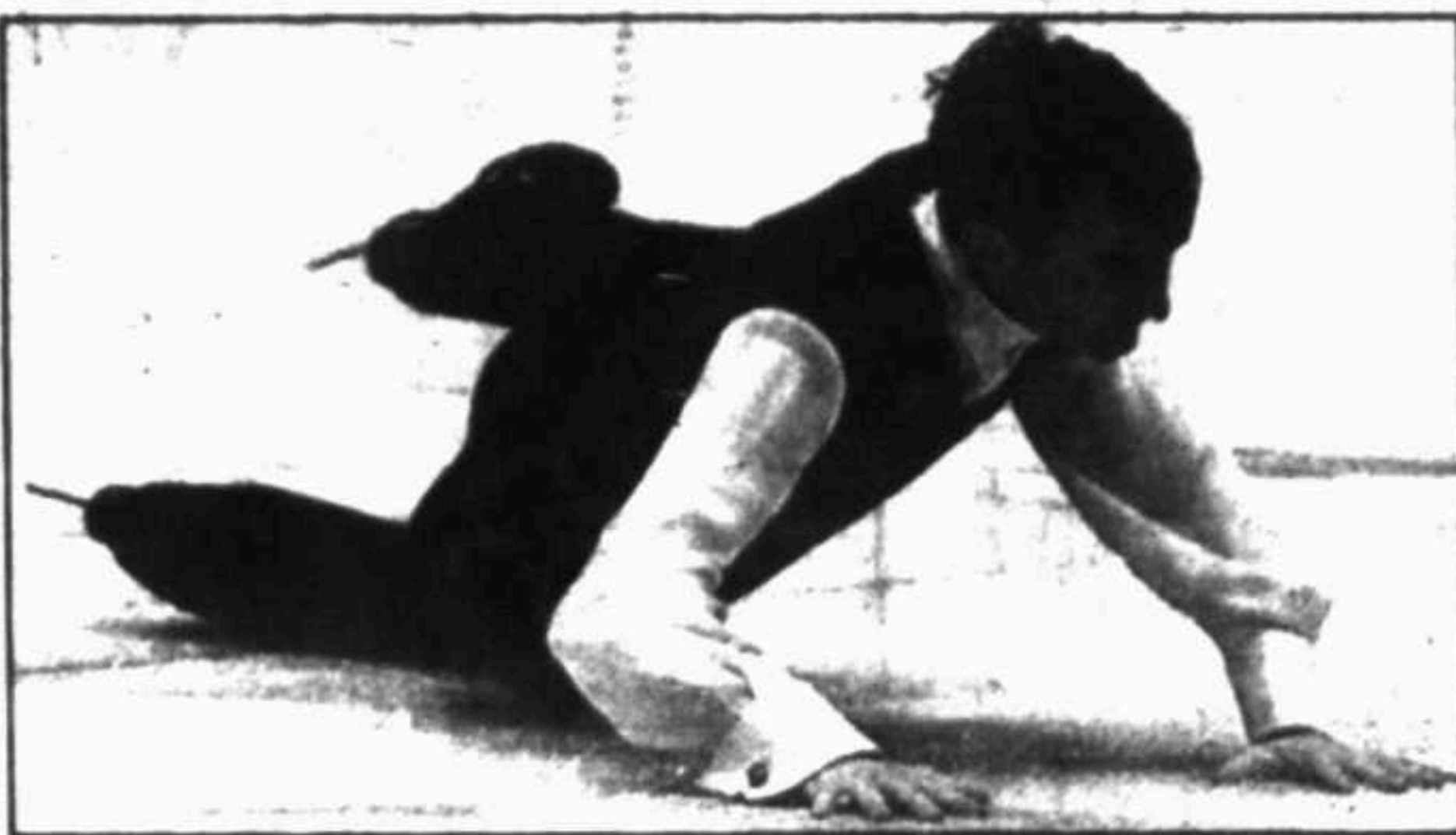




EDUCATION

Mock trial team

Midland High School's mock trial team will advance to Dallas in March to try their case against students from around the state./1D



SPORTS

Men's free skate

Russian Ilya Kulik's left two world champions staring up at him after the free skate, Canadian Elvis Stojko and broken-hearted American Todd Eldredge./1C

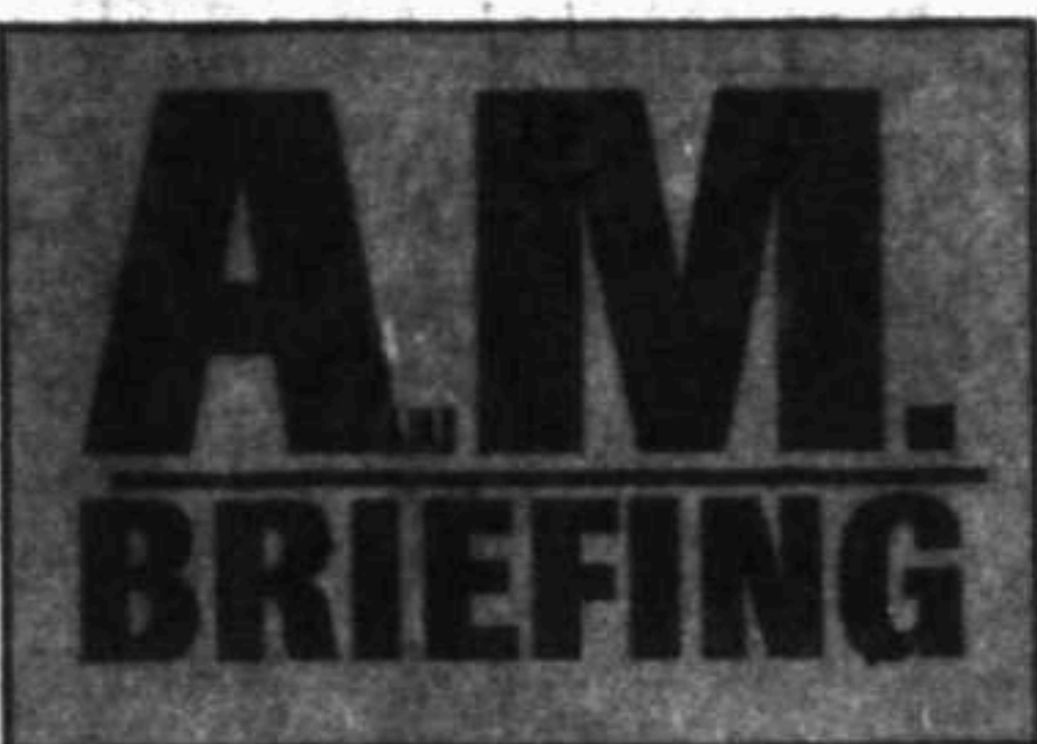
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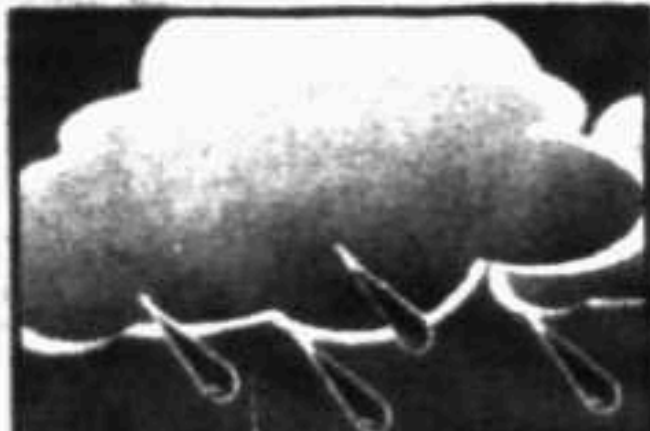
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Aid to Afghanistan

An Afghan boy blows in his hands to try to stay warm, as he waits in a snowstorm the arrival of U.N. aid trucks in the remote village of Taghi Hesar, Saturday. For the first time since a 6.1 magnitude earthquake devastated parts of northeastern Afghanistan on Feb. 4, international aid workers on Saturday reached some of the hardest hit areas.

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Outlook '98

Was 1997 a good year? What are the expectations for 1998. Outlook '98, the Reporter-Telegram's annual progress report, continues in today's edition. Part 3 of the report, which will deal with the state of the petroleum industry, will appear in the Feb. 22 edition.

Fatality

ODESSA — Kermit resident Charlene Southall, 43, died Saturday in an accident in Odessa. Her fatal injuries were sustained when a sedan struck the side of the vehicle in which Ms. Southall was riding. The accident occurred at 5:43 p.m. in the 2700 block of W. University Ave. No citations were issued. Police said the accident will remain under investigation.

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What's in Saddam's arsenal?

Report: Iraq could produce chemical, biological weapons in weeks

■ Britain warns Iraq may have Scud-type missiles with chemical, biological warheads; 2,000 gallons of anthrax; 31,000 chemical warfare munitions; 600 tons of material to produce deadly VX nerve agent.

Associated Press

LONDON — Trying to drum up support for a military strike against Iraq, Britain and the United States have been publicizing what's in the arsenal of chemical and biological weapons Saddam Hussein may be hiding.

Iraq still may possess Scud-type missiles with chemical and biological warheads, more than 2,000 gallons of anthrax, 31,000 chemical warfare munitions and more than 600 tons of material to produce the deadly VX nerve agent, Britain warned last week.

The figures were based on material gathered by U.N. weapons inspectors.

Defense Secretary William Cohen warned earlier this month that the Iraqis are growing hundreds of acres of castor beans — not to make castor oil but to extract a deadly toxin, ricin.

And he quoted the former director of Iraqi intelligence, who defected, as saying that some Iraqi missiles had anthrax-filled warheads.

"So for the Iraqis to say 'we have no chem-

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In this undated photo, U.N. workers seal leaking Iraqi 122mm rockets for destruction, which were reportedly filled with the chemical nerve agent Sarin, reportedly destroyed by Iraq after the Gulf War.

AP Photo

Building on the past



Greenwood students work to bring back piece of history by building chuck wagon

It's meals on wheels frontier style. Greenwood High School's industrial technology class is working together on a project that's helping them envision the past as they prepare for a regional wood-working and metal-working competition.

The students and instructor, Monte Snow, are reliving the past by building a working Wild West chuck wagon for the Technology Students Association's regionals in Odessa on April 25.

Students at GHS this semester have spent their days building the mostly wood contraption. They have salvaged some minor parts from old chuck wagons.

Snow, a technology teacher at GHS, said the project has been educational for both him and the students. The chuck wagon might be



seen as the pizza delivery car of the old West. In the "good old days" it brought food to tired ranch hands out on the field.

"We're going back in time about a 100 years," he said. "They're getting to see something that they'll never get to see the rest of

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Story by Richard Enos

Photos by Curt Wilcott

Clinton Cabinet: Four officials have or will be scrutinized by independent counsel

■ Former President Reagan also had four Cabinet officials investigated by independent counsel in his 8 years in office.

By Dan Freedman
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — When Attorney General Janet Reno asked last week for an independent counsel to investigate her Cabinet colleague, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, the total of such Clinton administration officials under such scrutiny went to four.

That's the same number of Cabinet officials in the cross-hairs of independent counsel probes that former President Ronald Reagan had.

A three-judge federal appeals court panel here has yet to name the special prosecutor in the case of Babbitt, who served as governor of Arizona from 1978 to 1987 and was an unsuccessful Democratic presidential contender in 1988.

But the prospect of yet another investigation of a Clinton Cabinet member contrasts sharply with Clinton's pledge after the 1992 election to run a squeaky-clean administration free of ethical lapses.

The president himself is, of course, under independent counsel Kenneth Starr's magnifying glass. Starr's four-year probe began as a look at Bill and Hillary Clinton's involvement with James and Susan McDougal in questionable Whitewater land transactions in Arkansas.

Thereafter it mushroomed into probes of the firings of career employees in the White House travel office and the White House collection of FBI background reports on hundreds of Republicans.

And last month, Starr added to his bulging portfolio the Monica Lewinsky controversy, involving allegations of Clinton urging the former White House

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Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is the latest member of President Clinton's Cabinet who will be investigated by an independent counsel.

Jury selection in capital case differs in method, time

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

Jury selection in the Midland capital murder trial of Frederic Keck will be entering its third week when the procedure resumes Tuesday. A total of 10 jurors have been selected so far in a process that differs radically from the selection process in cases not involving the death penalty.

238th District Judge John Hyde explained the differences in jury selection process. "It is different because the Code of Criminal Procedure requires that voir dire be by individual juror, apart from the others.

"It is unique not only in its method, but in the time it takes to select a jury," Hyde said. He said it usually takes several weeks to complete jury selection in a capital case. "In non-capital cases it can be completed in less than a day."

"It's different mechanically and strategically from reg-

ular jury selection," said Midland District Attorney Al Schorre.

Hyde pointed to the recent federal trials of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols in which jury selection took weeks. In a capital case, jurors are interviewed by the attorneys on an individual basis, and out of the presence of the other jurors. "Attorneys are only able to interview five or six per day," Hyde said.

He said the individual selection process is unique to capital cases in which the death penalty is sought. "It is only in death penalty cases that lawyers and jurors interact," Hyde said.

He said the process is intentionally slow "because there is so much riding on the decision; it is literally a life or death situation."

Hyde said the law allows ample time for the attorneys to be very thorough.

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District Attorney Al Schorre, standing, and 238th District Judge John Hyde, sitting, discuss the differences between selecting a jury for a capital case and a non-capital case.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

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First aid, food reach Afghan villages hit hardest by quake

By Jerome Delay
Associated Press

TAGHI HESAR, Afghanistan — Dozens of villagers slogged through a blinding snowstorm to a U.N. truck stuck on an Afghan mountain Saturday, collecting the first aid to reach them since a devastating earthquake 10 days earlier.

Meanwhile, new tremors shook northeastern Afghanistan, waking sleeping survivors of the Feb. 4 quake and sending them fleeing for open space. There were no immediate reports of casualties from Saturday's aftershocks; the initial quake killed up to 5,000 people.

Reports also emerged Saturday of renewed fighting between opposition forces and the Taliban Islamic army along a route being used by aid convoys.

Relief trucks reached the hardest-hit areas for the first time, remote villages where people whose homes were flattened had been fending for themselves in sub-zero temperatures.

Relentless snow, rain, wind and fog have frustrated efforts to deliver aid to the estimated 30,000 people left homeless.

About 100 men in Taghi Hesar, near the epicenter of the quake, watched the aid winding up their mountain Saturday. Some seemed unsure whether to believe help had finally arrived.

Since the horrific night when the mountain growled, shook and spewed tons of mud on their village, these men had been waiting.

A few miles from the village, the U.N. truck packed with blankets, sheeting and food came to a grinding halt in the mud. Aid workers



AP Photo
An Afghan child leads a donkey loaded with a 110-pound bag of wheat uphill toward the village of Taghi Hesar, Afghanistan Saturday after it was unloaded from a UN truck which arrived with the first humanitarian aid for the earthquake stricken region in 10 days.

could not budge the vehicle, so residents came to retrieve the supplies.

Men bundled in blankets slung 110-pound bags of flour on their backs, hunched forward and began the arduous return trek to their ruined homes and waiting families. Others cajoled donkeys through the muck.

Of the 800 families who lived here before, only 40 remain.

At least 150 people died the night of the quake. Another 2,300 fled.

Those who remained, too weak and tired to leave, said the last week had been a nightmare, living outside wrapped only in wet, torn rags, forced to dig through the rubble with their hands for sustenance.

"When the earth shook I grabbed my children and we crawled

beneath a table ... and then we ran for the door. It collapsed just as we got through," said Amir Begum, 55, wiping the tears from beneath her veil.

Every house was flattened, and animal carcasses lay strewn in the streets, aid workers said.

Aid agencies hope to parachute 1,000 tons of supplies over a month, which they say is the easiest way to reach the area. One truck convoy took four days to travel 60 miles through mud and snow.

The United Nations and the Red Cross have appealed for \$2.5 million, but by late Friday had received only \$500,000. So far no country has come forward with the critical item, a cargo helicopter.

Voice recorder of crashed jet recovered

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Searchers have found the cockpit voice recorder of a DC-9 jet that crashed nearly two weeks ago in the southern Philippines, killing all 104 people aboard, an official said Saturday.

The voice recorder was the last key instrument missing in the investigation into the cause of the Cebu Pacific Air plane's crash into a steep mountain ridge.

Jesus Dureza, chief of the rescue committee dealing with the crash, said the recovery Friday of the instrument, which records conversations between the pilots and between the plane and the airport tower, would allow the search at the crash site to wind up soon.

He said only 14 bodies have been identified so far, including an Australian and an Austrian. At least two Americans were on the plane.

There were no survivors of the crash, the worst aviation disaster in Philippine history. The plane was traveling from Manila to Cagayan de Oro city.

Dureza said 106 bags containing body parts of victims have been brought to Cagayan de Oro from the crash site, about 28 miles from the city on the main southern island of Mindanao.

The plane's flight data recorder, which was recovered last week, has been sent to Canada for analysis.

The airline's seven other DC-9s were ordered grounded by the Air Transportation Office pending an investigation.

Members of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board are helping in the investigation of the crash.

The plane was not on its normal flight path because it had dropped off two mechanics at a central Philippine airport where they were to fix a flat tire on a different plane.

The alternate route took the plane over a treacherous mountain range where no commercial passenger aircraft has flown for at least five years, air transport officials said. The pilot was navigating visually instead of using instruments, they said.

The 31-year-old plane was flying at least 2,700 feet too low when it slammed into Mount Sumagaya.

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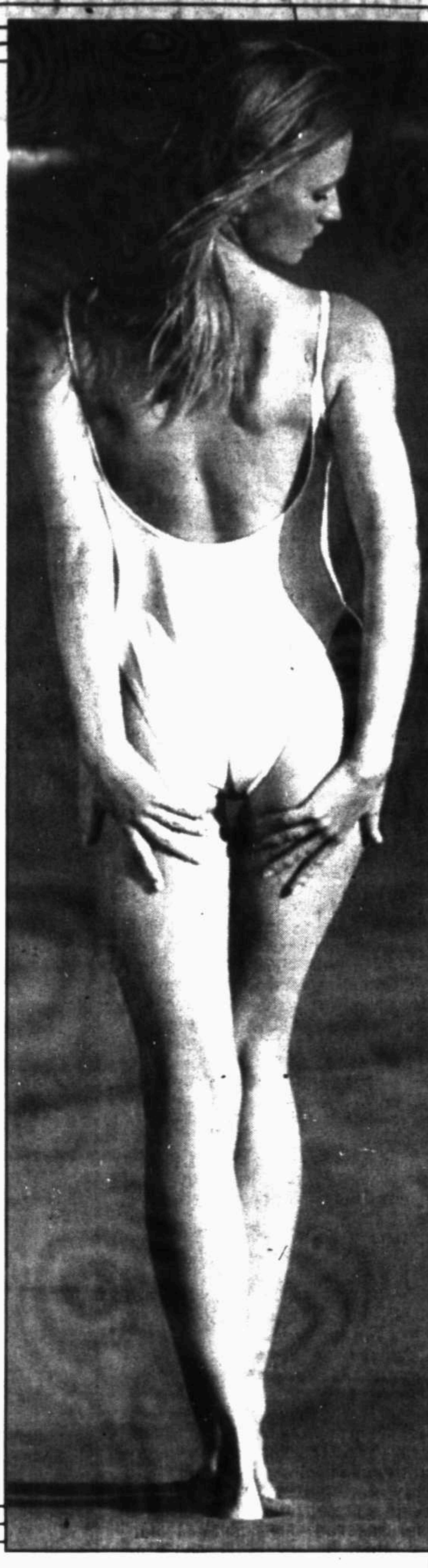
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Looting

PAMANUK (AP) — Angry, house-owned sporadic looting today, dumped ware and clothes despite police.

The looting hundreds of about a dozen wrecked and violence since Asia's biggest three decades.

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Looting breaks out as police patrol towns in Indonesia

PAMANUKAN, Indonesia (AP) — Angry mobs targeted Chinese-owned stores and houses in sporadic looting and attacks today, dumping groceries, cookware and clothing into the streets despite police and army patrols.

The looting came a day after hundreds of shops and houses in about a dozen locations were wrecked and burned in the worst violence since the onset of Indonesia's biggest economic crisis in three decades.

Three men were killed in Friday's riots, officials said today. Two were shot by soldiers in the Brebes district, about 125 miles east of Jakarta, and a third was trampled to death by a rampaging crowd of more than 3,000 in Losari, near Brebes.

Central Java military chief Maj.

Gen. Mardiyanto said the two men who were shot had threatened his soldiers with steel bars, the official Antara news agency quoted him as saying.

Today mobs were venting their anger against Chinese traders they blame for the rising prices that came with mass unemployment after the plunge in value of the currency, the rupiah.

A heavy security presence brought an uneasy calm to most trouble spots today, but isolated disturbances continued.

In Patok Besi, a village about 50 miles east of Jakarta, more than 200 looters ransacked a Chinese store. Some ran away with stolen goods. Others dumped wares — the general stores sell everything from crockery to soap — into the street as onlookers cheered and

laughed.

Police directed traffic close by but did nothing to intervene.

"The Chinese have put up the prices of everything way too quickly," one looter told The Associated Press.

In other towns, crowds picked through wreckage and took away merchandise from shops abandoned by their frightened owners.

"All these economic problems are fault of the Chinese," said one man in Pamanukan, about 55 miles east of Jakarta.

"The Chinese keep raising prices," said another. "We want the government to lower prices."

Two youths were arrested after they threw stones and smashed windows at a Chinese house located behind a police station.

One Chinese storekeeper wept as

he surveyed the damage to his store. Full of food and other wares before the riots flared Friday, it was now a blackened, empty shell. Smoke rose from several other shops in the town.

Ethnic Chinese make up about 4 percent of Indonesia's population of 202 million, which is about 90 percent Muslim. A fraction of Chinese are among Indonesia's richest people. However, small town merchants complain that they're being made scapegoats for economic troubles.

"It's simple," said Ong Hak Ham, a retired ethnic Chinese history professor. "People get angry. They are frustrated because of they don't have food in their stomachs. They need a channel for their anger, so they attack the Chinese in their town."



AP Photo
Indonesian looters ransack an ethnic Chinese owned shop in a wild frenzy in Patok Besi, about 50 miles east of Jakarta Saturday. About 200 looters emptied the shop as bystanders cheered and laughed, venting their anger against Chinese traders.

Foundation may increase bounty on Rushdie

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A state-run Iranian foundation might increase the \$2.5 million bounty on author Salman Rushdie, its leader said in comments published Saturday.

The 15th Khordad Foundation, which last year upped a \$2 million bounty to \$2.5 million, will consider another increase, the foundation's leader, Ayatollah Hassan Sanei, was quoted as saying.

"It will be commensurate with the time and place that the sentence is carried out," the Jomhuri Islami newspaper quoted Sanei as saying in a special issue to mark the ninth anniversary of Iran's fatwa, or religious decree, against Rushdie.

He said that if Rushdie were killed in the United States, the prize on his head would almost certainly be raised because "all Muslims hate the United States."

The Indian-born British writer has lived largely in hiding and under the protection of the British government since Iran's late revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, ordered his death.

In a Feb. 14, 1989, decree, he said that Rushdie had allegedly insulted the Prophet Mohammed in his book "The Satanic Verses."

Iran's chief prosecutor, Morteza Moqtadaie, renewed the death sentence Friday.

The leader of the foundation setting the bounty was quoted in Saturday's paper as saying that commitment to killing Rushdie would only grow stronger with time, despite the election of a moderate cleric as Iran's president last year.

"I think that every day the issue will become more serious. In the near future the arrow shot from the bow will hit its target," Sanei said.

Jomhuri Islami marks the anniversary of the fatwa every year with a special issue. This year, it ran a front-page caricature of Rushdie, with a noose dangling before him. Another cartoon showed a handgun and a target, with Rushdie's face in the middle.

State-run Tehran radio also marked the anniversary of the fatwa, saying "the destruction of this man's worthless life could breathe new life into Islam."

The Rushdie issue has long strained ties between Iran and Britain. On Saturday, the 15-member European Union called on Iran to enter a dialogue aimed at withdrawing the death sentence.

The 15th Khordad Foundation is involved in social projects such as building schools. Iran traces the beginning of its revolution against the Shah to the 15th of Khordad on the Iranian calendar (June 5), when a 1963 speech by Khomeini led to an uprising that was crushed by the government, leaving as many as 3,000 dead.

Explosion kills at least 16 on bus in China

HONG KONG (AP) — An explosion on a bus killed at least 16 people and injured 30 others in central China on Saturday, a Chinese news agency reported.

But a Hong Kong-based dissident group put the death toll at 30 and said it believed, based on the damage, the explosion was caused by a bomb.

The China News Service, monitored in Hong Kong, said the explosion occurred when the bus was approaching a bridge in the city of Wuhan in Hubei province.

It said traffic in the area was halted for four hours, and that officials were investigating the cause of the explosion.

The Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China quoted an unidentified source who went to the scene as saying the bus was gutted by fire after the explosion.

The center, which has good sources in China's dissident community, said two taxis and three other buses were also damaged in the blast.

Chinese government offices were closed Saturday. A switchboard operator at the provincial government office hung up when asked about the blast.

No other details were available.

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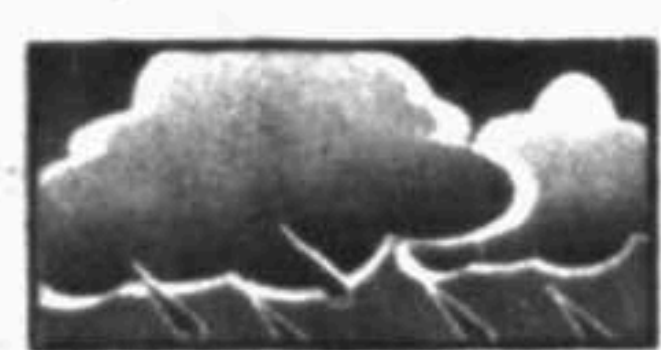
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Chance of rain
High 60
Low 40



Monday
Partly cloudy
High 55
Low 39



Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 66
Low 32

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and a high near 60. Winds will be gusty and from the south at 15 to 25 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. The low will be near 40. Clouds should disappear by predawn hours.

Monday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and gusty winds. The high will be near 55.

After an overnight low of 42, Saturday's high was 62, compared to the record high for that date of 86 set in 1979. The record low was 15 set in 1951.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Friday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
Total for month 4.40 in.
Total for year 56.1 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 62
Low 42
Normal high 61
Normal low 32

Pollen Count:

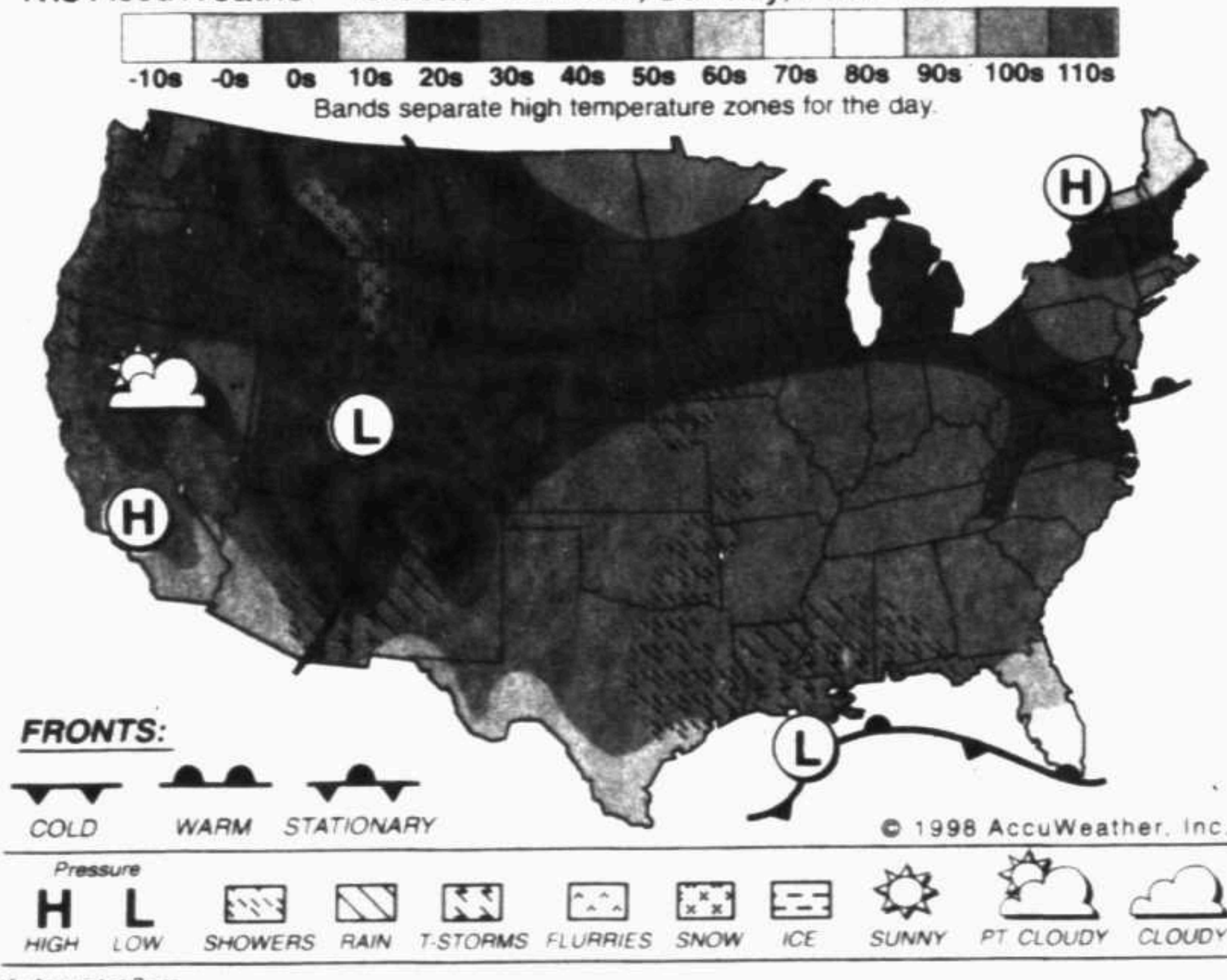
Trees: low
Weeds: absent

Grass: absent
Molds: low
Dust: moderate

Sunrise: 7:31 a.m.
Sunset: 6:35 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Feb. 15.



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:32 p.m. EST.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Albany, N.Y.	27	14	cl	
Albuquerque	55	38	m	
Anchorage	21	8	cl	
Atlanta	55	32	cl	
Atlanta City	37	25	cl	
Baltimore	42	36	cl	
Birmingham	51	29	cl	
Bismarck	35	25	cl	
Boise	49	34	cl	
Boston	29	15	cl	
Buffalo	25	18	cl	
Burlington, Vt.	10	8	cl	
Casper	44	30	cl	
Charleston, S.C.	58	35	cl	
Charlotte, N.C.	42	30	cl	
Charlotte, N.C.	57	43	cl	
Cheyenne	47	30	cl	
Chicago	43	35	cl	
Cincinnati	48	28	cl	
Cleveland	31	30	cl	
Columbus, Ohio	45	34	cl	
Concord, N.H.	24	13	cl	
Denver	50	32	cl	
Des Moines	41	28	cl	
Detroit	31	29	cl	
Duluth	28	20	cl	
Evansville	51	28	cl	
Fairbanks	2	21	cl	
Fargo	29	22	cl	
Grand Rapids	36	28	cl	
Great Falls	48	26	cl	
Greensboro, N.C.	52	36	cl	
Hartford, Conn.	35	17	cl	
Helena	47	22	cl	
Honolulu	80	71	cl	
Indianapolis	45	27	cl	
Jackson, Miss.	63	32	cl	

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours; lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.

City	Hi	Lo	Pcp	Otk
Abilene	57	42	0.05	
Alice	64	47	0.24	
Amarillo	60	34		
Arlington	62	43		
Austin	58	43	0.47	
Beaumont	64	50		
Brownsville	69	59	1.14	
Childress	54	37		
College Station	61	47		
Corpus Christi	64	45	0.06	
Corpus Christi	66	58	1.12	
Corsicana	64	45		
Cotulla	57	54	1.29	
Dahart	65	35		
Dallas	63	46		
Del Rio	59	54	0.10	
Denton	62	39		
El Paso	62	44		
Fort Stockton	66	43		
Fort Worth	60	42		

City	Hi	Lo	Pcp	Otk
Galveston	62	54		
Haltom City	60	42		
Houston	65	46	0.04	
Huntsville	65	46	0.04	
Jacksonville	65	46	0.04	
Kingsville	65	46	0.04	
Laredo	63	57		
Lubbock	63	57		
Lufkin	63	57		
Marfa	63	57		
McAllen	63	57		
Merrell Wells	63	57		
Navy Corps	63	57		
New Braunfels	63	57		
Pasadena	63	57		
Panama	63	57		
Rockport	63	57		
San Antonio	63	57		
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Terrell	63	57		
Victoria	63	57		
Waco	63	57		
Wichita Falls	63	57		

CABINET: High office probes grew out of Watergate scandal

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intern to lie under oath about an alleged sexual relationship she had with the president.

Starr is one of 18 independent counsels who have conducted investigations of high government officials under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, which grew out of the Watergate scandal that brought down the presidency of Richard Nixon in 1974.

The act expired in 1992 but was reauthorized by Congress in 1994. Its expiration next year is likely to prompt a strident debate in Congress over the wisdom of having a prosecutor with such far-reaching powers policing the highest officials of the land. The probes have cost \$140 million over the last 20 years.

The four current and former Clinton cabinet officers who will be or have been scrutinized by independent counsels are:

■ Babbitt, who is accused of lying to Congress about whether the White House pressured him to reject in 1995 an application by three Chippewa tribes to run a gambling casino in Wisconsin. Babbitt denied any wrongdoing.

■ Former Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown, who died in a plane crash in Croatia in 1996. Brown had been under investigation for conflict of interest in deal-



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Cisneros

ings with a former business partner and close friend, Noland Hill. The probe was terminated after his death.

■ Former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, who was indicted last December on charges that he concealed information about payments he had made to a former mistress, Linda Jones (formerly Linda Medlar), when he was questioned by FBI agents doing a background check. Cisneros pleaded innocent.

■ Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, indicted last August on charges of receiving favors from companies regulated by his department. Among them were Tyson Foods of Springdale, Ark., the nation's largest poultry company, and Sun-Diamond Growers of Pleasanton, Calif., a fruit-growing cooperative that produces Sun-

Maid Raisins and Sunsweet Prunes. Espy pleaded innocent.

Reno, who has been the traffic cop in referring allegations to the three-judge panel, declared there was no evidence that would allow her to seek a special prosecutor in the cases of two other cabinet officers.

■ Former Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, accused last year of soliciting a \$25,000 contribution to a charity as the price for meeting a Chinese petrochemical industry official.

■ Energy Secretary Federico Pena, who was transportation secretary in Clinton's first term. In 1995, Pena was alleged to have favored a former investment partner in the awarding of a Los Angeles transit system contract.

After a Justice Department probe, Reno closed down both investigations.

In the Reagan administrations of the 1980s, the Cabinet members who came under independent counsel investigation were Housing Secretary Samuel Pierce,

Attorney General Edwin Meese III, Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Donovan was investigated for alleged ties to organized crime. Pierce and Meese were probed on allegations of influence peddling.

The three were not indicted. But in the Housing and Urban Development Department scandal, independent counsel Arlin Adams won convictions and guilty pleas of 15 HUD officials and their associates, and Pierce admitted that his lax management of HUD had allowed the corruption — in which public housing contracts were awarded to developers and consultants with close ties to the Republican Party — to spread.

Weinberger was indicted in 1992 for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, in which proceeds from secret arms sales to Iran were funneled into the coffers of Nicaragua's anti-communist Contra rebels.

He was accused of lying to Congress about his knowledge of the arms sales and the efforts of other nations to help the Contras.

Weinberger's case never came to trial because then President George Bush pardoned him in December 1992, a month before Bush left office.

ARSENAL: Baghdad may be withholding information on nuclear program

(From 1A)

icals or biologicals, we are not engaged in producing these types of weapons of mass destruction. I think once again has proven to be a lie," Cohen said.

Without continued monitoring, Iraq could produce chemical and biological weapons in weeks, a long-range missile in a year, and a nuclear weapon in five years, the report released by British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook warned.

Baghdad also could produce up to 91 gallons of weapons-grade anthrax per week — enough to fill two missile warheads — and make mustard gas within weeks, it said.

Nearly seven years after the U.N. Special Commission was charged with eliminating Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, its inspec-

tors say they have evidence of deliberate government attempts to conceal development and procurement of materials for biological and chemical weapons.

And a recent U.N. report indicated Baghdad still may be withholding information about its nuclear program, which U.N. experts thought probably had been dismantled.

Iraq maintains it has destroyed all its weapons of mass destruction. But until that is certified by the inspectors, the United Nations will not lift crippling economic sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which led to the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The U.N. Security Council repeatedly has demanded that Iraq allow inspectors unrestricted access to all sites to check compliance, but Baghdad says many sites are off-limits and has impeded access to others.

During the Gulf War, the U.S.-led coalition heavily bombed the Muthanna site where Iraq produced chemical weapons as well as some missile production facilities. President Clinton and Cook credit the U.N. commission, known as UNSCOM, with being more successful than the bombs.

Inspectors have destroyed 38,537 chemical weapons, 690 tons of chemical warfare agents, 48 operational missiles, six missile launchers and 30 warheads for chemical and biological weapons. They also have accounted for 817 or 819 long-range missiles.

Still, UNSCOM has been unable to account for 4,000 tons of chemicals that can be used to produce weapons, 31,000 chemical warfare munitions, two Scuds and domestically produced missile engines, airframes and warheads.

GHS principal to leave district after more than 6 years

By Richard Enos

Staff Writer

Greenwood Independent School District has made a name for itself with its down-home community and towering modern school facilities.

This school district of about 1,700 students has undergone some changes in recent years, including the addition of a separate middle school.

But another change is coming soon — the departure of Clarke Boyd, Greenwood High School principal.

Boyd will be leaving after more than six years at GHS, including three years at Greenwood High School, to become superintendent at Wichita Falls-area Holliday public schools.

He said he's changing scenery for a career opportunity and to be near his family in the area.

He gives the school district high marks.

"It's a very, very good career move and it enables me and my family to live closer to our relatives, our family," Boyd said. "At



Boyd

helm of Holliday schools and its 1,000 students effective March 1. Scott Knippa, Boyd's assistant, will serve as interim principal until the end of the school year.

The GHS school board has not officially authorized a search for a replacement, but will late this month.

Boyd said he'll have plenty of fond memories of his years with the district, in particular his first three years as principal of Greenwood Elementary.

"The folks out here in our facul-

ty and staff work hard and make sure that our kids can do the best they can do," he said. "I've known some of the kids since they were in the third grade (and) are now in high school. Of course, that's a positive."

GHS is experiencing other changes, according to school officials.

Superintendent Quentin Burnett said the district really came into its own in the 1950s, and like many parts of the Permian Basin has ridden the highs and lows of an oil-based economy.

The district's bigger issues have been modest enrollment growth and paying off the debt related to renovations at its schools and the creation of a middle school.

Burnett said the district has about a 3 percent growth rate (or 30 to 40 new students) a year. The high school has about 500 students.

Some perceive GHS still as a wealthy school district that's predominantly Anglo. The district is about 80 percent Anglo, but the formerly wealthy district lost a great deal of property values during the oil bust, and the state considers it a property-poor district today,

Burnett said.

The district still has a property tax rate that's high compared to Midland Independent School District. GHS's is \$1.77 per \$100 valuation; MISD's is \$1.4487.

GHS's rate means the owner of a \$100,000 home would pay about \$1,800 a year in school taxes. The rate was as high as \$1.97 per \$100 valuation in the early 1990s, Burnett said.

"We've had a high tax rate because we've had some bonds," he said. "We've had some nice facilities, but we had to pay for them. They didn't come cheaply."

The bonds will be paid off in about a year, Burnett said.

The district has performed well academically, according to the state. Like MISD, all of Greenwood's schools are ranked "acceptable" by the Texas Education Agency under its statewide campus report card.

Burnett said Greenwood schools pride themselves in old-fashioned educational values and discipline. And for good reason.

"Parents want their kids to be successful in school, and they want them to be safe in school," he said.

BUILD: GHS students use original parts on chuck wagon project

(From 1A)

their lives."

Snow and his father both are familiar with chuck wagons and ranching.

They're part of an area group that hosts chuck wagon chili cook-offs. They needed a new chuck wagon, so Snow had an idea: why not have his students build one?

The teacher footed the bill for the materials and provided some parts from old wagons.

Snow and his 35 students in different classes work on the wagon throughout each school day. The teacher began the project because of its complexity, but the students each have a major task.

"Everybody's doing something," he said.

"When a student walks by, I hand it off to them, I let them finish it."

Students Tallian Thompson, Chris Harris, and Michael Otho said they're excited about bringing the wagon to the April competition.

Thompson, a sophomore, said it's tough for him to understand how ranchers depended on the chuck wagons.

"It's pretty wild," he said. "You look at it and you can't figure out how they made it in something like that. It'll be neat when it's finished."

Harris, a senior, said the wagon will be a source of school pride.

"I think it'll bring a lot of publicity to the school because I don't think anybody's ever done that for the school," Harris said. "Seeing how people used to travel kind of brings back

the old days."

Otho, a senior, said it's been a lot of hard work, but the project has been a great challenge for the classes.

"I think it's pretty neat trying to get into it, and trying to bring back a little piece of history," he said. "I like the way we're trying to use all the original parts, trying to make it as exact as it was (then)."

Clarke Boyd, GHS principal, said the technology shop students' efforts are an example of his students' hard work and heavy participation in extracurricular activities.

"Those kids who are involved in our activities in school are not involved in negative things," Boyd said. "That makes this a good place to be."

PROCESS: Jurors can find interview process intimidating, stressful

(From 1A)

The potential jurors completed a 15-page questionnaire — before their individual interviews — that explored everything from their employment, hobbies, favorite television shows, magazines and books, to their personal beliefs on crime and punishment, as well as the death penalty.

Schorre said the attorneys on both sides of the case have to really delve into individual minds. "In a regular criminal murder case, the state would look for jurors who have normal signs of being state oriented," Schorre said. "In a capital murder case all rules are off."

Clifford Hardwick, Keck's lead defense counsel, told the Reporter-Telegram, "I guess there have probably been as many words written on how to pick a jury as anything." He characterized the jury system in the United States as "the bedrock of democracy."

Hardwick says he looks for jurors who are "relatively

thoughtful." He said as a defense attorney in a capital trial, "Quite frankly, you want someone who is hesitant to kill." He said he also looked for people who could understand the good points of the defendant's life.

Hardwick said that during the individual voir dire (interview) process, "you try to get to know them." He said the attorneys in the Keck case have spent between two to 2 1/2 hours on each juror.

Although the questionnaires provide useful information, Hyde thinks that attorneys can reach a point of information overload. "I'm not so convinced that all this mass of information is bringing us to a point that we can make better choices," Hyde said. He added, "In the final analysis skilled attorneys are able to make skilled choices."

Schorre said that sometimes the decisions include feelings as well. "A lot of it is gut level," he said.

"After you practice law for a while you kind of get a feel for people," Hardwick said.

Hyde said that within the last

decade, the whole jury selection process has taken on a new dimension with the advent of jury consultants. Both Schorre and Hardwick said that jury consultants were not being used in the Keck trial.

"I don't think there are any jury consultants in this trial," Schorre said. "Though in the past we have found them helpful." He said the last capital trial he remembers using jury consultants was during the Henry Lopez Ortiz trial in Amarillo.

Potential jurors can find the interview process, conducted under oath, both intimidating and stressful, Schorre said. "I really feel for them," agreed Hardwick.

The process is also trying for the attorneys involved in the case. Both the prosecution and the defense are using three attorneys during the jury selection process. Schorre said the law allows for 12 jurors and two alternates in the case.

"During a capital murder case it is extremely stressful for the lawyers on both sides," Schorre

said. "It is much more intense than in a regular case — it is for such high stakes."

"It is very exhausting," Hyde agreed. "The judge and the attorneys are under tremendous pressure to remain focused."

Hardwick said long hours go into the preparation process before the trial. "There is just so much information," Hardwick said. He said the repetitive nature of the questioning can be difficult as well. "You really have to watch yourself at the end of the day."

Each side is allowed 15 peremptory strikes, in which a potential juror can be released for any reason, and unlimited strikes for cause. "For cause" is for some legal reason that they cannot sit on

the jury," Schorre said. "Either they have a strong opinion one way or the other on the death penalty, they know someone, or they have already made up their mind in the case."

The length of the trial itself also becomes a consideration in a capital case. Schorre said the case could last from "two to three weeks easily. The punishment phase (if necessary) is much longer and much more intense," he said.

The trial of Keck, who is accused of slaying teacher Helen Johnson, is expected to begin on Feb. 23, in 38th District Court before Judge Willie DuBose.

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Bomb blast at campaign rally in India kills 30

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW DELHI, India — India's election campaign was rocked Saturday by a series of bomb explosions that killed at least 30 people in the southern city of Coimbatore as thousands gathered for a campaign rally by a Hindu nationalist leader who is one of the country's most controversial political figures.

Hospital spokesmen said they expected the death toll to rise since the 50 people wounded by the blasts were in critical condition.

The explosions came two days before the first round of voting in the election, on Monday, and reports from the scene suggested that whoever was responsible intended to influence the outcome of the close-run contest between the Hindu nationalists and their opponents, principally the Congress Party.

Police in Coimbatore, about 275 miles southwest of Madras in

Tamil Nadu state, said that at least 10 bombs planted in parked vehicles had exploded as thousands gathered near the city center for a rally staged by the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Hindu nationalist group that opinion polls have shown as the front-runner.

The speaker at the rally was to have been the party's president, Lal Kishinchand Advani, who is regarded as the architect of policies critics have described as hostile to India's Muslim minority.

Advani, 70, had not yet reached Coimbatore in his plane when the blasts occurred. He canceled the stop and returned to New Delhi, where he described the attacks as an attempt by opponents to prevent his party from winning its first victory in national elections.

As troops moved into the city in a bid to restore order, the Tamil Nadu government announced that it had banned two organizations that it described as "Muslim fundamentalist." Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi did not specifically accuse the two groups of having planted the bombs. But he told reporters, "It will not be wrong to suspect the hands of foreign agencies, who are out to derail the democratic process here."

Muslim groups in New Delhi appealed for calm, saying it was

premature to assign blame for the explosions. Privately, some Muslims said they were suspicious of the timing of the blasts, coming as they did just as polls have begun to show the Hindu nationalists' early lead in the election eroding in the face of a strong Congress Party campaign.

The Congress effort has been led by Sonia Gandhi, the Italian-born widow of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated while campaigning in Tamil Nadu in 1991.

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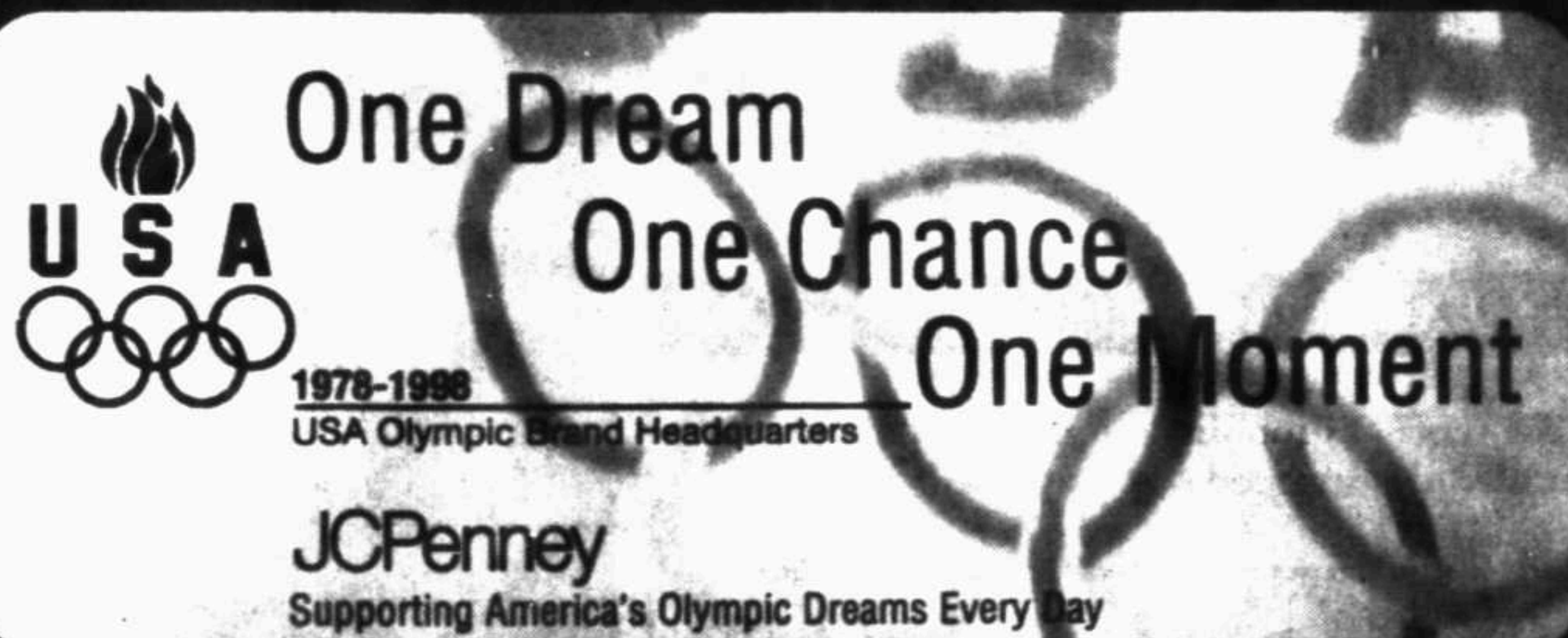
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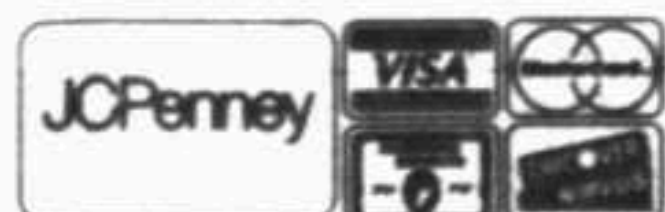
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'Rock Me Amadeus' singer Falco buried

By Melissa Eddy
Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Somewhat like Mozart, the Austrian pop star Falco lived in excess and died in disgrace.

Nevertheless, about 10,000 fans and friends attended his funeral Saturday, many wearing Falcoesque sunglasses on an overcast day to honor the only Austrian to win a Grammy award.

Killed in a car crash last week, the 40-year-old musician had brief international fame in the 1980s with his mega-hit "Rock Me Amadeus," a baroque-disco tribute to the Mozart movie of high emotions and higher wigs.

True, some mourners admitted they hadn't heard much about

'He was a great pop star. There was Mozart, Schubert and Falco.'

— Ilse Kraus,
Austrian mourner

Falco until last week's news of his car crash in the Dominican Republic. In recent years, even at home, Falco was better known for his struggle with drugs, women and money, than for his music.

But Helmut Zilk, the former mayor of Vienna, gave Falco's eulogy, calling him "a musical genius, even when most people didn't recognize it."

Mourners listened to the title piece of Falco's next album, "Out of the Dark," played over loud-

speakers. They burst into applause after the last refrain: "There's no way back, must I die then, in order to live?"

A child prodigy in classical music, Falco turned to pop music. His first big success was the 1981 song "Der Kommissar."

Four years later, he hit stardom with "Rock Me Amadeus," the throbbing, electronic tribute to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart that resonated with the public a year after the Oscar-winning movie

"Amadeus."

The campy song — on the U.S. pop charts for three weeks — had an equally campy music video featuring beefy leather-clad bikers from the "MC Outsider Austria" motorcycle club.

Despite his success, he was in debt. Austrian magazines and newspapers last week were filled with photographs of Falco's partying lifestyle and stories of his womanizing and struggles to overcome drug addiction.

Still, in the end, some Austrians remembered him more for his talent.

"He was a great pop star," said Ilse Kraus, 75, clutching two long-stemmed pink roses to lay on his grave. "There was Mozart, Schubert and Falco."



Motorbikers carry the coffin with Austrian pop singer Falco, alias Johann Hoelzel, past thousands of onlookers and mourners Saturday during his funeral at Vienna's central cemetery. Falco died in a car crash on Feb. 6 in Puerto Plata, the Dominican Republic.

Trains collide in Cameroon, up to 100 reported dead

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP) — A train hauling oil exploded in flames Saturday when it collided with an oncoming train on the outskirts of Cameroon's capital, state television reported. As many as 100 people were killed.

A giant plume of black smoke was visible through much of Yaounde Saturday as rescue workers scrambled to extinguish the fire.

The trains collided in mid-afternoon Saturday and before the explosion, hundreds of bystanders rushed to scoop up oil gushing from the ruptured tankers.

Witnesses and doctors at several Yaounde hospitals said at least 100 people were killed in the blast, although Cameroon state-run television put the number in the dozens.

"We have been able to identify between 50 and 80 dead," Yaounde coroner Defoe Mambo told The Associated Press. "But we do not know where all the corpses have been taken."

By Saturday evening the fire had died down, but flames could still be seen from a distance.

The accident occurred near Yaounde's central petroleum depot in Nsam, on the outskirts of the city, authorities said.

Many of the victims were taxi drivers who hoped to gather up the petroleum for use in their cars. Mambo said. It was not clear if the tankers were filled with refined or crude oil.

At Yaounde's Military Hospital, at least 16 bodies had been gathered, doctors said. At the city's Central Hospital, another 46 dead bodies were brought in.

Media notables debate modern journalism style

TOKYO (AP) — The splashy techniques of local TV news — often criticized as crass and ratings-driven — are a modern version of methods practiced by journalism pioneer Joseph Pulitzer, the chairman of Pulitzer Publishing Co. said Saturday.

Michael Pulitzer, grandson of the publishing magnate and namesake of journalism's highest honor, spoke at a symposium in conjunction with a Tokyo exhibition of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs.

Pulitzer said today's television news producers have the same goal as newspaper publishers at the beginning of the century: to hook a busy audience with little time for leisure.

"If you watch today's local TV, they're matching what Joseph Pulitzer did," said Pulitzer. "Spicy, pithy, pictorial — it works."

Of course, more substantive reporting should come after the catchy opening lines, he said.

Keynote speaker Seymour Topping, administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes and a former editor and reporter for the New York Times, said Joseph Pulitzer sometimes relied on sensational reporting to sell papers.

But he also championed a sense of responsibility to society that modern reporters would do well to uphold, Topping said.

"I find these values as relevant today as they were a century ago," said Topping, who also teaches journalism at Columbia University. "Before anything else, Pulitzer was a crusader against public and private corruption, persistently exhorting the press to be ever vigilant."

Topping called for protecting newsrooms from corporate business interests and warned of potential dangers posed by the growth of huge media conglomerates.

He also condemned computer-aided digital manipulation of news photographs.

Those concerns were echoed by fellow symposium panelist Vincent Alabiso, vice president and executive photo editor of The Associated Press. The AP bans digital manipulation of photos.

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By Laura Myers
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cohen emerged from the House to pointedly whether the United States is ready to attack Iraq. Saddam Hussein's "His patience is" Cohen said of the added that the United States wanted a diplomat. "There was no" we're at the near-b said.

The time was on president Rep. Bush, and Cohen was a GOP senator from important member of the intelligence and armed

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BIRMINGHAM — After two weeks searching for a material witness, Sunday officially marked the nation's bombing of an abo. Federal agents \$100,000 reward pleaded with Rudolph, 31, to turn up. "We are concerned situation for ever including Eric, Cavanaugh, an Al and Firearms age be a lot easier involved if he would come in."

Rudolph's truck near the New World Clinic in Birmingham the morning an explosion off-duty policeman security guard

Teen ex message

RALEIGH, N.C. — year-old girl exchanged sex Internet message officers from around resulting in the sexual of them. Police officers in na, Georgia, Texas say the girl struck friendship with rooms, which into sexually explicit and ended with getting discipline. Observer of Raleigh urday.

In Wake County deputies were dismissed month for exchanging suggestive messages with a teen-ager while on duty. The girl's mother

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Senator or secretary, Cohen advocates wary approach to war with Iraq

By Laura Myers
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — William Cohen emerged from the White House to pointed questions on whether the United States was ready to attack Iraq in response to Saddam Hussein's defiance. "His patience is wearing thin," Cohen said of the president, but added that the United States still wanted a diplomatic solution. "There was no indication that we're at the near-break point," he said.

The time was October 1990, the president Republican George Bush, and Cohen was a moderate GOP senator from Maine, an important member of Senate intelligence and armed services com-

mittees.

In stark contrast to many of his hawkish Republican colleagues, Sen. Cohen argued then — as he does now as defense secretary responsible for American troops — against a rush to military action.

"History is littered with the bones of optimists and soldiers who thought that they were headed for a short war," Cohen said in late 1990 as war neared between U.S.-led coalition and Iraq.

There was great fear among Americans that U.S. casualties would be high. Estimates ranged from 10,000 to 35,000. Such fears prompted most Democrats initially to oppose the 1991 Persian Gulf War in favor of allowing tight economic sanctions to force Iraqi occupation from Kuwait.

Although Cohen supported Bush and the 1991 war, he argued throughout against putting American soldiers in harm's way on the ground. "We are walking in the shadows of Munich and Vietnam, and the path is dark and dangerous," Cohen said days before the bombs flew Jan. 17.

Fears were greatly exaggerated: During the 43-day war, including a 100-hour ground campaign, 147 Americans died in action.

Today, even as he deploys ships, troops, fighter jets and bombers to the Gulf in preparation for a possible U.S. attack on Iraq, Cohen continues his measured approach — one developed over 18 years in Congress. He sometimes sided with his GOP party, sometimes with the Democrats, but always after careful

consideration of the options.

"He's a very thoughtful man," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who served with Cohen on the Armed Services Committee. "I think he's following the position of the administration in his own way."

Of course, defense secretaries often portray caution, not wanting to mire the military in a no-win situation such as Vietnam or a seemingly never-ending muddle such as in the former Yugoslavia. As a senator, who retired in 1996, and as defense secretary, Cohen has argued strongly against an extended U.S. military presence in Bosnia.

Cohen's personality, also comes into play. A highly independent loner, he retired from the Senate after declaring he was fed up with the

baseness of modern-day politics. An intellectual, Cohen has published nine books, including two editions of poetry. One of his favorites poems, by T.S. Eliot, ponders life-changing decisions and asks:

"Do I dare
Disturb the universe?
In a minute there is time
For decisions and revisions
Which a minute will reverse."

On Iraq, Cohen appears the most hesitant among President Clinton's foreign-policy team to give up on diplomacy and take military action.

"Has diplomacy failed? The answer is not yet," Cohen told lawmakers on Capitol Hill last week. "There is no beating of the tom-toms at the White House." On his way Tuesday to Doha, Qatar, he

told reporters, "There is no war fever that has gripped the Pentagon or any of us."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has been more aggressive, saying repeatedly she's tired of Iraq's defiance and that time for diplomacy is running out. If a first strike fails to knock out Iraq's weapons-making ability, Albright vowed, "We will strike again. This isn't any one-time issue."

As part of the 1991 cease-fire, Iraq agreed to destroy its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and allow U.N. teams to ensure compliance in exchange for eventually lifting economic sanctions. The crisis evolved from Iraq's refusal to let U.N. inspectors into many of President Saddam's massive palace complexes.

Suspect named in Birmingham clinic bombing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — After two weeks of fruitless searching for a man they called a material witness, authorities Saturday officially made him a suspect in the nation's first fatal bombing of an abortion clinic.

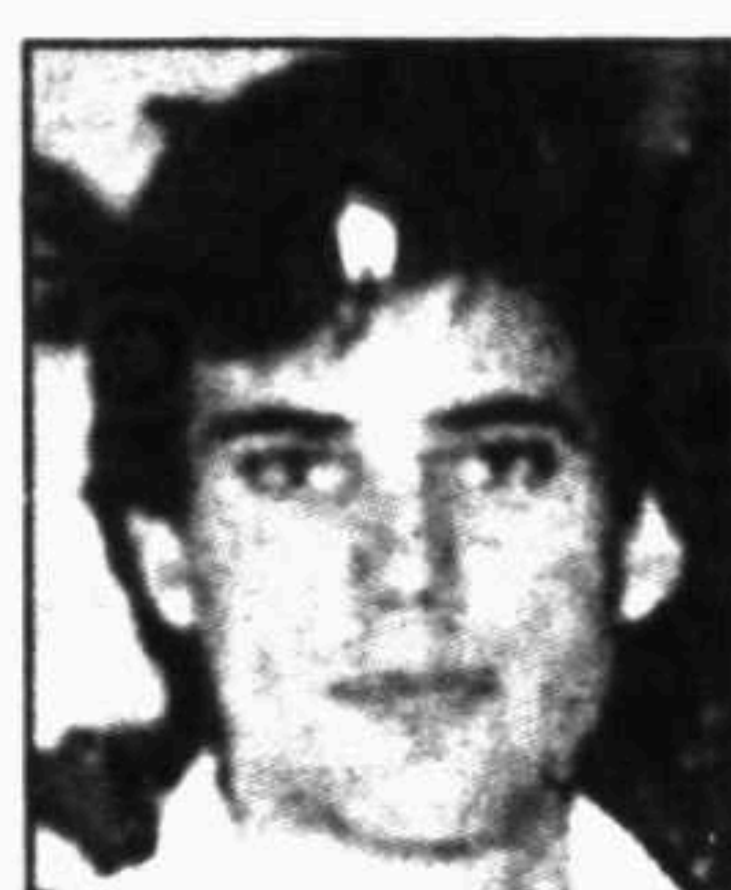
Federal agents also offered a \$100,000 reward in the case and pleaded with Eric Robert Rudolph, 31, to turn himself in.

"We are concerned about the situation for everyone involved, including Eric," said Jim Cavanaugh, an Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent. "This would be a lot easier on everyone involved if he would contact us and come in."

Rudolph's truck was spotted near the New Woman All Women Clinic in Birmingham on Jan. 29, the morning an explosion killed an off-duty policeman working as a security guard and critically

injured a nurse.

U.S. Attorney Doug Jones



Rudolph

announced the change in status for Rudolph during a news conference in Birmingham.

Rudolph faces charges with using an explosive device to damage a building resulting in death, which carries a penalty of life in prison or death.

The decision to move ahead with criminal charges against Rudolph came after agents examined evidence seized from his

home, storage locker, and truck, Jones said.

Rudolph's truck was found abandoned last weekend south of Murphy, N.C., his hometown and the hub of the search. Rudolph hasn't been seen since Jan. 30, the day after the bombing, when he rented a video and bought something to eat in Murphy.

Authorities said he may be receiving help from someone, or he may be on his own, relying on his skills as an outdoorsman to hide in the mountainous North Carolina wilderness.

"That's his home and that's probably where he's most comfortable," said Joe Lewis, FBI Special Agent in Charge in Birmingham.

Media outlets received letters claiming the bombing was carried out by a group called the Army of

God, which also took responsibility for the 1997 bombings of an abortion clinic and gay bar in Atlanta.

While authorities have not confirmed a link between the Atlanta and Birmingham explosions, the letters were written in a similar, block-letter style. The bombs were also similar: nail-laden, homemade devices held in some sort of package.

Cavanaugh said investigators have studied Rudolph's background, which includes a short stint in the Army.

"We have found that Eric is an intelligent person, he's a veteran, and he knows what I'm saying is the best way to resolve this situation: for him to call us and come in," Cavanaugh said. "It may not be an easy decision for Eric, but it's the right thing to do."

Teen exchanged sexual Internet messages with police officers

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl from Illinois exchanged sexually explicit Internet messages with police officers from around the country, resulting in the suspension of several of them.

Police officers in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas and Virginia say the girl struck up an e-mail friendship with them in chat rooms, which quickly escalated into sexually explicit conversations and ended with the officers getting disciplined. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported Saturday.

In Wake County, N.C., eight deputies were disciplined last month for exchanging sexually suggestive messages with the teen-ager while they were on duty. The girl's mother said one

deputy sent her daughter a photo of his genitals.

Wake County Sheriff John H. Baker Jr. demoted one deputy and suspended seven from two to four days.

The girl's mother says the policemen took advantage of her daughter's innocent adventures on the Internet. But some of the officers now say they were lured into a trap.

"This young woman has gone around the country, as best we can determine, and made contact with a very vulnerable element of our society — police officers — and then drawn them in and alleged some type of sexual misconduct," said Troy Spencer, the attorney for one suspended Virginia officer. "She's a cyberspider."

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Lewinsky lawyer says anger at prosecutors will affect testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky is "getting angry" at Whitewater prosecutors who want her testimony in making a case against President Clinton, her lawyer said Saturday.

At the same time, Secret Service officials said they warned uniformed personnel against following the path of retired officer Lewis Fox, whose press interviews landed him before the grand jury. Fresh evidence also showed that Ms. Lewinsky's confidante, Linda Tripp, was simultaneously helping Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr and lawyers for Paula Jones in their separate pursuits against Clinton.

William Ginsburg, the lawyer trying to protect Ms. Lewinsky from perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges, said his client is not worried about Fox's grand jury appearance on Tuesday.

Starr's grand jury is looking for evidence to contradict Ms. Lewinsky's sworn denials of a sexual affair with Clinton and prove that the pair tried illegally to cover up the relationship.

"I don't think that any testimony before the grand jury is going to affect my client except her mother's, and that will affect her because she's getting angry about the treatment of her mother," Ginsburg told reporters outside his New York hotel.

Ms. Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, was described as distraught after two days of yet incomplete questioning before the grand jury. Ms. Lewinsky, whose testimony had been put off by legal wrangling over possible immunity for her, could be compelled to appear this week.

"I have no idea... I have no prediction," Ginsburg said.

Saying he was visiting a friend with a new baby this weekend, Ginsburg added: "I'm going to hold that baby real tight, because I think that baby's growing up in a world where prosecutorial misconduct may be the rule rather than the exception."

Ginsburg told reporters later, as he was leaving his hotel for dinner, that he had formally filed earlier Saturday a five-page complaint with the Justice Department asking that the department's Office of Professional Responsibility investigate charges that Starr's office has been engaged in leaks that create an "unfair environment" for his client.

He had said exactly a week earlier in Los Angeles that an inquiry by the Justice Department office was preferable to letting Starr's office investigate itself.

Ginsburg's comments came as Starr's office collected testimony

from witnesses in whom Ms. Lewinsky allegedly confided details of a relationship with the president. Neysa Demann Erbland, a high school friend of Ms. Lewinsky, testified to the grand jury Thursday.

Erbland has reportedly told investigators that Ms. Lewinsky recounted for her details of an affair with Clinton. Such testimony would corroborate statements by Tripp and Andy Bleiler, Ms. Lewinsky's former lover, and the reported grand jury testimony of White House aide Ashley Raines, another friend of Ms. Lewinsky.

Meanwhile, Newsweek reported Saturday that Starr has a series of four chatty e-mails from Lewinsky to Tripp in which she talks about her alleged affair with the president and complains that the "Big Creep" didn't even try to call me on V-Day (Valentine's Day)." They cover a

period from Feb. 13 to March 6 of last year.

Fox, the retired Secret Service officer who recently told reporters of letting Ms. Lewinsky into the Oval Office to see Clinton in late 1995, is testifying under the parameters of an agreement between Starr and the Justice Department. The two parties have not yet reached agreement on questioning active personnel.

Mrs. Clinton encouraged reports on stories

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Hillary Rodham Clinton recently sketched her notion of the "vast right-wing conspiracy" behind Kenneth Starr's Whitewater investigations of her husband, she was gently prodding the news media to pursue that angle.

New information, however, suggests that the first lady's approach was not always so subtle. Instead, her profound and long-standing distrust of the news media led to a taxpayer-financed analysis of what she felt was biased reporting.

Early in 1996, Mrs. Clinton encouraged the White House counsel's office to prepare a report on stories by Susan Schmidt, the lead Whitewater reporter for The Washington Post. Coincidentally, Schmidt also co-wrote the Jan. 21 front-page Post story that broke the news of Starr's latest investigation of President Clinton's relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"There was a general consensus in the White House that the record needed to be corrected on Whitewater reporting," said James Kennedy, a spokesman for the White House counsel. "Along with many others, the first lady was supportive of the counsel's office in their efforts."

Administration officials confirmed the counsel's office analysis after the Post reported it Saturday. But White House press secretary Mike McCurry disputed that Mrs. Clinton was at the helm.

"She was concerned about the coverage, so I wouldn't be surprised if she had known about this thing. But I could just as easily say I instigated (the report), because I was

the one who told the White House counsel that you can't just gripe and moan, you've got to be able to document unfairness," McCurry said Saturday.

Mrs. Clinton was not the only administration figure interested in monitoring journalists that year. The Energy Department, under Secretary Hazel O'Leary, hired a private company to monitor press coverage and rate reporters based on how favorable their coverage was.

The flap over that \$46,500 contract and the spectre of government officials rating journalists brought cries of an "enemies' list" — strongly denied by O'Leary — and prompted a reprimand from the White House.

In a staff meeting, McCurry squelched plans to release the report on Schmidt as a public document, according to officials familiar with the meeting. Instead, the report — described as a compilation of annotated articles by Schmidt — was turned over to the Clintons' private attorney, David Kendall.

Kendall used the information to argue, in letters to the editors of various newspapers, against what he thought were factual errors in the coverage of Whitewater, Kennedy said Saturday.

Karen DeYoung, the Post's assistant managing editor of national news, called the White House's distrust of Schmidt "unfortunate" and said the newspaper continues to have "complete confidence" in her.

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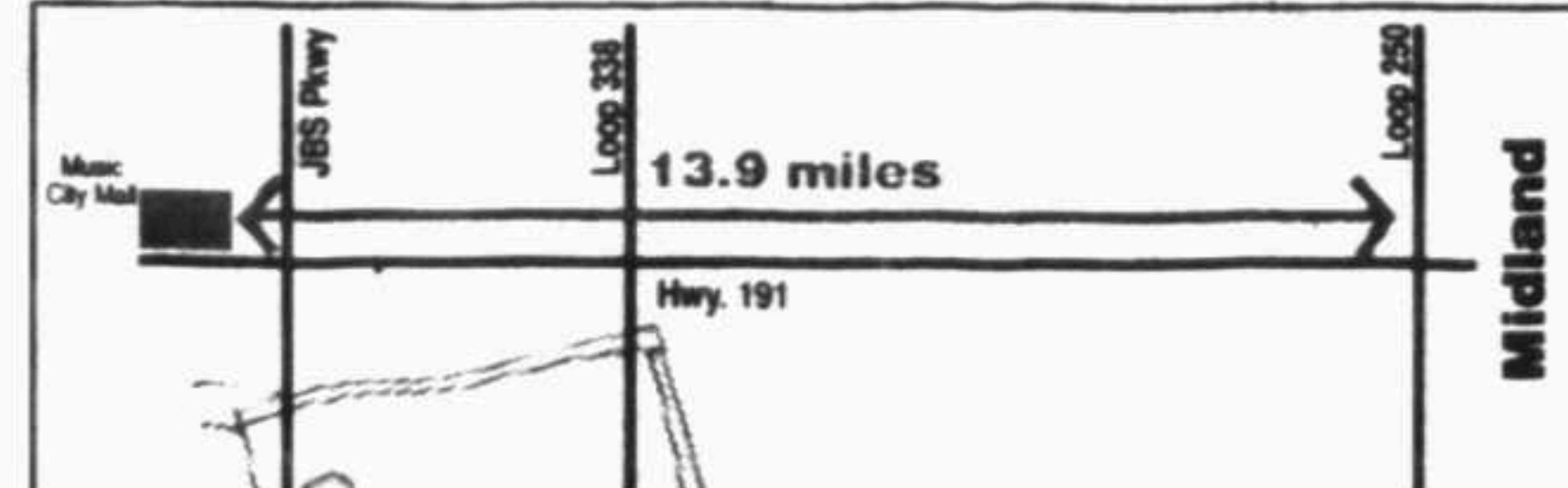
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Clinton, Gingrich square off over drug policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich sparred over drug policy in separate radio addresses Saturday, the president laying out plans to reduce illegal drug use by 50 percent in the next decade, the speaker ridiculing the proposal as a "hodgepodge of half-steps and half-truths."

Gingrich said he will press a resolution in the House urging Clinton and White House drug policy chief Barry McCaffrey to withdraw the plan, which he described as "the definition of failure."

"In the Civil War it took just four years to save the Union and abolish slavery," Gingrich scoffed.

In his weekly radio address, the president said although the number of Americans using drugs has fallen by 50 percent since 1979, it should be cut in half again over the next decade.

But before outlining his proposal, Clinton stressed that the fight against drugs "must be waged and won at kitchen tables all across America."

"Even the world's most thorough anti-drug strategy won't ever do the job unless all of us pass on the same clear and simple message to our children: Drugs are

wrong, drugs are dangerous, and drugs can kill you," Clinton said.

His plan, portions of which already were disclosed by McCaffrey, includes expanded prevention education, employment of an additional 1,000 Border Patrol officers and 100 Drug Enforcement Administration agents, completion of the hiring of 100,000 new community police officers and expanded drug testing and treatment among prisoners and parolees.

In a follow-up news conference, McCaffrey said the government alone cannot solve the national drug problem. "We look forward to working with the Congress, state and local government and the private sector to forge a bipartisan and truly national response to the drug problem," McCaffrey said.

As he spoke, however, Gingrich, R-Ga., speaking in the GOP's weekly radio address, accused the president of neglecting the narcotics issue for five years, and as a consequence allowing drug use among teen-agers to rise by 70 percent over that period.

He said World War II was won four years after the United States joined the Allied cause, and yet Clinton's new drug-fighting sched-

ule prescribes more than twice that long.

"This president would have us believe that with all of the resources, ingenuity, dedication and passion of the American people, we can't even get halfway to victory in the war on drugs until the year 2007 — nine full years from now," the speaker said. "That is not success. That is the definition of failure. We cannot accept this administration's proposed timetable for defeat."

"I insist that the president and his drug czar (McCaffrey) withdraw their so-called drug plan and its hodgepodge of half-steps and half-truths and bring us back a real plan to tackle the drug crisis," Gingrich said.

He said both men should follow get-tough policies used by Republican mayors such as Rudolph Giuliani of New York City.

Gingrich said the Republican-run Congress would pass legislation that includes:

- Helping communities build anti-drug coalitions.
- Giving parents anti-drug information.
- Providing market incentives so businesses will create drug-free workplaces.

■ Establishing a national clearinghouse for anti-drug information.

He did not provide specific dollar amounts or other figures.

The administration's drug-fighting plan is to be funded through a \$17.1 billion drug-control budget request for next year, a 6.8 percent increase.

About \$195 million of the initiative is earmarked for an anti-drug media campaign aimed at children. An additional \$146 million would go for programs to curb underage smoking, while \$50 million would be set aside to pay for 1,300 counselors at middle schools.

Other proposed spending includes:

■ \$85 million for the prison drug treatment programs.

■ A \$75.4 million increase in the Defense Department's budget for drug-fighting in the Caribbean, Mexico and South America.

■ \$49 million for the National Institutes of Health to expand research on drug and underage alcohol use.

■ \$24.5 million to hire the new Drug Enforcement Administration special agents, who would target methamphetamine sales and production.

Sharpton offers no proof for accusations in defamation lawsuit

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP) — Ten years ago, the Rev. Al Sharpton boldly stated he had proof that a white prosecutor raped and abducted a 15-year-old black girl named Tawana Brawley.

But when he was called to the witness stand last week to defend himself against a \$395 million defamation lawsuit, Sharpton offered no specific facts linking the then-prosecutor, Steven Pagones, and others to the alleged attack.

He could only point to one person as the source of his "evidence" — Brawley.

"This young lady said these are the people who did it," the civil rights activist said.

That may not be enough to protect Sharpton and two other advisers to Miss Brawley — C. Vernon Mason and Alton Maddox — against Pagones' lawsuit.

The three repeatedly said that Pagones was one of a group of white men who abducted Brawley in November 1987, raped her, smeared feces on her and left her in a garbage bag near her home.

A special grand jury rejected Brawley's story, finding no evidence to support her claim of rape. At Pagones' request, the panel also specifically exonerated him.

When Sharpton took the stand

for the first time in the case last week, he and jurors were shown decade-old videos of the trio lambasting authorities for not arresting Pagones and other men they named as Brawley's attackers.

In one clip, Sharpton said: "I do repeat that Pagones, Patterson and Crist were part of this attack on Tawana Brawley," referring to state trooper Scott Patterson and part-time policeman Harry Crist.

Patterson is still a trooper. Crist committed suicide soon after Brawley was found. His friends said it was because of personal

problems not related to the case.

When asked by Pagones lawyer William Stanton what proof he had for the accusation against his client, Sharpton said: "The identification of Steven Pagones' picture by Tawana Brawley."

Sharpton also pointed to medical records which he said showed Brawley suffered some kind of trauma, and said people had come forward with information about the case.

But he gave no specifics, and repeatedly said "I don't recall" when asked if he made state-

ments or gave interviews in which he accused Pagones.

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Wind and rain lash California, bringing new fears

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Wind-driven rain pelted soggy California on Saturday after a brief break, renewing the threat of landslides along the northern coast and swelling rivers already flowing at the warning stage.

No major letup is in sight. "We expect to have a two-month continuation of this type of weather, so we're prepared to hunker down," said James Bailey, a spokesman for the state flood center.

Ten people have died in the series of storms that began last month. Preliminary damage estimates reached \$300 million, but that figure was limited to 22 counties and did not include landslide damage. Since then, emergencies have been declared in a total of 31 counties, making them eligible for government aid.

U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis Herman on Saturday announced a federal emergency grant of \$25 million to help workers whose jobs have been lost or disrupted by recent floods. The money could help as many as 2,000 workers, Herman said.

The latest storm system, pro-



Field workers install a pump in a Merrill Farms cauliflower field as rain begins again near Salinas, Calif., Saturday. Several thousand acres of prime farmland have been flooded by recent rains, with more heavy rain predicted for this weekend. Growers expect shortages of crops like lettuce, broccoli, artichokes, and cauliflower, due to crop losses to storms, with higher prices to be reflected in the markets.

ducing wind gusting to 40 mph and up to 2 inches of rain, hit the coast late Friday and headed inland, dumping a half-foot of snow in the Sierra Nevada by Saturday afternoon.

Thunderstorms and scattered rain were forecast through Sunday and state meteorologist Elizabeth Morse said a new storm was due Monday, hitting the central and southern parts of the

state the hardest.

State emergency crews watched two trouble spots: minor leaks reported in levees along the San Joaquin and Stanislaus rivers, and the sodden hills at Rio Nido north of San Francisco, where landslides already had destroyed a half-dozen homes and forced the evacuation of 140 residents.

Throughout the San Francisco Bay area, residents had to evacuate dozens of hillside homes because of unstable soil. One house in Berkeley was ordered destroyed to prevent it from sliding onto others.

Police in Los Angeles kept watch over a mudslide in the city's Canoga Park section that had damaged at least five homes and sent a garage tumbling down a hillside early Friday. Five families were evacuated but no injuries were reported.

Sprawling Clear Lake, which had already flooded at least 80 homes 150 miles northeast of San Francisco, was still rising Saturday and expected to reach its highest point in more than a decade by late Monday.

Study questions belief that less fat in diet is always better

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The often repeated advice that everyone should eat less fat and more carbohydrates is coming under challenge.

