 9a-4p; 4p-10p

Wildcat — base groomed snow 12-60 base 30 trails 6 lifts am 9:30a-4p

New York

Belleayre — packed powder 6-60 base 10 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Big Tupper — packed powder 6-60 base 6 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Bristol Mtn — packed powder 6-60 base 6 trails 2 lifts am 9a-4p

Dry Hill — lifts am 9-report

Peek Resorts — lifts am 9-report

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Finally Florida

Spurrier, Gators win 1st national championship

By Mark Blaudschun
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW ORLEANS — No more excuses. No more chants about a good season spoiled by losing at the wrong time or in the wrong place.

All of that was wiped out in one glorious evening Thursday at the SuperDome as the University of Florida won its first national championship with a 52-20 Sugar Bowl romp past No. 1 ranked Florida State.

That the Gators' greatest moment would come against their greatest rival was merely the punctuation mark on a remarkable season for coach Steve Spurrier's team.

A year to the day after one of their most embarrassing losses — a 62-24 blowout to Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl — Florida simply overwhelmed the Seminoles, whose sweet undefeated season — the first in school history — ended in such bitter fashion.

Florida did it in what has become typical fashion this year. Quarterback Danny Wuerffel, showing his Heisman Trophy form, threw three touchdown passes and ran for another score in taking apart an FSU defense that had essentially beaten him up in the Seminoles' 24-21 regular-season victory Nov. 30 — the only blemish on Florida's record.

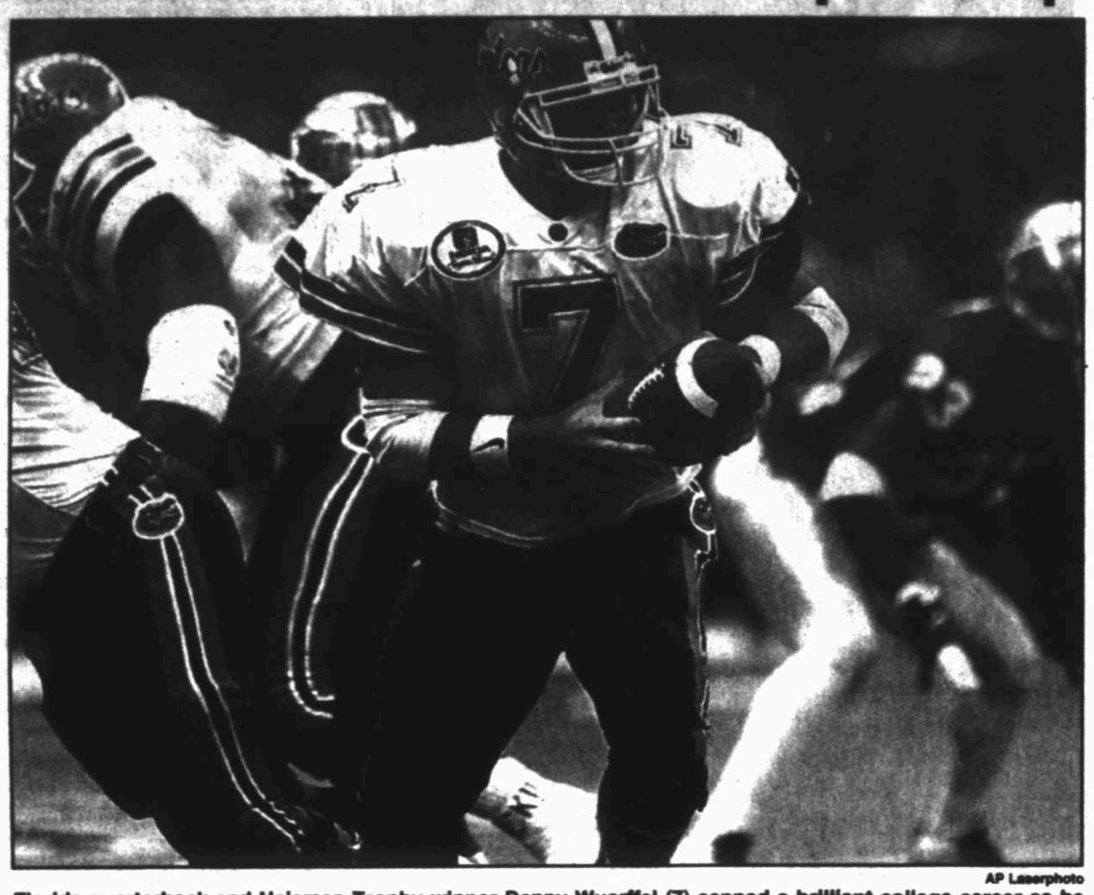
The Gators earned their title the old fashioned way. They simply wore down the Seminoles with their speed, their talent and their will.

The first half was a matchup that looked more like a fight between a pair of heavyweight boxers, with both clubs taking their best shots early.

And while Florida, thanks largely to the skills of Wuerffel and receiver Ike Hilliard, who had three touchdown receptions, had a 24-17 lead, it certainly didn't have control of the game.

That wasn't evident until the latter stages of the third quarter when the Gators, who switched to a running attack led by Terry Jackson (two touchdowns, 118 yards), wore down the Seminoles, scoring almost at will.

After Scott Bentley's second field goal narrowed the Florida lead to 24-20 with 10:24 remaining in the third quarter, the Gators did what they have done to almost every team they have played the past four seasons — they blew the Seminoles away with a flurry of points which came in micro bursts.



AP Laserphoto

Florida quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel (7) capped a brilliant college career as he gained a measure of revenge for the Gators' loss to Florida State in November.

Wuerffel (18 of 34, 306 yards), voted the game's most valuable player, did most of the damage, showing all of the skills that earned him the Heisman last month. He capped a brilliant college career as he gained a measure of revenge for November's defeat.

For Spurrier, who no longer has to listen to the talk of being the best coach who has never won a national championship, it was the most satisfying ending to what had been an unsettling five weeks.

The Gators looked like fish bait after their regular-season loss to FSU. Needing a series of upsets to even get a chance to play the Seminoles again, the Gators received that when Texas stunned Nebraska in the Big 12 championship game, a loss that eliminated Nebraska, the defending national champion, from the Sugar Bowl, and thrust the Gators into a rematch with FSU, much to the dismay of the Seminoles, who clearly wanted no part of any rematch.

Spurrier, who talked of FSU playing dirty and taking cheap shots at Wuerffel, knew he had to do something different to provide Wuerffel more time.

"God has certainly smiled on the Gators this season," said Spurrier. "We looked like we were out of it a month ago, but then Texas won and Ohio State won (in the Rose Bowl, beating unbeaten Arizona State). We had some help along the way...We hung in there, hung in there, and we looked like we were the stronger team at the end."

And he did, going almost exclusively to a shotgun formation that allowed Wuerffel a fraction more time to throw and coming up with a few new wrinkles in his offensive formations.

"I think Danny is the best QB that ever played college football," said Spurrier.

Said Wuerffel: "Everyone put it on the line tonight and came through."

Although Florida was in control from the start — the Seminoles, who had a 14-game winning streak in bowl games — the Gators certainly didn't feel secure through the first half as FSU kept coming back after Florida looked as if it might be on the verge of a blowout.

The Seminoles, who never led, trailed, 17-3 and 24-10, in the first half and simply ran out of energy midway through the third quarter.

"The whole first half, in my opinion, Florida was ahead because two punts rolled dead within our 3," said Bowden, looking for answers for his first defeat in a bowl game since 1980. "We thought as long as we could stay close with them we could beat them. You could see why I didn't want to play them again.

"As long as the score was 24-20, we were in it all the way. But when it was 38-20, that was too much."

Florida becomes the third school from the state to win a national championship in the last 10 years, joining FSU, which won in 1993, and four-time winner Miami.



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Texas running back Ricky Williams (11) fights off Penn State defender Jim Nelson (44) during the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. last week.

Texas continues tradition of poor play on bowl day

■ For almost a decade, losing bowls has been norm.

By Jimmy Burch
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

TEMPE, Ariz. — Continuing a tradition that has lasted almost a decade, the University of Texas became the latest football champion from either the Big 12 Conference or the Southwest Conference to ring in a new year with a hangover.

In the wake of Wednesday's 38-15 loss to seventh-ranked Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl, the 20th-ranked Longhorns spent Thursday doing what championship teams from Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Arkansas have done each of the past nine seasons. They grasped for shreds of self-respect in the wake of postseason disappointment but found it difficult to find solace in their bowl performance.

Among Texas' 18 bowl losses, only six have been by wider margins than the 23-point knot the Nittany Lions laid on the Longhorns' heads in Sun Devil Stadium. Combined with last season's 28-10 loss to Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl, it marks the first time in school history Texas has lost consecutive bowl games by more than 17 points.

"This is a tough way to go out. Right now, I feel like, 'We're the conference champs. Big deal. We can't win a bowl game,'" center Ryan Fiebiger said. "This is a greater disappointment than last year. We thought we could learn from last year's loss (in the Sugar Bowl), which we didn't do. This sets us back even farther than losing to Virginia Tech."

If so, it is only because Texas had farther to fall in terms of public perception. The Longhorns (8-5) spent the past month riding a wave of emotion triggered by the team's 37-27 upset of then-No. 3 Nebraska in the inaugural Big 12 championship game. Suddenly, the players' worst fears have been realized: Most observers, they conceded, will now consider the Dec. 7 result a fluke rather than a sign that the Texas program is on the rise.

The Longhorns, after all, are 1-8-1 in contests against Top 10 teams in five seasons under coach John Mackovic.

"We had a good game against Nebraska. But if you don't put consistent wins together against Top 10 teams, you really can't consider yourself among the top teams," inside linebacker Tyson King said.

"It's going to be tough, losing this game," said offensive guard Dan Neil, who defended Mackovic's decision to encamp his players for 13 days at the bowl site, the longest stint in school history, in preparation for the Fiesta Bowl. "I wish we had the answers on how to prepare for a bowl game. It's difficult to do."

The Longhorns dropped to No. 23 in The Associated Press' final college football rankings. Texas' last Top 10 finish in the postseason poll came after the 1983 season.

In assessing the defeat, players and coaches pointed to unique defensive schemes and stunts used by Penn State as well as successful halftime adjustments made by the Nittany Lions' coaching staff. After being outgained 242-95 in total yardage in the first half, Penn State held a 330-118 advantage after intermission.

In the second half, Penn State scored on five of six possessions — the other ended on downs at Texas' 4-yard line in the final minute — and limited the Longhorns to minus-19 yards rushing.

"They threw a lot of things at us in the first half, then came back at us with new things in the second half," Mackovic said. "They did more things against us than any defense all year. They did a great job."

Eventually, the Nittany Lions put the brakes on a Texas offense that had averaged 534.4 yards and 38.4 points in its previous five outings. They put a stop to Texas' building momentum heading into the recruiting campaign. They left a sour taste in the mouths of Longhorns players.

But they can't take away the Big 12 championship trophy on display in the Texas athletic offices. Ultimately, Texas players said, they hope this team will be remembered more for reaching that goal than it will for matching the highest number of losses of any team in the Mackovic era.

"I don't know if it takes away from the season. We did come back from 3-4. You can't take that away," said Fiebiger, a junior who will rank as the Longhorns' most experienced offensive lineman in 1997. "But this feels worse than last year. It's just so disappointing to come out here for two weeks and then feel like you can't do anything during the game."

Neil, a fifth-year senior, offered perhaps the most appropriate epitaph for the 1996 Longhorns.

"We accomplished a lot, especially with the Nebraska win. We were the Big 12 champs, and no one can ever take that away from us," Neil said. "But I think we all wish we could have represented the Big 12 better than what we did."

Florida St. ground game Dunn in

By Brent Kallestad
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Florida State coach Bobby Bowden knows you fly high by staying on the ground. In other words, you can't win big games without a running game.

With star tailback Warrick Dunn grounded by cramps for much of the game, Bowden's Seminoles were almost helpless Thursday night at the Sugar Bowl. Without any running threat, they lost a shot at a second national title by a 52-20 score to archrival Florida.

"My mom always said, you give some and you get some," Florida State wide receiver Andre Cooper said. "Everyone loses, and tonight we got ours."

Florida's defense and dehydration stopped Dunn, a longtime Gators nemesis. Dunn, who has averaged 170.4 all-purpose yards in five previous meetings against Florida, was held to 28 yards rushing — none in the second half when he had just one carry before leaving the game.

"They did a good job of tightening down on him," Bowden said. "We tried to get him some IV's to get him back, but we couldn't get him back. We lost a lot with him. I don't think it was enough to win the doggone ball game."

Florida State managed just 42 yards rushing. Its previous season low was 124 yards against North Carolina.

Aside from a 12-yard touchdown run late in the first half, Dunn was not a factor as Florida handed the previously unbeaten Seminoles their worst loss since a 31-0 defeat at Miami in 1988.

Dunn, who gained 185 yards in Florida State's 24-21 victory over Florida 33 days ago, spent much of the second half in the locker room and was still suffering from cramps after the game.

The Seminoles, who finished 11-1 for the fifth time under Bowden, just couldn't function offensively without their diminutive star, who grew up in Baton Rouge and hoped for a better ending to his college finale before hometown fans.

"It really hurt us, having to rely only on the passing game," Florida State quarterback Thad Busby said. "That makes it tough. We were passing all right, but when Warrick got hurt and had to come out of the game, it really hurt us."

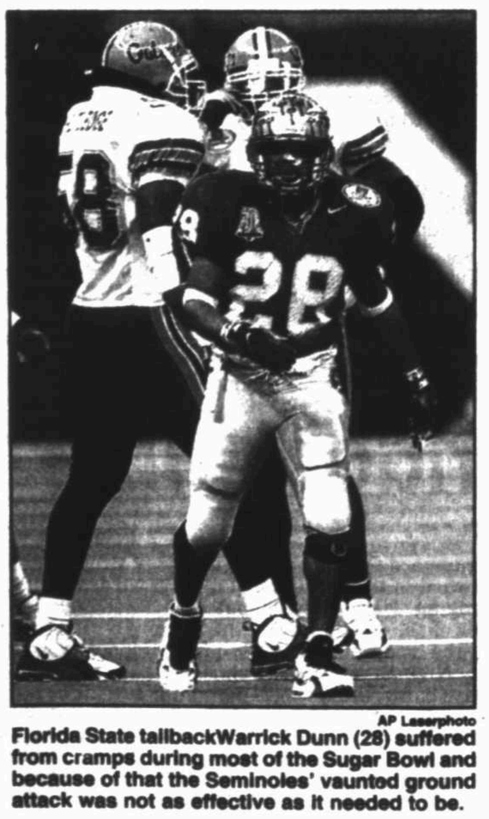
The Seminoles tried 42 passes and only 21 rushing plays, In their victory over Florida earlier in the season, Florida State had 35 running plays compared to 33 passes.

"You need to have a balanced offense," Busby reiterated.

Busby threw for 271 yards, but only 55 in the second half when he completed only five of 18 passes when the Gators took control.

"Their pass rush was pretty unbelievable," said Cooper, who caught four passes for 82 yards, including a 55-yard reception on the game's first play. "We just didn't have time to throw."

Dunn, who finished with three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons at Florida State and had 21 games of more than 100 yards rushing, had not been limited to fewer than 54 yards rushing in a game since his sophomore year.



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Florida State tailbackWarrick Dunn (28) suffered from cramps during most of the Sugar Bowl and because of that the Seminoles' vaunted ground attack was not as effective as it needed to be.

Manning's play has NFL scouts, Wildcats, panting

■ Tennessee QB puts on show in final game of junior season.

By Charlie Nobles
N.Y. Times News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — As the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard, a familiar chant filled the Citrus Bowl: "One more year! One more year!"

It was an emotional scene for Peyton Manning. The Tennessee junior quarterback showed Wednesday why some National Football League teams want him to enter the draft and why Volunteer fans want him to stay for his senior season.

Manning passed for 408 yards, threw for four touchdowns and ran for another as Tennessee shredded Northwestern, 48-28, in the Florida Citrus Bowl before a crowd of 63,467.

"You can't believe the feeling it gives me to have them say things like that," said Manning, who was named the most valuable player.

Manning said he made a decision not to let his outstanding performance influence whether he would turn pro.

"My dad has been withholding information from me because he didn't want to clutter my brain," said Manning, referring to the former Saints quarterback. "I'll talk to him and my mother and find out the pros and cons."

Because he is scheduled to graduate in the spring, Manning isn't bound by the NFL's deadline for underclassmen to renounce their eligibility. He will not have to make a decision until April 4.

Northwestern (9-3) offered little resistance to Tennessee's quick-strike attack as the Volunteers (10-2) opened a 21-0 lead on their first three possessions.

"This is probably the first time since last year that we really got started with a bang," said Manning, whose passing total was the second highest of his career (earlier this season he threw for 492 yards in a loss against Florida). "Even the offensive linemen were excited. They usually want to run the ball, but they were trying to get me to pass today."

Five plays into the game, Manning lofted a pass to wide receiver Peerless Price, who easily sprinted behind Gerald Conoway to complete a 43-yard touchdown play. Conoway was making the first start of his career after Hudhaifa Ismaeli failed a drug test.

On his next possession Manning, operating at the Northwestern 10-yard line, faked a handoff and ran a bootleg untouched into the end zone. After forcing another punt, Tennessee drove to the Wildcats' 11, where Manning hit Joey Kent with a pass, and the wide receiver carried Conoway in from the 5.

The score was 21-0 and there were still two minutes left in the first quarter. But typical of their play this season, Northwestern, which tied Ohio State for its second consecutive Big Ten championship, rallied with a vengeance. They rang up three touchdowns in a 5-minute-18-second span to tie the score.

Running back Darnell Autry, who played despite a 101-degree fever, opened Northwestern's scoring with a 2-yard run around left end. Then quarterback Steve Schnur found wide receiver Brian Musso, son of the ex-Alabama star running back Johnny Musso, for a 20-yard touchdown play.

When Autry burst untouched for a 28-yard scoring run, it appeared the Wildcats had taken over. Except for one thing: Conoway was still playing pass defense for Northwestern.

Manning picked on him again to connect with Kent for a 67-yard touchdown play 1:58 from halftime. And the Vols were not through. An interference call on Conoway with four seconds left set up Jeff Hall's 19-yard field goal.

Tennessee extended its lead early in the third quarter, when linebacker Tyrone Hines returned a Schnur interception 30 yards.

"That really took the wind out of our sails," Wildcats Coach Gary Barnett said.

Northwestern moved inside the Volunteers' 30-yard-line on its next two possessions, but the first drive ended on a lost fumble by Musso, and then a Schnur sack forced a punt.

Hall added a 28-yard field goal midway through the final quarter before the Wildcats, who attempted two onside kicks Wednesday, made it 41-28 on a Schnur's 22-yard pass to D'Wayne Bates.

However, when Tennessee scored several minutes later — on a Manning 6-yard pass to tight end Dustin Moore — Tennessee fans chanted, "S.E.C., S.E.C."

Northwestern fans screamed back, "S.A.T., S.A.T."

That retort may be a lasting consolation, but it didn't seem of immediate help in salving the sting of Wednesday's one-sided verdict.

Fiesta Hangover

AND FOR THE DEFENSE...

Longhorns should rethink other side of ball

By Kirk Bohls
Austin American-Statesman

TEMPE, Ariz. — John Mackovic might want to shave a few shots off his golf handicap. He may be pining for more pine nut pasta recipes. It's possible the Texas football coach is bent on locating that one chardonnay that has eluded his wine collection.

But here's hoping he places one New Year's resolution above all the rest for 1997: Find a defense.

Penn State never lost its and, consequently, buried Texas 38-15 Wednesday night in the Fiesta Bowl. The Nittany Lions held the Longhorns to a single field goal and 118 yards in the second half. Texas' defense, meanwhile, played the banana peel to the Penn State steamroller, allowing scores on five consecutive possessions after intermission.

The defense has been Texas' Achilles' heel, if not the whole leg. This year, Texas yielded 27 or more points in seven games. Penn State gave up that many twice, once to Rose Bowl champion Ohio State.

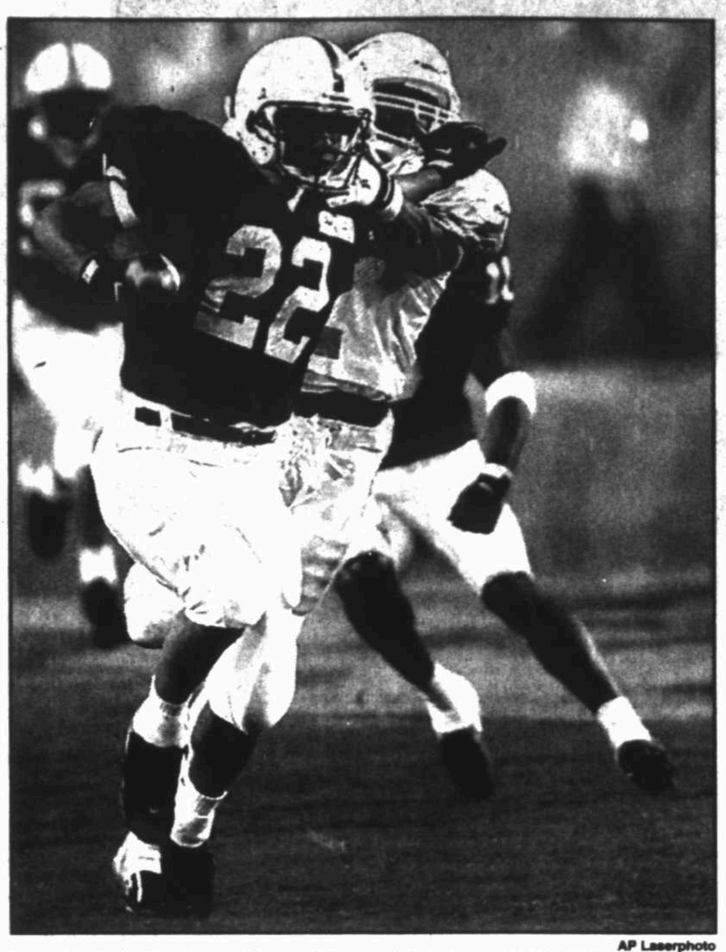
Mackovic should stress improving that side of the ball in his next coaching hire, during recruiting, in spring training, during two-a-days, when he's sleeping, etc., etc.

He should make his next defensive coordinator the biggest hire of his career because he has a chance to build something special at Texas, something he hasn't had in his career and something this school hasn't had in 26 years. Something like a national championship.

With a non-conference schedule of Rice, Rutgers and UCLA, home games with Colorado and Texas Tech and no date with Nebraska, the Longhorns stand on the brink of an enchanting season in 1997 if Mackovic will recognize that a football team is not 99 percent offense and 1 percent defense.

Here's my advice. Hire a proven defensive coordinator from a strong defensive program like Alabama or Michigan or Virginia to replace the departing Gary Darnell, maybe even the Crimson Tide equipment manager. Do not just pay lip service but commit fully and irrevocably to the attacking scheme that is so prevalent in the game and that blue-chippers like Tyler's David Warren love to play. Let that defensive coordinator coordinate with complete autonomy.

Mackovic may be without peer in offensive planning and execution, but his high-powered offense has been shackled in its last two bowl games. Texas has been held to 25 points and just two touchdowns by Penn State's and Virginia Tech's top-drawer defenses.



AP Laserphoto

Penn State kick returner Kenny Watson (22) tries to fight of Texas defender Taje Allen (2) on a long kickoff return at the start of the third quarter at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., on New Year's Day.

■ Commentary

Look around, John. Of the top 10 defenses this season, six won their bowl games this year. Besides North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio State, Nebraska, Alabama and Syracuse, Florida State's third-ranked defense and Florida's 14th-rated defense will help one of their teams capture a national championship tonight in the Sugar Bowl.

For further evidence, Carquest winner Miami had the nation's No. 12 defense and bowl qualifiers Virginia, Kansas State and Michigan all had defenses ranked among the top 18.

Actually, Mackovic needn't have looked farther than across the sideline.

Joe Paterno, who has won 13 of 17 New Year's Day bowl games, claimed his sixth Fiesta Bowl win in six trih injured nose guard Chris Akins and defensive end Gray Mosier. But in actuality, the defense excelled down the stretch against the one-dimensional offensive teams of Kansas, Texas A&M and Nebraska, and the offense keyed the five-game win streak and carried the day against Nebraska.

However, razzle-dazzle offenses rarely are as consistent as helmet-splitting defenses. Texas should have learned that in an 8-5 season that was as grand as it was grotesque.

Somehow, the Longhorns found a way to beat the two-time defending national champion Cornhuskers and lose to a then-winless 0-4 Oklahoma. They vanished in a 37-13 defeat by Virginia and dismantled archrival A&M. They really did finish 8-5, which sounds more like a workday shift than a football record.

And that's appropriate because there's work left to be done.

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Loss today would be best thing that happens to Dallas

By Kevin Modesti
N.Y. Times News Service

In Los Angeles, beginning its third calendar year as an NFL-free zone, we are unguided by civic obligation, free to cheer for any team we like in this weekend's divisional playoff games.

But really, there's only one choice, one team we should all get behind.

America's Team.

The Carolina Panthers.

The Panthers, hosts and opponents today of the Dallas Cowboys, America's Most Wanted, as they are being called these days.

The Panthers, anathema to expansion-hating purists, with a tradition of excellence stretching clear back to 1995, with a quarterback and a leading rusher I couldn't pick out of a police lineup (unless they were the only ones not wearing Cowboys uniforms).

Those Panthers can do football fans a favor by knocking off the Cowboys and giving the playoffs back to the many happy stories out there — Green Bay's best chance yet for a return to glory, the last and loudest hurrah of Denver's John Elway, the courage of San Francisco's Steve Young, to name a few.

If the Cowboys' era as the NFL's dominant team is ending, well, the sooner the better.

I hope it happens with wide receiver Michael Irvin and offensive tackle Erik Williams on the field for the Cowboys, absorbing a few forearms across the brow on behalf of a fed-up nation.

I hope it happens today, fittingly at the hands of a franchise so young, so innocent that a reserve defensive end recently was suspended for the rest of the season for — it was reported — habitually showing up late to team meetings.

The Panthers meet to watch film, talk strategy, normal football stuff. What happens when Cowboys meet is the subject of a police investigation.

Dallas fans must long for the simple days of Lance Rentzel.

■ Commentary

I wish things like this could be separated from sports. But they can't be — not as long as the Cowboys have a game coming up.

You heard radio sports talk callers saying Irvin and Williams should be barred from the game, never mind that they haven't been charged with crimes. The other night, a caller argued that they should be suspended, regardless of the progress of the investigation, because if Irvin has a big game, the Cowboys win and *then* it turns out he's guilty, wouldn't that be unfair to the Panthers?

This is why we get judges from law schools, not the end zone bleachers.

The Carolina Panthers will find themselves with more fans than they've ever dreamed of.

At least, they should have 28 other NFL teams rooting for them to knock the Cowboys right on their Super Bowl trophies.

Irvin and Williams, no matter how this new case turns out, are bad guys, and other players must get tired of the cynical notion that they are representative of rich, young, professional athletes as a group.

The problem for the Cowboys is that these new accusations are too easy to believe, that coach Barry Switzer is too easy to blame in light of his college teams' sordid history at Oklahoma, that the franchise's three-year rash of drug-taking and other lawbreaking looks too much like a pattern.

This week, quarterback Troy Aikman told reporters that given the team's nightmares off the field, "I think we all enjoy getting out there on Sundays and putting everything behind us for at least three hours."

That's the solution for them. This is the solution for the rest of us: Beat Dallas, putting everything behind us for at least eight months, until September brings a new season and new scandals.

14 wins: No one else can say that

By Jim Reeves
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — A grateful Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl representative sent Kansas State ticket manager Carol Andolph and her staff a bouquet of 61 long-stemmed yellow roses this week, a gesture of appreciation for her work in putting more than 40,000 Wildcats fans in the seats New Year's Day for the 61st annual Classic.

Cotton Bowl officials had the compassion and good sense to wait until today to mail the sympathy card that goes with the flowers.

Deliberately snubbed by the bowl alliance when the Tier I bids went out, Brigham Young made a statement for the little guys of the world with Wednesday's dramatic 19-15 victory against the 14th-ranked Wildcats in a stadium boasting more purple than Prince's closet.

"Fourteen wins!" BYU quarterback Steve Sarkisian screamed as the game ended and the Cougars flooded the field to celebrate. "How many teams can say that?"

Exactly zero in the Division I ranks, and there's absolutely nothing the alliance or anyone else can do about it.

"I forgot about (the alliance snub) a long time ago," BYU coach LaVell Edwards fibbed afterward. "When they didn't invite us to join to begin with, I knew they weren't going to give us $8 million to come play in their game somewhere. That wasn't in the cards.

"I just hope they'll figure out a way to give the WAC a chance to earn its way in (to a Tier I bowl) at some point. We didn't feel like we had the whole WAC on our shoulders today. We just wanted to play and win."

If BYU, at 14-1, couldn't make it in this year, you have to wonder if anyone outside The Chosen ever will.

What had looked more like a Roger Pavlik-pitched Rangers game (8-5 halfway through) finally turned interesting on the final play of the first half, when Kansas State's Brian Kavanagh threw a 41-yard "Hail Mary" and the ball fell into Andre Anderson's arms for the game's first touchdown.

A quick slant turned into a 15-5 'Cats' lead in the third quarter when Kevin Lockett bounced it outside and won a 72-yard foot race with the BYU secondary.

But the Cougars came in ranked No. 5 in the country, and they're definitely No. 1 in intuition and cognition. Each of Sarkisian's fourth-quarter touchdown passes, which rallied BYU to victory, came after the perceptive Cougars realized that Wildcats star cornerback Chris Canty was out of the game (he had become dehydrated and was getting fluids intravenously at various times in the fourth quarter).