New research finds that cutting fat levels much below the typical American diet probably won't lower the risk of heart disease for the majority of adults, and it might even increase the hazard for some.

On average, fat makes up 34 percent of the calories in the American diet, and this is already close to the level recommended by major health organizations. The American Heart Association suggests that 30 percent or less of calories should come from fat.

Nevertheless, "there is a movement toward even further fat restriction," said Dr. Ronald Krauss of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory at the University of California.

He noted that many individuals, sometimes with the encouragement of doctors and other health professionals, believe that if a low-fat diet is good, an even lower fat one should be better still.

Krauss is head of the heart association's nutrition committee, which writes the organization's dietary guidelines. At a meeting Saturday of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he presented new evidence of why very low fat diets may be good for some but bad for others.

He said his data suggest that about one-third of the U.S. population may benefit from reducing fat intake below 30 percent. Another one-third will neither be helped nor harmed by this. And the final third may actually increase their risk of heart disease.

Krauss noted that evidence in favor of lowering fat and replacing it with carbohydrates comes from studies that look at average cholesterol levels across large population groups.

"These fail to reflect the tremendous amount of individual variation," he said.

Just how someone's cholesterol level responds to diet depends, at least in part, on the genes that he or she inherits. Probably many genes are involved, and no one knows what they are.

However, once these genes are identified, Krauss said it should be possible to tailor people's diets to match the needs of their genetic profiles.

One factor in all this appears to be the kind of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, or LDL, that peo-

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ple produce. While LDL is generally known as the bad cholesterol, since it increases the risk of clogged arteries, it comes in two varieties.

By far the worse is what experts call small, dense LDL. Between 20 percent and 30 percent of adults make this kind of LDL. It is part of a syndrome that also often includes low levels of HDL, the protective good cholesterol, and high triglycerides, among other things.

Those with small, dense LDL have what's known as a pattern B cholesterol profile. Their risk of heart disease is about three times higher than the majority of Americans, who have larger LDL and are considered to be pattern A.

Krauss put 105 men on a low-fat diet in which 24 percent of calories

came from fat. This is close to what's typically achieved with AHA's more rigorous Step 2 diet, intended for those who have trouble lowering their cholesterol.

He found that men with pattern B cholesterol responded strongly to the low-fat diet, significantly improving their cholesterol levels. However, those with more normal pattern A showed little or no benefit.

Indeed, about 40 percent of them actually shifted from pattern A to pattern B. Their protective HDL dropped significantly, and they developed the small, dense LDL.

"This may give some caution to very low-fat diets in these individuals," said Krauss.

For now, doctors cannot easily determine whether their patients

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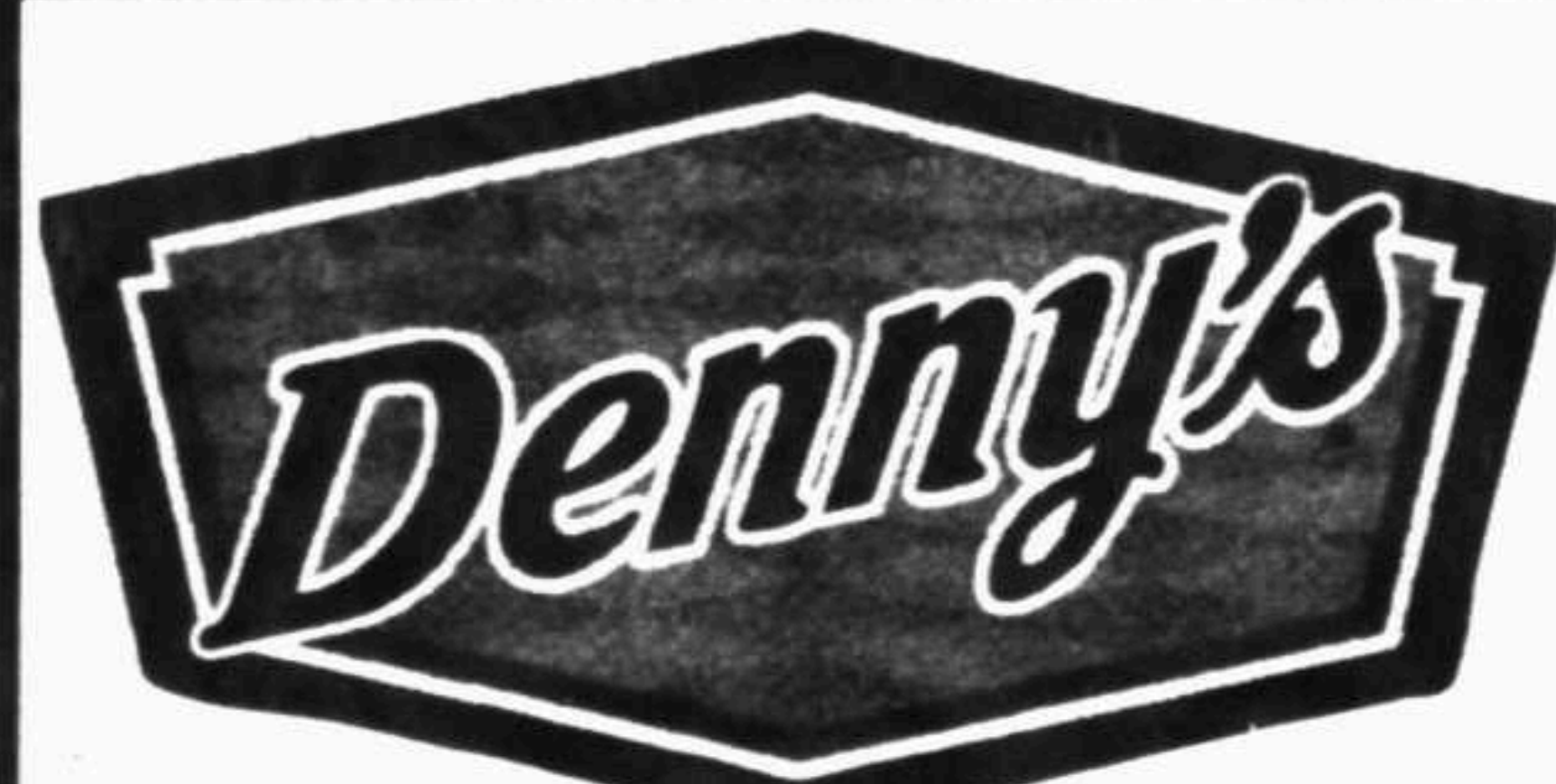
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The Web separates the women from the Cybergrrls

NEW YORK (AP) — Aliza Sherman is a cybergrrl, part of an underground Internet scene of bristling 'zines, leftist political activism and moxie.

Cybergrrls — they also call themselves netchicks or webgrls — are a geeky clique meeting on the Net since the late '80s. Sherman logged on in 1989.

She is the founder of Cybergrl Inc., created to help women empower themselves by using the Net. She is the author of "Cybergrl: A Woman's Guide to the World Wide Web." She likes to play shoot-'em-up computer games such as Doom.

Laura Groppe is not a cybergrl. She's new to the Net and part of the fastest growing group online: 30- to 50-year-old women who are anything but geeky. Groppe is the president of Girl Games, which designs CD-ROM games for girls. The games are play-tested by her 5- and 15-year-old nieces. The younger one loves Barbie.

A self-confessed technophobe, Groppe didn't log on until 1994. When she surfs the Web, she frequents big new sites created for people like her: sites with advice on fashion, health and relationships that echo traditional women's magazines such as Glamour and Cosmopolitan.

Cybergrrls think the big new sites are a waste of Web. They say they don't want to hear the same old message they can get on the newsstand: that they are only as good as their dress size, and the secret to happiness is bagging and keeping a man.

Women like Groppe, and those who develop the big sites they frequent, say they don't have time for the endless cybergrl online chatter about what software is best, whether one can be both technically competent and feminine, or how computers empower women. They want to log on, get their health tips and log off.

The two groups represent different views of what women want in life, and how they can get it in today's wired society. Where the cybergrrls see the Web as a place to network and be heard, developers of the big mainstream sites see a potential market of 52.4 million American women by 2002.

GRRLS GET WIRED

Although women have lagged behind men in logging on, they are not latecomers to computers. In fact, the first programmer was Ada Byron Lovelace, a Victorian countess born in 1815. She envisioned a steam-driven contraption called the Analytical Engine, to be used to create complex art, music and graphics. It could be programmed by punch cards. It was never built, however.

In 1979, more than 150 years after her birth, the Defense Department named a computer language "Ada" in her honor. Ten years later, Sherman, one of the first cybergrrls, logged on.

She felt she was the only woman on the Net. She wasn't far off. In the late '80s and early '90s, only 2 percent of the Net's population was female.

Although the women of the early Net were much like the guys — a little geeky, a little funky, pretty creative — they were somewhat intimidated and largely silent.

"In the 1980s, I didn't say much," said Carla Sinclair, author of "Netchick: A Smart-Girl Guide to the Wired World," who first logged on in 1984. "The men used to be elite and snotty."

But the early cybergrrls discovered each other, and when the World Wide Web came along in 1993 and made the Internet easier to use, theirs was one of the first online subcultures to emerge.

THE 'ZINE SCENE

Soon, netgrls sites were bubbling with creativity, emotional support and impassioned chatter about politics and women's issues.

The grrls remain one of the feistiest subcultures on the Net, full of Web 'zines (slang for the small, independent magazines) with names like AmazonCity, gURL, MAXI, Bust and Minx.

One site, named Wench, rails against revelations of rape in the military and ridicules bubble gum comic Bazooka Joe's airhead girlfriend. Another, Minx, examines the history of Rosie the Riveter and advises how to make shards of corporate glass ceilings.

It's edgy stuff and lots of fun. So Sherman, now 30, decided to get in on the action. Along with Cybergrl Inc., she founded Webgrls International, a networking group that seeks to bring women online and show them the value of technology in their personal and professional lives. Today it counts 100 chapters worldwide and more than 10,000 members.

One of Sherman's earliest acts as a leading cybergrl was to create Femina, the first search engine for women's Web sites.

She gave it a pink background. Sherman likes pink. It's her favorite color.

"I can't tell you how many women e-mailed me, outraged that I would stereotype women," she said. "Here I have created the first search engine for women's sites, and the background color

has become a political issue. I think women should create things they love, that they're comfortable with."

The color clash was emblematic of the cybergrrl scene, a wide-ranging mix of ideas and ideology freely, and loudly, expressed. But they fear the rollicking discussions may disappear as the Net morphs into a mainstream commercial medium, thanks largely to America Online.

CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

AOL, based in Dulles, Va., is the single largest presence in cyberspace, with 10 million members and piles of money. Its easy-to-use interface tends to attract people who are less technical and geeky than the rest of the Net.

Half of all American households wired use AOL. And almost half of AOL's members, 4.6 million, are women.

And, globally, more women than ever are coming online. Today, the Webis 40 percent female: about 19.5 million women. By 2002, the figures will be 45 percent, or 52.4 million women, according to Jupiter Communications, a New York consulting group.

Women coming online are mostly older than the twentysomething cybergrrls who found a talent for the Net in college. They are women in their 30s, 40s and 50s — women like Groppe, 34, the Girl Games founder, who are too busy with work and life to spend hours online.

She wants to sign on, tune in and sign off, snatching a quick moment to get some specific answers.

"That's very common for the 30 to 40 crowd because we don't have any time," she said.

It's for women like her that the major commercial women's sites are being created. These new sites look less like cybergrl coffee houses and more like upscale salons.

HomeArts, iVillage, Women's Wire, and more recently, AOL's Electra. They are like Cosmopolitan magazine without the sex and almost universally reviled by cybergrrls. The site builders don't care.

"We did a lot of focus group research, and this is what women

wanted," said Joy Every, vice president of programming for Electra. "We're trying to reach the largest group."

Her audience is "a sweet spot" demographic with lots of buying power appealing to advertisers. Visa and cosmetics conglomerate Cosmair are sponsors.

The site offers money advice; a column called "Token Male," written by a man; job listings; style and beauty tips; horoscopes. Where cybergrl discussion areas offer fierce debate, Electra's resemble mild letters to the editor.

It's the same story on Women's Wire and iVillage: beauty and fashion tips and relationships. Although profiles and financial advice are mixed in with horo-

scopes and celebrity gossip, the overall impression is of Madeleine on a computer screen.

AOL's Electra takes a more serious tone at times, covering career and money issues such as "How do I rejoin the job market?" and "Should I borrow against the equity in my house to pay off my debt?" But here, too, are the horoscopes, beauty and fashion tips ("Don't pair pieces that cut you in half through your middle if you want to dress slimmer.")

It is relentlessly mainstream. Or, as one 18-year-old wrote: "Thank you for a very down-to-earth, sincere site for women about women, without the lace and fancy bows or the 'I'm so strong I don't need anyone.'"



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Biotech frontier to offer modern medical gains

Biotech drugs have already been making headlines in recent years, but what has been seen to this point is nothing compared to what will be witnessed during the next five years, say the experts.

Currently, they say, scores of new products that will bring far-reaching changes to health care are moving rapidly through clinical trials due to exciting research. Thanks to a new law that speeds up the Food & Drug Administration's clearance process, the new drugs will be giving hope with in the next few years for treatment of illnesses long believed incurable.

The possibilities are almost unbelievable:

- Cancer will see the most advances in treatment, say researchers, with some drugs targeting cancer the way smart bombs target specific locations for destruction. Drugs will focus specifically on the brain, liver, breast, colon, lung, skin, prostate and ovary of patients for treatment.

- A cancer vaccine is being tested which boosts the immune system of patients to kill new cancer cells. While the vaccine won't prevent cancer, it will halt its spread, researchers report.

- More potent drug doses also will be possible over longer periods of time, an improvement over less-specific chemotherapy.

- Researchers also note some biotech drugs will cause cells to switch off their cancer-causing genes while others will make cancer cells more vulnerable to drugs already available. Still others will infect and kill cells that carry the characteristics of cancer cells.

Those aren't the only medical breakthroughs coming, however. Others will include:

- Vaccines for malaria, Lyme disease and eventually even AIDS.

- Inhalers that administer new biotech drugs, including an inhalable flu vaccine to curb virus reproduction; one for cold symptoms; and even inhalable insulin for diabetics within three or four years.

Researchers predict that biotech breakthroughs will keep aging from being as debilitating. Drugs will remove the pain of arthritis, combat osteoporosis, generate new arteries to reduce the need of some bypass surgery, even effectively treat Alzheimer's patients within five to 10 years.

These mind-boggling changes may seem too fantastic to believe now, but they are the wonders that modern medicine has opened up through the biotech revolution.

If even a portion of the medical advances now being predicted come to pass, millions will be the beneficiaries of less suffering and longer, healthier lives.

Despite all the negativism, perhaps it's true that today really is the best time of all to be alive.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 1998. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine blew up in Havana harbor, killing more than 260 crew members. The explosion — never satisfactorily explained — brought the United States closer to war with Spain over the issue of Cuban independence.

On this date:

In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1933, President-elect Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that claimed the life of Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak.

JACK ANDERSON

Gramm throws himself into job of U.S. senator

WASHINGTON — Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, has little in common with Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass. But without fanfare, the conservative Gramm is borrowing a page from the political playbook of the liberal stalwart from Massachusetts.

Not long ago, a common water-cooler joke in the capital held that the most dangerous place to be standing in Washington was between Gramm and a television camera. But last month, Gramm didn't even bother showing up for the media cattle-call in the Capitol's Statuary Hall after Clinton's state-of-the-union speech. While other senators and representatives eagerly threw themselves to the waiting media horde, Gramm beat a rapid retreat after Clinton's speech.

These days, instead of posturing for the cameras, Gramm is doing what Kennedy did after putting his presidential ambitions aside more than a decade ago: He's throwing himself into the job of U.S. senator. While many of his colleagues are politicking by polls and sound-bites, Gramm is quietly and methodically tackling two of the most difficult public policy issues of our time: Social Security and Medicare.

His willingness to take on these issues make him almost a solitary figure in today's GOP. After the drubbing they took from President Clinton on Medicare in 1995, many Republicans would rather

be caught naked with an intern than be accused of trying to take health care or pension checks away from senior citizens. Not Gramm, who isn't afraid to take on what promises to be a defining battle in the years ahead.

Gramm has been using his chairmanship of the Republican Steering Committee — a group of conservative GOP senators — to woo support from his fellow senators on entitlement issues. A recent Wednesday Steering Committee meeting featured a presentation on Medicare reform. The Wednesday before that, Gramm brought in Harvard economics professor Martin Feldstein to discuss his vision of an "investment-based" Social Security program.

"I've been working now for about two years on these two issues," Gramm told us, "on as much of a full-time basis as a politician can ever work on something. And we're developing a concrete program to try to move from a debt-based system for Medicare and Social Security to an investment-based system."

His idea is to take the "surplus" in the Social Security trust fund — about 3 cents of every dollar in wages — and invest it in real assets that gain value over time. The money would still be deducted as part of the payroll tax; it just wouldn't be put in the "trust fund," converted into Treasury notes and used to fund current government services, as is now the case. The investments would be regulated by the federal government for safety and soundness.

"The only thing I've found that is powerful enough to dig us out of this hole (when the baby boom generation begins retiring)," Gramm continued, "is the power of compound interest."

Getting something passed into law will be a difficult — if not impossible — task, at least this year. President Clinton raised the profile of the issue when he proposed "reserving" any federal budget surplus

until something is done to fix Social Security. But in typical fashion, he offered no solutions to pay for the retirement needs of his and future generations.

"For people who are really working in this area, they are disappointed that having raised (Social Security), he didn't say anything," Gramm said. "It's obvious it was simply a political ploy. But that doesn't mean we can't use it to help promote a legitimate program."

It's a task that's sure to earn him enemies. But then, Gramm has never been overly popular with his colleagues. The former Democrat has always had trouble finding his niche in the GOP. Once a college economics professor, Gramm doesn't get as worked up over hot-button social issues as some others. As a presidential candidate two years ago, he alienated many social conservatives when he told Dr. James Dobson, head of the influential Focus on Family organization, that he was "running for president, not preacher."

Gramm's humbling may have something to do with the drubbing he took in the 1996 presidential primaries. After two years of tireless work preparing for a presidential run, Gramm spent \$28 million and wound up winning only two national delegates. It was a classic Washington candidacy. Gramm's money and preparation caught the attention of the political intelligentsia. But he never caught the imagination of voters.

Asked at the end of an interview if he plans to run for president again, Gramm responds: "Not at the moment I'm not."

It just may be that this singularly ambitious politician will leave his biggest mark on the institution that he once regarded as a stepping-stone.

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Anderson



RUSSELL BAKER

Everyone has secrets and Big Brother is listening

1984 is dead and gone, but Big Brother lives. His inescapable eye and his ever-present ear are watching, listening.

Use the phone and he'll tape your talk. Go to bed and he'll bug your mattress. Also your walls, light fixtures, pajamas, sleeping pills, hot-water bottle.

Hug a girl and his wire will make you break out in hives if you are allergic to listening machines attached to women.

Take a walk and he'll film your feet and anyone you chance to meet, poor devils, for they could end up with \$75,000 in lawyer's bills to fend off indictment for meeting a man on the street. A man who was being watched.

A man under... surveillance! Big Brother is watching, listening. In an old Methodist Sunday School hymn we used to sing:

"All through the night, all through the night, the Savior has been watching over me..."

I think of it often now while clawing my way through the daily scandal-and-crime budget, and I wonder if we kids in our Sunday suits and shining faces would have been better armed for survival in the new age by musical warnings that Big Brother, too, was watching over us.

It might even have been theologically instructive. As the poet Milton reminds us, God gave us Satan as well as the Savior.

George Orwell, who created Big Brother in his novel "1984," envisioned the ever-watching monster as a political tyrant. Orwell loved democracy, but was pessimistic about it. Living in an age of tyrants, he thought 20th-century technology could produce indestructible political dictators.

He was wrong about this. It was the new technology that made tyranny on the Soviet model obsolete. Still, there are tyrannies and tyrannies. A world in which surveillance is inescapable cannot be everyone's dream of a democratic Paradise.

And the surveillance is not confined to officially authorized busybodies like the FBI. Kenneth Starr and your local cop with his radar gun.

It was a private citizen with his own video camera who photographed the Los Angeles police beat-

ing Rodney King. Such cameras are everywhere nowadays. Pick your nose and you could wind up in The National Enquirer. Stand in the backyard spanking your disobedient 5-year-old and you could end up doing hard time for child abuse.

President Clinton's immediate pickle results because Monica Lewinsky, apparently a compulsive gasbag, talked and talked and talked into a tape recorder on a friend's telephone.

Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, the alleged sexual harasser of military women, learned at his court-martial the other day that a witness whom he'd phoned had been taping him for the prosecution.

The sensible policy, especially if lawyers are after you, is to stay off the telephone and not talk face-to-face to anyone who refuses to be frisked for hidden radios.

As for cell phones, no sane person will say anything of the slightest consequence on them. You might as well broadcast it on network television, as Prince Charles discovered when the British press published his cell-phone chatter with the woman he loved.

It is wise, too, to keep the lip buttoned and move with the greatest stealth in all private settings. Martin Luther King's failure to do so rewarded J. Edgar Hoover with the infamous King boudoir tapes which, Hoover hoped, would "destroy the burrhead."

I hear it said that people who have nothing to hide need not fear this strangulating technology of surveillance. And where are they, these people with nothing to hide?

As the political genius Willie Stark observes in Robert Penn Warren's great political novel, "All the King's Men," man is conceived in sin, born in corruption and goes from the stink of the didie to the stench of the shroud. "There is something on everybody."

Kenneth Starr has spent years and millions illustrating the truth of Willie's philosophy. For lesser mortals among us, the terrible evidence of Big Brother's triumph comes when you phone a faraway catalogue house and find that a clerk knows your full name, address, phone number, probably your morning blood-pressure reading and which movie you rented last Tuesday.

But this is progress. We must not whine about progress. Big Brother, we thank thee for knowing us so completely.

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GEORGE WILL

Lawyers fees are another wrinkle in tobacco settlement

WASHINGTON — People commenting on, and concocting plans for spending the proceeds from, the tobacco settlement often neglect to mention that there is no settlement. But, then, there is no reason anything should be reasonable about a tobacco policy that rests on the peculiar premise that government is a victim of smokers. Or of tobacco companies. Or something.

The latest wrinkle in this farcical melee is the little matter of the lawyers' big fees. But begin with the root irrationality of policy toward the tobacco industry.

The attorney general of Texas, where exaggeration is not illegal, says that industry ranks "alongside the worst of civilization's evil empires." If so, there is a moral ambiguity in plans to fund social programs from an evil which must be kept very profitable if it is to be the funder.

The Economist notes that the tobacco industry's long insistence that smoking is neither harmful nor habit-forming is history's most spectacularly unsuccessful disinformation campaign, there being almost no sentient person who believes it. Furthermore, there are now more Americans who have quit the addiction of smoking than who smoke. And only seven of 34 recent studies have found statistically significant health effects from passive smoking ("secondhand smoke").

Most important, users of cigarettes — the world's most heavily taxed consumer good — save society money because one in three of them dies prematurely, thereby minimizing the drain on public pension and nursing home entitlements. Regarding tobacco's effect on state governments, see "From Cash Crop to Cash Cow: How Tobacco Profits State Governments" in Regulation quarterly, by W. Kip Viscusi of Harvard Law School.

However, mere reason and arithmetic are unavailing when the political winds are up, so the tobacco companies are prepared to pay, in effect, protection money, \$386.5 billion of it. They hope to buy immunity from future lawsuits arising from the indestructible, because lucrative, fallacies that The Economist and many others refute.

But only Congress can limit the companies' liability. If Congress does not, the settlement will unravel. And among the things that make Congress, among others, irritable about the settlement are the stupendous jackpots, totaling perhaps \$45-55 billion, that may come to lawyers hired by state governments on contingency fee contracts.

For example, a Florida judge, who rejected that state's contingency fee agreement as "unconscionable and clearly excessive," calculated that the lawyers would be paid an hourly rate of \$7,716 — assuming each lawyer billed for working 24 hours a day, every day, during the 42-month case. Some lawyers around the country probably stand to be paid hundreds of thousands of dollars per hour of actual work.

Rep. Chris Cox, R-Calif., together with Reps. Paul McCrory, D-Pa., and Scott McInnis, R-Colo., authored legislation that would stipulate a top hourly rate of \$150 per hour. Cox argues that the state governments, all of which employ herds of lawyers, had no need to hire outside lawyers for litigation which involved no novel techniques or arcane theories. And hiring them on a contingency fee basis made a mockery of that problematic form of compensation.

Contingency fee arrangements, under which a lawyer is paid nothing if his side loses and a fixed percentage of the settlement if his side wins, have traditionally been deemed unethical.

The United States long ago made a narrow, "necessary evil" exception to the general proscription of contingency fees in order to help give poor people access to the courts. And the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility stated that "a lawyer generally should decline to accept employment on a contingent-fee basis by one who is able to pay a reasonable fixed fee." State government can pay such a fee.

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By Karen M

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LETTERS

Paper shouldn't try to mold public opinion

Alice Ashmore's article in the Feb. 10 Midland Reporter-Telegram, "Reaction to Thomas sentence mixed among local law officers," was nothing more than a veiled attempt at jury bashing. Ms. Ashmore has proven herself to be a well-balanced and fair reporter. I suspect that this assignment must have come on high at the "right wing rag."

For shame! At the very time that we are attempting to make juries more comfortable with their service and citizens less resistant to participating in this most basic of all democratic processes, the Reporter-Telegram and law enforcement once again commence their public opinion manipulation process.

Honor the jury and its service. Quit trying to mold public opinion to fit your own personal desires.
Glen Aaron, II

Thought should be given to service

John Paul Pitts made some really direct hits in his item about unmanned phone systems and giving well-deserved credit to Vickie Long was the perfect compliment to this hard-working devoted person. Not only does Vickie do a great job for the paper, she has the uncanny ability to recognize the caller after just a few words. Even though I do not call in very often, she is very quick to ask, "How may I direct your call, Mr. Farkle," which certainly makes the caller feel like a recognizable individual. Thank you John and Vickie.

However, while being frustrated with automation in the oil industry, I doubt Pitts has encountered anything more patience challenging than the telephone company; especially repair service. They have you punch in all those ones and twos and area codes etc., then you finally have to explain it all to a real person, that is if you are fortunate enough to ever get to a real person.

Just this morning I spent 53 minutes making four separate calls to the phone company just to find out what the federal, state, and local tax rates are applied to their bills. Not only that, but the phone company subjects you to that gad-awful music on hold. I am all for progress, but some thought should be given to providing realistic, caring customer service.

E.T. Farkle

Clinton has many impeachable offenses

Adultery is not an impeachable offense but bribery is. As immoral as Bill Clinton's sexual appetites may be, they are no more or no less acceptable than those of past presidents. But the pervasive hullabaloo over Clinton's insatiable sex drive is a mere cover up of his impeachable offenses.

All attention should be centered upon the president's acceptance of bribes from the Chinese. Bribes for what? How about control of Naval bases within the confines of the United States? How about the nationalization of most of the state of Utah by presidential fiat guaranteeing Indonesian monopoly of the coal industry? And I might add, payment for this favor paid off Clinton's 1992 campaign debt. There are many other offenses

committed by the president that affect the security and sovereignty of the United States that are more treacherous, if not treasonous, than his sexual peccadilloes. The turning of our armed services over to the United Nations; the eviscerating of our defense budget; allowing the U.N. to initiate control of American rivers, (they already control 22 parks and monuments); the movement to allow a U.N. tax upon U.S. citizens; the use of U.S. forces in Bosnia under the U.N. flag. The list goes on. Those are the impeachable offenses of the president — not the craven sexual appetite of Bill Clinton.

Jere C. Hubbard

We need to attract quality teachers

I was delighted to read the Midland school board is addressing our declining competitive position in regard to teacher salaries. Midland always attracted quality teachers due largely to offering higher than average starting salaries. We need to continue to attract the best and the brightest. If we don't have good teachers, it doesn't much matter what else we have.

Midland always has been a community that gives generously when it comes to children. Let's continue that tradition. I'm ready and willing to pay higher school taxes to ensure that my children and all those in Midland get the education they deserve — an excellent education. We certainly don't want to be known as the community whose citizens would rather save their money than their children.

The measure of our success as a community is how we treat our children. Continuing to do what it takes to attract great teachers and providing quality facilities for all children will ensure Midland's success.

Becky Ferguson

Prude has dedication to be commissioner

Most of us in Midland County really do not realize the many details involved and the tremendous workload in successfully operating the business of our county commissioners. In addition, we fail to see the time and energy that has to be sacrificed in order to accomplish an efficient operation of such a huge responsibility.

It is good to know that the people of Midland County Precinct 4 have a man like Randy Prude, who is able and willing to serve in this capacity to accomplish great things for Midland County.

His dedication to God and country, his education, his success in the business world, and strong families ties all tend to qualify him for the duties that are required of him as our county commissioner.

Considering his excellent qualifications and his sincere dedication, we can feel secure in voting for Randy Prude for county commissioner of Precinct 4.

Ed Poulter

Ott forgets foundation of community — oil

Gary Ott, in his "Rambling Thoughts" column of Feb. 10, reveals that one of his favorite new words is "misspoke."

He then confirms this by miss-

peaking; rejoicing in the temporarily depressed pump price of gasoline, forgetting the foundation of the community in which he lives. Like a TV weatherman moaning about an upcoming rainy day, Ott forgets that the fortunes of the Permian Basin rise and fall with the blessings of rainfall, and the price of oil and gas.

If the price of gasoline were \$2 per gallon nationwide, newcomers would scarcely recognize our city. As has been the case in the past, business would be booming, housing would be at a premium, our tax base would be enhanced, unemployment would be nil, and the mini-depressions caused by low oil prices would be forgotten. Everyone in the basin would benefit from the good fortunes of our oil entrepreneurs.

Gosh, I wish I could pay more for a tankful than I can pay now!
Joe Hathaway

Progress thwarted by modernists in offices

"Old fogies" or not, there are a whole lot of us who can applaud John Paul Pitts "Unmanned phone system communications barrier — real people send real message," in the Reporter-Telegram on Feb. 8. A lot of callers seeking any sort of information from businesses and professional firms can share his frustration. I have had the same experience (35 minutes to get to the responsible person I needed, after calling the branch office in Monahan of a major oil company that had yet to modernize with the "mechanical menu," already installed in the Midland office). Worse, I have even had it with professional firms in which certain functionaries were billing me!

John Paul's contention should be taken to heart by any number of Midland's decision-makers not only in the major oil companies but in all manner of service companies, utilities and dentist, doctors and lawyers offices. Oh, and not to overlook the most egregious failures of all in communicating, the telephone companies. Think of the irony in not being able to locate a human brain with which to resolve a communications problem with these denizens of advanced technology! Yes, John Paul, you are absolutely right in your content. Much real progress in being thwarted by the modernists in today's offices "who are penny-wise and pound foolish."

Evetts Haley, Jr.

Chamber should focus on Midland's offerings

It was interesting to watch the comments of our civic leaders last night on Channel 9 News concerning the announced relocation and layoffs of Pioneer Natural Resources. Jose Cuevas expressed confidence that Midland's independents would take up the slack left behind by the Pioneer move to Plano. Clayton Williams reminded us that this sort of thing has happened in the past and will happen again. According to Clayton, "Midland would make it fine!"

These comments are in stark contrast to the response of Midland Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Marvin Wynn. Marvin expressed sorrow that Midland had no Economic Development Fund like Odessa so that we would have a basis to compete!

The city of Midland and the members of the Midland Chamber

of Commerce deserve a chamber that is focused on what Midland has to offer! My hope is that Marvin Wynn will move to Odessa, Plano or Amarillo, where the grass is surely greener. We need a Chamber of Commerce president and staff with a firm grasp on reality.

Bruce Blake

Soldiers in Bosnia need our support, mail

A soldier in Bosnia wrote to remind us that we can send tracts and comic books along with letters to soldiers, airmen and marines in Bosnia by e-mail or by mailing letters to one of the addresses below.

The soldier stated that during these deployments, soldiers' hearts become more fertile or more hardened. Comic books are the going fad and the soldier would like to see Christian tracts in the hands of the soldiers instead of horror comics.

We owe a lot to our service members sent to duty in Bosnia and related areas. There is not peace, just no war right now. The "Bosnia experience" for our service people is usually not a good experience.

A friendly, encouraging letter from you to any service member — male or female — will help them, as such letters did for our military personnel in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, etc.

Postage on such letters is the same as on those mailed to a state side address, 32 cents for the first ounce, plus 23 cents for each additional ounce.

Try writing a few such letters. I think you'll like it. I did.

To any Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine person assigned on shore

Any Servicemember
Operation Joint Guard
APO AE 09397-0001

To any Navy or Marine person assigned aboard ship:
Any Servicemember
Operation Joint Guard
FPO AA 09398-0001

Rayburn H. Williams

We need Brezina to remain commissioner

James Brezina has served us well on the Commissioner's Court representing Precinct 4. He has spent many hours studying the relationship of the Commissioner's Court to the inner workings of the county. The primary election on March 10 will bring a new county judge and a new county commissioner of Precinct 2.

We need James Brezina to remain on the Commissioner's Court. He is a responsible fiscal conservative with tested experience and the wisdom to effectively perform his duties. He has been a balancing influence on the Commissioner's Court. He deserves to be re-elected to another term. I urge all voters in Precinct 4 to vote for James Brezina!

Margaret L. Rhea

Schneider has concern for people in district

It has been my privilege to work with Pat Schneider for the past three years, during which time I have seen her work tirelessly, fairly and with concern for the people in her district. Pat is interested in Greenwood — her daughter, son-in-law and three grandsons

live here! She understands the problems and pleasures of rural life having been a rural wife and mother herself. Pat's five years experience as a City Council member will be invaluable in her working to make Midland County Precinct 2 the best place to live.

As a Greenwood resident I urge you to vote for Pat Schneider for county commissioner Precinct 2 on March 10 or in early voting Feb. 23 through March 6.

Faye Stringer

High school students gave stellar concert

On Monday evening, Feb. 9, my wife and I had the great pleasure of listening to one of the finest classical music concerts we have heard. Of course, I am referring to the combined choirs of Lee High School and Midland High School, accompanied by the StrictLee Strings of Lee High School.

Speaking as a retired 40-year veteran in music education who has heard and adjudicated high school groups for many of those years, I feel confident in speaking to this outstanding evening of some of the finest in choral and string repertoire. I have not heard anything finer and more polished from high school students.

Having spent a career in high school, community college, and university level choral and instrumental music performances, I found myself in total awe and very moved by the performance. Not only were the musicians beautifully attired but their stage presence was professional and showed great maturity.

More importantly, their musicianship and mastery of the scores were more than adequate for the task.

How fortunate Midland is to have the music leadership it enjoys. Huge accolades are extended the three conductors, namely, professors Paula Edwards, the LHS choral director; Karen McAfee, the instrumental ensemble conductor; and Kevin Lane, the MHS choral director. I say "thank you" for your leadership, dedication and your musical artistry. You must be exceedingly proud of each student who contributed to this stellar performance.

Bryan Parnell

Bradford would run efficient government

Communities often elect their officials based on the personalities of the candidates. Or because of their address, church membership, children's school, and friends. Qualification, experience, energy and the ability and willingness to work with representatives of a cross section of the community are most often ignored. Then voters are discouraged when they get the same old business as usual.

I plan to vote for Mike Bradford for Midland County commissioner Precinct 2. I am acquainted with him. I am informed about who he is and what he has done. Bradford was the foreman of the special grand jury on juvenile gangs, which was formed by the combined district and county courts in Midland. I was impressed with the work that was done by this diversified group of rural and urban citizens. Mike understands the current needs of our country.

The reason I support Bradford is

his positive commitment to efficient and effective government. He will attend to the county's business in the same manner that he attends to his own. I believe that he will see that the current \$22 million budget will be spent with care and consideration.

If you are tired of politicians spending your tax dollars on their pet projects, then vote for Bradford.

Harold Eldridge

Bill Morrow's word is his promise

In the upcoming primary election for county judge, Midland voters have the opportunity to elect a man of leadership, vision and fairness. Bill Morrow. We have known Bill for many years and have seen his effectiveness as a businessman, an attorney, and as a member of the Midland City Council and numerous community organizations.

One of the reasons that we feel Bill is so qualified to serve as county judge is his strong background and his willingness to devote the time necessary to accomplish a task. Bill's administrative expertise coupled with his excellent knowledge of the law will enhance the effectiveness of the county judge's office.

Bill's administrative capabilities and legal skills are outstanding, but just as important is the integrity that he has demonstrated throughout his career. Bill Morrow's word is his promise. He has pledged that as county judge he will carefully study each issue, listen to the positions of others, treat all people with respect and courtesy, seek the best available solution, work in harmony with other elected officials, and administer and preside fairly and efficiently. We believe him and know that he will do all these things with complete dedication and enthusiasm.

We hope that you will join us in voting for Bill Morrow.

Clark and Shirley Butts

We should be able to choose company

I understand that the Texas Senate is studying the issues of whether or not we should have competition for electric service. To me, this is a simple issue. Competition is always better than a monopoly. If people in California to Rhode Island can pick who they buy electricity from, why shouldn't we?

TU Electric was ordered by the Texas Public Utility Commission to give a rebate to all its customers because it has been overcharging us for many years. If I find out that the guy who works on my car has been overcharging me and wouldn't refund my money until someone else made him you can bet I won't use him again to fix my car. Yet, there is nothing I can do but keep using TU Electric because I don't have a choice.

This newspaper needs to do more to cover this issue. We pride ourselves on being conservative and pro-business. Nothing is more pro-business than free enterprise and competition. We need to write letters to our elected officials and tell them we support our right to choose with whom we do business and from whom we buy our electric service from.

Buddy Duncan
Big Spring

SPEAKING OUT

Parental involvement should be part of everyday living

By Karen Nicholson

Parental involvement — what is it?

In reports by a special Midland County grand jury about gang activity and in a survey on student drug use by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, parental involvement was cited as something that makes a difference. The schools point to parental involvement as necessary both to improve students' academic performance and to lessen discipline problems. In fact, in both national and regional media stories about student achievement and behavior, education research is used to support how crucial parental involvement is. What then is parental involvement?

When the schools or PTA mention parental involvement I hope parents realize that "voluntarism," while a factor, is NOT the ONLY means for parental involvement. If parents have the time and inclination to volunteer in the schools, that is wonderful and sends a powerful message to students about the priority that education plays in the families that volunteer. However, some have neither the interest nor the free time during school hours for volunteering. What other things does a parent do to be "involved?"

See that your child gets to school — on time, every day. That sends a clear message that education is important to your family. Read

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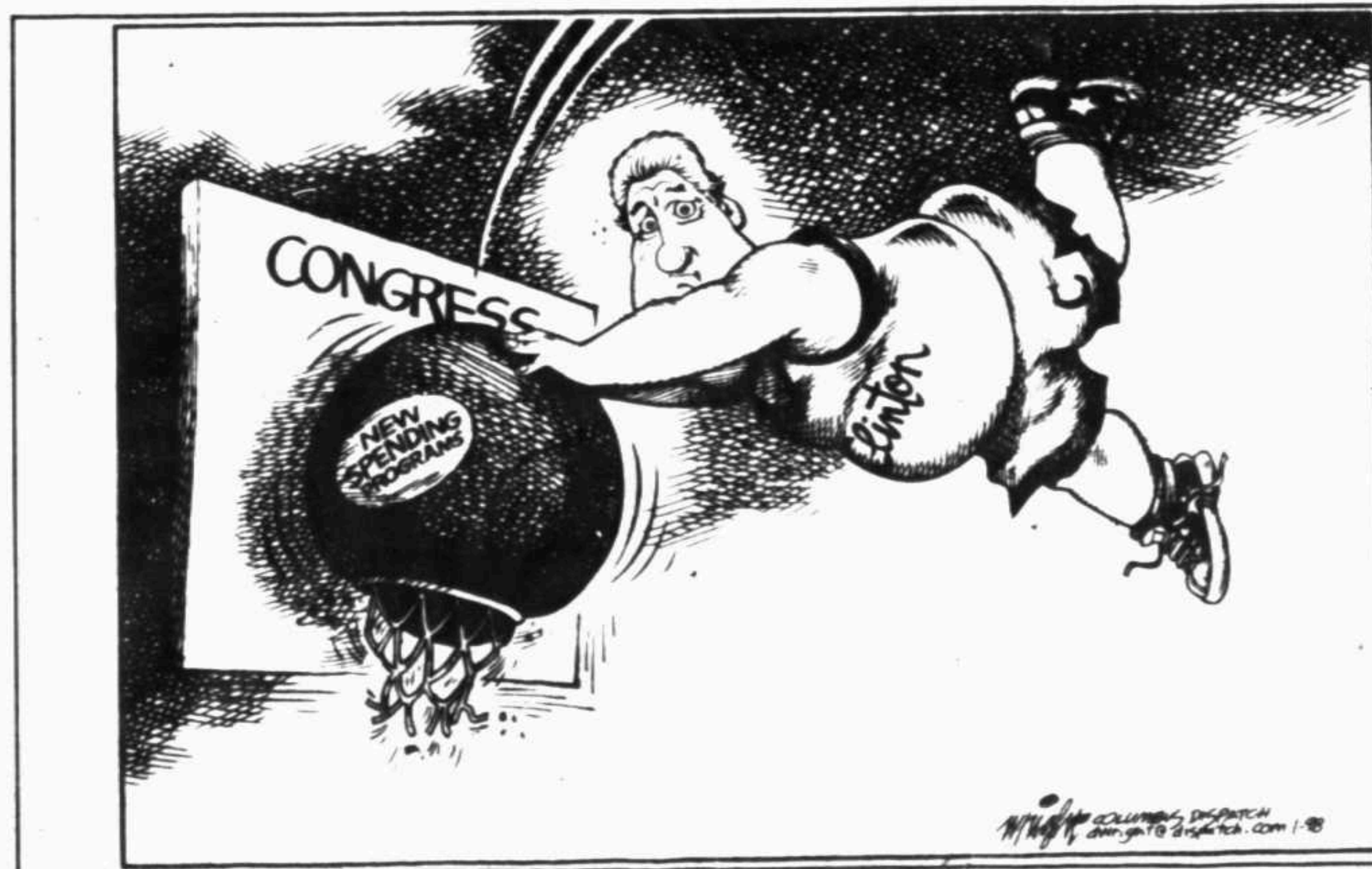
with and in front of your children. Insist that homework be done and provide the necessary support. Parental involvement is not doing your child's work for him/her. See that your child has something nutritious to eat before going to school. Small children, particularly, find it difficult to concentrate when they are hungry — or find it difficult to stay on task when they've had too much caffeine or sugar. All children, even preschoolers, should have responsibilities in the home and within the family.

Parental involvement is forming a partnership with school staff. Talk to teachers and counselors; approach those encounters with the attitude that you and they are part of a team that wants the best for your child. Give your children respect and insist that they show respect for you and for others. Model the good behavior, the values, and the spirituality you expect. Know where your children are and who their friends are. Involve your children in conversa-

tion. Talk with your children, not "to" them. Let them express opinions, even if they differ from yours; make sure those differences are clearly discussed.

Set limits. Some decisions and limits can have the child's input, even at a young age. Some items are non-negotiable; make sure the child knows those and why. Once limits are set, be firm in enforcing those limits. See that there are consequences for inappropriate behavior. At all ages, let your child make choices and live with the consequences. Very young children need not have negative consequences to choices they make. Be sure the choices given at every age are appropriate, and the consequences are not injurious or life threatening. For example, the choice whether or not to drink and particularly whether or not to drink and drive is not an appropriate choice for teen-agers and has consequences that most parents are not willing to chance. Death or a lifelong disability is not a viable consequence!

Parental involvement is many things. It should be a part of everyday living. Especially it is setting clear expectations with high standards. "Practice what you preach." Even the very young notice inconsistencies. Very simply, then, parent involvement is literally being "involved" in your child's life — in all aspects of your child's life. Parental involvement is being a responsible parent.



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Transplant of animal organs not accepted by society, patient says

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Science may be ready to transplant animal organs into humans before society is ready to accept the procedure, according to a San Francisco man who was grafted with the bone marrow of a baboon.

Jeffrey Getty, an AIDS patient, said his health improved markedly after he received an experimental transplant of baboon bone marrow, but he found that people were horrified at the idea.

"We're not ready to have part human, part animal people walking around," Getty said Saturday. "There is some deep-seeded psy-

chological barrier against it."

Getty, speaking at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said his experimental transplant of baboon bone marrow was an attempt to place within his body a partial animal immune system that is resistant to the virus. For a time, it seemed to work.

"I did get better, but we don't know if that was because of the baboon bone marrow," he said. "We couldn't find baboon DNA (genes) in me after three weeks. It apparently was rejected."

What he did find was a visceral reaction against the transplant by many people. He said he endured jokes, angry comments and signs of revulsion.

"We react on a subconscious level to the thought of people who are part animal," said Getty. "I don't know where it is coming from."

He calls the December, 1995, baboon transplant a success because it proved that the procedure could be performed safely.

"That was a good sign because that means that one day technology will allow people to have ani-

mal organs," he said.

Getty said the baboon transplant was a last ditch effort to combat his HIV, a disease he has had for 18 years. After the transplant, Getty said his viral load, the amount of HIV virus in his blood, dropped to zero and his immune system got stronger.

In the last few months, however, Getty said his condition has gotten worse and he now is taking experimental anti-viral drugs.

Dr. Suzanne T. Ildstad, a transplant surgeon at the Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, said that Getty is pioneer in xeno-

transplantation, the transfer of animal organs into humans, that eventually may be the only solution for people who need new hearts, kidneys and livers.

Ildstad said that the number of human donor organs has remained about the same 1988, while the need for such transplants continued to grow.

"Three hundred thousand Americans, candidates for transplants, die every year without even getting on the waiting list," she said. About half of all heart transplant candidates die before they get can find a donor.

The only solution, she said, is to learn how to transplant organs from pigs or other animals.

Condemned man's affair with lawyer at issue in clemency request

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marianne Marxkors has visions of Reginald Powell strapped to a gurney, waiting for the injection of drugs that will execute him for a vicious double slaying. She sees him looking around and seeing only state witnesses, guards and dour-looking prison officials.

"I can't imagine having all these people staring at you and not seeing one face of somebody who cares," Marxkors said, pushing tears off her cheeks.

Marxkors can't help but feel partly responsible as Powell's Feb. 25 execution draws near. She was the trial lawyer who could have advised him to accept a plea bargain but didn't, who admitted falling in love with him, who eventually had sex with him.

Because of all that, Powell's current lawyer, Bruce D. Livingston, is asking Gov. Mel Carnahan to commute the death sentence, claiming Marxkors provided an inadequate defense. A spokesman said the governor was reviewing the case.

The Missouri State Supreme Court has refused to hear Powell's case and no more appeals are pending.

"It's so shocking," Livingston said. "Everything in this case is a pathetic tragedy."

Powell, now 29, was sentenced for a killing that took place on Nov. 14, 1986.

He was high on PCP and drunk and wanted more alcohol. Since he was underage, he asked brothers Freddie and Lee Miller, aged 39 and 29, to buy him liquor. The brothers refused.

Later that day, Powell and a group of friends again encountered the Millers and beat the extremely drunk brothers with branches, boards and bricks.

Powell's friends backed off but he kept going, jumping on both men so hard that he broke nearly all of their ribs. Then he stabbed them to death and robbed them. He got a total of \$3, and a pack of cigarettes.

In his taped confession, Powell showed little remorse.

"You know, we'll say I had the last — the last laugh," he said.

Marxkors, now 45, was a public defender who had never taken a death penalty case to trial until she was assigned as Powell's attorney.

She was an educated, white

lawyer. He was a borderline mentally retarded black man. He ran away from home at 10, tried to kill himself at 14.

Yet despite his horrific crime, Marxkors was taken in by his kindness.

"She was kind of under stress because so much had happened to her," Powell said in a telephone interview from prison. "She had a client that tried to hang himself and a few other things that had happened to her."

His sexual affair with Marxkors began after his conviction but before the penalty phase. Their first sexual encounter was in a

courthouse holding cell.

"I don't even remember thinking," she said. "It was all emotion. I felt so alone and so vulnerable, and I guess he did. And we had each other."

During the trial, Marxkors admits, her affection led to a crucial mistake when she turned down a prosecution plea offer: Life in prison with a chance of parole — in exchange for a guilty plea.

"Prosecutors didn't want to kill this guy," Livingston said. "To turn down a plea with a chance of parole? Given the evidence, that's just preposterous."

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Jilted bride spotted with ex-fiance

By Verena Dobnik
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Now what will people think of the jilted bride?

Nicole Contos drew sympathy worldwide when her fiance left her at the altar and bolted alone to the Tahiti resort where they were to honeymoon. Newspaper headlines and talk shows labeled Tasos Michael the loser and Ms. Contos the winner for boogying at her wedding reception to "I Will Survive."

Three months later, the two were spotted having a day-before-Valentine's-Day lunch on at the swank Hotel Delmonico in Manhattan.

"I don't wish to comment right now," Ms. Contos, 27, said Saturday, but told the New York Post she "never shut off my feelings for him."

It's over, at least according to Carol Contos, the Manhattan schoolteacher's mother.

"They did have lunch, but that's it," she said Saturday. "You know, it's Valentine's Day, it was for old time's sake. And he flew back to London."

Are they back together? "Oh, no," the mother said.

The story of the jilted bride made the rounds in November when 35-year-old Michael abandoned her and 250 guests at a Manhattan church. She went ahead with the \$100,000 reception and then told her tale of heartbreak in the tabloids for weeks. A tequila company paid for a Caribbean trip for her since Michael had snagged the Tahiti honeymoon.

That was it until Friday, when the television show "Extra" nailed the pair coming, arm in arm, out of the hotel. She ducked when she saw the camera, but he looked right into the lens and smiled.

Seven plucked from drifting ice floe in Maine

STANDISH, Maine (AP) — Three would-be rescuers became trapped on a drifting ice floe with four ice fishermen when their boat sank.

Two of the ice fishermen trapped for more than five hours suffered from hypothermia, said Paul Reynolds of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Calling out to shore and signaling with their flashlights, the men had their calls answered by a woman, who said help was on the way.

Blake's great-uncle, Bill Blake, took a game warden and a volunteer firefighter out to the ice in his air boat. But as the fishermen climbed aboard, the boat began taking on water and all seven struggled back to the ice floe.

Another smaller boat was launched and stayed near the ice while a larger air boat was summoned. The second rescue boat arrived about 2 a.m. to ferry the group to safety.

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BASIN BRIEFING

2nd I-10 accident

OZONA — Another tractor-trailer accident on Interstate 10 caused major damages to the road surface near Ozona. As a result of the crash, Texas Department of Public Safety officials will have to reroute traffic away from the area, officials said Saturday. Traffic in the westbound lane from mile marker 338 to mile marker 380 will be routed to the access roads because the road was damaged in a vehicle fire Friday night. A repair crew will have to remove scorched blacktop and repave the area. According to DPS reports, the driver lost control and the tractor-trailer rolled over and ignited. The driver, whose name was not released, was taken to a nearby medical center. I-10 between Ozona and Sonora was reopened three hours before the Friday crash. The stretch had been closed Monday after a tanker with anhydrous hydrogen fluoride crashed into a rail guard, causing the vehicle to fall and spill an undetermined amount of the substance onto the road.

No class Monday

Monday is President's Day. Midland Independent School District students don't have classes. Also closed are the U.S. Postal Service, local banks and city and county offices.

Collectors' Club

The local Precious Moments Collectors' Club is to meet 7 p.m. Monday at Barnes & Noble Book-sellers. For more information call Barb at 684-6199.

Candidate forum

The Midland College Student Government is sponsoring a candidate forum for Midland county judge candidates noon on Tuesday in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Dianne Anderson, Steve Hershberger, Keith R. Jobe and William C. (Bill) Morrow are expected to attend. For more information, call 685-4543.

5th anniversary

The HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/Odessa will celebrate its fifth anniversary in the Permian Basin on Monday. Activities are to include a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:45 p.m. followed by a reception to recognize its employees. HealthSouth's 60-bed facility specializes in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapy, rehabilitation nursing and psychology. Services are provided to patients who suffer from stroke, birth defect, brain injury, neurological impairment, orthopedic conditions, multiple trauma due to accident or injury, cancer or cancer treatments, chronic pain, pulmonary conditions and spinal cord injuries.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

11th Step Study group for people in recovery, 10:30 am-noon, 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 697-4751 or 682-1846

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

Afternoon recreation and leisure for those with mental retardation 682-9771

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Federal officials question tobacco fees

■ Health Care Financing Administration sends memo to governor saying it plans to evaluate legal fees for tobacco lawsuit.

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A federal agency has written a memo to Gov. George W. Bush informing him it plans to evaluate the \$2.3 billion in legal fees stemming from the settlement of the state's tobacco lawsuit.

The memo from the Health Care Financing Administration further clouds the debate over how much the state's five private attorneys will be paid for their work leading to last month's \$15.3 billion deal.

And, it raises questions about Attorney General Dan Morales' promise that Texans would not be required to pay the attorneys' 15-percent cut, which he promised would be handled by cigarette makers and the federal government.

Morales, who brokered the deal, has said the attorneys will be paid by the tobacco industry and the federal government. Arbitrators are to recommend the cigarette makers' share; for the feds, the issue hinges on complicated Medicaid formulas.

"The federal government has let us know that they basically disagree with the attorney general's position," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

Morales spokesman Ron Dusek said it was the governor's office that has it wrong.

"We will never be in the position of having to pay legal fees," Dusek said. "In no circumstances could that happen."

The warning from the HCFA, which operates under the Department of Health and Human Services, came in response to questions from Bush. The governor also has asked U.S. District Judge David Folsom to reconsider the legal fees.

"HCFA reserves the right to examine the amount of any attorney fees claimed and to disallow any portion which is deemed excessive," according to the memo released Friday.

Three arbitrators will meet in November to decide how much the tobacco industry should pay.

The attorneys will still get at least the \$2.3 billion approved last month by Folsom, unless arbitrators recommend more.

If they recommend less, the difference still must be paid. Morales contends that if the arbitrators lower the fees, Washington will pick up the tab. Bush is afraid Texans will be stuck with some or all of it.

The \$15.3 billion settlement breaks down to \$8.6 billion in paybacks for money used to treat smoking-related illnesses and \$6.7 million in punitive damages.

While Texas can keep the punitive damages, it must repay the federal government for its share of the medical costs — which could be as much as \$4.2 billion.

However, as a reward for taking on the tobacco industry, Washington has promised to pay 50 percent of the state's administrative and legal costs.

The heart of the disagreement then is whether that 50 percent will be based on the total \$8.6 billion medical recovery or the federal government's \$4.2 billion share.

"There is no calculation under the current (HCFA) rules that would result in the state being liable for any portion of the attorney fees," Dusek said. "Not even the governor's misunderstanding of the rules can result in."

Please see FEES/2B

Dates set for early voting in primaries

From Staff Reports

Early voting for the March 10 Democratic and Republican primaries is to begin Feb. 23.

Midlanders will be able to cast their ballots at the Voter Registration Office, 709 W. Washington St., or at Midland Park Mall.

The schedule for early voting is:
■ Voter Registration Office: Feb. 23-27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Feb. 28, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; March 1, noon-5 p.m.; and March 2-6, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

■ Midland Park Mall (Sears court): Feb. 28, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and March 2-6, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

"So, (with all these times), the people who are going to be out of town for spring break, there's no excuse for them not voting," said Pat Eastup, elections administrator for Midland County.

While she couldn't predict the voter turnout, Ms. Eastup thinks that the number of locally contested races in the Republican primary "should bring out the voters."

A list of the candidates follows:

Republican primary

■ County judge: Steve Hershberger, attorney; Bill Morrow, attorney and former City Councilman; Keith Jobe, former justice of the peace; and Dianne Anderson, a business consultant and former member of Midland Independent School District board.

■ Commissioner's Court Precinct 2: businessmen Mike Bradford and Charles A. Davis III; Bill Jackson, a real estate agent and former teacher; principal and MISD board member; and City Councilwoman Pat Schneider.

■ County Commissioner Precinct 4: incumbent James Brezina, an independent geologist; and Randy Prude, an engineer.

■ County Clerk: incumbent Alice Brown and Shauna Hodges Brown, who works in the county's criminal justice system.

■ State Board of Education, District 1: Donna Ballard and Mary Helen Cantu.

There are several local incumbents running unopposed.

■ Three justices of the peace: David Cobos, Precinct 1; Joe Matlock, Precinct 2; and George Zimmerman, Precinct 4.

■ District court judges: John Hyde, 238th District Court; Dean Rucker, 318th District Court; and Willie DuBose, 385th District Court.

■ Midland County court-at-law judges: Al Walvoord and Marvin Moore.

■ District clerk: Vivian Wood; and

■ County treasurer: Julie Fry.

Also running unopposed on the Republican ballot are:

Please see VOTE/2B

Black History Month: Midlanders remember

Views diverse on city's road to harmony

Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part series for Black History Month. Part 2 will appear in the Local section on Feb. 22.

By Mella McEwen

Staff Writer

In the race relations journey from "Point A" of segregation to "Point Z" of complete racial harmony, long-time Midland residents agree that Midland has traveled further away from "Point A."

The assessment of the distance, however, differs among members of Midland's white and African-American communities.

"There has been some progress made, but we still have a long way to go, because it is still segregated," said Ora Williams, a member of the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors and an African-American. "We are still named as blacks and whites, and what it's going to have to come to is we're going to have to accept each other as brothers and sisters."

Ernest Angelo, who served as Midland's mayor from 1972 to 1980, Please see HARMONY/3B

Bennie Harrison, 82, displays a team photograph of the Midland Black Indians baseball team of the late 1940s and early 1950s. Harrison, who owned and managed the team and played first base, is number 13 in the front row of the team picture.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Black Indians baseball: 'A winning season every season'

By Ed Todd

Staff Writer

"I love to play the game," declared Bennie Harrison. "I really love to play the game."

And that alone was reason enough for Harrison, now 82, to delve wholeheartedly into America's national pastime with the Midland Black Indians Baseball Club in the late 1940s and the early 1950s.

Harrison owned and managed the all-African-American semi-professional baseball club back in the latter days of America's segregation when Jackie Robinson became the first black player in major league baseball

in 1947.

"Jack Robinson is my favorite," Harrison said. "He was great."

Robinson, who played for the old Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, in 1962 earned his way into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Satchel Paige, who was a star pitcher in the Negro leagues for more than 20 years when blacks were not permitted to play in the major leagues, joined the American League's Cleveland Indians in 1948. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971.

Harrison was a switch hitter. "I could bat on either side," recalled Harrison, who was adept at playing

Please see BALL/2B



GARY OTT

Prominent trials giving 'legal experts' far more than their 15 minutes

It was Andy Warhol who first suggested that everyone will eventually get his 15 minutes of fame.

He was wrong, especially when it comes to attorneys.

Let's face it, any lawyer who has not been on television at least three times in the past two years just isn't trying. As America has become increasingly obsessed with high-profile legal cases and courtroom drama — be it the O.J. Simpson trial, Oprah Winfrey's battle with the cattlemen, Karla Faye Tucker's effort to remain alive or even the ongoing allegations against President Clinton — TV has turned to prominent, as well as not-so-prominent, lawyers to help explain to its viewers what is REALLY happening behind the scenes, even if those viewers don't care

what is really happening behind the scenes.

As a result, it is quite common for your typical American citizen to spend, oh, a good three or four hours a night in front of his television set listening to a battery of attorneys discuss such fascinating topics as "contempt sanctions," "full immunity," "limited immunity," "self-incrimination," "sworn depositions," "signed affidavits," and, of course, everybody's two favorites, "suborn perjury" and "writ of habeas corpus."

Never has a country been so well-versed in legalese. It used to be that to hear that kind of titillating talk you had to watch Perry Mason reruns.

Not anymore.

These days it is simply a matter of hitting your TV's "on" button and letting the Geraldo Riveras and Charles Grodins of the world — along with their multitude of "legal experts" — fill you in on the latest courtroom developments.

In some cases, this new occupation — "legal expert" — has even resulted in

career changes.

CNN's Greta Van Susteren, for example, has given up her private law practice to become a full-time "legal expert." It's good work if you can get it. And more and more people are. It looks particularly good, I am told, on a job resume.

"Hmm," a prospective boss says as he slowly scans your resume. "I see here that you worked in the D.A.'s office before joining Geraldo's team."

"That's right," you respond. "And I enjoyed it, too. It was quite fulfilling from a professional perspective. But there was just no money in it. Besides, it was really neat being on TV all the time. It got me loads of dates."

And who can argue with those results. Still, I worry about the long-term ramifications.

There was a time when young people would watch the old movie classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird," and then dream of becoming the next Atticus Finch, a small-town Southern lawyer who would use the judicial system to bravely fight

bigotry and discrimination.

Maybe he wouldn't always win his case, but he would be in there fighting for truth and justice.

It was the same with Perry Mason. During each episode he would get his client off scot-free. And he would do it the old-fashioned way ... by arguing eloquently before the jury, not by going on "Meet the Press" and discussing whether or not the president of the United States was the target of a right-wing conspiracy.

As a result, Perry Mason, like Atticus Finch before him, was a true American hero.

But then that's the ultimate irony. Atticus Finch and Perry Mason weren't real. They were figments of Hollywood's imagination.

They were show biz, in other words ... so much so, in fact, that each will be making a guest appearance on Monday night's Geraldo show.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Friday

Assault: Police arrested a man at Class Act, 101 N. Mineola St., for starting a fight with another man. A report was made at 12:50 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A CD player and jacket were taken from a car at 4302 Dawn Circle. Luke Lawless made a report at 7 a.m.

Burglary of a habitation: Steve Peterson said that a computer, VCR and stereo were taken from 4405 N. Garfield St. It was reported at 7:30 a.m.

Criminal mischief: A windshield was broken on a vehicle at 4718 Erie Drive. Christy Earnes reported it at 8:17 a.m.

Criminal mischief: A window was broken on a vehicle at 4511 N. Midkiff Road. Jesus Olguin reported it at 2:30 p.m.

Criminal mischief: A fence was spray-painted at 203 S. Taylor St. Henry Banks reported it at 2:37 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Friday

Theft: A customer left Runway 7 Grocery, 7720 W. Highway 80, without paying for \$22.50 in gasoline. It was reported at 8:53 p.m.

Saturday

Theft: Beer was taken from Kent Kwik, 4101 E. South Highway 158. It was reported at 12:03 a.m.

Theft: A 1992 Plymouth Voyager was taken from 4002 Cottonflat Road. Rose Banks reported it at 7:48 a.m.

Criminal mischief: A fence was damaged at 2306 N. County Road 1127. Laura Connolly reported it at 3:14 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-LOCK-UP.

FEES: Secretary of state says Texas still might have to pay

(From 1B)

the state being liable.

Secretary of State Al Gonzales, Bush's former general counsel, said there are no guarantees that Washington will accept the fees.

"Our discussions with HCFA attorneys and HCFA's Office of Financial Services have confirmed that only the share of the attorneys fees used to recover

Medicaid money may be treated as a Medicaid-related administrative cost," Gonzales said in a letter to Morales.

"I believe it is impossible to anticipate whether the state will have to pay attorneys fees out of its \$15.2 billion award," Gonzales wrote. "I agree with the governor that Texas should know the truth that the state is the 'ultimate guarantor' of any legal fees."

VOTE: Many running unopposed

(From 1B)

■ Tom Craddick, Texas House of Representatives, District 82;

■ Teel Bivins, Texas Senate, District 31;

■ Larry Combest, 19th Congressional District;

■ Lamar Smith, 21st Congressional District; and

■ Henry Bonilla, 23rd Congressional District.

Democratic primary

■ Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3: incumbent Michael Wallace and Hilario "Lon" Dominguez, assistant fire marshal.

■ 23rd Congressional District: Charlie U. Jones, Allen Rindfuss and Joseph P. Sullivan.

■ State Board of Education, District 1: Incumbent Rene Nunez.

San Antonio touted for GOP convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making the rounds in Washington this week, the new chairwoman of the Texas Republican Party took the opportunity to tout San Antonio as a possible host for the GOP's national convention in 2000.

"I'm from San Antonio, so how can I do otherwise?" said Susan Weddington, who took over state party leadership six months ago. The Alamo City is one of 25 cities invited by the Republican National Committee to submit proposals to host the 2000 gathering. Dallas and Houston also received invitations.

While San Antonio already has

begun a vigorous civic effort to lure the convention, Mrs. Weddington said she has "heard no rumblings" from Dallas and Houston, both of which have played host to past political conventions.

Serving as the backdrop for a national convention can be a plum for cities, both in national prestige and dollars. San Diego and Chicago, hosts of the 1996 GOP and Democratic conclaves, each reaped some \$160 million.

Last month, San Antonio made a presentation to the RNC at its winter meeting. Chicago and Philadelphia also touted themselves.

DEATH NOTICES

La Frances Ingram

Funeral Home.

ODESSA — La Frances "Peggy" Ingram, 79, of Odessa, mother of Midlander James McClain, died Friday, Feb. 13, at a Lubbock hospital.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa with the Rev. Bill Skinner officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

She was born April 9, 1918, in Roosevelt, Okla.

Other survivors include a sister, Mildred Wood of Pinole, Calif.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Robert Jones

Robert M. Jones, 60, of Midland died Friday, Feb. 13, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Pipkin

Robert Leibrecht Jr.

Robert John "Robbie" Leibrecht Jr., 21, died Saturday, Feb. 14, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Lilamae Adams

Lilamae Adams died Friday, Feb. 13, at a local nursing home.

Services are to be 4:30 p.m. today, Feb. 15, at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church with the Revs. Jon Stasney and Nicholas Marziani officiating. Burial is to be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 18, 1923, in El Paso.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, William H. Adams Jr., in 1989.

She moved to Midland in 1991 to be near her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Grace Burfeind of Midland; a brother, Eddie Cruea of Chesapeake, Va.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Manley

Robert Manley, 67, of Midland, died Friday, Feb. 13, at a local nursing home.

Services are pending with Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Marcy Dimming

Marcy Lee Dimming, 88, died Friday, Feb. 13, at a local hospital.

Graveside services are to be 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at Terrale Cemetery in Post under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral

Home. She was born June 30, 1909, in Farmersville.

Deward Schrock

Midlander Deward Schrock died Friday, Feb. 13, at his residence.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 7, 1921, in Cameron.

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Johnson of Midland and Doris Kendrick of Denver; three sons, John Schrock, Anthony Schrock and Kevin Schrock, all of Midland; a brother, David Schrock of Dallas; two sisters, Theora Hudson and Saloma Baker, both of Midland; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

BALL: Integration meant black teams drew fewer people

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infield and outfield but rarely hit home runs. "I was a utility man."

Harrison's team was not connected to the professional Midland Indians of the 1940s and 1950s. That team was an Anglo baseball club, in the old Longhorn League, owned and managed by Harold Webb.

"Back in those days, (teams) were all segregated," Harrison said.

And as much as he reveled in actually playing the game, Harrison also found delight in teaching boys to play the game, which he did for 16 years in Little League Baseball. "Every time they'd win, I'd take them to the hamburger stand or something."

Harrison, who never tired of sports, is an avid fan of the Midland Angels. In 1995, Harrison and his wife, Willie Mae Harrison, were awarded the Midland Angels' "Fan-of-the-Year Award."

"We was having lots of fun," Harrison said of the Midland Black Indians. "We'd go to different places," such as Abilene, Lubbock, San Angelo, Kermit, Big Spring, Pecos, Odessa, and into New Mexico to play teams in Hobbs, Carlsbad, Artesia, and Jal.

"We played Kermit all the time," he said. "They had good teams in the oil fields."

Midland's all-black team would play all-white teams and all-Hispanic teams as well as other black teams. Those teams included the Mexican-American team, the Midland Colts; the all-Anglo teams, the Kermit Yellow Jackets and the Jal Tigers, and

all-black teams, including the San Angelo Shepherders, the Big Spring Steers, the Pecos Eagles, the Odessa Oilers and others buried in history and in the memory of old-timers such as Harrison.

"We were just playing," said Harrison, who noted that caravans of fans would follow the team to out-of-town games.

Wherever the Indians would play, the host team would guarantee them \$100 to cover travel expenses. "We'd go there, they'd give us a hundred traveling expense." If there were any funds left over, "we'd just split it."

The Midland Black Indians would reciprocate with \$100 when a visiting team came to town.

"We had a winning season every season," Harrison recalled.

In a 1981 interview, Harrison noted that he once teamed up with "boys all around" to form an all-star team to play in San Angelo against the Kansas City Monarchs, also known as the "Barnstormers."

"Aw," Harrison reflected. "They beat us bad. We were just a group of amateurs, and they were full-blown professionals."

At mid-century, baseball was played in a park near Wall Avenue and Circle Drive in the vicinity of Village Center and Walgreen's Drug Store.

Before its Black Indians logo, the team was known as the Midland Skyscrapers and was owned and managed by Marshall King.

Harrison's Midland Black Indians teammates included Gene Grant, Frank Blaylock, A.L.

Brown, Yancey Batie, Perry Lampkin, James Marshall, George Black, Johnny Henderson, Louis Richardson, W.A. Moseley, and John Hall, who was the team's pitcher.

"Yeah. He was one of the best," Harrison said of Hall. "He was like Satchel Paige."

As segregation became outlawed in the mid-1950s, the all-black baseball teams began to dissolve.

"I'll tell you what," Harrison said. "After integration, the colored players got to playing with the white teams and things, and that just took all the pep away from the colored teams."

"When they integrated (baseball), black teams didn't draw no more (great players), you see, because they were going to the white teams ... going to the big leagues. There wasn't nobody going to no colored games then."

Aside from his baseball avocation, Harrison, a family man and a community leader and a member of the Tall City Lions Club, worked steadily.

He retired from a medley of jobs ranging from bellhop at the Crawford, Scharbauer, and Hilton hotels in downtown Midland to taxi-cab driver to operating a grocery store and hamburger stand in "The Flats" (Midland's black business district).

"I worked. I kept a job, and I was trying to have me something," especially a house and home for his family. "I spent my money (on the team)."

His grocery store was the Harrison & Son Grocery, and his hamburger stands were the Frosty-Freeze and, later on, the

Tasty Burger. From time to time, Harrison, did other work, such as shining shoes, being a handyman for a Cowden ranching family, and working as a cleaning specialist for the old Excel-Sure Cleaners.

Before he settled in Midland in the late 1930s, Harrison was an \$8-a-week chauffeur for a button salesman. "I had to bear my own expenses."

"We covered six (Southwestern) states," Harrison said. "I didn't care if I made any money or not. I was getting experience."

He recalled a layover in Midland in 1936.

"My boss man slept in the Scharbauer Hotel," Harrison said. "And I slept in the car in the (Broadway Garage). I couldn't get a room. I couldn't pay for no room making \$8 a week."

However, his boss, "sold plenty of buttons. He made lots of money."

Over the years, the industrious Harrison fared well in his work-a-day routine and made pretty good money back in those old days.

"The good old days didn't seem hard to me," he reflected. "I don't owe nobody. The money I got ahold of, I didn't throw it away."

"I've a good life. Life has been good to me."

"I love it here (in Midland). That's the reason I stayed."

Legally Speaking

by Alan G. Moravcik
Attorney at Law

PRACTICING RESTRAINT

Sometimes, those who engage in civil litigation are more interested in getting the defendant to stop doing something than in recovering damages. In such cases, an action known as a preliminary injunction will be commenced and the party making the motion will ask for a hearing immediately after the lawsuit is filed. In some cases, a party may be prevented from doing anything by a judge's order, known as a temporary restraining order, pending the hearing. In the event that the judge rules for the plaintiff, the injunction is granted. Otherwise, the injunction will be denied, but the case may be allowed to proceed like any other lawsuit, depending on the circumstances and the question of damages.

The delays before a lawsuit gets to court could work to either party's benefit or detriment. In anticipation of a lengthy delay, someone may offer a paltry settlement thinking the plaintiff would rather have some money now, rather than more at a much later date. In other cases, parties may be interested in settling rather than having a pending suit hanging over their heads. Either way, the time element may prove to be a bargaining chip in the hands of an attorney skilled at negotiating a settlement.

HINT: The fact that it takes up to five years for most civil actions to be tried leads many to carefully consider accepting settlements.

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acknowledged that "I'm sure the Anglo perspective is different. I personally feel, as a native southerner — I was raised in Louisiana — I have always believed from my personal experience that Midland is less prejudiced than other places. The people in this community are good-hearted, and racial feelings have never been a major problem in this community as far as I've perceived it."

Margie Titus, president of the Midland chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, stated, "We have made progress, but not the way I would have thought a city this size would have."

"Lately, I think race relations are not as good as they have been (at one time). I think there was a point in time where relations were not that good during the first part of desegregation, but they improved as everyone adjusted to the idea. Lately, though, I think we've taken some steps backward."

To make her point, Mrs. Titus noted that in 1996 there was a two-day event — "Barriers to Bridges: Moving Toward Reconciliation" — sponsored by the Midland Council of Churches. She said it was a wonderful event but didn't allow for enough time for dialogue to come up with solutions. Even more disappointing, she said, was the lack of follow-up.

Mrs. Williams recalled traveling to Midland from her native Bremond in 1950 and having to ride at the back of the bus "because that was my place." And she remembered how the bus driver "spared me the humiliation of having to get off the bus and go in the back of the station to get a sandwich. I was the only black on the bus and he came on and said 'It is raining cats and dogs out there. Would you like a sandwich?' I said I would love one because I was hungry. He offered to get me a sandwich, a drink and chips if I gave him the money, so I did."

"Several years later, after I got married, I saw that same bus driver — he worked with my husband at Dowell. I remembered him and he remembered me and I thanked him for sparing me the embarrassment of getting off the bus, going in the back of the station and maybe not being waited on."

When she arrived in Midland she found a town — "it was not a city back then" — that was very much segregated.

"You always knew your place. There was no going to school with whites. The Spanish went to their schools, Carver was our high school and Booker T. Washington was our elementary school. We were on this side of the tracks, the Spanish were on the other side of the tracks and the whites were further out. Midland was one city, but you knew where your boundaries were."

Ike Fitzgerald is a native Midlander who has lived in the Tall City most of his life and said he was raised on Weatherford Street between the two communities. He said that he made several African-American friends, among them Marshall King, one-time owner of the Midland Skyscrapers (later Midland Black Indians) semi-professional baseball team, with whom he maintained a personal and business relationship.

"There was definitely separate communities, but, of course I was young and didn't pay any attention. The blacks had their schools and we had ours. We didn't play each other in sports and none of us gave it a thought

because that's the way it was. I did notice quite a bit of interaction between the two communities, friendships formed and business done together," Fitzgerald said.

Bill Collins, a Midland resident for more than 60 years and former editor of the Reporter-Telegram, recalled a time when "we didn't carry pictures of black brides in the wedding section. I remember once, one woman came in and gave me the worst cussing I've ever received in my life for running her daughter's wedding photo on the same page as a black bride's photo. It was shocking because she was a well-known lady, but she didn't mince words."

He said he believes the turning point in Midland race relations began with school desegregation, an event that brought heightened tensions but little violence.

Mrs. Williams remembered when the Woolworth's store in downtown Midland wouldn't serve blacks at its lunch counter; they could order food to go. The situation changed, she said, when the Rev. H.F. Doyle staged a sit-in at the lunch counter. "Then they started permitting us to sit at the counter. We weren't really welcome, but we could sit there and eat."

When Midland schools began the desegregation process, Mrs. Williams had four children in four different schools, she said.

Angelo said that when he first arrived in Midland in 1958, "things were more segregated than they should have been."

Today, I don't feel the city is segregated at all. I personally have a problem with some of the things done in the name of integration, specifically forced busing. I've never believed in segregation or separate but equal, but I disagreed with some forced busing, especially of elementary school students, and I feel it's the minority students who have suffered the most."

largely window dressing. I don't think we need to talk, we need to take action. We need to demonstrate our lack of prejudice in what we do and say in our daily lives."

"Midland, I think, has demonstrated its lack of prejudice through its willingness to elect minority candidates into office. This is a conservative community, a predominantly Republican community. A conservative minority will be as able to get elected as anyone else. A liberal Anglo, for instance, won't be able to get elected to office."

Mrs. Titus warned that she sees in the United States the same seeds for the ethnic war that has torn apart the former Yugoslavia.

What will save the country, she said, is if Americans handle differences with honest communication and respect.

"We must respect each other," she said. "I sense a lack of respect for each other. The same attitudes I grew up with are still present. I think there's got to be real genuine communication and respect for each other; that will move us toward reconciliation. If not reconciliation at least tolerance. I think we're fooling ourselves — everyone is keeping their feelings to themselves and one day those feelings could blow up."

Today, she said, "it seems everyone is in denial. The silent majority is out there but only a few people like me and Dr. Viola Coleman are vocal — you know how we feel — but there are a lot of people in the black, Anglo and Hispanic communities that we don't know how they feel. We could be sitting on a time bomb because we haven't had a dialogue and communication to and from each other. Instead of one-way discussions, there needs to be a two-way dialogue and in such a way that all our voices are heard and we work in cooperation."

She admitted that "I'm just one person and I think other opinions need to be sought to get a clearer picture of relations. I am biased because of the experiences I have gone through living in Midland, so I have to admit that my opinions are colored by my experiences."

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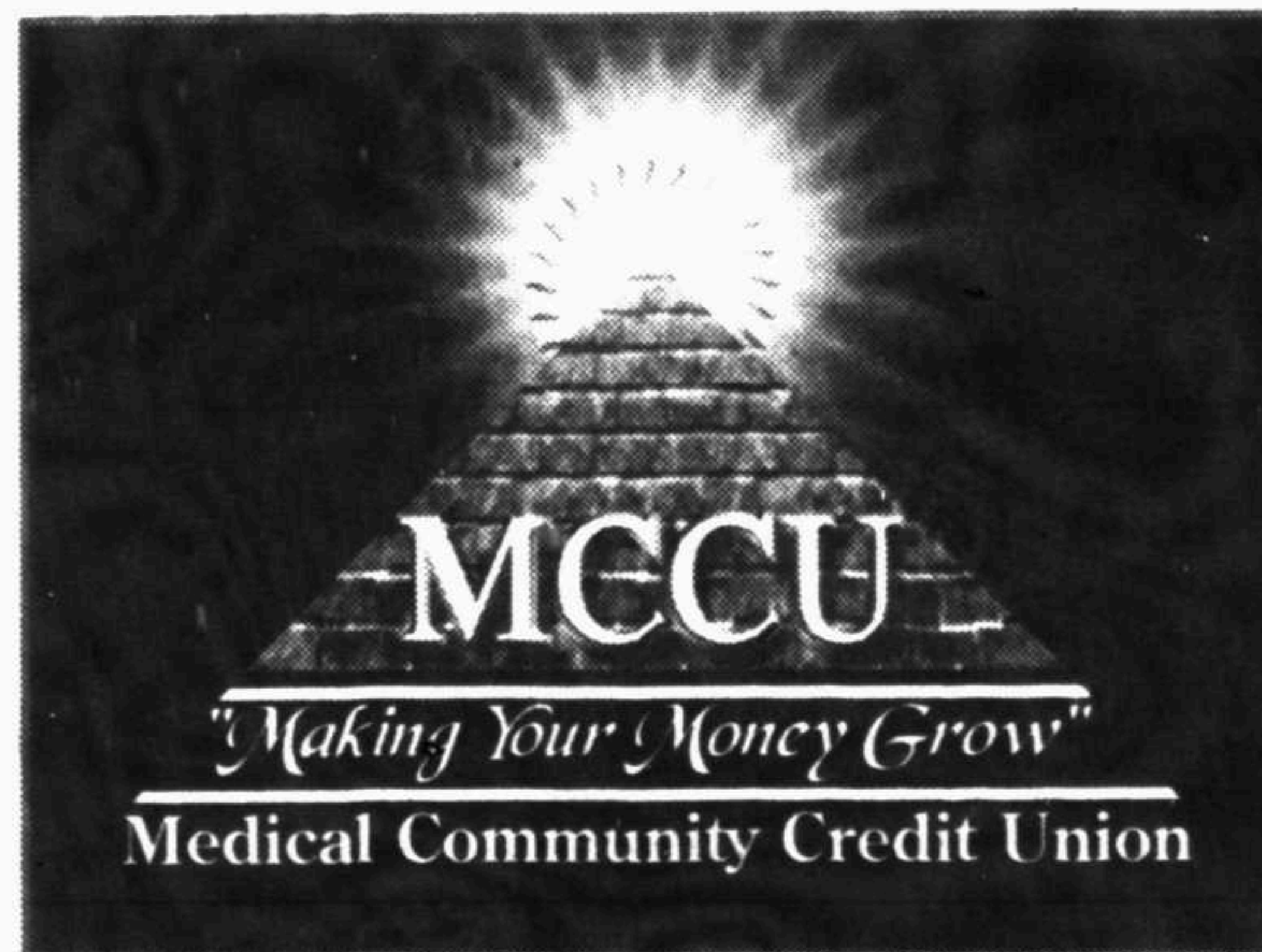
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Convertible seats recline and face rearward for infants and can be changed to the front-facing, non-reclining position for toddlers. When a convertible seat is in the toddler position, it looks and functions exactly like a toddler-only seat. The manufacturer's directions explain how to convert a seat from one position to another, how to rethread the harness, and how to reroute the car's lap belt through the seat in the toddler position. In addition the instructions will explain when the child is big enough to require the toddler position. Convertible seats save money because only one seat is needed as the child grows. But convertible models may be heavier and more difficult to move than infant-only and toddler-only seats. Some convertible seats have a tether that must be anchored if the seat is in the toddler position. If a tether is required, follow the manufacturer's installation directions carefully.