James Dye got a step on Demetric Denmark on an outside fly pattern, and Sarkisian hit him with a perfectly thrown pass for a 32-yard touchdown that trimmed Kansas State's lead to 15-12 early in the fourth quarter.

The game-winner, with 3:39 to play, was even more dramatic. Backup cornerback Joe Gordon, replacing Canty, had just dealt BYU's Kaipo McGuire a devastating hit that separated the receiver from his helmet and his senses. But Gordon suffered a leg injury on the same play and had to leave the field.

Despite their concern about McGuire, the Cougars saw that Canty was still on the sideline and that K-State was forced to bring in No. 4 cornerback Lamar Chapman for the first time all afternoon.

"When a guy's not used to being in the flow of the game, when he's not loose, you take a shot at him," said Sarkisian, whose 21 completions (36 attempts) tied Roger Staubach's 1964 Cotton Bowl record. "I don't know if that guy's their third- or fourth-string cornerback or what, but we knew he hadn't been in the game all day."

Wide receiver K.O. Kealaluhi sucked Chapman in by faking a long post then zipped past him when he cut toward the left corner. Sarkisian laid the ball in perfectly then headed for the K-State bench, which had apparently been riding him hard for most of the game.

"I was talking to one player over there," said Sarkisian, referring to Canty. "He had a lot to say before the game and a lot to say during the game, but when it counted, he wasn't out there. I don't have much respect for a guy like that."

No one could remember Canty saying anything particularly inflammatory leading up to the game, and Sarkisian's filibuster earned the Cougars a potentially damaging 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the ensuing kickoff. The point, however, was made.

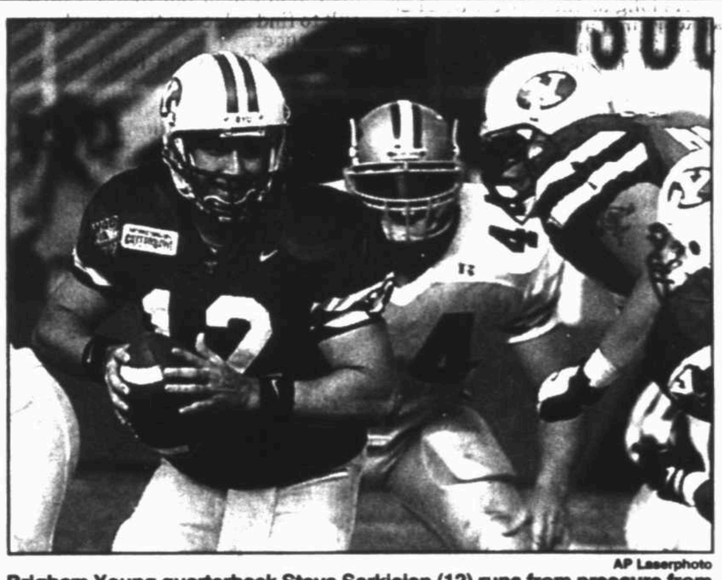
The Wildcats knocked Sarkisian down so many times (seven sacks) he lost count ("I lost my calculator out there," he joked). That was the game plan. The 'Cats thought they could win if they could get enough pressure on Sarkisian, but they couldn't keep him down.

"I've got the ball," Sarkisian said, waving it above his head as he trotted off the field. "I'm ready to play another one."

Any of you big boys in the alliance care to dance?

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Brigham Young quarterback Steve Sarkisian (12) runs from pressure from Kansas State defender Nyle Wiren (44) in the first half against Kansas State in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on New Year's Day.

■ Commentary

'Superior' ending to football '96

By Jim Litke
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — The only thing late this time was the handshake. And Steve Spurrier had no problem waiting.

For years, people called him "Steve Superior" behind his back, called him arrogant and too smart for his own good. In the past couple of weeks, when he griped about late hits on quarterback Danny Wuerffel, he got called crybaby and complainer, too.

But after Thursday night segued into Friday morning, after Bobby Bowden made his way across the floor of the Superdome to shake his hand, those same people had to call Spurrier one more thing.

National champion.

Spurrier's Florida Gators squished Bowden's Florida State team 52-20 in the Sugar Bowl, completing one of the least likely comebacks you're likely to see in a while. Only five weeks ago, Florida lost 24-21 to those same Seminoles. More than a few things would have to happen for the two teams to bump into each other again, especially somewhere that mattered.

"You see why I didn't want to play them again, don't you?" Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said.

Neither coach revealed what was said during the brief handshake at midfield, delayed a minute or so while Bowden fought his way through a battery of cameras and the crowd of well-wishers that surrounded his rival. But once he got into the interview room, it was clear Bowden hadn't used up all of his praise.

"They just beat us at every part of the game," he said. "They kept us pinned down the whole night."

When it was Spurrier's turn, he struggled to be gracious.

"It looked like we were out of it a month or so ago," he said. 'Some events occurred. It sort of gave us new life. Now we've got a lot to be thankful for."

Someone asked Spurrier how long he'd waited to be so thankful. In the rush of emotions, he said he couldn't be sure.

The moment he stopped playing football? The moment he got his first job as an assistant, at Florida, in 1978? Perhaps 1990, when he returned to the school where he won a Heisman Trophy, this time as the head coach?

"When Ohio State won," Spurrier said finally. "That's when I started dreaming about it."

That would have been only this past Wednesday, and in truth, Spurrier had little reason to believe otherwise any sooner.

When then-No. 2 Florida State beat up top-ranked Florida on Nov. 30 and threw Wuerffel around like a Tickle Me Elmo doll at a Christmas sale in the bargain, no one expected to see the Gators hanging around Jan. 2. Then Nebraska lost to Texas in the Big 12 Conference championship game a week later. That gave Spurrier a reason to prepare.

When he first got the invitation to the rematch, Spurrier figured he had nothing to lose. So he went after Florida State with his mouth. He griped that they hit Wuerffel late in that first game, and since they had to learn it somewhere, he took a shot at Bowden's reputation. A state barely big enough to accommodate two big-time coaches in the best of times began shrinking at an alarming rate.

There was some method to Spurrier's madness. If he couldn't win over the referees or public opinion, the least he could do was put his own kids on notice that he expected better. The final bit of motivation came when Arizona State fell out of the championship picture by losing to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

"The first time we just got outplayed, we never took it to them," said Zach Piller, who shored up Florida's offensive line Thursday night. "I mean, we're on scholarship, too. This time, we played like it."

Of course, it didn't hurt that Spurrier put aside his own dislike of the shotgun formation and used it against Florida State to buy Wuerffel more time to throw the ball.

"Probably the smartest thing Steve has done," Bowden said.

Bowden didn't appreciate the bickering Spurrier's remarks set off in the days leading up to the game. But even that ruse drew grudging admiration.

"He did a remarkable job of getting his kids ready," Bowden said. "He was talking to us, but it's as if he was talking to them."

Going into Thursday night, Spurrier had lost five of his eight games against Bowden and tied a sixth. But that record wasn't as dismal as the one he held against Bowden in popularity contests. He was 0-for-his-entire-career.

Thursday night, he finally won one. No wonder he didn't mind waiting to collect his congratulations.

Playoff system seems less attractive now

William C. Rhoden
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW ORLEANS — Until last week, I despised the guesswork, the subjective criteria associated with determining national rankings and ultimately a national championship in college football. But 48 hours of college football have changed my view and made me realize that bowl life, for all its excesses, has carved a distinctive niche for itself.

■ Commentary

There is a fierce hue and cry for a national football tournament in big-time college football. For the longest time, I led the charge. But after watching what the pressure — and the limelight — does to athletes, how it adds another mercenary layer to a mad sports culture, I'm backing off. The proposed national tournament simply pulls us further rather than closer to savoring the intrinsic joys, the simple pleasures, of competition.

The current bowl games and, by extension, the mythical ranking system, represent a final celebration, an acknowledgment that there is no ultimate truth but several truths and special moments. There was Joe Germaine, the Ohio State quarterback who grew up 10 minutes from Arizona State's campus and dreamed of playing for his hometown team. Instead, he punctured Arizona State's hopes for an undefeated season and a national title. There was Cooper, who called the Buckeyes' victory over Arizona State "one of the greatest victories in our history."

A national championship tournament in big-time football is inevitable. When it arrives, it will transform the bowl tradition into a more highly intensified experience. After Arizona State's loss, a dejected Jake Plummer, the Sun Devils' heroic quarterback, said, "This is tough to take."

Imagine how tough it would have been if the Sun Devils had been upset in the first round of a national tournament. By contrast, the bowl games are a one-time, one-shot reward that marks the end of a successful season and, often, a playing career.

Everything does not have to be the ultimate. Ohio State does not have to put it on the line again next week against Florida State or Florida. This is it, the deed is done. Who's No. 1 today? Nobody. Everybody.

Enjoy this moment.

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EXPANDING UNIVERSE

League endures startling changes in last few years

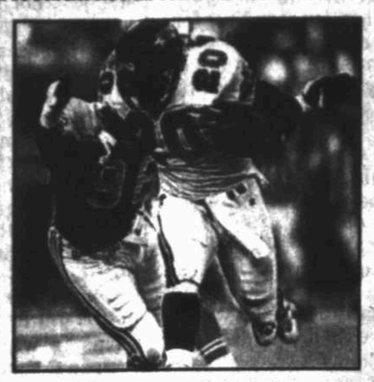
By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

Don't like the coach? Wait a little while.

Want quick success in the NFL? Go get an expansion team.

Not enough TV football? More might be on the way.

As professional football heads toward the new millennium, the NFL is undergoing startling change. Sure, the Cowboys and 49ers still are winners, but they were joined in the second round of the playoffs by Carolina and Jacksonville, which weren't even in the league two years ago.



Free agency, which has been around since 1993, and the salary cap that came a year later, have caused the greatest upheaval. While it hasn't reached the heights of baseball, where guaranteed long-term contracts teams often wind up eating when arms fail and bats go silent, it has led to a severe lack of loyalty (on both management and labor sides) as money becomes the ultimate determinant of where a Neil O'Donnell or a Larry Brown wind up.

Another free agency, for franchises themselves, has remade the league's look. No Browns in Cleveland, but Ravens in Baltimore. The Raiders back in Oakland. The Oilers headed to Nashville in '98. By '99, another team will be in Cleveland.

The 3-4 defense, a staple for much of the 1980s and the early part of this decade, is disappearing. Regardless of alignment, teams now use the zone blitz, in which pass-rushers could come from anywhere, even cornerback, and linemen might drop off into coverage. Defenses even have come up with run blitzes to plug holes.

While the West Coast offense Bill Walsh refined in the early '80s remains a staple in San Francisco, Green Bay and Philadelphia — all playoff teams this year — the run-and-shoot has just about run its course.





Photos by The Associated Press

There's talk of a Thursday night television package when the NFL negotiates a new contract, to begin in 1998. CBS is anxious to get back into the business after losing the NFC to Fox three seasons ago. The league wouldn't mind more exposure, would it?

Another TV change could be a return of instant replay, in a modified form. Viewers nationwide see blown calls and the folks in the stands see the officiating errors on jumbo scoreboards, so if the technology is there, a way to use it must be there, too.

The coaches certainly seem to think so. Buffalo's Marv Levy, long a staunch opponent of replay under the old system that disappeared after the 1991 season, has changed his mind. So has New England's Bill Parcells.

"I'm for anything that will assist these guys," says Parcells. "Officiating is a very difficult job. The pressure on these guys is growing. By and large, they do everything they humanly can do to make the right call. I just have a problem when a guy doesn't know the rules or calls something he doesn't see."

Something everyone has seen in the last two years is a rash of coaching firings. Since the end of the 1995 season, 13 of the 30 franchises have gotten rid of a head coach, including eight this year. That's an incredible turnover rate.

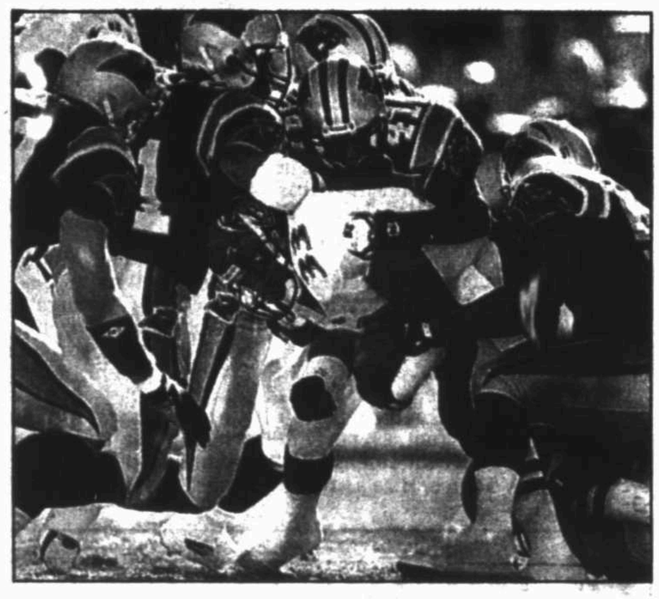
One reason is the quick success of the Panthers, who won the NFC West in their second season, and the Jaguars, who eliminated the AFC power of the '90s, Buffalo, from the playoffs last weekend. While those expansion teams had a major advantage over previous new teams — a full salary cap to fill and free agency through which to do it — owners in other, established cities see those clubs in the playoffs and they flinch.

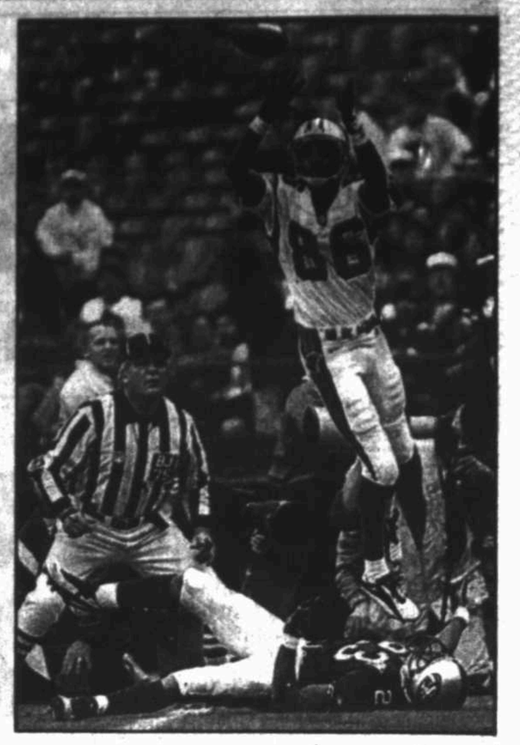
Then they pull the trigger on the coach.

"We didn't start with zero in the salary cap and be able to spend money anyway we wanted to and go out and select whoever we wanted to in the free agent market," said Rich Brooks, fired after two seasons in St. Louis. "We didn't get double draft choices.

"Those two franchises have made hay. They've done a great job of taking advantage of the opportunity they had, which was the best opportunity of any expansion team ever in any professional league."

While the Panthers and Jaguars prospered quickly, Brooks, Rich Kotite of the Jets and Mike White of the Raiders lost their jobs just as quickly, given two years and then given the boot. Certainly, with a 4-28 record, Kotite had no valid argument for returning, but Brooks was betrayed by youth — his entire backfield usually consisted of rookies — and by upper management, which traded away two of the Rams' best players, Jerome Bettis and Sean Gilbert. Bobby Ross, once a Super Bowl coach, announced his resignation from the Chargers on Friday.





As professional football heads toward the new millenium, the look of the NFL is undergoing startling change. Sure, the Cowboys and 49ers still are winners, but they were joined in the second round of the playoffs by Carolina and Jacksonville, which weren't even in the league two years ago. And whoever thought there would be football in Baltimore again but not in Cleveland? The Panthers are making their mark with players like cornerback Toi Cook (41), center, receiver Willie Green (86), top right, and a defense that smothered Baltimore running back Bam Morris (33), bottom right. The Jaguars were led by quarterback Mark Brunell (8), bottom left, and running back Natrone Means (20), top left.

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An FWA rig, rigging up for work in the Midland yard. The rig count in the Permian Basin is down to 126 from 129 last week and up from 118 a year ago.

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NEW LEADERSHIP

Service company changes leaders

By Staff

James D. Allen, chairman, president and CEO of Southwest PetroServices Inc. and trustee for the West Texas Children's Fund has resigned his position with Southwest PetroServices. In addition, West Texas Children's Fund has sold its controlling interest in the firm for an undisclosed sum.

Allen's resignation was effective December 22, 1996, at which time the board of directors of Southwest PetroServices elected Steve Holder as President and CEO. Holder, a longtime Midland resident and president of Key Commercial Investments, has been involved in the Permian Basin oil industry in the area of factoring.

Allen said he had total confidence that the newly-elected officers and directors of Southwest PetroServices would be able to take the company to the next level in finance, operations and service. In the past year the company has purchased 25 oilfield service companies and combined them into the largest full-service operational company in the Permian Basin.

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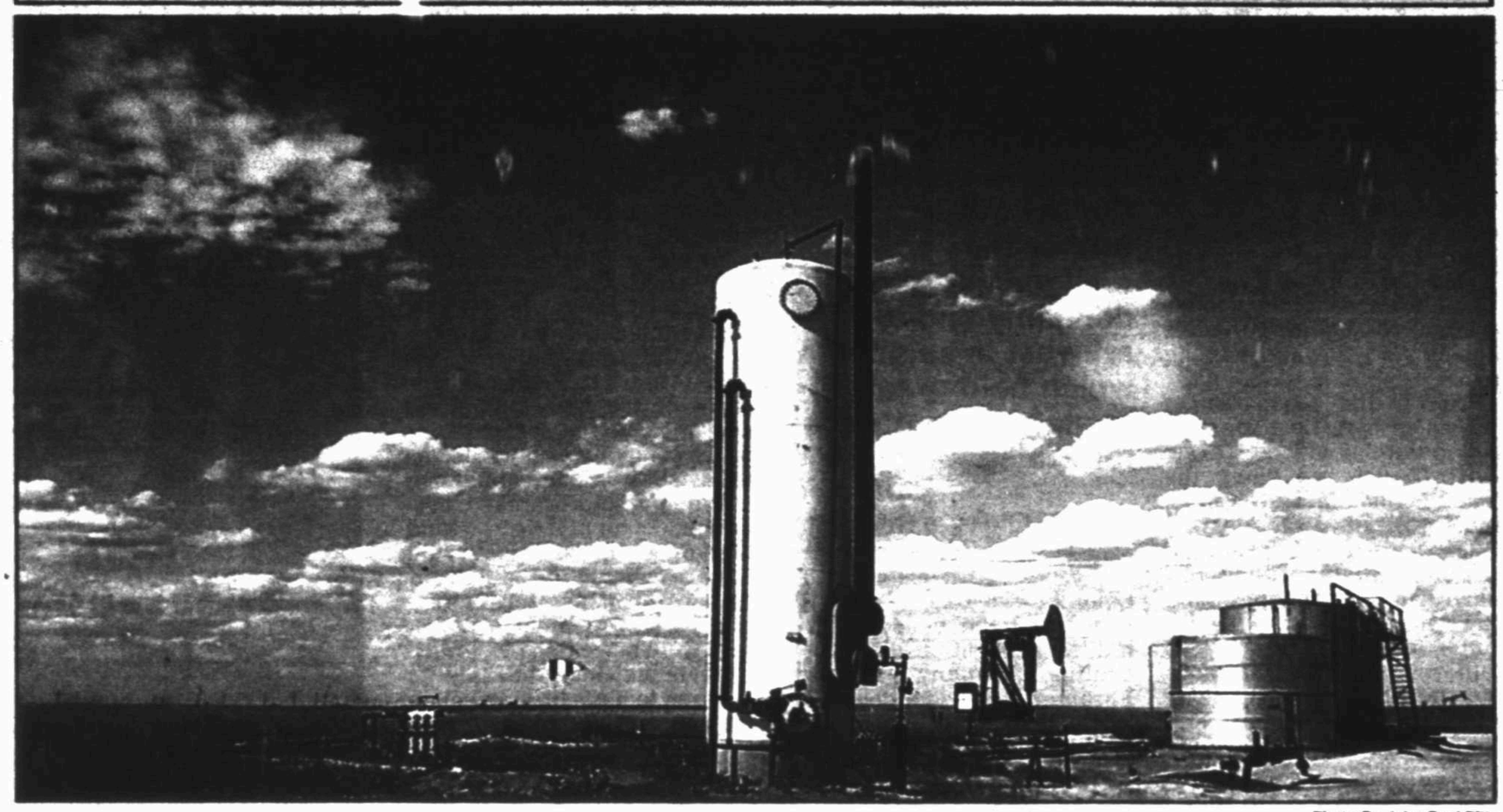


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Oil and gas leases, such as this one near Lamesa, should be more profitable in 1997, according to energy analysts.

Oil producers may see double-digit gains

Most of the nation's big oil companies are expected to post double-digit profit gains in the fourth quarter because of much higher crude oil and natural gas prices.

The high prices "are going to be very fruitful for most majors in the fourth quarter," said John Parry, an analyst at John S. Herold Inc. in Stamford, Connecticut.

Exxon Corp., Texaco Inc., Amoco Corp., Chevron Corp. and Mobil Corp. are expected to post 10 percent profit increases, according to Todd Bergman, a Goldman, Sachs & Co. analyst. Other analysts expect up to 35 percent increases.

Earnings could rise as much as 75 percent each for Phillips Petroleum Co., Atlantic Richfield Co., Unocal Corp., Amerada Hess Corp., USX-Marathon Group, Occidental Petroleum Corp. and Kerr-McGee Corp., said Mark Hastings, a Merrill Lynch analyst.

Profits from finding and producing oil and gas are expected to more than compensate for continued weak chemical and refining earnings, analysts said.

For companies that both produce and refine crude, the fourth quarter "will be good. It's only a question of how good," Bergman said.

Crude prices in the quarter have averaged $24.45 a barrel, up 36 percent from a year ago, and natural gas prices are $3.03 per thousand cubic feet, up 50 percent, based on New York Mercantile Exchange futures trading.

Several things contributed to the higher oil prices. Demand from customers has been stronger than expected, and the supply from non-OPEC nations has been lower than expected. That caused inventories to shrink. In addition, Iraq hasn't yet returned to world oil markets, keeping supply relatively tight.

Demand in the quarter was fueled by economic growth in the U.S. and Asia, and forecasts for a colder-than-normal weather.

Combined with strong prices in the third quarter, high energy prices this quarter are expected to push many of the companies to report their best year ever. Chevron said Sunday it expects to have record 1996 operating profit and will increase its capital spending 11 percent next year.

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Service companies see solid quarter

Oil-service companies are expected to post strong fourth-quarter earnings increases as the oil and natural gas industry spends more on drilling.

Offshore drilling contractors such as Falcon Drilling Co., Global Marine Inc. and Noble Drilling Corp. are expected to lead the increase. Equipment and service providers such as Western Atlas Inc. and Smith International Inc. also are benefiting from rising spending by petroleum producers.

Oil companies have continued to boost their drilling programs to profit from higher oil and gas prices, and in many areas demand for drilling equipment and services have outpaced supply. This has boosted prices for many oil services. Analysts expect most service providers' fourth-quarter earnings to meet or exceed third-quarter levels.

"I think you're going to see, particularly from the drillers, earnings performances that some of these companies haven't enjoyed since the very early 1980s," said Robert Trace, an analyst at Hanifen Imhoff Inc.

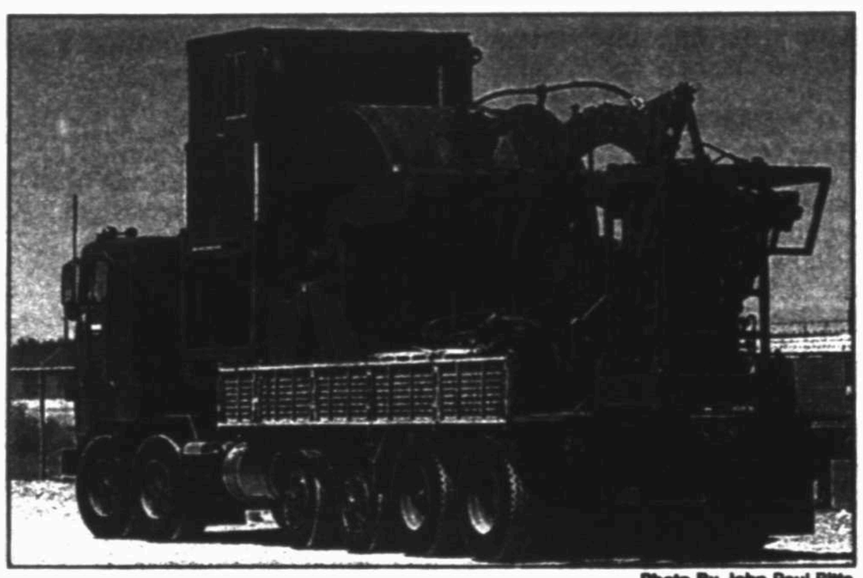


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A coiled tubing unit at work in the Permian Basin. Experts expect a strong last quarter for service companies.

Crude prices in the quarter have averaged $24.45 a barrel, up 36 percent from a year ago, and natural gas prices averaged $3.02 per thousand cubic feet, up 50 percent, based on New York Mercantile Exchange futures trading.

Worldwide exploration and production spending this year rose about 11 percent over 1995.

Another reason companies are drilling more is that the costs of finding and developing oil and gas fields have fallen more than 30 percent since 1991. That's in large part because of improved technology that lets companies better map underground oil deposits.

After having consolidated in recent years, oil companies

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HarCor sells Permian Basin properties

By Staff

HarCor Energy, Inc. of Houston has sold about 15 Permian Basin leases to an independent exploration and production company for $4.6 million. The leases are scattered across five areas in Lea Co., New Mexico and are considered non-core areas by HarCor.

A company spokesman said the sale was the result of an unsolicited offer. "The properties were not on the market. We received a very good offer – far in excess of what we had them valued at – from someone who really wanted the properties."

The properties currently produce an estimated 195 BOPD and 90 MCFD. Reserves were not disclosed.

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Dawson acquisition affects Basin drilling activity

By Kay Crites
Special to the Oil Report

Dawson Production Services' recently-announced acquisition of Pride Petroleum Services' domestic, land-based well-servicing business will profoundly affect drilling activity in the Permian Basin.

Dawson, which already had operations in West Texas, will instantly jump into the #1 slot as the Permian Basin's dominant contractor with the addition of Pride's 400 workover rigs to its existing fleet of 87 land rigs. Dawson plans to use the additional equipment to expand its lucrative water-hauling and ancillary services. The company has made other expansion acquisitions in Texas this past year, buying liquids services company Taylor Cos. Inc. of Tyler for $14 million and signing a letter of intent to acquire Kilgore's Mobley Co., a water-hauling firm.

Prior to the acquisition of Pride's onshore fleet, Dawson had operations in West Texas, South Texas and along the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast. About 25% of Dawson's revenues were a result of its support of horizontal drilling, primarily in the Austin Chalk. Dawson will also gain significant market share in California, where it will move into the #2 slot, behind Pool. Pool, acquisition-hungry Key Energy Group, Pride and Dawson are the four major, publicly-traded workover contractors in the U.S., holding 30% of the total domestic market.

Pride, the world's largest workover contractor, will now concentrate on offshore drilling and Latin America, where it maintains a tight hold on the title of largest rig operator with 132 workover rigs and 48 drilling rigs operating in Argentina, Venezuela and Colombia. Pride recently announced the pending $320-million acquisition of French drilling company, Forasol-Foramer N.V. The deal indirectly lead to the acquisition by Dawson, according to press reports. The investment banker representing Forasol also represented Dawson during its initial public offering in March of this year. The banker suggested that Dawson might be a good match for the land services, and while Pride's land-based well servicing business was not formally on the market, the potential sale had been discussed as a future possibility, said company spokesmen. The deal with Dawson allowed Pride to shift its primary focus from well servicing to contract drilling.

'The sale of our domestic land well servicing operations to Dawson allows us the opportunity to further the realignment of our company and to reinvest in segments which hold greater strategic importance for Pride...'
— Ray Tolson, CEO, Pride Chairman.

Pride Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ray Tolson said, "The sale of our domestic land well servicing operations to Dawson allows us the opportunity to further the realignment of our company and to reinvest in segments which hold greater strategic importance for Pride. In the past few years, as we have expanded in international and offshore markets, the importance of the U.S. land-based operations to the performance of the company as a whole has diminished. Upon completion of the Forasol-Foramer transaction, domestic land workover operations would have accounted for only about 15 percent of pro forma revenues and 5 percent of earnings from operations."

Pride expects the sale to Dawson to have little effect on its next year's earnings.

PRODUCERS: May see double-digits

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"Most of these companies will have record earnings," said Fadel Gheit, a Fahnestock & Co. analyst. "Exploration and production are moving a lot stronger than anyone thought."

Amoco said last Tuesday it will have record profit in 1996 and, as a result, will boost its dividend and buy back as much as $2 billion of its stock over two years.

Amoco will benefit most from the higher natural gas prices because it is the largest gas producer in the U.S. It also is the most vulnerable to a big drop in earnings if gas prices slide.

While Amoco's year will be great, its fourth-quarter profit will be hurt by continued weak prices for paraxylene and purified terephthalic acid, or PTA. The Chicago-based company is the world's leading producer of PTA and paraxylene, which are used to make products such as plastic soda bottles. Prices for the two chemicals have been kept down by excess capacity.

The oil companies' profits from chemical operations are expected to fall 15 percent from a year ago, primarily reflecting the higher cost of feedstocks such as oil. In some cases, excess supply or lower-than-expected demand has driven prices down.

Refining profit margins, which have been weak for some time, have improved in some areas of the world, such as the U.S. Gulf Coast and Europe, which should benefit Exxon, analysts said. Margins have been hurt because refiners have been unable to raise the prices for their products, including gasoline, to compensate for the higher cost of crude oil.

Refining margins remained weak on the U.S. West Coast and in the Far East, while profit margins on sales of gasoline and other refined products also were squeezed on the West Coast. That will hurt Chevron, Unocal and Arco.

"Whenever we have a strong rise in oil prices, it's hard for refining to catch up, particularly on the retail side," Parry said. "I wouldn't look for too much of a change on refining (earnings)."

SERVICE: Companies forth quarter earnings

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service companies, and they're paying more for increasingly sophisticated products and services.

The service companies also have consolidated, and they've been less likely than in the past to build rigs without first lining up contracts to justify the expense, analysts said. This has helped cause a shortage of drilling rigs over the last year and half.

In its annual report on rig activity, Reed Tool Co. said fewer oil rigs are available this year than ever before, though the ones remaining are being used at the highest rate in 15 years.

The increasing demand for rigs has led to higher rental rates. Day rates are up in some cases dramatically even from the third quarter, analysts said. In West Africa, the hottest offshore drilling market, rates for certain rigs have doubled to the $40,000-a-day range in the past year.

A string of mergers and acquisitions this year in the offshore drilling market has reduced the number of competitors, which may also have helped improve rig day rates, Trace said.

Noble Drilling acquired Rotterdam-based Royal Nedlloyd NV's offshore oil and gas drilling division in July. Ensco International Inc. acquired Dual Drilling Co. in June, and Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. bought Arethusa Ltd. in April.

"The mergers also factor into the (earnings) comparisons over last year, because these are bigger companies," said Geoffrey Kieburtz, an analyst at Salomon Brothers Inc.

Also helping boost earnings is a 15 percent increase in drilling for natural gas this quarter, said James Wicklund, an analyst at Rauscher Pierce Refsnes. On average, it costs about 50 percent more to drill a gas well than an oil well.

"The biggest increase in drilling activity is with the most expensive wells to drill," he said.

"It's hard to find negative surprises with the service companies in the fourth quart[illegible]," Hanifen's Trace said.

What could cause some to fall short of expectations is if the completions of wells get delayed and their rigs are still working at a lower day rate.

Any increased operating costs will be more than offset by higher profits, analysts said.

The rising demand for drilling has led to higher labor costs as oil service companies hire more crews. Transocean Offshore Inc. last month said its fourth-quarter and 1997 operating costs could be higher partly because of increased spending on wages.

Companies have also had to increase their maintenance costs as their rigs and equipment get more use.

"The industry is just plain busy," said George Gaspar, an analyst with Robert W. Baird & Co. "I can't dissect it any other way."

ACQUISITION BRIEFS

Gothic inks two, acquires interests

Gothic Energy continues to grow, signing two deals at year end for properties in Oklahoma and Texas.

First, Gothic purchased working and royalty interests in ~100 producing properties in Major and Blaine counties, OK for $10 million. Net producing reserves being acquired are ~11.5 BCFE. Gothic will assume operations of 33 of the properties being acquired.

Additionally, in an unrelated transaction, the company signed an agreement to acquire for $4.2 million working interest and operations of 30 gas wells (5 BCFE) in western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

Queen Sand buys production

Dallas-based Queen Sand Resources has signed a letter of intent to acquire about 2 MMBOE in Texas Louisiana and Mississippi. for $5.3 million and 1.1 million shares of stock.

The acquisition consists of a group of producing and developmental properties with reserves valued at ~$11.5 million.

The acquisition adds to Queen Sands reserve positions in the onshore Gulf Coast regions of Louisiana and Mississippi.

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Gas industry divides along niche lines

Has the natural gas industry finally achieved an ideal synergy of talent and assets, exploration and production, that can drive it to new heights? One natural gas analyst thinks so.


Pitts

Over the past 10 years, capital requirements and specific expertise have been quietly transforming the natural gas industry, says Philip Budzik, Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs and Technical Analysis for the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA). "The largest gas producers have increased their role in exploration while smaller gas producers have concentrated increasingly on the management of mature fields."

In a study of Energy Information Agency (EIA) data for the past decade, Budzik noted that in 1996 the top 30 domestic producers accounted for 79 percent of all new discoveries, compared to only 44 percent in 1986. By the same token, the rest of the industry was responsible for the lion's share of reserve revisions. A report published by NGSA notes that small producers accounted for 30 percent of gas reserve revisions in 1996, and 70 percent in 1986.

"Data suggest that each of these industry segments is utilizing its unique economic advantage to work within exploration-production niches, and that it could result in the most efficient development and production of the nation's natural gas reserves," says Budzik.

Interestingly enough, while big and small companies may have divided along specialty lines, the contribution of both groups to the overall domestic gas stream is equal at 50 percent each. At the same time, reserve holdings have remained more or less constant with 55 percent of reserves belonging to the top 30 producers.

How does the researcher explain this shift of activity and polarity of expertise in the natural gas industry? Said Budzik: "My belief, based on anecdotal evidence, is that the smaller oil and gas companies are getting out of the exploration business because of the need for large capital investments and a high level of technological sophistication that is required to find new gas reserves."

"Small producers can use their lower operating cost structure in conjunction with enhanced recovery techniques to extend the life of existing gas fields, thereby increasing reserves through revisions."

Budzik said larger producers enjoy a capital advantage and technological advantage, that is best suited for exploration, and that small producers enjoy an operating advantage that is best suited for development of low-cost natural gas reserves.

The analyst noted that identification of this niche trend was not only beneficial to the efficient production of natural gas, but could also have a bearing on how investors, stockholders and analysts view the natural gas companies.

One thing the analyst did not discuss was the tremendous shift of assets down the oil and gas feeding chain and how that asset accumulation has more or less forced some operators out of the exploration business and into the development business. Still, it appears Budzik has identified a trend that will provide the industry with some lessons.

John Paul Pitts is editor of the Permian Basin Oil Report

American Exploration acquires partnership interests for $9 million

HOUSTON--American Exploration Company announced that it has purchased the limited partnership interests held by affiliates of New York Life Insurance Company in Ancon Partnership, Ltd., ("Ancon") a limited partnership of which American Exploration serves as general partner. The cash purchase price, net of acquired working capital, was approximately $9.0 million. Estimated proved reserves attributable to the acquired interest total 2.3 million BOE as of September 30, 1996, the effective date of the transaction.

Commenting, Mark Andrews, Chairman and CEO, said, "We are now in the final stage of winding down our partnership activities, having recently completed the sale of oil and gas properties held by the New York Life Oil and Gas Production Partnerships. The Ancon acquisition will largely offset the impact of the NYLOG sales on our net reserves and production and increases our net ownership position in several major properties.

'With our partnership properties now either sold or consolidated into American Exploration, we are focused on exploration and development projects...'
— Mark Andrews, Chairman and CEO.

"With our partnership properties now either sold or consolidated into American Exploration, we are focused on exploration and development projects in the Gulf of Mexico, the Wilcox trend in south Texas, the Cotton Valley Reef trend in east Texas and the Smackover trend in Arkansas. For 1997, we have budgeted approximately $76 million for land, seismic and drilling activity and expect to participate in approximately 130 gross wells."

SELLS: Properties

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The leases represent 10% of HarCor's aggregate assets. HarCor expects to book an estimated $3 million capital gain on the sale, which is expected to close before year-end. The company will use proceeds to pursue various 3-D projects.

HarCor Energy is an independent energy company pursuing risk-managed oil and gas acquisitions for future exploitation. The company operates in the Permian Basin, South Texas and San Joaquin Basin in California, with 85% of the company's holdings in light-oil producing California properties.

SERVICE BRIEFS

Sierra Well buys rigs

Midland-based Sierra Well Services has purchased four deep-well servicing rigs from Baber Well Service of Hobbs, NM. The deep units can work to 15,000 feet and will allow Sierra to continue to expand its specialization in later al completions. Sierra has 21 units actively working. Sierra has 6 service units operating in Longview and 15 in the Permian Basin and will be opening a Hobbs office. According to a company statement, Sierra intends to continue growing through acquisitions.

Key closes Michigan trucking deal

Key Energy Group is on the move again, completing the $4.9-million acquisition of B&L Hotshot Inc. and five affiliated entities.

B&L and the related companies are based in Kalkaska, MI and provide trucking and related services for producers. Currently Key Energy, through sub WellTech Eastern, operates a fleet of service rigs and hot oilers and trucks in the same operating areas as B&L.

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Nabors to merge with Adcor-Nicklos Drilling

HOUSTON—Nabors Industries today announced that it has executed a definitive agreement to merge with Adcor-Nicklos Drilling Company in a stock-for-stock exchange that will be accounted for as a pooling-of-interest. All of the stock of Adcor-Nicklos will be exchanged for 3.4 million shares of Nabors Common stock. The transaction which has already received government approval is expected to close in January. The Adcor-Nicklos fleet consist of 30 active and six stacked rigs. Eleven of the active and three of the stacked rigs are diesel electric SCR. The assets also include significant amounts of drill pipe, spare drilling equipment, yards, vehicles and other support equipment. The rigs are located in East and South Texas, Arkoma, the Rocky Mountain region and the Williston basin.

Gene Isenberg chairman and chief executive officer of Nabors commented that, "The addition of Adcor-Nicklos brings not only more high quality rigs that are in strong demand but also a staff of excellent operating personnel who have created one of the more respected names in the contracting business. Adcor-Nicklos is privately held by a group of sophisticated investors and we are pleased to have them as shareholders of Nabors."

The recent Securities and Exchange Commission's Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 96 has created uncertainties regarding the use of the pooling-of-interest method of accounting when stock buy back programs are in effect. Consequently, the company's Board of Directors has decided to rescind the company's existing stock repurchase plan. The company has not repurchased any shares under the stock repurchase plan since its original authorization in December 1995.

Nabors actively markets approximately 330 land drilling and 78 land well servicing rigs. Offshore, the company operates 23 platform rigs, six jack-ups, and five barge rigs. The company is a participant in most of the significant oil, gas and geothermal drilling markets in the world. Complementing its drilling and workover services, Nabors provides comprehensive oilfield engineering, civil construction, logistics and management services.

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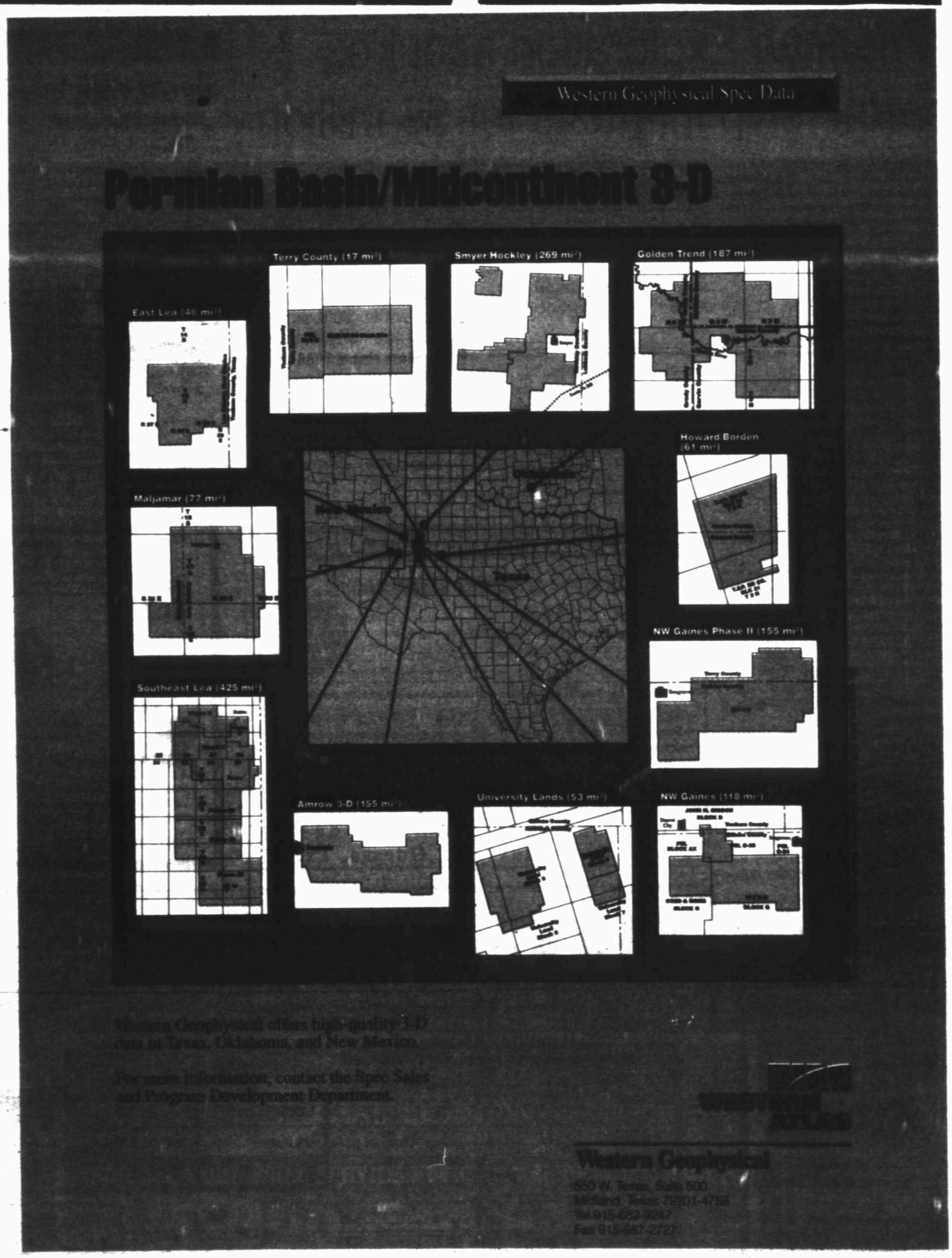
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Halliburton eyes merger with OGC

DALLAS — Halliburton Company acknowledges that it is in discussions with OGC International plc, a U.K. company traded on the London Stock Exchange, concerning a possible acquisition by Halliburton of OGC. OGC and Halliburton announced these discussions earlier today in the U.K.

OGC provides a variety of engineering, operations and maintenance services to the petroleum industry, primarily in the North Sea. In 1995 it had revenues of 233 million U.K. Pounds ($385 million) and pretax profit of 14.2 million U.K. Pounds ($23.5 million). For the first six months ended June 30, 1996, OGC had revenues of 91 million U.K. Pounds ($150 million) and pretax profit of 2.7 million U.K. Pounds ($4.5 million). As of June 30, 1996, OGC had total shareholders' equity of 37 million U.K. Pounds ($61 million).

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DOWNSTREAM BRIEFS

Edisto closes sale of marketing assets

Edisto Resources has closed on the sale of substantially all of its gas marketing assets to Pacific Gas Transmission Co. (Pacific Gas and Electric sub). Edisto's gas marketing operations are conducted through subsidiaries Energy Source (U.S.) and Energy Source Canada. Purchase price was $23.3 million (cash), plus working capital of Energy Source at July 31 (~$20 million). However, the purchase price was reduced by ~$5.3 million when two gas suppliers of Energy Source Canada (NESI Energy Marketing Canada, formerly Chandler Energy Company; and Tarpon Gas Marketing) sought protection from creditors under Canadian bankruptcy law, according to a release by Edisto.

Edisto will continue to conduct oil and gas operations through its 73% in Convest Energy, an independent e&p company.

ARCO buys interest in Alaska pipeline

ARCO's wholly-owned sub, ARCO Transportation Alaska, has agreed to pay Mobil Alaska Pipeline $14.1 million for an additional 1% interest in the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. ARCO will purchase ~25% of Mobil Alaska's 4% interest in the Pipeline.

If approved by the Department of Interior, the purchase would up ARCO's ownership from 21.35% to 22.3%.

The 800-mile pipeline system carries crude from Alaska's North Slope to Valdez where the oil is loaded aboard tankers for delivery to the West Coast. ARCO is Alaska's second-largest oil producer .

Amoco buys pipeline

Amoco Pipeline has completed its acquisition of the Mon-Dak (Rockies) pipeline from Texaco Pipeline. The 450-mile crude line runs from Richey to Sidney, MT and on into North Dakota where it ties into an existing Amoco line. The deal included seven Montana delivery stations for truck unloading.

Pre-tax charges double on merger

Pre-tax charges for the Mobil, British Petroleum merger of European refining and marketing operations will total $860 million, more than double the original estimate. However, this will be offset by savings which are also considerably more than the original estimate of $500 million, according to company spokesmen.



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This could be the oil field's most important tool

Oil industry tools and procedures have changed drastically over the past 50 years, but one thing has not changed: the need for complete and accurate information regarding producers, service companies and other related businesses. That's why many in the oil patch have considered the Burmass Permian Basin Oil Directory to be an indispensable tool since the late Burl Self began it in 1947.

This "tool's" handy 6" x 9" size makes it easy to keep at the ready on a desktop or in a vehicle. **"I know people who never** go anywhere without their directory," **says Ms Self. "They never** know when they'll need to look up someone."

Its 1100 pages with over 4000 listings provides an accurate portrayal of the rapidly changing oil industry each year. Owner and publisher Sandra Self, Burl's daughter, says, **"Each edition used to be good for two or three years. Now, with mergers and reorganizations happening almost constantly, you need a new one every year."**

There is incredible detail in this representation of the oil industry. Each listing is as long or as short as necessary to include the information. Ms. Self spends much time obtaining and verifying the accuracy of each listing. **"I can't *stand* wrong information," she says, knowing her readers feel the same way.**

While the need for information hasn't changed since 1947, the way it's presented has grown and improved whenever needed. That's why the Burmass book is still the industry standard. Twenty-one categories, a complete index, table of contents, divider tabs and a comprehensive yellow-page product and services section, along with many other amenities make the directory easy to use.

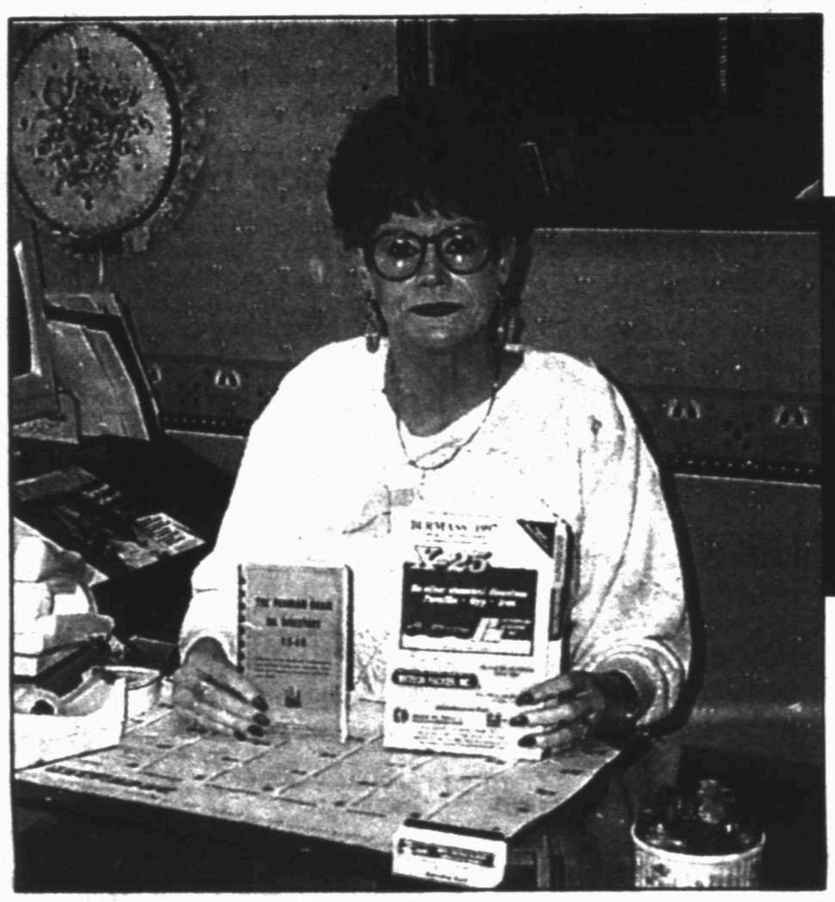
Four thousand or so are sent out each year, one-half of which go to producers. Most of these books stay in the Permian Basin, although about a third are sent out of the area, Ms. Self estimates.

The directory is also a key that unlocks business opportunities. Listings themselves are free, but there are many advertising options that allow companies to detail their services and areas of expertise. Advertising opportunities begin with simple listing enhancements such as bold type. Space ads are available, ranging from basic black and white inside slots to color slots on tabs and on covers. Current cover and divider tab advertisers are given the first right-of-refusal from year to year, therefore, there is typically a waiting list for any available space.

It is a reliable key. "Every year, 95 percent of our advertisers renew," Ms. Self reports, explaining that this is a testimony to the advertising's effectiveness. "Most who drop off have retired, shut down or moved away."

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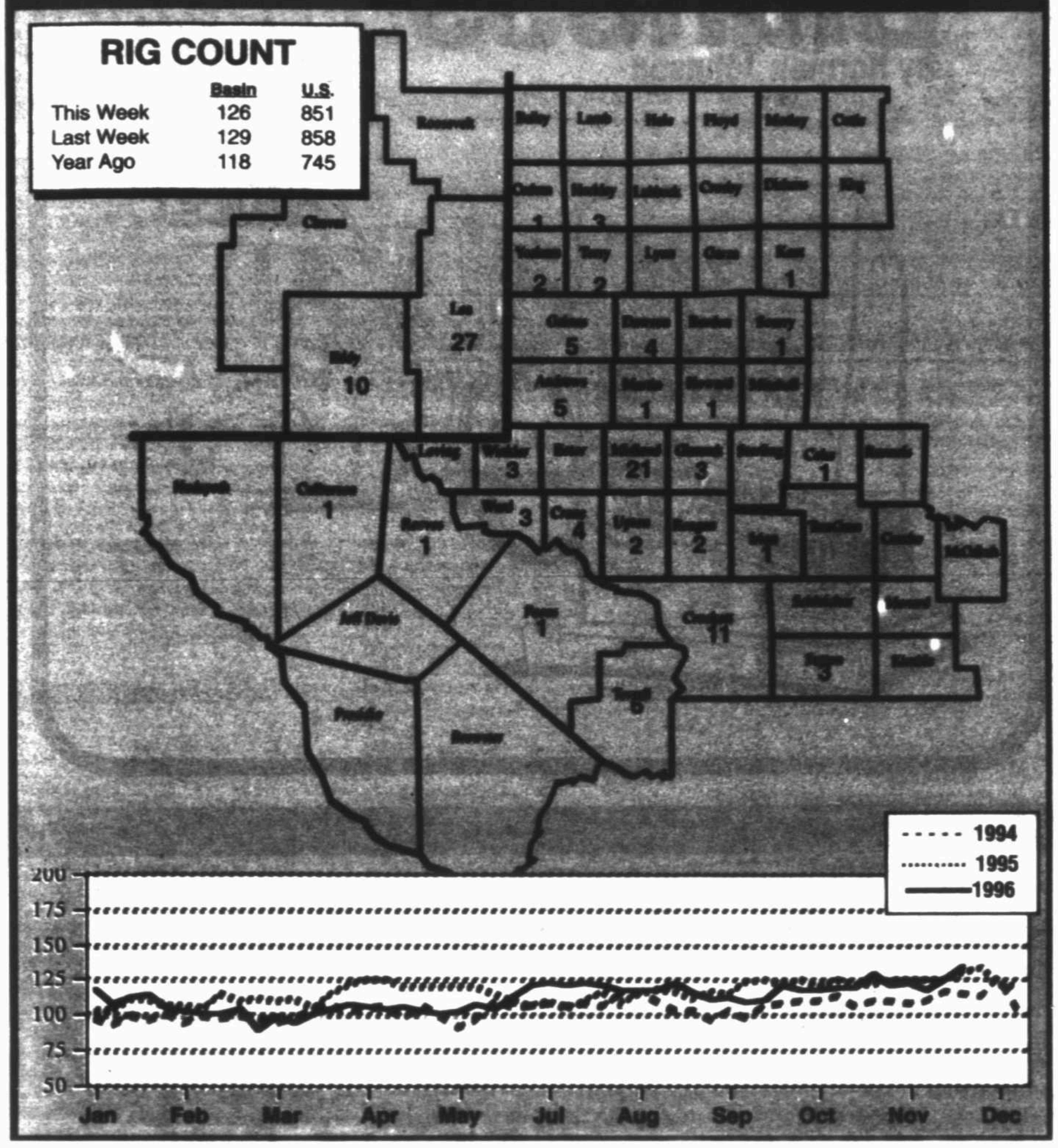
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RIG COUNT

	Basin	U.S.
This Week	126	851
Last Week	129	858
Year Ago	118	745



EXPLORATION BRIEFS

P&P earns TRC exceptions

The Texas Railroad Commission has authorized Parker & Parsley Developement Co. to drill its Judkins "G" #4 in Midland County's Spraberry Field. P&P requested an exception to the density rule to permit recovery of 30,000 BO.

In Martin Co., P&P received TRC exceptions to well spacing and density rules for its wildcat, Dove "B" #2, in the Spraberry trend. The exceptions were requested on the basis of volumetric calculations which indated 134,000 recoverable BOunder the lease.

Offshore updates Garden Banks well

Tatham Offshore, Inc.says working interest owners in the Garden Banks Block 117 No. 2 well have decided to continue drilling operations to test deeper prospective targets. Casing is currently being set on the GB 117 No. 2 well through the Glob alt "A" sand, which the operator anticipates placing on production following the completion of the exploratory drilling operation.

New information obtained from a seismic velocity survey indicates that the initial exploratory target lies about 600 feet below the current depth of the well bore .

Abraxas finals Wyoming well

Abraxas Petroleum announced completion of the Siberia Ridge Field well (Sweetwater Co., WY) in the Lewis Sand for 600 BCPD and 4.3 MMCFD, following frac.

The well was drilled by an outside operator and Abraxas owns 25%.

The well represents Abraxas' first effort in the Wyoming area following the acquisition of producing properties in the Green River Basin from Enserch Exploration Inc. in September (Acquisition News V. 9 #18).

Gas demand approaches record

The gas industry is eying a 24-year-old demand record, due mostly to the recent bitter cold and reduced inventories.

If current estimates hold, the U.S. will consume 22.2 TCF by year-end, which would break the record of 22.15 TCF (1972), says the American Gas Association.

The chance to break the 25-year-old record has been spurred by a recent cold snap stretching as far south as Texas, and predictions are that this cold is the precursor of things to come this winter.

Even if the record doesn't fall this year, it probably will in 1997, the American Gas Association predicted.

Gas consumption is expected to increase to 22.63 TCF (up 3.7%) next year. The forecast assumes normal weather, a national growth rate of 2.5%, and average crude prices of $20.50/barrel.

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WILDCATS

Southeast New Mexico

LEA COUNTY

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WILDCAT DEV - WP, 14S-38E-34, sw nw ne, 1275 fnl 2587 fel, 8827 mi 35.000 of 753260.000. EL: 3758 GR. Obj: 13100 (Devonian). NL: 12/20/96. API# 30-025-33732. ID# T-480666
NEARBURG PRODUCING CO
■ MAVERICK 16 STATE #1
WILDCAT DEL - WP, 20S-32E-16, nw nw se, 2300 fsl 2310 fel EL: 3511 GR. Obj: 5300 (Delaware). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-025-33727. ID# T-480624.

Texas RRCD 7C

CROCKETT COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ UNIVERSITY BLK 42 #1201CH
WILDCAT- HORIZONTAL W, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 42 sec 12, 2300 fsl 1050 fel of sec, and lse. 701.8 acre lse. 17 mi N of Sonora. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 660 fnl 1980 fel of sec. 12 (TVD: 8500) -- and lse -- Top of PZone: 2650 fsl 1200 fel of sec, and lse. EL: 2569 GR.NL: 12/20/96. ID# T 480676

Texas RRCD 8

REEVES COUNTY

CAPATAZ OPERATING INC
■ FERNANDES #1
WILDCAT- W, H & G N RY CO sur blk 4 sec 29, 1050 fsl 1005 fel of sec, and lse. 650 acre lse. 8 mi N of Pecos. Obj: 5430 test.NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480660

WARD COUNTY

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ ICEBERG #1
WILDCAT- W, H & T C RY CO sur blk 34 sec 168, A-1274, 2173 fnel 1320 fnel of sec, 467 fsl 1320 fel of lse. 323 acre lse. (A-1274 originally known as P Wilson) 14 mi W of Pyote. EL: 2694 GR. Obj: 5300 test.NL: 12/19/96. Permit# 456318. API# 42-475-34431. ID# T-480649.

Texas RRCD 8A

COTTLE COUNTY

POLK PETROLEUM INC
■ JONES #1
WILDCAT- W, F P KNOTT sur sec 8, A-868, 829 fsl 1400 fel of sec, 1489 fsl 1400 fel of lse. 240 acre lse. 1 mi S of Ceevee. EL: 2025 GR. Obj: 5000 test. NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480647

DICKENS COUNTY

EASTERN ENERGY CORP
■ SMITHEY UNIT #1R
WILDCAT- W, H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 196, A-606, 2500 fnl 175 fel of sec, 467 fnl 640 fel of unit. 40 acre unit. 9.5 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2165 GR. Obj: 4600 test. NL: 12/20/96. Permit# 456476. API# 42-125-30621. ID# T-480651

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Southeast New Mexico

CHAVES COUNTY

MCKAY OIL CORP
■ REMMELE - B STATE COM #9
PECOS SLOPE WEST ABO - D, 6S-22E-27, ne sw ne, 1760 fnl 1760 fel EL: 4187 GR. Obj: 3000 (Abo). NL: 12/23/96. API# 30-005-63115. ID# T-480718
MACK ENERGY CORP
■ INDIANHEAD FEDERAL #1
WEST RANCH QU - D, 15S-30E-3, w/2 ne sw, 1980 fsl 1650 fwl, 18.25 mi N of Loco Hills. EL: 4005 GR. Obj: 2550 (Queen). NL: 12/20/96. API# 30-005 21146. ID# T 480664.