TODDLER
Toddler seats for children without support only be used if they contain a harness system instead of a seat belt. It is to attach the lap/shoulder belt to the manufacturer's tether strap to the structure.

BOOSTER

Booster seats are designed to raise the American National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's child safety seats as long as possible, approximately 4 to 5 years, until the child's pelvic bones, shoulders, and stomachs are strong enough to use the lap/shoulder belt with a shield for only be used with a safety belt.

YOUR CAR

Child safety seats for use in cars must be used with a safety seat is available in the car's seat belt. Safety belts have outgrown the car's seat belt. Do not use the neck. Instead,



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TODDLER SEATS

Toddler seats are designed for children who can sit up without support. They can only be used forward-facing. Most contain a harness to protect a child's upper body, but a few seats use a shield system instead and some have both. It is important to attach the lap belt exactly as recommended by the manufacturer. Some older models have a tether strap that must be anchored to the car's structure.



LOVE YOUR KIDS!

BOOSTER SEATS

Booster seats are intended for older children. The American Academy for Pediatrics and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommend that parents keep their children in toddler or convertible seats as long as possible, at least until the child weighs approximately 40 lbs. Boosters elevate children so the car's lap belts fit across their hips and pelvic bones, or the booster shield, rather than their stomachs. Boosters with a harness must be used with the harness or with the car's lap/shoulder belt. Models that come equipped with a shield for upper torso support should only be used with the shield and the car's safety belt.

YOUR CAR'S SAFETY BELTS

Child safety seats are more effective than safety belts for small children. But when no safety seat is available, any child who can sit up unaided should be protected by a safety belt. Safety belts may be used for children who have outgrown safety seats.

Do not use the shoulder belt if it falls across the neck. Instead, use the lap belt only and fasten it snugly and as low as possible across a child's hips. However, a simple adjustment of the seat forward or backward may allow the child to wear a shoulder belt.

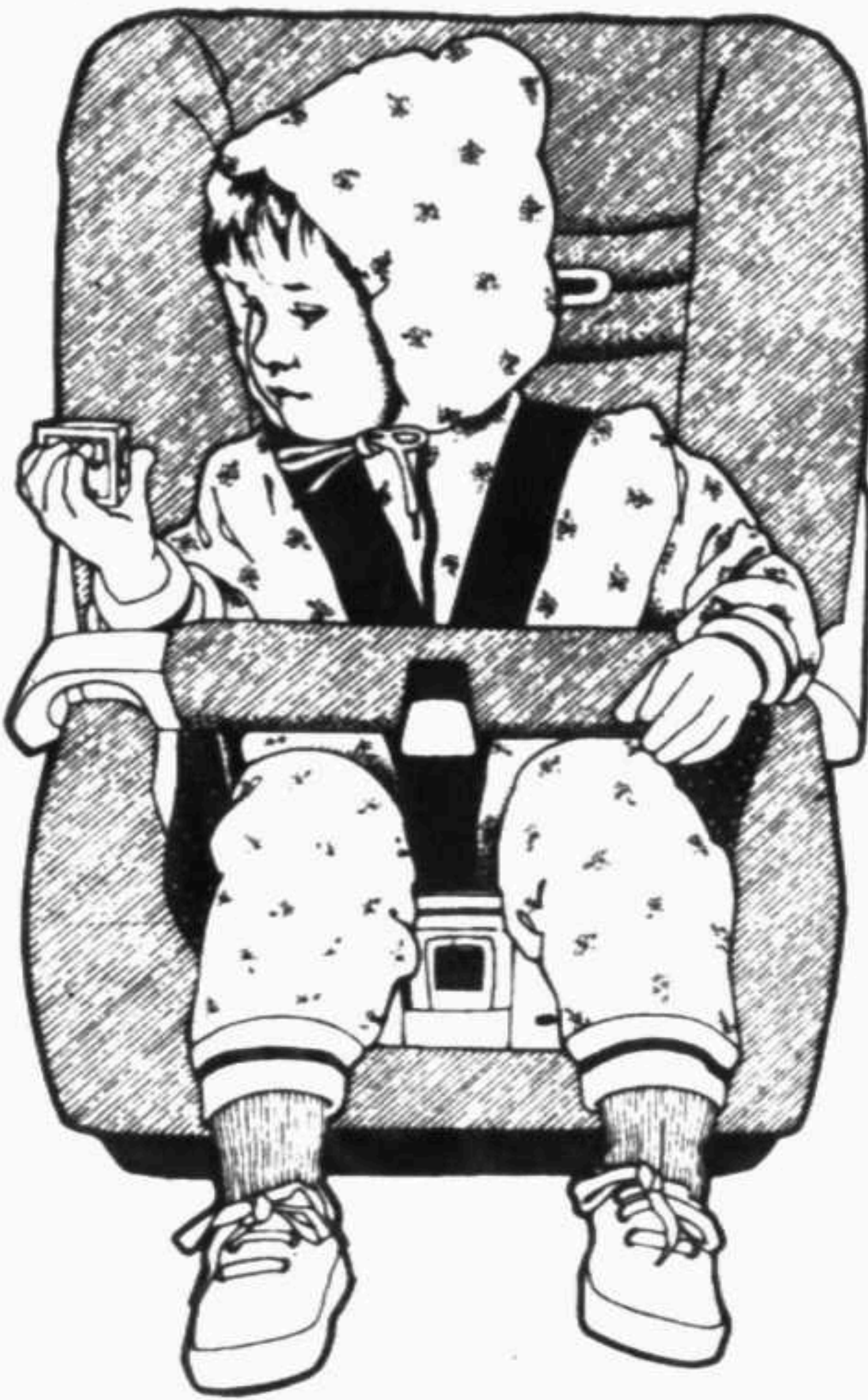


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AUTOMATIC CRASH

PROTECTION AND CHILDREN

Two kinds of automatic occupant protection systems are available today: air bags and automatic safety belts. Each is designed to protect front seat passengers and is available in many new car models.



AUTOMATIC SAFETY BELTS

Automatic safety belts move into place around front seat passengers when the car doors are closed. They are not designed, and should not be used, to install a child safety seat in a car. Some cars with automatic belts also have manual lap belts. In these cars, the manual lap belt should be used to install a child safety seat. For cars without manual lap belts, the child safety seat must be installed in the rear seat. Most cars without manual lap belts allow for belt installation (check instructions in the owner's manual). Many automatic safety belt systems are not compatible with child safety seats.

Shoulder-only Automatic Belts are designed to protect adults. Children in a car equipped with shoulder-only automatic belts should sit in the rear seat and use a lap belt.

Lap/Shoulder Automatic Belts can be used for an older child if the shoulder portion fits smoothly across the chest and shoulder. If it does not, place the child in a rear seat lap belt.



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Air bags offer excellent frontal crash protection, especially when used in combination with lap and shoulder safety belts. The air bag remains concealed until a frontal crash of about 12 mph or more causes it to inflate. Air bags are only part of a total occupant protection system. Children in the front seat of an air bag-equipped car should be secured in a child safety or booster seat or by the car's lap belt. This will hold them in place for air bag protection in a frontal crash, while protecting them against side, rear, and rollover collisions.

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RELIGION IN BRIEF

Luncheon set

Goodwill Baptist Church, 1500 S. Main St., invites the public to attend its annual women's day luncheon set for 10 a.m. Feb. 21.

The event closes with an annual mission women's day program at 3 p.m. Feb. 22.

Garage sale

St. Mark's Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main St., is holding a garage sale in the fellowship hall Feb. 27 and 28.

Also, the children's music program has been expanded to four sections on Sunday practices. Those interested in joining are asked to call Cameron Given or Steve Holston at the church, 683-3339.

The Wednesday night meal, the Gathering, has resumed. Serving begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$2 a person or \$5 a family.

Singles study

The Single-Hearted Ministries, the single adult ministry at Kellview Heights Baptist Church, is studying a series of Bible study entitled "Stepping Through the Scriptures."

This study is a panoramic view of the Bible. Interested parties are

asked to join the study meeting at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church on North Scharbauer Drive.

Group to meet

A support group for widows and widowers will meet at 3 p.m. Feb. 22 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5400 N. Big Spring St.

For more information call the church office, 570-8149, or Peggy, 694-7362.

Spaghetti day

ODESSA — The 46th annual C.W.F. Spaghetti Day at First Christian Church, 601 N. Lee St., is set 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Tickets, priced at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 8 and younger, may be purchased at the door.

The fund-raiser, organized by the Christian Women's Fellowship, benefits Disciple-sponsored institutions and missions locally and worldwide.

Concert planned

David Moore will perform in concert at 10 a.m. Sunday at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 W. Highway 191.

Moore's songs have been record-

ed by, among others, George Strait, Conway Twitty, Alan Jackson, Joe Diffie, Tammy Wynette and Mickey Gilley.

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Performance set

The Martins will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 in the First Baptist Church Worship Center, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave.

The concert follows the Baby Recognition Service. Free child care will be available for children birth through 3 years old.

Church to hold dinner for Brotherhood Week

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El will hold the 31st annual dinner to commemorate Brotherhood Week on Monday.

The public is invited to attend the dinner 5 to 7 p.m. at the Temple, 1501 N. Grandview. Cost is \$7 a person.

The menu includes cabbage rolls, noodle kugel, green beans, challah (bread) and fruit kichen. All foods are prepared by Sisterhood members. Take-out plates are available for those who are unable to come to the synagogue.

A display of ritual items used to celebrate the Jewish holidays and festivals will be on view. Tours will be given of the synagogue to explain the significance of the religious items found in the sanctuary.

The sisterhood, a member of the Women of Reform Judaism, utilizes funds generated by the dinner to meet obligations on both the national level and in supporting local activities in the synagogue and with the young group.

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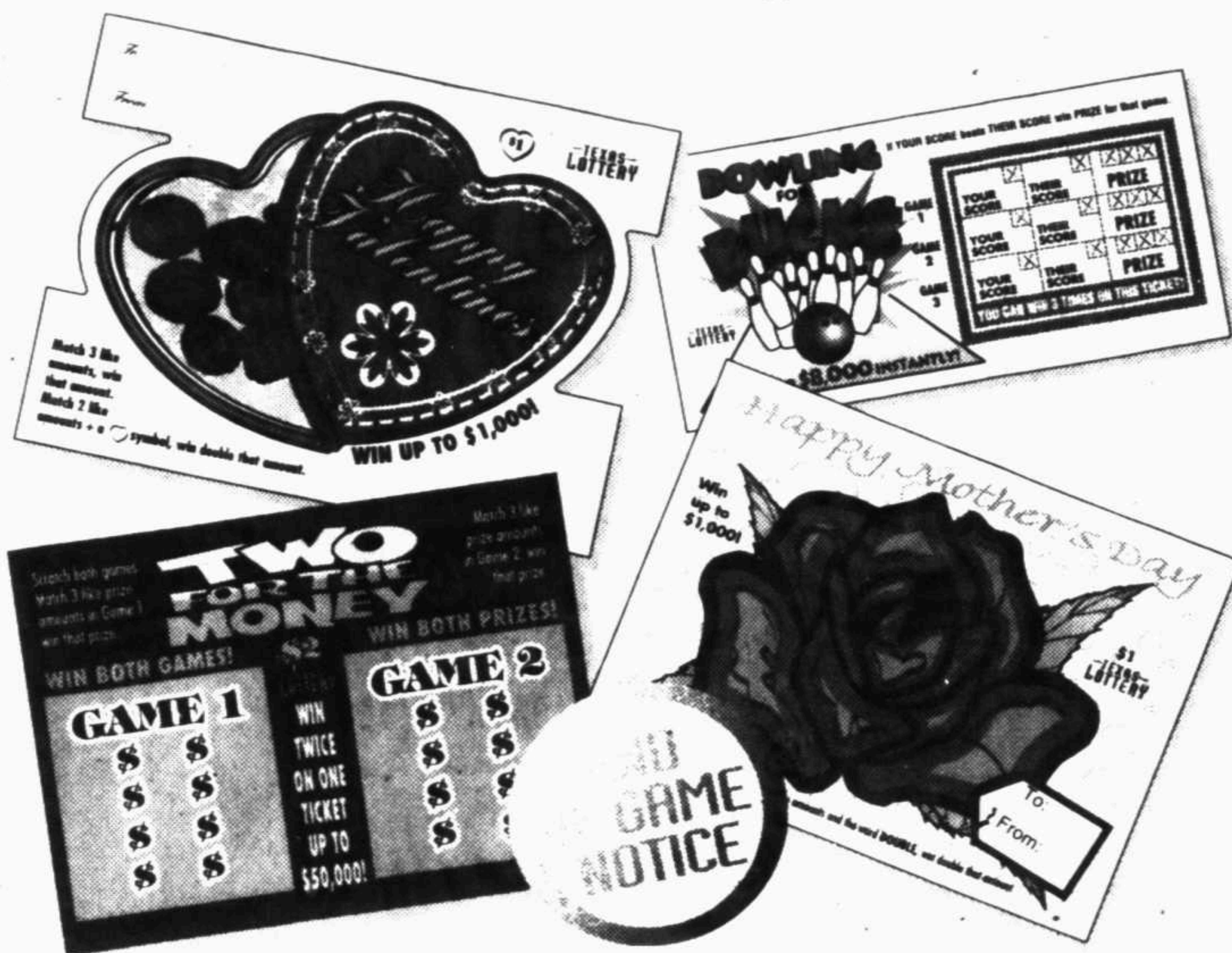
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Dallas' Stoneleigh Hotel enjoys star-studded history of luxury

By Michael Young
Associated Press

DALLAS — With ornately carved walls lugged back from London, flashes of marble around every corner and furniture you'd find in a 17th-century salon, it's no wonder the Stoneleigh Hotel offers the whiff of royalty.

Besides, The King slept here. Not to mention a crown prince of comedy. And even the woman who went off to see the wizard.

Of course, over its 75-year history, a lot of people have stayed at the Stoneleigh, a venerable hostelry at the edge of the Oak Lawn neighborhood that offers spectacular views of downtown and a style of comfort all its own.

Built in 1923 for the impressive sum of \$1.1 million, the 11-story Stoneleigh Court Apartment Hotel was at that point the tallest hotel west of the Mississippi River, said marketing director Cyndi Martinez.

It became an immediate favorite of Dallas' upper crust

and well-heeled visitors, especially entertainers who came to town.

"When Elvis Presley was here in the '60s, he took two full floors," said Gary Bruton, the hotel's general manager, ticking off some of the Stoneleigh's most notable guests.

"And Bob Hope stayed here, and Judy Garland and Lauren Bacall," he said.

More recently, the 153-room Stoneleigh, at the corner of Maple Avenue and Wolf Street, has become even more of a Hollywood outpost.

"Oliver Stone really set the pace when he came here for 'Talk Radio' and then 'Born on the Fourth of July,'" Bruton said. "And then he came back for 'JFK.'"

"Born on the Fourth of July" also brought Tom Cruise. Robert Duvall spent some time here. A few months ago, it was LeAnn Rimes, making a made-for-TV movie, and much of the original cast of "Dallas," back in town for a yet-to-be-shown television

reunion. That's a lot of star power. But they come to the Stoneleigh, and keep coming back, because the staff does everything possible to keep things low-key.

Have there ever been any really messy incidents, the kind that make the tabloid shows sizzle? "To tell you the truth, I'd have a hard time divulging anything like that," Bruton said. "We want to protect our guests' privacy. We want them to know that if there ever was a difficulty, they're not going to have to read about it in the papers."

Certain high-profile guests will request certain meals, usually for health reasons, he said, and many want their rooms stocked with a favorite water.

Occasionally, the housekeeping staff needs to scramble for special linens for a discriminating patron, usually because of allergies or other health problems.

"Actually, we've found that the bigger they are, the less demanding they are," Bruton said. "Sam

Waterston of NBC's 'Law & Order' is very classy. George Kennedy, too. And Hal Holbrook, what a wonderful individual."

Usually the stars come to town as part of a movie production company or to perform at one of the local venues. But during one particular period, when Hard Rock Cafe founder Isaac Tigrett occupied the Stoneleigh's spectacular penthouse, the hotel staff was never sure who might be in residence.

"Isaac had the penthouse for 4 1/2 or five years, and he was a great tenant, a wonderful tenant to have," Bruton said. "But you never knew who might be up there. You might see Joe Walsh walking through the lobby, or Cher, or Paul Simon."

The finished apartment, encompassing more than 7,000 square feet, featured Old World touches lavish even by Stoneleigh standards.

The main salon, known at the Stoneleigh as the music room, includes richly molded 22-foot ceil-

ings and walls paneled in diapered oak, originally from London's Charthouse School. Pegged boards cover the floors, two broad archways provide entry, and a huge wood-burning fireplace

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Israel I. Perez aka Isaac Meraz Perez, sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$750 fine.

Cipriano A. Ramos, sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$750 fine.

Charlie B. Wright, sentenced to 18 months probation, 10 days in Midland County Jail and a \$600 fine.

Ramon M. Valbuena, sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$700 fine.

Scott Allen Peel, sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$500 fine.

Paulino Santana sentenced to 1 year probation, 90 days driver's license suspension and a \$500 fine.

Artemio Contreras, sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$750 fine.

Guadalupe T. Garza Jr. sentenced to 18 months probation and a \$750 fine.

Reese Wynne Miller, sentenced to 6 months probation and a \$500 fine.

Eloy DeLeon Robles, sentenced to 90 days in Midland County Jail and 180 days driver's license suspensions.

Terry Lee Weddle, sentenced to 1 year probation and a \$750 fine.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Fund-raiser set

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin's fund-raiser, Shrimpfest '98, is set for Manuel's Restaurant, 1404 W. Second St., serving times are 4:45, 6 and 7:30 p.m. The menu includes cajun barbequed shrimp dinner, tea, wine or beer. The food is cooked and served by Ellen Noel Art Museum board members, friends and celebrity waiters.

Admission is \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children. The special price for the 4:45 p.m. seating is \$20 a person and \$18 for seniors 65 and older.

Tickets may be purchased at the museum, 4909 E. University, Manuel's Restaurant or from a museum board member. Carry out is available with a ticket.

Back by popular demand are hand-painted aprons created by local and regional artists available for auction. Proceeds go to the museum.

Also, "Joie De Vivre," paintings by Santa Fe artist Evelyn Boren, will be at the museum through Feb. 26.

For more information call Beth Davidson at the museum: (915) 368-7222.

Drama presented

ODESSA — The Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., will present "Bridge to Terabithia" at 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays Feb. 21-March 1. The drama is being presented by the Kaleidoscope Company, the theater's youth performing troupe.

The play, based on the novel by Newbery Award winning novelist Katherine Paterson, tells of a friendship between a young man living on a farm in rural Virginia and a girl who has just moved from a large urban area. Their unlikely friendship grows as the two find common ground in a land of their own creation called Terabithia.

As they learn about each other, they discover that their differences make their time together more valuable, and they continue to get closer until tragedy tears them apart.

Tickets are \$5. For more information call (915) 362-2329.

Symposium set

MARFA — Art and Architecture Symposium, a two-day symposium featuring leading artists and architects, is scheduled for April 25 and 26.

Lectures begin the morning of April 25 and will conclude by mid-afternoon April 26.

The registration fee is \$80; students and Chinati Foundation members, \$40. The fee includes admission to all lectures and panel discussions, open viewing of the Chinati Foundation collection, as well as dinner April 25.

To register please send name and address, with check payable to the Chinati Foundation to: P.O. Box 1135 Marfa, Texas 79843.

Artists featured

ALBANY — The Old Jail Art Center is exhibiting "City Focus: Abilene Artists" through March 22.

The City Focus exhibit is the first in a series to spotlight living artists of a particular community who have contributed to the culture and identity of that city through art. For this show, 22 Abilene artists are participating.

Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. There is no admission fee.

For more information call 915-762-2269.

Deadline set

Entry deadline for the 1998 Writing Contest: Short Stories for Children is May 1. The Kassi Crites Award for writing children's stories is divided into two divisions: adult and children.

This third annual contest is sponsored by the West Texas Storytelling Guild, a non-profit organization. The award program will be presented in October in a Reader's Theater by members of the Storytelling Guild and celebrity guests.

For more information call 699-7820.

Show to close

ODESSA — "Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery" closes Feb. 22 in the Art Gallery at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Participating artists include Terri Cummings, Melba Northum and Elise Ridenour. The exhibit of works by WAVE, a professional artists forum in Texas, examines the use and practice of marking, erasing, and (re)covering of symbols and text as related to topics of identity, time, history, memory and myth.

The exhibition is sponsored by the UTPB Program Board and the Odessa Cultural Council. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 552-2806 or 552-2286.

Works displayed

Works by Eleanor Robertson are on display at the Woman's Club through February.

Some of her paintings also hang at Antiques Etc., Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and in an art gallery in Ruidoso, N.M.

Entries accepted

The Arts Assembly of Midland is accepting artist booth entries for the 15th annual Celebration of the Arts May 15-17.

Seventy artists will be chosen to display and sell their art at the three-day spotlight on the arts. Artists can have booths inside Midland Center or outside booths by request.

For information or an entry brochure call 687-1149.

Works presented

KERRVILLE — The Cowboy Artists of America Museum, 1550 Bandera Highway, is presenting "Edward Borein — the Artist's Life and Works" through April 20.

Borein has been called the "Cal-

ifornia cowboy artist," the "vaquero artist" and "the last of the long-horn artists." Born in San Leandro, Calif., in 1872, Borein had early artistic inclinations and frequently chose as his subject cowboys, Hispanic vaqueros and horses.

Beginning in 1893, he began working ranches up and down the California coast and became an able hand at riding, roping, saddle making and lasso-braiding. Those early experiences provided the foundation for his art, which accurately recounts the realities of cowboy life at the turn-of-the-century.

The exhibit features more than 30 of Borein's pen-and-ink drawings, watercolors and etchings and is on loan from the Rockwell Museum in New York City.

For more information call 1-830-896-2553.

Exhibit displayed

An exhibit depicting life in Dongying, China, and the surrounding area is on display at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame, 1500 Interstate 20 West.

The exhibit, which will remain through the winter, is in the west wing. It consists of 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy.

"It shows everyday life in Dongying, the Shengli oil fields, the Yellow River, farming, schools and physical activities," said Jane Phares, executive director. "It also includes some Chinese opera masks."

For more information call the museum, 683-4403.

Exhibit to close

A Mail Art Exhibition entitled "As Blue as I Wanna Be" closes Feb. 22 at Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St.

Art work includes pieces from around the world depicting the artist's vision of "whatever blue" meant to them. Art work that can be mailed can be considered as "mail art."

The show features sizes ranging from postcards to large wall hangings and includes mixed media, rubber stamping, drawing, painting and more.

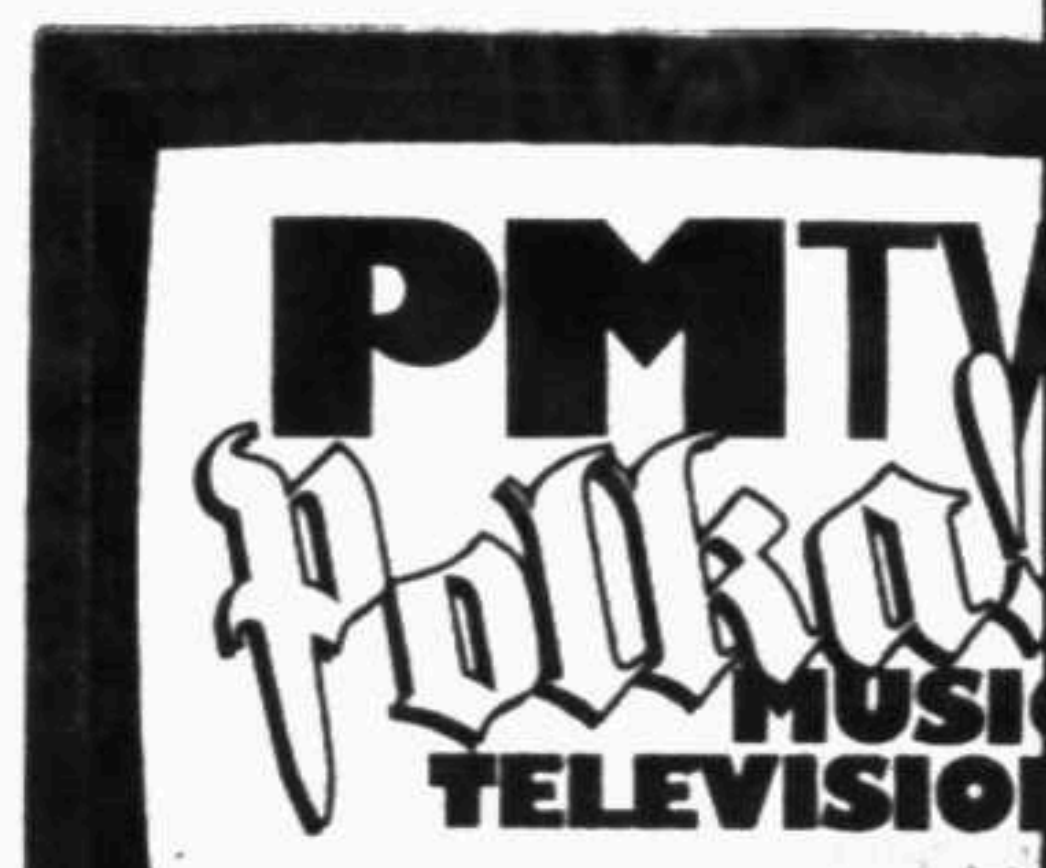
Mail Art was originated by artists exchanges through the mail and now extends to the Internet. Many times a "mail art piece" will travel from artist to artist with each adding their own art and then returning the work to the originator.

Gallery 1114 is an alternative space for modern and contemporary art. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

AUTO RACING — NASCAR Daytona 500, 11 a.m., CBS.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Southwest Missouri State at Illinois State, 11 a.m., ESPN.
Fresno State at Tulsa, 1 p.m., ESPN.
Women, Missouri at Kansas State, 2 p.m., FSX.
GOLF — PGA Hawaiian Open, final round, 2 p.m., ABC.
Senior PGA GTE Classic, final round (same-day tape), 4:30 p.m., ESPN.
NBA — Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers, 2 p.m., NBC.
Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls, 4:30 p.m., NBC.
Dallas Mavericks at Minnesota Timberwolves, 7 p.m., FSX.
OLYMPICS — Men's ice hockey (Czech Republic vs. qualifier No. 2) (same-day tape), 3 p.m., CBS.
Curling (men's and women's finals) (same-day tape), 6 p.m., TNT.
Figure skating (ice dancing, original program), speed skating (men's 1,000m), ski jumping (K120m individual), alpine skiing (women's downhill combined), women's downhill (same-day tape), 7 p.m., CBS.
Men's ice hockey (Canada vs. U.S.), 10:35 p.m., CBS.
SOCCER — CONCACAF Gold Cup IV, consolation match, 5 p.m., FOX.
CONCACAF Gold Cup IV, championship match, 7 p.m., FOX.

Texas Scores

NBA — Phoenix Suns 94, San Antonio Spurs 81.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Texas 82, Texas Tech 80.
Missouri 73, Texas A&M 60.
Nebraska 66, Baylor 55.
No. 22 TCU 91, San Diego St. 69.
Rice 72, San Jose State 59.
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Women, No. 7 Texas Tech 90, Texas A&M 65.
No. 22 Stephen F. Austin 84, Southwest Texas 68.
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SMU at No. 16 Hawaii, late.

Sports Today

WPHL — San Angelo Outlaws at Odessa Jackalopes, 2 p.m., Ector County Coliseum. RADIO: KCMC (96.9 FM).

District 7 Soccer

	Season			District		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
San Angelo	13	1	5	5	1	1
Midland Lee	11	4	5	5	1	1
Abilene High	8	3	5	5	3	1
Odessa Permian	11	5	3	3	3	4
Midland High	6	6	2	4	4	4
Odessa High	7	6	1	5	1	5
Abilene Cooper	1	10	0	6		

Saturday's Games
San Angelo Central 1, Midland Lee 0; Abilene High 2, Permian 0; Odessa High 3, Cooper 0. Midland High was open.

Tuesday's Games
Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, Hardin Simmons, 7 p.m.; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, Ector Junior High, 7:30 p.m.; Central is open.

Wednesday's Game
Midland High at Midland Lee, 4:30 p.m.

	Season			District		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Midland Lee	11	3	6	4	0	1
Midland High	13	2	5	5	1	1
San Angelo	9	5	4	2		
Abilene Cooper	6	6	3	3	4	2
Odessa Permian	9	4	2	4		
Odessa High	2	11	1	5		
Abilene High	5	8	0	6		

Record includes a tie
Saturday's Games
Midland Lee 2, San Angelo Central 0; Abilene Cooper 4, Odessa High 0; Odessa Permian 2, Abilene High 1; Midland High was open.

Tuesday's Games
Midland Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Abilene Cooper vs. Abilene High, Hardin Simmons, 5 p.m.; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, Ector Junior High, 5:30 p.m.; Central is open.

Jags wooing Paup

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are close to signing Buffalo Bills linebacker Bryce Paup to a five-year, \$22 million contract. The Florida Times-Union reported for Sunday editions. The newspaper, citing unnamed sources, reported Paup's deal will include a \$5 million signing bonus and make him the second-highest paid linebacker in the NFL.

The deal surpasses the \$19 million contract the Redskins gave to linebacker Ken Harvey on Friday.

Paup's deal puts him only behind San Diego's Junior Seau, who received a new deal last season that pays him \$4.667 million per season.

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Daytona requires perfection

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Perfection may be something to be sought and never to be found.

Still, winning the 40th running of Sunday's Daytona 500, NASCAR's richest and most prestigious event, may take near perfection.

"Everybody's stuff is equal," said Sterling Marlin, who won in 1994 and 1995. "It'll take a perfect day to win the race."

"It's all getting in position. You've got to be at the right place at the right time with the right people. You can have a fast car and run 10th. You ain't going to pull away."

Marlin, who moved to struggling Team Sabco over the winter, has made the team owned by Felix Sabates a legitimate contender, a fact clearly shown by his solid victory in one of Thursday's 125-mile qualifying races at

Daytona International Speedway.

But Marlin attributes the win that earned him a second-row start on Sunday to circumstances and luck.

He passed Dale Jarrett, another two-time Daytona winner, for second place moments before leader Jeff Gordon chose to pit for tires under a caution flag. That put him in front and Marlin was able to keep his Chevrolet Monte Carlo ahead of Jarrett's Ford Taurus the rest of the way.

"If I had waited half a lap (to pass Jarrett), he would have had the lead," Marlin said. "The caution comes out, Gordon pits and I beat Jarrett back to the line by eight inches. It's luck. Clean living."

But Marlin is only one of perhaps a dozen solid contenders.

Of that group, the sentimental favorite is clearly seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt.

The Intimidator has come close, finishing second four times and twice lead-

ing to the last lap. But he is 0-19 in NASCAR's richest and most prestigious event, the one major stock car race he has never won.

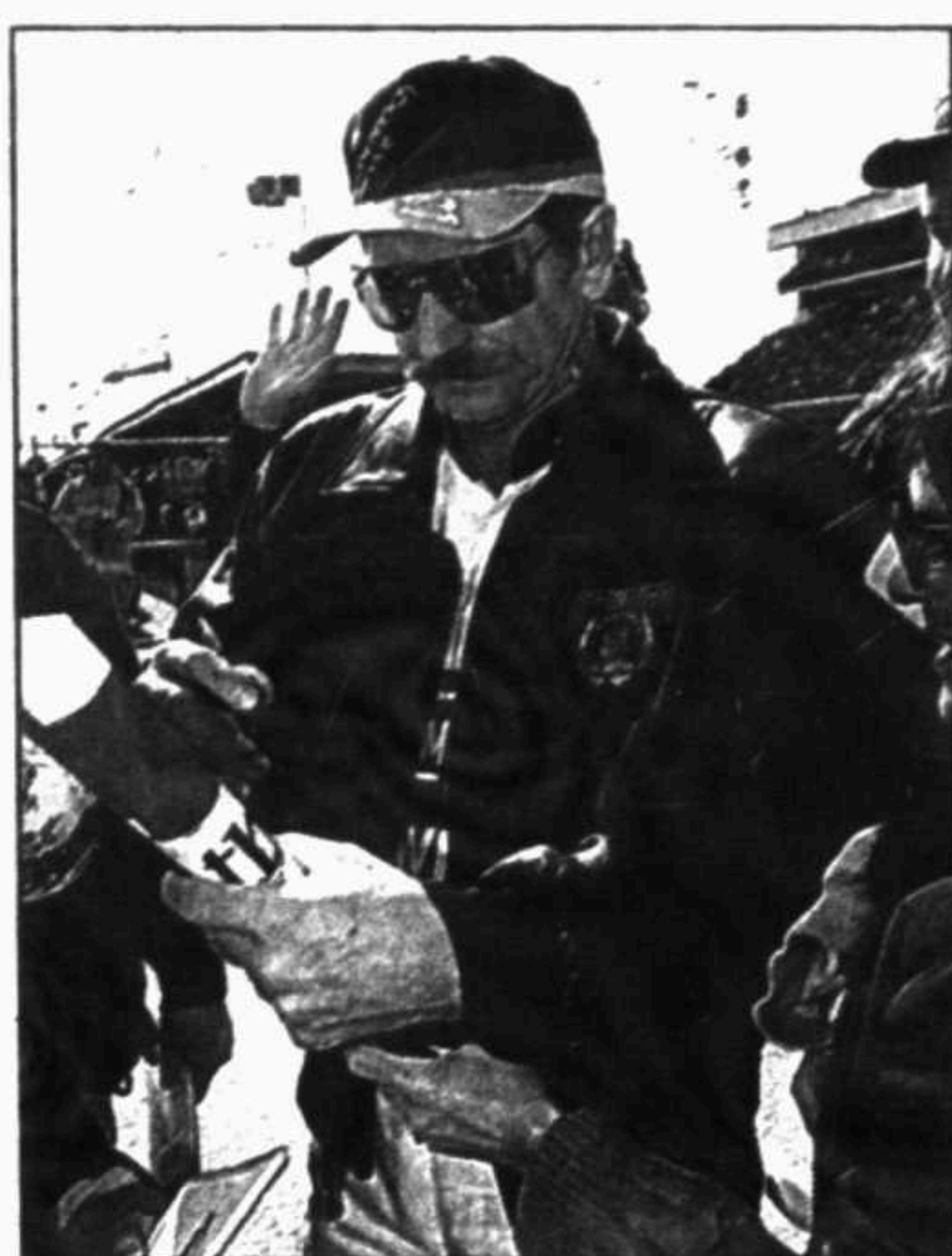
"You guys would probably be pretty happy not to have to ask me if I'm ever going to win the Daytona 500," Earnhardt said with a grimace. "I'd be real happy not to have to answer that again."

This could finally be the year for the 46-year-old second-generation racer. But there are plenty of other good stories lurking out there on the 43-car grid for Sunday's 40th annual Winston Cup season-opener.

Brothers Bobby and Terry Labonte will be at the head of the field when the green flag waves.

For pole-winner Bobby, the victory would be the biggest moment of his still budding career and a huge win for Pontiac, which has struggled in the stock car series in recent years.

Please see DAYTONA/2C



AP Laserphoto
Dale Earnhardt signs autographs for fans in Daytona, Fla. Earnhardt will go for his first Daytona 500 win today after 19 failed tries.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
San Angelo Central's Michael Elliot, right, stops the ball as Lee's Matt Dickinson (15) looks on. Central defeated the Rebels, 1-0, Saturday at Lee Soccer Field, leaving a three-way tie atop the District 7 boys' standings.

Lee's 1-0 loss creates tie at top of district

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

There's a log jam at the top of the District 7 boys soccer standings, thanks to San Angelo Central.

The defending district champion Bobcats defeated Midland Lee 1-0 Saturday at the Lee soccer field, which in effect put three teams in a tie for first place with half of the district schedule completed.

For John McCulloch's Lee team, Saturday's loss, and the tie it created, can be viewed as a missed opportunity to create some distance between his team and the Bobcats. Lee falls to 5-1 and now joins Central and Abilene High, a 2-0 winner over Odessa Permian on Saturday, at 5-1 in district.

"We are trying to win the district championship and it would have been nice to jump on the guys but it didn't happen," McCulloch said. "Our guys realize it is tougher to get San Angelo at their place."

For Lee, the 1-0 loss can be blamed on the lack of quality scoring chances. Lee came into the game having won games, although not exploding offensively. Lee has four one-goal wins and one two-goal victory. Against Central, Lee had nine shots but limited quality chances to score.

"That is a problem we have been having," McCulloch said. "It showed in this game. We haven't put passes together."

McCulloch credited a San Angelo defense, which when

Please see LEE/8C

Three local swimmers earn trip to state meet

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — One is going back, one barely made it in and one made it with almost the length of the pool to spare.

Three Midland swimmers qualified for the state meet Saturday at the Region I swimming championships at the Texas Tech Aquatic Center, which went pretty much according to form for the competitors from Midland High and Midland Lee. The trio of winners were all top seeds in their respective events, and they lived up to their billings at regionals.

Lee senior Amber Goodwin will return to Austin in two weeks to defend her state championship in the 100-yard backstroke, a no-brainer prediction which anybody could have made beforehand. Two sophomores with an extra year of experience behind them will join Goodwin. Midland High's Erin Irons narrowly won the girls 100 butterfly and Lee's Gregg Strauss won the boys 500 freestyle by a comfortably wide margin.

Those three figured to lead the charge for the Tall City schools and they didn't disappoint.

"I was real pleased top to bottom," said Ted Carson, who coaches the MHS and Lee swimmers. "We swam considerably faster than we did yesterday (in the preliminary heats). I think the virtue of hard work showed up today."

It figured to show up in Goodwin's case, only perhaps in one more event

than expected. She turned in a typically dominant performance in the 100 back, as her 57.50 seconds was just off her region record of two years ago and nearly five seconds ahead of the second place finisher.

That made up for whatever disappointment Goodwin may have experienced in not defending her regional title in the 50 free. She barely lost to Lacey Elliott of El Paso Franklin, swimming a 24.13 to Elliott's 24.02.

There was no such question about Goodwin's finish in the 100 back, when a race is as good as won when she enters.

"My backstroke is a lot faster than it was last year so I'm pleased," said Goodwin, who in the state meet last year swam a lifetime best 56.54. "I'm excited about my swims because I have two weeks to prepare (for the state meet)."

It's possible that Goodwin could also go to state in the 50 free, if her second place time turns out to be one of four "wild card" times which fill out the field of 16. The top three swimmers were tightly packed at regionals, with Lubbock High's Erin Combs in third place at 24.54.

Last year, Combs was second to Goodwin in the 50 free, but this year they both took a backseat to Elliott, who also won the 200 free and was named the meet's outstanding girls competitor. Elliott's efforts led Franklin to the girls team title with 81 points.

Please see SWIMMING/8C

Jackalopes get big win vs. division-leading Scorpions

By Ted Battles
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — Odessa's Jackalopes scored one of their biggest, most satisfying victories of the season and they couldn't even take time to celebrate.

The Jackalopes not only beat the WPHL West's best team 5-1, but did it with a rookie goaltender. New Mexico Scorpions became so frustrated, all they did in the third period was try to rattle the Jacks by attempting to instigate fisticuffs. The Jacks wouldn't play, only adding to the frustration of Coach Gary Unger's bunch.

The Jacks, after all, were a team they had beaten seven out of eight times this

season and the Jacks were big contributors to their 22-game over .500 record. But the Jacks' playing their most disciplined game of the year, took a 4-1 lead into the third period, added a Don Margette goal at 5:29 on a redirection of a Jon Pirrong shot and went into a prevent defense.

The trapping and dumping tactics were so effective that the high-powered Scorpions managed just six third period shots, although the Jacks were sitting back in their "we dare you" prevent.

Sami Laine led the offense with two goals, breaking the ice after an eerily scoreless first period at 5:31 of the second period. Passing the net, his twisting

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AP Laserphoto
American figure skater Todd Eldredge performs his routine during the final stage of the men's competition Saturday at the Winter Olympics in Nagano. Eldredge fell near the end of his program and finished fourth. Russia's Ilya Kulik won the gold medal.

Medal slips out of U.S. skater Eldredge's grasp

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — The disappointment was etched so deeply on Todd Eldredge's face, it made looking at him painful.

The men's figure skating gold medal was his to lose Saturday night, and he lost it. The silver and bronze, too.

"Today wasn't my day, that's all," he said, his blue eyes as lifeless as his voice. "It's something I really wanted, but everybody doesn't get everything they want."

With everything hanging on the 4 1/2-minute Olympic free skate, Eldredge put on his worst performance since reviving his career five years ago. He crashed to the ice on a triple axel, watered down three jumps — and wound up fourth.

He was third after Thursday's short program, when he skated well enough to be first with three judges. A similar performance probably would have gotten him a medal — something the United States hasn't won since Paul Wylie's silver in 1992.

The night, instead, belonged to Russia's Ilya Kulik.

Silky smooth and nearly perfect, he

won the gold medal with eight triples and a quadruple jump. Silver

went to Canada's Elvis Stojko, who persevered through eight triple jumps with a torn groin muscle. Bronze belonged to Frenchman Philippe Candeloro, who skated a masterful performance of "D'Artagnan" from "The Three Musketeers."

Eldredge, though, never even had the satisfaction of knowing he had skated his best.

"Good? That's a relative term today," the five-time U.S. champion said. "Nothing went all that great today."

From the moment he took the ice, it was clear this wasn't going to be his night. He looked almost too tense as he waited for his music to start, and hear-

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Earnhardt looking like his old intimidating self

By Joe Macenka
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It's becoming an increasingly common sight in the garage area these days at Winston Cup races.

Dale Earnhardt walks by, and people simply look at each other and nod approvingly without comment.

They don't have to say anything. Just the way Earnhardt carries himself tells them everything they need to know.

The body language says Earnhardt is no longer bothered by the health concerns and competitive struggles that turned 1997 into a year that the seven-time series champion would rather forget.

At age 46 and entering his 20th season on stock car racing's premier circuit, The Intimidator appears to be back — all the way.

"Mentally, he's just different," Don Hawk said. "I can equate it to a race horse. They have an expression with a race horse that he's up on the bit, up on the iron. I own some race horses, and you can always tell. You get that feel when you look at their eyes and you look at their ears. They're perky. That's how he is."

Hawk is one of Earnhardt's closest confidants. As president of Dale Earnhardt Inc., Hawk oversees everything from the driver's 400-acre farm to his lucrative souvenir and marketing empire.

For now, Earnhardt's outside interests are taking a back seat to racing in general, and specifically to his bid to win the Daytona 500, one of the few jewels that has eluded him.

"He was really so anxious to get here that he couldn't wait to get here," Hawk said. "He actually

came a couple days early. He came down here on Monday and we didn't even need to be here until Wednesday. I think that's how ready he was to come to Daytona and start putting things behind him."

Earnhardt, winless since March 1996 in Atlanta, a span of 59 races, will start fourth in Sunday's Daytona 500.

"I'm still determined as ever," said Earnhardt, who earned his spot on the starting grid by overpowering the field in the second of the Gatorade Twin 125s on Thursday. He put his Chevrolet Monte Carlo up front on the first lap and stayed there the rest of the way.

It was the kind of overpowering performance that made his competitors take notice.

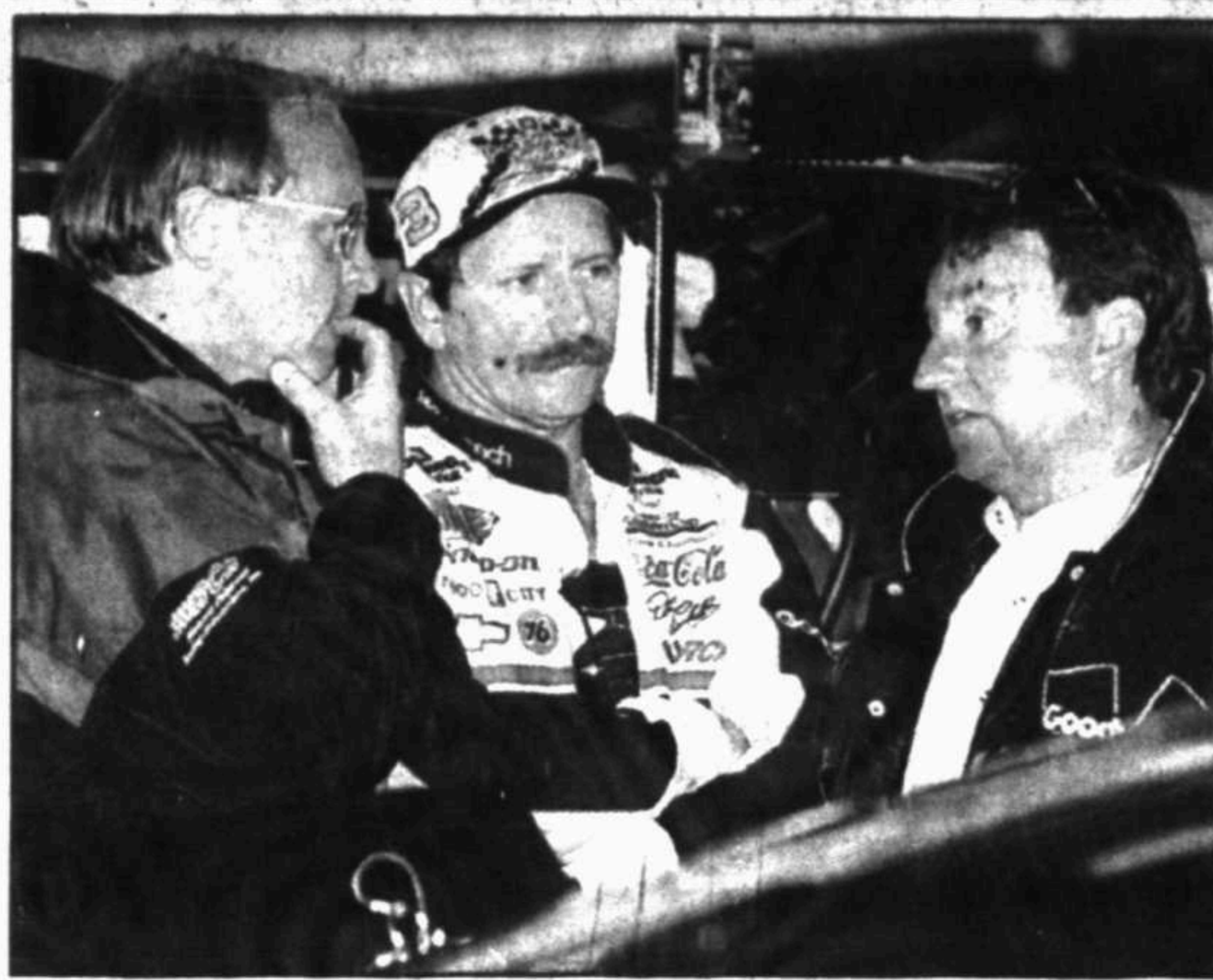
"I'll tell you," said Jeff Gordon, the defending Winston Cup and Daytona 500 champion. "I think he's going to be the guy to beat on Sunday."

That's not a line that was used very often to describe Earnhardt last year.

His first year with crew chief Larry McReynolds began with an average finish of 22nd in the opening three races, putting Earnhardt into a hole from which he never fully recovered.

His struggles stretched through the spring and into the long, hot grind of summer, only to be punctuated at Darlington Raceway on Labor Day weekend. Earnhardt twice nodded off at the wheel before the Southern 500 began, and when the race started he wrecked on the first lap and had to be carried from his car like a rag doll.

An extensive series of medical tests at several hospitals failed to find anything wrong, and Earnhardt returned to the track the next



Dale Earnhardt, center, crew chief Larry McReynolds, left, and car owner Richard Childress discuss the troubling results of their final practice prior to Sunday's Daytona 500.

weekend.

"I think the clean bill of health helped him a whole lot. The physical was so good and so intense," Hawk said. "Let's face it, if you and I get run through it, too, and we've got nothing wrong, at least if nothing else you'll feel pretty froggy for a couple months, feel pretty good."

Earnhardt had six top-10 finishes over the last nine races of the year, including seconds at Dover Downs International Speedway and Martinsville Speedway, and a third at Charlotte Motor Speedway, helping him rally for a fifth-place finish in the 1997 driver standings.

"Larry's got us dialed in pretty good," Earnhardt said. "I'm very, very comfortable with what we've got going. It just took a little time, more time than I thought it would."

While McReynolds has worked hard to return the team to its spot

among the sport's elite, Earnhardt has been doing his part as well. Long known for sleeping four hours or less each night and then catching little naps during the day, Earnhardt has been getting up as early as 4:30 a.m. to work out regularly in the gym at his home in Mooresville, N.C.

"It's tough not to win," he said. "It's tough to go a year and not win. If you were a basketball or football or baseball team, you'd really be on the outs. All the managers and everybody would be getting thrown out."

But Earnhardt has survived to get a chance to add to his list of 70 career victories. He would love for No. 14 to come at the Daytona 500, where he has dominated on an almost yearly basis but has yet to be up front at the end.

Ask Earnhardt about the 0-for-19 Daytona drought, and he smiles and flashes a thumbs-up.

"It's time," he said.

Nemechek dominates Daytona Busch event

By Dick Brinster
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Joe Nemechek led all but 15 of 120 laps in the most dominating NASCAR Busch Series performance ever at Daytona International Speedway, and won the NAPA Auto Parts 300 Saturday.

It was the second straight Busch victory and sixth overall for Nemechek, the 1992 series champion who now drives full time on the Winston Cup circuit. It came in his 22nd start on the 2 1/2-mile oval where Paul Goldsmith led 101 laps in 1967 but did not win.

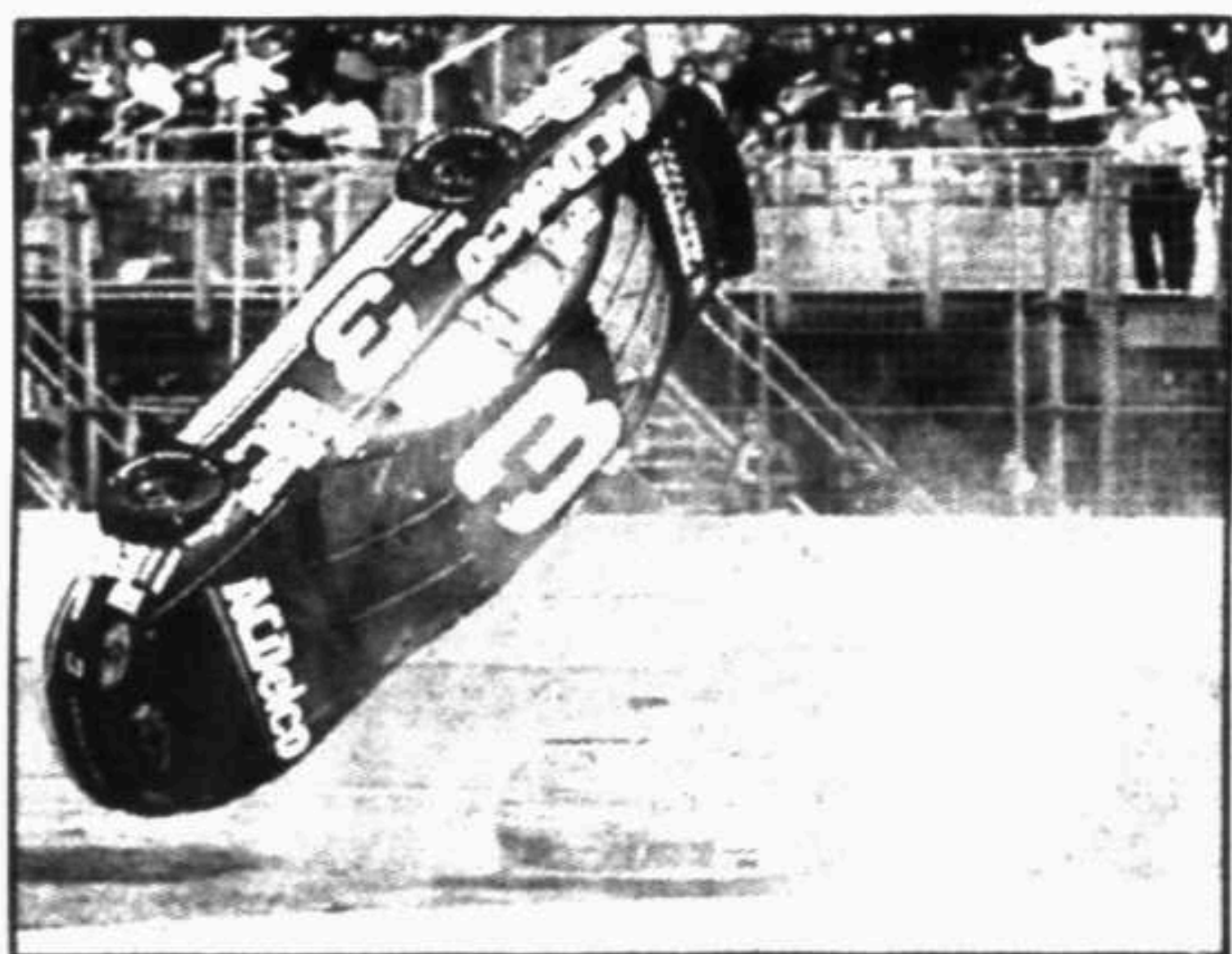
Nemechek ended the 1997 season with a victory at Homestead, Fla., and an emotional scene in the winner's circle. The 34-year-old Nemechek's younger brother, John, died earlier in the year after being injured in a NASCAR truck race at Homestead.

Nemechek's Chevrolet was the best car, but his driving late in the race secured the victory. Nemechek was told by crew chief Brian Pettie that the second-place Chevy of Jeff Purvis and the Ford of Busch career victories leader Mark Martin were teamed up to draft against him.

"He said they were having a party, but I wasn't invited to it," Nemechek said. "They were going to do whatever they could."

They did, but it wasn't good, perhaps because Martin spun out Nemechek's fastest pursuer, Tony Stewart, following a restart on the 110th lap of the crashed-filled \$1.1 million event.

"We had made a deal, and I hate that that



The car driven by Dale Earnhardt Jr. (3) goes airborne, and Dick Trickle tries to drive under it during the NAPA Auto Parts 300 Saturday at Daytona International Speedway.

happened," Martin said. "I just tried to give Tony a little push to get him up there, but I turned him around."

Stewart didn't blame Martin.

"On the restart, the car didn't accelerate," Stewart said. "He was just trying to get me going."

But Martin thought the accident in turn one effectively ended the race.

"I think Tony had a shot, but I don't think I did," Martin said.

Nemechek wasn't so sure.

"I didn't know what was going to happen,"

he said. "But everything was perfect — pit stops, restarts. But we had to dodge a few wrecks today."

So did most of the contenders.

Randy LaJoie, who won the Busch title the past two years, started a 10-car melee on the first lap by tapping the rear of Jeff Krogh's car. The most spectacular wreck involved Dale Earnhardt Jr., who flipped on the 106th lap after Buckshot Jones turned Dick Trickle into him.

Nemechek and Stewart, driving a partial Busch schedule while he defends his Indy Racing League title, narrowly escaped disaster with deft moves when Dave Blaney spun in front of them on the 89th lap. Nemechek dove low, and Stewart slowed and missed the spinning car of Blaney as it came off the wall on the high-banked third turn.

Nemechek credited his crew for that and the great blocking moves he was able to make on Purvis in the waning laps.

"They gave me a great handling car today," Nemechek said. "It was awesome."

So was he, especially over the final six-lap dash when Purvis kept trying him high and low to no avail.

Nemechek led the final 34 laps and collected \$78,600 in the biggest payday of his career. He beat Purvis by about four car-lengths in a race slowed six times by 24 laps of caution. The average speed was 137.213 mph.

There were four lead changes among four drivers.

Jones finished fourth in a Ford, followed by the Chevy of LaJoie.

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Daytona Lineup

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lineup for Sunday's Daytona 500 NASCAR stock car race at Daytona International Speedway, with car number in parentheses, driver, hometown and make of car (positions 3-30 determined by finishing position in 125-mile qualifying races; rest of lineup set by qualifying speeds in mph or car owner provisional points):

- (1) Bobby Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Chevrolet, 192.415
- (2) Terry Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Chevrolet, 192.127
- (3) Sterling Marlin, Columbus, Tenn., Chevrolet, 192.015
- (4) Dale Earnhardt, Kannapolis, N.C., Chevrolet, 191.990
- (5) Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 191.989
- (6) Jimmy Spencer, Berwick, Pa., Ford, 191.989
- (7) Mike Skinner, Susanville, Calif., Chevrolet, 191.989
- (8) Ward Burton, South Boston, Va., Ford, 191.989
- (9) Ernie Irvan, Salinas, Calif., Pontiac, 191.989
- (10) Derrick Cope, Spanaway, Wash., Pontiac, 191.989
- (11) Rusty Wallace, St. Louis, Ford, 191.989
- (12) Jeremy Mayfield, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 191.989
- (13) Jeff Burton, South Boston, Va., Ford, 191.989
- (14) Mark Martin, Batesville, Ark., Ford, 191.989
- (15) Lake Speed, Jackson, Miss., Ford, 191.989
- (16) John Andretti, Indianapolis, Ind., Chevrolet, 191.989
- (17) Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 191.989
- (18) Jeff Burton, South Boston, Va., Ford, 191.989
- (19) Kevin LePage, Shelburne, Vt., Chevrolet, 191.989
- (20) Chad Little, Spokane, Wash., Ford, 191.989
- (21) Bobby Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn., Chevrolet, 191.989
- (22) Mike Wallace, St. Louis, Chevrolet, 191.989
- (23) Greg Sacks, Mattituck, N.Y., Ford, 191.989
- (24) Geoff Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Ford, 191.989
- (25) Jerry Nadeau, Danbury, Conn., Ford, 191.989
- (26) Rick Mast, Rockbridge Baths, Va., Ford, 191.989
- (27) Joe Nemechek, Lakeland, Fla., Chevrolet, 191.989
- (28) Jeff Gordon, Pittsboro, Ind., Chevrolet, 191.989
- (29) Robert Pressley, Asheville, N.C., Ford, 191.989
- (30) Ken Schrader, Fenton, Mo., Chevrolet, 191.989
- (31) Ricky Craven, Newburgh, Maine, Chevrolet, 189.557

(1) Steve Park, East Northport, N.Y., Chevrolet, 189.498

(2) Brad Leno, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Chevrolet, 119.9

(3) Tim Fedewa, Holt, Mich., Chevrolet, 119.9

(4) Matt Hutter, Chardon, Ohio, Pontiac, 119.9

(5) Jeff Burton, South Boston, Va., Ford, 119.9

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MHS, Wilson claim titles in Big Spring

Staff Report

BIG SPRING — The Midland High tennis team walked away with its second straight team title of the spring season and Toffee Wilson got some revenge this weekend at the Big Spring Invitational.

Wilson, a junior, avenged a loss to Big Spring's Monica Villarreal two weeks ago with a 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 win in the girls singles championship.

MHS, which won the team title at the Midland High Invitational, scored 97 points, 19 more than second-place Lubbock Coronado. Permian, Central and Big Spring rounded out the top 5.

"I think it is incredible," MHS coach Tom Heiting said. "We are playing with a lot of teams that turned out to be better than us in the fall, and we are beating them handily now."

Along with Wilson's title, MHS got two second-place finishes in the girls doubles (Sonia Valdez and Drew Brannan) and boys doubles (Justin Brannan and Marlin Geib). Meryl McClung took third place in the girls singles.

Also, MHS won three consolation titles and one fifth place match. "We showed good depth and balance as a team," Heiting said. "I think everybody placed. It was a real good showing overall."

Maybe the biggest match Saturday was Wilson's win. The junior left-hander won the first set (6-0) just like she did two weeks ago against Villarreal, but unlike that previous match, Wilson came through when previously she could not.

After dropping the second set, 3-6, Wilson stormed back with a 6-4 third-game win.

"It is a very big win looking toward (the) district (tournament)," Heiting said. "She ran off eight straight games, and then, Villarreal changed things up a little. This time, Toffee held her mental game together and was determined to win."

Midland High will play at the ECISD Invitational in two weeks.

Midland High final results and team standings from the Big Spring Invitational held this weekend in Wichita Falls. Players are MHS players unless otherwise identified.

Team Standings: Midland High 97, Lubbock Coronado 78, Odessa Permian 77, San Angelo Central 73.

Boys Singles: Championship match: Toffee Wilson def. Monica Villarreal, 6-0, 3-6, 6-4. Third Place: Meryl McClung def. Sara Voss, Central, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Boys Doubles: Championship match: Drew Brannan, Lub. Coronado, def. Valdez-Brannan, 1-6, 6-0, 6-0. Consolation Finals: Giers-Hanson def. Morton-Harrison, Central, 7-6, 2-6, 6-0.

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New York 31 19 .618

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Philadelphia 15 33 .313

Indiana 15 33 .313

Chicago 37 15 .712

Charlotte 30 20 .600

Atlanta 29 21 .578

Cleveland 28 22 .560

Milwaukee 25 25 .500

Detroit 23 27 .460

Toronto 19 31 .380

Western Conference

Standings

W L Pct GB

Utah 33 15 .688

San Antonio 31 17 .646

Minnesota 27 21 .564

Houston 26 22 .540

Vancouver 13 37 .259

Dallas 10 40 .200

Denver 5 45 .100

Seattle 39 11 .780

L.A. Lakers 33 15 .688

Phoenix 33 15 .688

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The United States' Patricia Dunn celebrates her tie-breaking goal while Canadian team members Vicky Sunohara (61) and Threse Brisson, background, can only stand and watch during Saturday's preliminary round game at the Winter Olympics in Nagano. Dunn's goal put the United States ahead of Canada, 5-4, and the Americans went on to win 7-4.

U.S. women claim round 1 vs. Canada

By Barbara Huebner
N.Y. Times News Service

NAGANO, Japan — Given that both teams were already headed for the gold-medal game regardless, U.S. women's ice hockey coach Ben Smith figured Saturday's meaningless match with Canada would be no more than a gentle diversion: "I thought it would be the Blue Danube Waltz, really."

Instead, it was more like slandering. If this was a preview of Tuesday's gold-medal game, call security.

Between the two squads, there were 64 shots, 46 penalty minutes, 7 power-play goals, and a lot of lost cool. The result: a whiplashing 7-4 come-from-behind win by the United States, which scored six goals in the last 12 minutes 55 seconds.

While Canadian coach Shannon Miller stood by her statement from earlier in the week that "hate" is too strong a word for the rivalry, she allowed after Saturday's fireworks that there is, at the least, "an intense dislike."

"I think a lot more would have to happen out there before the teams start hating each other," she said.

One shudders to ponder what she thinks that might be, considering several Canadian reporters said that after the game, Miller accused an unnamed U.S. player of making disparaging comments to Danielle Goyette about the death of her father soon after Goyette arrived here. The U.S. denied the incident, with Smith saying any exchange — if there was one — must have been misunderstood "at best; no, at worst."

There have been a few dull games at the Aqua Wing in the last week, but from the outset, it was clear this would not be another.

Canadian men's hockey team finally gets shot at Americans

By David Ginsburg
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — It's the game Canada has waited 17 months to play. Now, suddenly, it also has an aura of urgency for the Americans.

When the two gold-medal contenders meet Monday (Sunday night EST), the only thing officially at stake is seeding in the quarterfinal round of the Olympic tournament.

Yeah, right. The Canadians have been preparing for this since September 1996, when they finished second behind the United States in the inaugural World Cup of Hockey. Although it is possible the teams will meet again within the week, the game represents the first chance here for both countries to establish hockey supremacy in North America and, arguably, the world.

"There's going to be a statement made, one way or another," U.S. center Mike Modano said. "After we beat them in the World Cup, I think the pressure was on them to put together a team that could compete with us. Canada is really looking at this as an opportunity."

The United States is too, in a different way. After an opening loss to Sweden and a lackluster 5-2 victory over Belarus on Saturday, the Americans desperately need a strong showing to prove to themselves and the rest of the competition that they're worthy of their reputation as the team to beat in Nagano. "We all felt subconsciously that it was just going to be an easy walk and that we would not be challenged at all," Modano said. "We all expected it to just happen."

It hasn't quite happened that way, although it's certainly not too late for the United States to straighten things out.

"I don't think you can overemphasize this game," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said. "We understand the importance to Canada and Canadians because of the World Cup loss, and both teams are trying to sort things out on the way to the gold medal game."

Wilson will stay with goaltender Mike Richter, who has struggled with the New York Rangers this season and was unspectacular against Sweden but had 28 saves against Belarus.

Richter was sensational in the World Cup final, stopping 31 of 32 shots through the first two periods in a 5-2 win, capping a tournament in which he was 5-1 with a 2.43 goals-against average.

Canada has been planning its revenge ever since. "It's certainly a game we want to get," said Joe Nieuwendyk, who had a goal and two assists in leading Canada (2-0) past Sweden 3-2 Saturday. "The U.S. got back on track with a win over Belarus. Even though they stumbled against the Swedes, they feel if they can get this one, they're right back where they want to be."

After the World Cup loss, Canada general manager Bob Clarke dropped Mark Messier and Paul Coffey from the national team and picked role players such as Nieuwendyk and Rob Zamuner. Clarke, in theory, was trying to match the Americans' size, speed, strength and team attitude.

Paul Kariya, who didn't play in the World Cup, was seen as a major addition. But the Anaheim Mighty Ducks' star is out with a concussion he received Feb. 1 from a head-high forearm delivered by Gary Suter, who is playing for the United States.

The incident added gasoline to an already fiery rivalry.

"Canadians always take a lot of pride in their game and get a lot of pressure from people back home," U.S. defenseman Brian Leetch said. "The pressure comes from the public's belief that they are the better team and should win these international competitions."

"The U.S. has always come with the underdog feeling and had to battle the way to respect. We made a big step forward in the World Cup."

The Americans have taken a tiny step back thus far in the Olympics, but they're convinced that a victory over Canada here would not be an upset.

"We'd all like to quiet the critics. Everyone thought last time was a fluke, a surprise, and that Richter was a one-man team," Modano said.

"We know we can beat them. They're looking for revenge, but coming into this tournament I certainly rather have won the last game than lost it," Richter said. "Playing Canada will force us to play a better game than the first two, and if we can learn from it, that's exactly what we need."

A victory wouldn't hurt, either.

United States searching for answers in bobsled

By John Kekis
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Brian Shimer said he was thinking of dropping out of the two-man bobsled competition. Who could blame him?

So much promise again had quickly evaporated into despair for the troubled U.S. bobsled team. Halfway through the two-man on the tricky 15-turn Spiral track, both Shimer and teammate Jim Herberich already were looking ahead to the next event.

Even the sleek Bo-Dyn sleds, billed by the team as the fastest two-man sleds in the world, were of little help against Italian Guenther Huber and Pierre Lueders of Canada.

"I don't feel good. There's absolutely no shot," said Shimer, who was tired in 12th place, nearly nine-tenths of a second off the lead. "It just didn't happen."

At least Jamaica, which beat the United States in four-man at Lillehammer, was no threat this time. Devon Harris was in 30th place.

"I'm not very happy," said Herberich, who was just ahead of Shimer in 11th. "I had a real

good first run but never got any speed going, in fact lost a lot of time at the bottom, and we're scratching our heads about that. The second run really wasn't the one we needed to move up, unfortunately, so it made our job a little harder."

Nearly every sled brushed or slammed the wall coming out of troublesome turn 12, which could end up deciding the winner in both the two-man and four-man events.

"It's a very difficult corner," Lueders said. "I think I've done it once perfectly this week. It's a strange feeling. The timing is very difficult."

The 35-year-old Shimer thought briefly about scratching out of Sunday's final two runs in order to concentrate on the four-man next weekend. He's been bothered all season by a strained hamstring and hasn't had good start times, but he's only one-quarter of the equation in the four-man push.

"To come back and fight for a top-10 finish is not something I'm particularly thrilled about," Shimer said. "We're here to win. We're here to take home a medal, and it looks like our only chance now is going to be in the four-man."



Americans Brian Shimer, right, and Garrett Hines take off from the start-house Saturday during the first heat of the two-man bobsled competition.

The United States hasn't won a bobsled medal since Arthur Tyler's bronze in four-man at Cortina, Italy, in 1956.

Men's super-G gets postponed again

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

HAKUBA, Japan — Get ready for the first tripleheader in Olympic Alpine history.

With a backlog of delayed races that got jammed up even more when snow and fog postponed the men's super-G again, organizers scheduled three races for Monday (Sunday night, EST) in an attempt to complete Alpine competition.

And even that may not be enough to get in all the races at these weather-plagued games. Organizers now must try to fit eight races into six days — or seven days, if they race on the day of the closing ceremony.

"Why shouldn't it be an emergency?" race referee Guenther Hujara said. "If you have to delay everything, and you have to cancel, and you're in the last week of the Olympic Winter Games, we all see that it's getting tight now."

Snow and thick fog on the Happo-one course forced another postponement Sunday (Saturday night EST) in the super-G, the latest Alpine event to be tormented by stormy weather. The day before,

it was rain that washed out the same race.

More than 6 inches of fresh snow covered the course, then heavy fog shrouded Mount Karamatsu. Organizers pushed back the start of the super-G six times, then gave up for the day and reset the race for 8:45 a.m. Monday (6:45 p.m. Sunday, EST).

Daron Rahlves of Truckee, Calif., said he couldn't even see halfway to the first gate from the starting house — and that running the race in such thick fog would have been unthinkable.

"It's full vertigo," he said. "You get disoriented, dizzy trying to find where you're going."

Rahlves compared the repeated weather postponements to the movie "Groundhog Day," in which Bill Murray keeps waking up on Feb. 2.

In this case, it's the skiers who, day after day, go to the slopes only to be disappointed.

"We maybe made a mistake coming out today. We maybe should have taken the day off as the women did," said U.S. men's head coach Bill Egan. "It would have done all the athletes and

coaches good to have an opportunity to have a day off."

The women's downhill and the downhill portion of the women's combined also are set for Monday, with the slalom portion of the women's combined set for the following day.

The women's downhill is set for 10:15 a.m. (8:15 p.m. Sunday, EST), just 90 minutes after the start of the men's super-G, on a nearby hill. The women's combined downhill is set to begin at 12:30 p.m. (10:30 p.m. Sunday, EST).

Snow was forecast for Sunday night, but sunshine is expected Monday.

In the first eight days of Alpine events at the Nagano Olympics, not a single race has been run as planned. Five days have been complete washouts.

"According to the weather center, during February the weather normally changes in three-day cycles — three days good, three days bad," said Ko Yamaguchi, a spokesman for the Nagano Olympic Organizing Committee. "But this year it's one day good, one day bad. We have to adjust to

this and it's a very difficult task for us."

Rain, snow and lightning wiped out the women's downhill and the men's super-G on Saturday, delaying by at least two days Picabo Street's bid to become the first U.S. skier to capture two gold medals in an Olympics since 1952.

Street, winner of the women's super-G, is among the favorites in the downhill. She won silver in 1994 Olympic downhill at Lillehammer.

The skiers are scheduled to move about 50 miles away to Shiga Kogen on Wednesday (Tuesday night, EST) for slalom and giant slalom races.

Officials are considering the possibility of moving the slalom portion of the women's combined to Shiga Kogen if the schedule gets backed up further.

There still is an open day at the end of the Alpine schedule — Feb. 22, the day reserved for the closing ceremony, a cross-country race and the men's hockey final. Organizers have said they will do whatever is necessary to complete all Alpine races.

Japanese ski jumper thrills crowd with gold

By Robert Millward
AP Sports Writer

HAKUBA, Japan — At last. Kazuyoshi Funaki sparked long-awaited celebrations and tears of well-up emotion among Japanese fans Sunday (Saturday night EST) with a performance of soaring perfection off the 120-meter hill to give the nation its first Olympic ski jump title in 26 years.

Silver medalist on the 90m hill Wednesday, the 22-year-old star made sure of the gold this time with a massive leap of 132.5 meters, accompanied by a sweep of perfect style marks, to win the title.

Funaki seemed to stay aloft for hours, hanging in the air and barely moving his arms and legs. When he landed, the whole crowd knew he had won the gold and erupted in a huge release of pent-up emotion. "It's common in Europe to have

big crowds so I'm used to it," Funaki said. "I didn't really notice it, but then I did hear a very loud cheer and it sure was encouraging."

The last time a Japanese jumper won an Olympic event was 1972 in Sapporo, the last time the Winter Games were held in this country. That was a 1-2-3 sweep before a crowd that included the nation's emperor.

The crowd, minus any Japanese royalty this time, was out in hopes of another triumph Sunday, after Funaki's near-miss off the small hill. And at one stage, it looked like a 1-2 Japanese finish.

Masahiko Harada had already smashed the hill record of 132 meters with a leap of 136 and appeared to have clinched second place ahead of 90m gold medalist Jani Soininen.

Harada soared so far it was difficult to measure the distance because there were no lines across the landing area at the point he hit

the snow. That meant no score went up on the scoreboard and it was only when everyone had finished and the medalists were lining up that it was confirmed Soininen had won the silver.

Harada and Soininen even went to the wrong places on the podium before the final results were confirmed and they swapped over.

"I made a mistake in the first jump," a tearful Harada said after he had heard the result confirmed. "I needed four more meters. I couldn't do my best jumps. I was very disappointed."

"But I still want to engrave this event in my heart. After the normal hill result (when he finished fifth) I read papers and saw TV, I saw the headlines 'Harada failed again'."

"I didn't want to do that again and I promised to myself that I will not repeat the same mistake. But I was able to perform a super jump."

At least his first individual bronze medal partly made up for his two Olympic flops.

With the Japanese quartet in a team gold medal-winning position at the 1994 Olympics at Lillehammer, Harada needed only a modest jump to clinch the title, going last of the four, but came up with the worst leap of the round and surrendered the gold to the Germans.

In Wednesday's 90m competition, Harada had the biggest jump of the opening round, 91.5 meters, and, going last in Round 2, needed something like 88 and good style marks to win his first Olympic title. His 84.5 left him fifth.

Sunday's confusion also took some of the gloss off Harada's amazing 136-meter leap but set up a thrilling finish.

After Harada's leap, still without a score, the competition continued and Funaki, going third from last, soared into the lead with his immaculate jump.

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By Steve Wilk
AP Sports Writer

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Russian Kulik nails quad, earns men's figure skating gold medal

By Steve Wilstein
AP Sports Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Ilya Kulik's cool, as much as his quad, made him an Olympic champion Saturday night, carrying him from his first mountain of a jump to a red-cheeked smile at the end.

No Olympic skater ever landed so many tough jumps. Few skated with such sophistication, as rhapsodic as his music. And not since half a century ago did a young man in his first Winter Games claim the figure skating gold.

The 20-year-old Russian left two world champions staring at him after the free skate, gimpy-legged Canadian Elvis Stojko from the silver medalist's platform and broken-hearted American Todd Eldredge from far, far away in fourth.

From the vantage point of swashbuckling Frenchman Philippe Candeloro, whose captivating performance in the free skate lifted him from fifth place to bronze, Kulik may reign at the top of the sport for a long time to come.

"He has a chance to get many, many gold medals," said Candeloro, who watched Kulik skate and knew immediately where the gold was going. "I see quad and triple-triple, and I say, 'OK, he won.'"

Everyone skated for second place after Kulik's performance — a clean quadruple toe loop and eight flawless triple jumps interwoven with the kind of style that projected at once a mood of solitude and delight. Kulik caught

perfectly the spirit of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," and he turned it into a vehicle for his amazing vaults.

Kulik skated so well, it was almost possible to ignore his bizarre plastic shirt — banana yellow with big black blotches.

Neither Alexei Urmanov, the gold medalist at Lillehammer, nor Viktor Petrenko at Albertville, nor Brian Boitano at Calgary attempted such a demanding program. And Kulik showed he could not only outpace them, but he could approach them as a stylist, though he still has far to go.

Kulik knew last year he had to inject more artistry, more finesse into his skating, so he changed his coach and choreographer and went back to work at his adopted rink in Marlborough, Mass.

"I was missing some crucial link, something that makes you a winner," Kulik said.

He always had the leaping ability, though his stamina was suspect. Now he has the whole package.

"It was truly my best skating," he said after becoming the first man to win the men's figure skating gold in his Olympic debut since Dick Button won his first at age 18 in 1948. Button, who also won a gold in 1952, was on hand to watch Kulik skate.

"The pressure was just unbelievable all these eight days. Today, I couldn't sleep during the day. I was so nervous, skating my program all the time in my mind," Kulik said.

He had reason to worry. All the buildup going into the Olympics centered on Stojko, a silver medal-

ist at Lillehammer, and Eldredge, five times the U.S. champion.

Though Kulik led after the short program, either the second-place Stojko or the third-place Eldredge could have grabbed the gold by winning the free skate.

But Eldredge followed Kulik onto the ice, and less than a minute later everyone knew the American had virtually no chance. Instead of the triple axel-triple toe loop he planned, he followed the axel with a double. Not a fatal mistake, just the first of several. He made a similar error on the next triple combination, then blew a triple axel, and skidded to the ice when he tried in desperation to add another triple axel.

A few minutes later, sitting backstage, Eldredge heard Candeloro's scores, ranging from 5.7 to 6.0 for artistry.

Candeloro's theatrical performance as the gallant swordsman, D'Artagnan from "The Three Musketeers," was simply exhilarating. His fencing moves, his footwork, his playfulness dazzled the crowd, which showered him with flowers at the end. It hardly mattered that he stepped out one of his triple axels or landed shakily on a triple salchow. For sheer artistry, Candeloro had everyone beat.