EDDY COUNTY

MACK ENERGY CORP
■ G J WEST COOP UNIT #141
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D, 17S-29E-21, nw se sw, 686 fsl 1700 fwl EL: 3599 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres). NL: 12/19/95. API# 30-015-29298. ID# T 480611.
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
■ BURCH KEELY UNIT #834
GRAYBURG J CKSON SR QU GB SA - D, 17S-29E-24, s/2 se sw, 25 fsl 1980 fwl, 20.7 mi E of Artesia. EL: 3587 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres). NL: 12/23/96. ID# T 480713
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
■ BURCH KEELY UNIT #835
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D, 17S-29E-25, e/2 sw nw, 1980 fnl 1295 fwl EL: 3597 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres). NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480712.(PO Box 227, Artesia NM 88210 - 505/748-3303).
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
■ BURCH KEELY UNIT #836
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D, 17S-29E-26, e/2 se ne, 1980 fsl 50 fel, 20.7 mi E of Artesia. EL: 3584 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres). NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480711
MACK ENERGY CORP
■ G J WEST COOP UNIT #143
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D, 17S-29E-28, se sw ne, 2040 fnl 1940 fel EL: 3567 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-015-29300. ID# T 480608
MACK ENERGY CORP
■ G J WEST COOP UNIT #142
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D, 17S-29E-28, nw nw se, 2090 fsl 2310 fel EL: 3587 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-015-29299. ID# T 480607
MARATHON OIL CO
■ INDIAN BASIN NORTH UNIT #34
INDIAN BASIN MORROW D, 21S-23E-4, c se se, 660 fsl 660 fel, 10 mi SW of Lakewood. EL: 3862 GR. Obj: 9500 (Morrow). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-015 29296. ID# T-480622.
MARATHON OIL CO
■ INDIAN BASIN NORTH UNIT #31
INDIAN BASIN MORROW - D, 21S-23E-15, ne sw ne, 1650 fnl 1800 fel, 10 mi SW of Lakewood. EL: 3828 KB. Obj: 9600 (Morrow). NL: 12/23/96. API# 30-015 29304. ID# T-480722
MARATHON OIL CO
■ INDIAN BASIN NORTH UNIT #32
INDIAN BASIN MORROW - D, 21S-23E-15, nw se nw, 1750 fnl 1650 fwl, 10 mi SW of Lakewood. EL: 3856 GR. Obj: 9600 (Morrow). NL: 12/23/96. API# 30-015 29305. ID# T-480720
MARATHON OIL CO
■ INDIAN FEDERAL GAS COM #2
INDIAN BASIN MORROW - DEEPEN D, 21S-24E-19, 2se nw se, 1650 fsl 1650 fel, 10 mi SW of Lakewood. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3746 GR. Obj: 9800 (Morrow).NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-015-10871. ID# T-480613.
CHEVRON U S A INC
■ BOGLE FLATS UNIT #17
INDIAN BASIN UPR PENN - D, 22S-23E-9, sw sw ne, 2252 fnl 2065 fel, 16 mi W of Carlsbad. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 1650 fnl 1650 fel ne sw ne, EL: 4088 GR. Obj: 7600 (upr Pennsylvanian).NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-015-29295. ID# T-480616
SANTA FE ENERGY RES INC
■ FEDERAL - AE #1
DUBLIN RANCH MORROW - RE-ENTRY D, 22S-28E-20, 2s/2 nw se, 1650 fsl 1980 fel, 7 mi SE of Carlsbad. Summary Original Drill: Oper: AMOCO PRODUCTION CO
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ ORE IDA 14 FEDERAL #7
PIERCE CROSSING BONE SPR - D, 24S-29E-14, ne nw se, 2180 fsl 1780 fel, 7 mi E of Malaga. EL: 2982 GR. Obj: 8500 (Bone Spring). NL: 12/23/96. API# 30-015-29306. ID# T-480719
POGO PRODUCING CO
■ HARROUN 15 #5
CEDAR CANYON DEL - D, 24S-29E-15, ne nw ne, 330 fnl 1650 fel EL: 2930 GR. Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 12/23/96. API# 30-015-29310. ID# T-480715
POGO PRODUCING CO
■ HARROUN 15 #4
CEDAR CANYON DEL - D, 24S-29E-15, ne ne se, 2260 fsl 330 fel EL: 2938 GR. Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 12/23/96. API# 30-015-29309. ID# T-480717
MURCHISON OIL & GAS INC
■ OGDEN STATE #3
WHITE CITY PENN - D, 25S-26E-2, sw ne sw, 1650 fsl 1650 fwl EL: 3379 GR. Obj: 11600 (Morrow). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-015-29271. ID# T-480617
BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ EL PASO 23 FEDERAL #2
ROSS DRAW WOLF - D, 26S-30E-23, w/2 sw ne, 1980 fnl 2310 fel, 43 mi NNW of Jal. EL: 3088 GR. Obj: 12900 (Wolfcamp). NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480721
COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP
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ROSS DRAW WEST DEL - D, 26S-30E-28, se se se, 467 fsl 330 fel, 19 mi SE of Loving. EL: 2995 GR. Obj: 7000 (Delaware). NL: 12/23/96. API# 30-015 29308. ID# T-480716

LEA COUNTY

SABA ENERGY INC
■ SABA STATE #1
TATUM WOLF - WP, 13S-36E-7, nw ne se, 2310 fsl 1308 fel EL: 4003 GR. Obj: 14200 (Devonian). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-025-33726. ID# T-480623
INTERCOAST OIL & GAS CO
■ SAVAGE 34 #1
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SANTA FE ENERGY RES INC
■ GRASSLANDS 27 #1
WILDCAT DEV - WP, 15S-34E-27, ne se se, 1243 fsl 353 fel EL: 4071 GR. Obj: 14500 (Devonian). NL: 12/20/96. API# 30-025-33733. ID# T-480667
DEVON ENERGY CORP
■ PRICE J B #2
LOVINGTON WEST STRAWN - D, 16S-35E-31, se se se, 330 fsl 330 fel EL: 4006 GR. Obj: 11850 (Strawn). NL: 12/20/96. API# 30-025-33734. ID# T-480668
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC
■ BUS BARN 4 #1
LOVINGTON WEST STRAWN - D, 16S-36E-4, ne nw sw, 2190 fsl 840 fwl EL: 3926 GR. Obj: 12050 (Strawn). NL: 12/20/96. API# 30-025-33731. ID# T-480665

DEVELOPMENTS/9

COMPLETIONS

Southeast New Mexico

EDDY COUNTY

OXY U S A INC
■ HAGERMAN #1
CARLSBAD SOUTH MORROW - DD, 22S-27E-30, se ne sw, 1650 fsl 2200 fwl EL: 3184 GR. Obj: 11900 (Morrow). NL: 06/13/96. API# 30-015-29007. ID# T 476270.Contr: Nabors #967. Spud: 07/03/96 Mud drlg. TD: 11840.D&A on 12/18/96.(Last Info: 12/23/96)Casing: 13 3/8 @ 410 w/220 -- 8 5/8 @ 5168 w/1330 -- 5 1/2 @ 11,840 Mud: 8.4# @ 410 drlg in surf rk 10# @ 1340 drlg in salt & anhy 10.3# @ 4713 drlg in ss & sh 10.2# @ 5162 drlg in ss & sh 8.3# @ 5370 drlg in 90% ls 10% sh Bone Spring carb 10# @ 5168 drlg in ss & sh 8.4# @ 6145 drlg in 80% ls 20% sh 8.5# @ 8324 drlg in 70% ls 30% sh 9.3# @ 8870 drlg in 80% ls 20% sh 9.5# @ 9875 drlg in 60% ls 40% sh 9.6# @ 10220 drlg in 100% sh 10# @ 10494 drlg in 20% sh 80% ls 10.3# @ 10680 drlg in 80% sh 20% ls.10.4# @ 11258 10.2# @ 11305 10.1# @ 11430 10# @ 11782 drlg in Morrow DST: - RFT ran, no details Shows: 7797-7816 drlg brk 2.5-1.5-2.5 mpf, gas kick 250-1320-220 units -- 10384-10392 drlg brk -- 10586-10590 drlg brk Logs: 07/13/96 Schlumberger CNL GR @ 0-200, GR CNL LDT HALS MCFL @400-5174. 09/05/96 Schlumberger GR DLL MSFL CNL CAL. Tops: S/T Wolfcamp 8836Strawn 10158Atoka 10728Morrow ls 11150Morrow 11294Morrow ss 11360.Tubing: 2 3/8 @ 4902 w/pkr @ 4896 Perfs: 11526-11642 (Morrow) w/4 SPF 68 holes total @ 11526-11535, 11615-11621, 11638-11642 -- Perf 11464-11509 (Morrow) w/4 SPF 24 holes total @ 11464-11468, 11505-11509 - acid w/1125 gal HCl 350 gal methanol blend 1000 SCF/bbl CO2 120 ball strs -- Perf 11271-11452 (Morrow) w/156 holes total @ 11271-11286, 11412-11422, 11432-11452 - frac w/64 bbl acid 250 ball strs 45 bbl CO2 - flush w/45 bbl CO2 - CIBP @ 10992 -- Perf 10359-10580 (Strawn) w/4 SPF 60 holes total @ 10359-10362, 10376-10384, 10576-10580 - acid w/2000 gal 15% HCl 500 gal methanol 1500 gal 1000 SCF CO2/bbl 60 ball strs - flush w/45 bbl CO2 - CIBP @ 10260 & 9950 -- Perf 4962-4971 (Delaware) w/4 SPF 37 holes total -- Perf 4961-4969 (Delaware) w/32 holes total - CIBP @ 4902 Prod Test: PROD TEST (Morrow 11464-11642 08/18/96) -- sli gas during each swab run -- PROD TEST (Morrow 11464-11642 08/18/96) 9 hr test: -- Swabbed 94 BW, --sli gas shw each run last hr -- PROD TEST (Morrow 11464-11642 08/20/96) 2 hr test: -- Swabbed 2 BW, -- sli gas each run -- PROD TEST (Morrow 11464-11642 08/23/96) 9 hr test: -- Swabbed 20 BW, --gas hit in 15 min - PROD TEST (Morrow 11464-11642 08/24/96) Swabbed 14 BW, -- sli shw gas after each run -- PROD TEST (Morrow 11271-11642 09/08/96) Swabbed -- sli gas all day -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/13/96) 9 hr test: -- F 900 MCFGPD, tr oil, 20 BW, FTP 600 -- est gas volume -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/14/96) F 700 MCFGPD, FTP 900 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/15/96) 2 hr test: -- F 1100 MCFGPD, trace oil, 10 BLW -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/16/96) 15 hr test: -- F 8 BO, 818 MCFGPD on 9/64 ck, 2 BLW, FTP 2250 -- 35 BLW,TR -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/17/96) F 5 BOPD, 1036 MCFGPD on 9/64 ck, 5 BWPD, FTP 1850 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/18/96) F 6 BOPD, 949 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, 1 BWPD, FTP 1500 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/19/96) F 10 BOPD, 826 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 1300 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/20/96) F 10 BOPD, 732 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 1150 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/21/96) F 685 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no oil, 10 BWPD, FTP 1100 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/22/96) F 4 BOPD, 610 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, 2 BWPD, FTP 1000 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/23/96) P 3 BOPD, 552 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, 3 BWPD, FTP 900 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/24/96) P 4 BOPD, 499 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 750 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/25/96) F 4 BOPD, 445 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 700 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/26/96) F 3 BOPD, 403 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 700 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/27/96) F 455 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no oil, 3 BWPD, FTP 690 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/28/96) F 5 BOPD, 329 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 690 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/29/96) F 3 BOPD, 301 MCFGPDon 10/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 690 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 09/30/96) F 279 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 690 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/01/96) F 3 BOPD, 266 MCFGPD, no wtr, FTP 700 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/02/96) F 4 BOPD, 247 MCFGPD on open ck, no wtr, FTP 600 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/03/96) F 357 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, 7 BWPD, FTP 650 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/04/96) F 288 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 600 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/05/96) F 248 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 550 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/06/96) F 4 BOPD, 220 MCFGPD on open ck, no wtr, FTP 550 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/07/96) F 202 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, 3 BWPD, FTP 550 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/08/96) F 188 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 550 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/09/96) F 185 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 490 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/11/96) F 4 BOPD, 162 MCFGPD, no wtr, FTP 510 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/12/96) F 132 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 536 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/13/96) F 76 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/14/96) F 4 BOPD, 117 MCFGPD on open ck, no wtr, FTP 556 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/16/96) F 112 MCFGPD, no oil -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/17/96) F 54 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP 590 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/23/96) F 55 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP 503 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/25/96) F 185 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP 580 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/26/96) F 142 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP 574 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/27/96) F 88 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP 587 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/28/96) F 61 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP 568 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/29/96) F 46 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP 571 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/30/96) F 31 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 564 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 10/31/96) F 80 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 552 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/01/96) F 120 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, 4 BWPD, FTP 567 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/02/96) F 150 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, 4 BWPD, FTP 551 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/03/96) F 138 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 562 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/04/96) F 107 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 516 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/05/96) F 108 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 517 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/06/96) F 105 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, 2 BWPD, FTP 520 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/08/96) F 92 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 519 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/09/96) F 89 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 510 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/10/96) F 120 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 511 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/13/96) F 82 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 496 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/14/96) F 99 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 496 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/15/96) F 80 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 521 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/16/96) F 76 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 526 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/17/96) F 74 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 534 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/18/96) P 57 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP 690 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/19/96) P 9 MCFGPD, no oil, no wtr, FTP700 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/20/96) F 45 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 694 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/21/96) F 54 MCFGPD on open ck, no oil,no wtr, FTP 700 -- PROD TEST (Strawn 10359-10580 11/22/96) 14 hr test: -- F 25 MCFG, no oil -- PROD TEST (Delaware 4961-4969 12/06/96) 7 hr test: -- Swabbed 52 BW, --sli shw gas -- PROD TEST (Delaware 4961-4969 12/14/96) 10 hr test: -- Swabbed -- sli gas w/pulling swab -- PROD TEST (Delaware 4961-4969 12/15/96) 5 hr test: -- Swabbed -- sli gas w/pulling swab

LEA COUNTY

GILLESPIE CHARLES B JR
■ STATE - D #8
LOVINGTON WEST STRW - DO, 16S-35E-1, nw sw sw, 3990 fnl 330 fwl EL: 3976 GR. Obj: 11800 (Strawn). NL: 09/25/96. API# 30-025-33606. ID# T-478518.Contr: Peterson #1. Spud: 09/26/96.TD: 11750 on 10/21/96 in Atoka.Compl: on 11/29/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/23/96)PZone: 11494-11548 (Strawn) IP: (Strawn 11494-11548) F 464 BOPD, 557 MCFGPD on 19/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 650

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CONCHO COUNTY

LECLAIR OPERATING CO INC
■ FELDHAUS #1
PFLUGER- WPD, CCF BLANCHARD #2094 sur, 660 fnl 2018 fwl of sur, 660 fnl 660 fel of lse. 260 acre lse. 4 mi SW of Eden. EL: 2110 GR. Obj: 3600 test.NL: 11/19/96. Permit# 455304. API# 42-095-31734. ID# T-479974.TD: 3550.P&A on 12/09/96.(Last Info:12/19/96)

CROCKETT COUNTY

T L J INC
■ STATE - WP #5A
FARMER (SAN ANDRES)- DO, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 48 sec 25, 330 fsl 990 fwl of sec, and lse. 240 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 49 mi S of Ozona. EL: 2740 GR. Obj: 2800 (San Andres).NL: 12/20/96. Permit# 441946. API# 42-105-37104. ID# T-480650.Contr: Rod Ric. Spud: 10/13/96.TD: 2800 on 10/16/96.PB: 2744.Compl: on 11/13/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/20/96)PZone: 2314-2623 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 2314-2623) P 35 BOPD grav 34, 20 MCFGPD, 3 BWPD Notes: (Replaces API #42-105-36960)
THOMPSON J CLEO
■ HENDERSON UNIT #4
UNIVERSITY 31 (STRAWN DETR)- DG, T C RY CO sur blk 6T sec 36, A-4845, 1182 fnl 2292 fwl of sec, 1182 fnl 660 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. (A-4845 originally known as J W Henderson) 17 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2178 GR. Obj: 9000 (Strawn detr).NL: 10/14/96. Permit# 453752. API# 42-105-37430. ID# T-478926.Contr: Wes Tex. Spud: 11/13/96.TD: 8671 on 11/22/96.PB: 8602.Compl: on 12/04/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/23/96)PZone: 8315-8523 (Strawn detr) IP: (Strawn detr 8315-8523) CAOF 4300 MCFGPD -- F 1859 MCFGPD grav .618 on 14/64 ck, no oil, no wtr, FTP 1520, SITP 1785, SICP 1590, BHSIP 2153, BHT 191 F @ 8419, SLOPE 0.589 Four Point: 641 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1745, BHP 2110, 1099 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1685, BHP 2047, 1528 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1505, BHP 1967, 1859 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1520, BHP 1879
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MCMULLAN - B #5
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENNSYLVANIAN 7890)- DG, G C & S F RY CO sur blk F sec 4, A-4453, 467 fnl 300 fel of sec, and lse. 331.5 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) (A-4453 originally known as T H Brown) 9.8 mi SE of Ozona. EL: 2486 GR. Obj: 8900 (Pennsylvanian 7890).NL: 05/02/96. Permit#

COMPLETIONS/9

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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WESTALL RAY
■ BONANZA FED #7
CRAZY HORSE DEL - D, 19S-32E-13, w/2 sw se, 660 fsl 2160 fel EL: 3619 GR. Obj: 7600 (Delaware). NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480696

MALLON OIL CO
■ MALLON 33 FEDERAL #2
QUAIL RIDGE MORROW - D, 19S-34E-33, c ne nw, 660 fnl 1980 fwl, 34 mi E of Hobbs. EL: 3685 GR. Obj: 13800 (Morrow). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-025-33726. ID# T-480628

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ MONUMENT 13 STATE #7
MONUMENT NORTH ABO - D, 19S-36E-13, nw nw nw, 330 fnl 330 fwl EL: 3728 GR. Obj: 8000 (Abo). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-025-33730. ID# T-480632

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ MONUMENT 23 STATE #5
MONUMENT NORTH ABO - D, 19S-36E-23, nw nw ne, 472 fnl 2310 fel EL: 3724 GR. Obj: 8000 (Abo). NL: 12/23/96. API# 30-025-33735. ID# T-480684

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ MONUMENT 23 STATE #6
MONUMENT NORTH ABO - D, 19S-36E-23, nw ne ne, 469 fnl 958 fel EL: 3718 GR. Obj: 8000 (Abo). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-025-33729. ID# T-480630

NEARBURG PRODUCING CO
■ MAVERICK 16 STATE #1
WILDCAT DEL - WP, 20S-32E-16, nw nw se, 2300 fsl 2310 fel EL: 3511 GR. Obj: 5300 (Delaware). NL: 12/19/96. API# 30-025-33727. ID# T-480624.

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CONCHO COUNTY

QUINTX EXPL INC
■ WHITEHEAD #101
BRANCH SOUTH (COOK)- D, T & N O RY CO #113 sur, A-884, 1150 fnl 1150 fwl of sur, 6350 fnl 6550 fwl of lse. 15360 acre lse. 7 mi S of Eden. Obj: 1750 (Cook). NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480707

CROCKETT COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ UNIVERSITY BLK 42 #1201CH
WILDCAT- HORIZONTAL W, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 42 sec 12, 2300 fsl 1050 fel of sec, and lse. 701.8 acre lse. 17 mi N of Sonora. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 660 fnl 1980 fel of sec. 12 (TVD: 6500) -- and lse -- Top of PZone: 2650 fsl 1200 fel of sec, and lse. EL: 2589 GR.NL: 12/20/96. ID# T 480676

SHELL WESTERN E&P INC
■ MITCHELL-DANIEL #1061
BROWN-BASSETT (ELLENBURGER)- D, I & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 106, 3994 fsl 1135 fel of sec, and lse. 656 acre lse. 39.5 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2294 GR. Obj: 14600 (Ellenburger).NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480677

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ CHILDRESS 7 #5
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D, T C RY CO sur blk A sec 7, A-2964, 700 fnl 1980 fel of sec, 700 fnl 660 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 28 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2097 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480680

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ FRIEND - A #1T
OZONA EAST (ELLENBURGER)- D, G C & S F RY CO sur blk GH sec 93, A-3980, 583 fnl 1806 fwl of sec, 583 fnl 871 fel of lse. 328.845 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 1.5 mi SE of Ozona. EL: 2491 GR. Obj: 8335 (Ellenburger).NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480679

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ HOOVER EST #608
OZONA (CANYON)- D, T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 6, A-4851, 700 fsl 2200 fel of sec, 1900 fnl 2200 fel of lse. 1920 acre lse. (A-4851 originally known as R R Hoover) 30.4 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2442 GR. Obj: 7800 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480626

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MOODY MINERALS 11C #5
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D, T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 11, A-4170, 1980 fsl 700 fel of sec, 664 fnl 700 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. 27.8 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2015 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480678

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ UNION PACIFIC #70
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D, G C & S F RY CO sur blk I sec 5, A-2414, 1460 fsl 660 fel of sec, 9267 fnl 660 fel of lse. 4304.3 acre lse. 11.4 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2492 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480682

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ ZIPP RANCH 34 #10
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D, T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 34, A-5280, 2050 fnl 200 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-5280 originally known as Edward Zipp) (Rule 37 exception granted) 23 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2158 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/20/96. Permit# 456102. API# 42-105-37458. ID# T-480671

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ ZIPP RANCH 34 #13
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D, T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 34, A-5280, 392 fnl 1000 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-5280 originally known as Edward Zipp) (Rule 37 exception granted) 22.9 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2213 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/20/96. Permit# 456094. API# 42-105-37449. ID# T-480673

IRION COUNTY

HALLWOOD PETROLEUM INC
■ ROCKER B - LL #6
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 86, 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 12 mi N ELY of Big Lake. EL: 2467 GR. Obj: 6600 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480629

HALLWOOD PETROLEUM INC
■ ROCKER B - LL #7
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 86, 1980 fnl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 12 mi N ELY of Big Lake. EL: 2505 GR. Obj: 6600 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480631

MENARD COUNTY

QUINTX EXPL INC
■ WHITEHEAD #100
MENARD NE- WP, A B & M #35 sur, A-38, 1350 fnl 950 fel of sur, 1350 fnl 4975 fel of lse. 16560 acre lse. 9 mi N of Menard. Obj: 1750 test.NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480708

RUNNELS COUNTY

WALSH RESOURCES INC
■ MCLARITY UNIT #1
PATSY EAST (GARDNER)- D, H A THOMPSON #148 sur, A-677, 1900 fnl 1600 fel of sur, (Lse figs not available) 40 acre lse. 5 mi N of Ballinger. EL: 1650 GR. Obj: 4100 (Gardner).NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480661

SUTTON COUNTY

CYCLONE EXPL INC
■ ALLISON - B #1
SLADE J D- WP, H E & W T RY CO sur blk B sec 66, A-1320, 660 fsl 1867 fel of sec, 660 fsl 1867 f Why wl of lse 120 acre lse. 12 mi ELY of Sonora. Obj: 6750 test.NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480705.

TERRELL COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
■ BANNER #2
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- D, G C & S F RY CO sur blk 161 sec 29, 1300 fsl 1500 fel of sur, 1300 fsl 1140 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. 26.8 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2365 GR. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480687

ARCO PERMIAN
■ BANNER EST #17
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- D, G C & S F RY CO sur blk 161 sec 30, 2622 fnl 2264 fel of sur, and lse. 7393 acre lse. 27.7 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 1943 GR. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480692

ARCO PERMIAN
■ BANNER EST #19
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- D, G C & S F RY CO sur blk 161 sec 29, 750 fnl 1600 fel of sur, 570 fsl 1040 fel of lse. 7393 acre lse. 29 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2408 GR. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480689

ARCO PERMIAN
■ BROWN BASSETT #6
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- D, T C RY CO sur blk Y sec 216, 900 fsl 1700 fel of sur, and lse. 1408 acre lse. 28.3 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2411 GR. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480693

ARCO PERMIAN
■ GOODE ESTATE B UNIT #4
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- D, G C & S F RY CO sur blk 161 sec 25, 850 fsl 1267 fel of sec, 850 fsl 1669 fel of unit. 704 acre unit. 31 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2386 GR. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480710

ARCO PERMIAN
■ GOODE ESTATE B UNIT #5
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- D, G C & S F RY CO sur blk 161 sec 27, 1700 fnl 1200 fel of sec, 1200 fsl 1346 fwel of unit. 704 acre unit. 30.3 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2406 GR. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480709

UPTON COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N103RW
MCCAMEY- SP, M K & T RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 323 fnl 1723 fel of sec, 1640 fnl 7641 fel of unit. 9890 acre unit. 9.7 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2778 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480615

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N105R
MCCAMEY- D, M K & T RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 293 fnl 2381 fel of sec, 2925 fnl 7686 fel of unit. 9890 acre lse. 10.5 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2871 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480612

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N113R
MCCAMEY- D, M K & T RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 942 fnl 2344 fel of sec, 2259 fnl 7660 fel of unit. 9890 acre unit. 9.9 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2788 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480609

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N115RW
MCCAMEY- SP, M K & T RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-

DEVELOPMENTS/10

COMPLETIONS

(From 8)

447752. API# 42-105-37268. ID# T-475382.Contr: Wes Tex #2. Spud: 07/19/96.TD: 8450 on 07/27/96.PB: 8350.Compl: on 10/24/96 GAS (Last info: 12/23/96)P Zone: 7824-8312 (Pennsylvanian 7890) gross interval IP: (Pennsylvanian 7890 7824-8312) CAOF 600 MCFGPD -- F 1.74 BCPD grav 56.0, 391 MCFGPD grav .656 on 8/64 ck, 0.64 BWPD, FTP 1197, SITP 2415, BHSIP 2975, BHT 195 F @ 8068, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 391 MCFGPD on 8/64ck in 4320 min, FTP 1197, BHP 1757

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MILLSPAUGH A - 1 #4
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DD, JOHN H GIBSON sur sec 1, A-2078, 2200 fsl 725 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 22.3 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2146 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 06/06/96. Permit# 448916. API# 42-105-37313. ID# T-476132.Contr: Wes Tex #7. Spud: 07/01/96.TD: 1115 on 07/05/96.P&A on 07/05/96.(Last Info: 12/23/96)Notes: (Plugged & abandoned, rig skidded 7 ft north 27 ft west, replaced by API #42-105-37344)

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MILLSPAUGH AUSTIN C - A4 #7003
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DQ, THOMAS WARD sur blk MM sec 70, A-4875, 275 fsl 2930 fel of sec, 275 fsl 268 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. (A-4875 originally known as Arthur Mills) (Rule 37 exception granted) 23.8 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2426 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 08/14/96. Permit# 451489. API# 42-105-37378. ID# T-477580.Contr: Wes Tex. Spud: 09/09/96.TD: 7350 on 09/16/96.PB: 7262.Compl: on 11/10/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/23/96)P Zone: 6298-6302 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6298 6302) CAOF 291 MCFGPD -- F 8.33 BCPD grav 64.7, 240 MCFGPD grav .744 on 17/64 ck, 11 BWPD, FTP 279, SITP 1865, BHSIP 2436, BHT 176 F @ 6769, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 240 MCFGPD on 17/64 ck in 4320min, FTP 279, BHP 1023

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MONTGOMERY C C 7 #4
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DQ, T C RY CO sur blk R sec 7, A-2987, 2180 fsl 1287 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 18.8 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2392 GR. Obj: 7200 (Canyon ss).NL: 09/17/96. Permit# 452662. API# 42-105-37401. ID# T-478278.Contr: Wes Tex #7. Spud: 09/22/96.TD: 6500 on 09/27/96.PB: 6463.Compl: on 11/23/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/23/96)P Zone: 6214-6368 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6214 6368) CAOF 2544 MCFGPD -- F 50 BCPD grav 72.5, 1728 MCFGPD grav .704 on 20/64 ck, 14 BWPD, FCP 887, SICP 1575, BHSIP 1951, BHT 167 F @ 6219, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 1728 MCFGPD on 20/64 ck in 4320 min, FCP 887, BHP 1105

IRION COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
■ SUGG 3 #310
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- DD, H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 3, A 356, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 12.7 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2458 GR. Obj: 4100 (Clear Fork).NL: 09/03/96. Permit# 452196. API# 42-235-33559. ID# T-477984.Contr: Claere Drlg #4. Spud: 12/15/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3913 on 12/18/96 in Clear Fork.P&A on 12/18/96.(Last Info: 12/19/96)Core: None DST: None

BOYD & MCWILLIAMS ENERGY
■ LOPEZ CREEK #6
SUGG-IRION (WOLFCAMP)- PLUG BACK DO, H & T C RY CO sur blk 1 sec 1, A-231, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 4 mi N W of Mertzon. Summary Original Drlt: Field: ROCK PEN (CANYON).Compl: OIL