All that remained was to see whether Stojko's jumping genius would carry him past Kulik. Not even close.

Stojko skated without apparent injury in the short program, and neither he nor his coaches ever mentioned that he had a torn groin.



Canadian Susan Auch, right, tries in vain to keep ahead of fellow Canadian Catriona Le May Doan in the gold medal race of the women's 500 meter speed skating event Saturday at the Winter Olympic Games in Nagano. Doan recovered to win gold in the race. Auch took silver.

Canadian proves she's fast on skates

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Le May or LeMay? Hyphen or no hyphen before Doan?

Catriona LeMay Doan, the world's fastest female on ice, had just won Canada's first Olympic gold medal in women's speed skating, and the only revealing bit of information left to learn was how she spelled her name.

As for her effortless win in the 500 meters on Saturday, that seemed to be a foregone conclusion.

Ever since she slipped on the revolutionary clap skates, no one has dominated the sprints like LeMay Doan (no space or hyphen, please).

In six World Cup events this season, she has five golds and one silver. She became the first woman to break 38 seconds in the 500 meters on Nov. 22, and set the world record three more times since.

Nothing changed at the M-Wave, where LeMay Doan handily beat teammate Susan Auch to the finish line and set an Olympic Record for the second straight day with a time of 38.21 seconds.

Tomomi Okazaki of Japan won the bronze, while Chris Witty of West Allis, Wis., wound up 10th.

"I'm definitely proud of the medal, and of Canada," LeMay Doan said.

The gold medal secured, she hugged Auch as the two skated side-by-side around the oval, their skates clacking along the way.

It was a far cry from just one year ago, when LeMay Doan was ranked seventh in the world, and Auch, 31, was trying to recover from knee surgery. With the clap skates, LeMay Doan has been virtually unbeatable. Her only World Cup loss this year was to Auch.

"I think I'm more efficient on the clap skates than traditional

skates," LeMay Doan conceded.

Still, she bristled at the notion that the hinged blade is what separates her from the rest of the sprinters. She points to her technique, as well as powerful thighs that propel her around the oval in record time.

"I don't think you can skate 37.5 (her world record time) on the claps and not skate close to that on traditional skates," she said. "The biggest thing is the improvement in my technique. For me, the experience and work of the last two years came together at the right time."

Auch was faster down the first 100 meters for the second straight day, but it wasn't long before LeMay Doan let her thick, muscular thighs generate incredible power with each graceful stride.

"I thought maybe I could win a gold this year," Auch said.

ELDREDGE: American takes fourth

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ing Kulik's marks — 5.9 after 5.9 — couldn't have helped.

Within seconds, his Olympic medal was slipping away: He turned a planned triple axel-triple toe loop jump combination into a triple-double. Too simple.

He made the same mistake on a planned triple flip-triple toe combination, doubling the second jump instead. Too weak.

When he singled his triple axel, one of his most consistent jumps, the crowd gasped. Tara Lipinski, a U.S. gold medal hopeful and one of his closest friends, buried her head in her hands.

With about 15 seconds left, Eldredge improvised, trying the triple axel one more time. He fell. As he finished his program and faced the crowd, he dropped his head and ran a hand through his hair in a gesture of utter frustration.

He skated off the ice as if in a trance, and as he waited for his marks to flash he rocked back and forth in his seat, longtime coach Richard Callaghan by his side.

When his marks were posted — 5.6s to 5.8s — he walked backstage, took off his skates and packed up his things.

"I didn't watch anybody else," he said. "I knew how I skated, and more than likely it was not an Olympic medal performance. When I finished there were no thoughts of medals, or any of that. It

was not the performance I wanted to put out there. That's the way it goes."

If anyone in skating has a hard-luck story, it's Eldredge.

After winning the U.S. title in 1990 and '91, he missed the 1992 national championships with a back injury and was given a bye to the Albertville Games. Too out of shape, he fell on a simple double axel in the short program and wound up 10th.

The 1993 season was hellish. Nothing worked, and he went on the ice each day wondering if he could make it through his programs. After finishing sixth in national competition, he quit for two months, at times doubting he'd ever put his skates back on.

He did. After all, he had unfinished Olympic business. A few days before the 1994 nationals, certain he was skating well enough to make the Olympic team, Eldredge came down with the flu. His fever spiked at 104 and he passed out in his Detroit hotel room. Ailing, he finished fourth.

Since then he has won three more U.S. titles and the 1996 world championship. He arrived in Nagano as one of the medal favorites, and after the short program, the gold medal was within his reach.

But as Eldredge has learned all too well, life is never certain and often unfair.

"It's been six years since I've been here," he said. "Maybe I wanted it too much."

LOCAL SPORTS

Andrews loses 2nd straight

SAN ANGELO — The Andrews boys basketball team dropped its second big game in as many games with a 59-57 loss to San Angelo Lake View Friday night.

Andrews ends the District 4-4A season with a 14-17 record, but the loss moves the Mustangs to 7-3 in district which makes them the third seed for the UIL Class 4A playoffs.

Lake View (20-8 and 8-2) takes the second seed with the win. Jorge Villarreal scored 30 points and 12 rebounds.

For Andrews, which hit 21 of 51 shots, Jacob Lopez scored 24 points, Shaud Williams 16 and John Kimberlin 12. Kimberlin pulled down nine boards.

Lake View 59, Andrews boys 57

Andrews (14-17, 7-3): Jacob Lopez 9-20 5-5 24; Shaud Williams 5-10 6-8 16; Mitch Frisby 0-1 0-0 0; Wayne Mayfield 1-6 1-3 3; John Kimberlin 5-9 2-4 12; Chris McCain 1-2 0-2 2; Stormy Jackson 0-2 0-0 0; Gentry Woods 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 21-52 14-20 57.
Lake View (20-8, 8-2): Jorge Villarreal 12-23 3-5 37; Jorge Villarreal 14-21 1-30 30; Cody Renteria 4-6 0-0 8; Grant Freeman 0-5 0-0 0; Kendall Jones 1-1 2-4 2; B.J. Brown 1-2 0-2 2; Michael Williams 3-10 0-0 0. Totals: 25-52 6-4 59.

COM Diving results

GRAPEVINE — Here are City of Midland Diving Team results from the GC Diving Invitational held at the G.I.S.D. Pool.

9 & Under Novice Girls 3 Meter Springboard: Ashley Beal, 5th, 66.50; Erin Savas, 7th, 66.50.
10-11 Novice Girls 3 Meter Springboard: Michelle Shannon, 3rd, 92.00; Blair Weller, 5th, 91.50; Mattie Murray, 8th, 85.00; Melissa Shulze, 9th, 84.50.
12-13 Under Novice Girls 3 Meter Springboard: Kate Cullen, 1st, 148.90; Katie Denny, 13th, 130.10; Kristina Hambeck, 6th, 118.00.
13 & Under JG Girls 3 Meter Springboard: Kristina Gilbert, 9th, 202.70.

9 & Under Novice Boys 3 Meter Springboard: Sergio Leyva, 1st, 87.50; Casey Cullen, 2nd, 64.50.
9 & Under Novice Boys 1 Meter Springboard: Sergio Leyva, 1st, 81.00; Casey Cullen, 3rd, 66.00.
9 & Under Novice Girls 1 Meter Springboard: Erin Shannon, 2nd, 88.00.
10-11 Novice Girls 1 Meter Springboard: Michelle Shannon, 2nd, 88.00.
10-11 JG Girl 1 Meter Springboard: Blair Weller, 7th, 175.20; Melissa Shulze, 8th, 174.65; Mattie Murray, 12th, 161.95.
13 & Under Novice Girls 1 Meter Springboard: Katie Denny, 1st, 147.80; Katie Cullen, 4th, 132.85; 132.85; Kristina Hambeck, 6th, 124.90.
13 & Under Novice Girls 1 Meter Springboard: Kristina Gilbert, 7th, 227.20.
Synchronized Diving 1 Meter Springboard: Katie Cullen & Kristina Gilbert, 10th, 82.40.

Trinity Jr. High girls hoops

The Trinity girls junior high basketball team concluded their season Thursday. Trinity 7th (14-6) beat Coahoma 30-27 as Olivia Holland finished with 10 points. Trinity 8th (13-7) lost 42-15 to Coahoma as Nicole Kennerly led the way with six points.

JACKS: Odessa wins with rookie goalie

(From 1C)

shot from almost goal-line level beat Tony Martino, the crafty New Mexico goalie.

Dan Lavergne added an unassisted power play goal at 9:00. Actually, it was a point pass intended for Laine, but missed Sami and found the nets.

Before the period was over Nick Lamia scored at 12:52 on a power play. Laine made it 4-0 on a breakaway on which he decked Martino and flipped a backhand shot in as he cruised past the left corner of the crease.

New Mexico's lone goal came at 14:32, a power play by George Dupont on a rebound shot. It was one of only three times the Jacks were a man down.

Despite the five goals, the defense and goalie Michael Tornquist, the 21-year-old rookie from Stockholm, stole the show. The defense was so good, 5:20 of the first period had gone by before the Scorpions even got a shot on goal.

Tornquist (2-8-1) turned back 29 shots, but credited the defense. "Everybody played well and most of the shots came from the blue line and were easy to stop," he said. Still, he made some spectacular saves.

This has been a getting-acquainted with North American

style hockey year for Tornquist. "In Sweden, we play on bigger rinks. There are more traps and it's a faster game with precise passing. Here there is more to do," says Tornquist. "More action. I think I'm finally getting into it and I will do better."

Tornquist played in Sweden's First Division. "That is not as good a league as the Elite League," he explained. "But I practiced with the Elite team."

There wasn't much time for post game chat. The team, still in uniform, returned to the ice for the wedding of Noelia Martinez and George Rodriguez. Noelia is a member of the Jacks/Angels staff.

And there is little time to bask in the glory victory. San Angelo's Outlaws come into the "Jack Shack" with their noisy fans at 2 p.m. today and Odessa hasn't beaten San Angelo at home this year.

The last meeting ended with 28 seconds left when a free-for-all broke out at San Angelo. Goalie Billy Pye and defenseman Derek Pajot will be coming off suspensions from that melee today.

JACK SLAPSHOTS: Today's game is the third in a grueling six games in eight days span. This comes after a stretch in which the Jacks played one game in 12 days. New Mexico falls to 37-16-4.

Only Eastern Division leader Fort Worth has more points, 82 to 78. Odessa is 19-32-4 and 8-18-1 at home, but they are 7-7-3 for 1998. After a check that leveled Mike Sanderson in the first period, the Scorpion mugged Tom MacDonald from behind in retaliation, resulting in five minute fighting penalties. The second fight between Odessa's Paul Fioroni and NM's Darren Wright resulted in fighting and game misconduct penalties. Jacks' co-owner Miles Prentice, on the Sports Illustrated story on the Jacks in this week's edition, said, "Good or bad, we couldn't pay a public relations firm enough to get that kind of publicity." This is Ref Kris Schoech's first series in Odessa. He usually officiates New Mexico and Amarillo between college assignments in the Denver and Colorado Springs areas.

Odessa Jackalopes 5, New Mexico Scorpions 1
New Mexico 0 1 0 0 1
Odessa 0 4 1 1 5

First Period: None
Second Period: Od Sami Laine 42, (unassisted); 5:31 2; Od Dan Lavergne 34, (unassisted); pp 9:00 3; Od Nick Lamia 21 (Ryan Equale 13, Jeff Triano 20) pp 12:52 4; Od Laine 43 (Jon Pirong 5) 13:06 5; George Dupont 25 (Derek Crawford 21, Eric Ricard 52) pp 14:32 3.
Third Period: 6:00 Dan Margette 20 (Pirong 5, Equale 14) 5:29.

Shots on Goal: NM 13-11-6-30; Odessa 7-17-2-26.
Goalies: Tony Martino (17-9-1) 25-30 saves; Michael Tornquist (2-8-1) 29-30. Power Plays: NM 1 of 3; Odessa 2 of 5. Penalties: NM 10-37 minutes; Odessa 8-22. Attendance: 3,586. Ref: Schoech, Linemen: Wittig and O'Neill.

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Booster Clubs...

There will be a Meet the Rebels Day Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Lee High Cafeteria at 7 p.m. Tickets for hot dogs and apple pie will be available at the door. Call Larry Crawford at 694-1279 or 683-4619 to get information.

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster club will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library.

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library.

Golf...

Masters Golf will offer a junior golf clinic during spring break beginning March 10-12. Times are 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for golfers age 9-11 and 11 a.m. to noon for those 12-15. The cost is \$39 and clubs are available if needed. The clinic is limited to the first paid entries per age group. For more information or to sign up, please call 570-4499.

Hogan Park Golf Course will host a 27-hole 2-Person tournament Feb. 21. Nine holes will be a scramble, nine a low ball and nine an alternate shot format. Play begins at 10 a.m. and players form own teams. All players must have established USGA handicaps. Entry deadline is Feb. 18 by 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Hogan Park golf shop.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528.

The Alamo YMCA is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year-round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

Basketball...

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start this month. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A \$15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three loca-

tions. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily — Half Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-6297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050, NE/YMCA Unit, 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

St. Mary Central Catholic School in Odessa will conduct the SMCCS Indoor 3-on-3 Tournament on March 21. The entry fee is \$80 per team and the deadline is March 14 and limited to the first 16 teams to play. Call Manny Salazar at 580-5704 or 557-2833.

The 6 Feet and Under Championship Basketball Tournament is scheduled for Feb. 21-22 at Miles High School in Miles. The entry fee is \$90 per team with a 10-player limit. The format for the tournament is double elimination with NCAA rules. Deadline to enter is Feb. 18. To enter, call (915) 657-0463 and ask for hris from 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or Shane from 3-11 p.m.

The Midland Lee Youth Center is holding midnight basketball for boys and girls in grades 4-12 this summer June 23-August 1, Monday-Friday from 6-11 p.m. All adults interested in coaching should attend a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Midland Youth Center. The entry fee for the program, sponsored by the City of Midland, is \$100 for college age players forming their own teams, free for everybody else. For more information, call Barbara Phillip at 689-1175.

Mike Kunstadter's Seventh Annual Nike Great American Spring Weekend Shootout will be held for boys to play in front of coaches and scouts. The shootout will be held on March 22 at Coppell High School, April 4 at Spring H.S., April 5 at Clear Creek H.S., April 11 at Arlington Martin H.S., April 26 at Lubbock Monterey and May 3 in San Antonio. For more information, call 972-254-3657.

Soccer...

The Force United (girls U-11) Soccer Club will hold tryouts Feb. 20-21 to fill openings on the team. Team is for girls born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987. If interested call Kelly Hunter at 367-1142.

Softball...

The Midland Softball Association Spring Organizational Meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at the Holiday Inn. Entry fee for the 12-game season will be \$250 and games will begin April 6. Call the Midland Softball Association at 683-8741 for information.

Signups for the Midland United Girls Softball's Spring Season will take place at Midland Park Mall Feb. 15. Sunday signups will last from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The last chance to sign up for the MUGS spring season will be Feb. 23-26 at the MUGS Complex from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call Robin Askew at 686-7025.

The West Texas Heat 11 and under girls fastpitch team is holding spring tryouts this month to fill openings for the upcoming season. The team will be participating in the B Division during the upcoming season and playing in the competitive division of the Midland Odessa Competitive League. For more information, call Murray Hambrick at 570-7914 or 687-4018.

The West Texas Wind Fundraiser Tournament is scheduled March 13-15 at Hidalgo Park. The men's tournament is a double elimination format with a three home run limit. There will be a home run derby Saturday, March 14 at noon. The entry fee is \$125 with a March 11 deadline. For more information, call Terry Legendre at 694-1501 after 5 p.m.

The Midland Softball Association will host the A-1 Embroidery Classic Softball Tournament March 20-22. The tournament has a two-game guarantee with a \$110 entry fee. Class C and D rule will apply. Entry deadline is March 18. For more information, call 683-8741 or 520-8409.

M.U.G.S. is looking for fastpitch umpires for league play, which begins in April. Anyone wishing to umpire should contact Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or come to a meeting in the umpire building inside the Bill Williams Complex at Hogan Park each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The 14th Annual Merchants/T.P.C. Spring Classic Mens Class C Softball Tournament will be held in Andrews on March 13-15. For more information, call James at 570-7371, Marvin at 523-3014 and Nick at 367-0230.

Baseball...

The Midland Junior Baseball Association will hold signups for all area players. The signup includes T-Ball (ages 5-6), M-Ball (age 7), Little League (8-12), Junior League (age 13), Senior League (14-15) and Big League (16-18). Signups will be at Crestview Baptist Church Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Applications will be available at Stadium Sports and

Play It Again Sports for late signup through the end of February. For more information, call Bill Rigney at 687-3133. Please, do not call Crestview Baptist Church.

The Midland Challenger Little League Division, for ages 6-18 with physical or mental disabilities, begins play March 31 at the North Central Little League's Kelly Field, off Loop 250 behind Putt-Putt Golf. Players are assisted by buddies. Buddies can receive community service hours. The league needs buddies and coaches. Call 697-6536 if interested. Players may register at the Crestview Baptist Church Activities Building on Feb. 14.

Football...

Quannah High School needs a varsity opponent in football for the fourth game next year. Interested parties can contact coach Jim Wood at Quannah High School at 940-663-2791.

Tennis...

The USTA Adult Leagues for men, women and mixed doubles and seniors play starts in April. Captains meetings are on Feb. 16-19. For more information, call coordinators Juanell Fort at 686-0277 and Lance Armstrong 687-4046.

There will be a UTSA Rating Clinic on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. For location and signup information, call Lance Armstrong at 687-4046 or Juanell Fort at 686-0277.

Mike Carter and Kevin O'Shea from TTA will be conducting an inservice Feb. 20 on the different USTA/TTA programs designed to help introduce the game of tennis to beginner players of all ages. Tennis pros, tennis coaches, P.E. coaches, volunteers can pick or choose the inservice of interest. Please RSVP by Feb. 18. You may call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360. Scheduled: 2:30 p.m., "Scoop it up" and levels 1, 2 & 3; 3:30-5 p.m., clinicians training for school assemblies. The inservice meetings will be held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club.

Beginner tennis classes at \$4 an hour for grades (K-3rd), (4th-6th), (7th & up) from Monday through Wednesday, 4-5 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Fridays will be "Scoop It Up play day" from 4-6 p.m. Sessions will be held Feb. 23-April 10 and deadline to register Feb. 17. Lessons are also available for all ages and levels March 7-12. For more information call 689-2237 or 683-5360 and ask for Luis Valdez at Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club.

Spring Break Tennis Camp begins March 10 and runs through the 13th. The camp is separated into four divisions: Munchkins (ages 4-6) at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for \$40; Tiny Tots (ages 6-8) from 10:30 a.m. to noon for \$60; Hot Shots (ages 8-12) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for \$80 and tournament trainers from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for \$80. For more information call David Mendez at 682-0022.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1.

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528.

The "I Luv to Run" Fun Run held by the Permian Basin Road Runners Club is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. starting at Chaparral Center. Registration will be from 1-1:45. There will be a three-mile race and a one-mile race for kids. The cost will be \$2 for kids, \$3 for PBRR members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, call Jerry Dutcher at 520-6188 or Al Steel at 550-9063.

The Midland Colts Semi-Pro football team will be practicing at Alamo High Junior High every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Spectators are welcome.

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association will be meeting Monday, Feb. 16 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED) building. Program at 7:30 p.m. by David Ham of Peyton's Bikes who will show the newest bikes, components and accessories. On Feb. 22 at 2 p.m., the Permian Basin Bicycle Association will have its Friendly Ride. Meet at Scharbauer Elementary School at the Grasslands in Midland. Plan on a 1.5 hour. For more information call 699-1718 or 697-5533.

Colts trade Harbaugh to Ravens; Thigpen gets big deal with Oilers

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jim Harbaugh and Ted Marchibroda, who just missed going to the Super Bowl together, were reunited Saturday when the Colts traded Harbaugh to Baltimore.

In exchange for Harbaugh, the Colts received Baltimore's third-round choice in April's NFL draft. The two teams also exchanged their fourth-round draft picks. The deal also appeared to end the hopes for a comeback by Jim Kelly, the former Buffalo quarterback who retired after the 1996 season but had been talking with Baltimore. Last season, Harbaugh broke a bone in his hand in an off-field altercation with Kelly, then an NBC commentator, and lost \$147,000, one week's pay, when he had to spend time on the non-football injury list.

"In one sense this is a sad day for this franchise," said Bill Polian, the Colts' president. "A man who has meant a lot to this team, and this community, is leaving."

But despite Polian's words, the deal wasn't unexpected. The Colts have the first overall pick in April's draft and can take either Peyton Manning of Tennessee or Ryan Leaf of Washington State. They also are considering a deal with Carolina to bring them Kerry Collins, whom Polian drafted in 1995, when he was with the Panthers.

That made Harbaugh, 34, expendable, particularly with a high salary, leaving coach Jim Mora with his choice of young quarterbacks with veteran Paul Justin in reserve. The Colts saved \$1.25 million under the salary cap with the move.

"It was my thought and that of Jim Mora that it was best to go in a new direction with a young quarterback who will have a bright future," Polian said. Polian noted that the Colts could have saved an additional \$1.25 million in cap money if they had waited until June 1 to make a move. But he said they wanted to act in Harbaugh's interest.

"He's going to a system he knows, with a coach that he knows and likes," Polian said.

Marchibroda was Harbaugh's coach when he earned his only Pro Bowl trip by compiling a league-best 100.7 quarterback rating in 1995.

Oilers find wide receiver

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Add Yancey Thigpen's name to the list of Pittsburgh Steelers lost to free agency.

The wide receiver signed a \$21 million, five-year contract Saturday with the Tennessee Oilers, the Steelers' AFC Central rival, becoming the highest-paid receiver in NFL history.

Thigpen said he knew last season that his days in Pittsburgh were numbered.

"Everyone knows Pittsburgh's situation when it comes down to free agents, and my situation, I feel, wasn't any different from anyone else," he said.

The Oilers had a wide receiver at the top of their free agent shopping list, and they wanted Thigpen, the best of this year's free agent receiver crop with 79 catches for 1,398 yards in 1997.

"For our team, this guy was very, very important, and we were fortunate enough to go out and get him," general manager Floyd Reese said.

Reese said they used the recent five-year, \$15 million contract given to receivers like Detroit's Johnnie Morton and Cincinnati's Darnay Scott as a base for negotiations.

The Oilers, who lost former Steeler linebacker Chad Brown to Seattle during free agency last year, didn't want to let Thigpen slip through their fingers. Reese talked to Thigpen's agent, Jordan Woy, past midnight Friday, and the agreement was reached Saturday morning.

U.S. soccer team takes on Mexico

By Ken Peters

AP Sports Writer

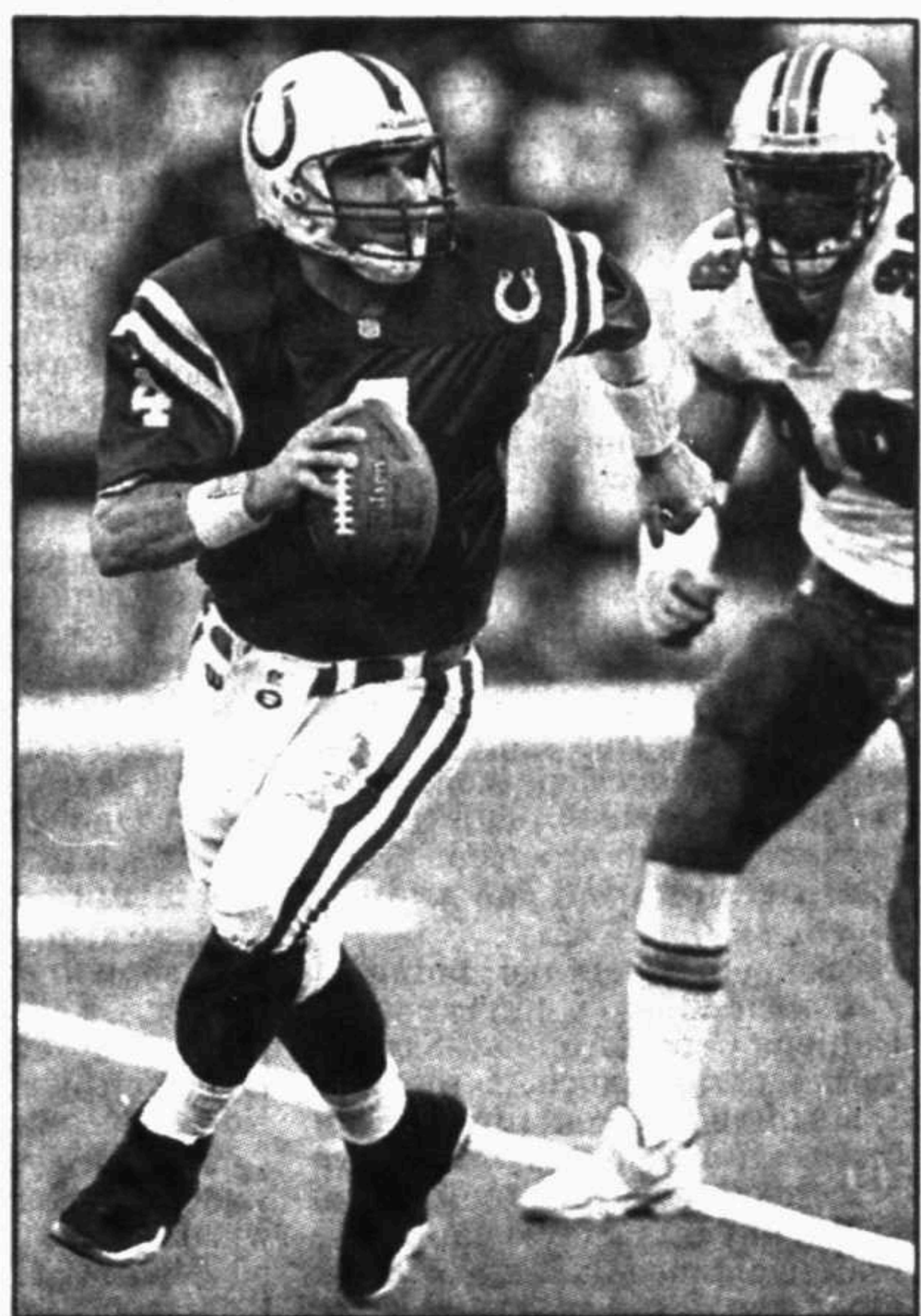
LOS ANGELES — Coming off a shocking upset of Brazil, the U.S. soccer team now tries to erase memories of a humiliation in Mexico City five years ago.

The Americans, who have won a team record six straight and tied another mark with a nine-game unbeaten string, face Mexico in Sunday's CONCACAF Gold Cup championship game.

The last time the United States and Mexico met for the Gold Cup title was on July 25, 1993. Mexico outclassed their Northern neighbors, rolling to a 4-0 victory before a crowd of 120,000 at Azteca Stadium.

"It's a great test to see where we are," U.S. forward Eric Wynalda said. "They've always played us extremely tough, but there's a great deal of respect on the part of both teams."

Milutinovic coached the United



Quarterback Jim Harbaugh was traded by the Indianapolis Colts to the Baltimore Ravens Saturday.

At least 12 other teams had lined up to talk with Thigpen since free agency began Friday, including Baltimore and Dallas, where Thigpen's former offensive coordinator, Chan Gailey, is now the head coach. But Thigpen agreed to schedule the Oilers for his first visit after being lobbied by Tennessee running back Eddie George and safety Blaine Bishop during the Pro Bowl.

"I flew with Eddie, so we basically talked all the way over to Hawaii. Eddie knew the situation and what the Oilers were looking to get this off-season," Thigpen said.

Kelly decides to stay retired

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Retired quarterback Jim Kelly has decided to spend more time with his ailing son rather than return to the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens.

Kelly was considering making a comeback after the Ravens became interested over the last several weeks. His decision became easier when Baltimore traded two draft picks to Indianapolis for Jim Harbaugh on Saturday.

"If you're not going into it 100 percent, then you shouldn't do it," Kelly said. "I'm glad the Ravens were interested, but I want to spend as much time with my family as possible."

Had he returned, Kelly was planning to give the majority of his salary to Hunter's Hope Foundation, named after his son, Hunter James Kelly.

Hunter has Krabbe's disease, a degenerative neurological disorder that typically kills its victims in the first 13 months. Hunter shared his first birthday with his father on Saturday.

Kelly planned to make the announcement during a candlelight vigil Saturday evening in Buffalo in honor of his son's birthday. The ceremony was recognized by New York state as Hunter's Day of Hope for Children.

States in the 1994 World Cup, with the team advancing to the second round for the first time. The Americans were eliminated by a 1-0 loss to Brazil, which went on to win the title.

Let go after the World Cup, Milutinovic returned to coach Mexico for a second time. He led the team to the top spot in the regional qualifying for the 1998 World Cup with a 4-0-6 record, but still was fired after fans were enraged by ties against the United States, Canada and Costa Rica.

Under Sampson, the United States has featured a more aggressive attack. The Americans have outscored their opponents 16-4 in their last nine games, in which they're 7-0-2.

Mexico has dominated the all-time series, with a 29-7-12 record. But the United States has lost just once in the last eight meetings, with a 2-1-5 record during that stretch.

O'Sullivan reaches goal, may retire

By Bert Rosenthal

AP Track Writer

NEW YORK — Having achieved his long-time goal of 100 sub-4-minute miles, Marcus O'Sullivan is ready to cede his place among the world's best middle-distance runners.

"I've been running 15 years," O'Sullivan said after joining the exclusive club of sub-four milers with a clocking of 3 minutes, 58.10 seconds at the Chase Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden on Friday night. "I feel very complete as an athlete."

"I think I'll start to phase out now. I have a Masters degree in business administration and a CPA. Maybe I can use them to get another job."

If the 36-year-old O'Sullivan retires without running another race, he will have secured his place in track and field history.

Only Steve Scott, with 134 sub-four minute miles, and New Zealander John Walker, with 124, have broken

the four-minute barrier more times than O'Sullivan. O'Sullivan went into Friday night's race with some trepidation.

"I was a little concerned I wouldn't do it," he said. "I wanted to get it here. I was running with a priority — I had to. There were too many people here from Ireland watching."

"I'm proud and delighted."

While O'Sullivan didn't win — he finished third behind Kenya's Laban Rotich (3:55.69) and American Paul McMullen (3:57.46) — he didn't have to in order to reach the milestone.

O'Sullivan stayed near the back of the 10-man field early in the race, running in seventh place through the first quarter-mile, as Kenyan Robert Kibet, the designated pacesetter, set a quick pace of 56.0. Then, he dove his way toward the front, and starting the final lap, he was third. He never got closer, but his No. 1 intent was to break four minutes, not win.

Mackovic gets new assignment at UT

AUSTIN (AP) — John Mackovic, who was reassigned within the Texas athletic department after being ousted as football coach in November, finally has his new duties.

Mackovic will spend the remaining three years of his contract studying long-range strategies used by other schools, planning a school golf course and sports museum and doing some public relations work, according to a

spokesperson for athletics director DeLoss Dodds.

Mackovic, whose new title is special assistant to the men's athletics director, has three years left on a contract that pays about \$627,500 a year.

Mackovic's stormy six-year tenure as football coach after going 4-7 last season. His overall mark was 41-28-2 with Texas had either winning or sharing a conference title three times. Mack Brown was

hired in December to replace him. Now, Mackovic will assist with the strategy, financing, planning and construction of a university-owned golf course.

He also will help planning a men's and women's athletics museum. There currently isn't a facility for displaying memorabilia and trophies at the university.

His public relations duties are expected to include speaking engagements.

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LUBBOCK — Kris Clack was feeling good. And at Texas, when you're feeling good, you shoot.

So Clack did, leading the Longhorns to an 82-80 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday, scoring eight of Texas' last 13 points and 26 overall while leaving Tech feeling very, very bad.

"That's what big-time players do," a visibly irritated Tech coach James Dickey said of Clack's pivotal 3-pointer with 1:05 left. The basket gave Texas (11-13, 5-7 Big 12) an 81-77 lead.

"I thought Kris played a great game, and when (Nnadubem) Muoneke got him the ball, he made a great shot."

Tech (12-10, 6-6) had closed the deficit to two points when the Red Raiders forced a turnover on a Texas inbound pass with 13.4 seconds left. But Rayford Young missed a tough layup as time expired.

Dickey, who said the plan on the final play was to get the ball to star guard Cory Carr, called the execution "horrible."

"(Young) didn't make it, and that's the way it goes," said Carr, who led Tech with 19 points. "It kills the deal as far as an NCAA (Tournament) bid. This is probably the most disappointing loss of the season."

Chris Mihm, who added 18 points and a career-high 17 rebounds for Texas, stepped in at the last moment to force Young to alter his shot. Young and Dickey said miscommunication caused the planned play to go awry.

"I take the total blame for this loss," said Young, who said he wanted to pass to Carr but couldn't find him. "If I want to be the type of player I want to be, I've got to finish those plays."

Young had 14 points and a game-high six assists.

After breaking a five-game skid in Lubbock, the Longhorns wished the Raiders the best of luck in their last four games.

"We have a lot of respect for (Carr) and Texas Tech and, in my opinion, Tech should be in the NCAA Tournament, especially if they can beat Oklahoma at home," Penders said.

Tech led 72-71 when Clack sank three free throws after a Carr foul with 4:33 left. A Cliff Owens layup three minutes later closed Texas' lead back to 78-77 when Clack nailed his crowd-quieting 3-pointer.

"To get that to go down built my confidence up greatly," Clack said. "We needed it. I just thank God it went down."

Texas' eight blocks, including four by Mihm, shattered by three the school's 1992 record of 145.

Hampered by terrible early free-throw shooting — the Raiders missed six of their first seven — Tech didn't lead until late in the first half. Behind Clack's 13 points, Texas regained a 41-40 edge at halftime.

Marquette 70, Houston 52

MILWAUKEE — Mike Bargin



Texas Tech's Luke Axtell (44) and Texas Tech's Cliff Owens (13) go after a rebound Saturday during the first half of the Big 12 conference game at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum in Lubbock.

scored a career-high 17 points as Marquette beat Houston in Conference USA action.

Marquette, 16-6 overall and 7-5 in league play, won despite the absence of starting guards Aaron Hutchins (left foot) and Marcus West (left ankle).

Houston (9-15, 2-10) battled back from a 40-26 deficit to come within 47-43 with just under 10 minutes left in the game. But Brian Wardle scored 6 of his 15 points in a 13-0 run to put Marquette safely back on top at 60-43.

Houston, which lost its fifth straight game, was led by Kenny Younger with 12 points and Galen Robinson with 11.

Bargin and Jarrod Lovette, who had 11 points and 12 rebounds, each scored 7 points apiece to lead Marquette to a 35-24 halftime lead.

Missouri 73, Texas A&M 60

COLUMBIA, Mo. — John Woods continued a recent surge with five 3-pointers, matching his season best, and 21 points as Missouri beat sagging Texas A&M 73-60 Saturday night.

Woods attacked a zone defense in the first half by shooting over it for four 3-pointers and 14 points for a 41-30 lead. The Aggies quieted Woods in the second half by switching to man-to-man, but they never got closer than seven points.

Woods, who averages 10 points, has scored 61 points and is 14-for-

Texas Men

23 from 3-point range the last three games. He scored a career-high 22 points on Wednesday at Baylor.

Texas A&M (6-16 overall, 0-12 Big 12) has only eight healthy players and has lost 13 straight games. Five Texas A&M players had four fouls each.

Freshman Michael Schmidt had a career-high 24 points off the bench for the Aggies, who are 0-9 on the road.

Missouri (14-11 overall, 6-6 Big 12) has had more than its share of road woes with a 21-game losing streak that dates to February 1996. But the Tigers are 12-1 at the Hearn Center.

Kelly Thames added 14 points and Brian Grawer had 11 for Missouri. Monte Hargde had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

In addition to his 3-pointers, Woods finished the first half with a dunk off a steal by Grawer to give Missouri a 41-30 lead. Two of his 3-pointers came in a 14-4 run that put the Tigers ahead 30-18 with 4:44 to play.

Nebraska 66, Baylor 55

LINCOLN, Neb. — Larry Florence scored eight of his 10 points during a 21-0 second-half run, sparking Nebraska to a comeback win over Baylor.

Nebraska (15-10, 6-6 Big 12) used a trapping three-quarter court press to scramble the Baylor offense in the second half.

The Bears (11-11, 6-6) led 33-28 at halftime. Through the first six minutes of the second half, Baylor managed only three baskets, then went nearly 13 minutes before making another field goal.

The Cornhuskers trailed 39-29 after Baylor's Brian Skinner made a put-back basket with 14:25 left. On that play, Skinner fell on Tyrone Lue, Nebraska's leading scorer, knocking Lue out of the game for five minutes.

After Florence hit a jumper, Skinner was called for a foul as he maneuvered for rebounding position. Nebraska's Venson Hamilton scored inside, cutting the Baylor lead to 39-33 and starting the flood.

Nebraska took a 41-39 lead on Florence's break-away dunk with 10:13 remaining. The Huskers led 50-39 before Baylor scored again.

Baylor's Rodrick Miller hit three 3-pointers in the final 1:37 to trim the deficit to 62-55. But Nebraska scored four unanswered points, ending the game with a layup from Lue, who led all scorers with 21 points.

No. 22 Texas Christian 91, San Diego St. 69

FORT WORTH — Malcolm Johnson scored 22 points to power No. 22 Texas Christian to a 91-69 victory over San Diego State on Saturday night.

TCU (22-4, 11-0 Western Athletic Conference) opened the game with a 17-4 run on the way to a 51-37 halftime lead.

TCU won despite shooting only 39 per cent from the floor.

But the Horned Frogs forced 26 Aztec turnovers and had 14 steals. Prince Fowler had six of those steals for TCU. The Horned Frogs also had 20 assists to eight for the Aztecs.

Mike Jones contributed 17 points as TCU won its 11th game in a row. James Penny added 15 points, and Fowler had 12. Dennis Davis pulled down 14 rebounds.

Rice 72, San Jose St. 59

HOUSTON — Robert Johnson scored 16 points to lead Rice to a 72-59 win over San Jose State on Saturday to keep the Spartans winless in Western Athletic Conference play.

Trailing 41-21 at halftime, San Jose State (2-20, 0-10 WAC) rallied to open the second half.

Marmet Williams led the uprising, scoring 14 points as the Spartans outscored Rice 23-12 to open the half and cut its deficit to 53-44 with 9:48 left.

But the Spartans were unable to get closer than nine. Rice (6-18, 3-7) scored 10 consecutive points to take a 67-48 lead with 3:12 left. San Jose State never threatened in the closing minutes, getting no closer than 11 in the final three minutes.

Johnson scored 13 of his 16 points in the first half as Rice took command early. The Owls reeled off a 13-3 spree to take a 20-8 lead with 10:50 left in the first half.



Texas A&M's Kara Alexander, left, falls to the floor as she battles for the ball with Texas Tech's Melinda Schnucker in the second half Saturday in College Station. Texas Tech won 90-65.

Thompson gets big numbers in little time for Lady Raiders

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — If former Reagan County star Alicia Thompson had played more than four minutes in the first half, maybe No. 7 Texas Tech wouldn't have needed her as much in the second half.

Thompson, limited by early foul trouble, scored 20 of her 26 points in the second half, leading the Lady Raiders to a 90-65 victory Saturday over Texas A&M.

Tech (18-4, 11-1 Big 12) led by seven at halftime, then by only six with 13:40 left when Thompson scored her team's next 15 points to ice the victory.

"My teammates did a good job, and I was just trying to help them out," said Thompson, who also had eight rebounds, hit 10-of-13 field goals and all six of her free throws. "I credit the guards and coaches for my 15 points as they gave me the go-ahead and I just took it strong when I got it."

The Lady Aggies (6-16, 2-10) scored just eight points during Thompson's streak, putting them down by 14. They would get no closer, even falling behind by 28 at one

Texas Women

point. "We didn't do a good job playing post defense, but then again it is hard to defend a player like Alicia," said Kara Alexander, who led A&M with 20 points.

Tech also got 14 points apiece from Rene Hanebutt and Keitha Dickerson, 11 from Angie Brazier and 10 from Julie Lake.

It was the 11th victory in 13 games for the Lady Raiders, who are 35-9 against the Lady Aggies, including 14-3 in College Station.

"This is the best Tech team I have played against since I have been here," said A&M coach Candi Harvey, who is in her fourth year.

No. 22 Stephen F. Austin 84, SW Texas St. 68

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — Anitra Davis had 25 points and 13 rebounds to lead No. 22 Stephen F. Austin to an 84-68 win over Southwest Texas State on Saturday.

Katrina Price and Christie Smith each added 15 points for SFA (20-3, 12-1 Southland). Smith also had 15 rebounds.

Holdsclaw scores 2,000th point in Tennessee's win over Auburn

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Chamique Holdsclaw had 39 points and became the second Tennessee player with 2,000 in her career as the No. 1 Lady Volunteers stayed undefeated with a 79-63 over Auburn on Saturday.

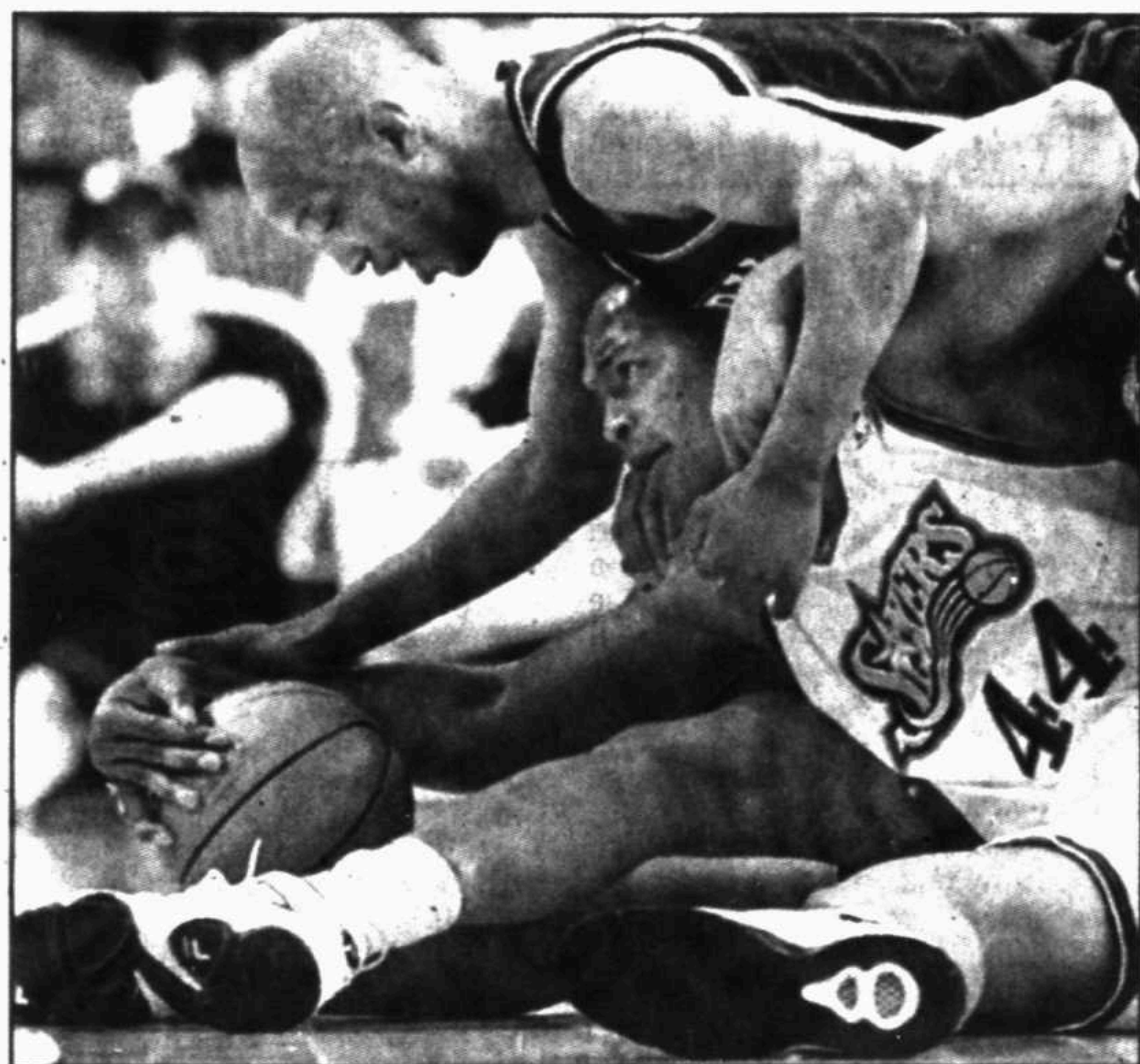
Holdsclaw, who has 2,036 points, joins Bridgette Gordon in the Lady Vols' 2,000-point club.

Tennessee (28-0, 12-0 SEC) had a 38-33 advantage at halftime, but Holdsclaw and Tamika Catchings

sparked an early second-half surge which put the Lady Vols in control.

Holdsclaw and Kellie Jolly converted consecutive steals into layups as Tennessee took a 54-41 lead with 14:24 left. Tennessee then hit the offensive boards for three more baskets, including two by Holdsclaw, to push the lead to 60-43.

Auburn (14-10, 3-10) could not get closer than 68-58 late in the game. Catchings had 17 points for Tennessee.



New Jersey Nets' Sam Cassell, top, struggles for the ball with Philadelphia 76ers' Derrick Coleman (44) in the first half Saturday in Philadelphia. The tussle ended in a jump ball call.

Kidd matches season-high; Suns run past San Antonio

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Jason Kidd matched his season-high with 29 points and the Phoenix Suns broke open a tight game with a decisive fourth-quarter run for a 94-81 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Saturday night.

Kidd was 11-for-19 from the field and had five points during a decisive 12-0 run in the fourth as Phoenix sprinted away from a 78-78 tie. Kidd had five assists and 10 rebounds.

David Robinson did not play in the second half for San Antonio due to tendinitis in his right knee. He had 10 points and six rebounds. Will Perdue, subbing Robinson, had 14 rebounds and 12 points.

Pacers 96, Hawks 92

ATLANTA — Reggie Miller scored 31 points and the Indiana Pacers held Atlanta without a field goal for almost nine minutes of the fourth quarter to beat the Hawks.

After trailing most of the first three quarters, the Pacers broke an

NBA Roundup

82-82 tie on Derrick McKey's hook shot in the lane with 2:07 to play, putting Indiana in front to stay on what proved to be its final field goal.

Nets 105, 76ers 98

PHILADELPHIA — Sam Cassell had 30 points and 11 assists, and his teammates finally found their range in the fourth quarter, as New Jersey rallied for a win over the 76ers.

After shooting 29-for-81 through the first three quarters, the Nets climbed back from 14 points down. Kerry Kittles scored 11 of his 22 points in the final quarter.

Bucks 99, Cavaliers 93

CLEVELAND — Glenn Robinson scored 27 points and Ray Allen added 25 to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a victory over the Cavs.

Milwaukee, playing without former Cavaliers point guard Terrell Brandon, started the fourth quarter with a 20-9 run to break a 65-65 tie and take an 85-74 lead.

Jamison, UNC too good for Maryland

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Maryland coach Gary Williams went through a checklist of defenses he used to try to stop North Carolina's Antawn Jamison. And like most defensive strategies the last month, none worked Saturday on one of the hottest players in college basketball.

Jamison was nearly perfect with his variety of inside moves, matching his career high with 36 points as the top-ranked Tar Heels avenged their only loss of the season, beating the 24th-ranked Terrapins 85-67 Saturday for the program's best start in 14 years.

"We played zone, we played man, we tried to front him, we tried to give help but what he does with his strength is he's quicker than our guys — even though he is so strong," Williams said. "I'm sure he's quicker than a lot of guys, we're not embarrassed by that, that's just the way it is."

"The thing that is overlooked sometimes with him is his stamina, the fact that he can do that every time down court," Williams added. "Whatever anybody says about him ... he's the best player in the country right now."

Jamison started 12-for-14 from the field and added 16 rebounds as the Tar Heels (26-1, 12-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) clinched at least a first- or second-place finish in the ACC for the 29th time in the last 34 seasons.

The junior forward finished 16-for-23 from the field — both career highs — while matching his career high for points and rebounds.

It was Jamison's third 30-point game in his last four and fourth this season as the Tar Heels have won nine straight, 42 of 44 overall and 23 of their last 24 ACC games.

The Terrapins (15-8, 8-5) had won eight of 10 coming in, including an 89-83 overtime victory against the top-ranked Tar Heels on Jan. 14 in College Park, Md., and the last two in the Smith Center, but failed to become the first team to beat the Tar Heels here three straight times.

No. 2 Duke 78, Wake Forest 47

DURHAM, N.C. — Trajan Langdon scored 18 points, all on 3-pointers, and the Blue Devils snapped a five-game home losing streak to Wake Forest.

The Demon Deacons (12-11, 4-8 Atlantic Coast Conference) had won their last five games at Cameron Indoor Stadium, the longest active streak by any team, but committed 17 turnovers and shot 33 percent (17-of-52).

Duke (23-2, 12-1) made 11 of 20 shots from 3-point range and scored 22 points off turnovers to win its 20th consecutive home game.

No. 3 Arizona 83, Arizona St. 82

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Miles Simon scored 23 points and A.J. Bramlett had all 11 of his points in the second half as the Wildcats held on for their 15th consecutive victory.

Arizona (22-3, 12-0 Pac-10) hasn't lost since

Men's Top 25 Basketball

Dec. 23 at Florida State.

Arizona State (16-9, 6-6) lost for the sixth straight time to its archrival and 25th in the last 30 meetings overall.

The Sun Devils, crushed 127-99 at Tucson on Jan. 15, led 62-56 with 13:14 to play before Simon and Bramlett took over.

No. 4 Kansas 73, Kansas St. 58

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Raef LaFrentz scored 24 points, including 10 straight during a decisive second-half stretch, and the Jayhawks beat Kansas State on its home floor for the 15th straight year.

LaFrentz also had 10 rebounds as the Jayhawks (27-3, 11-1 Big 12)

No. 6 Connecticut 92, Pitt 67

HARTFORD, Conn. — Richard Hamilton scored 31 points as the Huskies bounced back from a disappointing loss.

Khalid El-Amin added 15 points and Kevin Freeman had 14 for the Huskies (22-4, 11-3), who lost 80-62 at No. 15 West Virginia on Wednesday.

No. 18 Mississippi 73, No. 7 Kentucky 64

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Keith Carter completed a four-point play late in the game to snuff out a rally and the Rebels won for the first time in Rupp Arena.

Mississippi (17-5, 8-4 Southeastern Conference) won for only the second time in 45 contests on Kentucky's homecourt, the other victory in 1927.

No. 8 Purdue 75, Illinois 72

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Chad Austin scored 26 points and the Boilermakers overcame a frigid start to battle back from an early 15-point deficit.

The game wasn't decided until Jerry Hester's 3-point attempt at the buzzer hit the front of the rim and bounced away.

No. 9 UCLA 87, California 84

LOS ANGELES — Kris Johnson matched his season high with 28 points and J.R. Henderson had 18 of his 23 points in the second half as the Bruins rebounded from a rare home loss.

UCLA (19-5, 9-4 Pac-10) had lost two of its previous three games including an 84-81 setback to No. 14 Stanford on Thursday, which snapped its 16-game winning streak at Pauley Pavilion.

No. 10 Princeton 78, Yale 48

PRINCETON, N.J. — Brian Earl scored nine of his 21 points in a deciding second-half run as No. 10 Princeton extended its winning streak to 13.

League-leading Princeton (20-1 overall) has won 23 straight against Ivy League opponents and, dating back to 1994, 30 straight during the month of February. Yale (10-12) has lost three of its last four overall and nine straight to Princeton.

Tennessee 74, No. 12 Arkansas 71

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Freshman guard Tony Harris scored 21 points for the Volunteers, who led by 24 points in the first half.

Tennessee (16-6, 6-6 Southeastern Conference) held off a second-half run for its first win over the Razorbacks (20-5, 9-3) in two years.

No. 13 Michigan St. 71, Minnesota 59

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Jason Klein scored 11 of his 19 points in the first four minutes of the second half and Mateen Cleaves had a school-record nine steals Saturday night as No. 13 Michigan State regained sole possession of first place in the Big Ten with a victory.

No. 15 South Carolina 76, Mississippi St. 65

COLUMBIA, S.C. — BJ McKie scored 20 points to lead the Gamecocks to their 21st straight home victory.

South Carolina (19-4, 9-3 Southeastern Conference) took the lead for good with a 10-0 first-half run that wiped out a 29-26 deficit.

No. 23 Syracuse 73, No. 16 West Virginia 58

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Etan Thomas scored 11 of his 19 points during a key five-minute span in the second half and the Orangemen finished with a 46-32 rebound advantage.

Todd Burgan had 26 points and 10 rebounds for Syracuse (19-5, 9-4 Big East). Thomas, who hit all six of his shots from the field, added seven rebounds and six blocked shots.

Dayton 78, No. 17 George Washington 64

DAYTON, Ohio — Edwin Young scored 18 points, all but two of them at the free throw line, as the unranked Dayton Flyers took advantage of a huge difference in foul shot attempts to upset No. 17 George Washington.

Dayton (17-8), winning its third consecutive game, made 35 of 44 free throws while George Washington (20-5) was 3 of 7 from the line.

No. 19 Cincinnati 72, South Florida 55

CINCINNATI — Bobby Brannen scored 11 of his 15 points from the foul line as the Bearcats prevailed in a game that included one altercation and eight technical fouls.

Cincinnati (19-5, 10-2 Conference USA) went ahead to stay 10-4 and then held on as the game turned ugly. The Bearcats drew three technicals and South Florida (14-11, 4-8) got five.

No. 20 Massachusetts 81, La Salle 71

AMHERST, Mass. — Charlton Clarke scored 22 points, including eight straight free throws in the final minutes, as the Minutemen won for the 13th time in 14 games.

UMass (19-6, 11-1 Atlantic 10) won despite forward Tyrone Weeks' first scoreless game in over two years. La Salle (7-16, 3-10) got 21 points and 16 rebounds from K Zell Wesson, but still lost its sixth consecutive game.

Temple 68, No. 25 Rhode Island 67

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Reserve Quincy Wadley scored all 12 of his points over the game's final six minutes for the Owls.

After the Rams had cut a 20-point lead to one, Wadley scored 10 straight points for the Owls for a 58-48 lead.

Huston opens 4-stroke lead at Hawaiian Open

Associated Press

HONOLULU — A number of records are within reach, but John Huston isn't thinking about them — at least not yet.

Huston, who had to use his one-time Top 50 Career Money List exemption to play on the PGA Tour this year, shot a 6-under-par 66 Saturday to reach the 54-hole mark of the Hawaiian Open in a record 22-under 194.

Huston will be trying to close out the tournament's 33-year run by bettering the 72-hole mark of 23 under, held jointly by John Cook and Hale Irwin.

Huston also is within hailing distance of the tour's all-time 72-hole record of 27 under, set Mike Souchak in 1955.

Huston, however, is taking it one step at a time.

"I'm here to win the tournament," he said. "I'm not going to think about records unless I have a cushion with a few holes to go."

He could have bumped up his four-stroke cushion over Frank Lickliter (66-198), but blamed his putter for failing to do so.

"I would have liked to putt better at the end to put myself further away," he said, "but I didn't make any mistakes and I stayed within my game."

Lickliter made a serious run at Huston, as did Greg Kraft.

Lickliter birdied the first four holes of the round and made the turn in 31. But he managed to pick up only one more stroke on the incoming nine. Kraft, who started on the back nine of the 7,012-yard Waialae Country Club course, shot a 63 to share third place with Olin Browne at 199.

"I started off great," Lickliter said. "I was trying to make as many birdies as I could in trying to catch John."

Kraft had the same philosophy.

"My goal was to come out and birdie every hole," he said. But, he added, "That doesn't even look like it will be good enough. I was making a lot of birdies and losing ground."

Skip Kendall, who started the third round in second place, two strokes behind Huston, shot a 70, dropping him into a three-way tie for fifth with Trevor Dodds (65) and Robert Gomez (65).

Also unable to move up was sentimental favorite Tom Watson, whose putter deserted him. Watson started the day in third place, but also finished with a 70-201, a spot he shared with Kelly Gibson (65), Brandel Chamblee (66), Duffy Waldorf (67), Steve Stricker (68) and Tom Byrum (69).

At 12-under were Jay Don Blake (65), Ken-

ny Perry (68) and Mike Reid (69).

With the flat, ocean-side course barely affected by wind, only six players completed the round in over-par.

Golf Roundup

The Hawaiian Open will be replaced on the 1999 PGA Tour calendar by the Sony Classic in Hawaii.

Barnes ahead in GTE Classic

LUTZ, Fla. — Brian Barnes ballooned to a 1-over-par 72 Saturday, yet held onto a one-stroke lead in the GTE Classic with a 7-under 135.

Vincente Fernandez was a stroke off the pace after turning in the lowest score of the day, a 66.

Six golfers — Jim Albus, Jose Maria Canizares, Jim Colbert, Bob Duval, Raymond Floyd and Tom Jenkins — are two shots back as 13 players are within four strokes of the lead. "You don't often have two days like I had yesterday," said Barnes, who fired an opening round 63 on Friday. "Honestly, I would have been very happy with a 70 or even a 71. Nobody seemed to be scoring particularly well."

Twenty players were under par Saturday, compared to 32 on Friday. Joining Fernandez with 66s on Saturday were Jay Sigel and Kermit Zarley.

Barnes bogeyed the first and fifth holes before rebounding with consecutive birdies at 9 and 10. He dropped a stroke after three-putting on the 197-yard, par-3, 17th hole.

"The difference was the putting," Barnes said.

This is the first time Barnes has led a Senior PGA Tour event after two rounds.

"You play the game because you're never quite sure what is going to happen next," Barnes said. "Golf is great leveler of life. You can be up one minute and down the next."

Barnes is a two-time Senior British Open champion. He gained entry into the GTE Classic through a sponsor's exemption.

Fernandez blistered the back nine with a 4-under par. He eagled the 495-yard, par-5, 12th hole and added birdies at 14, 16 and 17. His lone blemish was a bogey on 15.

Rain washes out second round of Los Angeles Women's Classic

GLENDALE, Calif. — Heavy rain washed out Saturday's second round of the Los Angeles Women's Championship, making it the fourth California tournament plagued by El Nino storms this year.

The LPGA event, originally scheduled for



John Huston left, gets ready to place his ball while Tom Watson takes his ball out of the cup on the 10th green during Saturday's third round of the Hawaiian Open at the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu.

three rounds, will be shortened to 36 holes, weather permitting.

Three PGA events were affected by storms. The Buick Invitational in San Diego was shortened to 54 holes. Pebble Beach was suspended after 36 holes and will be completed with one round Aug. 17. The second round of the season-opening Mercedes Championship at Carlsbad, Calif., was partially rained out, but the players were able to make it up and complete the full 72 holes.

About half the LPGA field teed off Saturday before play was halted. After waiting 3 1/2 hours, tournament officials declared the Oakmont Country Club course unplayable.

Hiromi Kobayashi of Japan, who took a 3-shot lead with a 5-under-par 67 Friday, and the rest of the leaders didn't even start their second rounds.

None of the players who did begin play Saturday made any significant moves on the first-round leaders. Those on the course when the rain began are scheduled to resume play Sunday where they left off.

The forecast, however, calls for the possibility of more showers.

Kobayashi, who last won in 1993, was three shots in front of a group of four players looking for their first LPGA victory — Australian Wendy Doolan, Alicia Dibos, Karen Weiss and qualifier Janice Moodie. Elaine Crosby also was tied for second at 2-under.

Spring training starts, Diamondbacks debut

By Ronald Blum, AP Sports Writer

No snow, no anthers, no tension. Just pitchers and catchers. Baseball's eight-month journey to the World Series title always begins in spring training, a place of limitless hope.

It was no different Saturday. After a break of just 110 days following the Florida Marlins' victory in Game 7, nearly every team thinks it has a title chance.

"I feel if we stay healthy, we have just as good a chance to win a wild card as any other team in the National League," Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Curt Schilling said in Clearwater, Fla., despite his team's 68-94 record and last-place finish in 1997.

Teams started workouts in Florida and Arizona, expecting 6 1/2 weeks in the sun as they prepared for the start of the season on March 31.

In Tucson, Ariz., the expansion Arizona Diamondbacks practiced for the first time ever. Manager Buck Showalter immediately had to deal with the team's first-ever visa problem: pitcher Fernando Hernandez.

"It always amazes me how they have visa problems in February when they've got the whole off-season to get it done," Showalter said. "It shouldn't catch you by surprise that in February you're going to spring training."

Spring training always is a time for players to find out how their bodies heal from injuries and surgeries. At Kissimmee, Fla., Atlanta Braves pitcher Tom Glavine wondered how his body will respond from surgery on both knees and an ankle.

"The little bit of running I did this morning was the first time I've run all winter," he said. "I'm not sure what to expect when I do start running, whether it's fielding my position, covering the bases or if I get a base hit. I suspect, I'll have some aches and pains, but that's the nature of the game."

At Sarasota, Fla., the new site of Cincinnati's spring training, Jose Rijo threw several sets of long toss-

es. Rijo, who has had four arms operations, hasn't pitched in a game since July 1995.

"I feel awesome," he said. "I loved it. I threw real hard. I wanted to let it go and impress some people, open some eyes."

And, of course, baseball's business season continued its relentless march, one that's seen more than 100 players switch teams, many of them stars. Salary arbitration hearings go on for the next week, with Bernie Williams and the New York Yankees set for the biggest battle.

His teammate, Andy Pettitte, avoided a hearing when he settled Saturday on a \$3.75 million, one-year contract, becoming the highest-paid pitcher ever with just three years of major league service.

Another New York pitcher, Hideki Irabu, vowed a reversal from last year, when he signed a \$12.8 million, four-year contract and got pounded for a 5-4 record and 7.09 ERA.

"I have cleaned out my brain and will try to do well," Irabu said through an interpreter in Tampa, Fla. "I'm looking forward to the next six weeks. It will be more relaxed this year."

In Jupiter, Fla., the St. Louis Cardinals moved into their new spring home. They moved this season to \$28 million Roger Dean Stadium following 57 years in St. Petersburg, Fla. The complex includes 12 practice fields — six each for the Cardinals and Montreal Expos — and a stadium that seats 7,000.

"It's first class," pitcher Todd Stottlemyre said. "It looks like they've done it the right way. Here, everything is in one place. It will be much more convenient."

Kevin Brown, the San Diego Padres' projected No. 1 starter acquired from the Marlins in December, got permission to arrive at camp in Peoria, Ariz., on Monday. Padres manager Bruce Bochy granted catcher Carlos Hernandez the same request, and both were for personal reasons, he said.

SWIMMING: MHS girls take fourth place

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"The 50 free was a lot harder this time," Goodwin said. "I usually have Erin to push me, but now I'm chasing somebody."

Such a close battle between Goodwin and Elliott was to be expected according to Carson.

"They've always raced real tightly," Carson said. "It's going to be real interesting to see what happens in two weeks."

Goodwin isn't the only Midland swimmer who might be awaiting word whether or not her second place finish will be good enough for the state meet. Prior to winning the 100 fly, Irons finished second in the 200 individual medley, swimming a 2:11.76 to a 2:11.85 by Franklin's Quinn Michie.

Irons experienced just as close a race in winning the 100 fly. She was in a pack of five swimmers who were bunched together at the front after the first 75 yards, but came off the final turn to narrowly pull away, winning in 1:00.76, just ahead of Lubbock High's Abbey Fogel at 1:01.06.

"I knew it was going to be close," Irons said. "I had a strong finish and I needed to. I saw Abbey Fogel and I knew I had to do it."

Irons entered the meet as the top seed in the 100 fly, yet didn't feel that would necessarily be the event in which she went to the state meet. She was the No. 2 seed in the 200 IM, the event in which she finished second in regionals last year as a freshman.

After Friday's prelims, though, Irons had only the fourth best time in the 200 IM, which led her to rethink her prospects.

"Before the meet started I

thought I was going to do better in the 200 IM," Irons said. "After the prelims, I felt I had better turns in the 100 fly, so I liked my chances there."

Strauss followed a pattern set by Goodwin and Irons: Finish behind the leader in the first event, then win the second event. After a fourth place finish in the 200 free, Strauss left no doubts in the 500.

He had the race to himself after the first 250 yards and coasted in from there, winning in 4:53.14, more than seven seconds ahead of second place John Houghton of El Paso Eastwood.

"That's my best time," said Strauss, who bettered his prelim time by over four seconds. "I was hoping for 4:50, but after the 200 free I was kind of tired."

Despite his non-medal finish in the 200, Strauss still found a silver lining in that event, where his 1:49.28 was a lifetime best.

"I was paying more attention to the 500," Strauss said. "I did exactly what I wanted to do in the 200. It would have been disappointing (not to make the state meet in the 500)."

The only other second place finish for a Midland swimmer came when Midland High freshman Emily Alvarado finished second to Elliott in the 200 free with a 2:00.23.

Midland High's girls had the best team finish, ending up in fourth place with 46 points, just a point behind District 4-5A rival San Angelo Central. The Lee girls were fifth with 24 points.

In the boys standings, MHS and Lee were fifth and sixth respectively. Midland High had 23 points while Lee had 14.

Results from the finals of the Region 1 swimming

and diving championships Saturday at Texas Tech. The top 3 finishers are listed, along with area and District 4-5A finishers who scored points.

Boys Team Results
1. El Paso Eastwood (SAC) 55.30, 2. San Angelo Central (SAC) 55.33, 3. El Paso Franklin 51.50, 4. Lubbock High (LHS) 41.55, 5. Midland High (MHS) 22.6, 6. Midland Lee 14.7, Lubbock Monterey (LH) 12.9, Amarillo High 10.9, El Paso Hankins 10.9, Big Spring (BS) 8.11 (tie), Pecos and El Paso Coronado (EPC) 7.13 (tie), Amarillo Tascosa (AT) and Lubbock Coronado (LC) 4.15, Abilene High 3.

Region Boys Results
1. El Paso Franklin 81.2, Lubbock High 51.3, 3. San Angelo Central 47.4, Midland High 46.5, Midland Lee 24.6, Amarillo Tascosa 14.7, Amarillo High 12.9, El Paso Coronado 10.9 (tie), Abilene High, El Paso Eastwood and Abilene Cooper 8.12, Big Spring 6.13, Odessa High (OHS) 5.14, Lubbock Monterey 4.15, Monahans 3.16, El Paso Jefferson 2.17, El Paso Del Rio 1.

Girls Team Results
200 medley relay: 1. El Paso Franklin 1:38.67, 2. San Angelo Central 1:38.68, 3. Lubbock High 1:40.22, 4. Midland High 1:42.33, 5. Big Spring 1:45.47, 200 free: 1. Kurt Muller (EP Eastwood) 1:43.55, 2. Chris Hopkins (LHS) 1:47.56, 3. Josh Martinez (SAC) 1:48.43, 4. Gregg Strauss (Lee) 1:49.28, 5. Paul Urqueta (MHS) 1:50.26, 200 IM: 1. Josh Johnson (SAC) 2:56.30, 2. John Waldron (EP Hankins) 1:58.87, 3. Scott Adams (EP Franklin) 1:59.51, 5. Michael McKeller (MHS) 2:05.15, 50 free: 1. B.J. Barton (EP Eastwood) 21.87, 2. Ron Lee (Amarillo) 22.11, 3. Brian White (EP Franklin) 22.26, 4. Billy Patterson (SAC) 22.39, 1-meter diving: 1. Kelton Thomas (LM) 405.85, 2. Brian Ferris (LM) 382.15, 3. Brandon Northcott (LC) 366.90, 4. Brian Owen (SAC) 29.45, 5. Clay Gibson (SAC) 231.75, 6. Dustin Sanderson (Abilene) 215.20, 100 fly: 1. Keith Cardon (EP Eastwood) 51.07, 2. Ron Lee (Amarillo) 52.47, 3. Paul Urqueta (MHS) 53.52, 5. Billy Patterson (SAC) 55.59, 100 free: 1. Kurt Muller (EP Eastwood) 46.52, 2. Trey Scarborough (LHS) 48.27, 3. Brian White (EP Franklin) 48.60, 5. Josh Martinez (SAC) 49.50, 500 free: 1. Gregg Strauss (Lee) 4:53.14, 2. John Houghton (EP Eastwood) 5:00.37, 3. Justin Falk (Lee) 5:00.59, 6. Ryan Fiske (MHS) 5:11.60, 200 free relay: 1. El Paso Eastwood 1:26.37, 2. San Angelo Central 1:28.14, 3. El Paso Franklin 1:30.49, 4. Midland High 1:33.29, 100 back: 1. B.J. Barton (EP Eastwood) 51.79, 2. Trey Scarborough (LHS) 51.89, 3. John Waldron (EP Hankins) 54.47, 5. Slatie Broyles (BS) 55.88, 100 breast: 1. Scott Adams (EP Franklin) 58.85, 2. Keith Cardon (EP Eastwood) 59.04, 3. Josh Johnson (SAC) 1:00.19, 5. Michael McKeller (MHS) 1:02.97, 400 free relay: 1. El Paso Eastwood 3:12.40, 2. Lubbock High 3:18.80, 3. San Angelo Central 3:25.78, 5. Big Spring 3:26.62, 6. Abilene High 3:34.42.

Region Girls Results
200 medley relay: 1. San Angelo Central 1:54.60, 2. El Paso Franklin 1:55.63, 3. Abilene High 2:00.12, 4. Midland Lee 2:00.73, 6. Abilene Cooper 2:01.85, 200 free: 1. Lacey Elliott (EP Franklin) 1:55.67, 2. Emily Alvarado (MHS) 2:00.23, 3. Kristin Carson (MHS) 2:01.95, 4. Adrian Reese (Cooper) 2:06.49, 200 IM: 1. Quinn Michie (EP Franklin) 2:11.76, 2. Enn Irons (MHS) 2:11.85, 3. Penta Stanley (LHS) 2:12.80, 50 free: 1. Lacey Elliott (EP Franklin) 24.02, 2. Amber Goodwin (Lee) 24.13, 3. Erin Combs (LHS) 24.54, 4. Mara Garza (SAC) 25.59, 5. Laura Stallings (SAC) 25.84, 1-meter diving: 1. Nikki Pines (SAC) 375.25, 2. Nikki Sherman (Amarillo) 343.20, 3. Holly Jackson (LM) 331.30, 100 fly: 1. Enn Irons (MHS) 1:00.76, 2. Abbey Fogel (LHS) 1:01.06, 3. Armae Dunavent (EP Coronado) 1:01.16, 5. Crystal Wilson (OHS) 1:03.54, 6. Ellen Bell (MHS) 1:03.97, 100 free: 1. Enn Combs (LHS) 53.74, 2. Quinn Michie (EP Franklin) 54.69, 3. Emily Alvarado (MHS) 56.25, 4. Mara Garza

(SAC) 56.44, 5. Laura Stallings (SAC) 56.66, 500 free: 1. Amber Mullins (AT) 5:09.62, 2. Kristin Carson (MHS) 5:22.06, 3. Giona Belmeier (EP Franklin) 5:26.12, 4. Adrian Reese (Cooper) 5:39.58, 5. Enn Harvey (Lee) 5:42.12, 6. Stephanie Wentworth (MHS) 5:43.27, 200 free relay: 1. El Paso Franklin 1:40.55, 2. Lubbock High 1:43.50, 3. San Angelo Central 1:44.42, 4. Midland High 1:45.37, 5. Big Spring 1:49.12, 100 back: 1. Amber Goodwin (Lee) 57.50, 2. Danielle Bradley (EP Franklin) 1:02.10, 3. Courtney Sternard (SAC) 1:04.09, 1. Branne McGuirk (EP Eastwood) 1:08.12, 2. Erika Sonntag (SAC) 1:09.09, 3. Penta Stanley (LHS) 1:09.60, 4. Crystal Wilson (OHS) 1:09.81, 5. Michelle Tuttle (BS) 1:09.90, 400 free relay: 1. El Paso Franklin 3:38.92, 2. Lubbock High 3:47.97, 3. Midland High 3:49.58, 4. San Angelo Central 3:58.61, 5. Midland Lee 3:58.99.

Piazza misses first workout

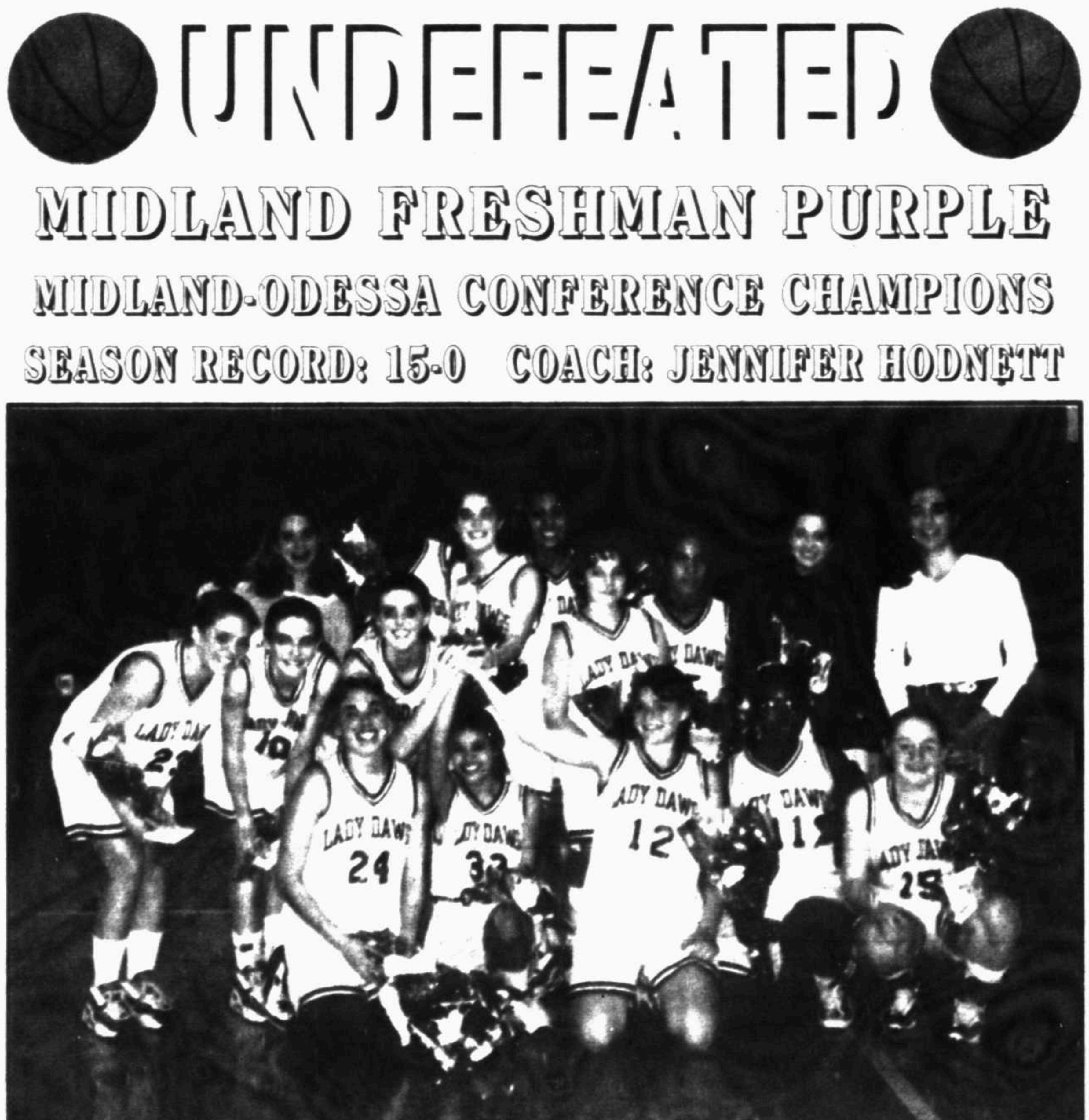
VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza, whose next contract could make him one of baseball's highest-paid players, missed the first workout for pitchers and catchers on Saturday.

Piazza's agent, Dan Lozano, has said the All-Star will become a free agent after the season if he doesn't sign an extension by Sunday.

Piazza, 29, batted .362 with 40

homers and 120 RBIs last season, one of the best offensive seasons by a catcher in history. He will make \$8 million this season, the final year of a \$15 million, two-year deal.

"What I've said before and will continue to say is we want to sign Mike," Dodgers executive vice president Fred Claire said. "He's important to us. And he is under contract for the 1998 season."



Front row l to r: Becky Valdez, Veronica Reyes, Jenny Jones, Valarie Thompson, Brandi Martin

Second row l to r: Courtney Robnett, Page Price, Laura Koch, Ashley Moore, Andrea Marroquin

Third row l to r: Larissa Seal, Sheena Brown, Ashley Murray, Crystal Corona, Kelsi Major, Coach: Jennifer Hodnett

Not Pictured: Christina Williford

LEE: Rebels fall into three-way tie

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pressured stood up to the challenge. Lee's leading scorer Justin Smith was out with an season-ending injury, and the Bobcats prevented Troy Henry, one of the district's more prolific scorers over the last three years, from getting any good looks on goal. Henry did have a few good crosses which went untouched before being cleared out. Henry's best scoring opportunity was deep in the Central box, but he couldn't get a strong shot off.

Even in the second half when Lee started to play better, things didn't go to well. With the exception of a hard shot from Josh Pressler, which went right from 20 yards out, Lee just couldn't put anything substantial together to tie the score.

"They have a really good defense," McCulloch said. "They held us out of their defensive third (of the field) and we weren't getting any opportunities."

Most of Central's opportunities came in the first half. Central had started in a four fullback set, which allowed its two outside backs to push up and help offensively. This packed Lee back in its zone, and in the 22nd minute, the pressure the Bobcats' put on Lee's defense paid off.

Central pushed the ball to Stephen Garcia in the Lee box. Garcia faced the goal and got off a shot which was blocked by Lee keeper Shane Fisher. The rebound, however, went directly to Brent Lewright, who hammered a 12-yard shot through a crowd and into the goal.

"I was afraid I was going to miss it," Lewright said.

"I just happened to be in the right place."

"We knew we had to come out strong," Lewright added. "Lee was playing at home and had the crowd on their side. We knew if we gave up an easy goal, it would be hard to recover."

Lee was the team which found it hard to recover. They played solid defense, shutting out the district's highest scoring team, but couldn't tie the game.

Now, 13-1 Central is even with the top contenders and Central's win makes up for 1-0 loss to Abilene High early in the season.

"It did even out," Lewright said. "We knew if this game was lost, it would be hard to recover. Next week (against Abilene High) will be the game for us to step up."

Lee, 11-4 overall, must rebound. The Rebs are two games up on Permian for one of the three playoffs spots. However, they are eying that district title and that means playing a perfect second half. They begin that quest as they go for the season sweep of Midland High Wednesday at the Lee Soccer Field.

In JV Action: Lee defeated San Angelo Central 3-2. Eric Mora, Josh Perez and Jeremy Brown each scored goals for Lee. Chris Yonts had an assist. Bryan Meadows had seven saves for Lee.

San Angelo Central 1, Midland Lee 0
Central
Midland Lee
First Half: 1. CHS, Brent Lewright (unassisted), 22nd minute. Second Half: No Scoring.
Shots: Central 9, Lee 9. Corners: Central 1, Lee 1. Saves: Central 5 (Mark Rogers), Lee 6 (Shane Fisher). Fouls: Central 15, Lee 10. Offsides: Central 3, Lee 2. Cards: Yellow — Lee: Danny George (unsportsmanlike conduct), Jeff Meadows (conduct), 66th; Colter Marcum (conduct), 73rd; Central: Jeff Gladden (conduct), 44th; Sean Sparks (conduct), 60th.

CONGRATULATIONS!

EDUCATION



Odessa attorney Merry Worley, serving as judge during last week's regional mock trial competition, listened to Odessa High School student Amber Ormsby give her closing arguments.

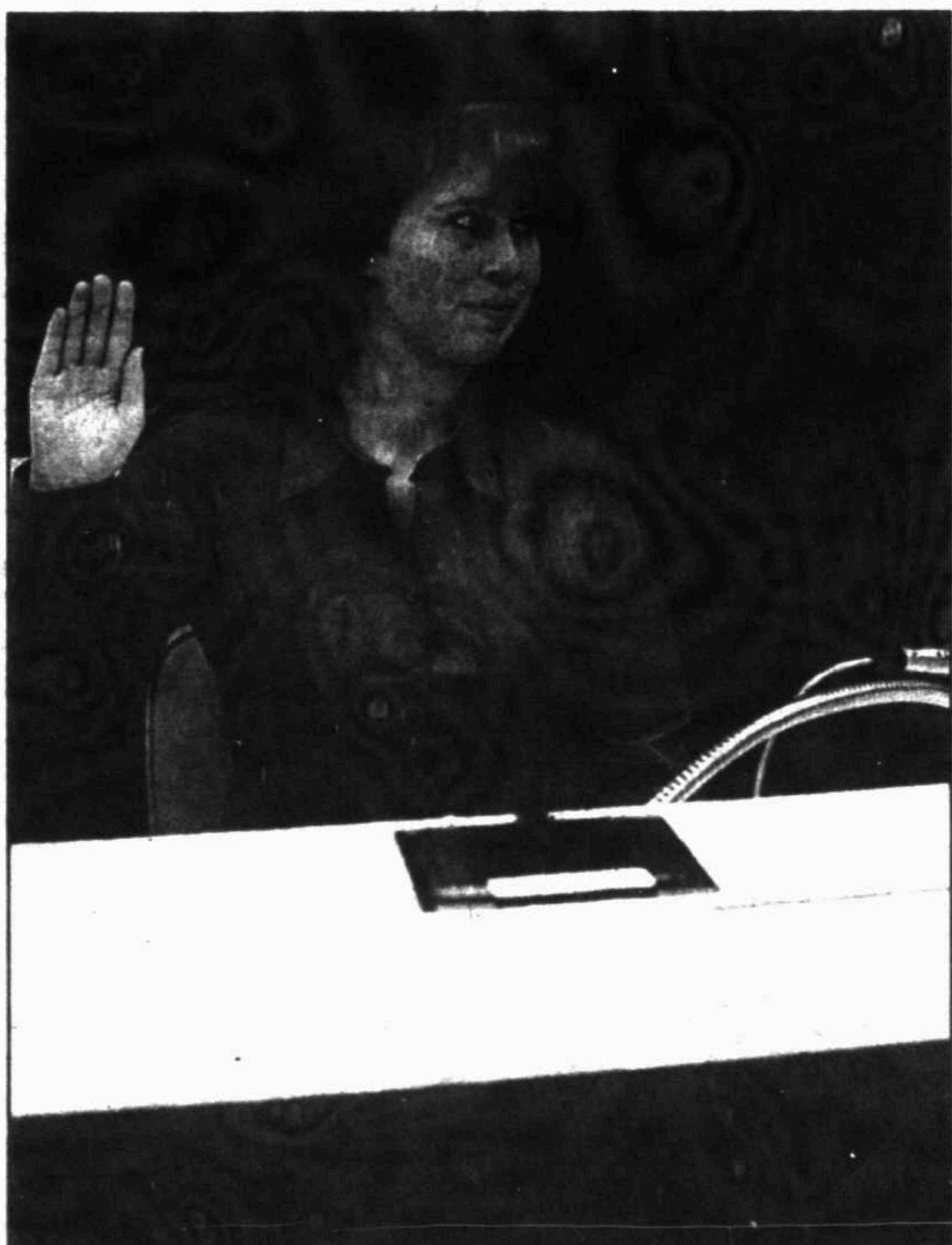
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Midland High student Elizabeth Canon, right, shows witness Tami Norman a piece of evidence.

If it please

THE COURT



Midland High sophomore Tami Norman, above, was a witness for the prosecution.

At right, Midland High junior Lynde Hedgpeth, hands the judge, attorney Merry Worley, a piece of evidence to be used by the prosecution.

Midland High mock trial team advances to state competition

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

If it please the court, Midland High School's mock trial team will advance to Dallas in March to try their case against students from around the state.

The 10-member MHS team recently won the Region 18 regional mock trial competition and will advance to the state competition in Dallas.

MHS and four other West Texas school district teams took part in the contest, which tests the public speaking skills and courtroom knowledge of young adults.

This year's mock trial dealt with civil law — a media slander case in which a lawyer sues a television news station and reporter for defaming his law practice. Each year the mock trial alternates between civil or criminal

law.

In this case, a controversial lawyer, December Dewey of fictitious Petro City, Texoma, sues TV reporter Kelly Conway for slander. Ms. Conway had aired a TV segment using unidentified sources to substantiate that Dewey both harassed hospital patients to find personal injury clients and overcharged his customers.

Each side called witnesses to prove their case — whether Ms. Conway showed malice toward the lawyer in the story.

The Odessa Young Lawyers Association provided judges for the regionals and county personnel helped set up courtrooms on the fourth floor of the Midland County Courthouse. The judges do not return a verdict in the mock trials.

John Hyde, a 238th District

judge, and Ed "Dude" Martin, a local attorney and federal law clerk, had earlier coached the MHS team on state civil law and court procedures.

Hyde said the regional mock trial and the state level competition teach Texas high school students about real-life court battles and the jobs of members of the legal community.

"If you saw one of the final rounds in Dallas ... you'd believe they were real witnesses and real attorneys because they are real polished," he said. "They put a tremendous amount of effort into this. ... It gives them an idea of how the legal system works."

The judge and Martin worked with the MHS team in the weeks before the contest, showing them procedural matters like how to admit evidence and how trial lawyers object to what they perceive as unreliable evidence.

Ector County, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis and Balmorhea public schools sent teams to the recent competition, in which the teams paired off and chose the plaintiff or defendant side. Lee High School did not field a team.

Odessa High School, the defending champion, narrowly lost to MHS in the final round.

Martin said he enjoyed mock trials during his high school days. Now he helps area students prepare.

"All of them are very talented as far as speaking ability; it's just fine-tuning their styles for the courtroom," he said.

Martin said the fine-tuning

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Combined performance

The chorales of both Midland and Lee high schools performed Vivaldi's "Gloria" last week at First Presbyterian Church.



Campus award winner

Keep Midland Beautiful has named Midland High School as the campus award winner for February. Celia Wilson, second from left, chairman of the PTA landscape committee, helped design the new flowerbeds and potted plants. Also involved were Dave Hartman, KMB board, left; Ikie Anders, head groundskeeper at MHS; and Principal Neil Richmond, right.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

The Abell-Hanger Foundation recently presented Coleman High School with new computer equipment, valued at \$50,000.

The equipment includes 53 computers and three servers. Some of the equipment is already installed.

MISD staff had sought ways to improve what they saw as outdated equipment at the school. The foundation chose to replace the school's two servers and add another server. They also replaced 53 of the terminals used by the students on the campus and are upgrading 39 of the remaining terminals.

Jim Henry, president of Henry Petroleum, and Wayne Woodside, president of Trend Technologies, have donated technical support through the foundation.

The Texas Center for the Book is holding a statewide literature contest for grades four through 12 with two winners receiving a cash award of \$100.

The state center is holding its Letters About Literature contest. Students write a letter to a favorite author, living or dead, and how explain how the author's book somehow changed their way of thinking. There are two competition levels: one for grades four through seven and another for grades eight through 12.

Entries must be postmarked by March 1. For more information on how to enter, call the Texas center at (214) 670-7808.

The Permian Basin Area Foundation has scholarships available for area residents who want to attend West Texas universities and colleges.

leges.

Scholarship awards ranging from \$250 to \$1,500 per semester are available to students, provided that recipients attend the following institutions: Angelo State University, Howard College, Midland College, Odessa College, Sul Ross University, Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center of Odessa and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

For more information, contact the foundation at 682-4704.

ODESSA — Two long-time Odessa community leaders recently donated \$30,000 to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to establish an endowed scholarship in their names.

The money will create the Angel and Mac Boring Endowed Presidential Scholarship. Angel and M.O. "Mac" Boring, long-time Odessans, said in a released statement that they hope the scholarship will encourage young people in Midland-Odessa to attend UTPB.

Boring, former founder and owner of Dixilyn Drilling Co., was recently inducted as a Top Hand at the Petroleum Museum. He and his Mrs. Boring have lived in Odessa since the 1940s.

For more information on the scholarship, contact UTPB at 552-2020.

The West Texas Storytellers Guild will hold "A Walk Down Memory Lane," a storytelling event for people of all ages, at the Midland County Public Library at 2 p.m. Feb. 28.

For more information on the event and the

1998 Kassi Crites short story contest, contact Ritzie Williford at 699-7820.

Area school board candidates and interested citizens will have a chance to learn more about what it's like to serve on the board during a free candidate workshop later this month.

The Texas Association of School Boards will present the workshop 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Region 18 Education Service Center.

For more information, call TASB at (800) 580-8272 ext. 6161.

SAN ANGELO — Former U.S. Sen. Warren Rudman, co-author of the 1985 Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction bill, will speak on federal deficit in a lecture series this week at Angelo State University.

The senator will speak at ASU's 1998 Ralph Chase Lecture in the Humanities 8 p.m. Monday and 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Rudman is founding co-chairman of the Concord Coalition and served two terms in the U.S. Senate from New Hampshire.

For more information, contact ASU at (915) 942-2248.

ODESSA — The Odessa College vocational nursing program in Andrews is accepting applications until April for admission to classes beginning in August.

Prospective students may call (915) 524-1022 to request a packet of information.

Class size is limited, so applications should be turned in as soon as possible.

MAKING THE GRADE

The Midland Downtown Lion's Club has named Courtney Clayton and Matthew S. Parker as their Junior Lions of the week.



Clayton

Ms. Clayton, daughter of Carole and Wayne Clayton of Midland, attends Midland High School. Her honors and activities include Varsity Cheerleader, National Honor Society, Student Council, Texas Scholars and four-year academic letterman.

She plans to attend Texas Tech



Parker

or Baylor University and major in business administration.

Parker, son of Mark and Ann Parker of Midland, attends Lee High School.

His honors and activities include National Honor Society, German Club, Yearbook, Literacy Magazine, Choir, Texas Best Engineering Team, UIL 1st Division in solo and ensemble, German Honor Society, National Poetry Award and numerous others.

He plans to major in liberal arts with a minor in music.

ROSWELL, N.M. — Eastern New Mexico University named Shelly Harland to the 1997 Fall Dean's List.

Ms. Harland had a grade point average of 4.0.

NACOGDOCHES — Stephen F. Austin named area students Heidi Moore, who is majoring in chemistry, and Gena Lynn Newsom, who is majoring in biology, to the

dean's list.

Nathanael Brown, son of Richard and Alice Brown, was recently elected to Phi Kappa Phi Academic Society at Texas Tech University.

Brown, a senior majoring in family studies and human development, is a 1994 honor graduate of Lee High School.

He is one of 40 students nationwide to intern this semester at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colo.

He plans to attend seminary at Trinity Evangelical in Illinois to prepare for the ministry.

Michelle Burns, the daughter of Jim and Sandy Burns, and a senior at Lee High School, is the Midland West Rotary Club's student of the week.

Ms. Burns is recognized in Who's Who Among American High School Students and has received

Optimist Club's awards for journalism.

She plans to major in business administration or accounting at Texas Tech University.

ODESSA — Nine Midland students have been named to the Odessa College summa cum laude honor roll for the fall 1997 semester, according to college officials.

Midland students are Patricia Bearden, Taisa Gilley, Jason Hamilton, Elaine L. Howard, Lonetta K. Keeley, Sherry M. McAnally, Donna J. Miller, William D. Powell and Robin S. Salars.

Two students from Midland County were named to the honor lists for Levelland's South Plains College: Tanner Boyd and Jill Pickett.

Midlander Phil King was named to the fall 1997 Dean's Honor Roll at West Texas A & M University.

COURT: Students learn poise, persuasion in trial

(From 1D)

includes how to address juries and how to cross-examine or direct-examine witnesses.

For example, the students had to learn to avoid using hearsay evidence and asking leading questions while examining their side's witnesses.

Students David Black, Laura Brinker, Elizabeth Canon, Michelle Roberts, Tami Norman and Lewis Franklin later told the Reporter-Telegram that the week-end competition taught them respect for the legal system and its key players, even if they didn't agree with all of its concepts.

Black, a junior who played Dewey, said the facts could easily favor the defendant, Ms. Conway, or his character. His character was shady, but the reporter was probably guilty of misconduct.

It was a thrilling experience, either way.

"It's pretty balanced, he said. "It's the learning the rules of the courtroom ... how to object. I think it was pretty obvious he was (dishonest) but he wouldn't admit it."

Franklin, also a junior, played an expert witness on the media. He said the mock trial taught the 10 members how to work together.

"It really helped spread skills of the group," Franklin said. "I would object to things. You want selective truth to come out. That's how the court operates. It operates on what both sides allow."

Ms. Norman, a sophomore, said she also enjoyed watching the objections to testimony. She played both the reporter and a TV station representative and sees Ms. Conway's story as accurate, but as slanted.

"I think she was right in her story, but she did it with a little bit of malice. She wasn't doing it to inform the public as she claimed," Ms. Norman said.

Ms. Norman went on to say that Ms. Conway was basically a professional reporter.

"She had four lawsuits against her for the same thing," retorted Black, grinning. "She hates lawyers."

"But (the lawsuits) were all settled out of court, with no admission of guilt," Ms. Norman replied.

Ms. Roberts, a senior, said teamwork was important in the competition.

"I thought it was a really corny case, but it was really fun and it took a lot of team effort to pull it off," she said. "Everybody had to know their part and everyone had to know everyone else's part."

Not being prepared for the opposition lawyer could prove costly, she added.

Ms. Canon, whose father is a lawyer, played Dewey's lawyer. She said she learned to have even more respect for the legal profession. The junior said it was interesting that lawyers sometimes represent clients with major char-

acter flaws in order to protect their rights.

Like Dewey. "He had glitzes in his character. We worked hard to go over them, she said.

Ms. Brinker, who played witness, the Rev. I.B. Revered, said she learned that not all witnesses were reliable nor critical to a case. The preacher was one of Dewey's former clients.

"I think a lot of my testimony was just put there," she said. "They would catch me lying. I lied even though I was a reverend."

The courtroom drama left the students with a new insight into the American legal system. The students have mixed feelings.

Franklin has been in courtrooms before — in teen court. He said it helped prepare him for the regionals. He doesn't like the way evidence is controlled by lawyers and judges.

"How can justice be served if the full knowledge is not presented?" he wondered. "I think it works just fine, but there are some reforms that can be done. The adversary system has its problems. (But) laying it all on the line has its problems."

He also wonders about the idea of a winning side in a case.

"You don't think of the lawyer who lost," he said.

Ms. Brinker wonders about the jury system.

"Every juror who goes in there, you can find someone who has an opinion," she said. "As a society we all have our biases."

But perhaps these questions are what adults want the high school students to ponder.

Martin said he understands the situation, but adds that the students only saw the trial part of a civil case. In the early stages of civil cases both sides undergo discovery, in which they seek the facts from the other side.

Discovery has been reformed in recent years to prevent costly and unpredictable trials and to reach legal settlements.

"In most civil trials now, discovery is a huge portion in our case. That's why there's an increase in settlements," he said. "Certainly, once you get to the point of trial, there's legal battles over certain points of evidence. Overall, the (evidence) rules are there, the rules that create the objections are there to question the reliability of information."

Hyde said the rules for excluding evidence in a trial also have an important purpose, such as to exclude the presentation of hearsay, which the courts consider unreliable.

"It's not just a free-for-all. The rules have as their objective not blocking the truth, but facilitating the truth," he said. "There really are some constitutional concepts in hearsay. You have no right to cross-examination of those (other people)."

Hyde said the American justice system often works well, but every once in awhile it doesn't.

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Guillermina is a Hispanic female (Date of Birth 12/04/92). At the time of her disappearance she was 3'0" tall and weighed 35 pounds. She has brown eyes, black hair and small scars on her neck caused by insect bites. Guillermina was last seen June 26, 1996 in Mount Pleasant (Titus County), Texas in the company of her non-custodial father, Alejandro Villegas, a Hispanic male (Date of Birth 02/28/44). There is an active felony warrant (NIC/W962257384) charging Mr. Villegas with Interference With Child Custody.

Anyone having information regarding this missing child's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Investigator Gary Gregory, Garland Police Department, Garland, Texas at 972/205-2873 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2810 outside of Texas.



BRIANA DANIELLA COATES

NIC/M009328519

MPCH CASE #A97-10-005

Briana Daniella Coates is a white female (Date of Birth 07/19/90). At the time of her disappearance she was 3'8" tall and weighed 40 pounds. She has greenish-gray eyes and light brown hair.

Isaac Nathan Coates is a white male (Date of Birth 01/05/89). At the time of his disappearance he was 4'0" tall and weighed 50 pounds. He has greenish-gray eyes and brown hair.

Briana and Isaac were last seen May 14, 1997, in the Houston (Harris County), Texas area, they are believed to be in the company of their non-custodial mother, Gloria Joy Coates, a white female (Date of Birth 07/03/57). There is an active felony warrant (NIC/2014554806) charging her with Interference with Child Custody.

Anyone having information regarding the whereabouts of these missing children is encouraged to contact Investigator Vicki Stofle of the Harris County Sheriff's Office/District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas at 281/584-4777 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 or 512/424-2810 outside of Texas.



ISAAC NATHAN COATES

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ANDREA MARIE GEORGE

MPCH Case #97-12-003
NIC/M036022487

Andrea is a white female (Date of Birth 09/07/80). At the time of her disappearance, she was 6'0" tall and weighed 135 pounds. She has blue eyes and blond hair. Andrea has a large mole on her right hand and her upper canine teeth are crooked.

Andrea was last seen June 21, 1997 in Vancouver (Clark County), Washington. She may be with an adult male companion and they may be traveling in Oregon or Texas. They are in a teal, 1991 Geo Storm. Oregon license plate number NG00501.

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Board of trustees meet

The Midland College board of trustees will meet in regular session 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17 in the Gibson Board Room of the Pevehouse Administration building.

Networking Breakfast

Managing Your Career, Family and Health Without Burning Out is the topic of the monthly **Networking Breakfast** sponsored by the MC Business and Economic Development Center and the Midland Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast will be 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Cost is \$5 at the door, and the public is invited. For more information, call 684-4100.

Math Hotline

Having trouble with a math problem, call the Midland College math hotline, 685-4682, for help.

Candidates' Forum

The Midland College Student Government is sponsoring a Candidate Forum with the candidates for Midland County Judge, Dianne Anderson, Steve Hershberger, Keith R. Jobe and William C. (Bill) Morrow. The forum will be noon, Tuesday, Feb. 17 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Call 685-4543.

McCormick Gallery

The work of Kilgore College faculty members John Hillier and O. Rufus Lovett will be on display Feb. 16-March 20 in McCormick Gallery at Midland College. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Elise Coombes is public relations director for Midland College.

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Six couples vie for MC's homecoming crown

■ Six couple representing Midland College clubs and organizations have been nominated for homecoming king and queen. The winning couple will be named at halftime of the Chaparral men's game against Clarendon Monday, Feb. 16. The men play at 8 p.m. and the women play at 6 p.m.

Kelly McClatchy and Lindsay Hansen are sponsored by Students in Free Enterprise. McClatchy is a business management major planning to attend Texas Tech University. Hansen is an elementary education business major planning to attend UT Permian Basin.

Jeremy Wheeler and Heather Stegall are sponsored by the MC Cheerleaders. Wheeler is studying computer information systems. Stegall is interested in pursuing chemical engineering and computer science at Texas Tech.

Dennis Ondeng' and Holly Turnbough are sponsored by the MC basketball players. Ondeng' is studying computer science and wants to become a computer engineer or an aeronautical engineer. Turnbough is studying biology and wants to become a physical therapist.

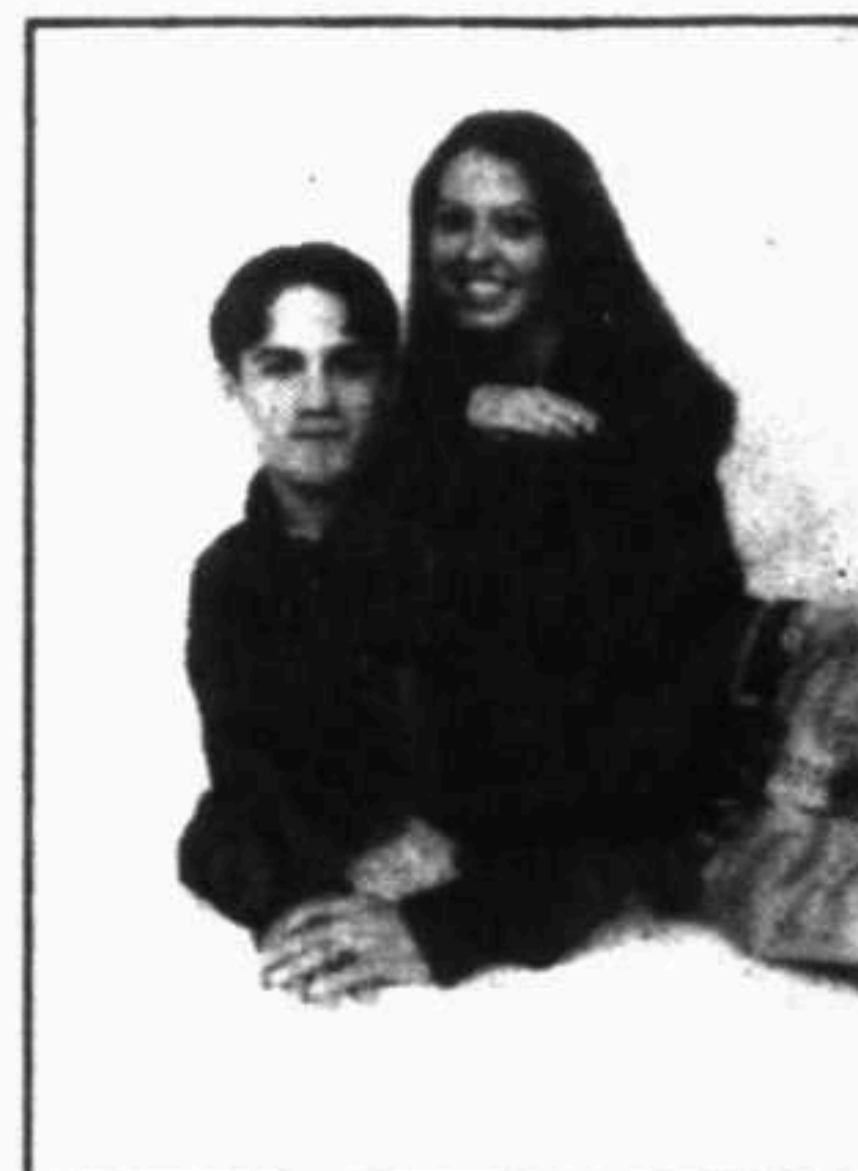
Brent Clary and Staci Stevenson are sponsored by Students in Philanthropy. Clary is studying physical therapy and wants to have a physical therapy practice. Stevenson is a speech therapy major and plans to attend Texas Tech.

Chad Leascher and Latisha Potter are sponsored by Baptist Student Ministries. Leascher's major is undecided, and his hobbies include sports and church activities. Potter is a business major who wants to get an accounting degree and participate in mission work.

Bryan Williams and Rebecca Buchanan are sponsored by Midland College Student Government Association. Williams plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Texas. Buchanan is majoring in speech pathology and would eventually like to earn a masters degree and work in a rehabilitation hospital.



McClatchy and Hansen



Wheeler and Stegall



Ondeng' and Turnbough



Clary and Stevenson



Leascher and Potter



Williams and Buchanan

Continuing ed offers computers, travel agent training

Cake Decorating II will be 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 23 through March 23. Melody Johnson is the instructor.

Computer & You will be 9-10:50 a.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 1. Shawn Jantzen is the instructor.

Computer & You will be 5:30-7:20 p.m. Mondays & Wednesday, Feb. 23 through April 1. Terry Dummer is the instructor.

Keyboarding will be 5:30-7:20 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 1.

Office 97 will be 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 1. Sonya Medaris is the instructor.

Quickbooks Pro will be 1-2:50 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 1. Robbie Campbell is the instructor.

Real Estate Principles II will be 6-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Feb. 23 through March 5. Sandy Hicks is the instructor.

Stenciling will be 6-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23. Jeanne Jackson is the instructor.

Travel & the Internet will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 23 through March 30. Windows 95 will be 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 1. Melody Johnson is the instructor.

Windows 95 will be 7:30-9:20 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 1. Sonya Medaris is the instructor.

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Word will be 7:30-9:20 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 1. Sonya Medaris is the instructor.

Wordperfect 7.0 will be 8:30-10:20 a.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Feb. 23 through April 1. Sonya Medaris is the instructor.

Antiques I will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 24 through March 3. Dan Haller is the instructor.

Child Development-Evaluating Children's Art will be 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Donna Fields is the instructor.

Computer & You will be 7:30-9:20 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 24 through April 2. Susan Crenshaw is the instructor.

Concealed Handgun will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and time to be arranged on Saturday Feb. 24-Feb. 28. Tom Vanamman and Jim FitzGerald are the instructors.

Doggy Manners will be 7:30-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 24 through April 28. Dottie Slattery is the instructor.

Internet will be 9-10:50 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays Feb. 24 through April 2. Ivan Meissner is the instructor.

Medication Aide is the instructor 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 24 through June 2. Linda Jordan is the instructor.

Medication Aide Insurance will be 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 24 through June 2. Linda Jordan is the instructor.

Office 97 will be 7:30-9:20 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 24 through April 2. Ivan Meissner is the instructor.

Quicken will be 3-4:50 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 24 through April 2. Ivan Meissner is the instructor.

Windows 95 will be 1-12:50 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 24 through April 2. Kim Payne is the instructor.

Windows 95 will be 5:30-7:20 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 24 through April 2. Susan Crenshaw is the instructor.

Word will be 9-10:50 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays Feb. 24 through April 2. Kim Payne is the instructor.

Zig Zagar Strategies For Success will be 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays Feb. 24 through March 5. Mark Thomas is the instructor.

Cake Decorating II will be 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 26 through March 26. Pat Fisher is the instructor.

Tai Chi Chuan will be 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 26 through April 30. Carol Chidlaw is the instructor.

CPR Instructor course will be 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27. Gary Roberts is the instructor.

EMT Refresher will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 28 through April 25. Kim Willis is the instructor.

Travel Home Based Agent will be 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. Medic First Aid CPR will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28. Kim Willis is the instructor.

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Language dept. sets Costa Rican trip

The dates for the MC's spring interim study/travel trip to Costa Rica have changed to May 16-31. The trip is sponsored by the Midland College Language Department, in conjunction with the Costa Rican Culture and Language Institute.

To get the best price for airline tickets, interested students should immediately contact Heidi Goebel (685-4562) or Dr. Diego Jones (685-4629) for details, brochure, or information packets. A \$50 deposit is required.

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Even though his name is plastered all over sportswear and T-shirts across America, Tommy Hilfiger also sells upscale clothing. The designer, in his Fifth Ave. studio in New York City, holds a vibrant orange Chinese silk brocade men's jacket from his Red Label line. The jacket to his right is an unusual shade of gold. Much of Hilfiger's success is due to his appeal to youth with his urban style. Models, right, show Hilfiger's hip styling of winter wear. Supermodel Roshumba, center, poses with the Au-Kurant Wig-Out! models in New York. The models, wearing electric blue dresses, and matching wigs, were featured at a fashion show presenting 12 emerging designers and Absolut Kurants fantasy wig line.



Tommy Hilfiger, Tommy Hilfiger

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Tommy Hilfiger. Parents all over the country are tired of reading his name — on T-shirts, and jackets. But the brand seems to endure, especially with the jet set. His models are no gaunt, pale mannequins. Rap singers, rock stars and basketball players swagger down his runways.

He makes leather jackets for Puff Daddy and ties for President Clinton. He sells men's cologne with a guy's name on it. (Marketing told him that would never fly.)

Tommy Hilfiger — who creates for rappers, royals and Rotarians alike — is trying to expand his \$600 million fashion empire where no Seventh Avenue designer has gone before.

"I never wanted to do what everyone else was doing," said the boyish designer with the wide smile, who at \$13 million tops Women's Wear Daily's list of highest-paid designers.

"The key is to keep coming back but coming back in different ways," he said recently at his New York studio.

It's not enough that Hilfiger's name screams across hooded sweatshirts, snakes down the sides of running pants and perches on the breast pockets of wool blazers. It's not enough that he's hit the West Coast with a high-priced Rodeo Drive store.

He wants his own TV show. He wants a record label. He wants to be a household name — for the entire household. For the kids, it's Tommy gear hats and jeans in bright red, blue or yellow. For Mom and Dad, the classics: Shetland wool, sporty footwear, light fragrances. There will be Tommy sheets and Tommy tables when the Home Collection is launched. There will be more Tommy videos, slick portable fashion shows.

At 45, he is sometimes ribbed as the Madonna of the fashion world. "He's had his ups and downs," said fashion analyst Tom Julian. "He was beat up for being more of a merchandiser than a designer."

Even Hilfiger will tell you: "I'm not a part of that. I'm not a Seventh Avenue designer. I'm not a couture designer in the true sense of the word."

Nonetheless, he finally won Menswear Designer of the Year in 1995 from the Council of Fashion Designers of America, which snubbed him the previous year by leaving the category unawarded.

Says executive director Fern Mallis: "Call it marketing. Call it whatever you want. The fact is Tommy Hilfiger talked to customers a lot of other designers ignored...."

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From baggy rags to riches

Ecko Unlimited chief executive and designer Mark Echo, left, and financial officer and president, Seth Gerszberg, head up the urban sportswear manufacturing company at the Saddle River, N.J., headquarters. Echo, 25, and Gerszberg, 26, started the company with six T-shirts in 1993. This year the company anticipates \$28 million in sales.



Actor Pierce Brosnan is fitted for a Brioni suit by master tailor Checchino Fonticcioli in Rome in January. Brioni's client list includes ABC-TV anchor Peter Jennings, singer Tony Bennett and actor Robert Wagner.

Designs tailor-made for celebrities

By Francine Parnes
Associated Press

When actress Jennifer Tilly reaches into her closet, she can pull out her Judith Leiber silver metal evening bag, which sells for \$1,775 (a bargain, so to speak, as bags designed by Leiber can cost much more).

Veteran actor-director Mel Brooks has six pairs of Bruno Magli lace-up oxfords, in a style called the Irving, which retail at \$375 a pair. Three pairs are black; three are brown, so wherever Brooks hangs his hat — he has three residences — he'll be in style.

Brooks isn't the only star with Maglis in his closet. The sandals and comfortable classic pumps that are just the right size for "Mad About You" co-star Helen Hunt cost more than \$300 each.

Looking for an exquisite ticktock for your wrist? The Cartier store in Beverly Hills, Calif., has many elegant styles, including an 18-karat gold watch with sapphires for Madame at \$11,400 and a polished stainless steel model for Monsieur, retailing at \$2,700. Just the sort of watches that could catch the eye of "Frasier" co-star Kelsey Grammer — and did. He bought both.

Handbags. Shoes. Watches. Designer clothes. Are the luxury goods that adorn the bodies of celebrities a reflection of their style and personality? Or do expensive clothes and accessories — the "I own, therefore I am" philosophy — define the person who wears them?

"Celebrities are in that circle of people, that little private club that knows the best hotels, cars, art, jewelry and clothes," says Joseph Barrato, CEO of Brioni USA. "I don't know if it's conspicuous consumption. They've earned it and they deserve it. It's a little gift for them for all their hard work."

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Cultural events at home in Tall City

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

So you think there is nothing to do in Midland? We don't find that to be the case. Last weekend, for example, found patrons of the arts running from one event to another. The West Texas community is fortunate to attract and present such high-quality entertainment.

Actually, Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta, "The Mikado," on Thursday, Feb. 5, began the series of live performances.

Presented by California's Riverside Light Opera Company, the musical classic opened the Midland Opera Theatre's 1998 season. The lavish production played to a sellout crowd at the Yucca Theatre.

Although "The Mikado" is set in medieval Japan, it is actually a spoof on British manners, morals and government. Called the greatest operetta ever written, it has proven to be the most successful collaboration of Gilbert and Sullivan, earning them the title, "inventors of the modern musical."

The Riverside Light Opera Company was appearing here for the third time. The troupe previously performed "Pirates of Penzance" and "H.M.S. Pinafore" for Midland audiences.

Among those seen in the crowd were Vina and John Rahlis, Megan and Paul Pause, Mary and Bill Garay, Jackie Comola, Ruth Ann and Horace Griffin, and Jana (Mrs. Jeff) Hinkley, with her son, Matthew.

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, two events took place simultaneously. The Midland Community Theatre's production of the musical, "Guys and Dolls," opened at Cole Theatre, while Community Concerts presented the New York Theatre Ballet in the Midland High School auditorium.

Opening Night at the theatre was a festive affair, with a pre-party catered by H-E-B and special recognition of MCT's honorary members. Five of the 17 honorees, Anna Marie Vogler, Ruth Cole, Bebe Fisher, Rosalind Redfern and Mae Dawson, were present. They received gold pins inscribed with the words, "Honorary Member," and sporting the MCT logo, courtesy of Kathy and Mike Fleck of Occasions Jewelers.

The musical fable of Broadway, based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, is set to the backdrop of New York City in post-World War II America. The party refreshments and lobby decorations all had a tie-in to the show. The light meal included stroudfest, red, white and black balloon bouquets, and Broadway caricatures of the theatre's Board of Governors.

Dressed in glamorous evening wear, members of Act IX, MCT's women's auxiliary, served as hostesses and handed out red car-

tions (also essential to the plot) to the female members of the audience as they arrived.

Among the theatregoers were Drew Anderson, Claire and Doug Heck, Greg Dove, Ann Semple, Cece and A.J. Brune, Maridell (Mrs. Jack) Fryar, Rande and Jack Rathbone and Marilyn and Neal Allen.

At the high school, the ballet performed a program, entitled "Legends & Visionaries," as a salute to George and Ira Gershwin.

It was created as part of the worldwide centennial celebration of the Gershwins and also the celebration of the ballet company's 20th anniversary.

Midland was included in the first of two annual tours scheduled for the "Legends & Visionaries" program. The New York City premiere of "Legends..." will take place in March at the Sylvia & Danny Kaye Playhouse.

Among the audience members were Sheila and Bill Morrow, Cherry Jones, Jenna Welch, Aida Dunlap, Ruth and Joe Thompson, Susan Huff, Nell Ellis and Frances Walker.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, the road to Odessa was well traveled by Midlanders, who were headed for the Pops Concert at the Holiday Inn Centre.

The concert, presented by the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Choral, was co-sponsored by the West Texas Jazz Society.

Due to illness, the guest artist, jazz singer and guitarist John Pizzarelli, was unable to perform. However, in true show business fashion, his father, renowned guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli, appeared in his place. Performing with him were members of John's quartet, Martin Pizzarelli, Ray Kennedy and Tony Tedesco.

The evening's program also featured music of the '40s, '50s and '60s under the direction of symphony conductor Rob Hunt.

Spotted in the overflow crowd were Betty and Don Ewan, Sally and Bill Stella, Monette Hicks, Bambi and Alan Byars, Frances and Max Levin, Anne and Jack Herbig, Kay and George Smith and former Midlanders Gloria and LaDoyce Lambert of Odessa.

THE WEEKEND ended on a high note Sunday afternoon with the West Texas Jazz Society's Annual Meeting at Jazz Restaurant.

Much to the surprise and delight of the crowd, Bucky Pizzarelli and members of John Pizzarelli's quartet were present and sat in with local musicians during the jam session. The area performers included Rob Hunt, Dean Baker, Robert La Croix, Mark Lowe, Bronda and Neal Goates, Ted Hale and Joe Odneal.

Among those enjoying the afternoon of jazz were Charlene Waddill, Hal Lambert of Odessa, Jan and Bob Hover, Patsy Welmaker and her daughter, Polly Welmaker, Ann Masterson, Jayne and Fred Kester and Michael Burtram.

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HILFIGER: Wants his name somewhere in every household

(From 1E)

"The bottom line is that people are not buying marketing, they are buying products," she said.

Hilfiger's street popularity was confirmed in 1994 when rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg wore a Hilfiger rugby shirt on NBC-TV's "Saturday Night Live." Hip-hop wannabes from the 'burbs followed suit, in Tommy's baggy jeans and oversized jackets.

Hilfiger said he's proud of embracing these kids when others said it would finish him. This summer, he went online to combat Internet rumors about racist remarks that threatened to alienate his hip-hop following.

"We had to get out there and tell the truth," he said. "We know that was B.S. Just take a look at us and what we are doing."

Hilfiger's studio, like his clothes, is casual, diverse and funky. Outfitted in gray slacks, gray sweater and blue oxford shirt, Hilfiger claims he usually wears brighter colors. "All the fashion mavens wear black," he said.

In one cubicle, a quiet blonde examines fabric swatches; her neighbors, a young Asian artist with a skull cap and a tall black man with blond dreadlocks, sketch while listening to R&B on a boombox.

Although his corporation's advertising costs tripled last year, to \$19.6 million, Hilfiger said his

success lies not in promoting himself but in connecting with customers.

"I reach out on the street and find out what is happening," said the designer, whose office picture of Mick Jagger with his arms around Hilfiger's shoulders reveals a bit of the 15-year-old groupie in him.

He used a regiment of celebrities such as Sidney Poitier, Penny Marshall and Jenny McCarthy for the opening of the Rodeo Drive store last November — a showcase for clothes Hilfiger designed for the Rolling Stones and Sheryl Crow.

"In years past, people looked to fashion magazines for trends," he said. "The people of today are far more likely to find trends through an athlete, music star or some real cool celebrity that they like."

At his studio on Fifth Avenue, Hilfiger examines pink and black fabric swatches for his spring collection, inspired by the movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's." The tailored suits and sheath dresses are more high-end than his usual lines.

Hilfiger has been warned that a men's designer can't sell clothes to women.

"I've broken a lot of the rules and I'm absolutely proud of it," he said, flashing a Cheshire Cat grin. "I would never want to be in a business with rules and regulations you have to follow."

CELEBRITIES: Seek top designers

(From 1E)

Pierce Brosnan, the James Bond of the '90s, was fitted with a custom-made Brioni suit and blue tuxedo for "Tomorrow Never Dies." He also wore Brioni in his previous 007 film, "Goldeneye."

"He's in great shape," Barrato confides, "and off-the-rack suits don't work for him."

Brioni's list of clients for its made-to-measure suits — average retail price \$2,500 — includes ABC-TV's Peter Jennings, singer Tony Bennett and actor Robert Wagner. Shop at Harley HB Baldwin, a tony leather-goods store in Aspen, Colo., and you just might bump into actor Michael Douglas, who liked a \$1,000 alligator-and-sterling silver belt so much, he bought three.

Harley HB Baldwin is one of the shops located in Caribou Alley, home of the Caribou Club, watering hole of the rich and famous. Fendi, Christian Dior and Louis Vuitton all opened shops there in December. (Call it the Rodeo Drive of Aspen.)

"The Caribou Club is a place where celebrities feel comfort-

able in a Christian Dior dress, wrapped in a Fendi fur, and they know no one is going to bat an eyelash," says Harley Baldwin.

Celebs aren't the only ones shopping at the exclusive Colorado ski resort.

Manhattan socialite Julia Koch, wife of billionaire David Koch, was spotted browsing at Christian Dior, while Ivana Trump, former wife of billionaire Donald Trump, did her shopping at Louis Vuitton.

"We're in a market where more and more visitors are spending money," Baldwin says.

Ask him who creates the most excitement when they walk in the door and he'll tell you: "Stores in Aspen would rather have one billionaire than 10 celebrities. They spend more."

Style? Fashion? Or gluttonous shopping?

David Wolfe, creative director of The Doneger Group, a fashion trend forecasting service in New York, says, "As a species, we evidently are very self-indulgent. Can you imagine? There's a waiting list for a \$4,000 Hermes handbag."

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for Jan. 26-Feb. 1.

MONDAY

1. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
2. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
3. B.J. Filley, Herb Wales
4. Marianne and Buf Slay

TUESDAY

1. Buf Slay, Jerry Crooker
2. Sue Gardiner, Jimmie Branch
3. Elle Kerr, Flo Curry
4. Helen Wise, Joan La Fond

WEDNESDAY

1. and 2. Tie: Marian Sims, Gloria Crites, Marie Morris, Bob Baker
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
4. Sue Gardiner, Clarence Marley

THURSDAY

1. and 2. Tie: Jean Banks, Joe Salaman, Beverly Holmberg, E.J. Henderson
3. Snookie Howard, Billie Ruppe
4. Eleanor Kimberlin, Mildred Stuart

FRIDAY

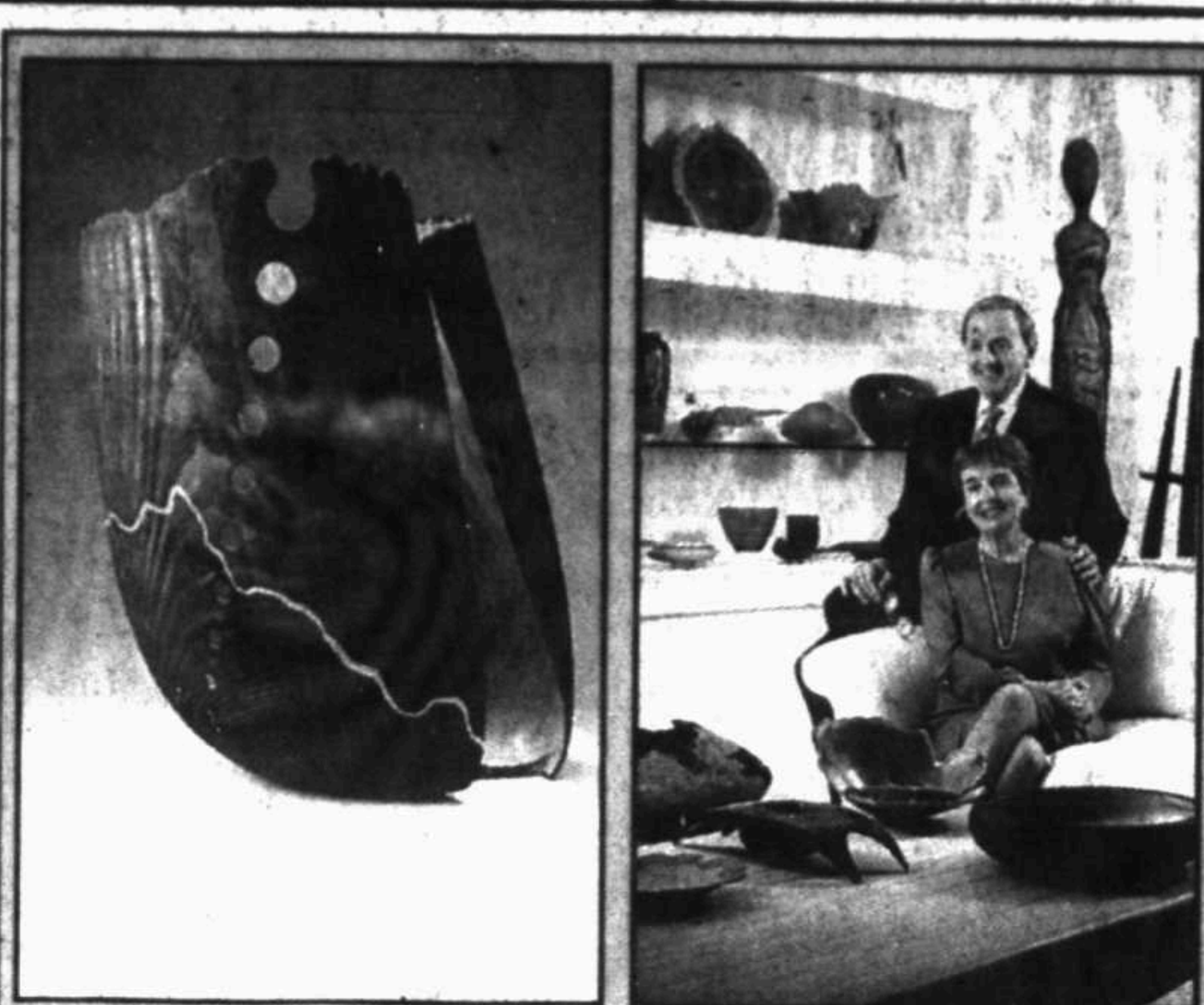
1. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
2. Ricki Perry, Aggie Anguish
3. Fern McGuigan, Marsha Swanson

Carnegie Hall's season announced

NEW YORK (AP) — The goal of a \$75 million endowment fund for Carnegie Hall three years ago has been met and surpassed, the hall's executive director, Judith Arron, announced. It's now "\$82 million and rising," she said.

Ms. Arron was delivering "good news about the upcoming season." She said the hall has been "seeking deepening relationships with key artists." She has been asking them what they'd like to do, she said, instead of just inviting them to perform. Many have come up with ideas for concert series to show aspects of their art the public doesn't know well.

The 1998-99 season will have more than 130 events sponsored by Carnegie Hall, as well as evenings when musicians rent the hall. It will open Sept. 23 with the San Francisco Symphony saluting "George Gershwin at 100." Michael Tilson Thomas will conduct and play piano and Audra MacDonald and At Jarreau will sing.



Left photo, "Machal" by David Ellsworth of Quakertown, Pa., exemplifies the trend in turned wood items as works of art rather than functional objects. Right photo, Anita and Ron Wornick show some of their collection of turned and shaped wood art at their home in the San Francisco Bay area. A traveling exhibit, "Expressions in Wood: Masterworks from the Wornick Collection," is on display at New York City's American Craft Museum.

Not just for salad bowls anymore: Wood as art

By Barbara Mayer

Associated Press

The wood lathe has given the world gingerbread trim, fancy turned stairway balusters, sturdy chair legs, and all manner of useful bowls. But time marches on and so has lathe-turning — right into the art world. A growing number of collectors are amassing turned wood items as art objects rather than as articles of daily living.

Wood turning as an art form was part of a craft rebirth that began in the 1950s when James Prestini's beautifully proportioned, thin-walled bowls were shown at New York City's Museum of Modern Art. Bowls combining utility and art made by other modern pioneers such as Ed Moulthrop and Bob Stocksdale also were considered collectible early on.

"The field has moved on," Ronald C. Wornick said. "Many turned wood pieces today are more like sculpture."

In the past 10 years, Wornick, a San Francisco businessman, and his wife, Anita, have assembled a remarkable collection of more than 400 turned wood objects by contemporary makers. Eighty-six of the finest pieces in their collection are on view in an exhibition, "Expressions in Wood: Masterworks From The Wornick Collection," at the American Craft Museum, New York City, through March 22.

A lavishly illustrated catalog (University of Washington Press, \$30 softcover) accompanies the exhibit.

A wood hobbyist with his own lathe and a technique good enough for an independent curator to have selected one of his pieces for the current exhibition, Wornick says he looks at many of the works he owns in awe and amazement.

He is not particularly interested in knowing how the maker produced the effect. "Obsessing on tools obscures what some turners are setting out to do," he said. "This exhibition is meant to be a glimpse of where grand masters can take us when they go beyond their tools and make a masterpiece."

Wornick made his first acquisition in 1987 — it's a myrtlewood bowl by David Groth of Trinidad, Calif., that looks rather like a spiky flower — and he still regards it as "complete perfection."

A piece by Stephen Hughes of Victoria, Australia, resembles an organ pipe with a wavy brim standing on three delicate legs. Yet another tour de force is by Michelle Holzappel of Marlboro, Vt. It looks as if a soft scarf has been draped over a wooden bowl.

A piece by David Ellsworth of Quakertown, Pa., was made in 1991 and stands about 18 inches tall. It is a prime example of wood as art, rather than functional objects.

The Wornick exhibition and catalog exemplify the esteem currently being shown wood-turned art objects, and so does the new-found interest of some galleries.

Barry Friedman Ltd., a gallery in New York specializing in European decorative arts from the first half of the 20th century, is mounting its first exhibition of turned wood objects with a show of the work of five living artists March 12-April 25.

An annual gathering of collectors inaugurated last year mustered approximately 100 people. "I plan to host the next get-together and I have been told to expect 300 or 400 people," Wornick said.

Some collectors resort to warehouse storage when their art works overrun conventional display space. Not the Wornicks.

"We have them everywhere — guest rooms, bedrooms, on a shelf surrounding the bathtub," Wornick said. "We have redecorated the house countless times to create shelves and display areas for our favorites, which are in rooms where we spend a lot of time."

"My office is also a gallery, and every space in the building from the receptionist area on has lots of beautiful pieces. The ultimate step is a weekend house in the Napa Valley that we have had designed to display the work."

The American Craft Museum is at 40 W. 53rd St., New York City. HOURS: Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday to 8 p.m. ADMISSION: Adults \$5, seniors and students \$2.50, children under 12, no charge. Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., pay what you wish.

Specialized 'holders' add character to decor

By Christi Mays

N.Y. Times News Service

WACO — In this age of organization, shelves and boxes aren't the only things holding everyday household items. New and different "holders" are popping up everywhere in all kinds of shapes, form and fashion. Specialized holders keep up with everything from plastic shopping bags to a hot glue gun, from packaged popcorn to golf balls that have sentimental value, and from spoons of thread to hot casserole dishes.

"It's organization," said Pat Blackwell, owner of Brazos Craft Mall. "We all want to be organized."

Just about every household has at least a few holders — tooth brush holders, paper towel holders, etc. Actually, just about anything could be classified as a holder. "There's a lot of things that hold other things, you just don't think about it," Blackwell said.

People are attracted to holders that specialize in holding something unusual because they add a touch of style and character to a home, store managers said. Specialized holders are fun and sometimes quite amusing, while still serving a particular purpose. The zanier the holder, the better it seems to sell. "Holders sell like crazy because you can't find them everywhere in town," said Marsha Aldee, store manager of The Craft Gallery in Waco.

Take Ricky and Ronda Welden's version of the popcorn holder — a wooden box that dispenses packages of unopened popcorn through a slot at the bottom. "It's kind of unique. It's different than your regular containers," Ronda said. "It's something cute you could put on a shelf or counter that's a nice conversation piece."

Unique is the key word for the people who buy these items, she said. Like the metal cat food and dog food dish holders at Sironia — made especially for pet-lovers who say their "cat or dog will love it," said a store employee.

Many of the crafters who make holders said they get their ideas from catalogs and magazines. "A lot of them come up with this stuff after people call them, saying they haven't found (a particular item) anywhere else," Aldee said. "So they make them one and they'll make extras. And a lot of this stuff is stuff they need for themselves."

Walter Grossman, who builds wooden holders for plastic shopping bags, spoon holders and the "Barbecue Buddy," which holds barbecuing equipment and condiments, has been making "holders" and other craft items for about 15 years. Shelves or boxes could hold these items, just not in the amusing and fun ways as these specialized holders.

"These things are not things you have to have," said Grossman, who displays these items at The Craft Gallery. "But people are always looking for something different to give as presents."

Jimmie Spann of Hewitt agrees. He makes a wooden golf ball holder that hangs on the wall to display sentimental balls.

"A lot of men are golfers," he said. "And women are always looking for gifts for men."

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Deadline May 1. For call 689-7820

AROUND TOWN

National Arbor Day Foundation is giving 10 free American redbud trees to each person who joins the foundation during February. The free trees are part of the foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in the spring, and dark green summer leaves that turn yellow in fall.

Trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1-May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410 by Feb. 28.

MIDLAND WOMAN'S CLUB will have a luncheon and style show, with fashions by Lucille's, at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 27 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Tickets are \$15 each, and may be purchased from any board member. Funds raised will benefit the club. For reservations or more information call 694-0070. All interested people are invited to attend.

FLATLANDERS SKI CLUB has several events planned this month. The board will meet Feb. 16 at The Market; members will travel to Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22; the group will meet for Happy Hour Feb. 26 at Dos Amigos; and Family Night of color pin bowling will be 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at Midland Park Lanes. Officers will be elected March 5.

WEST TEXAS division, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, along with neurologist Dr. Annette Howard of Houston and Berlex Laboratories, will sponsor a day of information about MS. The event will be 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Feb. 21 at Mission Dorado Country Club. Other sponsors include Biogen and Athena Neurosciences. Topics of discussion will include characterizations and treatments of MS, bladder dysfunctions, and depression and other psychiatric problems in MS.

Lunch will be served. Ms. Howard's keynote address will be on newer experimental therapies for MS.

Cost will be \$10 for each participant and \$5 for spouses.

VAN (Visual Aids Needs and Services) will meet 10:30 a.m. Feb. 17 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. A representative from the Better Business Bureau will present a program. The group will meet for bingo 10:30 a.m. Feb. 18 at the VAN House.

For more information about either meeting, call 694-2648.

PERMIAN BASIN Rose Society will meet 6 p.m. Feb. 17 at Furr's Cafeteria's Banquet Room. Gene Spires, master rosarian, will present a program on container planting and soil renewal. The program will be 7-9 p.m. For information call 689-0776 or (915) 362-5303.

MIDLAND/ODESSA Symphony's Sausalito String Quartet will present a program of chamber music at 8 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Wagner and Brown Auditorium on the campus of Midland College. The program will be repeated 2 p.m. Feb. 22 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University in Odessa.

Ticket prices for Chamber Series Concerts are \$10 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, \$5 for students and free for music students. Tickets are available by calling 563-0921 or at the door. Concert sponsors are Marathon Oil Co., Margaret Peer and Ruth Ann Edney.

TEXAS ZETA Tau Alpha sorority will have a convention March 6-7 at the Midland Hilton and Towers. ZTA members and alumnae are invited to attend. For more information or to request registration material, call 687-2120.

WEST TEXAS Storytellers Guild will meet 2 p.m. Feb. 28 in the upstairs meeting room at Midland County Library, 301 W. Missouri. All interested people are invited to attend.

The guild-sponsored 1998 Writing Contest, Short Stories for Children, is accepting entries from West Texas writers. Information is available to English departments, creative writing classes, homeschooled students and the general public.

A second contest, also open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Women Veterans Association. This Short Essay Style contest honors the Declaration of Independence, veterans and the history of the United States. Essay winners will receive their awards in a program on July 2.

Deadline for both contests is May 1. For more information call 699-7826.

CLUB NEWS

VAN
Visual Aids Needs and Services (VAN) met for coffee. Pat Eastup of the voter registration office presented a program.

The group met for a bingo party and musical entertainment. Ruth Quales was hostess. Lunch was served.

WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY STUDY CLUB

Woman's Wednesday Study Club met at Midland Woman's Club. Mrs. W.M. Hibbitts presided; 18 members attended. Minutes were read and approved. Myra Glass reviewed a book on the life of Robert E. Lee and his family, written by his daughter, Agnes Lee. Hostesses were Geneva Monkress and Edna Hibbitts.

KAPPA KAPPA IOTA

Beta Pi conclave, Kappa Kappa Iota, met in the home of Betty Nunley. Co-hostesses were Virginia Conner, Helen Lackey, Carolyn Gunn and Susan Lillard. Jo Hayes presided. Bess Barnett called roll and read the minutes. LaJuana Rathjen gave the financial report. Members brought items for Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children. Ms. Conner discussed Kappa's history book. Ms. Lackey discussed membership recruitment. Pat Southerland was endorsed to run for national second vice president. Patricia Hopkins and Evelyn Grant reported on the Southwest Regional Council meeting. Martha Lewis was elected vice president and installed. Ms. Nunley introduced Marie Woolley and Emily Middleton, who gave a program on "D.O.T.S.: Dozens of Terrific Stamps." Emily VanStavern won the door prize.

MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD

Midland Symphony Guild met at Allison Fine Arts Auditorium at Midland College. Pam Leibrock presided. Vicki Leaverton gave an inspirational message. Vicki Donnell discussed proposed by-laws amendment, which was adopted. Leslyn Swierc reported on plans for the February Fantastique Gala weekend. Membership was discussed.

WOMEN OF COLOR

Women of Color Civic and Social Club met with Frances Mathis as hostess. Cynthia Conally led the prayer. Minutes were read. New officers are Shirley Howard, president; Ms. Conally, vice president; Loree Clay, secretary; Lora Evans, treasurer; Virginia Davis, assistant treasurer; Gail Andrews, business manager; Frances Mathis, parliamentarian; and Jorena Henry, sergeant at arms. Valentine Gala was discussed.

CHAPTER DD, P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

Chapter DD of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met in the home of Maggie Artley. Mary Jo Sawyer was co-hostess. Marie Woolley and Emily Middleton gave a program about stamp art.

MIDLAND STUDY CLUB

Midland Study Club met in the home of Marsha White with 20 members attending. Pat Barker and Relsa Sale were co-hostesses. Mary Lou Hogan reported on new officers: Fina Berry, president; Ms. Hogan, vice president; Winnie Kidd, secretary; and Dorothy Lloyd, treasurer. Marc Benson, who plays

the Celtic harp, presented the program.

MIDLAND JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Midland Junior Woman's Club met at Venezia Restaurant with Denise Smith presiding. Angie Fields was hostess. Parade of Homes was discussed. New members Nicole Patton and Mary Helen Livingston were given white daisies. Cy DeBoer, author of "Take a Woman's Word For It," was guest speaker. She spoke on her Bin Project. Mission Adult Care Center was mini-project recipient.

YUCCA GARDEN CLUB

Yucca Garden Club met at the home of Virginia Manusos with 12 members attending. Roberta Bain presided. Minutes were read and approved. Mary Crosby gave the treasurer's report. Virginia Gilbert reported on the Woman's Club style show fund raiser. Co-hostesses were Betty Jones and Ms. Crosby. Members then went to Lee High School's greenhouse classroom for a program on LHS's horticulture classes, presented by Dan Sweet, environmental science teacher.

LAUREATE NU CHAPTER, BSP

Laureate Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Johnnie Moritz with 10 members attending. Melva Sizemore presided. The club voted to make a donation to the Amanda Grimes Martin Trust Fund as a service project. Ms. Moritz gave a presentation on "How to Look Good in Photographs."

XI ALPHA MU CHAPTER, BSP

Xi Alpha Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Jane Bronnenberg. Jolea Herring was co-hostess. New officers are Charlie Mathews, president; Pam Golden, vice president; Lana Herndon, secretary; Gloria Gruenewald, treasurer; and Laura Hayward, sunshine chairman. A get-acquainted program was presented. Ms. Herring won the hostess gift.

PRECEPTOR EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Barbara Adams. Valentine secret sister gifts were exchanged. Pauline Heidel presided; 12 members and guest Nancy Young attended. Social committee reported on the Chinese dinner party. City-wide Valentine's Dance was discussed.

PRECEPTOR NU PHI CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Nu Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Karen and Steve Hopkins. Nine members and spouses attended. Planned Valentine's Dance and silent auction were discussed. Entertainment was "The Heart of Football: The Super Bowl."

CHAPTER BS, P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

Chapter BS of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met in the home of Marjorie Cardwell. Dorothy Sharrick was co-hostess. Pat Dougherty gave a slide presentation on her trip to the Far East. Virginia Summersgill presided. Mildred Baxter was a guest.

Sheer look not for everyday

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

There is a growing dichotomy between what designers put on the runway and what women put on their backs. The spring shows were filled with sheer dresses, bare shoulders, revealing cutouts and knits so thin they concealed nothing of the model's anatomy. And those were the day clothes.

How many women would dress like that for work, for lunch, for a meeting with their children's teachers, or for any ordinary daytime activity that requires more than a sweatshirt and jeans? Women in certain fields, fashion among them, can wear just about anything they please, and are in fact expected to be on the cutting edge. Not so the vast majority of women, whether they toil in the home or out in the world. Even women who are top fashion executives are more likely to be seen in a well-tailored suit than in a sheer dress.

With the example reported recently in Newsweek, that Monica Lewinsky was sent home from her White House job to change out of a low-cut dress, who would want to risk being labeled a bimbo?

AS SPRING CLOTHES start to trickle into the stores, the fashion-conscious shopper will find herself faced with challenging choices. Those pale chiffon dresses and sequin-strewn camisoles look mighty pretty. They could, of course, be sheltered under a jacket, as many designers suggested. Or they could be saved for evenings out, when a woman wants to look feminine and romantic.

A woman could also indulge a taste for romance with a pleated skirt and a sweater in a flattering shade of pink or blue. Or she could opt for a new-looking suit with a jacket cut to accentuate a womanly silhouette. There are ways to look feminine without frills, and without looking suggestive.

And there are designers who hedged their bets, spotlighting ethereal chiffons and georgettes on the runway and relegating tailored clothes to their showrooms, where only store buyers would see them.

"It's a season of transition," said Karl Lagerfeld, Bloomingdale's senior vice president for fashion direction. "There's much less interest in minimalism and more interest in slight embellishment. Day clothes, although simple, have unusual cuts or details. Although length is no longer an issue, the eye is getting used to longer lengths, from top of the knee to below the knee and longer."

Although he said he believes the

suit will continue to be strong, Ruttenstein expects many women to eliminate the jacket as an everyday essential. "The simplicity of a shirt and skirt or a sweater and skirt in good quality will carry a woman through the day," he said. "It should be a strong season for skirts, especially skirts with pleats and fuller skirts."

Helmut Lang, Marc Jacobs and Donna Karan all showed pleated skirts with an airy fullness. But those designers and others also showed pants, mainly cut on the straight and narrow. There were also pants chopped off at Capri or clam-digger length, and they weren't all intended for the beach, although most women are likely to reserve them for casual days. It's hard to imagine a businesswoman wearing cutoff pants to a meeting.

"A jacket with cropped pants is a new take on the suit for spring," said Joan Kaner, a vice president and the fashion director of Neiman Marcus. "Capris are already selling for resort, so we know women are trying them. I also think people will embrace Calvin Klein's shirt and pants in matching fabric. It's the next step to the sweater and skirt women were wearing for fall."

Ms. Kaner also admired the unmatched suit, as Karl Lagerfeld showed it for Chanel. "He showed a traditional tweed jacket in a newer, younger way with black pants," she said. "It's a suit with a sportswear feel."

Bergdorf Goodman's buyers found plenty of clothes that can brave the light of day. The store's new fashion choices for spring include a pants suit by Gucci, skirts with matching tops by Narciso Rodriguez and Jacobs, and a simple shirtdress in a shiny fabric that could also go out at night.

"It's all about gray," said Lillian Wang, a fashion director at Bergdorf's. "Gray is a substitute for black. It looks good in a corporate environment, and it's always chic. I'd love to see a businesswoman in something like the sharply tailored Gucci pants suit."

As tailored as it is, the Gucci

suit is cut to curve in over the waist. The shopper at Barneys New York will find similarly tailored suits that are less androgynous and more feminine than last fall's versions. One of the best is by Mr. Rodriguez, whose first collection under his own name is going into stores now. It looks like a winner.

BARNEYS HAS dealt with the plethora of sheer dresses by having them lined for wearability and showing them with cardigan sweaters or jackets.

"Everything has been affected by sheerness and romanticism," said Bonnie Pressman, the store's executive vice president and fashion director. "What's interesting is the multilayering of sheer pieces so they can be worn for any occasion. We've seen an increase in the sale of cardigans to cover them and yet keep the softness."

There are also leather and suede jackets to go over fluttery fabrics for a combination of tailored and soft. There are versions by Ann Demeulemeester in the designer area and less costly leather jackets in the Barneys New York Collection. And Ms. Pressman suggested trying a chiffon camisole or shell under a tailored suit for a different look that incorporates the newness of sheer in a way that won't shock anyone.

And then there's the matter of sequins for day, which is an idea from the runways that many magazines have endorsed. Somehow it seems more likely that a woman who has been a minimalist may opt for a sprinkling of sequins on an evening dress rather than go all the way into sparkly decoration for day. Or she may prefer her embellishment in the form of discreet embroidery.

If women reject the extremes of fashion yet again, as they have in recent years, the markdown racks of spring clothes may exceed those of the fall clothes now cluttering the aisles of even the best stores. Then the question will be, "How long will it take designers to get it?"

The truth is out there.



From left, Billie Petersen, Suzanne Cate, Julie Cole, Billie Petersen, Suzanne Cate, Julie Cole, Billie Petersen, Suzanne Cate, Julie Cole.

Music ministry to perform

Staff Reports

Midland Woman's Club will meet for luncheon and program Feb. 19 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to be served at noon. Guests are welcome. For reservations call 694-5643.

"A Musical Valentine" program will be presented by the Rev. Suzanne Cate, minister of music at First United Methodist Church, along with Joan Lucas, Julie Cole, Billie Petersen and Roc C Semmelbeck, members of the church's music ministry.

Ms. Cate earned a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance from Texas Tech University, where she was awarded the Performer's Certificate. She earned a master of music degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from the University of Colorado in Boulder, and completed post graduate work in music education at the University of Texas at Austin. She finished her seminary courses at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

Ms. Lucas, the organist at First United Methodist Church, earned a bachelor of music degree in piano performance and a master's degree in music theory from Texas Tech, and earned a doctorate in music theory from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Ms. Cole is an accompanist and singer, and Ms. Petersen and Ms. Semmelbeck are soloists at the church.

DEAR ABBY

Sister of suicide victim is living with her guilt

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Two months ago my youngest sister called me — collect again — sobbing that she felt alone and frightened in the world. She asked if we could meet for tea or if I could visit her. As a mother of twins and self-employed, I reminded her that having tea in a cafe is a luxury I cannot afford.

Last month she called me again. She wanted to spend Saturday night with us and make a pancake breakfast "for old times' sake." She told me she missed me and felt blue. (Abby, Saturday nights are reserved for my husband.)

Two weeks ago, my sister invited me to a matinee — her treat. She tearfully informed me that she was not sleeping well (she was being treated for depression and chronic fatigue syndrome). I told her, "Working people don't go to matinees, but when you get your life together, you'll know what 'chronic-living-life-fatigue' is."

My little sister will never call again. She took her life last week. My sister had some of the best medical help available, and I know she was ultimately responsible for her own life. But I also know that I'll never again brush her hair out of her sleepy blue eyes or trade my blouse for her mauve lipstick, or tell her she's not fat — she's beautiful.

Most of all, I will never forgive myself for not realizing how suicidal my sister was. Perhaps this letter will prevent others from making the mistakes I made. — LESSON LEARNED IN THE WORST OF WAYS

DEAR LESSON LEARNED: Please accept my sincere sympathy on the tragic loss of your sister. It is vital that you understand it's common for those who survive the suicide of a loved one to experience guilt, and to feel that somehow they could have prevented the tragedy.

True, agreeing to get together with your sister when she asked would have given you different memories, but in all likelihood, it would not have prevented her from taking her life. Her troubles were far deeper than a social visit could have remedied.

I loved you and anyone who is struggling to cope with the suicide of a loved one to find a support group. Any crisis center or suicide hotline can refer you to a group in your area.

Please write to me again. May God bless you — and he will if you have faith.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I just returned from a week of hiking along the Washington coast. On our last night, we stayed at a fancy lodge to rest before returning home. My friend suggested that next year he bring his wife and we invite another couple to join us so we could rent a cabin overlooking the coast. Since I am single, that means five of us would be occupying the cabin.

My friend suggested we split the bill three ways. I said the bill should be split five ways. He became upset at my suggestion and hasn't spoken to me since we returned home.

Thinking I may have been out of line, I asked my family and close work associates how this bill should be split. My question has generated quite a debate, with only my brother and two co-workers agreeing with me. We are all waiting for your thoughts on how to split the bill — and I will abide by your advice. — ALAN IN MONTESANO, WASH.

DEAR ALAN: If you are on a tight budget, "take the fifth." Otherwise, assume one-third of the expense.

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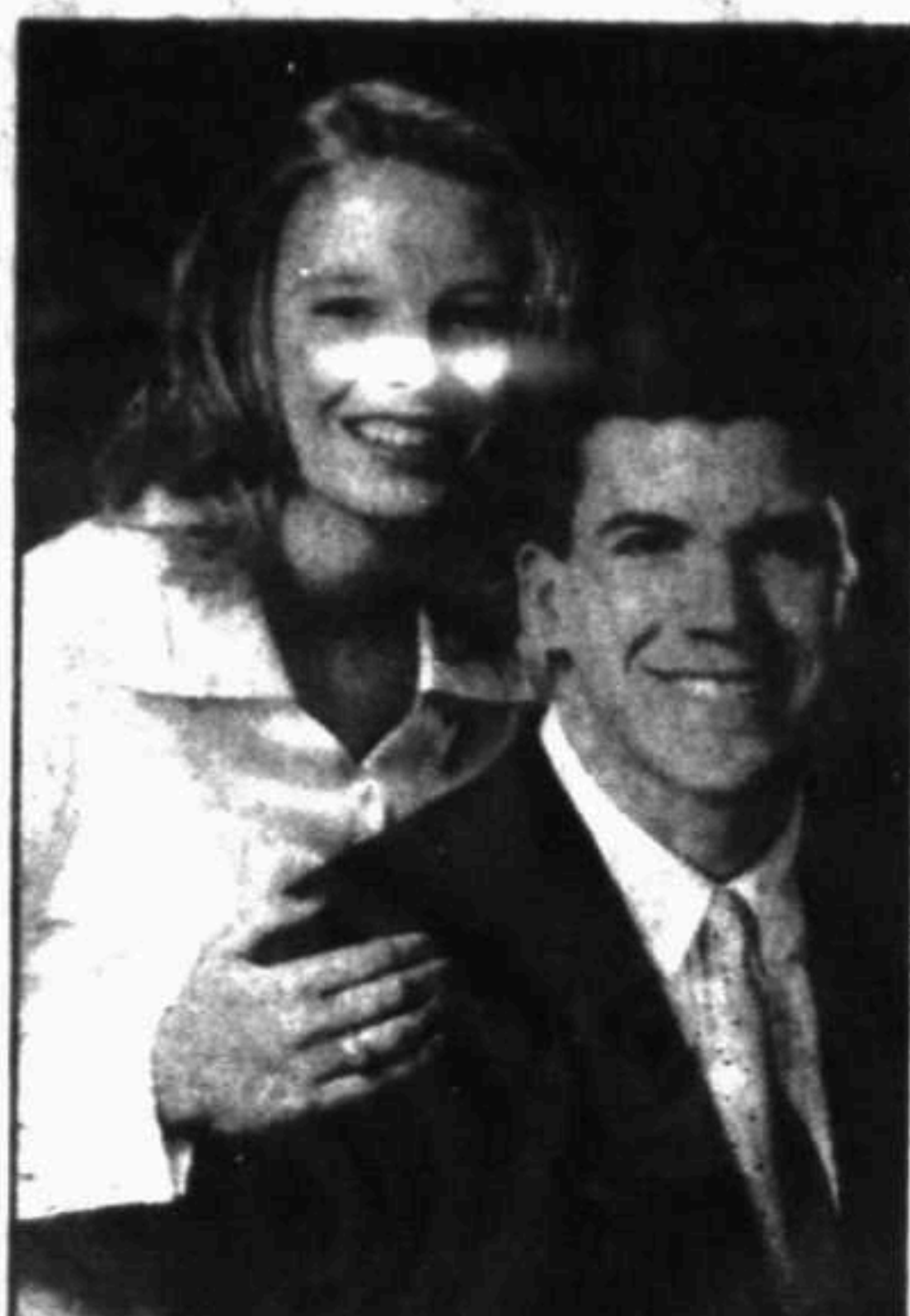
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ENGAGEMENTS

CRAWFORD-WESTFALL

Brandi Jo Crawford and Steven Andrew Westfall, both of College Station, are planning to be married 11 a.m. April 4 at All Faiths Chapel in College Station. Parents of the bride-elect are Vicki and Frank Crawford of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Martha and Bill Westfall of Robstown.

Miss Crawford is a 1994 graduate of Lee High School. Her fiancé graduated from Robstown High School in 1993. Both are scheduled to graduate from Texas A&M University in May.



Brandi Jo Crawford and Steven Andrew Westfall

SPRADLEY-CARLTON

Elizabeth LeGrand Spradley of San Antonio will become the bride of Todd Andrew Carlton of Fort Worth 7 p.m. June 6 at First United Methodist Church in Hurst. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Larry W. Spradley of Hurst. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carlton of Midland.

Miss Spradley earned a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from Texas Christian University. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. She is a student at the University of Texas Dental School in San Antonio. Her fiancé graduated from Midland High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in advertising and public relations from TCU. He is employed with Enterprise Leasing Co. of Dallas/Fort Worth.



Elizabeth LeGrand Spradley and Todd Andrew Carlton

MURPHY-BROOKS

Heather Lynn Murphy, daughter of Edward John Murphy Jr. of Midland and the late Donna Krauel Murphy, and Michael Lee Brooks, son of Paul and Ruth Brooks of Richmond, are planning to be married 6 p.m. May 30 at Faith United Methodist Church in Richmond.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Lee High School. Her fiancé graduated from I.H. Kempner High School in Sugar Land in 1993. Both are scheduled to graduate from Texas A&M University in May with bachelor of science degrees in industrial engineering. The future bridegroom is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.



Heather Lynn Murphy and Michael Lee Brooks

EUDY-RETZLAFF

Dona Sue Eudy of Midland and Dirk Wayne Retzlaff of Kansas City, Mo., are planning to be married 7 p.m. May 2 at Green Tree Country Club in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Linda Eudy and Kathy and John Kelly, all of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Wayne and Elaine Retzlaff of Lakeside, Ariz.

Miss Eudy is a 1987 graduate of Lee High School and a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing and was a member of Raider Recruiters. She is employed with Southwest Airlines.

Her fiancé graduated from Walford City (N.D.) High School in 1988. He attended Texas Tech and earned a bachelor of science degree in animal science (pre-vet) from Sul Ross State University in 1993. He was a member of the col-

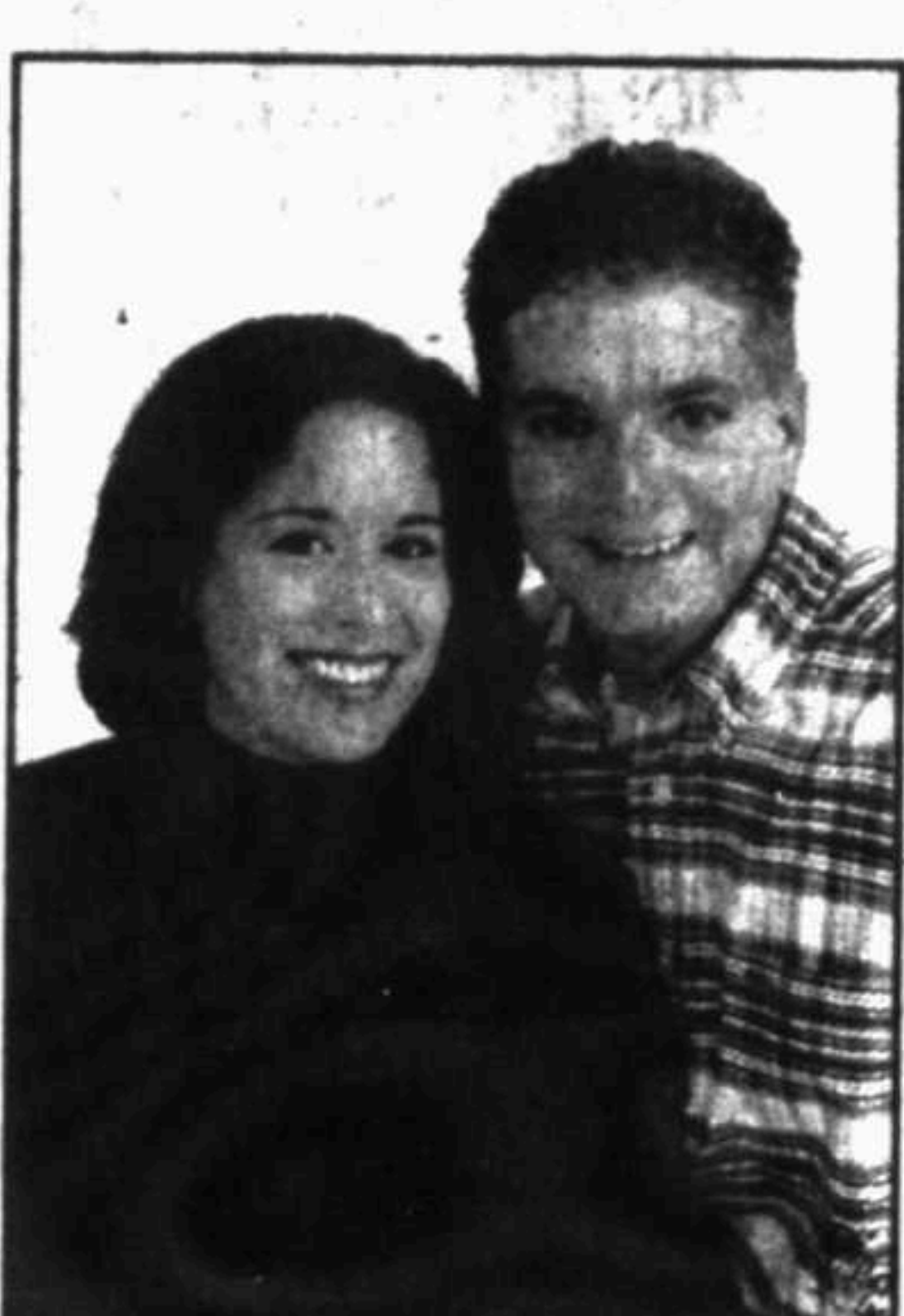


Dona Sue Eudy and Dirk Wayne Retzlaff

WILSON-BUCHANAN

Casey Ellann Wilson of Midland and Brett Reed Buchanan of Houma, La., are planning to be married 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Abbeville, La. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Wilson of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. James Stuart Buchanan of Houston.

Miss Wilson is a 1996 graduate of Tomball High School. She attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Her fiancé graduated from Lee High School in Midland in 1991, and from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette in 1996. He is employed with Halliburton Energy Services.



Casey Ellann Wilson and Brett Reed Buchanan

ANNIVERSARY Anniversary celebrated in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodman "Shorty" King of Greenwood, Texas, were guests of honor at a surprise golden wedding anniversary dinner and celebration, hosted by their family, at the Fitzgerald's Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The celebration continued throughout the week-end.

The couple was married Feb. 6, 1948. They are the parents of Wyn King of Greenwood, and are affiliated with King Windmill and Pump Inc.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodman King

Fickle fashion for '98 predicted

By Barbara De Witt
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Knowing fashion is fickle, today's hot products could turn cold by spring. To keep you on the cutting edge, here's a roundup of new trends on the horizon.

JEANS: Denim is getting ultra dark again, and you'll find it in boot-cut jeans as well as the new retro-inspired pedal pushers, which are hemmed below the knee. Overall, the silhouette is lean and the inseams are long.