REAGAN COUNTY

MARATHON OIL CO
■ UNIVERSITY #210
BIG LAKE- DEEPEN DO, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 2 sec 1, 280 fnl 1430 fel of sec, 5000 fsl 1430 fel of lse. 2895 acre lse. 1 mi E of Texon. Geomap: 2-10N-14W Summary Original Drlt: EL: 2701 KB.TD: 2880.Compl: on 01/17/90 OIL.P Zone: 2830-2880 IP: P 16 BOPD grav 38, 7 MCFGPD, 825 BWPD Casing: 9 5/8 @ 814 w/400 -- 7 @ 2830 w/900 Tops: L/T Yates 1701Seven Rivers 1830Queen 2334Grayburg/San Andres 2605.PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2690 GR.NL: 11/06/89. API# 42-383-33977. ID# T-426974.Contr: Globe. Resume: 09/25/96.TD: 3150 on 10/06/96.PB: 3149.Recomp: on 10/08/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/23/96)P Zone: 2942-2977 IP: (2942-2977) P 12 BOPD grav 32, 2 MCFGPD, 889 BWPD

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2322A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO, L & S V RY CO sur blk C sec 1, A-307, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, and unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 232) 14 mi N W of Stiles. EL: 2693 KB. Obj: 8450 test.NL: 08/20/96. Permit# 449322. API# 42-383-34580. ID# T-476420.Contr: Hurt #6. Spud: 06/22/96 Mud drlg. TD: 8455 on 07/15/96.PB: 8423.Compl: on 10/04/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/20/96)P Zone: 6701-8332 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6701-8332) P 70 BOPD grav 39.9, 43 MCFGPD, 121 BWPD Notes: (TX RRC District 8 has jurisdiction over Spraberry Trend Area field for Spraberry Driver Unit #2322A)

SUTTON COUNTY

OZARK EXPL INC
■ WARD RIP #6-100
SAWYER (CANYON)- DQ, H E & W T RY CO sur blk B sec 100, A-921, 1592 fnl 2165 fel of sec, and lse. 1120 acre lse. (A-921 originally known as Sim White) 2 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2138 GR. Obj: 6900 test.NL: 10/04/96. Permit# 458198. API# 42-435-34830. ID# T-478719.Contr: Patterson. Spud: 10/03/96.TD: 6414 on 10/08/96 in Shale.PB: 6365.Compl: on 11/25/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/23/96)P Zone: 5817-6256 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 5817-6256) CAOF 2152 MCFGPD -- F 511 MCFGPD grav .662 on 12/64 ck, FTP 885, SITP 1075, BHSIP 1430, BHT 185 F @ 5787, SLOPE 1.000One Point: 511 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 885, BHP 1249

TERRELL COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
■ BROWN BASSETT #5
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- DO, T C RY CO sur blk Y sec 219, A-932, 500 fsl 2200 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-932 originally known as Mrs R S Sandell) 29 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2429 GR. Obj: 6350 (Wolfcamp).NL: 09/26/96. Permit# 452222. API# 42-443-30684. ID# T 478522.Spud: 10/31/96.TD: 6250 on 11/04/96.P&A on 11/05/96.(Last Info: 12/20/96)

ARCO PERMIAN
■ BROWN MCNINCH EST #7
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- DQ, G C & S F RY CO sur blk 161 sec 31, A-509, 2000 fsl 2000 fel of sec, 2000 fsl 1063 fel of lse. 704 acre lse. 26.6 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2390 GR. Obj: 6250 (Wolfcamp).NL: 08/08/96. Permit# 451233. API# 42-443-30666. ID# T-477434.Contr: Wes Tex. Spud: 08/28/96.TD: 5928 on 09/06/96.PB: 5884.Compl: on 11/09/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/23/96)P Zone: 5398-5682 (Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Wolfcamp 5398-5682) CAOF 1802 MCFGPD -- F 557 MCFGPD grav .672 on 12/64ck, no oil, 10 BWPD, FTP 350, SITP 1400, BHSIP 1580, BHT 141 F @ 5540, SLOPE 0.823 -- Four Point test ran 10/29/96, Four Point: 701 MCFGPD on 11/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1190, BHP 1396, 983 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1055, BHP 1248, 1198 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 908, BHP 1090, 1394 MCFGPD on 18/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 747, BHP 924

ARCO PERMIAN
■ GOODE EST #4
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- DO, T C RY CO sur blk R sec 1, A-1051, 1800 fnl 500 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 31 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2411 GR. Obj: 6350 (Wolfcamp).NL: 09/24/96. Permit# 453011. API# 42-443-30681. ID# T-478460.Spud: 10/24/96.TD: 6000 on 10/29/96.P&A on 10/30/96.(Last Info: 12/20/96)

ARCO PERMIAN
■ MCNINCH BROWN EST #8
BROWN-BASSETT (WOLFCAMP)- DO, D & S E RY CO #1 sur, A-261, 1750 fsl 1850 fel of sur, 1750 fsl 800 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 26.4 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2369 GR. Obj: 6350 (Wolfcamp).NL: 09/30/96. Permit# 452049. API# 42-443-30671. ID# T-477945.Spud: 09/09/96.TD: 5000 on 09/15/96.P&A on 09/16/96.(Last Info: 12/20/96)

CONOCO INC
■ BROWN 36 #1
BROWN-BASSETT- WPD, G C & S F RY CO sur blk 161 sec 36, A-2706, 1740 fsl 2500 fel of sec, 1740 fsl 2500 fel of lse. 640 acre lse. (A-2706 originally known as Rabt Prosser and W & A D Brown) 28 mi S of Sheffield. EL: 2310 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 10/18/96. Permit# 454042. API# 42-443-30689. ID# T-479085.Contr: Nabors Drlg #447. Spud: 11/11/96.TD: 6500 on 11/20/96.D&A on 11/20/96.(Last Info: 12/21/96)

CONOCO INC
■ CREEK RANCH 60 #6
K M SW- WPD, C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk 1 sec 60, A-1981, 900 fsl 2020 fel of sec, and lse. 680 acre lse. (A-1981 originally known as C C Lightfoot) 26 mi SW of Sheffield. EL: 2834 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 09/26/96. Permit# 452708. API# 42-443-30676. ID# T-479530.Contr: Wes Tex #19. Spud: 10/08/96.TD: 4761 on 10/22/96.D&A on 10/22/96.(Last Info: 12/21/96)

UPTON COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ LANE J F -C- A/C 2 #6RW
MCCAMEY- SP, M K & T RY CO sur blk 1 sec 36, A-841, 383 fsl 2312 fel of sec, 383 fsl 328 fel of lse. 80 acre lse. (A-841 also known as Davis Moseley) 7.4 mi N'LY of McCamey. EL: 2782 GR. Obj: 2620 test.NL: 09/09/96. Permit# 452349. API# 42-461-33681. ID# T-478100.Contr: Rbd Ric #9. Spud: 10/12/96.TD: 2532 on 10/17/96.PB: 2487.IW on 11/13/96.(Last Info: 12/23/96)

KEBO OIL & GAS INC
■ MOBIL FEE #7
1-WILDCAT- WD, T & P RY CO sur blk 42 twp 5S sec 7, A-1358, 467 fsl 1687 fel of sec, 467 fsel 953 fwel of lse. 160 acre lse. 28 mi N of McKamey. Obj: 13000 test.NL: 05/08/96. Permit# 447524. API# 42-461-33641. ID# T-475554.Contr: FWA #37. Spud: 09/12/96.TD: 12150 on 10/28/96 in Ellenburger.P&A on 11/13/96.(Last Info: 12/23/96)

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ PECK J F #8
CONCHO BLUFF NORTH (QUEEN)- DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 42 twp 4S sec 28, A-1267, 2495 fsl 1040 fel of sec, and lse. 642.5 acre lse. (A-1267 originally known as C W Pride) 26 mi W of Midkiff. EL: 2909 DF. Obj: 4700 (Queen).NL: 07/23/96. Permit# 450600. API# 42-461-33665. ID# T-477086.Contr: Nabors #147. Spud: 09/14/96.TD: 4620 on 09/21/96.PB: 4325.Compl: on 10/17/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/19/96)P Zone: 4211-4225 IP: (4211-4225) P 260 BOPD, GTSTM, 30 BWPD Notes: (RRC District 8 has jurisdiction over Concho Bluff North (Queen) field for Peck J F #8)

THOMPSON J CLEO
■ HALFF 84 #1
AMACKER TIPPETT SW (BEND)- DO, G C & S F RY CO sur blk Y sec 84, A-867, 1999 fsl 992 fel of sec, and lse 640 acre lse. 14 mi N W of Fankin. EL: 2833 KB. Obj: 10500 test.NL: 09/24/96. Permit# 452991. API# 42-461-33684. ID# T-478458.Contr: Wes Tex #4. Spud: 10/08/96.TD: 10270 on 11/11/96.PB: 10214.Compl: on 12/09/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/23/96)P Zone: 10203-10207 (Bend) IP: (Bend 10203-10207) P 47 BOPD grav 41.4, 68 MCFGPD, 67 BWPD

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ANDREWS COUNTY

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP
■ BLOCK NORTH 12 #10
BLOCK A-49- WPO, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-50 sec 1, A-2182, 1127 fsl 430 fel of sec, 1206 fsel 2209 fwl of lse. 640 acre lse. 24 mi N W of Andrews. Obj: 11500 test.NL: 09/18/96. Permit# 452742. API# 42-003-37987. ID# T-478312.Contr: Patterson #41. Spud: 09/26/96.TD: 8636 on 10/29/96 in Devonian.Compl: on 12/12/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/20/96)P Zone: 8636 (Devonian) IP: (Devonian 8636) P 158 BOPD grav 36, 4 MCFGPD, 121 BWPD Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

QUALIA C F OPERATING INC
■ HEDBERG EST - F #1
BOYDELL SOUTH (LWR CLEAR FORK)- DO, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-31 sec 14, A-447, 467

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333, 990 fnl 1044 fel of sec, 2308 fnl 6360 fel of unit. 9890 acre unit. 9.7 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2780 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480606.

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N117RW
MCCAMEY- SP, M K & T E RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 1696 fnl 364 fel of sec, 3017 fnl 6667 fel of lse. 9890 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 9.8 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2765 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480627

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N119RW
MCCAMEY- SP, M K & T E RY CO sur blk 3 twp 1, A-333, 1658 fnl 1506 fel of sec, 2974 fnl 6819 fel of lse. 9890 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 9.8 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2792 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480620

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N121R
MCCAMEY- D, M K & T RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 1647 fnl 2362 fwl of sec, 4279 fnl 7674 fwl of lse. 9890 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 10.2 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2878 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480618

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N127R
MCCAMEY- D, M K & T RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 2364 fnl 1607 fwl of sec, 4984 fnl 6923 fwl of lse. 9890 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 9.7 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 3063 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480614.

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N135
MCCAMEY- D, M K & T RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 2307 fsl 1699 fel of sec, 4367 fnl 7007 fel of lse. 9890 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 9.4 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 3042 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480610.

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ MCCAMEY UNIT #N145R
MCCAMEY- D, M K & T E RY CO sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 1602 fsl 2302 fel of sec, 5074 fnl 7607 fel of unit. 9890 acre unit. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 9.9 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 3069 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480595.

STEPHENS AUTRY C
■ UPTON - I - FEE - A #2
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 39 sec 13, A-429, 660 fnl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 23 mi S of Midland. EL: 2777 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480633

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ANDREWS COUNTY

ARROW OPERATING CO
■ FUHRMAN-MASCHO NORTHEAST UNIT #131
FUHRMAN-MASCHO- D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-43 sec 8, A-1572, 1118 fsl 2419 fwl of sec, 2857 fr 2nd most Nly rpl 2869 fr most Ely pl of unit. 3770 acre unit. (A-1572 originally known as G W Hendrick) 5 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3178 GR. Obj: 4900 test.NL: 12/23/96. Permit# 456358. API# 42-003-38110. ID# T-480699

EXXON CO USA
■ FULLERTON CLEAR FORK UNIT #4626W
FULLERTON- DEEPEN SP, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 13 sec 41, 1997 fsl 1982 fwl of sec, 4633 fnl 1984 fel of unit. 29541.59 acre unit. 13 mi W of Andrews. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 7500 test.NL: 12/20/96. API# 42-003-04696. ID# T-48065

ECTOR COUNTY

LARIO OIL & GAS CO
■ WALLIS - C #3Q
GOLDSMITH EAST- WP, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A sec 15, 467 fsl 2173 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 4 mi N of Goldsmith. EL: 3136 GR. Obj: 4100 test.NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480658

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO
■ FRANK - A #5
GOLDSMITH NORTH (SAN ANDRES CONS)- PLUG BACK D, T & P RY CO sur blk 44 twp 1N sec 16, 661 fsl 674 fel of sec, and lse. 490.31 acre lse. 8 mi N W of Goldsmith. Summary Original Drill: Field: ANDECTOR (MCKEE).PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 7660 (San Andres cons).NL: 12/19/96. API# 42-135-03128. ID# T 480644

HOWARD COUNTY

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP
■ MCCRARY 45 #1
TALBOT- WP, T & P RY CO sur blk 32 twp 2N sec 45, 915 fnl 1291 fwl of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 9 mi N of Big Spring. EL: 2668 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480641

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP
■ ZIFFLE FRED 35 #2
TALBOT- WP, T & P RY CO sur blk 32 twp 2N sec 35, 1934 fnl 1331 fel of sec, and lse. 1120 acre lse. 11 mi NE of Big Spring. EL: 2668 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480646

MARTIN COUNTY

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
■ FORTUNE #2
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- WP, T & P RY CO sur blk 36 sec 32, 1829 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 660 fnl 1980 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. 1 mi W of Lenorah. Obj: 9200 test.NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480659

MIDLAND COUNTY

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ BRYANT G DEVONIAN UNIT #38H
BRYANT -G- (DEVONIAN)- HORIZONTAL D, T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 2S sec 27, 12 fsl 960 fwl of sec, 5313 fnl 880 fwl of unit. 5225.18 acre unit. 10 mi SW of Midland. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 0 fsl 778 fel of sec. 27 Coord: X= 813523.000 Y= 1433687.000.-- 6921 fnl 778 fel of lse. EL: 2820 GR. Obj: 16000 (Devonian).NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480637

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ MIDLAND M FEE #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 4S sec 9, 1980 fnl 660 fwl of sec, 660 fnl 660 fwl of lse. 164.5 acre lse. 16 mi SE of Midland. Obj: 9200 test.NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480695

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ MIDLAND M FEE #2
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 4S sec 9, 660 fsl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 164.5 acre lse. 16 mi SE of Midland. Obj: 9200 test.NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480696

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ MIDLAND Z FEE #2
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 3S sec 37, 660 fnl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 160.35 acre lse. 16 mi SE of Midland. Obj: 9200 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480636

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ MIDLAND Z FEE #3
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 3S sec 37, 1900 fnl 1900 fwl of sec, 745 fsl 740 fel of lse. 160.35 acre lse. 16 mi SE of Midland. Obj: 9200 test.NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480634

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ SCHARBAUER C -B- NCT-1 #14
PARKS NORTH (PENNSYLVANIAN)- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 2S sec 35, 2564 fnl 1381 fel of sec, 2564 fnl 3692 fel of lse. 1955.8 acre lse. 9 mi SW of Midland. EL: 2799 GR. Obj: 11200 (Pennsylvanian).NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480645

U M C PETROLEUM CORP
■ SANDERS JUNE T #5
WAR-SAN (CONSOLIDATED)- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 41 twp 3S sec 38, A-1361, 1980 fsl 660 fel of sec, 3300 fnl 660 fel of lse. 659 acre lse. (A-1361 originally known as Newt Long) 15 mi S of Warfield. EL: 2697 GR. Obj: 10600 (Consolidated).NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480621

MITCHELL COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SCHUMACHER W M #22
IATAN EAST HOWARD- D, T & P RY CO sur blk 29 twp 1S sec 15, 2215 fnl 1750 fwl of sec, 436 fsl 896 fel of lse. 321.48 acre lse. 9 mi SW of Westbrook. Obj: 3600 test.NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480697.

REEVES COUNTY

CAPATAZ OPERATING INC
■ FERNANDES #1
WILDCAT- W, H & G N RY CO sur blk 4 sec 29, 1030 fsl 1005 fel of sec, and lse. 650 acre lse. 8 mi N of Pecos. Obj: 5430 test.NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480660

STERLING COUNTY

ATROPOS PRODUCTION CORP
■ MCENTIRE 33 #5
CONGER(PENNSYLVANIAN)- D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 23 sec 33, 2400 fnl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 12 mi NW of Sterling City. EL: 2515 GR. Obj: 7750 (Pennsylvanian).NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480661

WARD COUNTY

CHEVRON U S A INC
■ OBRIEN G W ET AL #1585
WARD-ESTES NORTH (WICHITA ALBANY)- D, G & M M B & A RY CO sur blk F sec 20, 786 fsl 1863 fel of sec, and lse. 22400 acre lse. 1 mi E of Wickett. Obj: 7500 (Wichita Albany).NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480648.

CHEVRON U S A PROD CO
■ HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN #228
H S A (SAN ANDRES)- DEEPEN D, G & M M B & A RY CO sur blk O sec 6, 990 fnl 924 fel of sec, 990 fnl 4356 fwl of unit. 30450 acre unit. 1 mi S of Wickett. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 7500 (San Andres).NL: 12/19/96. API# 42-475-02228. ID# T-480642

CHEVRON U S A PROD CO
■ HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN #764
WARD-ESTES NORTH (WICHITA-ALBANY)- DEEPEN D, G & M M B & A RY CO sur blk O sec 7, 1750 fsl 1584 fel of sec, 8810 fnl 3696 fwl of unit. 30450 acre unit. 3 mi SE of Wickett. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 7500 (Wichita- Albany).NL: 12/19/96. API# 42-475-11156. ID# T-480643

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ ICEBERG #1
WILDCAT- W, H & T C RY CO sur blk 34 sec 168, A-1274, 2173 fnl 1320 fnl of sec, 487 fsl 1320 fel of lse. 323 acre lse. (A-1274 originally known as P Wilson) 14 mi W of Pyote. EL: 2694 GR. Obj: 6300 test.NL: 12/19/96. Permit# 456318. API# 42-475-34431. ID# T-480649.

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ WARWINK 18-34 #2W
WAR-WINK WEST (WOLFCAMP)- SP, UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 18 sec 34, 1980 fsl 1830 fwl of sec, 1980 fsl 813 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 11.7 mi NW of Pyote. EL: 2820 GR. Obj: 300 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/23/96. ID# T-480694

WINKLER COUNTY

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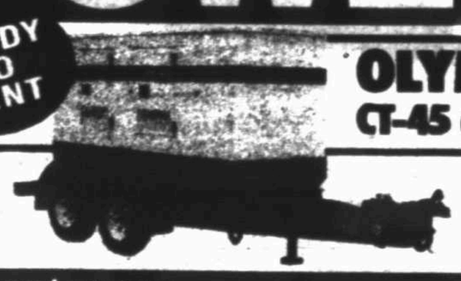
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COMPLETIONS

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fnl 2155 fel of sec, 467 fnl 467 fwl of lse. 80 acre lse. (A-447 originally known as M W Ransal) 12 mi N W of Frankel City. EL: 3422 KB. Obj: 7700 (Ner Clear Fork).NL: 09/20/96. Permit# 451632. API# 42-003-37953. ID# T-477684.Contr: Rbd Ric. Spud: 09/22/96.TD: 7610 on 10/03/96.Compl: on 11/25/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/19/96)PZone: 6918-7432 (Clear Fork) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 6918-7432) P 23 BOPD grav 40, 22 MCFGPD; no wtr

SAGE ENERGY CO

■ GOENS - A #1

DEMPSEY CREEK (SAN ANDRES)- DO, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-31 sec 3, A-563, 853 fsl 2640 fel of sec, 853 fsl 2550 fwl of lse. 240 acre lse. 22 mi N W of Andrews. EL: 3399 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres).NL: 09/18/96. Permit# 453052. API# 42-003-37992. ID# T-478313.Contr: Capstar #7. Spud: 11/04/96.TD: 4707 on 12/12/96 in San Andres.Compl: on 12/05/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/20/96)PZone: 4506-4627 (San Andres) IP: (San Andres 4506-4627) P 16 BOPD, 3 MCFGPD, 61 BWPD

CRANE COUNTY

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP

■ GARY 36 #1

DUNE EAST- WPC, T & P RY CO sur blk 43 twp 4S sec 36, A-297, 2005 fnl 2199 fwl of sec, 857 fsl 499 fel of lse. 80 acre lse. 11 mi N of Crane. Obj: 10500 test.NL: 09/18/96. Permit# 452664. API# 42-103-34441. ID# T-478314.Contr: J S M #7. Spud: 09/27/96 Mud drlg. TD: 9533 on 10/23/96.Compl: on 12/16/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/20/96)PZone: 9084-9114 (Strawn) IP: (Strawn 9084-9114) P 90 BOPD, 100 MCFGPD, 99 BWPD

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ T X L SOUTH UNIT #6303

T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 9, A-385, 1320 fsl 2640 fel of sec, 3964 fr Ely nl 2640 fr Ely el of unit. 10560 acre unit (Located in tract 63) 8.2 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3089 GR. Obj: 6500 (Tubb).NL: 10/10/96. Permit# 453640. API# 42-135-37281. ID# T-478883.Contr: BRW #7. Spud: 11/07/96 Mud drlg. TD: 6630 on 11/16/96.Compl: on 12/15/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/21/96)PZone: 5532-5930 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval -- 6075-6460 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5532-6460) P 97 BOPD, 122 MCFGPD, 61 BWPD

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ T X L SOUTH UNIT #6306

T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 9, A-385, 150 fsl 2640 fel of sec, 5134 fr Ely nl 2640 fr Ely el of unit. 10560 acre unit (Located in tract 63) 8.4 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3079 GR. Obj: 6500 (Tubb).NL: 10/10/96. Permit# 453643. API# 42-135-37285. ID# T-478880.Contr: B R W #4. Spud: 11/02/96 Mud drlg. TD: 6625 on 11/13/96.Compl: on 12/15/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/21/96)PZone: 5604-5892 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval -- 6057-6483 (Gloreta) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5604-6483) P 103 BOPD, 37 MCFGPD, 81 BWPD

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ T X L SOUTH UNIT #7602

T X L (TUBB)COMMINGLED - DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 2S sec 14, A-614, 1220 fnl 2640 fel of sec, 2744 fr Ely nl sl 2640 fr Ely el of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Abst # 614 originally known as Morrow Martin) (Located in tract 77) 8.7 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3063 GR. Obj: 6500 (Tubb).NL: 10/10/96. Permit# 453645. API# 42-135-37289. ID# T-478878.Contr: B R W #4. Spud: 11/12/96 Mud drlg. TD: 6630 on 11/22/96.Compl: on 12/18/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/21/96)PZone: 5533-5863 (Clear Fork 5600) gross interval -- 6046-6414 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5533-6414) P 73 BOPD, 35 MCFGPD, 130 BWPD

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO

■ DESERT WILLOW #2

PENWELL (QUEEN)- DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 44 twp 3S sec 16, A-1178, 560 fnl 1100 fwl of sec, and lse. 644.7 acre lse. 2 mi S of Penwell. Obj: 3700 (Queen).NL: 10/25/96. Permit# 454325. API# 42-135-37310. ID# T-479326.Contr: Bandera #10. Spud: 11/02/96.TD: 3625 on 11/07/96.Compl: on 12/13/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/23/96)PZone: 3418-3435 (Queen ss) IP: (Queen ss 3418-3435) F 908 MCFGPD, no oil, 2 BLWPD

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC

■ CONNELL W E NCT-2 #144

METZ- PLUG BACK WPO, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-16 sec 8, A-867, 2170 fsl 1680 fel of sec, 467 fnl 760 fwl of unit. 6791.9 acre unit. (A-867 originally known as W T Oates) 4.5 mi WSW of Penwell. Summary Original Drll: Field: METZ EAST (ELLENBURGER).Compl: OIL

HOWARD COUNTY

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP

■ E B - 37 #1

TALBOT- WPO, T & P RY CO sur blk 32 twp 2N sec 37, A-281, 929 fnl 2296 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 10 mi NE of Big Spring. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 08/23/96. Permit# 451829. API# 42-227-35066. ID# T-477790.Contr: Patterson #12. Spud: 09/26/96 Mud drlg. TD: 8693 on 10/14/96.Compl: on 12/10/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/20/96)PZone: 8510-8524 (Canyon) IP: (Canyon 8510-8524) P 30 BOPD grav 46, 50 MCFGPD, 30 BWPD Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP

■ ROWLAND 34 #4

TALBOT- WPO, T & P RY CO sur blk 32 twp 2N sec 34, A-612, 2510 fsl 2044 fwl of sur, 1126 fsl 64 fwl of lse. 80 acre lse. (A-612 originally known as J E Batchelor) (Rule 37 exception granted) 10 mi NE of Big Spring. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 10/11/96. Permit# 452329. API# 42-227-35069. ID# T-478898.Contr: Patterson #12. Spud: 10/24/96 Mud drlg. TD: 8598 on 11/09/96 in Canyon reef.Compl: on 12/11/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/20/96)PZone: 8598 (Canyon reef) IP: (Canyon reef 8598) F 20 BOPD grav 46, 780 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 975 Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP

■ ZIFFLE FRED #1

TALBOT (CANYON)- DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 32 twp 2N sec 35, A-280, 1286 fsl 868 fwl of sec, 1353 fnl 868 fwl of lse. 1120 acre lse. 11 mi NE of Big Spring. BHLoc: ACTUAL @ 8629 MD: 104-S 39-W of surf loc. (TVD: 8613) EL: 2649 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 02/05/96. Permit# 444541. API# 42-227-34997. ID# T-473474.Contr: J S M #5. Spud: 09/09/96 Mud drlg. TD: 8631 on 09/30/96 in Canyon.PB: 8608.Compl: on 10/20/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/20/96)PZone: 8629-8631 (Canyon) IP: (Canyon 8629-8631) F 101 BOPD, 546 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 1490

MARTIN COUNTY

WALTER O&G INTL LLC

■ FOLKNER A F #2

WILDCAT- WD, BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, A-593, 660 fnl 1980 fel of lab 6 lge 262 of sur, and lse. 190.5 acre lse. 16 mi N W of Tarzan. Obj: 6700 test.NL: 10/31/96. Permit# 454623. API# 42-317-34060. ID# T-479482.Contr: Riley #9. Spud: 11/27/96 Mud drlg. TD: 8432 on 12/19/96 in Spraberry.P&A on 12/20/96(Last Info: 12/20/96)

MIDLAND COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #735A

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO, T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 5S sec 16, A-977, 1780 fsl 860 fel of sec, 10900 fnl 9656 fwl of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 73) (A-977 originally known as M E Reaves) 18 mi SE of Spraberry. EL: 2730 KB. Obj: 8690 test.NL: 08/19/96. Permit# 451546. API# 42-329-33629. ID# T-477838.Contr: FWA #36. Spud: 09/02/96 Mud drlg. TD: 8680 on 09/15/96.PB: 8630.Compl: on 10/29/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/20/96)PZone: 6935-8610 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6935-8610) P 66 BOPD grav 39.9, 38 MCFGPD, 112 BWPD

WARD COUNTY

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP

■ CAPRITO 82 #4

ABRAXAS- WPO, G & M M B & A sur blk F sec 82, A-52, 2046 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi N of Pyote. Obj: 7700 test.NL: 10/03/96. Permit# 453318. API# 42-475-34402. ID# T-478710.Contr: Patterson #7. Spud: 10/08/96.TD: 3858.P&A on 10/19/96.(Last Info: 12/19/96)Notes: (Replaced by API #42-475-34423)

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP

■ CAPRITO 83 #4U

ABRAXASDUAL - WPO, G & M M B & A sur blk F sec 83, A-43, 2107 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi N of Pyote. EL: 2654 GR. Obj: 7700 test.NL: 09/04/96. Permit# 452114. API# 42-475-34401. ID# T-478031.Contr: Patterson #7. Spud: 09/13/96.TD: 7142 on 10/17/96.PB: 7070.Compl: on 10/30/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/19/96)PZone: 4702-4740 (Bell Canyon) - Well #4U - Oil -- 6248-6759 (Cherry Canyon) gross interval - Well #4L - Oil IP: (Bell Canyon 4702-4740) F 255 BOPD grav 38.0, 945 MCFGPD on 22/64 ck, 5BWPD, FCP 450 -- (Cherry Canyon 6248-6759) F 130 BOPD grav 38.0, 920 MCFGPD on 15/64 ck, 239 BWPD, FTP 1200 Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

WINKLER COUNTY

HALLWOOD PETROLEUM INC

■ SMITH LUCY #3

KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- RECOMPLETION DO, E R BARROW #1234 sur blk B-2 sec 2, 1318 fsl 100 fel of sec, and lse. 321 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception approved) (E R Barrow sur also known as Public School Land) 10 mi N E PLY of Kermit. Summary Original Drll: Field: KEYSTONE (HOLT).Compl: on 07/06/96 OIL Zone: 5201-5290 (Holt) IP: (Holt 5201-5290) P 17 BOPD grav 33, no gas, 92 BWPD

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ PERKINS J J - C #4

KEYSTONE (HOLT)COMMINGLED - DO, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 4, A-1966, 1977 fsl 560 fel of sec, 659 fnl 560 fel of lse. 80 acre lse. (A-1965 originally known as G L Patton) 7 mi NE of Kermit. EL: 2998 KB. Obj: 5500 (Holt).NL: 06/14/96. Permit# 449323. API# 42-495-32550. ID# T-476303.Contr: Riley #6. Spud: 08/29/96.TD: 5200 on 09/07/96.PB: 5176.Compl: on 10/20/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/23/96)PZone: 4961-5027 (Holt) IP: (Holt 4961-5027) P 6 BOPD, no gas, 18 BWPD

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DICKENS COUNTY

EASTERN ENERGY CORP

■ SMITHEY UNIT #1

WILDCAT- W, H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 196, A-606, 2500 fnl 125 fel of sec, and unit. 40 acre unit. (A-606 originally R Brost) 9.5 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2165 GR. Obj: 4800 test. NL: 12/03/96. Permit# 455597. API# 42-125-30818. ID# T-480220. Contr: Rings #3. Spud: 12/12/96. TD: 330. J&A on 12/16/96. (Last Info: 12/20/96) Notes: (Rig skid 50 ft east, replaced by reference ID #480651)

GAINES COUNTY

UNION OIL CO OF CAL

■ MACINTOSH #1

BLACKWATCH (SAN ANDRES)- DO, C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk G sec 358, A-92, 2364 fnl 310 fwl of sec, 276 fsl 310 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 13 mi WSW of Seminole. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 2233 fnl 467 fwl of sec. 359 -- 407 fsl 467 fwl of lse. ACTUAL @ TD: 358 -- KOP 3451. EL: 3416 GR. Obj: 4700 (San Andres). NL: 10/15/96. Permit# 453739. API# 42-165-35064. ID# T-478980. Contr: Norton #1. Spud: 11/03/96 Mud drlg. TD: 4765 on 11/09/96. Compl: on 12/12/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/21/96) PZone: 4594-4689 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 4594-4689) P 66 BOPD, 21 MCFGPD, no wtr

GARZA COUNTY

ROCKER A OPERG CO INC

■ CONNELL EST 937 #2

POST (GLORIETA)- DO, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 937, 1650 fsl 330 fel of sec, 365 fsl 330 fel of lse. 660 acre lse. 2 mi N W of Justiceburg. EL: 2294 GR. Obj: (Gloreta). NL: 12/23/96. Permit# 454582 API# 42-169-33409. ID# T-480683. Contr: Riley. TD: 2502 in Gloreta. Compl: on 10/20/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/23/96) PZone: 2400-2502 (Gloreta) IP: (Gloreta 2400-2502) P 20 BOPD, GTSTM, 196 BWPD

KING COUNTY

CLEAR FORK INC

■ NIBLO 33 - A #1

CROTON BREAKS- WPD, H & T C RY CO sur blk F sec 33, A-167, 467 fsl 1965 fwl of sec, 467 fsl 743 fel of lse. 124 acre lse. 14 mi SE of Guthrie. EL: 1749 GR. Obj: 6200 test. NL: 09/24/96. Permit# 453085.

WHEELER OPERATING CORP

■ POST-MONTGOMERY 20 #1W

ARLENE- SP, K AYCOCK sur blk 4 sec 20, 1320 fnl 1320 fwl of sec, and lse. 600 acre lse. 8 mi N E PLY of Post. Obj: 4000 test. NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480655

WHEELER OPERATING CORP

■ POST-MONTGOMERY 20 #2

ARLENE- D, K AYCOCK sur blk 4 sec 20, 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, and lse. 600 acre lse. 8 mi N E PLY of Post. Obj: 4000 test. NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480657

WHEELER OPERATING CORP

■ POST-MONTGOMERY 20 #2W

ARLENE- SP, K AYCOCK sur blk 4 sec 20, 1320 fnl 2640 fwl of sec, and lse. 600 acre lse. 8 mi N E PLY of Post. Obj: 4000 test. NL: 12/20/96. ID# T-480658

LAMB COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO

■ TROTTER #1

BILLY (ABO)- HORIZONTAL D, STATE CAPITAL LAND sur, A-358, 839 fnl 670 fel of lab 24 lge 685 of sur, and lse. 161.34 acre lse. 6 mi SE of Littlefield. BHLoc: PROPOSED: (TVD: 6798) 1436 fnl 547 fel

APS 42-269-32235. ID# T-478466. Contr: Rings #1. Spud: 11/22/96. TD: 6050 on 12/08/96 in Mississippian lm. P&A on 12/08/96. (Last Info: 12/19/96)

MIDLAND OIL & GAS INC

■ EXCALIBUR #1

WILDCAT- WD, JOHN F HEATH sur, A-331, 3879 fsl 2034 fwl of sur, 499 fnl 516 fel of lse. 180.8 acre lse. 1.6 mi N W of Grow. EL: 1029 GR. Obj: 7000 test. NL: 04/23/96. Permit# 447271. API# 42-269-32219. ID# T-475170. Contr: Win Tex #4. Spud: 10/01/96. TD: 5804 on 10/12/96. P&A on 10/13/96. (Last Info: 12/19/96)

SCURRY COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ DOZIER MAGGIE #2R

SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK)- D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 142, 970 fnl 970 fel of sec, 363 fsl 970 fel of lse. 60 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 4.5 mi W of Ira. EL: 2263 GR. Obj: 3300 (Clear Fork). NL: 08/20/96. Permit# 451659. API# 42-415-33437. ID# T-477673. Contr: Bandera #5. Spud: 11/01/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3162 on 11/05/96. NW on 12/18/96. (Last Info: 12/21/96)

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ HOLCOMB GRACE #5R

SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK)- D, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 142, 1696 fnl 323 fel of sec, 364 fnl 323 fel of lse. 50 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 4 mi W of Ira. EL: 2272 GR. Obj: 3300 (Clear Fork). NL: 08/20/96. Permit# 451658. API# 42-415-33438. ID# T-477674. Contr: Bandera #5. Spud: 11/06/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3162 on 11/09/96. NW on 12/14/96. (Last Info: 12/21/96)

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ STERLING J M ET AL #20

SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK)- SP, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 160, A-2091, 2225 fsl 1675 fwl of sec, 330 fsl 1675 fwl of lse. 415 acre lse. (A-2091 originally known as W B Moore) 8 mi SW of Snyder. EL: 2310 GR. Obj: 3400 (Clear Fork). NL: 08/07/96. Permit# 451246. API# 42-415-33423. ID# T-477413. Contr: Bandera #5. Spud: 10/27/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3300 on 10/31/96. NW on 12/07/96. (Last Info: 12/21/96) Notes: (Injection well)

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ STERLING J M ET AL #22

SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK)- SP, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 160, A-2091, 2310 fnl 2449 fwl of sec, 1105 fsl 2449 fwl of lse. 415 acre lse. (A-2091 originally known as W B Moore) 8 mi SW of Snyder. EL: 2307 GR. Obj: 3400 (Clear Fork). NL: 08/07/96. Permit# 451244. API# 42-415-33421. ID# T-477420. Contr: Bandera #5. Spud: 10/18/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3348 on 10/22/96. NW on 12/12/96. (Last Info: 12/21/96) Notes: (Injection well)

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ STERLING J M ET AL #23

SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK)- SP, H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 160, A-2091, 990 fnl 2500 fwl of sec, and lse. 415 acre lse. (A-2091 originally known as W B Moore) 8 mi SW of Snyder. EL: 2307 GR. Obj: 3400 (Clear Fork). NL: 08/07/96. Permit# 451253. API# 42-415-33429. ID# T-477412. Contr: Bandera #9. Spud: 10/24/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3345 on 10/29/96. NW on 12/13/96.

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

(From 10)

KEYSTONE (COLBY)- PLUG BACK D, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-3 sec 13, A-1320, 960 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 4320 fnl 660 fel of lse. 2000 acre lse. (A-1320 originally known as W Ernest Baird) 3 mi NNE of Kermit. Summary Original Drll: Field: KEYSTONE (CLEAR FORK).Compl: OIL

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COTTLE COUNTY

POLK PETROLEUM INC

■ JONES #1

WILDCAT- W, F P KNOTT sur sec 8, A-868, 829 fsl 1400 fel of sec, 1489 fsl 1400 fel of lse. 240 acre lse. 1 mi S of Ceevee. EL: 2025 GR. Obj: 5000 test. NL: 12/19/96. ID# T-480647

DICKENS COUNTY

EASTERN ENERGY CORP

■ SMITHEY UNIT #1R

WILDCAT- W, H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 196, A-606, 2500 fnl 175 fel of sec, 467 fnl 640 fel of unit. 40 acre unit. 9.5 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2165 GR. Obj: 4800 test. NL: 12/20/96. Permit# 456476. API# 42-125-30821. ID# T-480651

GARZA COUNTY

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Funeral services for Harold Norman Black, 71, of Midland will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home, chapel with Ralph Gates of Midland and Roger Gee of Abilene officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996 at a Midland Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Black was born Janury 2, 1925 in McAlester, Oklahoma to Norvell and Ollie Black. He grew up in Oklahoma City graduating from Capitol Hill High School.

He attended the University of Oklahoma receiving a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering in 1945 and a Master of Petroleum Engineering in 1960. He was a Registered Professional Engineer and a life time member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers holding various offices in the North Texas - Southwest Oklahoma Chapter, as well as national offices. He was also a member of API.

Black was employed by Halliburton in Duncan, Oklahoma on March 5, 1951 in the Bulk Cement Section, later in Research and Development in the Fracturing Section and the Midland Division Sales retiring after 35 years of service on March 5, 1986.

He was a multi-patentee in his field of technology and authored numerous technical papers on the subject of Hydraulic Fracturing. He was honored by the Society of Petroleum Engineers, American Petroleum Institute and the University of Texas Petroeum Extension Services for outstanding service and dedicationin the energy industry.

He authored the Fracbook - Design Data Manual for Hydraulic Fracturing for Halliburton. He taught Fracturing schools and lectured throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe and Middle East. Currently, he was employed by F1o CO_2 Associates of Odessa as a consultant.

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Pump iron to rebuild your strength

■ Weight lifting has a fundamental role to play in the well-being of older Americans.

By Paul W. Helmel

Exercise programs for the over-50 set are everywhere, from community centers to Y's to expensive health clubs. Now, researchers at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pa., are touting an even more effective way for mature adults to improve their quality of life: weight lifting.

"I've had people come in here who have trouble carrying a gallon of milk or getting out of a chair," says Gary Kruskall, a Penn State University doctoral student who is studying the impact of weight lifting on different age groups. "Within a matter of weeks, they can do a lot more than they ever believed possible, and they feel a lot better, too."

Working with a nutritionist and a physiology professor from the Penn State faculty, Kruskall has helped design a weight lifting and diet regimen that could serve as the prototype for similar programs nationwide.

Aerobics, swimming and walking will burn fat, but none of these builds muscle as quickly and efficiently as weight lifting, Kruskall points out. And maintaining muscle is critical to maintaining strength and stamina.

"A lot of the disability we associate with getting older is not related to aging," he explains. "It has more to do with muscle loss because of a lifetime of inactivity."

Studies have shown that, as people enter middle age, they lose about seven pounds of muscle each decade. That translates into loss of strength and restricted movement and activity. The good news is that this doesn't have to happen, Kruskall notes.

Participants in the three-month Penn State study combined sensible eating habits with a regimen of high-intensity weight lifting three times per week. The results varied according to age group, but were significant for every participant.

Ila Burns, a 67-year-old retired nurse, had lost much of her physical stamina after her husband died. The couple used to square dance, ride bicycles and hike through hills. After only one month of weight lifting as part of the Penn State study, she increased her strength in the bench press by more than 20 percent and now has more energy than ever.

"I went from very active to very dormant after my husband died," Burns says. "Now, I feel more energized than ever."

Robert Engler, 73, volunteered for the program because he experienced fatigue and shortness of breath during even the most routine activities. Weight lifting made a significant difference in his life.

"You can feel the difference when you're going up and down stairs," Engler says. "Your legs don't hurt and your breathing is easier."

Penn State physiologist William Evans, who has helped coordinate the study, explains that weight lifting not only builds muscle, it also results in a loss of body fat, a reduction of bone loss in post-menopausal women, better balance and faster walking speed. Evans says even people in their 90s can triple their strength in less than two months of heavy lifting.

The researchers say there is a common misconception that weightlifting's benefits can only be enjoyed by those people who started at an early age. In fact, it's never too late to begin.

Francis and Carolyn Castano of Coudersport, Pa., started working with weights when they were in their early 50s. Five years later, they're feeling great.

"I have more energy, my blood pressure is down, and I have a much better awareness of my body," Francis observes.

"My strength has increased because of weight lifting and that means I can do more things," Carolyn adds. "When I began, I actually gained back three to five pounds of the weight I had recently lost, but it was muscle weight. The weight training gave me a more youthful appearance than I had after the weight loss."

Greg Capatch, a certified exercise specialist who is supervisor of fitness centers for Charles Cole Memorial Hospital in Coudersport, supervised the Castanos' weight training when they started.

"Francis and Carolyn are two examples of the benefits of weight training," Capatch says. "We know that exercise can add years to your life. These two are examples of how it can add life to your years. Your quality of life improves dramatically."

Capatch and many other exercise specialists have been sounding that theme for many years, but three out of every four Americans still don't get enough exercise, and only a small percentage of those who do exercise use weights.

Ken Alan, a fitness consultant for University of California at Los Angeles Extension and spokesman for the American Council on Exercise, wants to see that change.

"Americans are living longer and it's important that people maintain independence," he says. "Functional fitness is something that's starting to catch on. Young people may exercise more for vanity and fitness, but as you get older your goals change. You work out so your knees aren't as sore or your back won't hurt. You can do more things. That should be a powerful incentive."

Don't go it alone

What's the key to a successful weight lifting/exercise routine? The experts all agree: realistic goals.

"Whether you want to lose weight or be stronger and more flexible, you have to accept the idea that fitness is an ongoing process," says Ken Alan, spokesperson for the American Council on Exercise. "Set realistic goals and use a systematic approach. You wouldn't buy a car blindly. Why take care of your body blindly?" One of the best ways to zero-in on reasonable goals is through the use of a certified trainer or instructor. Francis and Carolyn Castano, of Coudersport, Pa., credit their trainer, Greg Capatch, with getting them started on the right foot.

"We worked the weights for three sessions weekly under Greg's supervision, then moved on to what he calls his 'graduate' program," Carolyn explains. "Now, we work out on our own three times a week. We also ski and take recreational walks."

"And, the best part is we do these things together," Francis adds. "That's one of the really nice things about it."

"Experts agree that realistic goals are the key to a successful exercise routine.

Capatch still evaluates them every few months to check their form and suggest changes.

"There's plenty to be gained by doing it right," Capatch points out. "Without regular workouts, we decondition at a rate of about 10 percent per decade after age 20. Exercise allows people to pretty much eliminate that 10 percent per decade, and working with weights maintains the muscle strength. It's a great combination."

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25 ways to improve your stamina

■ Having energy in reserve can make a tremendous difference to one's well being.

By Sherry Ballou Hanson

Just because you're getting older doesn't mean you should have less stamina. You might have to work a little to maintain it, but follow these tips and you'll find some energy reserves you never knew you had.

1. Get a medical exam to be sure your basic health is good. Many people suffer from anemia and don't know it. Get that hemoglobin checked.

2. Exercise. Aerobic activity (to strengthen heart and respiratory muscles) is one component of a sound exercise program. Tedd Mitchell, M.D., medical director, Cooper Wellness Program, Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas, recommends three to five sessions per week, lasting 20 to 60 minutes. Try jogging, biking, power walking, aerobics, aqua aerobics, lap swimming.

3. Strength training is the second component of a fitness program. No matter your age, strength training (free weights, weight machines, calisthenics) will help you build and maintain muscle and bone mass. Two to three workouts per week are recommended. General rule of thumb: two to three sets of each move, eight to 12 repetitions, at a weight that will fatigue muscles.

4. Stretching and flexibility wrap up your exercise program and will help you avoid injury. Ten minutes for the large muscle groups can be part of your warm up and cool down surrounding aerobics or strength training. Yoga is great, too.

5. Sleep, seven to eight hours a night, is as important as exercise to maintaining stamina.

6. Relaxation merits major emphasis in the Cooper Wellness Program. For everyday stress try this mini-relaxation break: Close your eyes and focus your mind on a single object. Slowly breathe in through nose and mouth, hold for count of three, exhale. Repeat several times.

7. Achieving a balance in life is important, says Phyllis Pilgrim, fitness director at Rancho La Puerta in Tecate, Mexico. She recommends meditation to get in touch with your inner self.

8. Safety first. Don't jump into unaccustomed activity if you aren't in shape to begin with, and always warm up first.

9. Genetics may have to take the blame if your knees won't let you jog. Pursuing the impossible will not improve stamina. Choose an activity you can do.

10. Select activities you enjoy and you will increase your chances of staying with the activity. Walking on the beach or on mountain trails is great exercise, says Phyllis Pilgrim, who hikes mountains at age 60.

11. Ideal body weight is based on height and bone structure. Work with your activity level and diet to maintain that weight.

12. Supplements and ergogenic aids? The word from the Cooper Clinic is no, unless your diet does not provide adequate nutrients, says Johann Coetzee, M.D., M.P.H.

13. Walking is good for you and can be done almost anywhere. An after-dinner walk in the evening is great for weight control.

14. Social activity is important to you overall well-being. Consider joining a club or organization organized around a sport or other activity you enjoy. Maintaining this contact helps you stay interested and inspired.

15. Winter sports can make the difference between cabin fever, with its associated weight gain, and fun, like winter used to be. Suggestions: downhill and cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, ice skating. Don't skimp on your walking program just because the days are chillier.

16. Cross train with two or more sports to avoid overuse injuries and burnout. Weight training and biking are naturals; so are walking and calisthenics.

17. Metabolism is the rate at which you burn calories. The more muscle you carry, the higher the burn rate. This means if you are active, you can eat more and not gain weight.



Brisk walking can enhance your stamina and reduce the risk of stroke and heart attack. (Photo courtesy the Cooper Aerobics Center, Dallas).

18. Calcium is essential for strong bones. If lactose intolerance is a problem, try these ideas: Consume small portions of dairy products; eat dairy products with meals or snacks; increase dairy products gradually; try yogurt with active cultures.

19. Drink plenty of fluids, enough to make urine run clear most of the day, probably means six to eight glasses. You need to drink 16 ounces of fluids for every pound you sweat off during a workout.

20. Fat overload not only adds pounds but also can cause lethargy. Frequent offenders: salad dressing, red meat, fried foods, ice cream, pastries, mayonnaise. Read those labels.

21. Eating out on weekends can undo all the good work you do during the week. Check out the "lite" menus.

22. Fat burning is pretty straight forward. If you burn more calories than you take in over a period of a week or more, your body will start burning its fat stores, regardless of whether you burn fat or carbohydrates during any one workout.

23. Prolonged sitting sometimes can't be avoided. Try these tips: Get up and move around frequently; in your chair, stretch tall with arms overhead and bend forward to touch floor; try clasping hands behind head and pulling elbows back gently.

24. Irregularity is a drag. Make sure to get your 25-35 grams of fiber daily (whole grain products, fruits, vegetables). Suggestion: five fruits and veggies; six servings of breads, cereals, legumes.

25. Avoid colds, and the best way is to wash your hands frequently. Avoid touching nose and eyes with hands; don't share cups, pens, phones with cold sufferers.



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Sound too good to be true?

Don't be swayed by a persuasive pitch

By Gordon Pape

I've just heard an unhappy story from an acquaintance. I repeat it here because doing so may prevent it from happening to you.



Pape

Like many other people, this man (we'll call him Mr. Jones) had become increasingly confused by the wide range of investment options now available. He'd worked hard all his life and managed to put aside a fair amount of money. Retirement was nearing, and he wanted to be sure his assets were invested in the best possible way.

So, again like many others in his position, he decided to get some professional help. He chose a financial planner who had a reputation in the community of being somewhat aggressive in his approach but very knowledgeable about mutual funds. He'd been introduced to the planner at an investment seminar, liked what he heard, and had some friends that dealt with him. After an initial meeting, Mr. Jones decided to entrust the planner with his money.

Initially, things were okay. The planner recommended some mutual funds which performed reasonably well. The results weren't sensational – in fact, some of the funds Mr. Jones had owned previously did better than the new ones. But he wasn't overly concerned.

Then, at one of their quarterly meetings, the planner introduced a new idea. Take some of the money out of the lackluster mutual funds and put it in a mining stock. He had one that was a sure thing. The planner had put $100,000 of his own money into it just to show his confidence. Mr. Jones should do the same.

At this point you may be thinking: "I know the rest of this story. Mr. Jones is going to lose a bundle. I would never make that mistake."

Maybe. In retrospect, Mr. Jones – a well-educated professional man – says the same thing. But the advisor was very persuasive. And the psychology of the mid-90s, with the Dow Jones hitting one new record high after another, has many people believing stocks have nowhere to go but up, even though we know intuitively it can't last forever.

So Mr. Jones bought the shares at about $16 each. Three months later he sold at about $4.75 as the stock plummeted on news of poor drilling results.

But that's not the end of the story. Subsequent to this, the advisor called a meeting of Mr. Jones and other clients who had lost money on the shares. He felt badly, he said, and had come up with a way to recoup the losses. A company in Detroit had just developed a revolutionary new type of car headlight. Through a relative in the company, he'd been able to obtain a special allocation for a new issue of convertible bonds. He was making it available to this particular group of clients. They'd earn back all their losses and more.

Once bitten, twice shy? Not in this case. Again, the advisor was very persuasive. They'd get a return of 10 times their original investment in 18 months. Several of them bought in, including Mr. Jones, even though he admits that it all seemed too good be true.

As it turns out, it was. Mr. Jones isn't sure exactly what went wrong. All he knows is that his money is gone, interest on the bonds is not being paid, and they aren't traded on any public exchange.

The last I heard, he had filed suit for fraud. There was no indication he would ever get any of his money back.

Naive? Perhaps. But when you don't know a lot about investing and are relying on someone for guidance, these things can happen if the advisor turns out to be unscrupulous and/or inept.

Don't mistake my meaning. Most financial professionals I have encountered are honest and knowledgeable. They'd be outraged at a story like this. But it's like every other business -- there are always a few bad apples.

So here are some tips to ensure you'll never be led down the same path as Mr. Jones:

– Have some basic knowledge. You may not want to spend a lot of time learning about investing, but even a little knowledge can go a long way. At the very least, you should know enough so that your antennae start to quiver if something doesn't seem right.

– Stick with your strategy. If you've decided you want to confine your investments to conservatively managed mutual funds or CDs, don't be sidetracked by promises of sudden riches.

– Never invest in anything you don't understand. There are lots of places to put your money. Why choose something that's a mystery to you?

– Keep your critical faculty. Just because someone else thinks it's a good idea doesn't automatically make it such. Use your own good judgment and common sense.

– Be wary of sales pitches. If someone seems to be trying overly hard to get you to invest in something, it may because they have something extra to gain for themselves.

Remember that no one is perfect. Even well-meaning professionals make mistakes.

Assume your responsibilities. Harry Truman had many clever advisors, but his motto was, "The buck stops here." When it comes to investment decisions, take the same attitude.

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Avoiding probate: Not always the best course

By John A. Berman

Q. Linda and Seth have seen several newspaper advertisements for seminars indicating significant but unspecified benefits to "avoiding probate." They would like to provide for efficient and effective administration of their assets in the event of their deaths. However, they are uncertain about probate proceedings and about what assets are subject to probate at their death.

A. Although historically probate proceedings pertained to the process of proving a will, the term generally applies to all matters regarding the establishment and settlement of the decedents' estate. Probate courts also usually supervise the property and affairs of incapacitated persons and minors, although often in conjunction with other courts.

Assets which are transferable without any administration or court authority are nonprobate assets and are conveyed regardless of the provisions of the decedent's will. They include instruments which have specific beneficiary designations, such as life insurance and retirement plans, transfer-on-death directives for banking and investment accounts and joint tenancy ownerships.

In this case, Linda and Seth own their home in joint tenancy. Their vehicles and certain bank accounts are also in joint tenancy. They have significant insurance policies in which the surviving spouse is the beneficiary upon the other spouse's death. These would not be subject to probate and would automatically pass to the surviving spouse.

However, each also has separate assets. Seth is the sole owner of his own company and the real estate upon which it is situated. Linda inherited a considerable amount of stock from her parents and, as a result of wisely investing the dividends and her bonuses at work, has considerable sums invested in money market accounts and mutual funds. Their wills identify the recipients of these specific assets, either explicitly or generally.

Should they try to avoid the probate process for these separately owned assets? Will this save any taxes, fees and/or time for the persons they wish to benefit from their estate?

Mistakenly, people believe assets subject to probate are also subject to greater estate taxes. Probate assets and nonprobate assets are accorded the same tax treatment.

There are costs involved in probate. In some states the fee for administration of a will is a percentage of the total estate; in non-percentage fee states, the fee is comparable to the cost for sophisticated estate planning.

Probate can cause some delays in distribution, and there is less privacy regarding one's personal estate in the probate process, although both of these matters are less significant now than in the past due to informal probate procedures which speed up the process and avoid the filing of an inventory.

On the positive side, the probate process can eliminate claims of unsecured creditors. It can also provide income tax advantages for sales of property, selection of a fiscal year, and extending time periods for holding Subchapter S stock. In addition, it can help avoid clean-up liability for environmentally tainted property.

Many of the disadvantages of avoiding probate involve the use of a funded revocable trust since this requires a present transfer and retitling of the assets of the trust. Some institutions are reluctant to deal with trusts without a greater review of the instrument. There are also trust registration fees and recording fees. The use of a non-probate vehicle should be carefully reviewed in any estate plan.

A short primer on buying your first computer

■ A little research and some patience can demystify the high-tech world of computers.

By David F. Borowski

If you're a little intimidated about buying your first computer, don't be. With just a little bit of knowledge, and some money, you can be writing your novel or managing the family fortune in no time.

The key to buying your computer is to match the system with your needs. Ask the question, "Will a computer allow me to do this quicker and more accurately?" If you answer, "Yes!" read on.

There are two "families" of computers, the so-called IBM compatible Personal Computer (PC) and the Macintosh. The Apple Macintosh has the smaller market share and is used more for graphic design than for word or data processing. But if you expect to do the family newsletter or produce custom greeting cards for your friends, you may want to go MAC. For general personal use, either will work.

But since most home users opt for a PC, that will be the focus of this article.

The state of the art for PCs, at least for this week, is the Pentium based processor chip operating at speeds from 60 megahertz to 200 megahertz. It sounds formidable, but the speed of the computer chip determines how fast your computer can process data. If you're just writing letters, a speed of 60 mhz is just fine. If you plan on tracking satellites or processing large spreadsheets you may need to increase that speed a bit.

Random Access Memory (RAM) determines the amount of information your computer can work on at one time. The minimum RAM needed to run today's popular operating systems, the systems that run a computer, like Windows 95, and application software, which allows you to perform functions like word processing or financial management, is 8 megabytes. Sixteen is better.

You also need storage for your application software and data. The primary storage device for quick access is the hard disk (also called hard drive). Today's software takes up lots of space, so a minimum hard disk size is 600 megabytes. And yes, the prefix "mesa" is very common in computerese.

Many PC systems come with hard disk storage that exceeds 1 gigabyte of capacity. That's 1000 megabytes. That's one billion pieces of information. That's a lot.

Besides hard disk storage, your PC will have a diskette drive (sometimes called floppy drive) which should accommodate a 3 1/2-inch diskette. (5 1/4-inch diskettes are still in use, but the move is towards the 3 1/2-inch). Most software is still distributed on diskette.

If you want to communicate with the world or just your kids in college, a modem is necessary. Modem speeds range from 2400 bits per second to 28,800 bits per second. If you want to access the Internet and especially the graphics-based World Wide Web you'll need a 14,400 modem at a minimum and ideally 28,800. Many computer systems come with a modem built in and run at 28,800.

Many popular software titles, particularly games and educational software, are available in CD format. Computer CD's look like your music CD's, but instead of storing your favorite artists, they hold computer data and programs. They have a far greater capacity than the 3 1/2-inch diskette. A CD-ROM is the device that reads the CD's; it's faster then a floppy drive and frequently is included in your computer system.

With the new graphics-based operating systems like Windows 95, you'll want a color monitor, although you could get by with black and white. Be careful: Many advertised systems do not include the monitor price. A 14-inch Magnavox will run around $250.

Speaking of prices, expect to pay in the neighborhood of $2,500 for a 133-megahertz Pentium PC with CD-ROM, a 1.6 gigabyte hard drive, 12 megabytes of RAM and a 28,800 internal modem. You can drop down a bit and get a 75 megahertz PC with 650 megabytes of disk space and 8 megabytes of RAM for around $1,500.

These PC's usually include Windows 95 and many application programs. Shop around and consider ordering from a reputable mail order company. Buy computers with a minimum three-year limited warranty. And remember, a warranty is only as good as the company.

A computer is a dumb box and software makes it smart. One of the biggest reasons people buy computers is to do word processing. There are many packages to choose from. Corel Word Perfect and Microsoft Word are the most popular and powerful and retail for about $300.

How would you like to balance your checkbook, manage your finances and plan your retirement for about $50? The best-selling financial manager, Quicken by Intuit, could fill the bill. This Windows-based package does all of the above, plus prints checks, pays bills and much more.

If you're going to use your modem, you'll need software to run it. A communications package like Procomm Plus ($180) will allow you to dial into bulletin boards, the Internet and the office. If you're going to surf the Web, you'll need a browser like Netscape or Microsoft's Internet Explorer (both generally free).

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Older population on the rise - and they're safer

By John MacIntyre

Year in which the American Association of Retired Persons was established: 1958

Estimated number of members of the association today: 33 million

Number of political parties established by pensioners in Holland, the only country that has so far established a political party to represent mature voters' interests: 2

Number of seats won by the two parties combined in the 1994 election: 7

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Percent U.S. population increased between 1980 and 1990: 10

Percent increase, during those same years, of persons aged 85 years or older: 33

Percent increase of persons over the age of 100: 160

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Number of people in the Eisenhower Generation (born between 1930-1945): 37 million

Number of times more likely a person from the Ike generation is to say they daydream about traveling around the world versus daydreaming about being famous: 3

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Of 46 fruit and vegetable foods observed in a Harvard University study, the number associated with reduced prostate cancer: 4

Number of those foods that included tomatoes as an ingredient: 3 (tomato sauce, tomatoes, pizza)

Percent the risk of prostate cancer was reduced in men eating at least 10 servings a week of tomato-based foods, according to the same study: 45

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Percent of the American workforce that is 55 years or older, according to the American Association of Retired Persons: 13.6

Percent of on-the-job injuries accounted for by that age group: 9.7

Octogenerian boat racer out paces younger competition

By Norman E. Rourke

Paul Showman has slowed down. The 81-year-old boat racer has backed off from 100 mph to 85 mph. Still he and his 47-year-old boat can beat the clock.