New junior lines to look for are Betsey Johnson's denim at her boutiques and department stores in February; Hot Kiss denim, slated for April delivery at Wet Seal, Contempo and Nordstrom stores; and Bongo's new low-rise, Bordeaux-colored jeans cut for lean legs and narrow hips.

Donna Karan also has designs on denim, and she calls her new DKNY jeans the official uniform of New York. You'll know them by the extra-long legs and ankle zips, with metal subway tokens as accents.

Lee jeans, a favorite with full-figured women, has recently gone back to its archives to reintroduce its straight-legged Lee Dungarees, and Levi's has introduced the men's boot-cut jean for women.

SHOES: Hush Puppy oxfords, platforms and thick Cuban heels are still around, but flat-heeled things such as J. Crew's pink flip-flops, and stiletto-heeled ankle boots like Stuart Weitzman's in red patent, are the trendsetters. Shoes are more colorful, with red and pink the big news for daytime and colored sequins and rhinestones for evening.

In the athletic-shoe department,

it's high-tech soles and canvas tops. The look has even inspired funky shoe guru Steve Madden to create a step-in style with a racy molded bottom and a stretch of canvas across the toes.

PERFUMES: Fragrance is lighter and fresher this year, and unisex fragrances — started by Calvin Klein — are getting hot with several companies. Among the new fragrances is Parma, a citrusy Italian scent that's the current rage in Europe.

Fetish by Renaissance Cosmetics is also new, designed for Spice Girls fans with pictures of the British vocal group on the packaging. Also new for the club scene is Betsey Johnson's new Ultra fragrance and supermodel Valeria Mazza's self-titled violet-colored scent. The former Guess? girl and Sports Illustrated cover girl is selling the fragrance in a way-cool curvy bottle that's supposed to represent her hourglass figure.

As Valentine's Day approaches, look for such romantic new scents as Gai Mattioli at the Borghese counter at Nordstrom stores and Yves Saint Laurent's In Love Again, a limited-edition fragrance that's floral and fruity, in a heart-shaped bottle.

In March, you'll get to test Nicole Miller's new floral scent, Nicole; makeup artist Bobbi Brown's first fragrance, called Bobbi; and St. John Knits' young fragrance, White Camelia.

Other new fragrances include Prescriptions' Flirt, packaged in a pretty pink bottle, Lucky Brand Dungarees' fragrance in a can and Armani's Emporio Armani. The latter will make its debut in Europe in the spring, saving U.S. deliveries for the end of the year.

While you're waiting for

Armani, try Cartier's newest scent, Declaration, made with bergamot and birch wood, or Bulgari's new Bulgari Black, a unisex fragrance spiked with black tea.

For younger women, Bonne Bell has a new collection called Bottled Emotions, offering a full range of moods from mellow to hyper.

NAIL POLISH: Don't let those fashion magazines with bare-nailed models fool you. Nail color is big business in the '90s, and it's getting hotter with small, independent manufacturers.

Hard Candy will introduce Love, a frosty white polish with an AIDS-conscious red ribbon on the bottle, while Nail Savvy has created Party Lites, a collection of bright colors with holographic metallic silver pieces to catch the light. And Moods by Mini has a polish that changes color like a mood ring.

Scented products remain popular with teens, and Tuff Scentence's Arosed not only has a rosy scent, but real rose petals floating in the bottle.

Since the '50s is the retro decade of the moment, also look for classic reds, oranges and pinks at department-store cosmetic counters.

MASCARA: Maybelline has introduced yet another new type of mascara called Volum' Express, with multilevel bristles for extra-thick lashes. And L'Oréal plans an April launch for the first-ever mascara with color and lash curler in one. Meanwhile, Estee Lauder's new SkiWear collection has a special moisturizing mascara for winter sports.

LIPSTICK: Like that mouthy look you saw on the designer runways?

For a luscious red mouth — it's sooo '50s — try Vixen Stix, a fat lip-

stick pencil priced at \$20 at Valerie Beverly Hills salon, 460 N. Canon Drive. Or go for Versace's new red lipstick in a statusy case with the designer logo for the same price.

Chanel has a new tube style, too. Its Extreme Lip Colour is a slender tube of intense red in a similar price range.

Even more expensive is Yves Saint Laurent's limited-edition four-color lip compact (\$45) with a groovy retro case to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

Another name to watch is Drew Barrymore. She's designed a lipstick that has gloss on one side and matte color on the other for Urban Decay, the company known for gritty cosmetic names. No word yet on when the lip color will be sold or what it will be named.

Revlon will launch Moisturestay Lip Color in March with a cooling, vitamin-enriched moisturizing formula. New names to look for in the wand-style lip colors are Rouge Pulp by L'Oréal, planned for March deliveries at drug stores, and a sheer gloss called Lover Lips.

If you can't find any new colors you like, try Gauthier Total Image Spa in Sherman Oaks, where they'll custom blend a lipstick in less than five minutes.

HAIR PRODUCTS: Last year, the big news was mascara for hair — wands filled with creamy color to use as an accent. Now that it's trickling down to all price levels, natural hair tones and '50s blond tones are coming back. And with the retro styles, you'll want a soft, tousled curl. To get it, wrap your hair around curling balls, a new Velcro-covered ball instead of rollers. They look cool and cost \$5 a set at Sally Beauty Supply stores.

Winter is good time to plant onion seeds

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Midwinter brings gardeners in the northern half of the United States to yet another way of growing onions: sowing the seeds indoors. This was the "New Onion Culture" of 100 years ago, and, according to a writer of the day, "by it the American grower is enabled to produce bulbs in every way the equal of those large sweet onions which are imported from Spain and other foreign countries." This is the way to grow the so-called European-type onions.

What's wrong with growing American-type onions — those usually grown from sets, little bulbs you buy for planting in the spring? These onions have their place in any garden. They are dense, so store well through the winter. These onions also are good for cooking, perhaps even fresh sliced, in small doses, if you like pungent onions. And you can harvest onions grown from sets early to chop into salads and soups as green onions or scallions.

The New Onion Culture is the only way to grow the large, sweet, mild onions of the South, varieties such as Bermuda, Sweet Spanish, and the famous Vidalia.

Begin by planting seeds indoors, about 10 weeks before your last average frost date. Fill a small seed flat with potting soil, then use a plant marker to make furrows 1/2-inch deep and 1-inch apart. Drop fresh seeds about 1/8-inch apart into the furrows, then cover them with soil. Water, then keep the flat moist with a covering of plastic or pane of glass. The onions should sprout in a week or two.

Once the onions sprout, remove the plastic or glass and give the seedlings plenty of light. Put the flat either within a few inches of fluorescent lights or on a very sunny windowsill. Each time the seedlings grow 6 inches high, clip them back to 4 inches.

If you want to bypass this indoor growing stage, buy onion "transplants" or "plants" — not sets — locally or by mail order.

Get ready to transplant your homegrown or bought plants about one month before your last frost date. Give the onion seedlings their final haircut, separate them by teasing their roots apart, then set them in a furrow or in individual holes poked in the soil with a 3/4-inch dowel. Plant seedlings 2 to 4 inches apart, 2 inches if you want small bulbs, 4 inches if you want large bulbs.

This may sound like a lot of trouble to grow onions. But planting onions indoors in winter is a nice way to inaugurate each new gardening season. And the onion is a good inaugural candidate, because it shows appreciation for all the earmarks of good gardening, including careful planting, fertile soil, thorough weeding and timely harvest. Besides providing this midwinter ritual, onions raised according to the New Onion Culture also have superb flavor.

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GARDNER-HELLER

Leann Gardner of Midland became the bride of Jason Heller, also of Midland, 5 p.m. Feb. 14 at ClayDesta Atrium in Midland. The Rev. Wayman Swopes officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Linda Gardner of Midland, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hodge and Bonnie Gardner, all of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Thomas and Cheryl Heller of Midland. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Heath of Holden, Utah, and Rosalie Heller of Lakewood, Colo.

Gerri Roberts of Ozona was honor attendant for her sister. The bride's other attendants were Jeanette Flores of Midland, Emily Morris of Dallas and Heather Donnell of San Angelo. Flower girl was Caitlin Conway of Midland.

Steven Heller of Midland served as honor attendant for his brother. His other attendants were Sean Eschberger and Mike Bouldin of Lubbock, and Steve Franks of Midland. Ushers were Nathan



Mrs. Jason Heller

Lambert of Austin and Nick Gaona of Midland. Joshua Byard of Midland was ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will live in Midland.

HAMPTON-RUSNAK

SAN ANTONIO — Jennifer Lauren Hampton of San Antonio became the bride of Paul Allen Rusnak of Pipe Creek 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at Sunset Ridge Church of Christ in San Antonio. John Harp officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shaw Hampton of San Antonio, and Rita Rusnak of Midland and the late J.F. Rusnak.

Renee Barry of San Antonio served as honor attendant for the bride. Her other attendants were Tiffany McKelvy of Houston, Jana Clark and Sandra Harms of San Antonio, and Cheryl Hampton of Englewood, Colo.

Matt Zengler of San Antonio was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by Freddy Cortez of Roswell, N.M.; Ruben Marin of Midland, Jason Trollinder of San Antonio and Pete Tabor of Austin. Ushers were David Rusnak of Baton Rouge, La., and Joe Rusnak of Midland, brothers of the bridegroom, and Trent Hampton of Englewood and



Mrs. Paul Allen Rusnak

Jason Hampton of Austin, brothers of the bride.

After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will live in Pipe Creek.

CRAWFORD-MacPHERSON

ODESSA — Crista Leigh Crawford of Midland became the bride of Derek Scott MacPherson of Lodi, Calif., 4 p.m. Feb. 14 at Antioch Christian Church in Odessa. Don Fanhauser officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dona and Pearl Edge of Midland and Mike and Vickie Crawford of Lovington, N.M. Parents of the bridegroom are Alice MacPherson of Claresholm, Alberta, Canada, and Charles and Lucy MacPherson of Las Vegas, Nev.

Star Lee of Midland was honor attendant for the bride. Her other attendants were Dawn Gore of Dallas and Patty Bagwell of Frisco. Bree-Ann Blisshen of Calgary, Alberta, daughter of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

Steve Booth of Calgary served as honor attendant for the bridegroom, who was also attended by Scott Gore of Dallas and Chris Bagwell of Frisco. Ushers were James Rolls of Hobbs, N.M., and



Mrs. Derek Scott MacPherson

Martin Rolls of Odessa, uncles of the bride.

After a wedding trip to Scotland, the couple will live in Lodi.

Wedding etiquette has as many layers as cake

Hearst News Service

Wedding etiquette can be more layered than a wedding cake. Whether you're in Singapore or Sausalito, Calif., questions about attire and guest lists, wrote Sarah Midori Zimmerman in an article in a recent issue of *Town & Country*, seem to be as integral a part of getting married as saying "I do."

The most frequently asked fashion queries concern the propriety of attire. Take the etiquette of wearing gloves. Thanks to Carolyn Besette Kennedy, they've made a comeback. If you choose to wear them, keep in mind that long gloves may be difficult to wriggle out of during the ceremony. You have several options, though: practice taking them off until you've made removing them look effortless; remove the left glove and hand it to your maid of honor once you reach the altar — put it back on after you and your groom have exchanged rings, or make a slit along the underseam of the left glove's ring finger so that it can be folded back to allow the groom to slip on the wedding band. While experts disagree on whether you should wear your gloves in the receiving line, it's imperative that you remove them any time you're eating or drinking.

When it comes to hemlines, the rules have been relaxed considerably. Don't worry, for example, whether the hemlines of your mother's and your fiancée's mother's dresses match. The whole idea of matching anything seems to have gone the way of banded-knee proposals. While it's true that having your mothers wear dresses of a similar hue will make them easily distinguishable to guests, it's hardly necessary.

Concerns about guest lists seem to keep brides sleepless the most. Try to stick to your original list. You needn't feel compelled to invite relatives who aren't immediate family, especially if you don't see them often and prefer to keep the wedding small. And remember, it's never wise to invite more people than you can comfortably accommodate.

Invitations should be mailed about eight weeks prior to the wedding. As guests decline, invitations may be sent to friends or acquaintances who weren't included in your original mailing — but not when there are fewer than four weeks remaining before your wedding day. And always factor in a few appearances from those who've failed to reply.

While some things have remained the same — such as the tradition of the groom's parents covering the costs of the rehearsal dinner — there are also changing expectations regarding financial responsibilities, especially when there is a disparity in family resources. If, say, the groom's parents volunteer to contribute more to the wedding budget, they certainly may do so, likewise, the bride's parents may pick up the tab for the rehearsal dinners if they so desire.

Nowadays, bridesmaids generally pay for their own attire and accessories. But if you think these purchases might impose a hardship on one of your friends, you can discreetly offer to help.

In any case, the bride and groom should pay for, or at least offer to pay for, accommodations for anyone in the wedding party from out of town.

Additional words to the wise: try to iron out all financial details as early as possible in the planning process — finances can become a loaded subject for even the most sanguine among us.

Bear in mind, the very qualities that will help you navigate all questions of etiquette — thoughtfulness, sensitivity, and good old-fashioned manners, are the same ones upon which strong marriages are built.

Special effects make weddings unique

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

The old joke about being at the wrong wedding and not knowing it doesn't apply any more.

"Guests are staying late and having fun at weddings," says Marcy Blum, a wedding consultant in New York City.

What's making weddings more fun might be special effects in lighting or flowers, unusual entertainment or food, or extravagant parties that are a bit like visiting Disney World. In fact, the event may even be at Disney World. By the end of 1997, 2,300 weddings took place at the resort and theme park complex in Orlando, Fla.

"The ultimate is to be married at Cinderella's Castle in the Magic Kingdom," says Rebecca Miller, senior sales development manager for Disney's Fairy Tale Weddings division, formed in 1991.

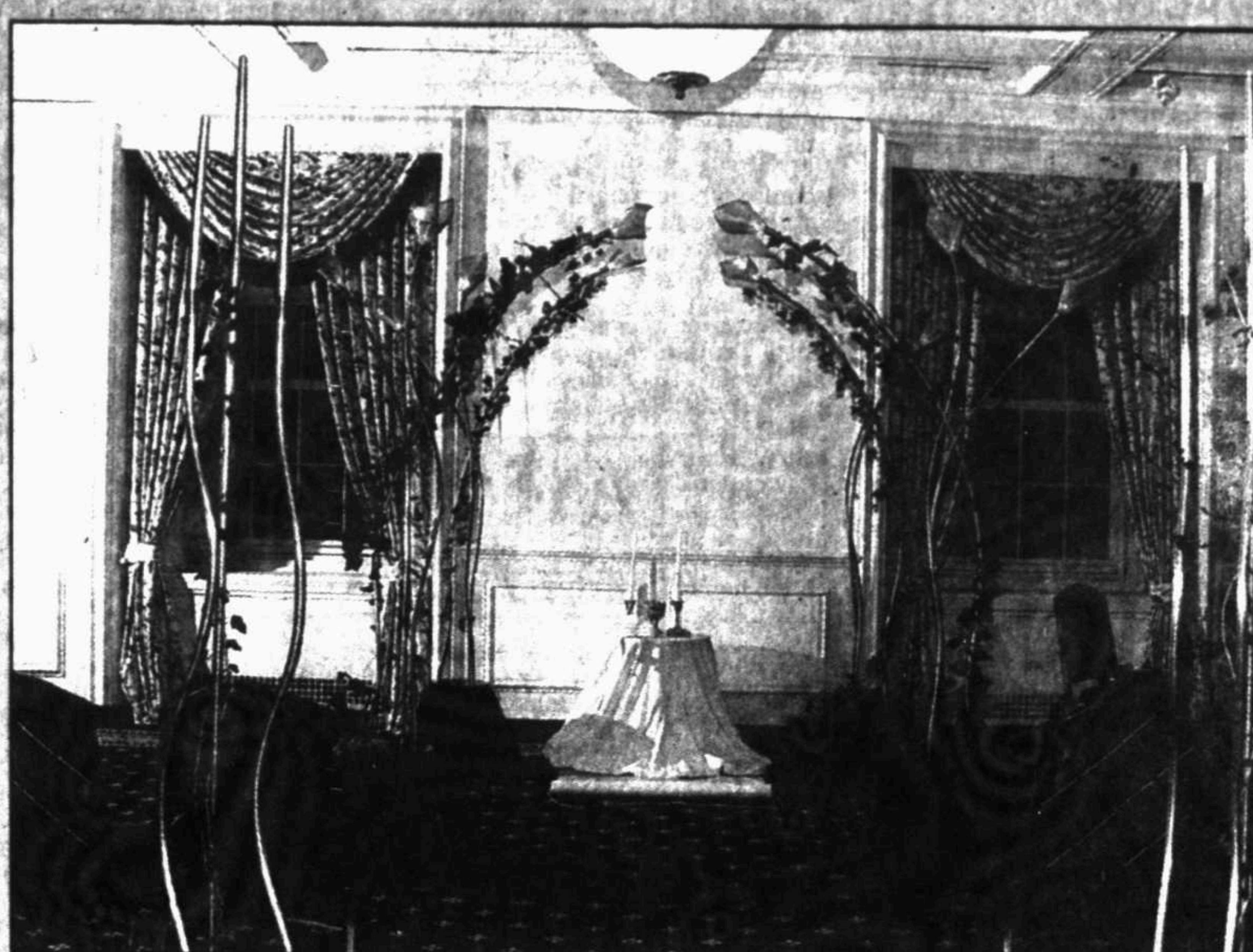
The bride arrives in a glass carriage with a costumed driver, a footman and two or more trumpeters. The ceremony is held in the rose garden, with dinner and dancing at Cinderella's Royal Table, a restaurant in the castle.

"Couples come to us for non-Disney themes like a medieval or a winter wonderland wedding or a country-western wedding," Miller says. "People know we already have the props and costumes to create many different themes."

While the Cinderella wedding is one of the most expensive — starting at about \$45,000 for 100 guests — the average Disney wedding for 100 people costs about \$19,000, which puts it in line with lavish weddings around the country.

But it's not necessary to journey to the Magic Kingdom for a touch of showmanship. One couple found it at the Yale Club in New York City when the bride's brother created special lighting for the ceremony.

An architect and lamp designer in New York, David Bergman reworked one of his floor lamp designs to create a chuppah (Jewish ceremonial wedding canopy) of light for the wedding of Karen Bergman and John Thytault last summer. He augmented the effect with four tall candles for the aisle. The special



Modern lamps in floral shapes, designed by David Bergman of Fire and Water, forms the chuppah for the wedding of Karen Bergman and John Thytault.

lighting elements added their glow to the reception area after the ceremony was over.

The enthusiastic approval of his design by wedding guests took Bergman by surprise and convinced him he should add custom wedding lights to the repertoire of his company, Fire and Water.

While the architect was surprised, Blum is not. In large cities, it's becoming more common to hire a lighting designer to provide special lighting effects, she says.

"Special lighting glamorizes a space. Shining a pin spot on an inexpensive bud vase on a table will make a better impression than if more elaborate floral centerpieces were used without the lighting."

"Even if we don't bring in a lighting company, we might change the light bulbs for more flattering light, or bring in candles."

While wedding planners can be expected to know such things, what's surprising is the number of couples who are paying attention to nuances that once might have washed over them.

"I can't tell you how many girls have come to me worrying that the bridesmaids' dresses don't match the carpet in the church," says florist Lynn Lary McLean of Friendswood. "There was a time when nobody would have thought about visual coherence. Consumers are more educated now. They are trained by TV, magazines and retail stores with great displays."

Weddings do have a degree of showmanship that was missing in the past, says Millie Bratten, editor of *Bride's* magazine. One of her favorite examples was the wedding of two actors in New York City who hired a theater, sent invitations that looked like

theater tickets, gave guests assigned seats, and printed up a theater program. After the ceremony on stage, there was a backstage party for all assembled.

What is behind ever-more creative weddings is a desire to make the wedding unique.

In a recent survey, nearly 80 percent of the couples interviewed said they wanted something about their wedding to be somewhat or very different from every other wedding," says Bratten.

Couples also have a clearer idea of what they want.

"Ten years ago, if a floral designer said roses and hot pink tablecloths, the bride would go along," Blum says. "Today, couples have their own very distinct ideas about everything, up to and including how the napkins should be folded and laid. Or they may insist on fresh pepper mills or spoon rests."

'Cowboy' past haunts urban dweller

By Todd Camp
N.Y. Times News Service

I spent most of my adult life trying to deny it. I convinced myself it was just a phase. I kept the secret from my friends and co-workers, futilely struggling to pass as a typical city kid with a normal childhood spent playing with Matchbox cars on the sidewalks of suburbia.

But I can't lie anymore. I am a rodeo-ridin', horse-lovin', two-steppin' closet cowboy.

The evidence hit me during a recent visit with my folks. "Who the heck is this?" I asked Mom. We were sitting in the living room surrounded by stacks of old photo albums.

She pushed up her reading glasses and squinted at the chubby little tyke decked out in boots and hat, sort of a cross between Wyatt Earp and Spanky McFarland.

"That's you, silly," she said. I looked again. Me? I actually used to wear boots? At some point in my life, did I really think western dress shirts with fake mother-of-pearl snaps were cool? And, more important, was I ever THAT FAT?

Though I've tried to block out my early country-living days, I can't deny that the first 12 to 15 years of my life were spent stuck in rodeo dust. It's almost scary to think that if not for my rebellious-teen years, I might have lined up for my Garth Brooks wristband while eagerly anticipating a weekend spent watching Nigerian dwarf goats at the annual Stock Show.

As I sat staring my pudgy past in the face, it all came flooding back: the Kenny Rogers songs, the pressed jeans, the felt Stetson.

Growing up on the outskirts of Corpus Christi, we had horses as far back as I can remember. I halfheartedly competed in barrel racing a time or two, but after one bad fall resulted in a broken collar bone and another brought the full weight of a horse on top of me, I tended to stick to rodeo sports that stressed fun over competition.

Need one of a platoon of kids to chase a young heifer with a ribbon tied to its tail? I'm your man. I was

regularly truant in the calf scramble, where gangs of kids — halters in hand — tore after a herd of small, terrified bovines.

Keep in mind, most of this stuff was my parents' idea, but I always obligingly agreed. But in 1973, at the South Texas Trail Ride Play Day Rodeo, I found myself with an entirely new challenge: the greased pig roundup.

I stood with my teammate Tiffany (a smartly dressed tomboy I kind of had a crush on at the time), and we stared incredulously at the sign-up sheet, stunned at how our matchmaking parents could have concocted such a scheme. But there were our names in black and white, and what awaited us was a pack of squealing, mud-caked oinkers covered head to curlicued tail in axle grease. Armed only with a burlap sack, our mission was to wrestle one of the little porkers to the ground, throw him in the sack and drag him across the finish line.

Tiffany and I simultaneously arrived at the same conclusion: We were going to get dirty. I mean REALLY dirty.

Standing at the starting line, we

ingly difficult lack of grip. Then a young runt stepped out of the muddy mess.

He trotted up to us as we stood motionless, mouths agape. I motioned for Tiffany to open the sack. The pig was easily guided in, seemingly eager to escape the onslaught of noisy adolescents.

We carried our catch to the finish line just in time to secure second place. We set the sack down, and I opened the top just enough to look in on our cooperative friend's greasy, porcine face.

"That'll do, pig," I said. Well, not really, but it would have been really cool if I had. The trophy sits in my study, the tiny gold-plated porker on top shining as a monument to a past I've all but forgotten.

I guess there's a little bit of Texas in all of us — maybe more than some of us are willing to admit. But if you breathe a word of this to anyone, I'll deny it all.

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Children's love for violent toys worries parents

By M.L. Lyke

Hearst News Service

SNOHOMISH, Wash. — The sniper raises his semiautomatic, squints an eye, sights a target, aims and fires.

"Kkkk-Kkkkk-Kkkkkk"

The tidy apartment — with a painting of a peace symbol and dove near the front door — explodes in a hail of make-believe machine-gun fire.

"With this gun," says Daniel Lauzon, finger on the trigger, "you could blast someone's head straight off!"

This makes the 10-year-old grin beneath his long brown bangs and sprinkle of freckles. He loves guns. He loves imitating the sound of them. He loves the feeling of power and excitement associated with them.

It pains dad to watch. Dad was a war protester in the '60s. Now the quiet, thoughtful man works as a civil engineer for a private company.

"It really bothers me to see Daniel playing with guns," says father John Cherry, 46. "I don't like to see him emulating violence for fun."

LIKE MANY in the flower-power generation, Cherry and ex-wife Carol Lauzon, a Marysville teacher who shares custody of Daniel, hoped to raise their son in peace.

And like many well-intended parents of the '90s, they fret at their inability to do so.

"I don't even want Daniel thinking about violence — but it seems we're so surrounded by it," says Cherry. "It's a struggle."

Watchdog groups pin the blame on our country's fascination with violence, the prevalence of it, and a toy industry that plays into it. Of the \$20.7 billion in toy retail sales in 1996, \$236 million was spent on toy guns, weapons and accessories alone. And figures released yesterday by the Toy Manufacturers of America show those sales increased to \$247 million in 1997, out of a total \$22.5 billion in toy sales.

Child welfare workers grow concerned when they combine those figures with statistics on violent television. Studies show the average American child watches more than 100,000 acts of television violence before finishing elementary school.

"Toy guns have a very negative impact on children's aggression and their problem solving," says Karil Klingbeil, director of social work administration at Harborview Medical Center. "It teaches some kids that you can solve problems by using a weapon. They see that every day on TV — so they get a double whammy."

"Why would you want to introduce children at a very impressionable age to something that is so destructive?"

Some child-activist groups advocate throwing out all violent toys, even squirt guns. They suggest banning superhero play and removing tiny weapons from action figure packages.

Critics smell political correctness run amok. Even many child psychiatrists have their doubts.

"If you look in households where there are no war toys, you'll see kids will find something else to pretend is a gun — like an L-shaped piece of a jigsaw puzzle," says Dr. Monty Stampler, a child psychiatrist who sits on the faculty at Harvard Medical School.

Stampler has spent more than 13,000 hours studying children's behavior at play.

"When a boy points his finger and goes 'bam-bam,' this is not bad, not evil," he says. "It's just an expression that they are trying to understand the idea of aggression in a really aggressive society."

TAKING AWAY weapons seems the simplest solution. It may also be the most simplistic.

"Kids are interested in violent play. Depriving them of it tends to make them even more interested," says Dr. Eric Trupin, director of child psychiatry at the University of Washington. "Parents who are very, very sensitive on this issue may actually cut off their kids' ability to communicate

about it."

Trupin advises a little ennui. "I think parents could be a little more bored by their kids' violent play, and be more interested in things less violent."

Daniel's parents, who carefully monitor their son's TV and video intake, aren't sure what to do.

"We were going to do it right," says Carol Lauzon. "It wasn't so easy."

They kept a weapon-free house until Daniel received his first allowance. He had a choice. He exercised it. He bought a toy gun.

He has more than 50 weapons in his arsenal of repeat-action hand-guns, laser blasters, tiny plastic grenades, swords, knives, bows and arrows, tanks, cannons, pistols, rifles, assault weapons.

Daniel explains: "Boys like blood, and guns cause lots and lots of blood."

The folks worry. Is their 10-year-old a commando in training? Or just a normal little guy growing up in a terribly violent society?

Advocates of peaceful play complain the nation's toy chests are turning into war chests. And they worry that the contents of those chests are growing increasingly violent.

"Toys have to escalate every year and become more extreme to keep kids' interest as the children become increasingly desensitized," says Diane Levin, a professor of education at Wheelock College in Massachusetts and co-author of "Who's Calling the Shots? How to Respond Effectively to Children's Fascination With War Play and War Toys" (New Society Publishers Ltd., \$14.95).

A TRIP DOWN the toy aisle at local stores lends weight to that contention.

Next to the double-moving-barrel Star Blaster machine gun is the high-tech Laser Challenge assault weapon with moving robot target, explosive sound effects, a built-in delay action for premeditated attacks and a 360-degree laser burst to "blast your opponents where they hide."

There's a Nuf Nuf Paintball Blaster set with a pint-size, teething, lip-curling Schwarzenegger wannabe on the front. "Splat them! Smear them! Soak them! Mark them with your color!" reads the colorful box.

Past the imitation Saturday night specials and Western repeating cap guns are action figures that shoot, stab, decapitate and always, video games that put players behind a gun to "toast" anonymous victims — some in a blood-splurting mess of graphic goo.

"Remember, if it gets in your way, blow it up," advises an introduction to Nintendo's Bomberman game.

Activist groups look for accountability. "I'd like to see the CEOs of companies that manufacture products for children ask themselves one question: 'Will this product enhance the life of the child in a positive learning way?' If not, they should not produce the toy," says Seattle's Pamela Eakes, founder and president of Mothers Against Violence in America.

Seattle district schools have

adopted zero-tolerance policies on toy weapons. Even a pencil pointed in a threatening manner can be grounds for discipline. In a highly publicized case last year, 10-year-old Jeffrey Parks was expelled at John Rogers Elementary for bringing to school an inch-long G.I. Joe toy gun.

Graham Hill Elementary principal Birgit McShane suspended an 8-year-old girl who brought to school a small cigarette lighter shaped like a gun.

"It fell out of the child's pocket right in front of me," says McShane.

"She looked at me, I looked at her. It looked exactly like a gun."

"I went, 'Is it real?'"

Some stores, including Seattle's F.A.O. Schwartz and Top 10 Toys, refuse to carry violent toys.

"We try to stay away from things that promote violence, just because we feel there is enough of that going on without it being in our store," says Brent Williamson, a manager at Top 10 Toys in Greenwood.

ACTIVISTS APPLAUD such actions. "Young children learn through their play. Do we want them to believe the world is a very violent place?" asks Daphne White, executive director of the Lion & Lamb Project, a Maryland-based group that advocates peaceful toys, games and entertainment through violent-toy trade-ins, parenting workshops and parent-action kits.

White, scheduled to film a CNN-TV special today on violent toys at the weeklong Toy Fair in New York's Javits Convention Center, suggests parents look for toys that promote creation, not destruction — toys like K-Nex construction sets, walkie-talkies and magic kits.

Adds White: "If the package says, 'This gun shoots 12 rounds a minute,' or 'Everything your child needs to be a one-man army,' or 'This action figure crunches bones and is the meanest thing on the block,' ask yourself, 'Is this the kind of play I want my child to be engaged in?'"

Toys that glorify violence encourage children to act out that violence, White maintains.

Yet unbiased research tying aggressive behavior in children to violent toys is sketchy at best — even though such links have been established for violent TV shows and video games.

"The vast number of little kids who play with toys we might consider aggressive and violent don't grow up to be violent and aggressive. They do it, experience it and move on," says Trupin. "It's when kids insist on hurting people or animals that I worry. Most children play this way without the idea of cruelty."

Trupin emphasizes the importance of parental involvement. When a child pretend-shoots someone, it is crucial to explain that in the real world, real people are hurt by such actions, he says. "Children allowed to play with aggressive toys using violent themes without any parental supervision or input about being empathetic — this clearly has an impact on kids."

Psychiatrists point out that children have played with war toys

throughout time, turning sticks into swords, ferns into spears, wood scraps into rifles. Some say it's innate, biological.

YET THE NATURE of war play has changed dramatically in recent years.

"Using a stick as a toy weapon, in the course of playing with it, it can become something else," says Diane Levin. "It is open-ended."

That's unlikely with a high-tech reproduction Uzi or violent action figure whose sole "act" is to deliver repetitive killer karate chops — as seen on a TV show. These toys inspire mostly imitation, not creative play.

"You want children to be able to bring their own ideas to a toy," says Levin. "A child should be like a script writer — each child's play should look different."

Stampler, who has helped develop a line of creative games under the name Gamewright, said he asks himself two questions when he looks at a violent toy: "What is the lesson this toy is trying to teach?" and "How much freedom does it allow the child in play?"

"Play is about imagination — it's about possibilities," he said. "I use lots of imagination," says Daniel Lauzon, rummaging through a pile of toy weapons in his bedroom. "I make the gun's sound effects, and I pretend there's real people there."

Dad sighs. He has tried negotiating with Daniel, offering to buy back his entire arsenal. Daniel agreed, but said he'd use the money to go out and buy a big gun, a really big gun, the biggest.

Recently, Dad took Daniel to a violent-toy trade-in at The Neutral Zone children's center in Mountlake Terrace, with pizza, cookies and prizes for participants. It was organized by a local chapter of Students Against Violence Everywhere.

"If one person does it, then another and another, I think it could help stop violence," said member Jessi Burns, 12.

Daniel, with unmitigated candor, said the trade-in made him think, too. "I thought, 'What a dumb idea!'"

Dad has tried everything, including non-violent toys. Daniel turned his K-Nex construction pieces into a handgun. Even his plastic Garfield became a gun.

"It shoots hairballs," says Daniel.

His parents wonder aloud: Will he outgrow this fascination? Will there come a time when he tires of his toy weapons?

Daniel doesn't think twice about such questions. "Yeah! Yeah!" says the 10-year-old. "And about that time, I'll be getting into real guns!"

Organization lists violent toys

By M.L. Lyke

Hearst News Service

A list of 12 violent toys, compiled by the Lion & Lamb Project, a non-profit group in Bethesda, Md., advocating peaceful play:

■ **Laser Challenge.** The high-tech Laser Trap Mobile Laser Blaster gun fires a 360-degree laserburst more than 25 feet, with built-in delay action "to blast your opponents where they hide."

■ **Nerf Defender T3 Blaster.** Triple defense system with arrows and darts, hand-held dart blaster, high-tech bow, touted as "the ultimate firepower."

■ **Shout 'N' Shoot II.** Voice-activated water shooter with multi-directional shooting feature, called "hands-free water warfare technology."

■ **Power Gear Virtual Reality Set.** Virtual reality display-and-sounds head gear, with power-fazer gun.

■ **Air Pressure Super Soaker.** Double-barrel water gun with rapid-fire water blasts, resembles automatic assault weapon.

■ **Total Chaos and other Spawn figures.** Ultra-action figures with missiles shooting from cybernetic arm guns, add-on ammunition accessories.

■ **Kull the Conqueror.** Heroic action figure in war attack armor skilled in "mortal combat with many lethal weapons."

■ **Goosebumps Microverse.** Miniature castle with trapdoor, dungeon and "spring-up attacking executioner."

■ **Vadar and other World Wrestling Federation Bad Boys Action Figures.** Action figure with "bone-crunching action. Bad has never been so good."

■ **"Hercules Feels the Pain, Pat the Panic," a Fun to Touch Book.** Board book with scary story about Disney movie characters "Pain" and "Panic" who try to feed Baby Hercules a bottle with poison.

■ **Shadow Warrior computer game.** Interactive 3D environment with Lo Wang, Shadow Warrior, as "assassin, abuser, fragger, mutilator."

■ **Die Hard Arcade video game.** Players have more than 15 weapons — from assault rifles to gasoline — for offing maniacal cutthroats. The more people killed, the more points gained.

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TRAVEL

Vacation at ski slopes is family affair

By Tom and Jill Sabulis
N.Y. Times News Service

WINTER PARK, Colo. — It seemed like such a simple goal a year ago. We'd left the children with grandparents and headed to Colorado, just the two of us, for a long weekend of skiing. We were beginners who fell head over heels for downhill.

We dreamed: Wouldn't it be great for the kids to come with us next time? Even if Sam, 11, and Patricia, 7, didn't like skiing, they would get to see the Rocky Mountains. But we didn't appreciate at the time what an undertaking it would be to put a family of four on the slopes.

We picked Colorado for two reasons: We would be assured of good snow, and friends in Denver were urging us to visit. Still, not everyone should consider heading west for a first ski trip.

Jim Malone, president of the Atlanta Ski Club, advises first-time skiers of all ages to try the Southeastern slopes before investing in a more ambitious trip. "Skiing can be a very expensive vacation," he says, "and within a day you'll know whether you enjoy the sensation or not. I'd hate for someone to take their family out west or to New England and find out they just don't enjoy skiing."

We knew we liked it and were reasonably sure the kids would, too. We didn't know if we could afford it.

THUS BEGAN our hunt for the best deals, from airline to ski bibs. Here's how you can do it, too:

■ Planning ahead: In November, watch airline ads in the newspaper and on the Internet for cheap winter fares. The best deals roll in after Thanksgiving. Avoid traveling around the Christmas holidays. We chose to go in January, during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday week. As it turned out, the slopes were less crowded, the snow was great and there were off-peak deals to be found.

■ Picking a destination: Denver and Salt Lake City are obvious because of the number of family-friendly resorts within driving distance. We chose Winter Park, owned by the city of Denver, because it's the closest major resort, about 85 miles west of the airport. Many resorts, including Winter Park, run shuttles from the airport for upwards of \$70 per person round trip. For weekend travel, the Ski Train runs from Denver's Union Station to the base of Winter Park. The price is \$70 per person round trip. A free shuttle bus runs through the town at 10-minute intervals, carrying skiers and their gear to the base.

■ Booking a flight: A few low-fare airlines are flying west, but be aware that the majors sometimes match fares.

■ Dressing the part: Experienced ski parents John and Linda Williams of Marietta say the importance of dressing children appropriately for skiing cannot be underestimated. "If it's miserable and cold on a long lift ride, a 4-year-old may not get over it and may never want to ski again as a result." So smart shopping ahead of time can stack the deck in Mom and Dad's favor.

Outfit children (and adults, too) in layers that can be added or subtracted according to conditions. At minimum, each child will need one pair of ski pants or bibs, a jacket (look for one with hooks and zippered pockets to hold gloves, lift tickets, lip balm and the like), long underwear, several turtlenecks, several pairs of warm knee-high socks (the type that wicks water away from skin is expensive but worth it), a warm hat and water-

Preparation important lesson

By Tom Sabulis
N.Y. Times News Service

Note to parents: You cannot over-prepare when taking your kids skiing for the first time.

Sure, you can book the kids into all-day ski school, perhaps the best babysitting service ever invented. (Leave the children for eight hours! Pick them up rosy-cheeked, enthralled by ski lifts, exhausted and ready for bed by 6 p.m.)

Yes, you can find all the discount winter clothing at T.J. Maxx you will ever need: ski bibs, hats, Gore-Tex mittens, goggles, long underwear, you name it. (Heck, they couldn't possibly wear more.)

And you can steel yourselves for whatever whining you may encounter. ("But none of my friends are going to THIS ski school!" "That's true, concerned son of mine, you haven't met anyone in Colorado yet.")

Things can — will — still go wrong.

When my wife and I took our 11-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter skiing for the first time recently at Winter Park, Colo., things seemed ominous from the first day, when avalanches prevented us from driving to the resort from Denver. But once there, our organization — OK, my wife's organization — was a strong point.

Until the second day. That's when a blizzard snowing sideways forced us into the fashionable resort clothing store for necessities we forgot: woolen face masks. ("I'll take two, please. Here's your \$65.")

In the end, we survived. Had a postcard-good time — not counting our family ski when Mom, Dad and newly trained kids spent the morning walking down a long beginner slope, dodging skiers and snowboarders alike.

But that's a nightmare for another time.

proof gloves. And goggles, required by the ski school. One item we forgot — and paid top dollar for at the resort shop — was face masks. If it's snowing, the children will need them. Make sure you pack lip balm and sunscreen, and don't forget those swimsuits — for the after-skiing hot tub.

Of course, with all these clothes at your disposal, make sure you don't overdo it. At Winter Park's Children's Center, director Dan O'Connell says the No. 1 mistake parents make is overdressing their children. One pair of long underwear, not two, under ski bibs will suffice.

■ Building the ski wardrobe: For the best prices, plan to shop sales. If you're planning for winter 1999 already, you may be too late for winter merchandise at department stores, so try the off-season sales at local sporting goods shops. We also attended a swap shop one Saturday last fall, looking for used items. There were terrific deals on adult stuff, but a lot of the children's clothing went fast.

■ The adventure begins: Give yourselves time; don't rush to the mountains directly from the airport. We reserved a budget car from Hertz for about \$30 a day. That first night we visited our Denver friends, who had warned us that going too quickly to Winter Park's base elevation of 9,000 feet could cause flatlanders like us to suffer altitude sickness. A compromise would be heading straight to Winter Park but taking it easy that first day. Either way, visit a grocery store in town to stock up on snacks, drinks and lunch fix-

ings. Resort-area prices are high.

After a night's stay in Denver, we drove the winding, climbing 85 miles west to Winter Park. Through Winter Park Central Reservations, we had booked a room with two double beds for \$99 a night at the Super 8 Motel in downtown Winter Park, a little town where condos, mom-and-pop cafes and ski-equipment rental shops dominate the main drag. The accommodations weren't fancy but suited us just fine, since we weren't planning to be there except to sleep. And even the most basic lodging usually includes the omnipresent hot tub, a frill we came to appreciate.

■ Learning the ABCs of skiing: The Williamses say their best advice for parents is to enroll children in ski school. "It's an absolute necessity," says John Williams, a retired Army officer. "You wouldn't throw a kid into the water to learn how to swim." Thanks to years of formal instruction, the Williamses' sons, Jason and Andy, are now expert skiers, at ages 25 and 20, respectively.

Winter Park ski instructor and new dad Lewis Koski says age 3 is the best time to put a child on skis. Winter Park's children's program begins with 3-year-olds and goes through age 13, with a special half-day program available for teens. The 3- and 4-year-olds do not ride the lifts. All other students do.

We dropped Sam and Patricia off as early as 8 a.m. and picked them up by 4 p.m. They spent their days with an instructor and a small group of kids their age and ability level. Cost was \$63 per

child for the first day, \$50 each additional day, and included lift ticket, instruction, lunch and snacks. Ski rental was an additional \$10 per day (snowboards are \$25).

After two days, the kids were confidently tackling beginner slopes and eager to show their parents what they'd learned. Turning was the hardest part, they agreed. Besides getting the fundamentals from an expert, the children also made friends with their fellow students.

FOR THOSE TOO young to ski — generally, younger than 3 — parents should make reservations at the resort child-care center well ahead of time. They fill up. Expect to pay a nonrefundable reservation fee. At Winter Park, for example, child care is offered for ages 2 months to 5 years for \$50 a day, \$35 a half day. The reservation fee is \$5.

■ Lightening the load: You must have a plan for what we called the schlepping: that Herculean effort to get your small army from the lodge to the slopes and back each day. And carrying a ton of equipment at the end of an exhausting day wasn't in our plan. With ski-school enrollment, the kids could store their gear for free in the Children's Center.

For the adult stuff, we rented a half-size locker that was big enough for four pairs of boots and two stuffed backpacks, for \$1.50. (That means we had to insert six quarters each time we wanted to open and relock the locker.) Next time we plan to take our own combination lock and rent a full-size locker for \$5 per week. Winter Park also offers an equipment-check stand for skis and poles. It costs \$2.50 per set per night.

■ Coping with the ups and downs: So the children have completed ski school and are eager to show Mom and Dad their new tricks. Quiz their instructors about what skills they have mastered and what their weak spots are. Ask for recommendations on easy trails the family can try together. And then learn from the one big mistake we made on our trip: Try those trails before taking the chil-

dren down them. We didn't test our route up the High Lonesome lift and down the Switchyard run ahead of time. Oops.

By the time we dragged Sam and Patricia across hundreds of feet of utterly flat snow from the lift to the top of Switchyard, things were looking bleak: "I'm tired." "I'm thirsty." "I have to go to the bathroom."

We were on top of the mountain, and unless there's a hill, those long sticks locked onto your feet will take you nowhere. We struggled on. Finally we came to the run and pointed downhill. That's when Patricia realized we were about to traverse a wide expanse of very steep snow — an intermediate blue trail was crossing our beginner green trail.

"Just keep looking across the

hill," we told her. "Don't look down."

There were tears, a brief sit-down strike. But ultimately, we made it across. (Patricia simply held a hand up to block her view of the more skilled skiers schussing straight down.)

What did we do wrong?

Children's Center director O'Connell says we broke a cardinal rule of children's ski instruction. "Kids would much prefer to stay on the same run over and over," he says. "It builds their self-esteem."

Something to remember next year.

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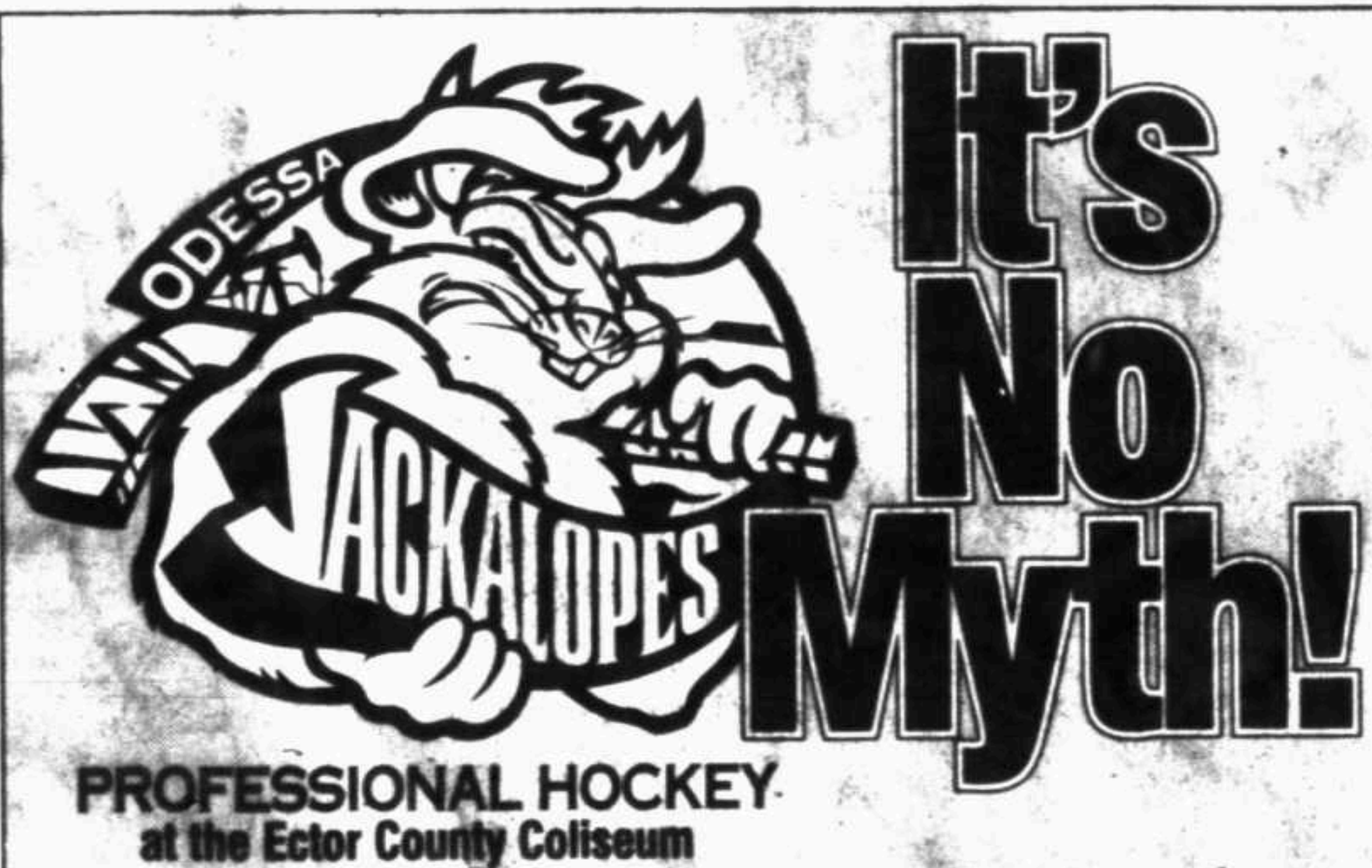
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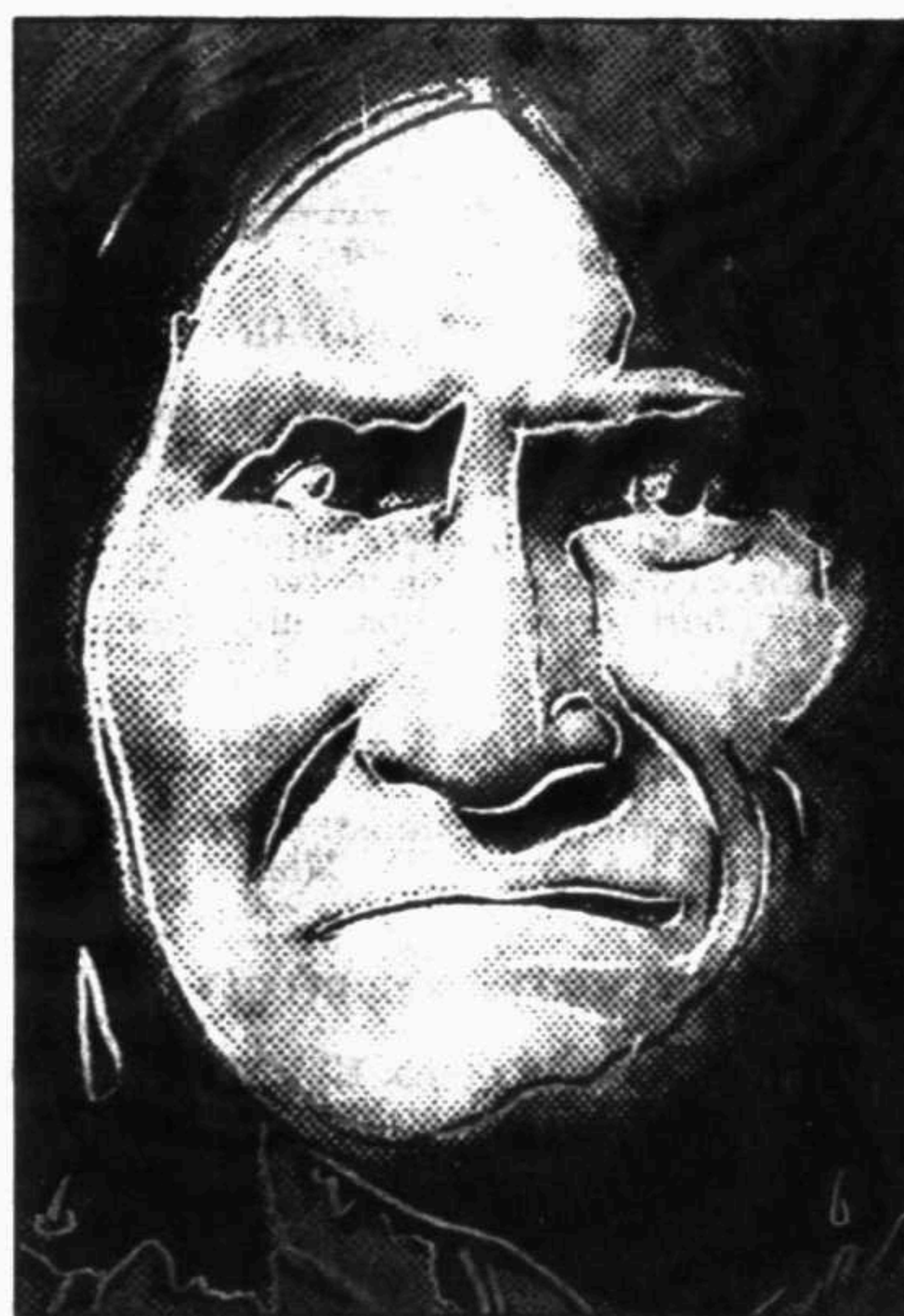
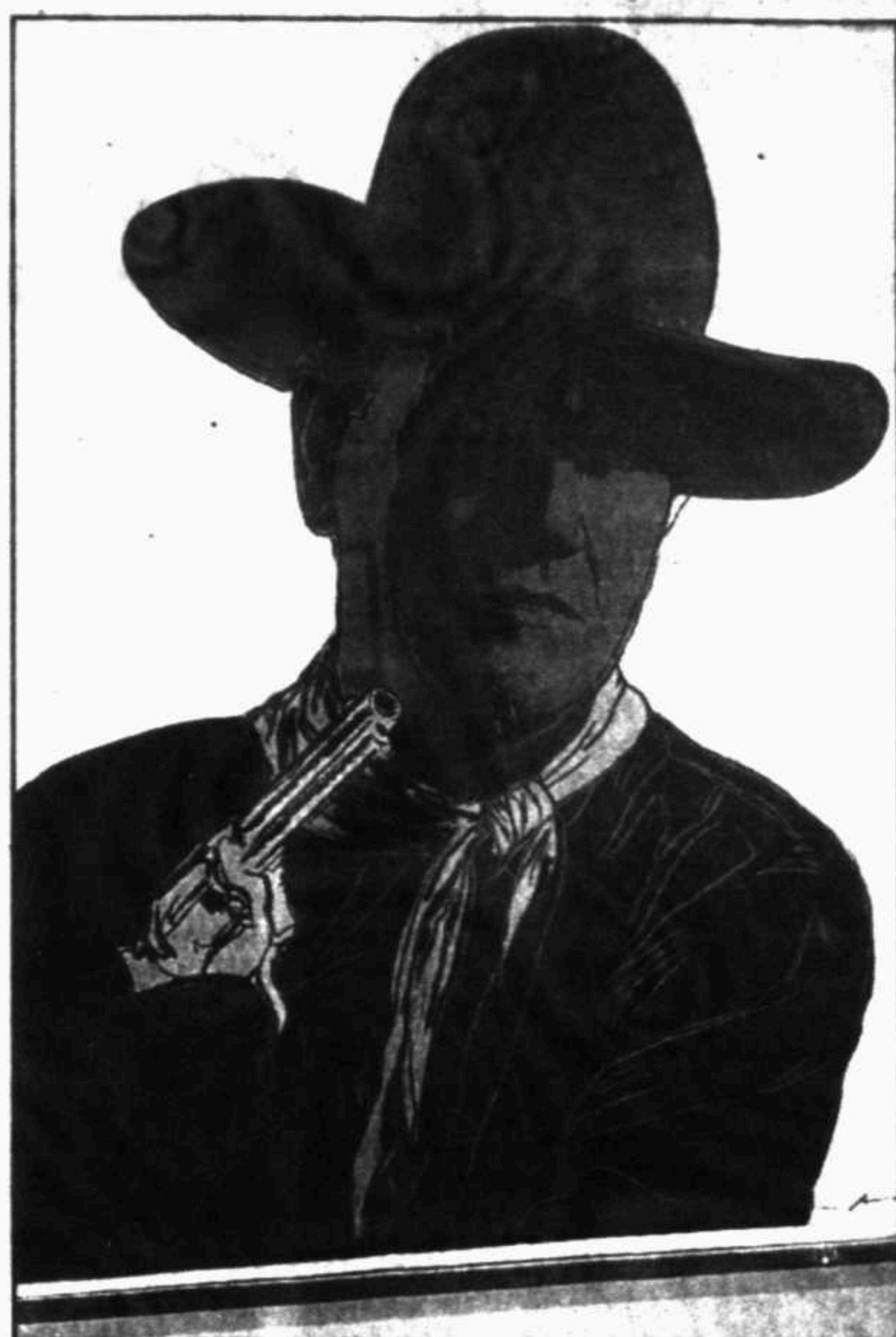
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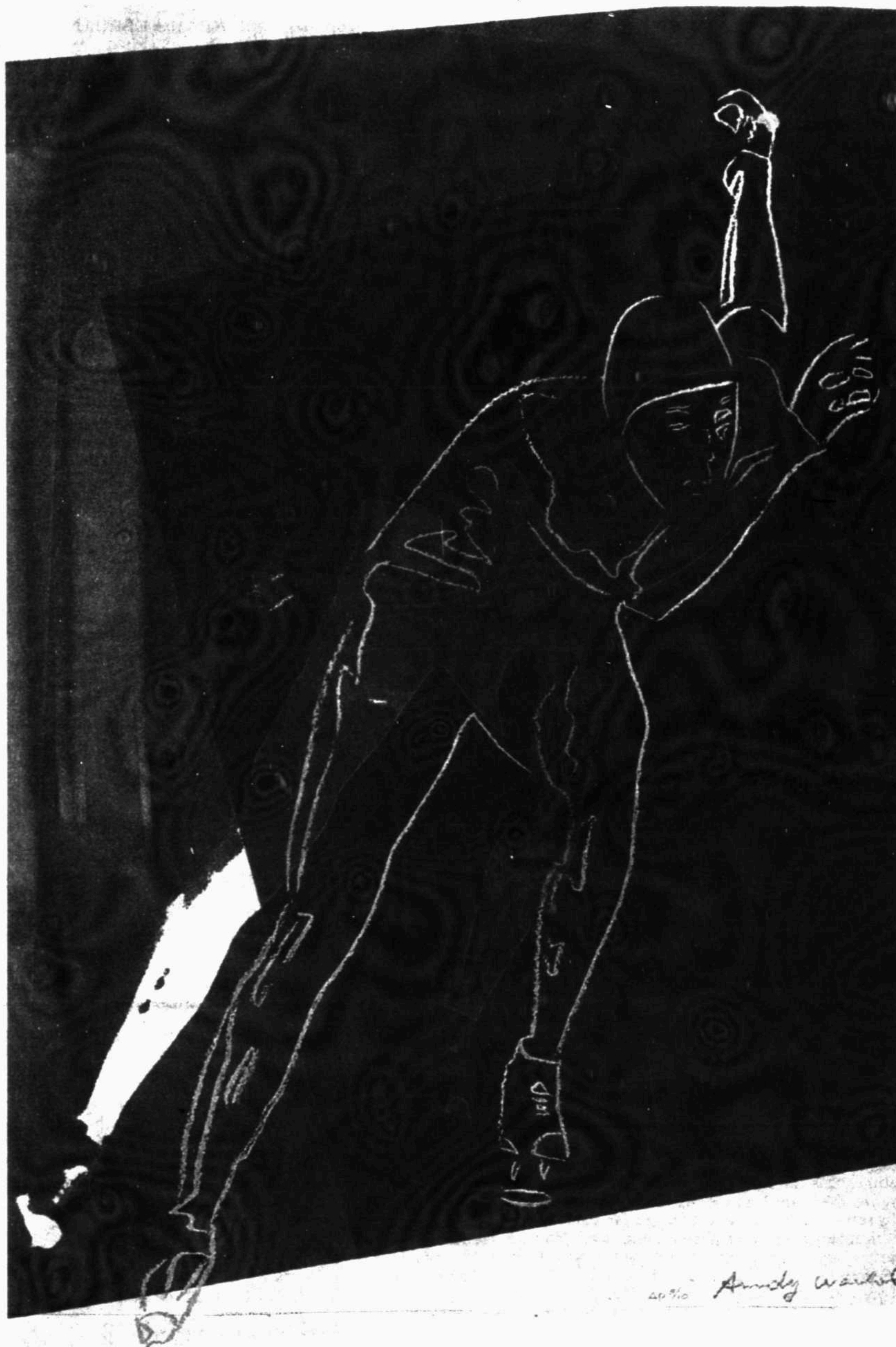
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The exhibition "Works by Warhol: From the Cochran Collection" on display at the Museum of the Southwest through Feb. 22 encompasses a wide sampling of Warhol prints dating from 1974 through the last series of 1986. AT RIGHT: "Speed Skater," by Warhol, 1983, silk screen. BELOW: Detail from "Northwest Coast Mask," by Warhol, 1986, silk screen. ABOVE: "Geronimo," detail, by Warhol, 1986, silk screen. AT TOP: "John Wayne," by Warhol, 1986, silk screen.

Collecting art: Not just for the wealthy few



Silk screen prints by the late Prince of Pop, Andy Warhol, hang in the Museum of the Southwest through the collecting efforts of a stone mason and a high school math teacher.

"It's open field for anyone; it's not just for the wealthy few," Wesley Cochran said of collecting art. "Anyone who has the desire to have original art could do it, and prints are something that allow someone on a limited budget to have original art in a house."

"Prints are very affordable and approachable for anyone," said Cochran, who began collecting when he was 24 and was working on offshore drilling rigs in the Middle East. "That's the beautiful part about prints, and that is our forte — collecting prints."

The Warhol showing in Midland represents one of four different collections of works on paper owned by the Cochrans, who live in LaGrange, Ga. The others include an African American show, a collection of graphics by 20th century masters that includes work by all of the American pop artists, and a recent collection of prints by New York artists Will Barnett and Bob Blackburn.

"We take these collections around to different museums for educational purposes," Cochran said. "We put these shows together. We do all the leg work of getting to the artists' studios and buying the work. I've learned how to do most of the framing, and I have a friend who helps me build the wooden boxes or crates these are shipped in."

"Most of the time I am the driver and delivery boy. It allows you to see the countryside and to meet a lot of beautiful people along the way."

Cochran began collecting in 1976. In 1985, he started assembling collections and moving them from facil-

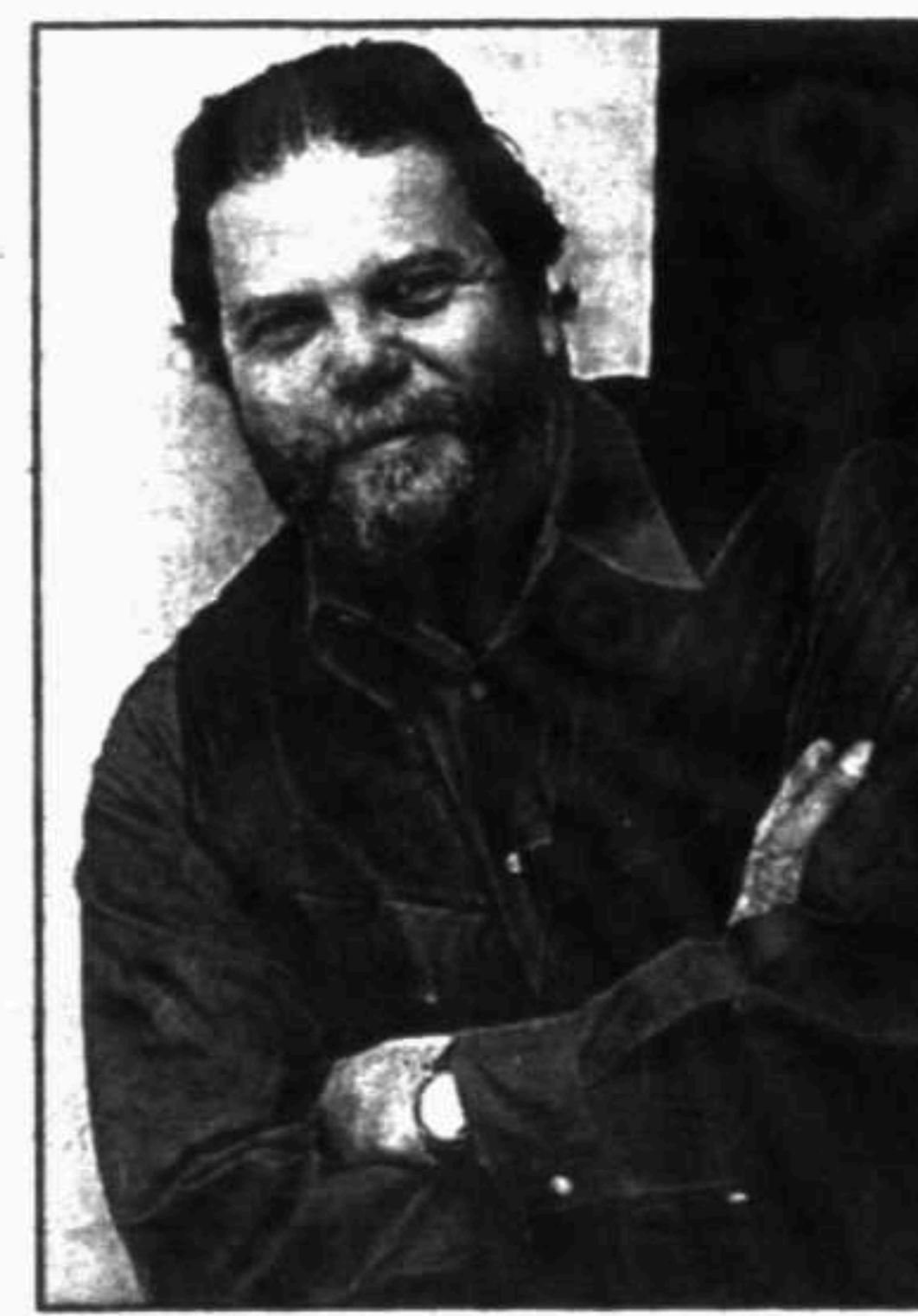
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'We enjoy supporting the arts and museums.

And it's very important that we do that. The government is cutting funds to artists and museums — drastically.

—Wesley Cochran, collector



Story by Georgia Temple

Design by Missy Hallmark

The Heart Rock Cafe opens for business at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Midland Hilton grand ballroom. On the menu, in addition to food, dinner, dancing, auctioneering and art, is raising money for the American Heart Association.

"It's a lot of fun, and it's definitely a social function," said Sherry Higgins, regional director of the Permian Basin Region of the American Heart Association.

The event, now in its 15th year, helps, "To educate the public on heart disease — cardiovascular disease — and raises funds for the American Heart Association (where) 35 cents of every dollar goes to research," Ms. Higgins said.

The Heart Rock Cafe theme for Heart Beat '98 calls for casual or costume dress.

"People can come and relax or dress up as their favorite rock 'n' roll star."

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Heart Beat '98
The American Heart Association's annual fund-raiser will include dinner, dancing, auctioneering and art.

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"CUPID'S MESSAGE"
By FRANCES HANSEN

ACROSS

1 Saint Theresa's birthplace
6 Author Grass
13 Ascot's cousin
19 — Alveno: Rita Moreno
21 Generally
22 Tennessee team
23 Start of a Valentine verse
26 Name of fame in the bakery business
27 Half of M/M/M/I
28 Worst case
29 Dusseldorf donkey
30 Fur wrap
32 Make blue black
33 Matthau or Winchell
36 The lion's is biggest
37 Dystrophy org.
38 DeeJay's disc
42 Aid in crime
43 TV's Trek
44 Coconut fiber
45 Netman Lendi
46 More of verse
52 Connecticut collegian
53 Legendary English pirate
54 Shatter
55 Besiege
56 Bridge work
58 Conforms
60 Goler's trip
61 In a vigilant way
63 Acts wolfish
65 Peak points
68 Marquand's George et al.
70 Of certain Mediterranean winds
74 Labor union
75 Enlightened Buddhist monk
76 Asian weight
77 Sgt. or Cpl.
78 More of verse
83 Airline to Jerusalem
84 Wood ash products
85 Pupil's place?
86 Equine color
87 Paper money
88 Psycho drug
89 Puerto — man from San Juan

DOWN

1 Greek nickname
2 U of Tennessee team
3 — de Pascua: Easter Island
4 Opera text
5 Welcome military command
6 Donated
7 G.I.'s nightspot
8 Styron hero — Turner
9 Quavering sound
10 Football conference
11 Miss — of "Dallas"
12 Early auto
13 Newcastle site
14 Moon groove
15 Der —
16 — libre: free verse
17 In — bogged down
18 Prufrock's auth.
20 "A House Is Not a Home" author
24 Smorgasbord offering
25 Hebrew language spin-off
30 Cartoonist
31 Silverstein
32 Hirsch sitcom
33 Got wet feet
34 White poplar
35 "Rosemary's Baby" author
36 Tireless vehicle
37 Hair gel
38 Amuses
39 Lupone's Tony-winner
40 Massenet opera
41 Upright
43 Venomous reptile
44 "Pickwick" composer
47 Maui music-maker
48 Exhausts
49 Mandela's land: Abbr.
50 State indirectly
51 Netanyahu, for one
57 Subject to levy
58 Letters from Greece
59 Folk-rocker extraordinaire
60 Lauder of lotions
62 Like many roads
64 Cleans a pipe
65 Not native
66 Chihuahua chicken
67 Brilliance
69 Airport abbr.
71 — lot — celestial sign
72 — of many colours
73 Sentence subjects
75 Immeasurably deep
76 Castor to Pollux
79 Confederation of nations
80 Exact
81 Part of Q.E.D.
82 Berserk
89 Grayish green
90 Certain nuclide
91 Take the helm
92 It covers
93 Seething
94 Renaissance fiddle
95 Puckster's org.
96 Orthodontist's concern
97 Like a bump on —
98 Soprano Gluck
100 There — young lady named Bright
101 Color delicately
102 Basie's "Clock Jump"
103 Armed hostilities
104 Brief times
105 Breezy assent
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107 Flub

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 1998

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Even you can only take so much excitement. You are on a roller-coaster ride that delights. Let a friend drag you out for an adventure. By late afternoon you might be tired and need to slow down. Don't express fatigue as grumpiness. Tonight: Let another entertain you!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You need a day to melt into your favorite chair. Your ability to make others comfortable is a great gift. Listen carefully to what a respected relative drops on you. Don't say no too quickly! You are out of kilter. Take time to recharge. Tonight: Happy to be home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for another. Feelings run high, and someone needs your input. Surprise a friend; turn up at his door in the afternoon. Good vibes flow. You have solutions for any problem that arises. Tonight: Pretend it is still Friday night!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner surprises you, and you can enjoy a special day at home. You are finally able to reorganize and spruce up things. Someone in charge needs feedback. Don't feel pressured by what is happening. Invite friends over for a family dinner. Tonight: Make it relaxing!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Partners speak their mind, and you might be surprised. There is a lot going on here. Be open and be yourself as you attempt to move through a problem. It might be hard to see the whole picture. Much that goes on is enlightening and dynamic. Tonight: A favorite eatery.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Sometimes it is fun to spend impulsively, yet there are times it doesn't really serve you. What is key here is to check out an investment. A partner clearly does not agree with you about this expenditure; listen to his point of view anyway. Tonight: Indulge another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You feel on top of the world. You would like to break out of a pattern. There is no time like the present. Allow more fun into your life and relationship. Listen carefully to a partner who challenges you as usual. Be willing to say no. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Take a back seat, and you'll see a new development with a different perspective. Rebellion that occurs on the home front has you wondering. You don't have the answers, but you are simply exhausted by this unnecessary behavior. Tonight: Meltdown.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You aim high, at exactly what you want. Surprises unsettle your day-to-day plans. The unexpected occurs, and life takes some interesting turns. A friend comes through for you in a big way. It is important for you to think through a tense situation. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Don't count on money coming through for you now. You need to relax and think through spending. Take the lead with family and friends, and invite them over for fun. But be realistic, and follow through on your needs. Don't take on too much. Tonight: Be a star.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Take the big picture into consideration, and pursue your heart-felt desires. A difficult conversation leaves you ill at ease. Think about what is happening with this person. Your unexpected behavior might make you feel off-balance; calm down. Tonight: Personality-plus!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Close relating brings an on-set of revelations. Participate in a close discussion, to work through some major problems. You come from a position of strength with a money decision. Be conservative with your choices, and you can't go wrong. Tonight: Dinner for two!

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North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 7 3 2
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♦ A J 6 2
♣ J 10 7

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♠ 10 8 4
♥ 10 9 3
♦ K 10 8 5
♣ 6 5 4

EAST
♠ J 9 6
♥ Q J 8 7 4
♦ 9
♣ A K 9 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 5
♥ K 6 2
♦ Q 7 4 3
♣ Q 8 3

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♦ 1♥ 2♥ Pass
2♠ 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♣.

How does an expert tackle a hand? Cover the East-West cards and decide how you would try for nine tricks at your no-trump game after a heart lead, then read on.

South was reluctant to commit to game in no trump with only a single stopper in the enemy suit, so tempo-rized with a heart cue-bid. An invitational rebid of two no trump did full

justice to South's 12-count, and North's 14 high-card points merited a raise to game.

After a heart opening lead, declarer does not have time to set up a club trick before the opponents can collect three heart tricks and two clubs. Therefore, South must score seven tricks in spades and diamonds to make the game.

Which suit should declarer tackle first? Diamonds can be played for either three or four tricks, depending on how many tricks are available in spades, so South should go after spades first by winning the ace of hearts and cashing a K Q of spades in that order. If the suit yields only three tricks, the only chance for four diamond tricks is for West to hold K-x in the suit, so declarer must then lead a low diamond to the knave and pray.

When both defenders follow to three rounds of spades, ending in the closed hand, only three diamond tricks are needed, so declarer runs the queen. Any 3-2 diamond division will do. When West covers and East drops the nine, declarer has an additional chance. A low diamond is returned to the seven and, when East shows out, declarer's foresight is rewarded. West wins with the eight,

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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 hangar. Take an on-line tour of the museum at <http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html>, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with reservations.

Film Series: Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II, Free showing every other Saturday at 1pm, moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXPEDITION INDIA: through March 22, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: As Blue As I Wanna Be, Mail Art Exhibit, includes pieces from around the world, through Feb 22, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 685-9944, Free.

H-E-B Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of Jan Foust Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: EXHIBITION: A Visual Language, works by Sculptor James Tisdale, through Feb 15, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4500, Free.

Midland Arts Association: 1998 SPRING ART SHOW: Show opens March 6, Jurors are Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, call 699-7136.

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Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat. & Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

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The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: JOIE DE VIVRE, paintings by Santa Fe artist, Evelyn Boren, through Feb. 26, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues.-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, ADVENTURE IN ART: Classes for children in art appreciation, art history and creative studio art, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 4909 E. University, Odessa, Call 550-3811, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery, exhibit of paintings from WAVE, a Women's art organization in Dallas/Fort

Worth, through Feb 22, UTPB Gallery, call 552-2806, 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 2 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

Midland Arts Association: DEMONSTRATION: General general meeting, Stables Gallery of the Museum of the Southwest, 694-1078, jking10629@aol.com

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

President's Day

Temple Beth El Sisterhood: Brotherhood Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Temple Beth El, Odessa, 915-366-7560

Midland College: EXHIBIT: Kilgore College faculty members O. Rufus Lovett and John Hilliar through March 20, McCormick Gallery, Fine Arts Building, 685-4500.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Midland College: EVENT: Networking Breakfast: "Managing Your Career, Family & Health Without Burning Out," presented by MC, Midland Chamber of Commerce, Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, 7:30 a.m., 683-3381.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Arts Assembly of Midland: EVENT: quarterly arts meeting, noon, Midland Palette Club, 687-1149.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Midland Woman's Club: EVENT: "A Musical Valentine," presented by Susan Cate, who works for First United Methodist Church, noon, for more information call 684-6811.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 8 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Lee High School Orchestra: EVENT: Chili Supper, all day, And: Lee High School Orchestra Jazz Weekend, Feb. 20-21, 689-1000.

American Heart Association: EVENT: Art Show Benefit, 5-9 p.m., Midland Gallery, 520-7041.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 8 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

American Heart Association: BENEFIT: Heart Rock Cafe 98, 520-7041, 8 p.m. to midnight, Midland Hilton Grand Ballroom, 520-7041

Sausalito String Quartet: MUSIC: 8 p.m., Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Fine Arts Building, Midland College, performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, 563-9921, Admission charged.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Midland: EVENT: Bowl for Kids' Sake, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Midland Park Lanes, 687-0195

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 8 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

Permian Playhouse: DRAMA: "Bridge to Terabithia," 8 p.m., performed by the Kaleidoscope Co., 310 W. 42nd, Odessa, 915 362-2329, Admission charged.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please contact 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, or fax, 687-1600.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Acting workshops

Children are invited to participate in KidsAct free acting workshops sponsored by the Arts Assembly of Midland at Midland Park Mall Feb. 28 and March 1. Class size is limited so each child gets personal attention.

The Pickwick Players of Midland Community Theatre will put on classes for students from first through sixth grades 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 28 At 7 p.m. that day, all the participants will come back to put on a show for their parents and friends.

On March 1, students from the seventh grade through high school will attend workshops with "Sound and Fury," an improvisational acting group from Los Angeles. The group performs at Universal Studios, the Los Angeles and San Francisco Renaissance fairs, and trains the more than 2,000 actors

who perform at both fairs. Sound and Fury recently performed for the Sultan of Brunei at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The March 1 workshop will begin at 1 and end at 4:30 p.m. At 5 p.m., all participants will take part in a performance with Sound and Fury for parents and friends.

Admission to all activities is free and every young person who wants to attend is invited. In each 45-minute class on Feb. 28, younger children will engage in songs, creative movement and activities. Preregistration will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 27 at Midland Park Mall. Preregistration may also be mailed in to the arts assembly, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702.

For three years, the Arts Assembly has offered KidsAct to give all children a taste of drama. Last year, the Pickwick assisted the visiting performers, Storypatch

Players of Fort Worth, in the workshops. This year, MCT's youth director, Tracy Goodwin, is preparing the local actors for a greater role helping the community's younger children in the Feb. 28 workshops.

On March 1, the Pickwick will have a chance to learn from Sound and Fury.

This activity is sponsored by NewsWest 9.

For more information call 687-1149 or fax 687-1600 or email artsmid@iglobal.net; <http://www.iglobal.net/arts>.

Paintings exhibited

Still life paintings by artists who worked in the northeastern United States during the 19th and early 20th centuries are on exhibition at

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EVENT: Heart Beat '98 to be 8 p.m. Saturday

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said Janet Courtroul, chairman of Heart Beat '98.

"We've heard a lot of positive feedback," Ms. Higgins said of the casual or costume dress attire. "You don't have to come in cocktail dresses. You can come in what you're comfortable in. Of course, every year there's always people with cocktail dresses and tuxedos or tux jackets and boots."

Back by popular demand for this year's party is The Project band of Dallas.

"They have a brass section and they play rock 'n' roll from the '60s and '70s," said Ms. Courtroul, a nurse at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. "They were here a couple of years ago and people had a great time. They are a good band to dance to."

"We had a lot of positive feedback on them," Ms. Higgins said. "Everybody seemed to like them. They play all kinds of music, not just rock 'n' roll or just country. It's a wide variety."

The evening also includes a silent auction and an art show.

"Our silent auction is always a pretty good hit," Ms. Higgins said. "We've got airline tickets from both American and Southwest, and we've got tickets to Odessa Jackalopes hockey games."

The silent auction also includes "a day of pampering," where the recipient receives a massage, manicure, a pedicure, and a shampoo and set, Ms. Higgins said.

"It's like a big package deal, and women seem to really like that one."

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— Sherry Higgins, regional director of the Permian Basin region American Heart Association

trunk showing, sponsored by Midland Gallery and the American Heart Association, which is held in the Hilton ballroom lobby between 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday at no charge.

Additionally, the art showing is open during Heart Beat '98 from 8 p.m. to midnight. All art is for sale and a percentage of the sales benefits the American Heart Association.

"We figure we're going to have record funds raised on it because of the art that Mike Crum (of Midland Gallery) has arranged to have brought in," Ms. Higgins said.

Midland Gallery's Charity Art showing features original oils and graphic art never seen or available before from major U.S. and European artists. Walter Edelman, art dealer, critic, appraiser and president of Edelman Fine Arts, LTD. in New York, will present the art. Price range varies from \$200 to \$20,000.

Admission to the event, which features a "heart healthy" meal, is \$100 a couple for general admission and \$250 for reserved seating. Tickets may be purchased through the Permian

Basin American Heart Association by calling 520-7041.

"The money stays here through educational programs we have and educational literature we have available to the community," Ms. Higgins said.

She added that although some people believe cancer is the No. 1 killer in the United States, it's not.

In Texas, "cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer, cancer is the second killer, and accidents are the third killer," she said. "Nationwide, heart disease, cancer then stroke is third."

As a nurse, Ms. Courtroul has seen the beneficial effects of the research done by the American Heart Association.

"The American Heart Association has done a lot to aid the decline in heart disease," she said. "One of the big things — they've proved a baby aspirin every day helps cut down on heart attacks."

"A lot of drug intervention therapy, the heart association has helped research. As a nurse who worked in critical care for a number of years, I see that people don't come in and have the massive heart attacks like they used to. We're able to intervene earlier and prevent them from having such major problems."