In a drag boat race in Wichita, Kan., last year Showman had placed in the 12-second class during time trials, meaning he had 12 seconds to complete the 1,000-ft. course. With a roaring start, Showman and his boat, "The Legend," finished the course in 9.9 seconds. Unfortunately, under race rules he was disqualified because he jumped class.

Since the 1950s when Showman was part of the auto drag racing circuit, he has always liked powerful engines. Bored with auto racing, he turned to drag boat racing at 60.

At the Wichita race he was introduced as the oldest boat racer. Crowds lining the banks stood cheering as he and "The Legend" gave an exhibition of their racing skills.

Showman notes that his boat is older than most of the racers.

"They probably get nervous when they see that ugly old boat," he says.

Ugly it is, but with its 538-cubic-inch Chevy engine, it easily keeps pace with more aerodynamic boats. And Showman — who celebrated his 65th birthday hang gliding and his 75th birthday water skiing 37 miles non-stop on one ski — easily outpaces most of the younger racers.

Frank Reynolds: Record-Setting Swimmer

Some people are challenged to climb mountains; Frank Reynolds swims oceans.

He may not know how to rhyme an heroic epic, but he sure can swim circles around Lord Byron, the great British poet of the 1800s. Both swam the Dardanelles, formerly the Hellespont, the 2-mile waterway separating Europe and Asia. But at 62 Reynolds beat the young poet's time by 20 minutes, covering the distance in an impressive 51 minutes.

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Hand down your own one-of-a-kind legacy

By Jacqueline Kimball

Two hundred years from now, when your descendants research their family tree, what will they learn about you? Dry statistics or stories about your hopes and dreams, your successes and failures, the experiences that made you who you are?

Don't let your stories be lost forever. Join with people across the country who, in classes or on their own, are reliving and writing about their lives.

Alex Scotti of Midland Park, N.J., took a class at a local library. "I thought it would be nice to get together in a group and share life's experiences," he says. "What people tell you always triggers something in your head. 'Oh yes, I went through that,' or 'That's what happened to me.'"

Each week participants focused on a different aspect of their lives and completed a written assignment to share at the next meeting. They covered numerous themes including childhood, education, family relationships, health, and career.

"Your finished product is the story of your life," Scotti says. "The 10 assignments work them all in."

Nearly three years later, he's still at it. His stories number in the hundreds, from his childhood in a poor Italian neighborhood in the Bronx to his feelings about retirement.

"My kids are all enthusiastic about it," he says.

How to begin

Don't make this a huge, complicated project. Simplify it by dividing your life according to specific topics. Record those in a notebook, one per page. You'll find a rich store of memories under topics such as courtship, relatives, interests outside of work, the Depression and wartime. As the memories come to mind, list them on the appropriate page.

Which memories to include

Lois Daniel, author of "How to Write Your Own Life Story," advises starting with a specific memory that interests you or that you think will be easy to write. She says it's best not to start at the beginning of your life and work straight through.

Focus on what's significant, the people and incidents that changed your life. Include truly interesting or humorous memories, ones that greatly affected you or that depict disappearing lifestyles.

Show how world events touched your smaller world. Alfreda Bonner's memories of World War II include vivid details of the war's effect on her hometown of Pittsburgh, Pa. One story tells of trains and steel mills belching soot across the entire city, of dust seeping through every door and every windowsill of every house.

Include the accomplishments that make you most proud. Maybe you didn't win Olympic gold, but you raised four good kids on your own.

Share your feelings. Your stories will increase in meaning and your descendants will identify with you.

From the family farm to stories of his own grandchildren, retired teacher Chester Garthwaite, of Fennimore, Wis., wrote a complete family history. He used Daniel's book.

"It took most of one winter," he says. "My wife told me I wrote as much as 10 hours a day."

You needn't do that much. Even a handful of stories written from the heart will make you live through generations to come.

Rules to write by

Lois Daniel, author of "How to Write Your Own Life Story," offers these rules for life story writers.

1. Don't try to write literature. "Write as if you were writing a letter to your very best friend. If you do that with a story here and a story there, it will get you over the feeling that it's all too big." Organize the stories later.

2. Be honest. Write what really happened, not what you wish had happened. You don't have to tell secrets, but you should be honest about whatever you do tell. When you write about an incident from the past, also include your thoughts about it now.

3. Do some research. Set your stories in time and place so readers know what you're really talking about.

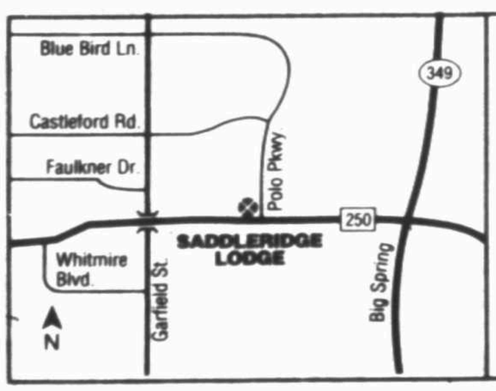
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Fighting for a better world

■ Maury Albertson, creator of the Peace Corps, still seeks solutions to universal problems.

By Bear Jack Gebhardt

"When can you get me your suggestions for the Peace Corps?" Sargent Shriver asked Maury Albertson, over the telephone one Sunday morning in early 1960. The Kennedy-Nixon race was churning and Shriver was looking for leverage for Kennedy.

Albertson, an engineer, expert in water resources and international development, had just returned to his Colorado home the night before from Bangkok, the last stop in an information-gathering journey around the world.

"I can get you a report in two or three weeks," Albertson said. "We still have to get reports in from South America, and I have to combine those with the European, African and Asian perspectives."

"Two weeks!" Shriver yelled. "No! That will never do! Can you fly out here this morning?"

No. Albertson couldn't fly out that morning, but three days later he was meeting with Shriver, and over the next two weeks gave detailed suggestions for how the Peace Corps might be formed, how it would work, who would be in it, where in the world it would function.

"The Russians had battered the word 'peace' around so often that several members of Congress wanted to call it The Point Four Youth Corps," Albertson recalls. Hubert Humphrey convinced Kennedy we should stick with Peace Corps.

When Kennedy announced his intentions for the program, the public support was tremendous, especially among university students and professors. Humphrey once suggested that it was Kennedy's proposal for the Peace Corps that helped him squeak past Nixon.

Three and a half decades later, Albertson, now in his 80s, is still traveling to Bangkok and other places around the globe, and is still coming up with ideas that could improve not only national politics, but the daily lives of millions of people around the world. One of his latest passions, with its roots in the Peace Corps, is an organization called the Consortium for Sustainable Village-Based Development.

"The poor people living in villages around the world do not lack intelligence," Albertson says, "although that's the assumption most aid programs are using. We've developed a model that helps these villagers to first articulate the problems they are facing, and then to articulate workable solutions to them. "It's a model that could erase huge areas of poverty in a very short period of time. I'm prouder of this model, and its potentials, than of anything else I've done in my life."

And he's done a lot in his life. He has five doctorates — two earned and three honorary. He helped attract research funds to Colorado State University to make it one of the top schools in the country. He's developed a waste water treatment system that costs 1/10 the price of traditional systems and is twice as effective. He's the co-founder of the International Association for New Science.

In 1989 Albertson founded the International Association for New Science with Dr. Brian O'Leary, a former Apollo astronaut and professor of physics at Princeton, and Dr. Robert Siblerud, a new science researcher who was among the first to bring attention to the hazards of mercury amalgams in dental fillings.

"We have a revolution in science just ahead of us," Albertson states, "that is just as important as Einstein's revolution in overturning Newtonian physics. And it's just around the corner...much closer than we ever thought."

Last spring Albertson helped plan and present the Third International Symposium on New Energy, which brought together researchers in alternative fuels, new technologies and subtle energies. Last fall he initiated the 7th Annual International Forum in New Science, which brought together over 300 participants from various scientific disciplines to discuss leading edge science projects.

"More and more scientists are recognizing that traditional science may not have the last word about what is happening on this planet. I'm especially excited about the scientific research being conducted on the mind and soul. There's now irrefutable evidence of dimensions which scientists have never before acknowledged."

Albertson credits his father for being an outstanding role model. "In our farm community nobody had ever gone to college, let alone received an advanced degree," he says. "My father just kept plugging along, no matter the obstacle. He finally received his Ph.D. degree in biology when I was in high school. I learned from him what it takes to work against the odds and not give up hope."



When he's not working on solutions to major world problems, Maury Albertson relaxes by scaling mountain peaks.

Albertson hopes his work will help erase poverty for much of the world's populations, and help bring in alternative fuels and more environmentally friendly technologies. This is all in a day's work.

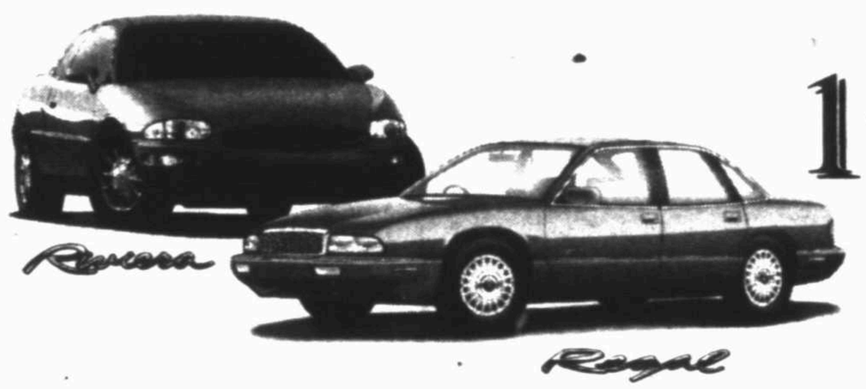
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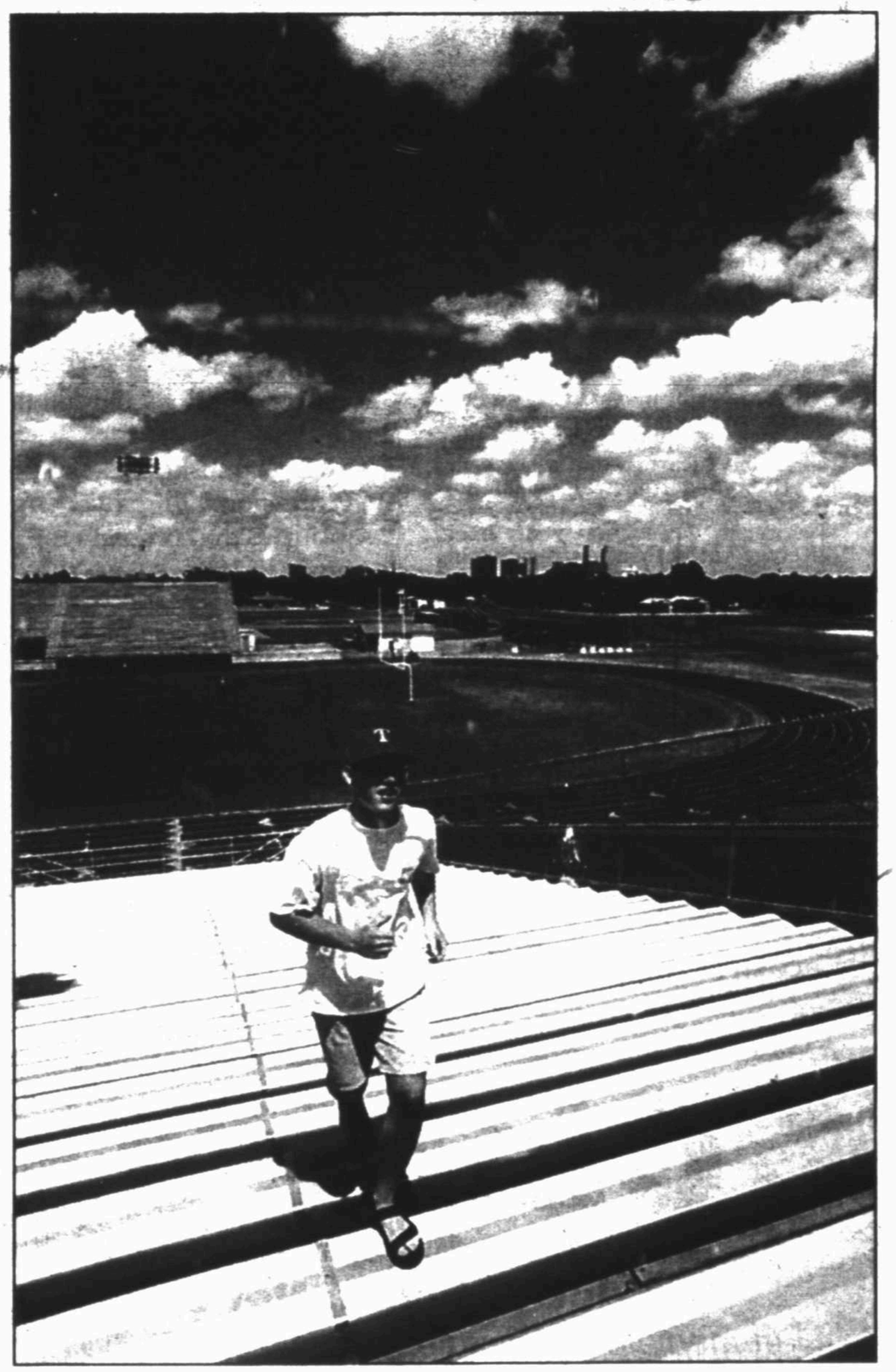


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Steps to good health

Running stadium steps is good preparation for mountain climbing, but medical professionals say walking is the best exercise for general health.

By Bruce Partain
Business Journal Editor

Healthy workers can mean a healthy business.

Reduced absenteeism, increased productivity and better attitudes are all derived from good health.

Aside from the obvious human benefits, the business advantages of good health are considerable.

Companies shoulder a heavy burden in health-care related costs.

"In the oil field, workers' compensation insurance costs and benefits are typically equal to 25 to 35 percent of payroll, with workers' compensation making up about half of that cost," said Morris Brooks, a Midland insurance and finance professional.

While the medical industry takes credit for many breakthroughs in health care, workers and employers in all businesses can take steps to be healthy and cut down on health-related costs.

Off your duff

Time-management experts have one opinion about the ideal work environment. Medical professionals have another, especially for the desk-bound worker.

"Don't sit too much," advises Midland physical therapist Tom McKelvey.

"Don't have everything conveniently located next to your desk. I know this goes against designing the work place to make things more efficient, but I've moved my file drawer across the room so I have to get up frequently to get things."

McKelvey said that many jobs — from assembly line worker to truck driver to computer operator — tend to force people into one position for too long, which leads to back problems.

"Put things into your day that change your posture," McKelvey said. "Arrange things so you have to move around. Park your car at the far end of parking lot. Efficiency tells us to call people on the phone, even if they are just down the hall. I recommend you get up and walk down the hall. Efficiency is over-rated."

The 90-ton pen

McKelvey said back problems are cumulative.

"The classic story is the secretary picks up a pen on the floor and hurts her back," he said. "It's a result of too much sitting. She hasn't had enough

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movement in her workday, or her workmonth. The human body is designed to be upright and moving. The more you are upright and moving, the healthier you are."

The tall, athletic McKelvey learned much of his craft in the school room, therapy room and from personal experience.

"I hurt my back over years and years. The stage was set when I came to Midland. I had a lot of musical equipment and I would just throw it in the car. Also, during my first year on a new job, I had an annual report due. So I sat in a chair for three days in a row from 8 a.m. until 2 a.m.

"My back was killing me after that. It sent me down the road for real injury. I tripped playing basketball and then I was really hurt."

Print document, stretch back

So how does a worker incorporate a strategy of moving and stretching into an already busy workday?

"Pick something that happens regularly," McKelvey said. "For example, if you are typing letters, every time you finish a letter stand up, move around and bend backward. You've been scrunched over a keyboard, so you need to do the opposite motion. When you stand up, bend back. Don't start walking without gaining your upright posture. If you were painting ceilings all day, you would need to bend forward occasionally. This is from Tom McKelvey's cheap insurance policy, which costs nothing. The fine print, which you should always read, says, 'To maintain this policy, bend backward.'"

Brooks agrees with the take-a-break strategy, which can help more than just backs.

"We've seen lot of injuries due to eye strain, especially due to computer work," Brooks said.

"One thing they ask people to do is take a five-minute break every hour. That also helps with back discomfort due to prolonged sitting. It's recommended you get up once an hour, stretch and walk."

Don't twist; walk

Brooks said work-related injuries are decreasing in the traditional heavy-lifting environment.

"Overall, we've seen a lot less back injuries now. Employers and employees are more conscious about how to lift properly," he said.

McKelvey said solutions are not necessarily high-tech.

"Here's a wonderful story I heard from an expert in industrial consulting," he said. "A company was running an assembly line. At the end of the line a worker unloaded 80-pound bags of cement. He would pick up the bag, twist around and drop the bag on a pallet. They had placed the pallet as close as possible to the assembly line. The workers were complaining of back pain. The consultant's recommendation was simple: move the pallet six feet away. The worker now had to turn a few steps instead of just twisting. So his back was straight when he released the bag."

McKelvey said the human body needs basic attention to keep in tune.

"The single most import health rule — other than 'don't eat poison,' — is to walk," McKelvey said. "We all need regular, three-times-a-week, moderate aerobic activity. Walking 20 minutes to a half hour a day is ideal."

If walking is good, is running, jumping or rugby-playing even better?

"At some point in our lives, we have to learn we are no longer competitive basketball players," McKelvey said. "I'm 45 and I learned that a few years ago. If I tried it now I would hurt myself."

To avoid wrenching your back, McKelvey recommends strengthening it with exercise.

"Lay on your stomach, and do what I call a superman," he said. "You raise your shoulders and legs. It's like a reverse crunch. It strengthens the back muscles. Walking is also good. Every time your heel hits the ground your back muscles contract."

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In addition to exercise, some consciousness of physics can keep your back in shape.

"When you're carrying, keep objects close to you," McKelvey said. "If you have five pounds held close to your chest, the pressure is only about five pounds on your lower back. But if you hold it at arms' length, it is up to 50 pounds of pressure.

"For example, when you open the refrigerator to grab a gallon of milk, you're normally doing it at arm's length. The gallon weighs about eight pounds and there's probably 80 pounds of pressure on your lower back. So, when you open the door, take a step forward. I learned that when I hurt my back. I couldn't pick up a gallon bottle at arm's length, but I could when I stepped forward. Remember, when you put the jug back to step forward past the door as well."

It takes some thought and patience to carry out these injury-avoidance tactics, but most people — and the companies they work for — consider the physical and fiscal benefits well worth the effort.

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Workers' compensation costs are down

Good things are happening in workers' compensation coverage, according to Morris Brooks, president of Brooks Financial Services, a 21-year veteran of the health insurance business.

"Workers' compensation costs in Texas have really come down radically in the last 18 months," Brooks said.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s Texas employers were faced with skyrocketing workers' comp insurance costs as juries awarded world-record damages to injured workers. Many insurance carriers reacted by simply leaving the market. As a stop-gap, the state of Texas created a fund in which businesses could obtain coverage. The Legislature also began working on controlling the situation in other ways, such as setting up an arbitration process.

"Many insurance carriers are now coming back into the market," Brooks said. "The state fund worked as it was designed. It was like a real insurance company. Also, this business has always been cyclical. As losses came down, the rates came down. Arbitration has helped. The state Legislature passed laws three years ago that allowed fewer jury decisions and that cut down costs.

"So our workers' comp rates are competitive now. Texas doesn't have a mandatory workers' comp law. Some businesses take out an occupational accident coverage instead. This has allowed many people to stay in businesses," he said.

In addition to improvements in workers' comp insurance, general health insurance costs to businesses have also leveled off.

"It's about 10 to 15 percent of payroll and has been pretty flat for two or three years," Brooks said. "That's because of competitive pressure (between insurance companies) and because of managed care. That's good news for Texas businesses. It increases the money that is put back into the economy instead of into overhead."



Runners are getting ready now for the Resolution Run, scheduled for Jan. 18.

Midlanders should resolve to run Jan. 18

Make a resolution to be a part of the Resolution Run and Fitness Fair in Midland Jan. 18, 1997. There will be a 13.1 mile loop course for four-member teams, with each team member running 3.275 miles.

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Meet the Chamber staff

Head of Membership/Communications has diverse duties

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Bruce Partain is manager of the Membership/ Division.

He joined the Chamber staff in December 1989.

"I'm one of those people who came to Midland with the idea of staying six months, liked what I saw and settled in. Now I've been here 20 years," he said.

His duties include Chamber publications such as the Business Journal, Citylife magazine, the Newcomer's Guide to Midland, membership directory and the city map.

He also writes and produces the "Your Chamber Today" broadcast public service announcements, organizes news conferences and assists local and national media.

Partain works with volunteers and with fellow staff members Jane Inskeep and Dawn Webster to organize the Chamber's membership networking events such as mixers and breakfasts, as well as membership sales efforts such as the membership drive and the President's Club.


Partain

He and his wife, Linda Bond, have two children, the nearly famous California-based actor Shelby Bond and the well-known Midland-based student, Dan Partain. The family enjoys the outdoors and have been involved in scouting for many years.

Meet Bruce Partain...

Best thing about working at the Chamber: "The opportunity to build things that last. That includes friendships, businesses and ultimately this community."

Biggest challenge about working at the Chamber: "Because we are a membership organization we spend a lot of energy maintaining our membership numbers. The time we spend chasing past dues and replacing dropped members is really lost productivity for our community. My dream is that all Midland businesses would support the Chamber and get involved in working as a team and not so much in 'what's in it for me right now?' We are fortunate that the majority of our members and many other Midlanders are already fantastic team players."

Other places I've lived: "Tulsa and Ponca City, Okla.; Billings, Mont.; Wilmington, Del., Hobbs, N.M.; Townsville, Australia."

Other jobs I've held: "Chief photographer for the Reporter-Telegram, geologist and geotech for Texas Oil & Gas Corp., research oceanographer, self-employed media consultant and spin doctor.

"As a young person I was a gas plant mechanic for Skelly Oil Co., a dishwasher for Denny's restaurant and news carrier for the Tulsa World."

School hallways I've darkened: "Oklahoma State (Photojournalism, B.S. 1976) and UTPB (Geology, B.S. 1982, M.S. 1988)."

People I'd like to thank: "My dad, J.B., for pushing me to be the best; my mom, Elaine, for proving that there are women out there who can whip any man at arm wrestling; my in-laws, Peggy and Bill Thorsen, for being so doggone nice; my wife, Linda, for choosing me despite her many other ardent suitors; my boys Shelby and Dan for being positive kids in a negative world."

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President's Club

Bergen takes honor again

Consistency is the key to success and no one knows it better than Debbie Bergen, of Debbie Bergen Specialty Advertising. Ms. Bergen sold seven new Chamber memberships, earning the President's Club Top Achiever award for November.


Bergen

Other volunteers were also active. Brandi Hill of Hilltop Enterprises and Shelby Concotelli of Ranchland Apartments assisted current members with renewals. Carol Young of the Business Journal and June Jankowiak of American Realty each sold a new membership.

President's Club volunteers spend several hours a month calling on new-member prospects as well as current members who are 60 days or more past due. The Chamber invites these volunteers to a monthly luncheon where they share information on new businesses opening in Midland.

For more information about the President's Club, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain, 683-3381.

Expo 97 is set for May 7

Business Expo 97 is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at Midland Center.

"We'll keep much of the Business Expo the same — hours, format, day of the week," said Midland Chamber spokesman Bruce Partain. "But we have changed a few things, hopefully for the better.

"By re-arranging and re-configuring, there are now 70 booths. Last year's exhibitor survey showed exhibitors wanted more booths to draw even more people," he said.

The 1996 Expo drew about 1,000 visitors.

Three sizes of booths are available — in 8 by 10 feet, 10 by 10 feet and 16 by 10 feet (sponsor booth) sizes.

Business Expo 97 reservation forms are available by calling Dawn Webster, 683-3381, or faxing a request to 682-9205.

"Our policy on booth selection is the same as always," Ms. Webster said. "No booth is reserved without a check delivered to the Chamber. I'll be glad to send you a form that shows the current reservations and allow you to select your booth."

Verbal requests and faxed reservation sheets without checks are not considered reservations, she cautioned.

If two reservations/checks arrive for the same booth, the Chamber will assign the booths using common sense and fairness. Being an exhibitor in Business Expo 96 does not guarantee a spot in this year's event, she said. Booth assignments also are opened up each year.

"We want all our Expo 96 exhibitors back, but we also welcome newcomers to the show," Partain said.

Ribbon-cutting calendar

The M-Squad will conduct ribbon cuttings this month at the following Chamber-member locations. Contact Dawn Webster for further information.

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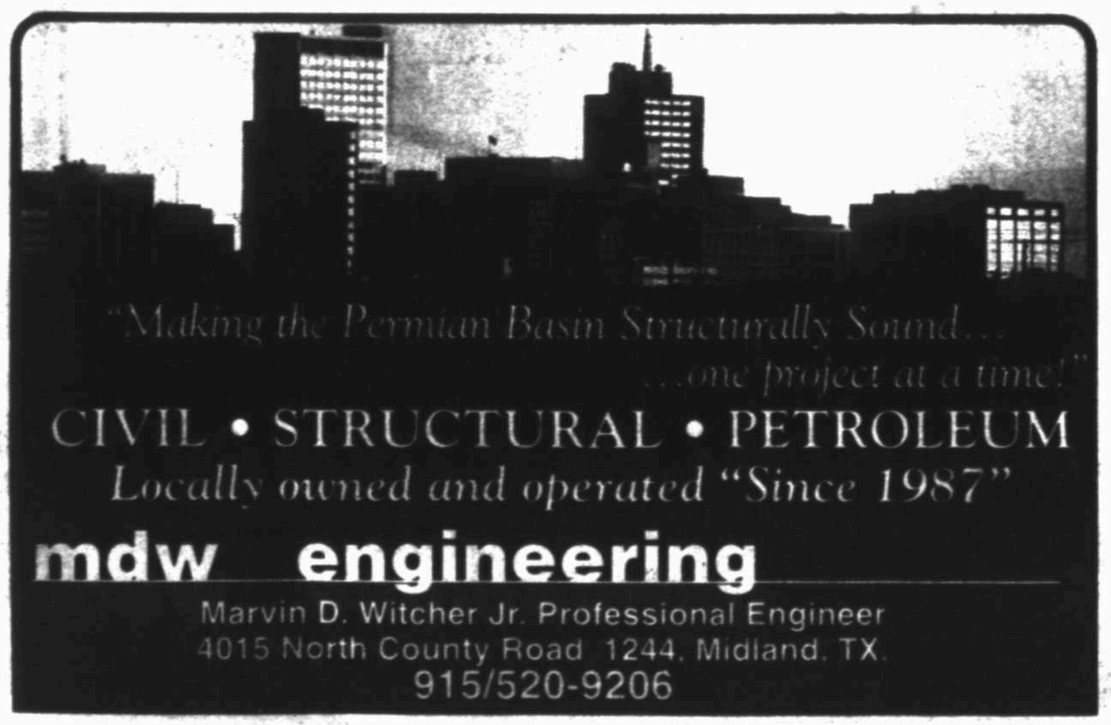
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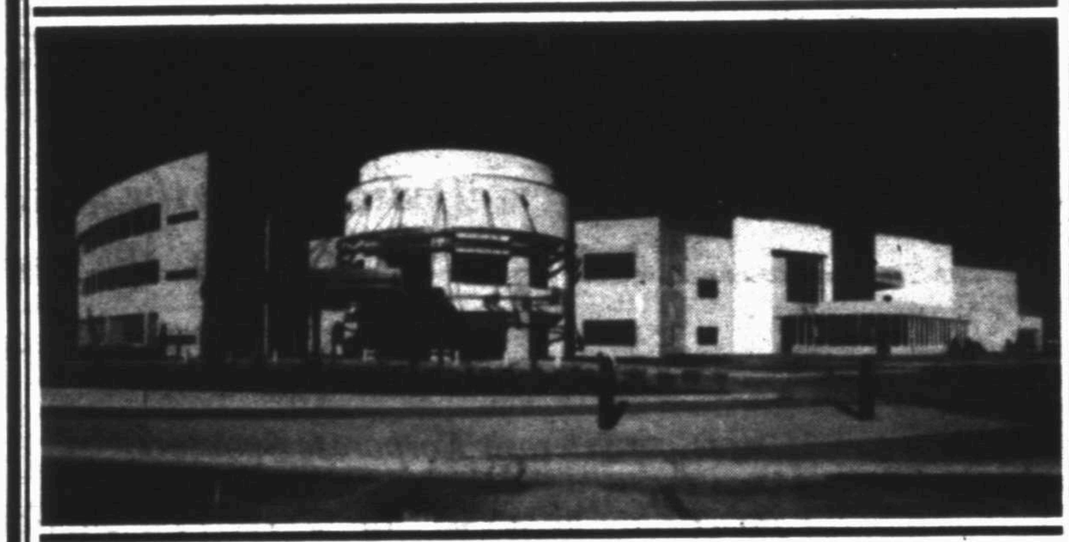


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Economic Development Committee	Buddy Sipes, chair
Retention/Expansion Committee	John James, chair Larry Tyson, vice chair
Midland Manufacturers Assn.	Lee Ray, chair
Capital Incentives	TBA
Convention & Visitors Bureau	- Susie Hitchcock-Hall, vice chair
CVB Advisory Committee	(Committee should be formed Jan. 1997)
Attractions Committee	Pat McDaniel
Sports Committee	Jon Andrews
Community Development Division	- Linda Basham, vice chair
Transportation Committee	Bill Morrow, chair
Government Affairs Committee	Tracy Elms, chair Jess Ann Thomason, vice chair
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Membership/Communications Division	Liz Harrell, vice chair
Membership Services Committee	Debbie Bergen, chair
President's Club	Marvin Wynn, president Liz Harrell, vice chair
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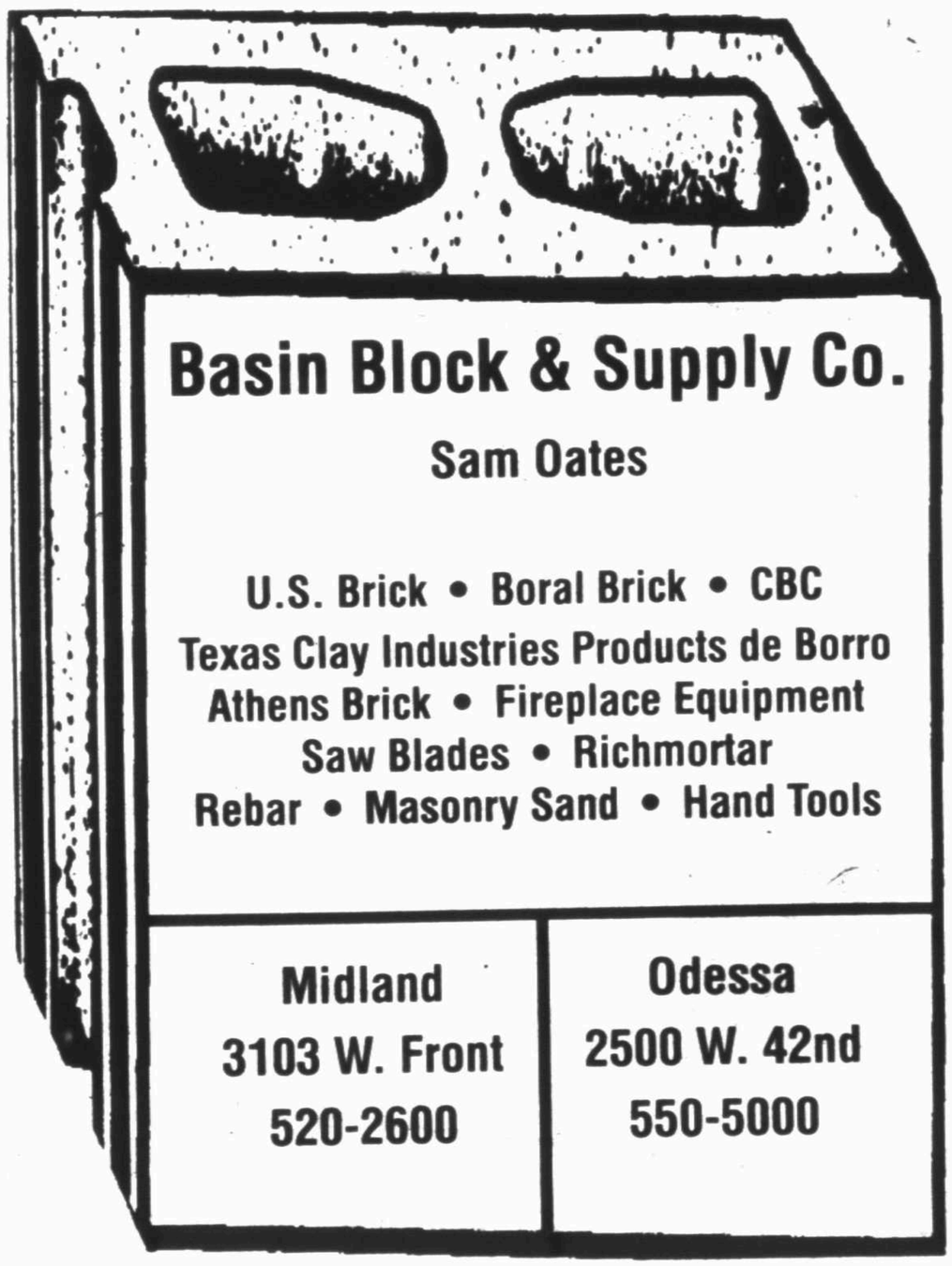
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Jazz, A Louslana Kitchen, won the best decorated booth at the World's Largeet Office Party on Dec. 17.

'Largest' Christmas party attracts 400-plus people

More than 400 Midlanders attended the World's Largest Office Party, the Midland Chamber's annual Christmas business after-hours mixer on Dec. 17..

"It was a great event with 22 restaurants serving delicious food," said chairman Debbie Bergen. "We can't say enough about the volunteers throughout the community who helped us. This includes the businesses who donated items to our silent auction, the restaurants, our sponsors and entertainers."

Music was provided by the Music Machine, featuring vocalist Anita Hunt.

Sponsors included American Airlines/American Eagle, The Midland Reporter-Telegram, Qualified Printers, Western National Bank, Westwood Medical Center, Interim Personnel, Cellular One, Tobacco Shack, Waste Management of West Texas and Manpower.

"Special thanks also go to Joyce Reaves and Carolyn Coleman for making the table centerpieces, and to Nancy and Clawson Pipkin, Cathryne Hairston, Patsy Welmaker and Mim Jones for their hard work in preparing the room and decorations," Ms. Bergen said. "Also, Nicky Elkins and several others worked many days bringing in items for our silent auction."

Auctioned Christmas trees were donated by Sam's Club, Hobby Lobby and Furr's. Michael's Flowers secured decorations and Interim Personnel sponsored the tree decorations.

Jazz, A Louisiana Kitchen won a Jo Elliot original, framed by Bob Starnes of Bob Wire, in the best-decorated booth contest.

Restaurants participating included:

Albertson's, All American Snacks, Bagels and More, The Bagel Wheel, The Barn Door, Baskin Robbins, Coca-Cola, Cookie Bouquet, Duo Delights, El Chico, Gerardo's Casita, Graham Pharmacy, Jazz - a Louisiana Kitchen, Main Events Catering, Midland Hilton Sante Fe Grill, The Outback Steakhouse, Ninfa's, Patty Cakes, Pinocchio's Pizza, Sam's Club and Susie's South Forty.

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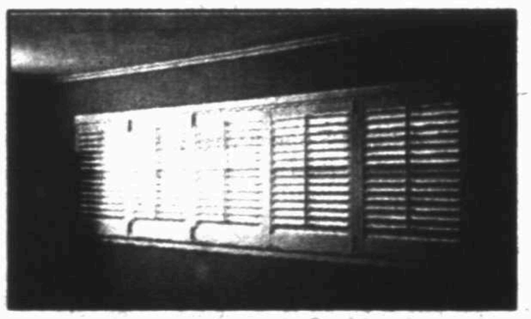
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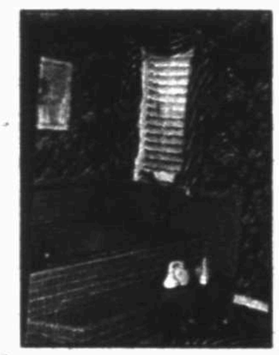
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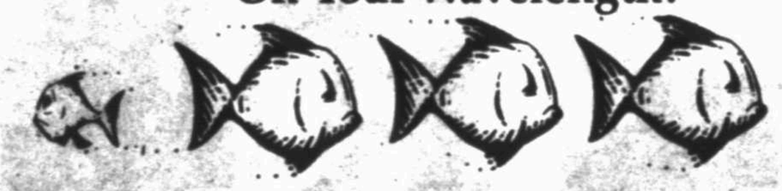
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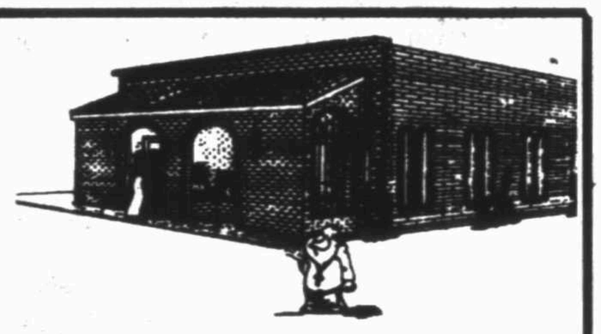
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Figures indicate county's ethnix mix to change

By Kevin Skipper

Analyzing population, Tables 1 and 2 show the racial and ethnic breakdown of Midland County, the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (Ector and Midland counties), Texas and the United States.

The accompanying figure depicts this information for Midland County.

Whites now comprise about two-thirds, 64.8 percent, of the Midland County population.

Blacks and Hispanics make up 7.6 percent and 26.3 percent of the population, respectively. Others (Indians, Asians, etc.) make up a miniscule portion of the population.

Midland County has a higher proportion of whites than the MSA or Texas, but lower than the nation as a whole, where whites comprise nearly three-quarters of the population. Midland County's black population is much smaller than in Texas or the United States.

By the year 2001, Midland County's white population percentage will decline to 60.3 perdent; the black population will remain stable at 7.6 percent. Hispanics will increase their share of the population to 30.8 percent. The increasing importance of Hispanics is reflected in the numbers for the MSA and the state.

Nationally, not much change in proportions is projected for any racial or ethnic group.

Kevin Skipper is president and chief economist for Desert Analytic.

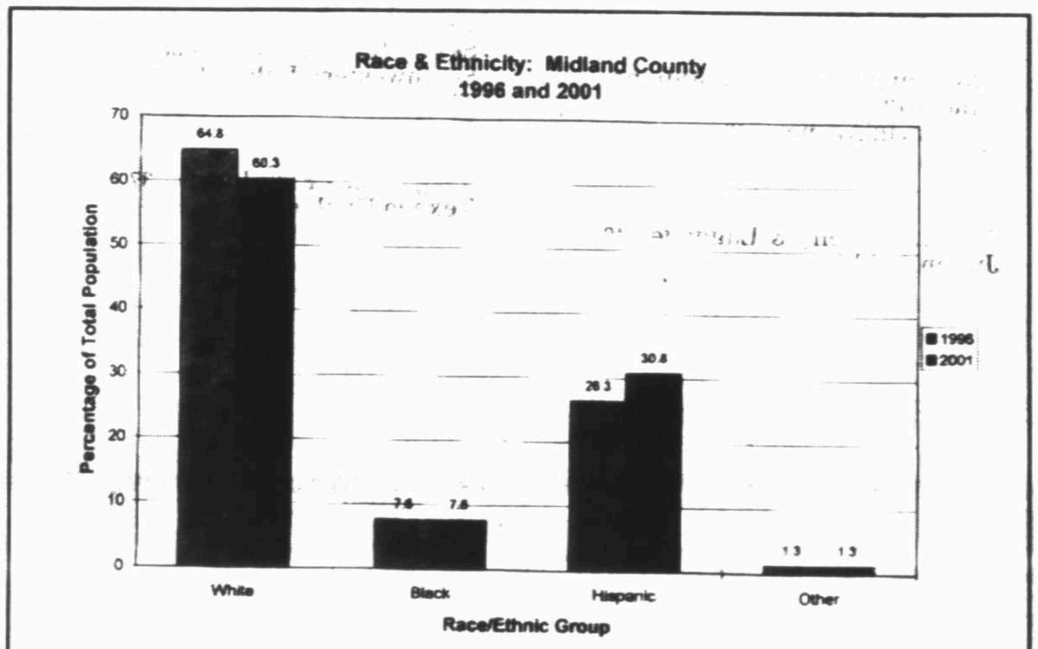


Table 1
Race & Ethnicity
1996

in percentages

Geographic Area	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Midland County	64.8	7.6	26.3	1.3
MSA	63.3	6.2	29.2	1.3
Texas	56.5	11.9	29.0	2.6
US	73.3	12.0	10.5	4.2

Source: Claritas, Inc.

Table 2
Race & Ethnicity
2001

in percentages

Geographic Area	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Midland County	60.3	7.6	30.8	1.3
MSA	60.7	6.3	31.5	1.5
Texas	53.3	12.0	31.8	2.9
US	71.4	12.2	11.7	4.7

Source: Claritas, Inc.

Recent football playoffs were sources of revenue for city

By Nancy Swallow
CVB Sports Coordinator

The Midland Independent School District hosted football playoff games on three consecutive weekends during November.

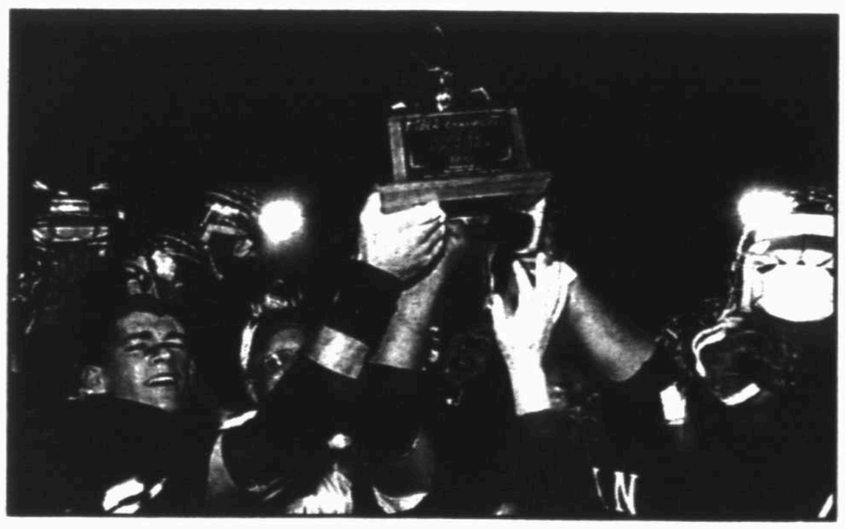
The playoffs brought teams to Midland from Monahans, Colorado City, Iraan, Roscoe and Lewisville. At least 8,500 total visitors were in Midland for these games.

While the events were high athletic achievements for those communities, they were also significant sources of revenues for Midland businesses, especially those in visitor services, such as restaurants, gas stations and convenience stores. During the holiday season, visitors also buy from other retailers. Those visitor dollars eventually spread throughout the community.

Because of this impact on the local economy, the Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau participates in the playoff events through its Sports Committee, chaired by Jon Andrews.

The Sports Committee provided the trophy balls for football playoff games.

"Our thanks to Cox Business Services, Southwestern Bell, the Midland Jaycees and Nall Sales for help us sponsor these trophies," Andrews. said. "We also tip our hats to the athletic office staff at MISD for their hard work in making each of these events a success for the teams, their fans and Midland businesses."



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Iraan football players proudly display the trophy ball provided by the Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Chamber meetings calendar

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

January

8 President's Club . . . . . 11:30 am
14 Executive Committee . . . . 11:30 am
14 M-Squad Guidelines . . . . . 4 pm
Conference room downstairs
16 Government Affairs . . . . . 4 pm
21 M-Squad luncheon . . . . . 11:30 am
location to be determined
22 Board of Directors . . . . . 3 pm
28 Leadership Midl. & Alumni . . . . noon

February

3 Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee . . . . . 11:45 am
location to be determined
6 President's Club . . . . . 11:30 am
Polo Park Estates
11 Executive Committee . . . . . 11:30 am
location to be determined
11 M-Squad Guidelines . . . . . 4 pm
Conference room downstairs
18 M-Squad luncheon . . . . . 11:30 am
location to be determined
25 Leadership Midl. & Alumni . . . . noon
26 Board of Directors . . . . . 3 pm

CVB: Convention outlook

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists many groups visiting Midland.

Number in parentheses indicate estimated attendance.

January

National Young Artists
(75)
Jan. 16-17

Texas A & M Extension Class
(40)
Jan. 13-14

February

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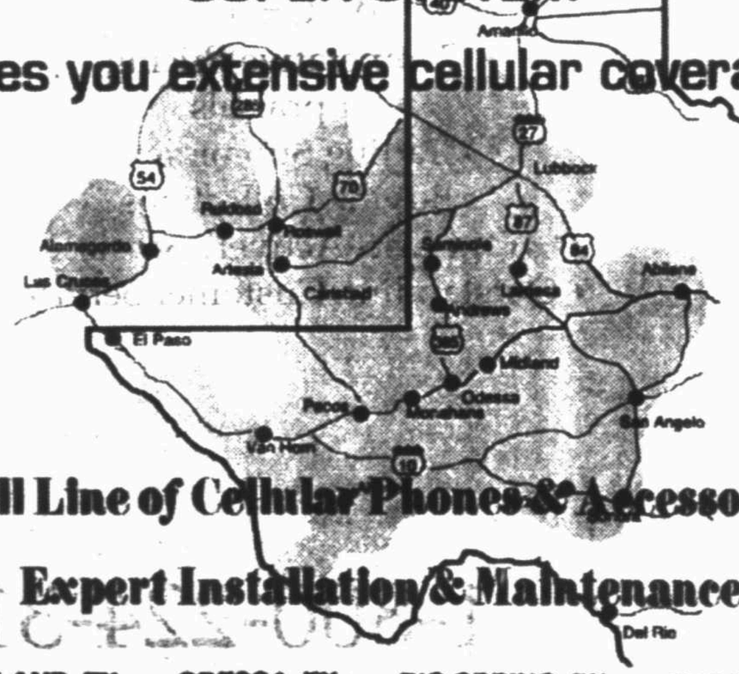
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Former New York Yankee is to be speaker at banquet

From Staff Reports

The ultimate goal for any baseball player is to play in the World Series. A man who played in the fall classic seven times — and was part of baseball history along the way — will be the keynote speaker at the West Texas Sports Banquet & Memorabilia Auction set for Jan. 29.

Bobby Richardson, one of the greatest infielders in New York Yankees' history, will headline the seventh annual event, benefiting Special Olympics and Casa De Amigos.

His 12 big league seasons, all in Yankee pinstripes, included a remarkable streak. Beginning in 1957, his first full season with New York, the Yankees reached the World Series seven times in eight years.

Richardson was part of baseball history as a key member of the 1961 Yankees, considered one of baseball's greatest-ever teams. The club was led by Roger Maris, whose 61 home runs eclipsed Babe Ruth's single season record, and Mickey Mantle, who for the Bronx Bombers that season.

Anaheim Angels' President Tony Tavares will also be a featured speaker at the banquet.

Anaheim is the Midland Angels' major league parent club; 18 former Midland players are currently listed on the big league roster.

The Anaheim Angels recently changed its name (the former California Angels), unveiled a new logo, named former Houston Astros skipper Terry Collins as manager and begun a major renovation of Anaheim Stadium.

Individual tickets — $50 — and sponsor tables — $425 with seating for eight and recognition in the banquet program — are available. Children 12 and under are $40.

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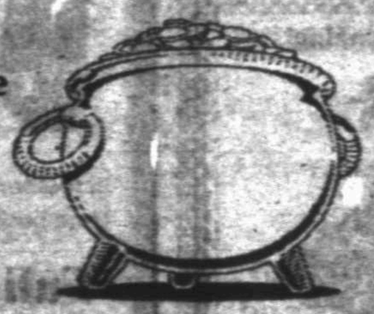
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CVB: Special events calendar

January

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Ansel Adams: An American Photographer
Jan. 17 - March 2
Museum of the Southwest
683-2882

February

Midland Opera Theater - "HMS Pinafore"
Feb. 1
7 pm
Yucca Theatre
$15 adults & $10 students and senior citizens
684-4101

Mardi Gras Midland
Feb. 8
Parade: Dennis the Menace Park to Wall Street to Centennial Plaza
Entertainment & food
683-7330

Valentine Pops - MOSC
Feb. 8
8 pm - 12 am
Midland Center
520-7041

All Male Fashion Show - Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Feb. 15
Dance 6:30 pm
$12 in advance, $15 at the door
Midland Center
682-2960

Lenny Solomon Trio - Midland Community Concerts
Feb. 17
Midland High School Auditorium
694-1397

CVB: Sporting events calendar

The Convention and Visitors Bureau assists many sporting events visiting Midland.

Number in parentheses indicates estimated attendance.

January

COM Winter Invitational ABC Swim Meet (300)
Jan. 10-12
Mabee Aquatics Center
684-7755

Resolution Run Four Person Team Half Marathon (150)
Jan. 18
Centennial Plaza
520-7421

February

WJCAC First Pitch Baseball Tournament (130)
Feb. 13-16
Christensen Stadium
915-335-6688

Girls Fast Pitch UIL Softball Tournament (150)
Feb. 20-22
Bill Williams Complex
694-5508 or 520-6502

Tall City Invitational Boys UIL Golf Tournament (275)
Feb. 21-22
Ranchland Hill, Midland & Green Tree country clubs; Hogan Park Golf Course
689-1196

Tournament of Champions Baseball Tournament (300)
Feb. 27-March 1
Christensen Stadium
689-1648

March

Greenwood Baseball Tournament (250)
March 6-8
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Health, fitness is topic of next Networking Breakfast

A panel of health and fitness professionals will address the January Networking Breakfast, according to event coordinator Tony Goyang.

"We have invited health insurance expert Morris Brooks, physical therapist Tom McKelvey as well as representatives from the YMCA and Specialized Fitness to talk to attendees," Goyang said.

The event is scheduled from 7:30 to 8:30, Tuesday, January 21 at the Midland College Student Center.

Cost is $5 for breakfast. The meetings are open to the public.

"We'll also have table-top space available for displays from health and fitness companies," Goyang said.

There is no cost to display.

The breakfasts, which typically attract 40 to 70 people, include time for business people to identify themselves, meet purchasers and talk about their business.

"If your business could benefit by improving its selling or buying practices, this is the place to be," said Midland Chamber spokesman Bruce Partain.

The Networking Breakfasts are a joint project of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens Coalition and the Small Business Development Centers of Midland College and UTPB.

For information about arranging a display for this breakfast, contact Ralph Smith and Glen Yeary, 684-4100, or Tony Goyang at the city of Midland purchasing department, 685-7237.

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• Thursday, January 16	Accounting Issues
• Tuesday, January 21	Financing Your Business
• Thursday, January 23	Marketing Issues
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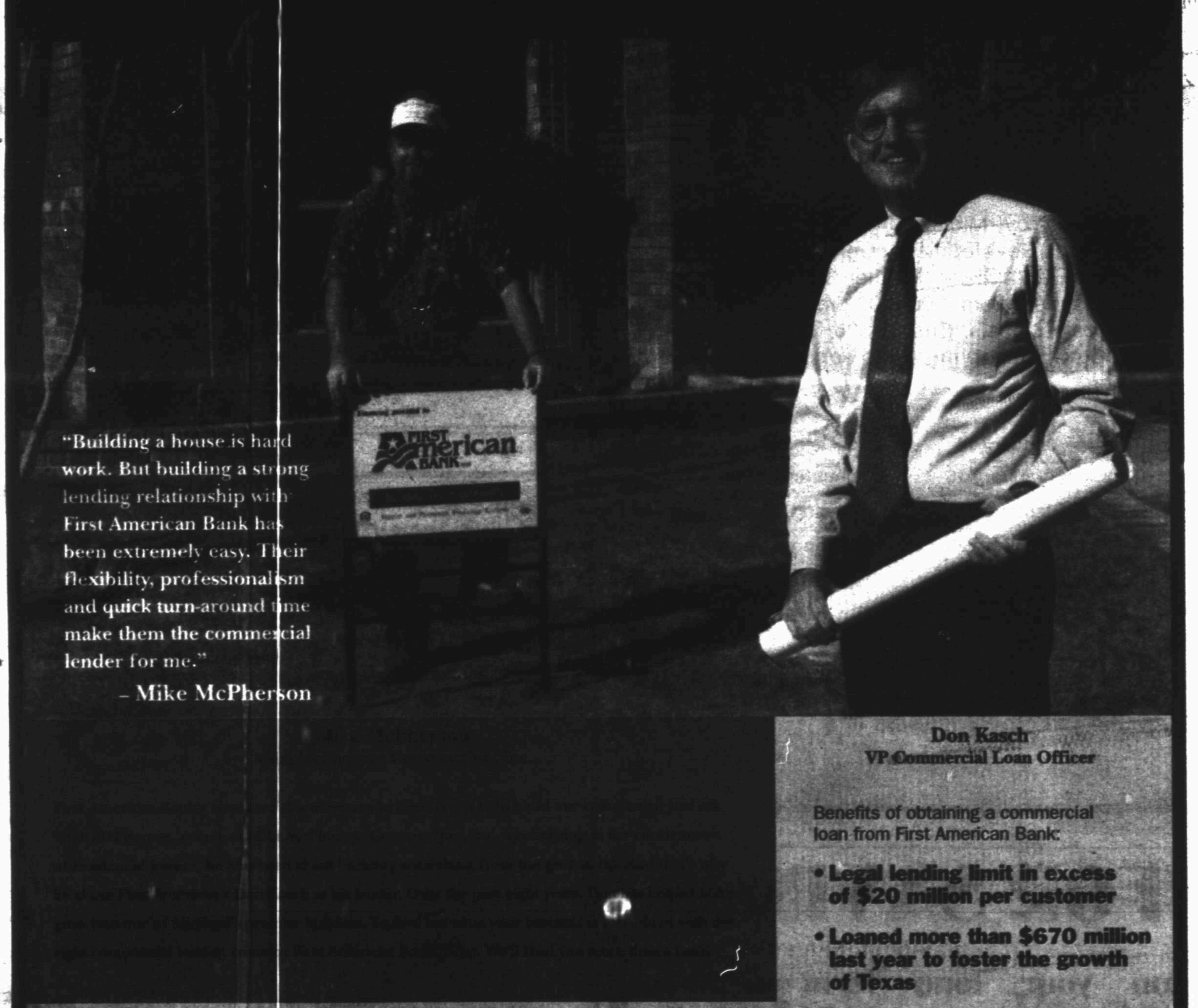
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Hero

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Whenever I needed you, you were there.
With open arms and love you'd share.
When I cried my last cry, you wiped my tears.
You have been my hero throughout the years.
I love you as a father and a friend.
I hope our relationship will never end.
You brought me through every step of the way -
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According to fairy mythology, the Irish started the expression, "A pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." NOT SO! As far back as the 17th century, the Irish understood the technicalities of the sun's rays, light, and the horizon. They often said that "One was as likely to find a pot of gold as to find the end of a rainbow." This expression was misinterpreted.

WEATHER FACES

The weather around the world wears many faces. Place a "smiley face" where falling precipitation hits surfaces at below freezing temperatures.

A. ____ sleet
B. ____ freezing rain
C. ____ drizzle
D. ____ hail



WHY THE SUN LOOKS ORANGE-RED

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· December 3, 1966 - Kareen Abdul-Jabbar (Lew Alcindor) made his college debut. (UCLA - scoring 56 points)
· December 4, 1960 - (Camelot) opened on Broadway.
· December 5, 1901 - Walt Disney was born in Chicago, IL. His first job was lettering theater slides.
· December 6, 1992 - Football's Jerry Rice caught his 101st touchdown pass.
· December 7, 1784 - The first screw was patented by David Wikinson, of Rhode Island.



OUT-SMART THE WORD DETECTIVE

In circus terms, what is a performer often called?



MUSCLE POWER - MIX & MATCH

Draw an arrow from left to right.

1. Muscles _____ when used.
2. You use muscles to blink.
3. The smallest body muscle is in the middle ear.
4. Muscles have nothing to do with nerves.
5. Humans have approximately this many muscles.
6. Caterpillars have how many muscles?
7. Muscles cannot do this.

A. True
B. 600
C. Warm up
D. True
E. False
F. Push
G. 2,000

SOUND - HOW FAST DOES IT TRAVEL?

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*In lead - 4,000 ft. per second.
*In wood - 11,000 ft. per second.
*In glass - 16,000 ft. per second.
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ANSWERS:

OUT-SMART THE WORD DETECTIVE ANSWER: KINKER
MUSCLE POWER - MISS & MATCH ANSWERS: 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-E, 5-B, 6-G, 7-F.
WEATHER FACES ANSWER: B

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STORIES FROM READERS

by
Cleo Childress
Nashville, Tennessee

Junk Food

One day there was a girl named Ann Wilson. Her mother gave her $10.00 a week for an allowance. She spent her money on candy and other things she really didn't need. One Friday night she spent $5.00 on candy. She watched T.V. and ate candy and junk food all night. The next day her mother said she had a dentist appointment with Dr. Kelly Brown. When she went to the dentist, her teeth looked terrible. She had cavities. Her teeth were stained and everything. The candy caused her to have a gum disease. The dentist had to work on her teeth for awhile. In a month or so, she had an improvement. She said she would cut down on sweets and junk food. The end. Moral: Never use your money on things you don't need.

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Q. Can people get goose bumps on their face and palms of their hands?
A. You'll discover the answer in the puzzle below. While you are searching, see how many other words you might discover.



FREAKY SNOW FACTS



- Certain avalanches have been clocked at 200 m.p.h.
- The Eskimo name for snowflake is oannik. (con-EEK)

EEEEEEEEE

ENGLISH - DID YOU KNOW?
*The letter "E" is used more than any other. The next 10 respectively are: t,a,i,s,o,n,h,r,d,u.
*About 37,000 words begin with the letter "S." No other letter in the dictionary has as many combining letters as "S."

PHYSICS



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A.RLIESV
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ANSWERS:

OUT-SMART THE WORD DETECTIVE - NO - Only the parts containing hair.

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