Many Midlanders have a stake in the education and research efforts of the American Heart Association.

"In Midland alone, 40.3 percent of all deaths — total deaths — is attributed to heart disease," Ms. Higgins said. "So we definitely want to educate the public that their risk is way up there."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & Entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 2F)

the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through March 22. "There on the Table: The American Still Life" represents a diversity of subject matter and styles selected by the artists.

Closing at the Museum Feb. 23 is the exhibit "A Texas Treasure." Items as diverse as storyboards from the movie "Gone with the Wind," an original manuscript by Charlotte Bronte, plot wheels used by Erle Stanley Gardner in writing his Perry Mason mysteries, paintings by Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera are included in the show.

The "Texas Treasure" exhibit is from the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center's broad holdings in 20th century literature. The center was established in 1957 at the University of Texas at Austin and is known for its collections of late 19th and early 20th century British, American and French literary materials, as well as for its collections of photography, music, film and theater arts.

Others items in "Texas Treasures" include a rehearsal script of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," John Steinbeck's original manuscript of "East of Eden" and the journal he wrote concurrently; and the original musical score for composer Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait" of 1942.

The Harry Ransom Center has

close to 30 million manuscripts, one million books, more than five million photographs, and more than 100,000 works of art.

Also on exhibit are Jim Wagner's paintings, hand painted and carved furniture, and wooden sculptures. This exhibition, which remains through Feb. 22, marks the first of a six part Contemporary Artists Series 1998, Eclectic Visions being shown in the Here and Now Gallery. Wagner's major subject is the landscape of Taos, its adobes, culture mix, animals and people.

Viewing hours at the Midland museum are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Gala planned

Le Masquerade returns to Midland for a gala evening at Clay-Desta Atrium Feb. 27.

The gala, presented by the Midland Symphony Guild, begins with a 6:30 p.m. social hour featuring the music of the Lone Star Brass Quintet. A full buffet dinner catered by The Hilton will be served from 7 to 9:15 p.m. The alcohol-free evening features the presentation of the 1998 senior symphony belles.

Admission ranges from \$100 a person for general seating to \$300

for a gala sponsor.

The 10th annual Gala Weekend, called February Fantastique, also includes an 11 a.m. brunch Feb. 28 in the atrium. The brunch, which will be catered by Murray and The Frenchman, features Reagan Hughes, Miss Texas 1997, a style show by Dillard's and the presentation of the 1998 freshmen symphony belles.

The brunch ranges in admission from \$40 a person to \$450 for a table of eight. Belle admission is \$20.

For more information call the Midland-Odessa Symphony, 563-0921.

Live broadcast

Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Central Time Saturday over the Texaco-Metropolitan International Radio Network. It will be heard locally over radio station KCRS.

Dutch conductor Edo de Waart will make his Met broadcast debut, with Barbara Bonney as Pamina, Mary Dunleavy as the Queen of the Night, Frank Lopardo as Tamino, Canadian baritone Gerald Finley in his Met broadcast debut as Papageno, Kurt Moll as Sarastro, John Cheek as the

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PRINTS: Exhibit on display through Feb. 22

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ity to facility.

"We enjoy supporting the arts and museums. And it's very important that we do that. The government is cutting funds to artists and museums — drastically. I think it's important for individuals and corporations to help as much as they can with the arts at this time. The government seems to be pulling out of the art business. And we like to contribute whatever we can."

The exhibition "Works by Warhol: From the Cochran Collection" on display at the museum through Feb. 22 encompasses a wide sampling of Warhol prints dating from 1974 through the last series of 1986. Some of the prints exhibited are from the "Cowboys and Indians" series of 1986, including "Indian Head Nickel," "General Custer," "Geronimo" and "John Wayne." Other images include Mickey Mouse, Mick Jagger, "Moonwalk" and "Mother and Child."

Warhol, whose public persona was as celebrated as his multiple images of Campbell's Soup cans and his portraits of famous personalities, was a commercial artist who worked in the late '40s and the '50s as an illustrator for such magazines as Glamour, The New Yorker and Harper's Bazaar and for the I. Miller show company. He then launched into pop art with two paintings of Coke, his favorite drink. His first art gallery exhibition was in 1962 when his 32 Campbell's Soup cans were shown.

Viewing hours at the museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Cochran credits "the guidance and expertise" of his uncle, William L. May, as instrumental in his success as a collector.

"He died in 1987, the same year Warhol died," Cochran said. "For the last 12 years of his life, he and I had a very close relationship. He was very knowledgeable about the art marketplace. He had a lot of contacts throughout the world. I was very lucky to have an independent advisor."

Following his uncle's death, Cochran recalled, that "it was quite a challenge for my wife and me to sort of stand on our own two feet. We had depended upon my uncle all those years."

"We decided we would try to purchase African American works on paper and began reading and researching and building the library about African American work. We went at it aggressively for about four years and put together a collection of about 75 pieces."

The Cochrans began touring the African American collection in 1991.

"It's still on tour," said Cochran, who now has around 150 pieces of African American works on paper.

Every acquisition warrants research.

"We research these things before we ever make a decision to buy a piece of art," said Cochran. "I think that's very important."

Education is the ultimate purpose of all the collections the

1998 Big Band Bash

The Museum of the Southwest presents a special black tie dinner and dance with the big band sounds of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra Feb. 24 at the Petroleum Club of Midland.

The fund-raising event will feature the orchestra conducted by Buddy Morrow. Entitled the 1998 Big Band Bash, the event will raise money to benefit the museum, focusing on funding new initiatives for development of programming and infrastructure for the Freda Turner Durham Children's Museum and enhancement of the museum's grounds.

Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission is \$125 per person and includes cocktails, dinner, dancing and valet parking. For more information call 570-7770 or 683-2882.

couple assemble.

"We really are trying to put together collections that can be used as an educational tool, and hopefully, can appeal to a mass audience and not just what me and my wife like. I think of things in historical terms."

Collecting has been "the most beautiful thing I have ever imagined," Cochran said. "It throws you in another orbit of people who I would never have had a chance to meet."

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Speaker, and Carol Meyer as Papagena.
The announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

Photos displayed

ODESSA — An exhibit featuring photographs by Steve Goff is on display at Proteus Gallery and Salon, 112 W. 5th, through May 2. Viewing hours for "Someone in the Garden" are 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 580-4244.

Opera planned

Midland Opera Theater's "Opera in the Park" is set for 6:30 p.m. April 19 at Midland Center, downtown.

Admission is \$20. Also slated for this season is a cowboy opera "Sophie's Saloon" at 6:30 p.m. June 6 at the Museum of the Southwest. Admission is \$20.

Free this season will be the Santa Fe Opera Singers performing "Gershwin and More" at 4 p.m. Sept. 19 at Lee High School and the Austrian-American Mozart Academy UT-Austin at 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at Midland College.

The year's fund-raiser is set for Dec. 3 at the Petroleum Club when pianist Doug Montgomery returns for an encore performance. Individual tickets are \$125 a person.

For more information on any of the above call 684-4101.

Debuts celebrated

First cousins, composer Lee Brooks and sculptress Michelle O'Michael, celebrated Manhattan debuts this season.

Brooks' music was performed by his wife, Beverly Serra-Brooks, in a January concert at Carnegie Hall. Ms. O'Michael's metal sculpture is in a SoHo gallery show that opens this weekend.

Both were born in Odessa and are the grandchildren of the late F.L. and Addie Lee Burroughs. Burroughs was a pioneer Odessa Realtor and a member of the school board during 1930-40.

Brooks, a graduate of Lee High School, is the son of Midlanders Mary Jo and Riley Brooks.

Midlander selected

Midland artist Jan Foust Hurt has been selected to participate in three national competitions.

The Tri-State Plus 1998 Annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition will contain a mixed media piece by Mrs. Hurt. The exhibit runs from March 14 through April 11 at the Beaumont Art League in Beaumont. The opening reception is March 14.

Another mixed media work by Mrs. Hurt was one of 22 pieces selected out of 205 submitted for Small Works 98, the second annual National Competition at the Gaddis Geeslin Gallery, Huntsville. The opening reception is Feb. 26 and the work will remain through March 19.

And, the Draping Game at Galea Mesa, Mesa, Ariz., will include a lithograph by Mrs. Hurt. This exhibition runs from March 24 through April 18. Closing reception is April 17.

Play presented

FORT WORTH — Casa Manana Children's Playhouse presents the magical tale of a young boy who became king of Britain and a legendary figure throughout the world. "Young King Arthur" closes Feb. 21 under the dome on Casa's main stage, 3101 W. Lancaster St.

Remaining performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. All tickets are \$6.25 and are available by calling 1-817-332-CASA.

Special exhibit

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St., is sponsoring a special exhibition "A Closer Look at the George Bush Library Center" through April 4.

The public is invited to a luncheon presentation from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday with Patricia Burchfield, curator of the George Bush Museum. Luncheon and program tickets are available for \$15 at the Presidential Museum. Tickets must be reserved by Feb. 18. For more information call 1-915-332-7123.

The exhibit, sponsored by Southwestern Bell, includes related materials from the museum's own collections.

Play presented

Midland Community Theatre presents "Guys and Dolls" Thursdays through Saturdays through March 22 in Davis Theatre I at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Tickets are \$14 Friday and Saturday and \$12 Thursday and Sunday.

The musical is co-produced by Wagner and Brown.

For information and reservations call 682-4111.

During the run of "Guys and Dolls," 37 pieces of original artwork by Ginger Witte are on

exhibit at Cole Theatre. The artwork can be viewed during each performance and Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the art display call 687-0908.

Artist to perform

Permian Basin Blues Society hosts recording artist Robert Ealey, at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at Freddy's Jazz and Blues Bar.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Society members are free.

Show to close

ODESSA — The sixth annual Permian Basin Arts and Crafts Show closes today in Barn G at the Ector County Coliseum complex. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. No

admission is charged.

Jazz performed

ODESSA — The Lovers Lane Jazz Band from Dallas performs at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Lee St.

The public is invited to attend.

Meeting set

ODESSA — The Odessa Art Association meets at 2:15 p.m. today in the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Art Lab.

The featured artist is Chris Stanley, from UTPB's 3D department, who will demonstrate ceramic pottery sculpture. Attendees are asked to wear casual clothes.

For more information call 550-

5856.

Entries needed

Entries must be received by April 1 for the Poetry Society of Texas annual poetry contest for students.

There is no entry fee. Winners will receive engraved plaques, and their winning poems will be published in a book of Texas student award winners of 1998.

List of contest and complete rules and instructions for entering are available at the Midland County Library, the Midland College Learning Resource Center and in the lobby of Barnes and Noble.

Additional information about the student contest or the Poetry Society may be obtained by calling 520-4679.

Meeting scheduled

The Midland Arts Association meets at 2 p.m. today in the Stables Gallery on the grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Immediately following the general meeting, Mary Wilbanks of Spring will demonstrate the texture-building process for her paintings. Ms. Wilbanks is the recipient of the Governor's Award

during the 1997 Texas Watercolor Exhibition. She is a teacher and a member of several art associations.

The demonstration and slide presentation are open to the public.

Painting displayed

Merle Burleson Taylor is exhibiting a painting in Bank One for the month of February.

"The Clearing," a study in light and dark, was inspired by a trip to the state of Washington.

The artist is a member of The Palette Club and Midland Arts Association.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram invites its readers to make nominations for the 1998 Jefferson Awards, which recognize the dedication, sacrifice and accomplishment of people who serve others.

This is the 26th anniversary of the national Jefferson Awards program, which is named for Thomas Jefferson.

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Nominations may be made by individuals, clubs, churches, or other organizations. They should be made by using the form at the bottom of this page. A letter describing the merits and accomplishments of person being nominated should be submitted as well.

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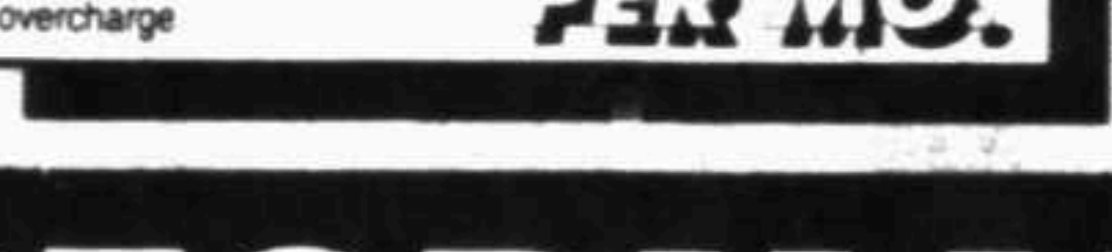
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Interested applicants should submit a current resume by mail to:

Midland Habitat for Humanity
2301 W. Wall, Suite 500
Midland, Texas 79701

LANDMAN

Sonat Exploration Company, a large independent oil and gas exploration and production company, is seeking a Landman for our Midland, Texas office (West Texas/ Southeast New Mexico experience preferred). Qualified candidates will have a B.B.A. Degree and a minimum of 5 years' experience relating to contracts (JOA's, farmouts, AMI's), property acquisitions and sales, leasing and title. Requires proficiency in Microsoft Office products. Strong negotiating skills, strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a team environment are a must. Federal and State land experience a plus.

We offer our employees a comprehensive benefits package, an excellent working environment and competitive salaries. Qualified candidates should send or fax their resume along with salary history to:

SONAT Sonat Exploration Company
Human Resources
P.O. Box 12878
Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2878

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312 Professional Help Wanted

AUTO CAD OPERATOR

Qualifications:

- Minimum one (1) year experience with Auto Cad Version 1.3 Windows helpful)
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Must have PC knowledge
- Professional attitude
- Mechanical aptitude
- Clean driving record with valid TX driver's license
- Ability to produce working drawings from concept
- Produce B.O.M. for project drawings
- Willing to work overtime as needed
- Team player

Responsibilities:

- Auto Cad drafting of Technical Engine Support Group designs
- Revisions of existing drawings
- Provide drawings and information for internal and external customers
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Compressor Systems, Inc.
Attn: Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 60760
Midland, TX 79711
FAX: (915) 563-1402
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CLINICAL REVIEW SPECIALIST

Coordinate clinical appropriateness of services within the provider network. Conduct Utilization Management Reviews using established protocols. Ensure Centers compliance with Texas Department of Insurance regulations regarding Utilization Management, Utilization Review and provider appeals. Requires PHD, LMSW, ACP or LPC. SPMP designation preferred. 2 Years experience in the mental health field. Crisis experience a plus. Prefer experience in Managed Care UMUR processes but will train. \$35,000 per year. For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE

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Contact Personnel Dept.
(915)561-8053

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Vella Connolly, Director, Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 1101 N. Whitaker, Odessa, TX 79763. (resumes will be kept confidential) May fax to (915)580-5134.

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, 3-5 years experience, must have analog & digital circuit design. Salesperson also needed. Experience required. Fax resumes to 915-684-5209, Bennett & Associates.

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ENSCO International Incorporated
Attn: Human Resources, Code - MRT
1445 Ross Ave., Suite 2700
Dallas, TX 75202-2792
FAX: (214) 922-1554
or E-mail hrstaff@enscous.com
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Conoco's Mid-Continent Exploration and Production Region is seeking experienced professionals to work in its Midland, Texas office. Conoco is a fully diversified, international energy company and is a subsidiary of DuPont.

An exciting opportunity exists for a **PRODUCTION ENGINEER** supporting our S.E. New Mexico Producing Operations. The Mid-Continent Region explores, develops and produces properties from South Texas to the Canadian border through the daily use of advanced technological applications. Professionals are encouraged to share in the decision making process through teams and receive rewards based on the profitability of the company. Conoco also encourages its employees to be integral members of the community by giving their time and effort to local events through personal commitments and corporate sponsorships.

Qualified candidates for the above position should have the following background:

- At least a BS degree from an accredited institution in their respective engineering discipline
- At least 10 years recent experience in production engineering
- Excellent technical skills and business judgment.
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Only applications received by February 20, 1998 will be considered.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPUTING SPECIALIST

The University of Texas at the Permian Basin is currently seeking applicants for the full time position of Administrative Computing Specialist. This position will be responsible for analysis, development and support in a number of administrative computing areas. These areas will include but not be limited to student records, admissions, financial aid, billing and library automation. Knowledge of the VMS operating system and of the ESP/PCISE application software environment will be considered definite advantages. Knowledge of the HTML and the ability to develop advanced applications utilizing HTML/HTTP will be considered definite advantages. The successful applicant will have a minimum of 3 years of administrative computing experience in a relevant computing environment, an undergraduate degree in Computer Science, Management Information Systems or the equivalent and a demonstrated ability to develop web-based computing applications. Letters of introduction, resumes and employment applications should be sent to U.T. Permian Basin, Personnel Office, 4901 E. University, Odessa, Texas 79762. EOE/AA.

TITAN EXPLORATION, INC. a dynamic and rapidly expanding public oil and gas company located in Midland, Texas, is seeking a Joint Interest Accountant.

This position requires a Bachelor's degree in accounting with at least three years joint interest experience. All applicants should have comprehensive knowledge of COPAS, experience working with an accounting software package and should be proficient in Excel and Word or comparable software in a windows environment.

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Develop an activity based cost accounting system consistent with managed care requirements and TDM-HMR. Bachelor's degree in accounting required 2 years experience in accounting, preferably health care and/or cost accounting. Strong computer and spreadsheet skills required. \$27,000 per year. For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

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For application, please contact Mary at (915)366-3788 or pick up an application at: 2525 N. Grandview, Suite 600 Odessa, TX.

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QMRP
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MARC
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Midland, Texas 79703
Attn: HUMAN RESOURCES
FAX: 915-682-2606

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***Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc. has the following opening in our Midland Office.**

GEOLOGIST/ SR. GEOLOGIST

This position provides geologic input and contribution for a reservoir management process. Specific responsibilities include developing and updating geologic 3D models for integration into reservoir surveillance and simulation efforts to enhance asset management and depletion planning.

Must have masters degree in geology and 4-5 years of experience in the oil industry.

Should have a strong background in the fundamentals of geology specifically carbonate reservoir stratigraphy and sedimentology. Requires capabilities to integrate multiple discipline datasets including seismic, well log, core descriptions and biostratigraphy into a coherent stratigraphic framework and flow model. Experience with Landmark applications and development of 3D reservoir models desired. Seismic interpretation experience in 2 and 3D desired, but not essential.

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This is an immediate vacancy, and offers excellent salary and benefits. To find out how to join the Mobil team, by sending or faxing your resume to:

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Apply between 8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday at
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Midland, Texas 79701
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West Texas CAT

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Qualifications:

- College Degree in Business, Finance or Ag Business preferred
- Five (5) to seven (7) years in credit, collections and managing receivables
- Professional image, positive attitude and highly motivated
- Demonstrate initiative and solve problems independently
- Knowledge of Windows and basic PC skills

Responsibilities:

- Managing a portfolio of commercial, construction, oil & gas, and agricultural receivables
- Analysis of credit applications and preparation of security documents
- Ability to work with multiple individuals, internal and external
- Perform loan workouts and collection of past due receivables
- Strong understanding of banking relationships

We offer an excellent compensation package with a full range of benefits.
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West Texas Equipment, L.P.
Attn: Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 60760
Midland, TX 79711
FAX: (915)563-1402

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Qualifications:

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Responsibilities:

- Coordinate sales activity and day-to-day operation with management
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- Develop short-term and long-term marketing plan
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Minimum of five (5) years of reservoir engineering functional experience required including reservoir description and characterization, economic and risk analysis, project development, reservoir surveillance and property evaluation. The ability to provide technical mentoring to technicians, engineers, and geoscientists is required.

Must have ability to excel in a multi-disciplinary team environment.

This is an immediate vacancy, and offers excellent salary and benefits. To find out how to join the Mobil team, by sending or faxing your resume to:

MOBIL E&P U.S. INC.
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Candidates must have a BS degree related to the opportunity and a minimum of 5 years of experience and strong interpersonal and communicative skills. A masters degree is preferred for Geologist and Geophysicist positions.

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Re Accounting
ARCO Permian
P.O. Box 1610
Midland, Texas 79702-1610
Fax: (915)688-5537
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Send resumes to:

Ref-Chem Corporation
Human Resource Department
P.O. Box 2588
1104 S. Grandview
Odessa, Texas 79760

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This position offers the right individual:

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Well established company in Midland looking for 2 individuals with JIB background. Casual atmosphere. Starting salary at \$8.00/Hr. Call today for an immediate appointment.

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1983	Oldsmobile	4 dr	3A119E4ED389537					
1974	Oldsmobile	2 dr	0L77W02143191					
1977	Oldsmobile	2 dr	3E17C7W127750					
1982	Oldsmobile	4 dr	1G3AX69YOCM327524					
1987	GMC	Truck	ES6804OAC1136F					
1979	GMC	Van	TC02590503249					
1980	Ford	4 dr	OK92A162097					

These vehicles are being stored at The Police Department impound lot located at 1109 S. Midland Dr.

If you wish to reclaim one of these vehicles, you have twenty (20) days from this date in which to do so, by contacting The Midland Police Department, Traffic Section and paying all charges resulting from the impoundment of this vehicle. Failure to exercise your rights to reclaim this vehicle within the time provided shall be deemed a waiver of all rights, title, and interest in the vehicle and your consent of sale of the vehicle at public auction.

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The residence of the Independent Executor is 2000 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, New York 10650.

All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the representative at the address above set out.

DATED the 11th day of February, 1998.

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By: Jerry D. Zant
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #319-02098 ENCLOSED."

NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JUNE 26, 1998.

ALL PROPOSALS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE.

THE POLICY OF PROCEDURE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
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return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days after bid opening.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds. The bonds shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List.

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Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF STANTON, TEXAS

Wanda Jeffcoat
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1312 E. CO. RD. 126 \$135,000
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2 living areas, 3 bedrooms, sequestered master, formal dining, sprinkler system.

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No maintenance front yard. Garden home style, professionally decorated and ready for move-in. Mike Jackson construction.

4100 STRATTON SALE PENDING
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SUNDAY 2 - 4

Patio Townhouse: 4012 Edgebrook

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- 3 1/2 Baths
- Two Living Areas
- 3 Car Garage
- Large Kitchen
- Many Extras

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New listing, approximately 65 acres within city limits. Zoned "AE", four water wells. Owner will not divide.

Business Opportunity \$350,000
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5002 Chapel Hill Dr. "Reduced" \$125,000
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 Living, 2 fireplaces, formal dining, 2-car garage, covered patio, skylights, low-maintenance yard.

5109 S. Co. Rd. 1184 \$42,900
2 BR, 2 BA, Manufactured home with permanent additions on Approx. half acre fenced with fruit trees. Bring Offers.

605 W. Cuthbert \$42,500
4 BR, 2 BA, Lots of potential. Possible owner finance.

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2 lots, zoned "PD", suitable for residential or commercial.

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Over 3,000 sq. ft.

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Ba.....Bathrooms
Kit.....Kitchen
A/C.....Double
D/C.....Double
A/C.....Air con
Met Bdrm.....Master
Garage.....Garage
Bldg.....Building
Cond.....Condition
N/A.....None
QA.....Assum
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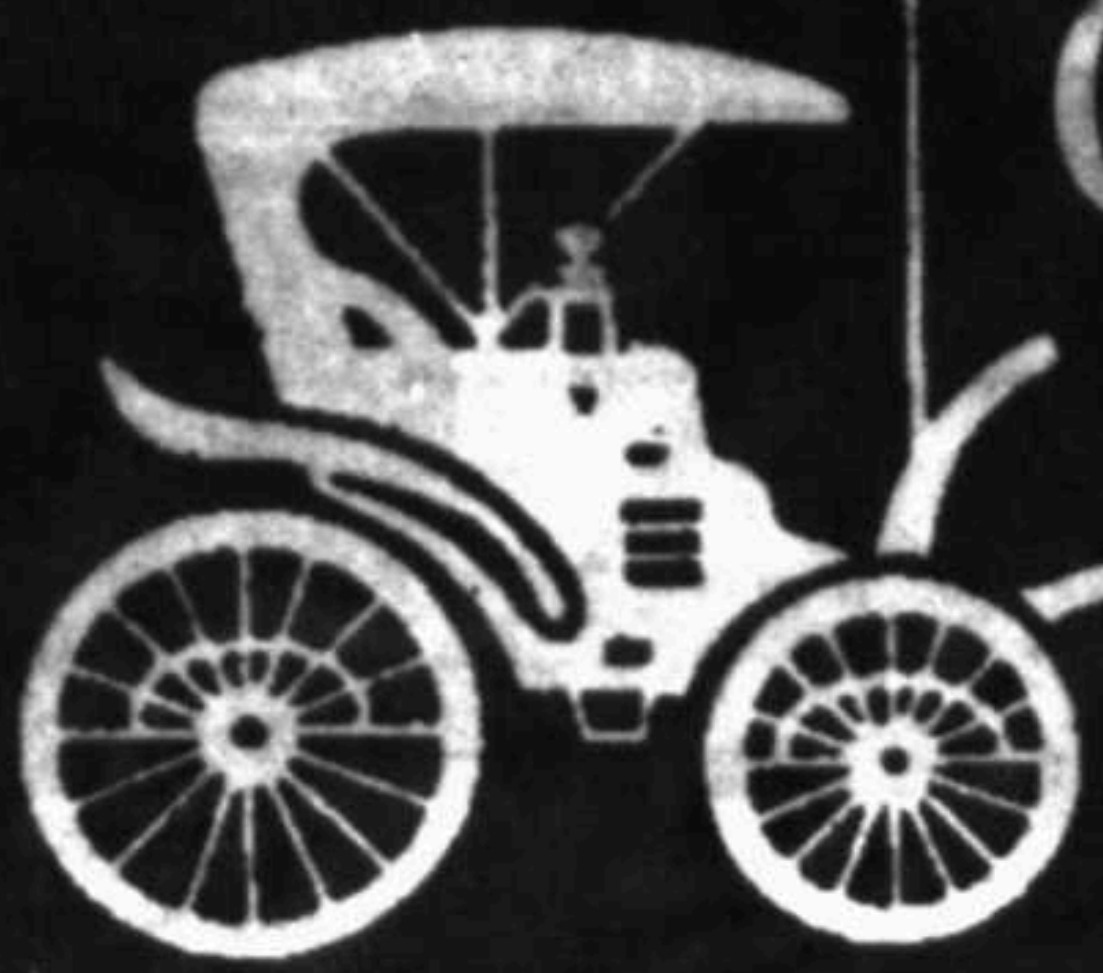
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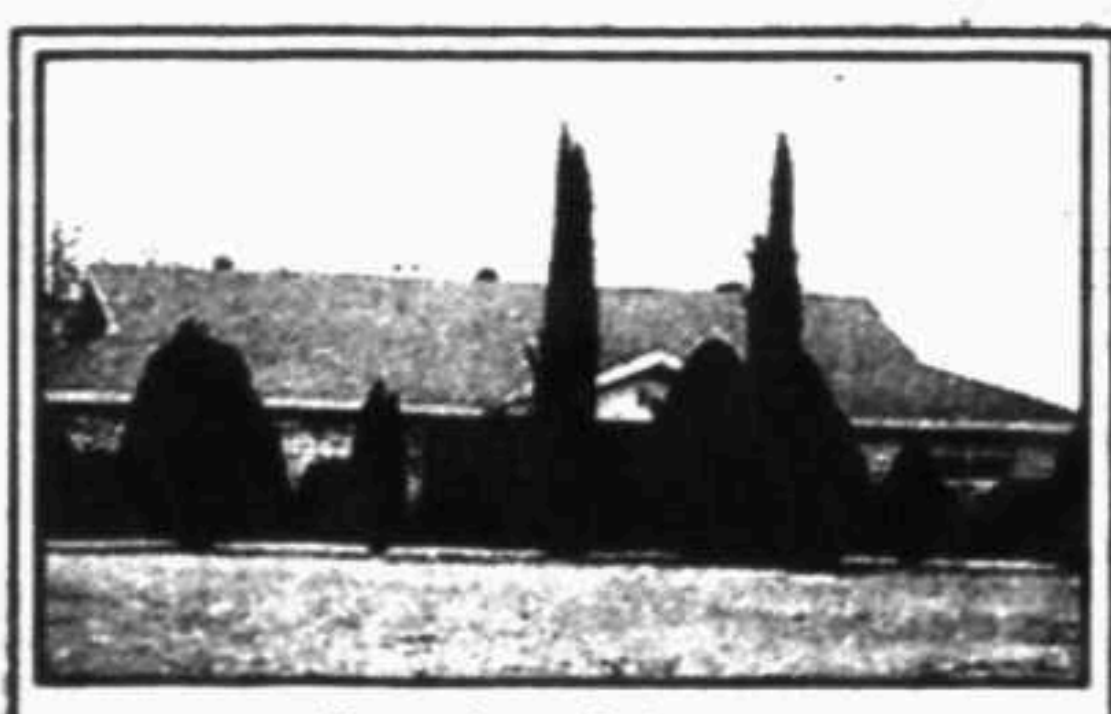
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4303 CRESTGATE
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4906 THAMES CT.
Super terrific Mark Payne custom in Polo Park! 4BR/3BA/2LA. Many, many nice updates.

77,000

114,900

134,500

72,000

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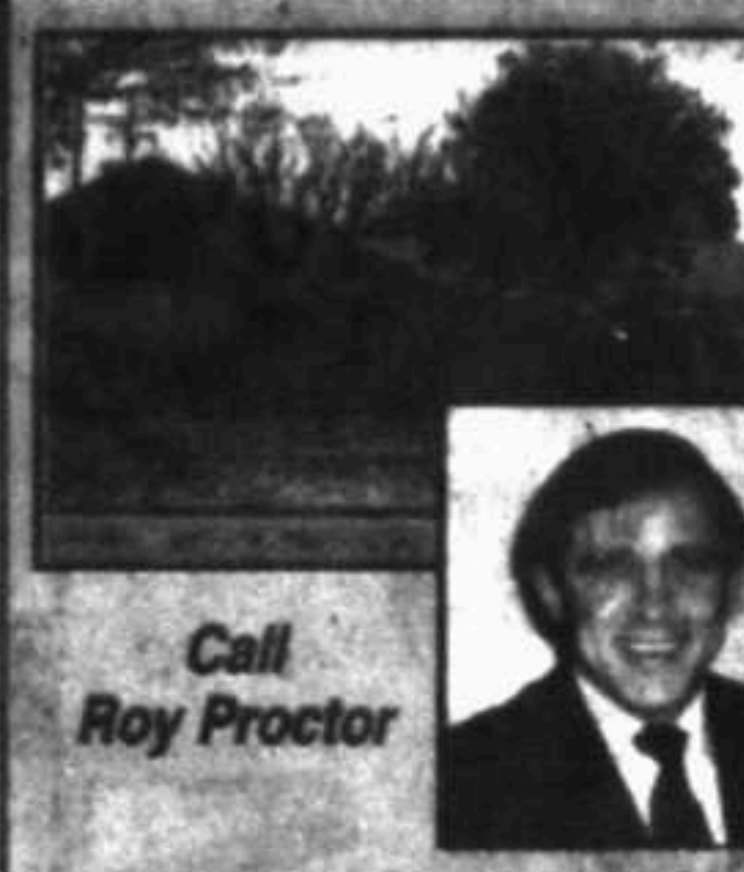
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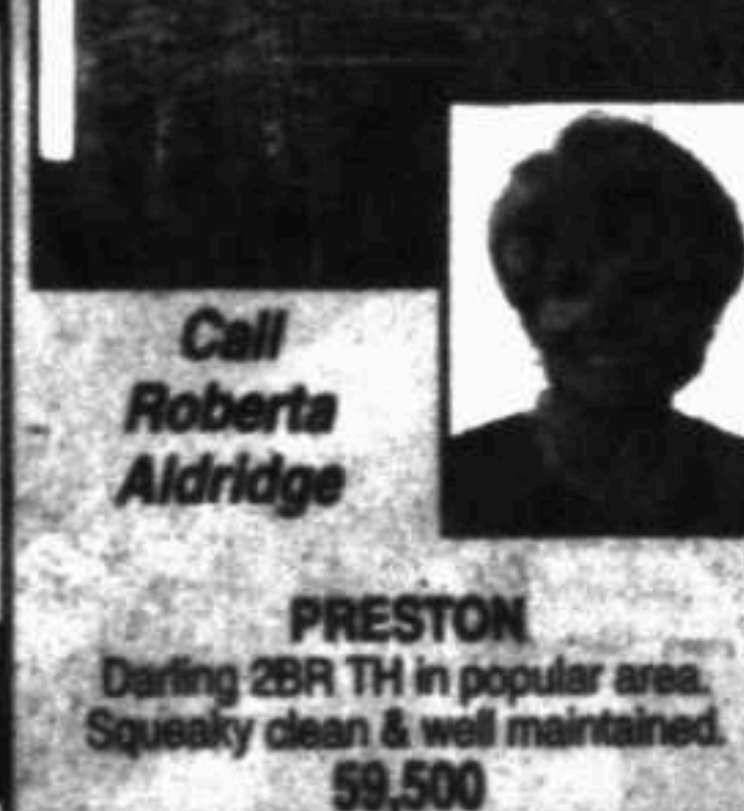
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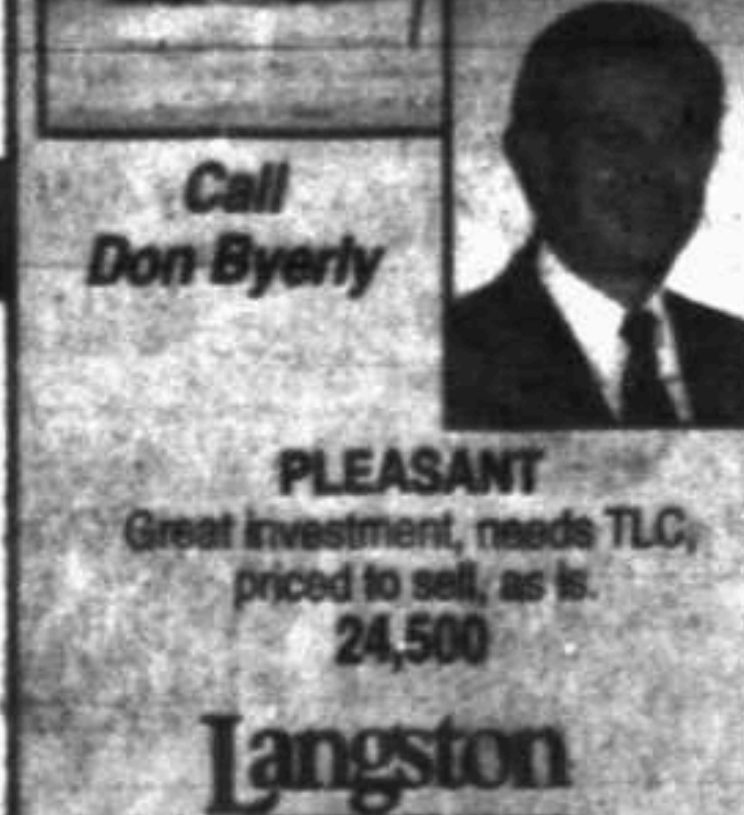
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4BR or 2LA. Very clean Great square footage for area and price.
76,900


Call Roberta Aldridge

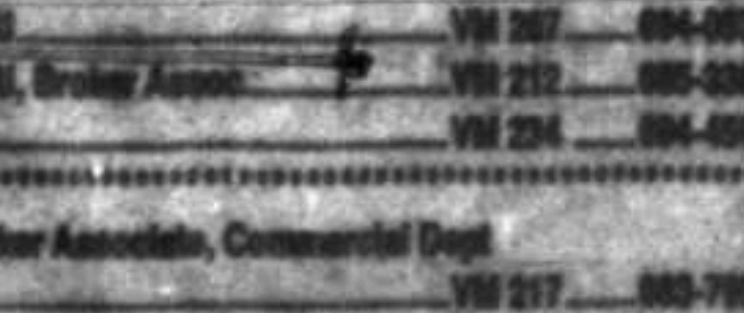
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SERVING WEST TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO

Texaco team takes field to new levels

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

When you take a field making 2 Mmcfd for 30 years, and in the span of three years, take it to 56 Mmcfd, 2,700 Bcpd and 7,600 bpd of natural gas liquids you are bound to get someone's attention.

That is exactly what a Texaco team, based in Midland, did with the company's Bryant "G" field, and it was enough to bring Texaco Senior Vice President Robert Black and Ronald J. Robinson, President of Texaco's Technology Division to town to hand out the company's highest award for technology application.

"Discovering technology means little until you apply it," said Black. "It is the application of technology that adds value."

Discovered in 1960, the Bryant "G" field loped along at a usual production rate of 2-3 Mmcfd, until someone noticed that some of the wells, instead of declining would show increases. "That was unusual," said Robert Lane, Vice President North America Producing East.

A team was assigned to look at the "unusual" production scenario in the Bryant "G" to determine if it might be coaxed to make more gas. The Bryant "G" Revitalization Team, composed of Travis Billiter, Al Blessen, Lizanne Hayes, Philip Inderwiesen, Bill Keyser, Ray Podany, Sean Silver, Bob Young and Frank Wind, took an integrated look at the field and concluded that there must be more reservoir than what was indicated and that flows must be restricted.

Sweet spots composed of porosity and permeability stringers were suspected, and a vertical infill program was launched in 1995. That infill program, however, yielded only wells with production rates about the same as the original wells. "Initial efforts were not successful," said Lane, "but the team and Texaco management, including Rick Schneider, Permian Basin Asset Manager, took a risk and went forward on the project."

The Revitalization Team became the



Sean Silver, Bob Young and Ray Podany are members of the Bryant "G" Revitalization Team, awarded Texaco's highest award for technology application. Other members of the team are Travis Billiter, Al Blessen, Lizanne Hayes, Philip Inderwiesen, Bill Keyser, and Frank Wind.

first in the Basin to take advantage of geostatistical modeling for horizontal well-planning and were able to develop an integrated method to continuously update the 3-D model for the field, reducing the time-cycle for well planning. "Geostatistical modeling allows you to read between the tops and the bottoms of seismic anomalies. It allows one to connect the dots and to provide a more realistic view of what is happening downhole," said Ronald J. Robinson PhD, and President of Technology. "It provides a bigger picture of what is going on."

In 1996 a horizontal drilling program predicated on 3-D seismic and geostatistical

data was implemented to link these sweet spots. It proved successful, beyond expectations. Since 1996 Texaco has drilled more than 30 horizontal Devonian wells in the field, increasing production almost 30 times.

Not only did Texaco become the undisputed Devonian horizontal driller in the Basin, and learn to reduce drilling time by weeks, its successes spawned a number of horizontal drilling programs in the Devonian that resulted in successes by other operators, and substantially increasing horizontal drilling in the Permian Basin.

"The use of geostatistical modeling, to drill Devonian wells could have a major

impact on the Permian Basin," said Lane.

The Texaco Technology Awards were initiated in 1996 to recognize the achievements and contributions of Texaco personnel and to highlight the importance of technological leadership to Texaco's success.

Other teams honored for technology include a Texaco team which designed, patented, developed a Dual Action Pumping System (DAPS) to reinject produced water downhole, and a team in the United Kingdom honored for a set of technologies which provided Texaco a competitive advantage in the North Sea.



Dangling 60 feet in the air, a construction worker looks at co-workers below. According to the latest American Petroleum Institute figures, total petroleum products delivered to the domestic market were 19,242,000 barrels of oil per day.

Kudos to Shell

The nationally recognized, Shell Refinery at Odessa has completed 15 years (5,475 consecutive working days) without a days-away injury. No employee has missed time from work because of an injury since Feb. 10, 1983, giving the 70-man refinery the longest safety streak in the history of American refining.

Double whammy

The Clinton administration's 1999 budget proposal is loaded with tax penalties aimed at the oil and gas industry, says IPAA Chairman George Yates of Roswell. With low oil prices and tax penalties, Yates says the oil industry will be hit with a "double whammy." He said the proposals are part of the Clinton plan to curb the use of fossil fuels because of the theory of global warming. "The administration should be providing opportunities for U.S. producers. It is critical the U.S. create a domestic investment environment as friendly as other countries, which support oil and gas."

Coastal sale

Schlumberger Oil Field Services has signed an intent to acquire Coastal Management Corp. with operations throughout the Permian Basin. Terms of the acquisition, which is expected to be complete by April 1, were not revealed.

The two companies announce an alliance in 1997 that would have combined Schlumberger's vast technical resources with Coastal's field management expertise for the purpose of managing specific projects.

"The relationship grew closer and closer, and it became obvious that this was a marriage made in heaven," said Larry Hibbard, vice president for integrated project management in North America.

Hibbard said the Coastal acquisition was part of Schlumberger's strategy for expansion and that Coastal would not be disbanded. "Coastal will continue to do what it is now doing, only with greater resources."

Coastal Management manages over 2,000 wells and has 145 employees, most of which are in the Permian Basin.

Parallel discovery

Parallel Petroleum reported the successful completion of its first exploratory well on its Big 12 project in the Yegua/Frio/Wilcox Gas Trend in Jackson County. The Yendry No. 1 natural gas discovery well was drilled to a depth of approximately 11,900 feet and logged 145 net feet of potential gas and condensate pay from three zones in the Yegua formation. The well is currently producing 4.1 million cubic feet of gas and 250 barrels of condensate per day. Over the next 30 days production is expected to be increased to 5 million cubic feet of gas and 350 barrels of condensate per day, net to the company's interest.

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Technology behind industry revival

Thanks almost entirely to technology, the oil industry is enjoying an economic revival even in the face of lower oil prices, say Texaco officials.

"Technology probably accounts for 80-90 percent of all the incremental growth in production over the past five years or so," said Robert Black, Texaco Senior Vice President. "The successful development and deployment of innovative technologies is essential to Texaco's continued growth."

Black along with Ronald Robinson, President of Texaco Technology were in Midland this week to present Texaco's top award for technological application to a Midland team. In an interview that followed they spoke of the domestic oil industry and the leading-edge technology that will keep it afloat today and tomorrow.

"Technology and research have become more important than ever to the oil industry," said Robinson, who heads a 500-person research effort in Houston. "Ten years ago we could not have dreamed of doing the projects we are doing now in the deepwater of the Gulf of Mexico, because the technology did not exist."

Asked why so many oil companies are cutting R&D budgets if technology adds so much to the bottom line, Black responded: "Today we work in



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Senior Vice President



cooperation with other oil companies on technology projects. Texaco will work on a piece of the puzzle. Our research partners will work on other pieces of the puzzle. Then we put it all together. No one company has to do it all any more — especially in areas of common interest such as production."

Texaco, Mobil, Chevron and BP are currently engaged in a cooperative research program that is expected to reduce, through new innovative technology, the drilling costs of each company by \$100 million each.

Robinson said the purpose of the research center was to work on puzzles to reduce cost and improve production. "We ask the E&P groups submitting the problems, what is it that you need? What is it that you will need five years from now?"

The Texaco award for technological innovation this year went to a team responsible for development of a Dual Action Pumping System. "The system takes produced water and reinjects it below the oil, or it may inject it into a formation that is being waterflooded," Black said. "Produced water is one of the biggest problems confronting mature domestic production today. It must be hauled away and disposed of and that can be expensive. We asked the question: What if you didn't have to pro-

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Industry could "feel the force" of Star Wars technology

Imagine drilling 5,000 foot wells as easily as digging a post hole — horizontal laterals drilled within inches of a target in a matter of minutes. Consider wellbores that need no casing and perforations that extend hundreds of feet into a formation.

It is all wishful thinking right now, but it could be a reality say officials for the Gas Research Institute (GRI), which is launching a two-year cooperative project to study the feasibility of Star Wars laser technology for oilpatch applications.

Joining in the cooperative study, which will be managed by GRI, are the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, Phillips Petroleum, Colorado School of Mines, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Solution Engineering. Funding will be 50-50 between the military and GRI.

"Laser technology," says Richard Parker, GRI Technology Manager, "has the potential to revolutionize gas drilling in the 21st century. A breakthrough with laser drilling could gener-

ate the kind of radical change that occurred at the turn of the century, when rotary drilling replaced cable tools."

In a recent test Phillips Petroleum, using the U.S. Army's MIRACL laser to evaluate laser drilling or boring capabilities, was able to bore through a sandstone-shale "sandwich" at rates 100 times that of rotary drilling.

Parker noted that the time was ripe for laser technology which has been largely ignored by the oil industry. In a search of 28,000 SPE papers, GRI was able to find only two references to laser technology. Both were over 25 years old.

Skepticism, it seems, has surrounded this technology because of several

research disappointments when laser technology was in its infancy. Since then, however, significant advances have been made in all areas of laser technology.

Parker, who will manage the research project, says a better understanding of laser technology could lead to development of a laser drilling machine or laser-assisted drill bits for conventional and slimhole drilling. The objectives of the study will be to collect technological data on Star Wars laser technology and to evaluate the ability and limitations, along with cost and benefits of laser technology, for drilling applications. Penetration rates, day rates and casing requirements will be major components of the project, which will seek to undertake laboratory research to understand laser, rock and fluid interactions.

The military is participating in the project as part of a congressional mandate to transfer Cold War defense technology into the private industrial sec-

tor. Two promising high-energy lasers that will be tested include the powerful Mid Infrared Advanced Chemical Laser (MIRACL) and the Chemical Oxygen-Iodine Laser (COIL).

Strongest of all the MIRACL laser, which was developed for shipboard defense, has the ability to bore holes through high-flying military targets. It also has the ability to bore holes through rock. The air-to-air defensive COIL laser, invented by the U.S. Air Force in 1977, also offers rock-boring potential with high precision. Because of its precision, it has the potential to eliminate well control, side tracks and directional drilling problems.

"There are a lot of barriers to making reliable downhole systems," says Parker. "We can get high penetration rates in the lab, but that is not a downhole environment. There will be heat and vapors to dissipate, and the possi-

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Plains, Collier execute exploration agreement

HOUSTON - Plains Resources through its wholly owned subsidiary, Calumet Florida, Inc., and Collier Resources Company jointly announced today that they have executed an Exploration Agreement covering the Collier family's extensive mineral holdings which are located onshore South Florida. Collier and its related entities own approximately 800,000 mineral acres located in Collier, Lee and Hendry Counties, with approximately 50% of such acres located under federally-owned surface lands. Collier Resources Company is responsible for developing the mineral interests held by the Collier entities.

Terms of the Exploration Agreement provide for a minimum term of two years with extensions at Calumet's option for up to eight years. Work com-

mitments of the Exploration Agreement provide for Calumet to spend approximately \$20 million on exploration activities involving Collier's mineral holdings over the next several years. Such activities include acquiring a specified amount of 2-D and 3-D seismic across leads and prospects and drilling a minimum number of wells. Financial terms of the Exploration Agreement are not released.

Greg L. Armstrong, Plains' President and Chief Executive Officer, stated "We are very pleased to have entered into this win/win arrangement with Collier Resources and are excited about the exploration potential this large acreage position holds. Since acquiring our initial position in South Florida in 1993, we have more than tripled production and estimates of proved reserves.

Over the past four years, we have developed a better understanding and comprehension of the technical engineering complexities of

Calumet is the largest producer in South Florida currently producing over 6,000 barrels of oil per day. Oil has been produced in the

gross acres. Calumet noted that portions of the acreage acquired will be subject to existing joint ventures and alliances with certain industry participants, including 3DX Technologies, Inc., who will perform the geophysical and geological analyses with regard to the Exploration Agreement. Prior to the signing of the Exploration Agreement, Calumet held leasehold interests in nearly 125,000 gross acres.

The Collier family is the largest private land and mineral owner in South Florida, controlling substantial surface rights in addition to its 800,000 mineral acres subject to the Exploration Agreement. A portion of Collier's surface ownership was transferred to the federal government in December 1996 for inclusion in the Big Cypress National Preserve.

Robert D. Duncan, Jr., General

Manager of Collier Resources Company, stated, "We are committed to optimizing the value of Collier's extensive mineral holdings in South Florida and are delighted to be associated with Calumet in this Exploration Agreement. Clearly, Calumet's South Florida activities since their involvement in 1993 exemplify the type of operator we want to be associated with. This agreement with Calumet will provide Collier with the aggressive level of exploration and development activities we desire to see implemented on our mineral holdings. We believe these exploration activities can be accomplished with a high level of continuing awareness for the sensitive environment of South Florida consistent with the federal, state and local regulatory safeguards which have served this area so well over the years."

'We are excited about the exploration potential this large acreage position holds.'

Greg L. Armstrong, President

our producing reservoir, its geotechnical characteristics and its ultimate potential. As a result, our confidence in exploring for new fields has also improved."

southern portion of Florida since its initial discovery by Exxon in 1943. As a result of this transaction, Calumet boosted its leasehold interest to nearly one million

Icebergs of change face industry in 21st Century

HOUSTON - Overcapacity, technological advances and increasing environmental pressures are the icebergs of change that the oil industry's downstream sector faces during its voyage into the 21st Century. That was the message to the Cambridge Energy Research Association's Global Energy Forum from Gary W. Edwards, executive vice president for Conoco Inc.'s worldwide downstream businesses.

"Those who don't successfully navigate the treacherous waters of the future, dotted with icebergs and other unforeseen hazards, will sink as surely as the Titanic," Edwards said. "I do not want to suggest that downstream's fate is

destined to be the same as the Titanic's. The 'ship of dreams' was not destined to become the 'ship of disaster.' That tragic outcome was the culmination of choices made by the people responsible for the Titanic. As the captains of downstream, the choices we make today will determine our future," he emphasized.

Edwards said that although the challenges facing the industry are complex, multifaceted and interrelated, they are not insurmountable.

"It's important to recognize that 'problems' can become 'opportunities'; what may appear at first to be an iceberg may prove to be a lifeboat," he emphasized.

Edwards said individual companies have a number of ways to cope with the challenges and to survive and prosper.

"In a commodity business such as ours, companies survive by ensuring they are among the lowest cost, most efficient players," he said. "They continuously seek ways to reduce costs by optimizing across the value chain. And they exhibit operational excellence, as measured by uptime and processing reliability, to maximize revenues and reduce costs."

Edwards said an important survival strategy for the future is to "go where the growth is."

"Opportunities abound in emerging markets. Winning companies

will partner with existing private businesses or government-owned industries," he said.

Another successful tactic in a mature market is to increase com-

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President

Pioneer to sell fields, 12 percent of reserves in effort to cut costs

DALLAS - Pioneer Natural Resources Co. said it plans to sell U.S. oil and natural gas fields it values at \$350 million to \$550 million as part of a plan to cut costs and focus on more profitable acreage.

Pioneer also posted a fourth-quarter loss, including a \$863 million fourth-quarter write-down of the value of some of its reserves because of falling oil and natural gas prices. The loss was \$904 million, or \$11.58 a share diluted, compared with net income of \$24.4 million, or 62 cents, in the year earlier period.

The Dallas-based oil and natural gas production company said the fields it plans to sell, located in far western Texas, represent 10 to 12 percent of Pioneer's reserves.

About 95 percent of the company's fields produce only 15 percent of its cash flow, Pioneer said in a statement.

"Most of Pioneer's domestic value is attributable to about 25 of the company's 450 fields," said Scott Sheffield, president and chief executive, in a statement.

Pioneer also said: It doubled the value of its stock repurchase program to \$200 million. Some of the proceeds from the sale of Pioneer's fields will be used to buy back shares.

Lower oil and natural gas prices led it to reduce its projected 1998 capital spending to \$500 million, down from an earlier budget of \$600 million. Of that, \$125 million will go to exploration and \$375 million for development of its fields.

It's restructuring to reduce its operating divisions from eight to five as part of plan to cut oil lease costs by 8 percent and administrative expenses by 24 percent. The restructuring will cost \$20 million this year, the company estimated.

Pioneer was formed in August when Parker & Parsley Petroleum Co. merged with Mesa Inc. In December, Pioneer completed its acquisition of Canada's Chauvco Resources Ltd. for \$1.2 billion in stock and assumed debt.

The acquisitions were the main reason company doubled its proven reserves in 1997 to 762 million barrels of oil equivalent, which includes crude oil, natural gas and other liquids taken from oil wells.

petitiveness by external restructuring.

"Mergers, strategic alliances, and joint ventures can lower costs, minimize redundancy, and add complementary assets to a portfolio," Edwards said.

Edwards said diversifying out of commodity fuels can play a major role in successful companies' futures.

"Winning companies will develop niche businesses or specialty product markets, and leverage unique services or technological skills to enhance profitability," he stressed.

"Companies are far more likely to survive if they advance technologies which improve fuel quality and efficiency, optimize energy usage, and make life easier," he added.

And Edwards said winning companies will go beyond government mandates to protect the environment.

"We must be part of the solution, and be seen as part of the solution. We must be proactive about environmental protection. That means working jointly with companies in other industries and developing stronger relationships with advocacy groups and governments," he stressed.

Edwards said downstream would never have joyful arrival at journey's end because, "our voyage never ends. It's a continuous journey of discovery and adaptation."

"But just as there's no happy ending, there's no need for disaster either," he added. "As with the Titanic, our fate will be influenced by the choices we make. I believe most in our industry are bold and flexible enough to make tough choices and plot the course that will shape our future, rather than letting it be determined for us."

TECHNOLOGY: Leading-edge research could have impact upon Permian Basin

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duce it? What if you could just leave it in the ground?"

Like the technology developed in Texaco's Bryant "G" project, Robinson says the Dual Action Pumping System could have significant cost-saving implications for the Permian Basin.

Other leading edge Texaco technology that could have an impact on the Permian Basin is downhole treatment of water and the use of 4-D in the Kern field of California. "We are looking to capture 80 percent of the heavy oil in place with the use of steam flooding," said Black. "Steam flooding, as you suspect, produces a lot of water, and poses a lot of handling problems. We are looking at how we can treat that water downhole to reduce handling costs."

Black said the team approach to problem-solving was an organizational concept that was very beneficial to the oilpatch. "It means putting engineers, geologists, financial people, seismic personnel, production and drilling personnel together and empowering them to do what they do best. The people closest to the problem make the decision. You get 25 people in a room, who are not afraid to ask questions — no matter how

stupid they sound."

What is in the future for oil industry technology? Black says the conversion of natural gas into liquid for fuel is a very leading-edge technology, and that solar



Robinson

power and fuel cells are technologies expected to make a strong showing in the future. One technology that could revolutionize the drilling industry is laser tech-

nology — the use of lasers to zap bore holes. Experts say it would be possible to achieve rates 100 times faster than rotary drilling.

If technology is playing a major role in today's oil industry, it is expected to be even bigger in the future, and that will mean a well-stocked talent pool.

"We are working with schools and intern programs to encourage young talent to go into engineering. The comment we keep hearing from young students is that they had no idea the oil industry was such a high-tech industry."

PITTS: Laser technology could become reality soon

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bility of having tools locked up downhole with molten rock."

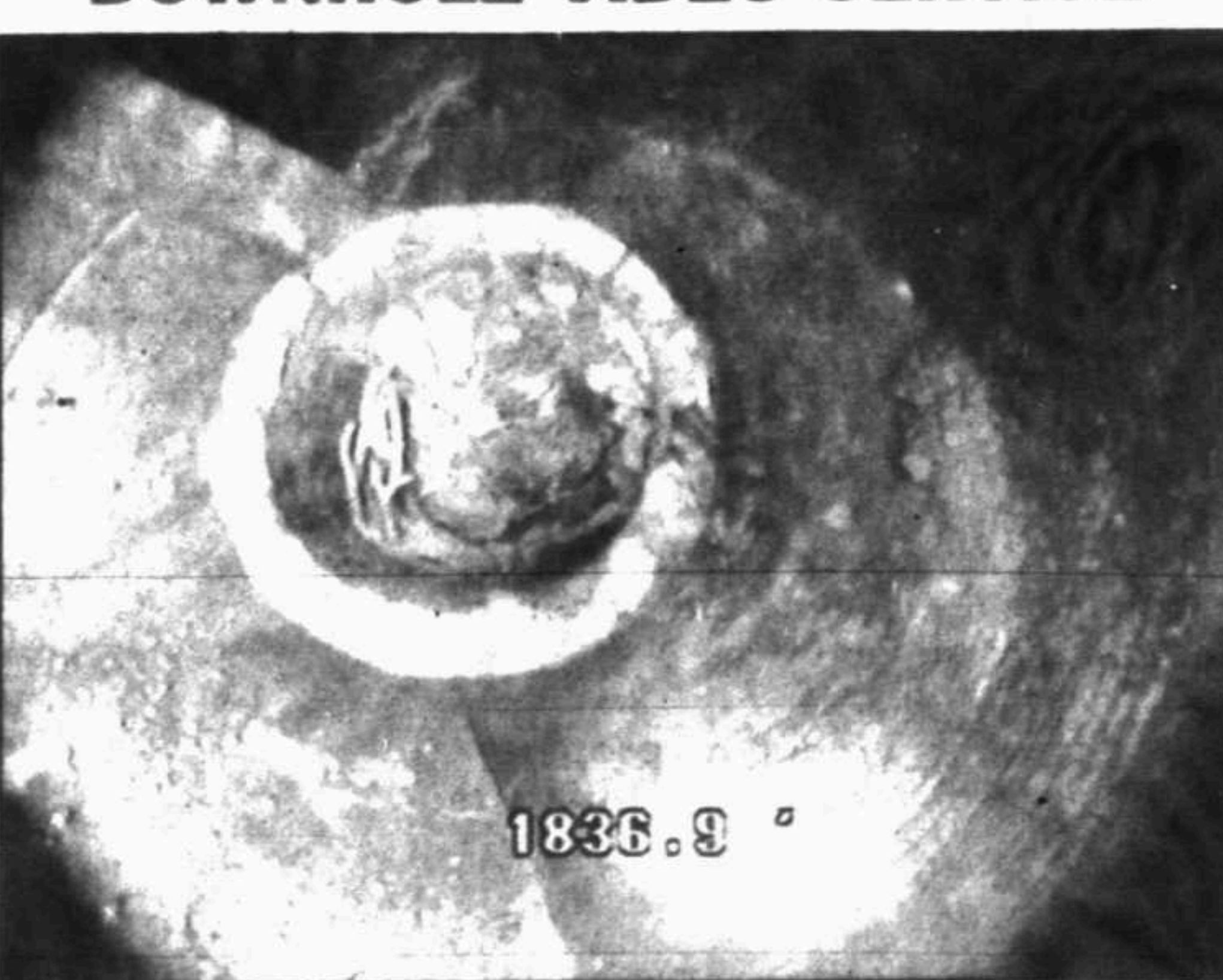
Parker said there would probably be no glazing, but that it could be good or bad. "Going through fresh water zones, glazing may eliminate the need for casing." One scenario may be that rapid penetration could be achieved with lasers with rotary rigs going back in the hole to ream out pay zones. "At this stage it is just basic research," said Parker. "At the end of two years I doubt if we will have

much more than a plan to go forward on applied technology."

He said the project will get underway immediately and that GRI would probably submit an update on the research at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston in May. This is technology that bears a close watch, because it could revolutionize the industry in the next century.

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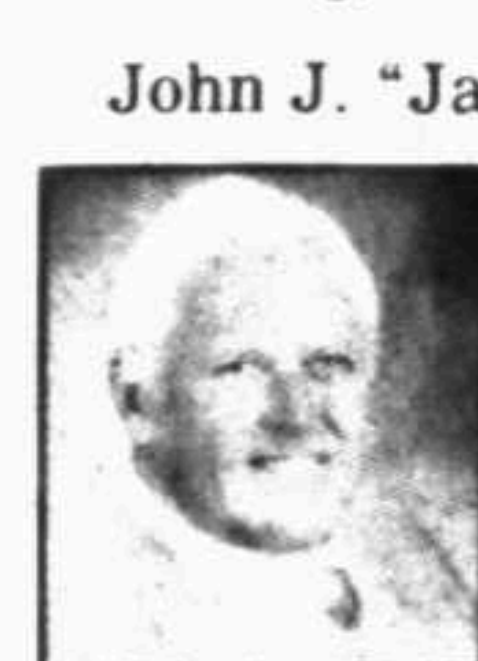
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Gallagher named science director for AAPG



Gallagher

John J. "Jack" Gallagher has been named science director for the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Gallagher was formerly an independent consultant in Dallas and previously worked with Cities Service Co. and Occidental Oil Corp. in Tulsa and with Arco in Plano.

As science director, Gallagher is responsible for publishing, continuing education and other Association activities dealing with the science of petroleum geology. AAPG has international headquarters in Tulsa, OK and has over 31,000 members in 115 countries.

Swanson appointed General Sales Manager

Odessa Pumps & Equipment, Inc. announced that Jackie Swanson has been named General Sales Manager. Swanson previously was oil and gas sales manager for Wheatley Gasco Operation, a division of Dresser Industries. He worked with distributors worldwide in selling and servicing Wheatley Gasco plunger and piston pumps. Swanson has 24 years experience in the reciprocating, centrifugal and gear pump industry. Odessa Pumps has offices in Odessa, Houston, Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

Wrotenberry trades RRC for New Mexico position

Lori Wrotenberry, head of the Environmental Services Division at the Railroad Commission, has been named to replace Bill LeMay as head of the New Mexico Oil Conservation division, effective February 1.

MEETINGS

The WTGS Evening Dinner and Program will be held Thursday, February 19, at the Green Tree Country Club. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:45 p.m. and the program at 7:45 p.m.

Speaker will be Dan Womochel, associate professor of geology at the University of Texas Permian Basin, speaking on "Mining and Railroad Along the Rio Grande: 1890's." This combination of economic and political interests lead to prosperity for some, ruined dreams for others and death at the hands of Mexican revolutionaries and bandits along the Mexican border during the closing decade of the 19th century and the first quarter of the 20th Century.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling the WTGS office (683-1573) by Tuesday, February 17, at 5 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$13 per person.

The SPE COMPUTER USERS GROUP will meet Tuesday, February 17, at Ranchland Hills Country Club to hear Paul Pause speak on "A First Look at Windows 98." The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12.

The SPE PRODUCTION OPERATIONS STUDY GROUP meets Thursday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. at the Midland Center. D.J. Galles of Centilift is the guest speaker with a topic of "Optimized Electrical Submersible Production in a High-Water-Cut Environment." Cost is \$10.

Michael H. Gardner from the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO will speak on "Pipeline Sandstones: A New Permian Exploration Target for the Delaware Basin" at the Tuesday, February 17, meeting of the PERMIAN BASIN SECTION - SEPM. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Midland Center. Cost is \$8.

During the meeting Dr. Gardner will be awarded the Permian Basin Section - SEPM 1996-97 Best Paper Award for Dr. Gardner's March, 1997 presentation entitled "Hydrocarbon Play Concepts in the Delaware Mountain Group, Delaware Basin, West Texas."

More information on the meeting may be obtained by calling Paula Mitchell at 683-1573.

THE PERMIAN BASIN WELL LOGGING SOCIETY will meet on Thursday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club of Midland. Guest speaker will be Bob Joyce, Western Atlas Logging Services. The topic will be "The XMAC Fullwave Monopole/Dipole Tool. The talk will provide an overview of the XMAC Tool and the benefit to acoustic evaluation of anisotropy, fracture identification and in situ stresses."

Cost of the meeting is \$15. Call 684-0700 for reservations by February 17.

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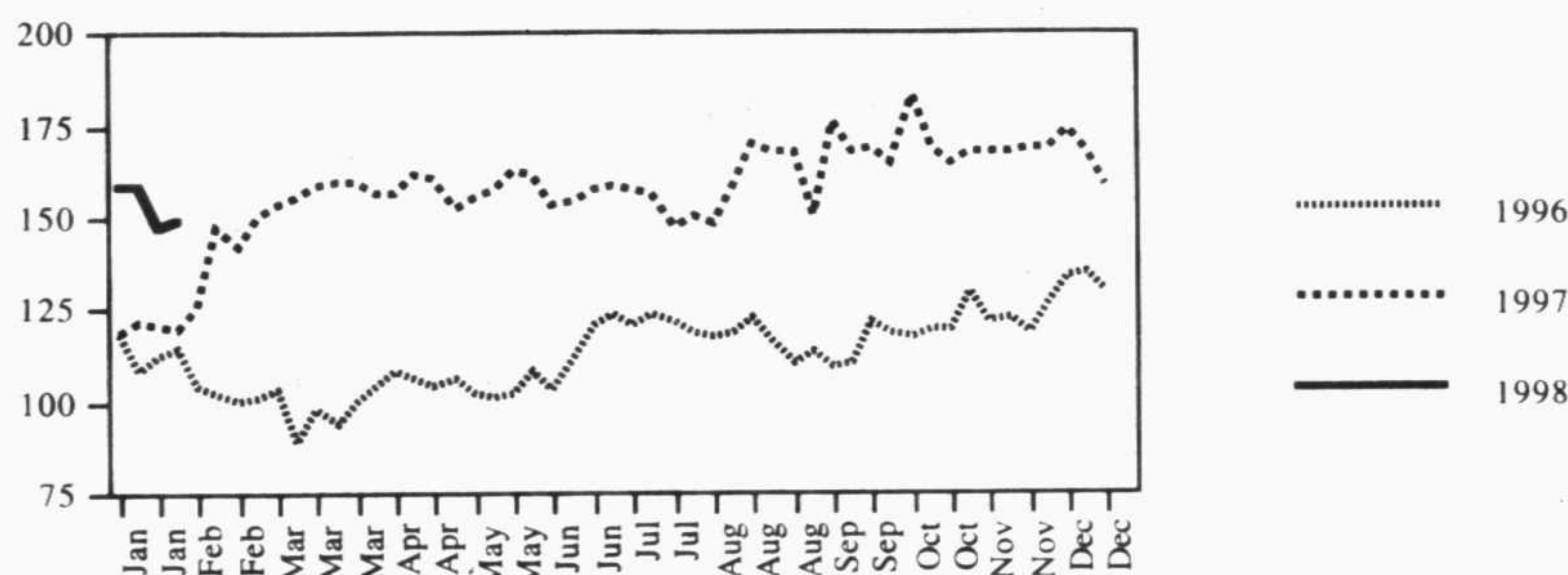
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This information updated February 6, 1998

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PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNT PROFILE



Titan announces East Texas Basin joint venture, agreement

FORT WORTH - Titan Energy Corp. Inc. announced it has entered into an agreement with privately held Techstar Exploration, L.L.C. and Roemer-Swanson Energy Corp. to acquire oil and gas leases in the prolific East Texas Basin for future exploration purposes. As of today, the joint venture has approx. 12,000 net mineral acres in Polk County with an invested acquisition cost in excess of \$2,000,000. The predominant producing zone in the immediate area is "Deep Woodbine" with single wells that have produced over \$100,000,000 in oil and gas revenue. Another objective is the prolific pay zone "Austin Chalk", with "horizontal" wells that have the potential of producing in excess of 2,000 barrels of oil per day.

President and Chairman, M.O. (Trey) Rife, III stated, "With the acquisition of this prime acreage in the heart of the hottest exploration play in the United States, TANC has positioned itself along with its other holdings to move forward towards its long term goals and aggressive future growth."

TANC management believes the acquisition will complement and add to its existing leases with over 650 shallow oil wells. These wells have third party engineering evaluations with estimated in place oil reserves of 84.5 million barrels.

In related news, TANC is currently involved in negotiations with potential joint venture partners to conduct a massive exploration program on approximately 12.9 million acre Australian concession ATP 615. The most pro-

nounced structure on ATP 615 is the Burke River Graben. The best example of an oil producing Graben is the Persian Gulf which

Persian Gulf Graben. TANC also owns 100% of Oil Retrieval Systems, Inc. (Private) which designs, engineers, manu-

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forms one of the world's largest oil fields. One of the structures on ATP 615 that TANC will drill is a 60 mile long geological Graben, which is about twice the size of the

factures, and sells portable swabbing units to the oil industry. The portable swabbing is a very cost effective manner to profitably produce oil wells.

Shell sees refinery closures, chemical asset sales ahead

London - The Royal Dutch/Shell Group is planning to close petroleum refineries and make acquisitions and disposals of assets in its chemicals unit to revive flagging profit across the group, its top executive said.

The world's largest publicly traded oil company, which today said its fourth-quarter profit fell a greater-than-expected 23 percent, didn't detail the plans for either of the two units that have lagged its 12 percent return on capital target.

The comments, by Mark Moody-Stuart, who takes over as chairman of the company's executive board on July 1, reflect growing concern in management the group must make major changes to keep up with its rivals.

"We will not be able to do it with the portfolio we have at the moment," Moody-Stuart said of the chemicals unit at a briefing in London, adding that there would be a shakeup of the unit's assets including both purchases and sales. "That's going to take a couple of years."

Analysts were skeptical of Shell's commitment to reform its operations, having heard comments similar to Moody-Stuart's for the past year and still seeing disappointing results.

"They are making the right noises but these are not feeding through to the results," said Tom Booth, an analyst with Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull. "These are extremely disappointing results."

The chemicals unit has been a particular problem in the past year. Operating profit from the unit rose 2 percent in 1997 to 692 million pounds (\$1.1 billion), about 14 percent of the Anglo-Dutch group's total 4.9 billion pounds profit.

Chemicals had a return on capital invested of 8.3 percent, short of the 10 percent target for the unit for the year and the 12 percent target for the whole group, Shell estimates.

The unit was a real trouble spot for the year, depressing results in the when routine maintenance piled up in the second quarter. Moody-Stuart then identified the unit as one in need of a revamp.

So far, there have been few moves to indicate Shell's strategy will partly consolidate holdings in ventures and focus on commodity chemicals, where it already has a leading position.

In September, it bought the 50 percent it didn't already own in its Montell NV polypropylene venture from Montedison SpA for \$2 billion. Also that month, it approved plans with BASF AG of Germany to merge some Montell assets into an existing venture with the German company. Together BASF and Shell will produce 1.4 million tons a year of polyethylene, a commodity chemical building block of many plastics.

In refining, Shell said it's suffering because too many plants are producing too much fuel for a market that hasn't grown as quickly as expected.

Operating profit at the unit rose 6 percent to 1.86 billion pounds during the year. It was a year when most rivals did better on refining because crude oil prices fell, decreasing raw material costs. Still, the company isn't willing to discuss what plants it will close or when.

"Refining has been a problem," Moody-Stuart said. "We still have too many refineries, and that will have to be addressed. We just don't tell people what's going to be addressed."

Asked directly which plants may be shut in Europe, Moody-Stuart declined to say anything specific about timing or specific plants that could be closed, noting that rivals such as British Petroleum Plc are in the same predicament - everyone in the industry is hoping their rival will back out first.

"It's like a game of poker - everyone waits for everybody else," Moody-Stuart said.

Shell also said it's fallen short of its goal of boosting oil output by 5 percent a year, and that it would aim to be closer to that figure in 1998. Crude oil production rose 1 percent to 2.32 million barrels a day in 1997, held back by delays in the U.K., Nigeria and Malaysia.

In the U.K., Shell's Foinhaven field at the edge of the North Sea and Atlantic Ocean with British Petroleum Plc came onstream late in the year behind schedule because of problems with flexible lines connecting the well on the ocean floor to loading platform.

In Nigeria, the company lost about 25,000 barrels per day from projected output rises because the government held back on its share of spending for oil projects there, Shell said.

One thing Moody-Stuart doesn't expect is help from oil prices in the year ahead. Brent crude oil prices recently traded at \$14.56 a barrel, about 24 percent below the average in the fourth quarter. He brushed off suggestions that prices might surge because the gap between supply and demand is at historic lows.

"Oil prices are moving somewhere in that \$15 to \$20 range, and that's what we expect to continue," Moody-Stuart said. "You can't correlate oil prices with spare capacity. I've tried it and it does not work."

Chesapeake, DLB renegotiate merger

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chesapeake Energy Corporation and DLB Oil & Gas, Inc. announced the renegotiation of the terms of their October 22, 1997 merger agreement. Under the original agreement, Chesapeake agreed to acquire all of DLB's Mid-Continent oil and gas properties (approximately 120 billion cubic feet of gas equivalent reserves) and DLB's 27% interest in an oil concession in Barbados for \$150 million. The original form of consideration was Chesapeake's assumption of DLB's debt of \$85 million and Chesapeake's issuance of \$65 million in Chesapeake common stock. The stock portion of the consideration would have amounted to approximately 5.2 million shares using Chesapeake's stock price in early October, 8.7 million shares using the \$7.50 Chesapeake "walkaway" price included in the original agreement, and 10.8

million shares at Chesapeake's recent stock price of \$6.00.

Under the renegotiated terms of the agreement, Chesapeake will assume DLB's debt of \$85 million, pay \$17.5 million in cash, and issue 5.0 million shares of common stock, giving the transaction an indicated value of \$132.5 million at Chesapeake's recent price of \$6.00. Additionally, DLB will retain its Barbados asset through WRT Energy Corporation and the parties eliminated the right to terminate the agreement based upon Chesapeake's stock price.

Aubrey K. McClendon, Chesapeake's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer commented, "We are pleased to have restructured the DLB transaction to reflect today's lower oil and gas prices and to achieve deal certainty. With the elimination of the \$7.50 walkaway price, both DLB and Chesapeake's share-

holders can know with precision the terms of the transaction. We recently closed the acquisitions of AnSon Production Company, the Anadarko Basin properties of Enervest Management Company, L.C., 40% of the Helmet properties of Ranger Oil Limited and are now moving forward to close both the DLB and Hugoton Energy Corporation transactions in early to mid-March."

Mike Liddell, Chief Executive Officer of DLB stated, "Our Board concluded this merger represented the best alternative for DLB shareholders. The distribution of WRT, Bayard and Chesapeake stock in addition to the cash component will give the maximum flexibility and value to our shareholders."

Simultaneously with the merger of DLB's Mid-Continent assets into Chesapeake, DLB will spin off to its shareholders 2,955,000 shares.

Patterson Energy completes acquisition

SNYDER - Patterson Energy, Inc. and Robertson Onshore Drilling Company announced that Patterson completed the acquisition of the outstanding common stock of Robertson on February 6, 1998. Robertson is a non-affiliated, privately-owned provider of contract drilling services to the oil and natural gas industry. As previously announced, the two companies entered into an agreement in principle on December 29, 1997 and executed a definitive agreement of

merger on January 29, 1998.

In the transaction, Patterson acquired in consideration for \$40 million in cash 15 fully-operable drilling rigs, 10 of which are located in East Texas and five are located in Louisiana and Mississippi, and a yard and shop located in Liberty City, Texas. In addition to an increased drilling fleet, consummation of this acquisition expands Patterson's contract drilling operations into East Texas.

Patterson Energy, Inc., a Sny-

der, Texas based energy company, is one of the leading providers of domestic land drilling services to major and independent oil and gas companies and, to a lesser extent, is engaged in the development, exploration, acquisition and production of oil and natural gas. With the completion of the Robertson acquisition, Patterson now has 114 land-based drilling rigs (107 of which are currently operable).

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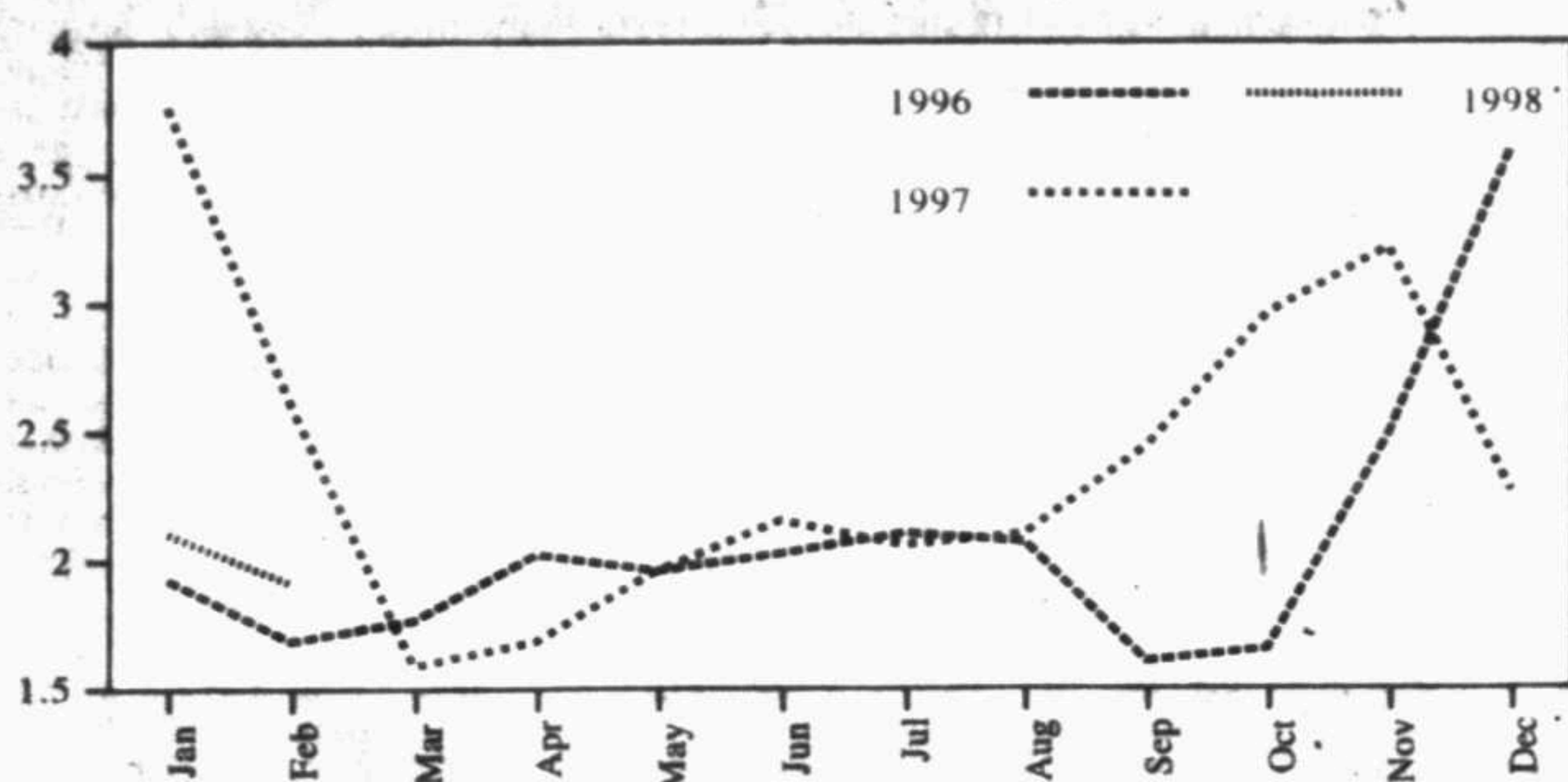
Fort McMurray, Alberta, - Syncrude Canada Ltd., owner of Canada's largest crude oil source, said it will reopen a coking unit at its oil-sands mine and refinery in Fort McMurray, Alberta, bringing as much as 100,000 barrels of oil a day back into production.

The coking unit, which converts heavy oil extracted from the oil sands into higher-value naphtha and diesel fuel, was closed for maintenance on Jan. 14.

Syncrude, a joint venture of 10 North American petroleum companies and investment trusts, still expects to reach its 1998 production target of 80 million barrels of oil despite the shutdown.

Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County

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Waha Averages

This month: \$1.90
Last Month: 2.10

Current Spot Prices

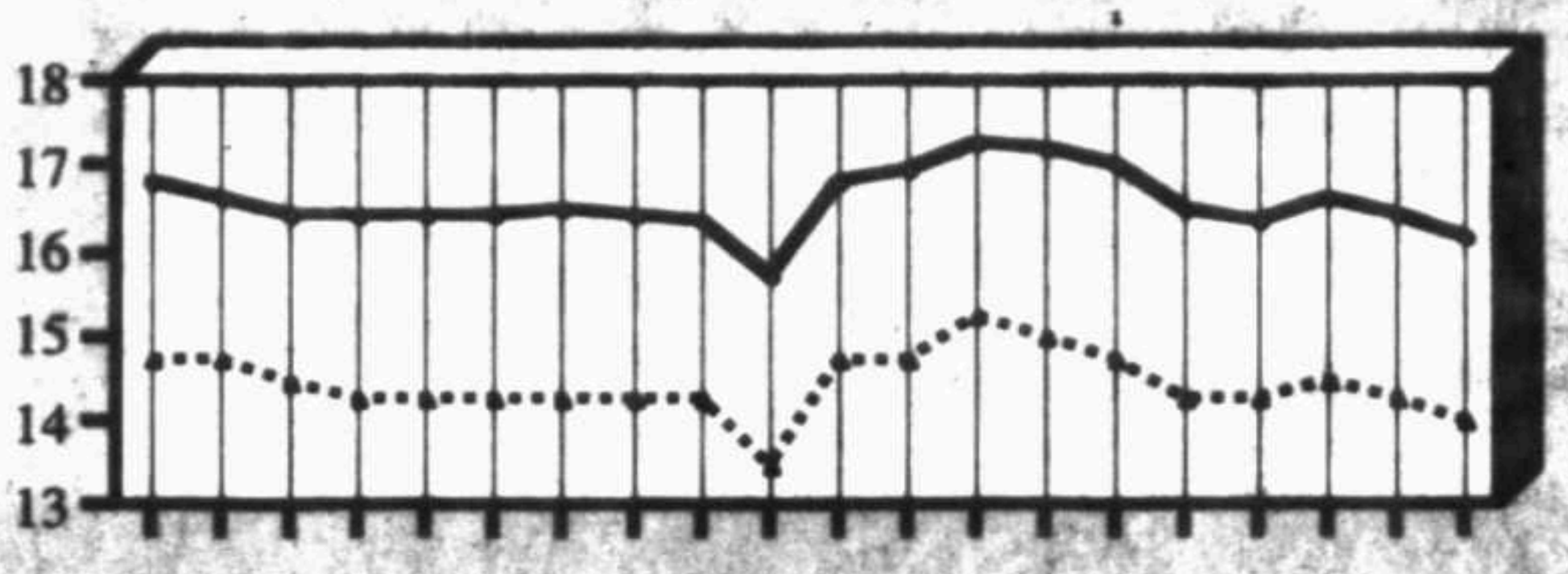
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Chevron	15.50	Marathon*	14.00	Shell*	N/A
Citgo*	14.00	Mobil*	15.00	Sun*	14.00
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E.O.T.T.	14.00	Navajo NMI	15.00	Unocal	N/A

* Net price without transportation charge

INDUSTRY BRIEFS

Pool to buy SeaMar for \$109.3 million

HOUSTON - Pool Energy Services Co. agreed to buy closely held Sea Mar Inc. for at least \$109.3 million in cash, stock and debt, adding support vessel service to its oil rig service operations.

Houston-based Pool said it will pay \$60 million in cash and 1.538 million shares of its stock to acquire Sea Mar, which operates principally in the Gulf of Mexico. Pool also will assume \$17 million of Sea Mar debt. In addition, it will pay as much as an additional \$20 million in the next two years, depending on the financial performance of Sea Mar in 1998 and 1999. New Iberia, Louisiana-based Sea Mar had 1997 revenue of about \$46 million.

"This acquisition follows our strategy of adding complementary services to the company's existing core market areas," said Jim Jongebloed, Pool Energy's chairman, president and chief executive.

Amoco venture to develop Russian fields ends

HOUSTON - Amoco Corp. said a joint venture with Russia's state oil company Rosneft to produce oil and natural gas in Russia's Timan Pechora region has expired.

Amoco and Rosneft submitted a bid to develop the Khoreiver Depression, a large deposit within the Timan Pechora region in northern Russia. Exxon Corp. won the right to develop the fields, though the award was later revoked by the Russian government.

"Our agreement with Rosneft expired sometime after Exxon won," said David Tayrein, an Amoco spokesman. He said Russia hasn't put rights to the region up for sale since it pulled Exxon's winning bid. He wouldn't say whether Amoco would bid again if given the opportunity.

Though Russia's oil output is declining rapidly because of a lack of foreign investment, most western oil projects are languishing because of politics and an uncertain economic climate. "Everything's coming apart in Russia," said Benjamin Rice, an analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman, New York, who has a "short-term accumulate" rating on Amoco.

The Timan Pechora region contains about 9 billion barrels of oil and 12 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, according to the Oil and Gas Journal.

Devon begins offer for N.M. gas interest

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Devon Energy Corp. said it is beginning a cash tender offer for Burlington Resources Coal Seam Gas Royalty Trust. The total value of the offer could reach about \$80 million.

Devon Energy, based in Oklahoma City, produces oil and natural gas. The company had revenue of \$313 million in 1997.

Burlington Resources Coal Seam, formed in 1993 by Burlington Resources Inc., a Houston-based oil and gas producer, has an interest in the Northeast Blanco Unit in northwest New Mexico. Northeast Blanco is operated by Devon Energy and produces natural gas from coal deposits.

The offer by Devon Energy for \$8.75 a unit for Burlington begins Friday and is expected to expire March 13.

Devon Energy said it plans to hold any tendered units as an investment.

Shell may cut exploration if oil doesn't rise

HOUSTON - A Royal Dutch/Shell Group official said the world's largest oil company may cut its exploration and production budget if U.S. oil prices don't rise.

Mark Moody-Stuart, group managing director for Royal Dutch/Shell, said Shell might cut its exploration and production budget if oil prices remain below \$18 a barrel in 1998. He did not elaborate. U.S. oil prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange are now hovering between \$16 and \$17 a barrel. Oil company decisions on how much to spend on searching for oil are based on how much they can earn from each barrel. Oil service companies depend on exploration and production spending for their revenues. Shares of oil service companies, which provide drilling services and equipment, have fallen from highs reached in November because of drops in oil prices caused by the Asian currency crisis and rising OPEC production.

The Shell official also said the company's study of alternative pipeline routes to carry natural gas from Turkmenistan west to Turkey and on to markets in Western Europe should be completed in about eight months.

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Mitchell Energy expands 3-D seismic program

THE WOODLANDS - Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. announced that it has significantly expanded its 3-D seismic program commitments based on recent successes and attractive new opportunities. Seismic expenditures will increase almost 50 percent this year compared with last and will more than triple the fiscal 1997 level of expenditures.

Two new major exploratory 3-D surveys are included in the current year's budget, the Franklin Ranch prospect located in McMullen County in South Texas and the Cottonwood prospect in Fort Bend County southwest of Houston. The program also includes shoots on acreage owned in and around existing core areas.

Mitchell has acquired leases and seismic options totaling 51,000 acres in the Franklin Ranch prospect and plans to shoot a 110-square-mile 3-D survey in June of this year. This survey will target fault-trapped Wilcox sands at depths ranging from 5,500 to 6,000 feet. Wells completed by other operators in this trend have averaged 150,000 barrels of oil reserves. Mitchell owns an 80 percent interest in this prospect and expects to spud the first well as early as the fourth quarter.

Mitchell has a 61 percent interest in the Cottonwood shoot and controls the heart of the prospect through leases and seismic options. The company has scheduled an 80-square-mile 3-D survey for the first quarter and expects to spud the first well in the third quarter. Yegua sand stratigraphic traps between 8,000 and 10,000 feet are being targeted as extensions of successful drilling by other operators nearby. Recent well completions in the area have averaged 4 billion cubic feet of gas reserves.

"We are really excited about the potential of our 3-D work," said John C. Hibbeler, senior vice president - exploration.

Advances in seismic acquisition and processing technology, as well as our interpretation expertise, have greatly increased our confidence in this tool. For example, we've had a 60 to 80 percent drilling success rate from our 3-D

surveys in North Texas and Louisiana."

In late fiscal 1996, Mitchell shot a 55-square-mile 3-D survey on its

Mitchell initially acquired 106,000 acres of leases and seismic options and completed its first successful oil well in early fiscal

ty area and has scheduled three 3-D seismic surveys totaling 190 square miles this year.

In Calcasieu Parish in southwestern Louisiana, the company drilled seven exploratory tests last year based on a 56-square-mile 3-D survey shot in April 1996. These tests resulted in four discoveries - three in the Frio and one in the Yegua sands. The company also drilled a follow-up Frio development well and plans an additional development well in this prospect this year. This prospect is just east of earlier 3-D-based discoveries in these trends in Orange County, Texas, in which the company participated.

"Although our expanded program may reduce E&P earnings this year, we are confident that this is money well spent for our future," Hibbeler added.

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Swenson Ranch prospect in Throckmorton County in North Texas. This was the first 3-D work performed in this area targeting relatively small Caddo limestone accumulations that could not be identified with 2-D seismic.

Trans Energy announces deal to acquire Natural Gas Technologies

DENVER - Management of Trans Energy, Inc. and Natural Gas Technologies announced that it has entered into a binding letter of intent to acquire by way of a merger, Natural Gas Technologies, Inc. ("NGT"), a Texas oil and gas development company. The combined companies will have properties and production in the Appalachian, Rocky Mountain and Permian basins. Additionally, the company announced that it had appointed NGT's Vice President, Michael Stewart, as President and Chief Operating Officer of Trans Energy pending shareholder approval of the merger agreement, the only remaining precondition to the completion of the merger transaction. Mr. Stewart's employment history includes twenty-five years of business experience, including eleven years with Occidental Petroleum Chemicals

Group where he served as a Vice President. Mr. Loren Bagley, Chairman of Trans Energy, stated, "I am thrilled that after five months of working with Brent Wagman and Mike Stewart on joint projects and working toward this merger agreement it has now come to fruition. This transaction will result in the combined companies having in excess of \$16 million in oil and gas producing properties and adequate working capital to take advantage of those properties and to acquire other exciting oil and gas opportunities."

The agreement provides that

Trans Energy will issue 16.9 million shares of its common stock to acquire NGT and that pending closing (which is subject solely to shareholder approval of Trans Energy) the companies shall operate in unison pursuant to a joint committee established in the letter of intent so that the company will lose no times in effectuating their mutual business plan. Shareholder approval for Trans Energy will require the filing of a joint proxy and information statement and a registration statement on Form S-4 which the parties' professionals have already commenced preparing.

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Amoco seeks lower prices from providers

CHICAGO - Amoco Corp. said it's asked oil service companies in the Gulf of Mexico to lower prices charged for drilling rigs and other equipment in the face of a 26 percent drop in crude prices since October.

L. Richard Flury, who leads Amoco's exploration and production business, urged other energy companies to take similar action. Without a positive response from oil service providers, a drilling boom that had boosted profits and stock prices may slow, Flury said.

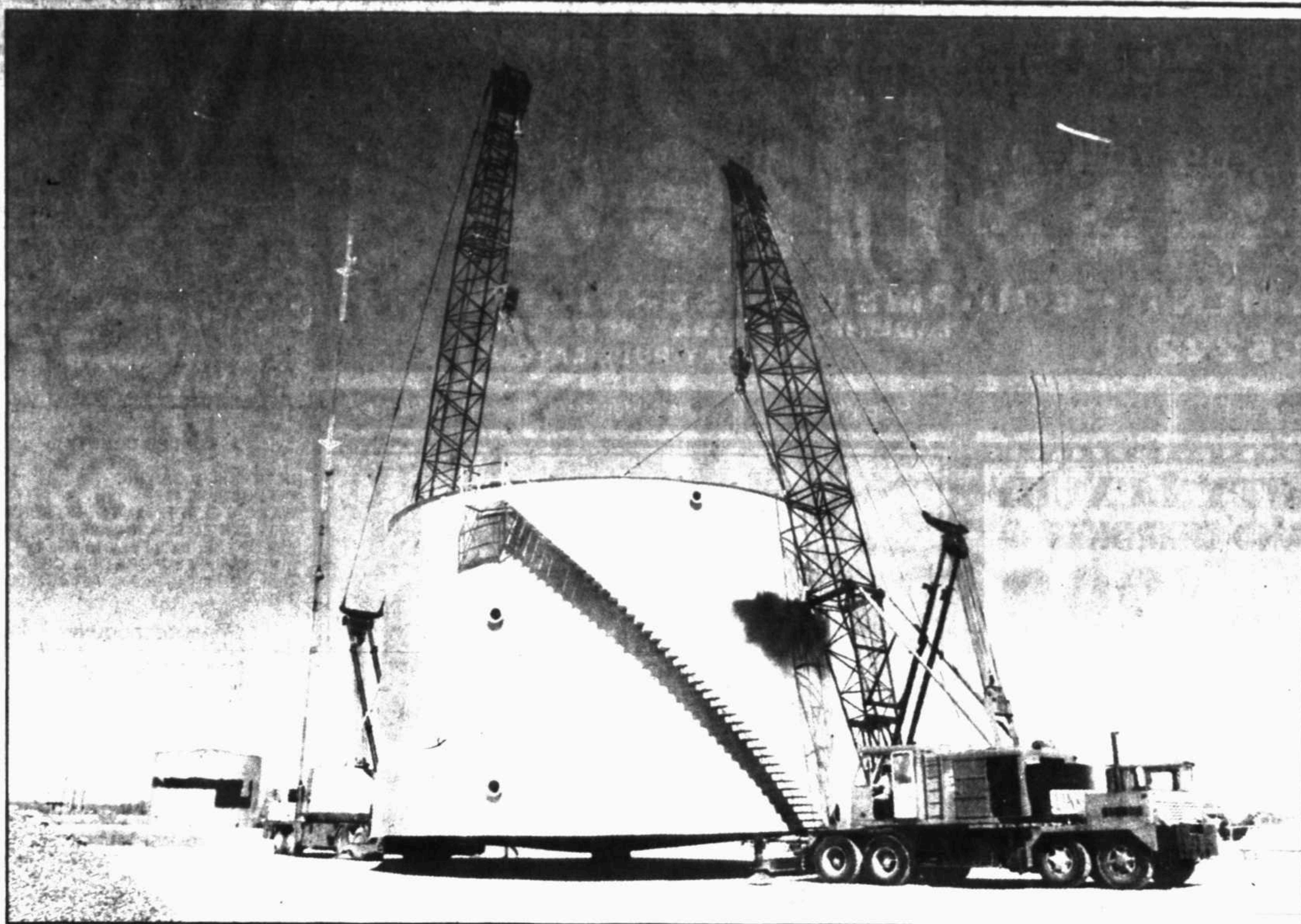
Amoco's letter suggested oil service companies possibly tie their rates to oil prices, he said.

"If that doesn't happen, I think we will see some significant reduction in activity on the part of the industry," Flury said. "Pricing has to be realistic and responsive to the current situation."

Amoco hasn't received any response to its letter, which was mailed within the last month, Flury said. He stressed Amoco will fulfill its contract commitments.

"Our relationship with suppliers are long-term in nature, and they beg a dialogue when conditions change," he said.

Amoco hasn't altered its plans to spend \$4.2 billion on capital projects in 1998, including \$2.7 billion on exploration and production.



Straining cranes

Two cranes prepare to move a 10,000-barrel tank to a waterflood project in southeastern New Mexico. The Permian Basin is becoming more and more dependent on secondary and tertiary projects for production as U.S. production declines. U.S. crude production in December was 6,353,000 b/d down from 6,506,000 for the same period in 1997.

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

EDDY COUNTY

OXY USA INC
LIVAN FED #1
LOGAN DRAW, T17S, R27E, SEC 17;
960 FNL 1650 FSL; 6.5 MILES E OF
ARTESIA; ROT 9400 MORROW; API #
30-015-29992

ARCO PERMIAN
WEST RED LAKE 4 FED SWD #1
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 4; 990
FNL 990 FSL; 7.5 MILES SE OF ARTE-
SIA; ROT 3000 QU/GB/SA; API # 30-015-
29990

DEVON ENERGY CORP
CARTER COLLIER 5 FEDERAL #2
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 5; 2310
FNL 330 FSL; 6.5 MILES SE OF ARTE-
SIA; ROT 2800 QU/GB/SA; API # 30-015-
29983

DEVON ENERGY CORP
CARTER COLLIER 5 FEDERAL #4
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 5; 990
FNL 330 FSL; 6.5 MILES SE OF ARTE-
SIA; ROT 2800 QU/GB/SA; API # 30-015-
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DEVON ENERGY CORP
CARTER COLLIER 5 FEDERAL #5
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 5; 1650
FNL 990 FSL; 6.5 MILES SE OF ARTE-
SIA; ROT 2800 QU/GB/SA; API # 30-015-
29986

DEVON ENERGY CORP
CARTER COLLIER 5 FEDERAL #6
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 5; 1650
FNL 990 FSL; 6.5 MILES SE OF ARTE-
SIA; ROT 2800 QU/GB/SA; API # 30-015-
29984

MEWBOURNE OIL CO
S. P. JOHNSON #2
DAGGER DRAW; T20S, R25E, SEC 5;
1650 FNL 1980 FSL; 8 MILES SW OF
LAKEWOOD; ROT 8100; U/PENN; API #
30-015-29993

PENNSWELL ENERGY INC
HACKBERRY 28 FED #4
HAPPY VALLEY; T22S, R26E, SEC 29;
2080 FNL 1650 FSL; 5.5 MILES SW OF
CARLSBAD; ROT 5000 DELAWARE; API #
30-015-29991

RB OPERATING CO
AMOCO 11 FED #8
EAST LOVING; T23S, T28E, SEC 11;
545 FNL 800 FSL; 8 MILES N OF BLACK
RIVER; ROT 6350 DELAWARE; API #
30-015-29989

POGO PROD CO
HARROUN 15 #7
PIERCE CROSSING; T24S, R29E, SEC 15;
330 FNL 1980 FSL; 5.5 MILES SE OF
MALAGA; ROT 8250 BONE SPRING; API #
30-015-29987

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
COTTON DRAW UNIT #78
PADUCA; T25S, R31E, SEC 1; 1650 FSL
660 FNL; 17 MILES SW OF OCHOA;
ROT 16800 DEVONIAN; API # 30-015-
29970

LEA COUNTY

UMC PET CORP
CARLISLE STATE COM #1
TOWNSEND; T16S, R35E, SEC 10;
1650 FNL 1980 FSL; 5 MILES W OF
LOVINGTON; ROT 12600 MORROW; API #
30-025-34279

CHARLES G GILLESPIE JR
SNYDER "C" #4
WEST LOVINGTON; T16S, R36E, SEC 6;
510 FNL 990 FSL; 1.5 MILES W OF
LOVINGTON; ROT 11800 STRAWN; PERMIT #
30-025-34282

BASS ENTER PROD CO
MONTEITH "C" #1
NE LOVINGTON; T16S, R36E, SEC 13;
660 FNL 1830 FSL; 2 MILES SE OF
LOVINGTON; ROT 11650 STRAWN; API #
30-025-34284

PIONEER NATL RESOURCES USA INC
LUSK WEST (DELAWARE) UNIT #908
WEST LUSK; T19S, R32E, SEC 29; 1980
FNL 940 FSL; 6 MILES NW OF
HALFWAY; ROT 6700 DELAWARE; API #
30-025-34283

MANZANO OIL CO
FEDERAL USA L 39
TONTON; T19S, R33E, SEC 14; 330 FSL
660 FNL; 10 MILES NE OF HALFWAY;
ROT 4100 SEVEN RIVERS; REENTRY OF T. J. SIVLEY JONES #1, P&A, OLD
TD 5084; API # 30-025-01666

MARATHON OIL CO
HANSEN STATE #9
SE MONUMENT; T20S, R37E, SEC 16;
2190 FNL 460 FSL; 3.5 MILES S OF
MONUMENT; ROT 8000 ABO; API # 30-
025-34286

CHEVROEN USA INC
THEODORE ANDERSON #14
SE MONUMENT; T20S, R37E, SEC 17;
660 FNL 810 FSL; 3.5 MILES SW OF
MONUMENT; ROT 7500 ABO; API # 30-
025-34281

CAPATZ OPER INC
LUCKY STRIKE #1
HOUSE; T20S, R38E, SEC 14; 1980 FSL
660 FNL; 3.5 MILES SW NADINE; ROT
7900 DRINKARD; ROT 7900
DRINKARD; API # 30-025-34285

JACK HUFF
UPSON STATE #1
BLINEBRY; T22S, R37E, SEC 36; 2310
FSL 2310 FSL; 6 MILES SE OF
EUNICE; ROT 8000 BLINEBRY; REEN-

TRY OF BRAVE ENERGY INC STATE
"36" #1, P&A, OLD TD 6183; API # 30-
025-10590

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
JAVALINA 21 FED #2
RED HILLS; T25S, R34E, SEC 21; 1218
FNL 908 FSL; 5.5 MILES SW OF
OCHOA; ROT 12800 BONE SPRING;
API # 30-025-34278

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CROCKETT COUNTY

CLAYTON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
UNIVERSITY "15" #1
FARMER-REENTER; UL SUR, BLK 46,
SEC 15; 330 FSL 330 FSL OF LSE; 330
FSL 2310 FSL OF SUR; 21 MILES NW
OF OZONA; OBJ: 2300 (SAN ANDRES);
PERMIT # 472592; API # 42-105-34172

**UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COMPA-
NY**
HENDERSON "25" #1H
HUNT-BAGGETT, W-D; HORIZONTAL
WELL; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-2136;
BLK M, SEC 25; 200 FSL 2173 FSL OF
LSE; 200 FSL 2173 FSL OF SUR; 12.1
MILES SW OF OZONA; OBJ: 10000
(STRAWN); PERMIT # 472637; API # 42-
105-38012

HARRISON INTERESTS, LTD
VADA BEAN "B" #9
OZONA-D; GC&SF RR CO/N, WIGZELL
SUR, A-4608, BLK M, SEC 2; 2080 FSL
1980 FSL OF LSE; 2080 FSL 660 FSL
OF SUR; 15 MILES SW OF OZONA;
OBJ: 10150 (CANYON SAND); PERMIT
472726; API # 42-105-38013

MARATHON OIL COMPANY
M. A. SHANNON "O" #24
OLSON-RECOMP; ARCHER CSL, LGE 4
SUR, A-1869; 2173 FSL 617 FSL OF
LSE; 2173 FSL 617 FSL OF SUR; 33.5
MILES NW OF OZONA; OBJ: 2700;
PERMIT # 472800; API # 42-105-33633

**UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COMPA-
NY**
MOODY #3315
OZONA-D; T&STL RR CO SUR, A-4197,
BLK MM, SEC 33; 1646 FSL 2634 FSL
OF LSE; 1646 FSL 2634 FSL OF SUR;
24.7 MILES SW OF OZONA; OBJ: 7900
(CANYON SAND); PERMIT # 472972;
API # 42-105-38020

**UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COMPA-
NY**
MOODY #3311
OZONA-D; T&STL RR CO SUR, A-4197,
BLK MM, SEC 33; 1463 FSL 2201 FSL
OF LSE; 1463 FSL 2201 FSL OF SUR;
24.5 MILES SW OF OZONA; OBJ: 7900
(CANYON SAND); PERMIT # 472971;
API # 42-105-38019

EDWARDS COUNTY

LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
WALLACE #17
SAWYER-D; CC&D&RGNG RR CO #1
SUR, A-819; 550 FSL 10793 FSL OF
LSE; 550 FSL 2750 FSL OF SUR; 17.3
MILES NW OF ROCKSPRINGS; OBJ:
6000 (CANYON); PERMIT # 464279; API
42-137-31346

MCCULLOCH COUNTY

MICHAEL D. LILLIS
RONNIE GASSIOT #5
HALL-D; F. ROCCIUS #586 SUR, A-
1176; 500 FSL 1000 FSL OF LSE; 500
FSL 1000 FSL OF SUR; 10 MILES N OF
BRADY; OBJ: 800 (STRAWN); PERMIT #
472725; API # 42-307-31064

REAGAN COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEVELOPMENT
LP
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1994A
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-
658, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 35; 9943 FSL
23189 FSL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660 FNL
OF SUR; 17 MILES NW OF STILES;
OBJ: 8310 (TREND AREA); PERMIT #
451319; API # 42-383-34605

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2242A
SPRABERRY-D; L&SV RR CO/W, T.
WHITAKER SUR, A-823, BLK C, SEC 4;
660 FSL 667 FSL OF LSE; 660 FSL 1980
FSL OF SUR; 6.8 MILES SE OF MID-
KIFF; OBJ: 8700 (TREND AREA); PER-
MIT # 472543; API # 42-383-34915

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2243A
SPRABERRY-D; L&SV RR CO/W, T.
WHITAKER SUR, A-823, BLK C, SEC 4;
1980 FSL 660 FSL OF LSE; 1980 FSL
660 FSL OF SUR; 6 MILES SE OF MID-
KIFF; OBJ: 8700 (TREND AREA); PER-
MIT # 472544; API # 42-383-34916

RUNNELS COUNTY

HOPEWELL OPERATING INC
BRYAN #1G
NORTON, N-D; WM. H. SMITH #599
SUR, A-719; 460 FSL 330 FSL OF LSE;
5021 FNL 330 FSL OF SUR; 12 MILES
SW OF WINTERS; OBJ: 4750 (CAPPS);
PERMIT # 472904; API # 42-399-34585

TERRELL COUNTY

MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM INC

BROWN MCINCH ESTATE UNIT #9H
BROWN-BASSETT-D; HORIZONTAL
WELL; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-539, BLK
161, SEC 31; 2049 FSL 1298 FSL OF
LSE; 2049 FSL 2252 FSL OF SUR; OBJ:
6500 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 472847;
API # 42-443-30778

TOM GREEN COUNTY

B&R OPERATING LLC
RATHBONE #1209 D
MCINTIRE-D; H&TC RR CO SUR, A-
1185, BLK 20, SEC 9; 4255 FSL 2199
FNL OF LSE; 1025 FSL 3082 FSL OF
SUR; 4.8 MILES SW OF KNICKER-
BOCKER; OBJ: 1200 (SAN ANGELO);
PERMIT # 472823; API # 42-451-32394

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ANDREWS COUNTY

**BLUE DOLPHIN EXPLORATION COM-
PANY**
UNIVERSITY "F" #311
EMBAR-D; HORIZONTAL WELL; UL
SUR, BLK 10, SEC 31; 495 FNL 467
FSL OF LSE; 495 FNL 467 FSL OF SUR;
13 MILES SW OF ANDREWS;
OBJ: 3300 (YATES); PERMIT # 472665;
API # 42-003-38364

MINIHAN OIL & GAS CORP
UNIVERSITY "32-11" #2
THREE BAR-D; UL SUR, BLK 11, SEC
32; 1650 FSL 330 FSL OF LSE; 1650
FSL 330 FSL OF SUR; 18 MILES SW OF
ANDREWS; OBJ: 5000 (SAN ANDRES);
PERMIT # 473005; API # 42-003-38367

CRANE COUNTY

COSTILLA ENERGY INC
CAPROCK TXL #2J
BUFFALO RIDGE-RECOMP; T&P RR
CO SUR, A-188, BLK 43, T4S, SEC 23;
1983 FSL 2438 FSL OF LSE; 1983 FSL
2438 FSL OF SUR; 19 MILES N OF
CRANE; OBJ: 9220 (WOLFCAMP); PER-
MIT # 472980; API # 42-103-34524

ECTOR COUNTY

TITAN RESOURCES INC
NORTH FOSTER UNIT #157
FOSTER-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-105,
BLK 42, T1S, SEC 43; 1255 FNL 745
FSL OF LSE; 1403 FSL 1951 FSL OF
SUR; 6 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ:
4600; PERMIT # 472919; API # 42-135-
37600

TITAN RESOURCES INC
NORTH FOSTER UNIT #162
FOSTER-D; T&P RR CO/W, M. WAL-
FORD SUR, A-680, BLK 43, T2S, SEC 2;
330 FSL 1301 FSL OF LSE; 330 FSL
1301 FSL OF SUR; 8 MILES NW OF

ODESSA; OBJ: 4600; PERMIT # 472921;
API # 42-135-37599

TITAN RESOURCES INC
NORTH FOSTER UNIT #163
FOSTER-D; T&P RR CO/W, N. WAD-
DELL SUR, A-667, BLK 42, T2S, SEC 6;
2709 FSL 827 FSL OF LSE; 2709 FSL
827 FSL OF SUR; 5 MILES NW OF
ODESSA; OBJ: 4600; PERMIT # 472924;
API # 42-135-37598

LEWIS B. BURLISON INC
JESSIE B #14
GOLDSMITH-REENTER; T&P RR CO/J
W. BUCHANAN SUR, A-697, BLK 44,
T1S, SEC 26; 2006 FSL 1992 FSL OF
LSE; 2006 FSL 1992 FSL OF SUR; 3
MILES SE OF GOLDSMITH; OBJ: 4000
(GRAYBURG); PERMIT # 472807; API #
42-135-03491

ORXY ENERGY COMPANY
WEST HOWARD-GLASSCOCK UNIT
#1508
HOWARD GLASSCOCK-RECLASS; T&P
RR CO SUR, A-110, BLK 33, T2S, SEC
23; 4280 FSL 3016 FSL OF LSE; 1000
FSL 2313 FSL OF SUR; 14 MILES NE
OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 2500; PERMIT
472836; API # 42-173-05006

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

BTA OIL PRODUCERS
9703 JV-P HIGHTOWER #2
GARDEN CITY, W-D; T&P RR CO/S
CALVERLEY SUR, A-785, BLK 34, T4S,
SEC 4; 680 FNL 1748 FSL OF LSE; 680
FNL 1748 FSL OF SUR; 1 MILE W OF
GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 8000 (WOLFCAMP
7880); PERMIT # 472820; API # 42-173-
32864

ORXY ENERGY COMPANY
WEST HOWARD-GLASSCOCK UNIT
#1509
HOWARD GLASSCOCK-RECLASS; T&P
RR CO SUR, A-110, BLK 33, T2S, SEC
23; 332 FSL 4288 FSL OF LSE; 2309
FSL 1046 FSL OF SUR; 14 MILES NE
OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 2500; PERMIT
472834; API # 42-173-30083

ORXY ENERGY COMPANY
WEST HOWARD-GLASSCOCK UNIT
#1510
HOWARD GLASSCOCK-RECLASS; T&P
RR CO SUR, A-110, BLK 33, T2S, SEC
23; 1654 FSL 4293 FSL OF LSE; 987
FSL 1036 FSL OF SUR; 14 MILES NE
OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 2500; PERMIT
472835; API # 42-173-30085

MARTIN COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
MABEE "7" #2
SPRABERRY-D; G&MMB&A SUR, A-
418, BLK 39, T1N, SEC 7; 660 FNL 1980
FSL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980 FSL OF
SUR; 24 MILES W OF STANTON; OBJ:
10150 (TREND AREA); PERMIT #
472559; API # 42-317-34164

ARCO PERMIAN
MABEE "6" #4
SPRABERRY-D; G&MMB&A SUR, A-
405, BLK 39, T1N, SEC 6; 660 FNL 660
FSL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660 FSL OF
SUR; 23 MILES W OF STANTON; OBJ:
10150 (TREND AREA); PERMIT #
472560; API # 42-317-34161

ARCO PERMIAN
MABEE "6" #3
SPRABERRY-D; G&MMB&A SUR, A-
405, BLK 39, T1N, SEC 6; 660 FNL 1980
FSL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980 FSL OF
SUR; 23 MILES W OF STANTON; OBJ:
10150 (TREND AREA); PERMIT #
472562; API # 42-317-34162

ARCO PERMIAN
MABEE "7" #4
SPRABERRY-D; G&MMB&A SUR, A-
418, BLK 39, T1N, SEC 7; 660 FNL 660
FSL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660 FSL OF
SUR; 24 MILES W OF STANTON; OBJ:
10150 (TREND AREA); PERMIT #
472563; API # 42-317-34165

TERRACE PETROLEUM CORP
WOODY "36" #33
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/N TOM
SUR, A-911, BLK 37, T2N, SEC 36; 1980
FSL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 1980
FSL OF SUR; 11 MILES NW OF STAN-
TON; OBJ: 9500 (TREND AREA); PER-
MIT # 472570; API # 42-317-34157

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TION**
WOODY "36" #1
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/M TOM
SUR, A-911, BLK 37, T2N, SEC 36; 660
FNL 660 FSL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660 FSL
OF SUR; 11 MILES NW OF STANTON;
OBJ: 9500 (TREND AREA); PERMIT #
472574; API # 42-317-34158

**TERRACE PETROLEUM CORPORA-
TION**
WOODY "36" #2
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/M TOM
SUR, A-911, BLK 37, T2N, SEC 36; 660
FNL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980
FSL OF SUR; 11 MILES NW OF STAN-
TON; OBJ: 9500 (TREND AREA); PER-
MIT # 472575; API # 42-317-34159

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FNL 660 FSL; 12 MILES NW OF
TATUM; ROT 9200 ABO; REENTRY OF
TRI-SERVICE DRLG CO MCKNIGHT ST
#1, P&A, OLD TD 13447; API # 30-025-
22726
ASPEN EXPL INC
ASPEN 27 STATE #1
WILDCAT: T14S, R34E, SEC 27; 660
FSL 2130 FWL; 12 MILES NW OF LOV-
INGTON; ROT 12300 STRAWN; API #
30-025-34280

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CONCHO COUNTY

ULTRA OIL & GAS INC
PFLUGER, W. #12
WILDCAT-D: JOHN M. YOUNG SUR, A-
1003, BLK 72, SEC 2049; 980 FWL 1785
FSL OF LSE; 1722 FSL 910 FNL OF
SUR; 7 MILES SW OF EDEN; OBJ:
4000; PERMIT # 472909; API # 42-095-
31807

CROCKETT COUNTY

J. CLEO THOMPSON
VAUGHAN 84 #1
WILDCAT-D: GC&SF RR CO/G. BAZE
SUR, A-5023, BLK OP, SEC 84; 660
FSL 2737 FWL OF LSE; 660 FSL 2737
FWL OF SUR; 10 MILES NW OF
OZONA; OBJ: 8000; PERMIT # 472865;
API # 42-105-38014
SONAT EXPLORATION
BAGGETT "2" #7
WILDCAT-D: GC&SF RR CO/J. H. RAY
SUR, A-4700, BLK 63, SEC 2; 900 FNL
2450 FWL OF LSE; 900 FNL 2450 FWL
OF SUR; 12 MILES SSE OF OZONA;
OBJ: 10000; PERMIT # 472995; API #
42-105-38021

IRION COUNTY

DAVID M. MUNSON, INC
MAYER 44-2 #402
WILDCAT-D: WC RR CO/F. TANKERS-
LEY SUR, A-1247, SEC 44; 660 FNL
660 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980 FWL
OF SUR; 3 MILES N OF BARNHART;
OBJ: 7900; PERMIT # 472796; API # 42-
235-33734
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
#1 SUGG-SCOTT UNIT #1208E
WILDCAT: 12-14 H&TC RR CO SUR;
2315 FNL 169 FSL; 13 MILES W OF
MERTZON; EL: 2456 GR; CONTR:
CLEERE DRLG; TD 8725, PBTD 8330;
PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED
PERFS 6700 TO 6731; IPF 205 BOPD,
MCF-TSTM; 31 BWPD

MENARD COUNTY

TEXAS WESTERN OIL COMPANY
RUSSELL HEIRS #1
WILDCAT-D: EL&RR CO #73 SUR, A-
874; 1683 FWL 1302 FNL OF LSE; 1683
FWL 1400 FSL OF SUR; 7 MILES NE
OF F.T. MCKAVITT; OBJ: 5000; PERMIT
472907; API # 42-327-30849

RUNNELS COUNTY

BRENT A. WAGMAN
MCNEIL #2
WILDCAT-D: H&GN RR CO #5 SUR, A-
272; 547 FSL 2150 FNL OF LSE; 847
FSL 1920 FNL OF SUR; 1.5 MILES N
OF NORTON; OBJ: 5300; PERMIT #
472832; API # 42-399-34584
SABRE OIL AND GAS CORP
MCLAUGHLIN #1
WILDCAT-REENTER: WC RR CO SUR,
A-540, SEC 149; 2012 FNL 2324 FWL
OF LSE; 2012 FNL 2389 FWL OF SUR;
6 MILES NW OF ROWENA; OBJ: 4800;
PERMIT # 472787; API # 42-399-30085
PIONEER EXPLORATION COMPANY
O. C. SYKES #26
WILDCAT-D: HT&B RR CO #5 SUR, A-
266; 800 FSL 934 FNL OF LSE; 800
FSL 934 FNL OF SUR; 5.5 MILES N OF
CREWS; OBJ: 5700; PERMIT # 472670;
API # 42-399-34583
PIONEER ENERGY CORPORATION
BLACKWOOD UNIT #3
WILDCAT-D: ROBERT CLEVER #521
SUR, A-77; 467 FNL 576 FWL OF LSE;
1500 FSL 2490 FWL OF SUR; 4.5
MILES SW OF WINTERS; OBJ: 4900;
PERMIT # 472949; API # 42-399-34586
PACE OPERATING
LACY 231
WILDCAT-D: T&NO RR CO #67 SUR, A-
468; 467 FSL 467 FNL OF LSE; 2730
FNL 1750 FWL OF SUR; 2 MILES W OF
MILES; OBJ: 5500; PERMIT # 469895;
API # 42-399-34564

TERRELL COUNTY

**UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COM-
PANY**
HICKS-STATE "8" #1R
WILDCAT-D: TM RR CO/M. M. SCOTT
SUR, A-2302, BLK 161; 532 FSL 725
FSL OF LSE; 4214 FSL 725 FWL
FMNLSL OF SUR; 28.9 MILES NE OF
DRYDEN; OBJ: 12000; PERMIT #
472893; API # 42-443-30779

TOM GREEN COUNTY

C. L. BROWN INC
LLANO COUNTY SCHOOL LAND
#1301

WILDCAT-D: LLANO CSL #984 SUR, A-
1609; 2100 FSL 1600 FSL OF LSE;
10635 FSL 12060 FSL OF SUR; 5
MILES NW OF SAN ANGELO; OBJ:
5800; PERMIT # 472613; API # 42-451-
32393

TEXAS RRCD 8

ECTOR COUNTY

MID-AMERICA PIPELINE COMPANY
"8" FARSTAD #M13
WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO/F. E. PRICE
SUR, A-629, BLK 42, T1S, SEC 28; 15
FSL 365 FSL OF LSE; 15 FSL 365 FSL
OF SUR; 5 MILES N OF ODESSA; OBJ:
350; PERMIT # 472942; API # 42-135-
37602

HOWARD COUNTY

COSTILLA ENERGY INC
IDEN 32 C #1
WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO/R. C. JOHN-
SON SUR, A-983, BLK 31, T2N, SEC
32; 520 FNL 973 FSL OF LSE; 520 FNL
1687 FWL OF SUR; 11 MILES NE OF
BIG SPRING; OBJ: 9000; PERMIT #
472707; API # 42-227-35278
COSTILLA ENERGY INC
BUCHANAN 13 C #1
WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO SUR, T2N, A-
269, BLK 32, SEC 13; 741 FNL 2103
FWL OF LSE; 741 FNL 2103 FWL OF
SUR; 1 MILE N OF LUTHER; OBJ:
9000; PERMIT # 472858; API # 42-227-
35279

MARTIN COUNTY

AUTRY C. STEPHENS
BLACK "18" #2
WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO/B. ROBERT-
SON SUR, A-801, BLK 36, T1N, SEC
18; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL OF LSE; 1980
FNL 1980 FWL OF SUR; 8 MILES NW
OF STANTON; OBJ: 11000; PERMIT #
463466; API # 42-317-34100
CAMPANA PETROLEUM CO
APPLE #1
WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-53,
BLK 35, T1N, SEC 25; 467 FWL 950
FSL OF LSE; 950 FSL 2173 FWL OF
SUR; 10 MILES NE OF STANTON; OBJ:
11000; PERMIT # 469867; API # 42-317-
34131

WARD COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
WARWICK UNIVERSITY 18-33 "B" #3
WILDCAT-D: UL SUR, BLK 18, SEC 33;
663 FWL 1980 FNL OF LSE; 1980 FNL
1980 FNL OF SUR; 15 MILES NW OF
PYOTE; OBJ: 11800; PERMIT # 472839;
API # 42-475-34547
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
WARWICK UNIVERSITY 18-34 "B" #4
WILDCAT-D: UL SUR, BLK 18, SEC 34;
663 FWL 1980 FNL OF LSE; 1980 FNL
1980 FNL OF SUR; 15 MILES NW OF
PYOTE; OBJ: 11800; PERMIT # 472840;
API # 42-475-34548
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
WARWICK UNIVERSITY 18-38 "B" #4
WILDCAT-D: UL SUR, BLK 18, SEC 38;
660 FNL 660 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660
FWL OF SUR; 15 MILES NW OF
PYOTE; OBJ: 11800; PERMIT # 472841;
API # 42-475-34549
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
WARWICK UNIVERSITY 18-37 "A" #4
WILDCAT-D: UL SUR, BLK 18, SEC 37;
710 FWL 1980 FNL OF LSE; 710 FWL
1980 FNL OF SUR; 15 MILES NW OF
PYOTE; OBJ: 11800; PERMIT # 472838;
API # 42-475-34549
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
WARWICK UNIVERSITY 18-37 "B" #4
WILDCAT-D: UL SUR, BLK 18, SEC 37;
660 FNL 664 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL
1980 FNL OF SUR; 15 MILES NW OF
PYOTE; OBJ: 11800; PERMIT # 472837;
API # 42-475-34550
SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
UNIVERSITY LANDS BB #3
WILDCAT-D: UL SUR, BLK 18, SEC 35;
467 FWL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 467 FWL
1980 FSL OF SUR; 9 MILES NW OF
PYOTE; OBJ: 11800; PERMIT # 464310;
API # 42-475-34491

WINKLER COUNTY

EXXON CORP
WILDCAT-BROS & CO. PS/WADDELL
BROS & CO SUR, A-1818, BLK B-1,
SEC 23; 10137 FNL 1880 FSL OF
LSE; 435 FSL 1880 FWL OF SUR; 12
MILES E OF KERMIT; OBJ: 9833; PER-
MIT # 473014; API # 42-495-32414

TEXAS RRCD 8A

GARZA COUNTY

HALVEY ENERGY CO
CONNELL EST #1
WILDCAT-D: GH&H RR CO SUR, A-65,
BLK 5, SEC 85; 973 FSL 1936 FNL OF
LSE; 1667 FWL 1935 FNL OF SUR; 9
MILES E OF POST; OBJ: 3300; PERMIT
472761; API # 42-169-33504

KING COUNTY

POLK PETROLEUM INC
PARMAMORE #1
WILDCAT-D: H&TC RR CO SUR, A-191,
BLK F, SEC 67; 1182 FNL 2124 FWL
OF LSE; 2500 FNL 150 FWL OF SUR;
13 MILES SLY OF GUTHRIE; OBJ:
3400; PERMIT # 472859; API # 42-269-
32305

Spirit Energy 76, Amoco announce joint venture

SUGAR LAND - Spirit Energy 76, Unocal Corporation's Lower 48 exploration and production business unit, and Amoco Production Company have entered into a joint venture agreement for the exploration and development of 22,000 acres located in the prolific Cotton Valley Reef trend of East Texas. The area of interest lies south of the Bear Grass Field in Leon County, Texas, and is contiguous to recent Cotton Valley discoveries reported by Union Pacific Resources and Sonat Exploration.

Amoco has shot 110 square miles of 3-D seismic over the area, and have identified multiple reef prospects and leads. Spirit Energy 76 and Amoco plan to drill at least

four wells in 1998, two of which are currently drilling. Amoco will operate the joint venture with Spirit Energy 76 retaining a 37.5% working interest in the project.

Spirit Energy 76 employs approximately 1,300 people and operates 300 offshore platforms and approximately 2,700 active wells in 355 fields in the United States.

Unocal is a leading global energy resource and project development company, with major oil and gas exploration and production activities in Asia and the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. The company maintains twin headquarters in California and Malaysia, with major offices in Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok and Sugar Land, Texas.

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The Cities of Alpine and Marfa, Texas, will conduct a public auction on March 23, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., Alpine Independent School District Administration Building (Old Junior High School Building), 705 W. Sul Ross Avenue, Texas, to sell the following natural gas transmission and distribution properties:

A natural gas transmission system consisting of approximately 74 miles of 6" and approximately 7 miles of 4" steel pipelines, with meters, valves, rights-of-way, gas purchase and sales contracts and appurtenances thereto in Reeves, Jeff Davis, Brewster and Presidio Counties, Texas. The transmission system serves the city gates of Alpine, Marfa, Ft. Davis, Balmorhea, Saragosa and Toyahvale.

Natural Gas Distribution systems consisting of approximately 12.1 miles of 3" or less steel pipe and approximately 2 miles of 2" plastic pipe serving approximately 262 customers in Balmorhea, Saragosa, and Toyahvale, Reeves County, Texas.

The properties will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder under terms and conditions identical to those stated in an Asset Purchase Agreement, together with ancillary documents, which include a 10 year firm gas transportation agreement for the city gate sales to Alpine, Marfa and Ft. Davis and several points in the environs area over the transmission system sold at public auction, a royalty agreement, covenants not to compete, facilities sharing agreement, and other terms and conditions as stated in the Asset Purchase Agreement.

The Cities of Alpine and Marfa reserve the right to accept or reject all bids and is seeking qualified bidders with five years gas transportation and distribution experience and financial ability to operate the properties and perform under the Asset Purchase Agreement and ancillary documents. The minimum bid is \$1,800,000.00.

Qualified bidders must deposit \$100,000.00 with Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation and be qualified to bid at the public auction. Copies of terms and conditions of sale, bid qualifications, confidentiality release and indemnity agreement, and the asset purchase agreement are available from Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation, 111 N. 2nd, Alpine, Texas 79830; telephone number (915) 837-3437.

The Cities of Alpine and Marfa will accept or reject the highest bidder at a joint city council meeting after the close of bidding. The successful bidder will be required to close the sale on April 1, 1998.

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Exxon Corp. inks two production contracts

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Feb. 11 (Bloomberg) — Exxon Corp. signed two production sharing contracts with the Trinidad and Tobago government, promising to spend an unprecedented \$198.1 million in the first phase of its exploration of two offshore blocks.

The agreements give the government a \$58 million signature bonus along with an option to take up to 25 percent equity in the development of the two blocks.

"It means that the government does not have to make a financial investment during the period of the exploration phase," said Energy Minister Finbar Gangar.

The contracts are part of government's attempts to promote exploration for hydrocarbons on land and offshore, in a bid to boost declining oil production and secure natural gas reserves.

Exxon Corp.'s local subsidiary, Exxon Exploration and Production Trinidad Ltd., agreed to spend \$94.3 million in exploring one area, called Block 25(b), and \$103.8 million in the other, Block 26. The two deep-water blocks comprise approximately 258,596 hectares and are situated off Trinidad's east coast.

"These are very large blocks and there will be a lot of seismic work to be done. To drill four wells in one block and three wells in another is not cheap," said Exxon Exploration President Jon L.

Thompson.

Relating them to other blocks currently explored by Exxon, the company executive said "the blocks are a little smaller than blocks in West Africa and much larger than blocks in the Gulf of Mexico."

These are the 11th and 12th production sharing contracts signed by the country's coalition government since it came to power in November 1995.

Moreover, it's the second and third signed within two weeks, earning the government an overall \$71 million in signature bonuses.

Last week government signed such a contract with Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Agip of Italy, who promised to spend at least \$48.4 million to explore acreage off Trinidad's east coast.

And there is more to come. Next Wednesday, the government is scheduled to sign another with a consortium comprising Atlantic Richfield Co., Union Texas Petroleum Holdings Inc. — both of the U.S. — and Brazil's Petroleo Brasileiro SA.

Exxon plans to drill at least seven exploration wells to a depth of 4,600 meters (2.85 miles) in water depths in excess of 1,000 meters.

"We are hopeful of finding oil and gas," said Thompson.

Seismic work on the acreage will probably start next month, said the Exxon executive.

COMPLETIONS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

EDDY COUNTY

DEVON ENERGY CORP
EAGLE "35L" FEDERAL #2
RED LAKE, T17S, R27E, SEC 35, 1820 FSL 960 FWL; EL: 3609 GL; SPUD 9/2/97; COMP 9/19/97; TD 2700, PBTD 2649; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1953 TO 2368; IPP 105 BOPD, 157 MCFD, 180 BWPD; API # 30-015-29633

MACK ENERGY CORP
PINION FEDERAL #1
EMPIRE, T17S, R29E, SEC 22, 1750 FSL 990 FWL; EL: 3562 GL; SPUD 8/6/97; COMP 10/8/97; TD 6438, PBTD 5012; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4016 TO 4374; IPP 132 BOPD, 193 MCFD, 248 BWPD; API # 30-015-29757

MACK ENERGY CORP
YUCCA STATE #3
FREN, T17S, R31E, SEC 16, 1850 FSL 990 FWL; EL: 3861 GL; SPUD 6/10/97; COMP 8/6/97; TD 5518, PBTD 5496; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4842 TO 5444; IPP 70 BOPD, 135 MCFD, 320 BWPD; API # 30-015-29607

DEVON ENERGY CORP
TURNER "B" #111
GB-JACKSON, T17S, R31E, SEC 30, 330 FSL 1825 FWL; EL: 3639 GL; SPUD 6/20/97; COMP 8/29/97; TD 3795, PBTD 3750; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 3092 TO 3714; IPP 123 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 393 BWPD; API # 30-015-29530

DEVON ENERGY CORP
FALCON "3N" FEDERAL #18
RED LAKE, T18S, R27E, SEC 3, 680 FSL 1350 FWL; EL: 3545 GL; SPUD 6/19/97; COMP 7/24/97; TD 2749, PBTD 2703; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1674 TO 2406; IPP 37 BOPD, 37 MCFD, 164 BWPD; API # 30-015-29575

YATES PET CORP
CERRITOS APT FED COM #1
SAND TANK, T18S, R29E, SEC 1, 1980 FSL 1980 FWL; EL: 3549 GL; SPUD 7/15/97; COMP 10/2/97; TD 11660, PBTD 11612; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 11238 TO 11257; IPP 41 BOPD, 2676 MCFD, 10 BWPD; API # 30-015-29690

NEARBURG PROD CO
SOUTH BOYD 27 #9
NO DAGGER DRAW, T19S, R25E, SEC 27, 990 FSL 1980 FWL; EL: 3450 GL; SPUD 12/28/96; COMP 2/27/97; TD 8284, PBTD 8218; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7747 TO 7821; IPP 150 BOPD, 750 MCFD, 2010 BWPD; API # 30-015-29297

CHEVRON USA INC
LENTINI "1" FEDERAL #17
SWD, T23S, R28E, SEC 1, 1686 FSL 2505 FWL; EL: 3085 GL; SPUD 7/16/97; COMP 9/17/97; TD 3200, PBTD 3197; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2855 TO 2879; IPP: SWD: API # 30-015-29735

MARALO INC
GOLD RUSH "31" FEDERAL #1
NASH DRAW, T23S, R30E, SEC 31, 660 FSL 330 FWL; EL: 317 GL; SPUD 9/3/97; COMP 10/16/97; TD 7300, PBTD 7240; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7125 TO 7186; IPP 168 BOPD, 450 MCFD, 214 BWPD; API # 30-015-29736

DEVON ENERGY CORP
TODD "36P" STATE #19
INGLE WELLS, T23S, R31E, SEC 36, 773 FSL 571 FWL; EL: 3525 GL; SPUD 7/4/97; COMP 8/27/97; TD 8678, PBTD 8587; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6714 TO 8328; IPP 32 BOPD, 142 MCFD, 272 BWPD; API # 30-015-29407

LEA COUNTY

RAND PAULSON OIL CO
ESTACADO 14 STATE #1
HI PLAINS, T14S, R34E, SEC 14, 1980 FSL 1980 FWL; EL: 4097 GL; SPUD 6/6/97; COMP 8/22/97; TD 12593, PBTD 10400; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 9607 TO 9612; IPP 66 BOPD, 27 MCFD, 0 BWPD; API # 30-025-34002

PHILLIPS PET CO
SANTA FE #136
VACUUM, T17S, R35E, SEC 33, 2175 FSL 336 FWL; EL: 3948 GL; SPUD 9/18/97; COMP 12/2/97; TD 8176, PBTD 8090; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7654 TO 7828; IPP 93 BOPD, 112 MCFD, 3 BWPD; API # 30-025-33928

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA INC
LUSK WEST (DELAWARE) UNIT #6
WEST LUSK, T19S, R32E, SEC 20, 1650 FSL 1800 FWL; EL: 3578 GL; SPUD 9/3/97; COMP 10/17/97; TD 7165, PBTD 7128; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6424 TO 6432; IPP 3 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 26 BWPD; API # 30-025-34032

TEXAS RRCD 7C

CROCKETT COUNTY

J CLEO THOMPSON
#1 UNIVERSITY 31-17E
UNIVERSITY 31 (QUEEN GAS); 17-31 UL SUR; 467 FSL 467 FWL; 13 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2268 GR; CONTR: WHEELER DRG; TD 760; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH OH INTERVAL 733 TO 760; IP CAOF 26 MCFD

LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
#9 UNIVERSITY GREAT PLAINS "B"
FARMER (SAN ANDRES); 9-50 UL SUR; 330 FSL 993 FWL; 10 MILES S OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2709 GR; CONTR: ROD RICK; TD 2600, PBTD 2575; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2296 TO 2324; IPP 12 BOPD, 14 MCFD, 12 BWPD

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COMPANY
#7 HOOVER LAURA GU "52A"
OZONA (CANYON SAND); 52-MM T&STL RR CO SUR; 700 FSL 660 FWL; 29 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2465 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRG; TD 7615, PBTD 7580; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6682 TO 7436; IP CAOF 735 MCFD

IRION COUNTY
LAVANCO ENERGY INC
#3 LINTHICUM "24"
LAVAN (WOLF CAMP); 24-WASHINGTON CO RR CO SUR; 2173 FSL 2197 FWL; 3 MILES E OF BARNHART; EL: 2514 GR; CONTR: CLEERE DRG; TD 7000, PBTD 6923; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6511 TO 6837; IP CAOF 510 MCFD

LAVANCO ENERGY INC
#4 LINTHICUM "24"
LAVAN (WOLF CAMP); 24-WASHINGTON CO RR CO SUR; 2173 FSL 467 FWL; 3 MILES E OF BARNHART; EL: 2507 GR; CONTR: CLEERE DRG; TD 7000, PBTD 6941; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6518 TO 6848; IP CAOF 445 MCFD

SCHLEICHER COUNTY
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
#17 MAYER, EDWIN S. JR "E"
SAWYER (STRAWN); 55-A HE&WT RR CO SUR; 660 FSL 1980 FWL; 15 MILES SW OF ELDORADO; EL: 2362 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRG; TD 8250, PBTD 8247; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7929 TO 7951; IP CAOF 145 MCFD

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
#7 MAYER, EDWIN S. JR. "E"
SAWYER (CANYON); 55-A GC&SF RR CO SUR; 1750 FSL 1320 FWL; 15 MILES SW OF ELDORADO; EL: 2401 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRG; TD 8218, PBTD 7168; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6990 TO 7000; IP CAOF 76 MCFD

TEXAS RRCD 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

SAGE ENERGY COMPANY
C. W. LOGDSON "B" 317
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); PSL SUR, BLK A-37, SEC 10, 550 FSL 550 FWL OF UNIT; 21 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3339; CONTR: CAPSTAR DRG; SPUD 6/16/97; COMP 6/24/97; TD 4740, PBTD 4714; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4498 TO 4601; IPP 25 BOPD, 5 MCFD, 50 BWPD; PERMIT # 463860; API # 42-003-38228

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
UNIVERSITY 9C #7
UNIVERSITY BLOCK 9 (DEVONIAN); UL SUR, BLK 9, SEC 15, 2073 FSL 750 FWL OF UNIT; 8 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3165 GR; CONTR: JONES DRG; SPUD 9/17/97; COMP 10/20/97; TD 10700, PBTD 10640; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10456 TO 10470; IPP 239 BOPD, 148 MCFD, 26 BWPD; PERMIT # 467325; API # 42-003-38281

MARIAH ENERGY CORP
MAGUTEX QUEEN UNIT #220
MAGUTEX QUEEN; UL SUR, BLK 5, SEC 20, 1296 FSL, 1340 FSL OF UNIT; 13 MILES NE OF ANDREWS; EL: 2028 GL; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 7/19/97; COMP 7/29/97; TD 4980, PBTD 4929; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 4792 TO 4840; IPP 51 BOPD, 18.2 MCFD, 64 BWPD; PERMIT # 463362; API # 42-003-38218

CRANE COUNTY
BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
W. N. WADDELL ETAL #816
SAND HILLS (JUDKINS); PSL SUR, BLK B-21, SEC 20, 7920 FSL 25060 FWL OF UNIT; 19 MILES NW OF CRANE; EL: 2632 GR; SPUD 5/21/97; COMP 7/2/97; TD 3500, PBTD 3320; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2901 TO 3199; IPP 20 BOPD, 150 MCFD, 25 BWPD; PERMIT # 466240; API # 42-103-02263

PENNZOIL EXPLORATION & PROD
MCKNIGHT, M. B. #102
RUNNING W (WICHITA-ALBANY); PSL SUR, BLK B-21, SEC 9, 1980 FSL 3630 FSL OF UNIT; 20.5 MILES NW OF CRANE; SPUD 6/18/97; COMP 7/31/97; TD 6171; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5175 TO 5506; IPP 25 BOPD, 66 MCFD, 84 BWPD; PERMIT # 464584; API # 42-103-10647

ECTOR COUNTY
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #802
TXL (TUBB); T&P RR CO SUR, A-373, BLK 45, SEC 33, 150 FSL 3986 FWL OF UNIT; 21 MILES W OF ODESSA; EL: 3250 GR; CONTR: BRW; SPUD 6/5/97; COMP 6/15/97; TD 6580, PBTD 6485; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRAC

TURE TREATED PERFS 5459 TO 6408; IPP 57 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 122 BWPD; PERMIT # 459043; API # 42-135-37386

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL SOUTH UNIT #2113
TXL (TUBB); T&P RR CO SUR, A-379, BLK 45, SEC 45, 7965 FSL 6680 FWL OF UNIT; 5.7 MILES SE OF NOTRE DAME; EL: 3168 GR; CONTR: BRW; SPUD 5/5/97; COMP 5/13/97; TD 6550, PBTD 6472; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5481 TO 6424; IPP 13 BOPD, 14 MCFD, 33 BWPD; PERMIT # 454745; API # 42-135-37351

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

GOLDSMITH-CUMMINS DEEP UNIT #241
GOLDSMITH (CLEARFORK); T&P RR CO SUR, A-352, BLK 45, SEC 37, 4625 FSL 660 FWL OF UNIT; 22 MILES NW OF GOLDSMITH; EL: 3286 GR; CONTR: V&B; SPUD 5/14/97; COMP 5/24/97; TD 6850, PBTD 6789; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5718 TO 6425; IPP 35 BOPD, 42 MCFD, 141 BWPD; PERMIT # 459736; API # 42-135-37394

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #27A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 17, 19422 FSL 16554 FWL OF UNIT; 9 MILES SW OF MIDKIFF; EL: 2709 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 6/21/97; COMP 7/4/97; TD 8484, PBTD 8437; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6757 TO 8331; IPP 50 BOPD, 33 MCFD, 143 BWPD; PERMIT # 463302; API # 42-173-

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SPRABERRY DIVER UNIT #271A
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-488, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 5; 1317 FNL 660 FWL OF LSE; 660 FSL 660 FWL OF SUR; 3.8 MILES NW OF MIDKIFF; OBJ: 680 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 472694; API # 42-329-34017

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BRADFORD "C" #2
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/C.C. JOHNSTON SUR, A-1173, BLK 39, T3S, SEC 46; 660 NL 789 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 13 MILES SE OF MIDKIFF; OBJ: 9300 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 472695; API # 42-329-34018

MITCHELL COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC
NORTH WESTBROOK UNIT #6820W
WESTBROOK-REENTER; T&P RR CO SUR, A-567, BLK 28, T1N, SEC 21; 5190 FNL 12860 FEL OF LSE; 650 FSL 2300 FEL OF SUR; 7 MILES NW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3250; PERMIT # 475905; API # 42-335-31662

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
ETTA BROWN #19
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-596, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 11; 1224 FNL 541 FWL OF LSE; 1436 FSL 774 FEL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 472541; API # 42-335-34036

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W. W. WATSON #67
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-1887, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 19; 969 FNL 339 FWL OF LSE; 969 FNL 339 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 472527; API # 42-335-34038

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ETTA HOLT BROWN #23W
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W. W. WATSON #56
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-1887, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 19; 969 FNL 1349 FWL OF LSE; 1639 FNL 1349 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 472529; API # 42-335-34039

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W. W. WATSON #55
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ETTA HOLT BROWN #24W
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MARY FOSTER #455
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO/A, UPSCHULTE SUR, A-1482, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 18; 5148 FSL 2978 FWL OF LSE; 160 FNL 2345 FEL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; PERMIT # 472532; API # 42-335-34046

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COLE, H. BROWN SUR, A-1856, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 12; 638 FNL 1976 FEL OF LSE; 638 FNL 649 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 472533; API # 42-335-34043

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IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO/A, UPSCHULTE SUR, A-1482, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 18; 4795 FSL 1687 FWL OF LSE; 505 FNL 1687 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 472536; API # 42-335-34048

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PECOS COUNTY

BRUCE A. WILBANKS COMPANY
KAREN #21
TOBORO-D; TC RR CO/J. MONROE SUR, A-6743, BLK 194, SEC 104; 1396 FSL 2000 FEL OF LSE; 1396 FSL 2000 FEL OF SUR; 2 MILES W OF IRAAN; OBJ: 650; PERMIT # 472623; API # 42-371-36810

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BRUCE A. WILBANKS COMPANY
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PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
PUCKETT -C- #8
PUCKETT-RECOMP; DIRECTIONAL WELL; TC RR CO SUR, A-6183, BLK 101, SEC 42; 660 FSL 660 FEL OF LSE; 660 FSL 660 FEL OF SUR; 35 MILES SE OF FT. STOCKTON; OBJ: 14080 (ELLENBURGER); PERMIT # 465909; API # 42-371-03813

STERLING COUNTY

ATROPOS PRODUCTION CORPORATION

MCENTIRE 1 #1
CONGER-D; J. G. SOULARD #1 SUR, A-350; 660 FWL 660 FSL OF LSE; 660 FWL 660 FSL OF SUR; 10 MILES NW OF STERLING CITY; OBJ: 8000 (PENN); PERMIT # 464833; API # 42-431-32883

ATROPOS PRODUCTION CORPORATION
MCENTIRE 27 #1
CREDO, E-D; H&TC RR CO SUR, A-294, BLK 23, SEC 27; 2200 FSL 1265 FSL OF LSE; 2200 FSL 1265 FSL OF SUR; 10 MILES NW OF STERLING CITY; OBJ: 8100 (CISCO, UP); PERMIT # 472353; API # 42-431-32920

ATROPOS PRODUCTION CORPORATION
MCENTIRE 23 #3
CREDO, E-D; H&TC RR CO SUR, A-292, BLK 23, SEC 23; 1000 FWL 1800 FSL OF LSE; 1000 FWL 1800 FSL OF SUR; 12 MILES NW OF STERLING CITY; OBJ: 8000 (CISCO, UP); PERMIT # 472361; API # 42-431-32921

WINKLER COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC
G. W. OBRIEN ETAL
WARD-ESTES-RECOMP; G&MMB&A SUR, A-92, BLK F, SEC 28; 15510 FNL 9570 FWL OF LSE; 330 FSL 990 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES N OF WICKETT; OBJ: 3900; PERMIT # 472746; API # 42-495-11038

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ENERQUEST RESOURCES LLC
MILLER #1
JUST RIGHT-RECOMP; T&P RR CO SUR, A-163, BLK 29, T5N, SEC 1; 653 FSL 523 FEL OF LSE; 115 FNL 1386 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES NE OF GAIL; OBJ: 8361 (STRAWN); PERMIT # 472565; API # 42-033-31604

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
WEST JO-MILL UNIT #614
JO-MILL-D; T&P RR CO/J. A. JOHNSON SUR, A-505, BLK 33, T4N, SEC 16; 6450 NL 3305 FWL OF LSE; 1150 FNL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 16 MILES SW OF GAIL; OBJ: 7700 (SPRABERRY); PERMIT # 472564; API # 42-033-31710

DICKENS COUNTY

KROCAN ENERGY CORPORATION
FINA/BLE #5194
NAVIGATOR-D; H&GN RR CO/E. M. DICKES SUR, A-621, BLK 1, SEC 194; 1545 FWL 1210 FSL OF LSE; 1545 FWL 1210 FSL OF SUR; 8 MILES SE OF SPUR; OBJ: 4800 (TANNEHILL B); PERMIT # 472581; API # 42-125-30689

GARZA COUNTY

PATTERSON PETROLEUM INC
BROTHERS HORIZON #2
HAPPY-D; T&NO RR CO SUR, A-255, BLK 2, SEC 31; 896 FSL 2055 FEL OF LSE; 896 FSL 2055 FEL OF SUR; 10 MILES SW OF POST; OBJ: 5100 (SPRABERRY LIME); PERMIT # 472774; API # 42-169-33505

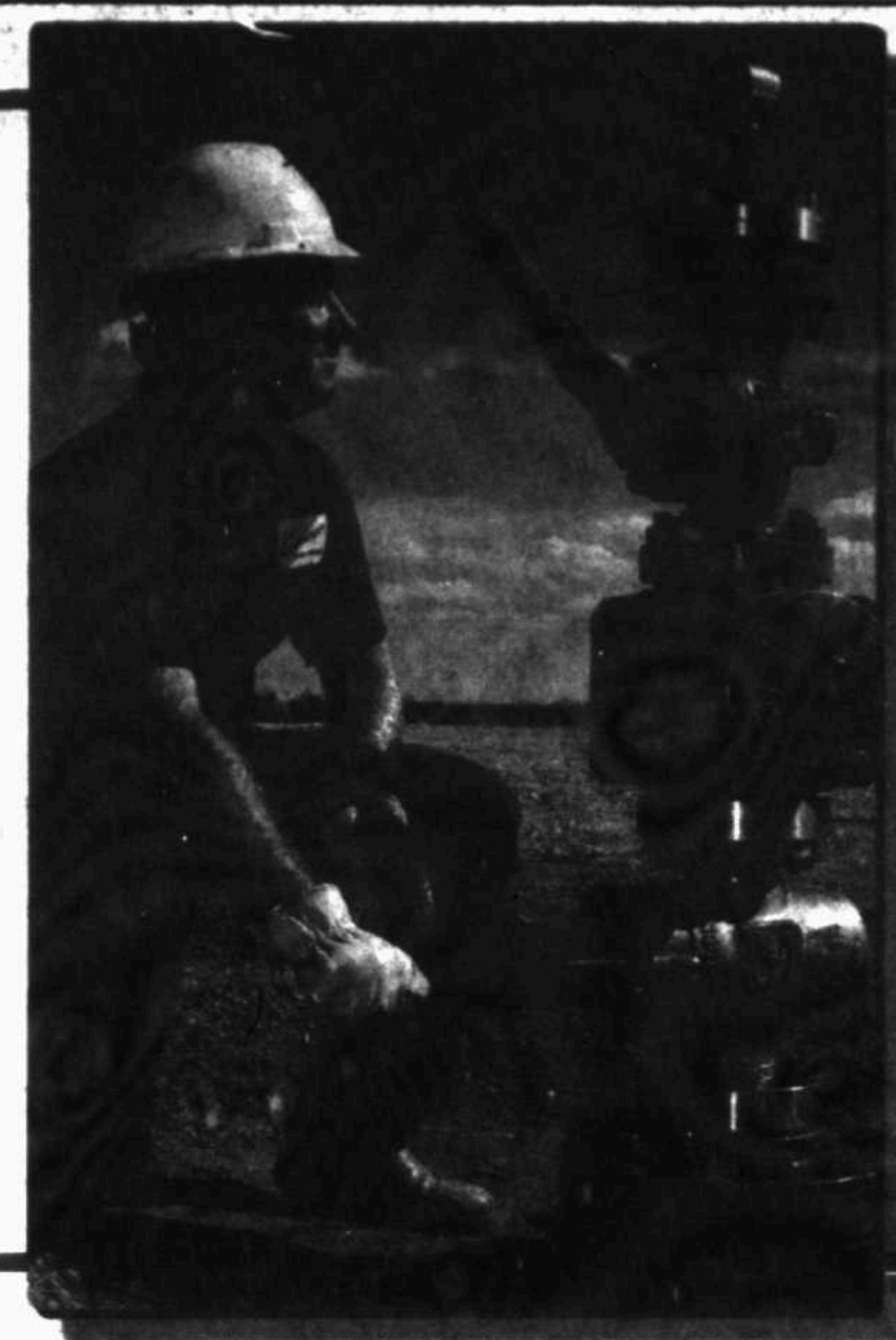
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BULLIN-LORAN UNIT #1
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PADON #1
HAMILTON-D; LAMAR CSL, LGE 27, LAB 30; 486 FNL 1080 FWL OF LSE; 486 FNL 1080 FWL OF SUR; 4 MILES E OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 10000 (WOLF CAMP); PERMIT # 472979; API # 42-219-36410

SCURRY COUNTY

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY INC
N. E. IRA #1
TRI-RUE-D; H&TC RR CO SUR, A-1682, BLK 97, SEC 152; 347 FWL 953 FNL OF LSE; 293 FNL 2361 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES N OF IRA; OBJ: 7200 (REEF); PERMIT # 473013; API # 42-415-33681



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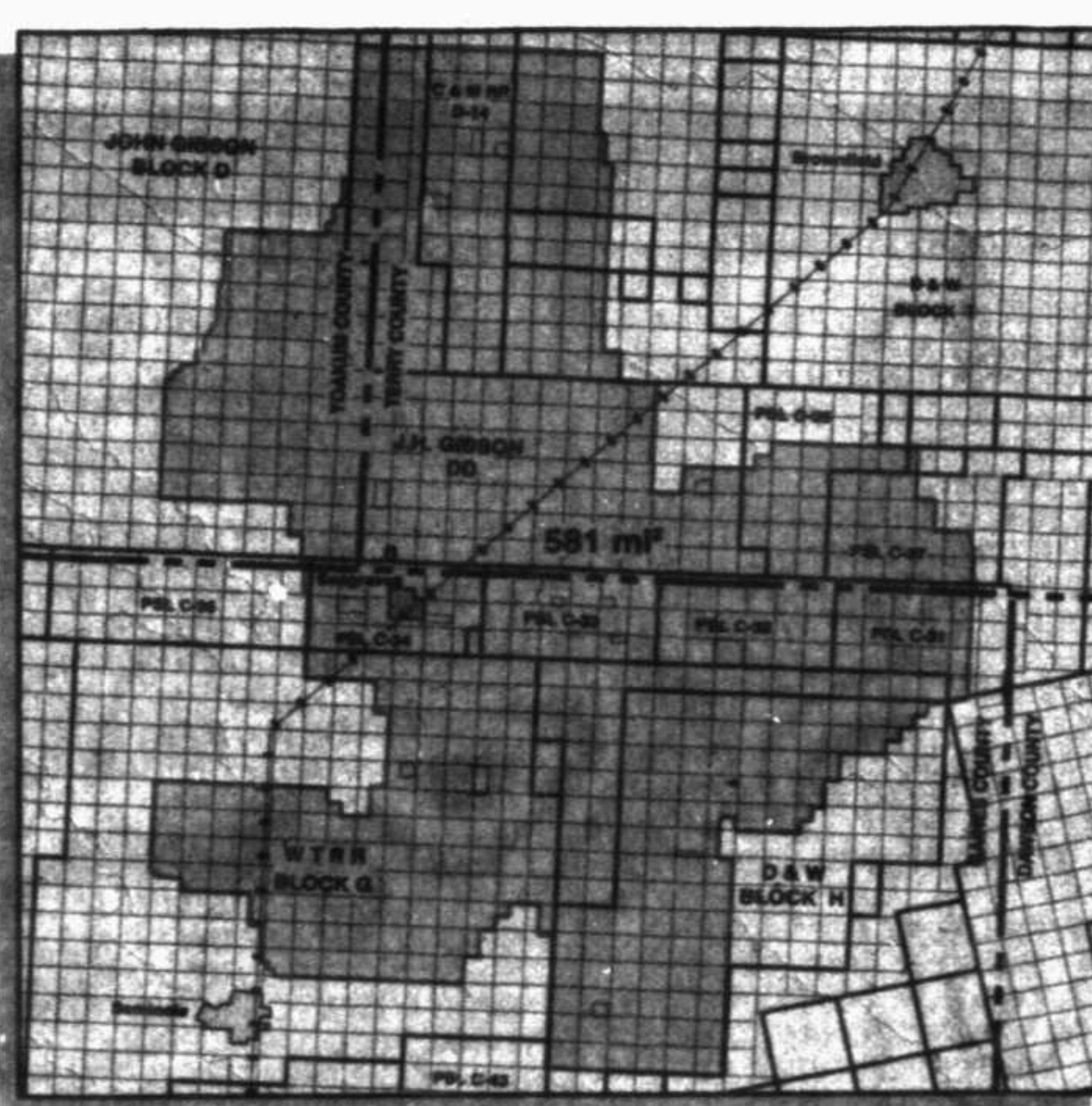
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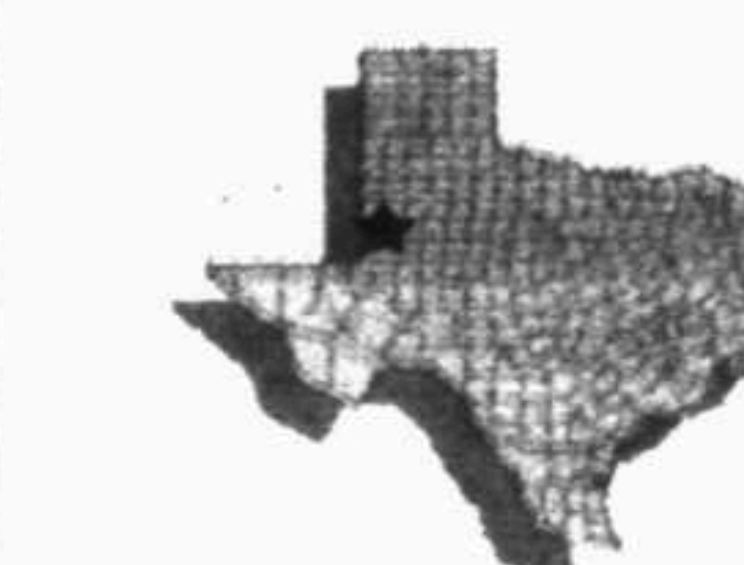


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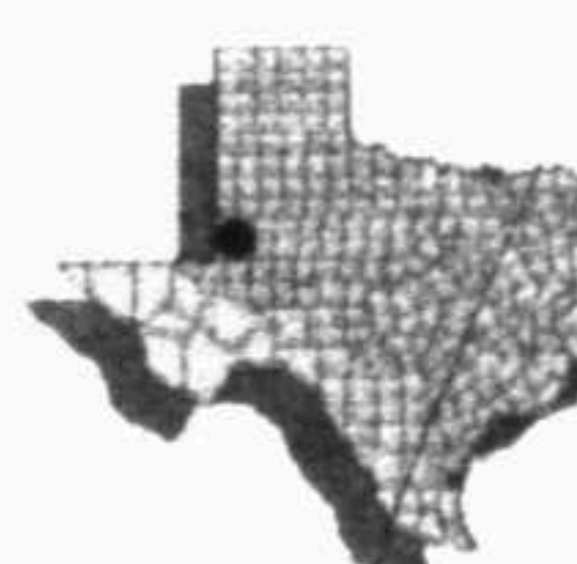
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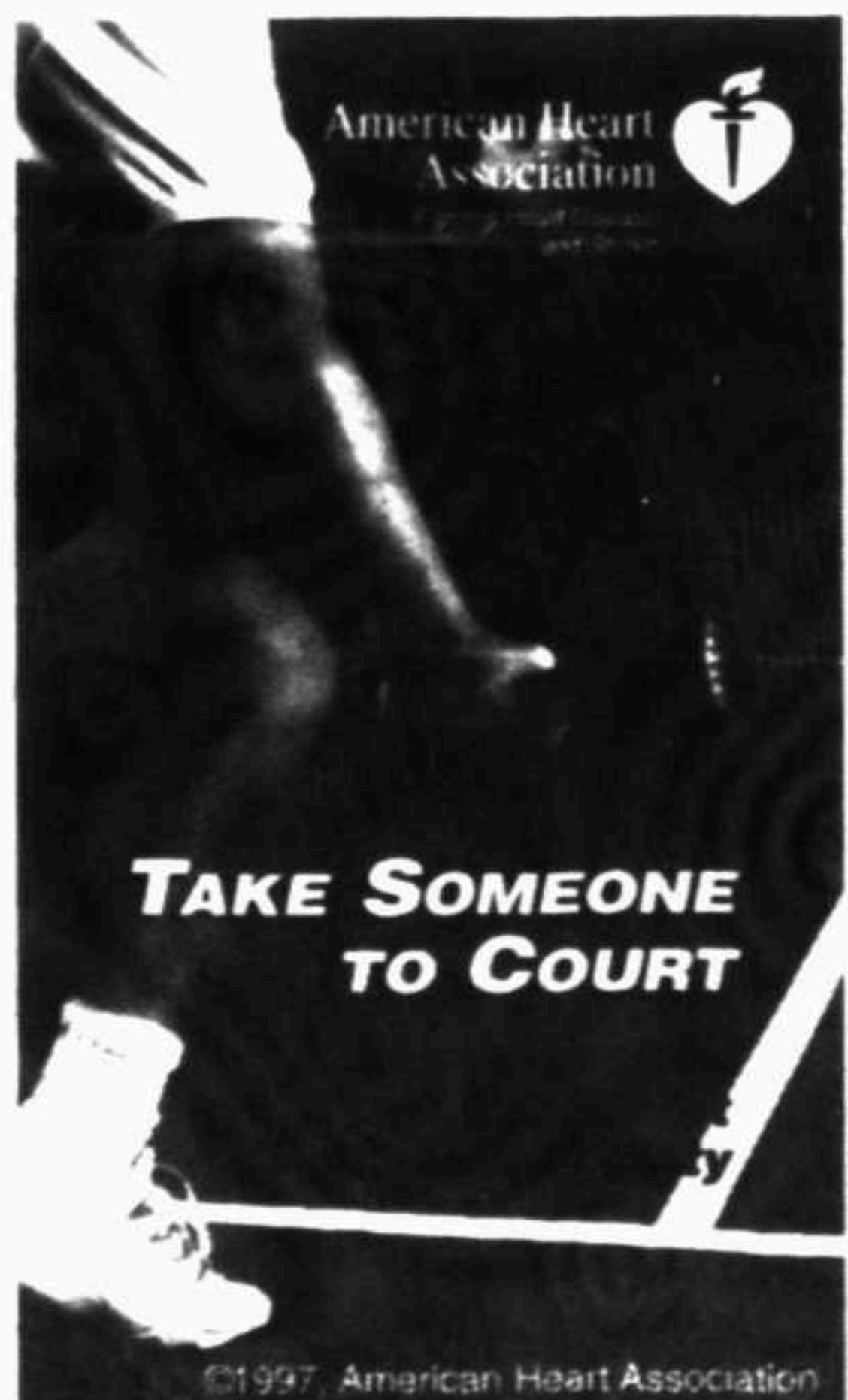


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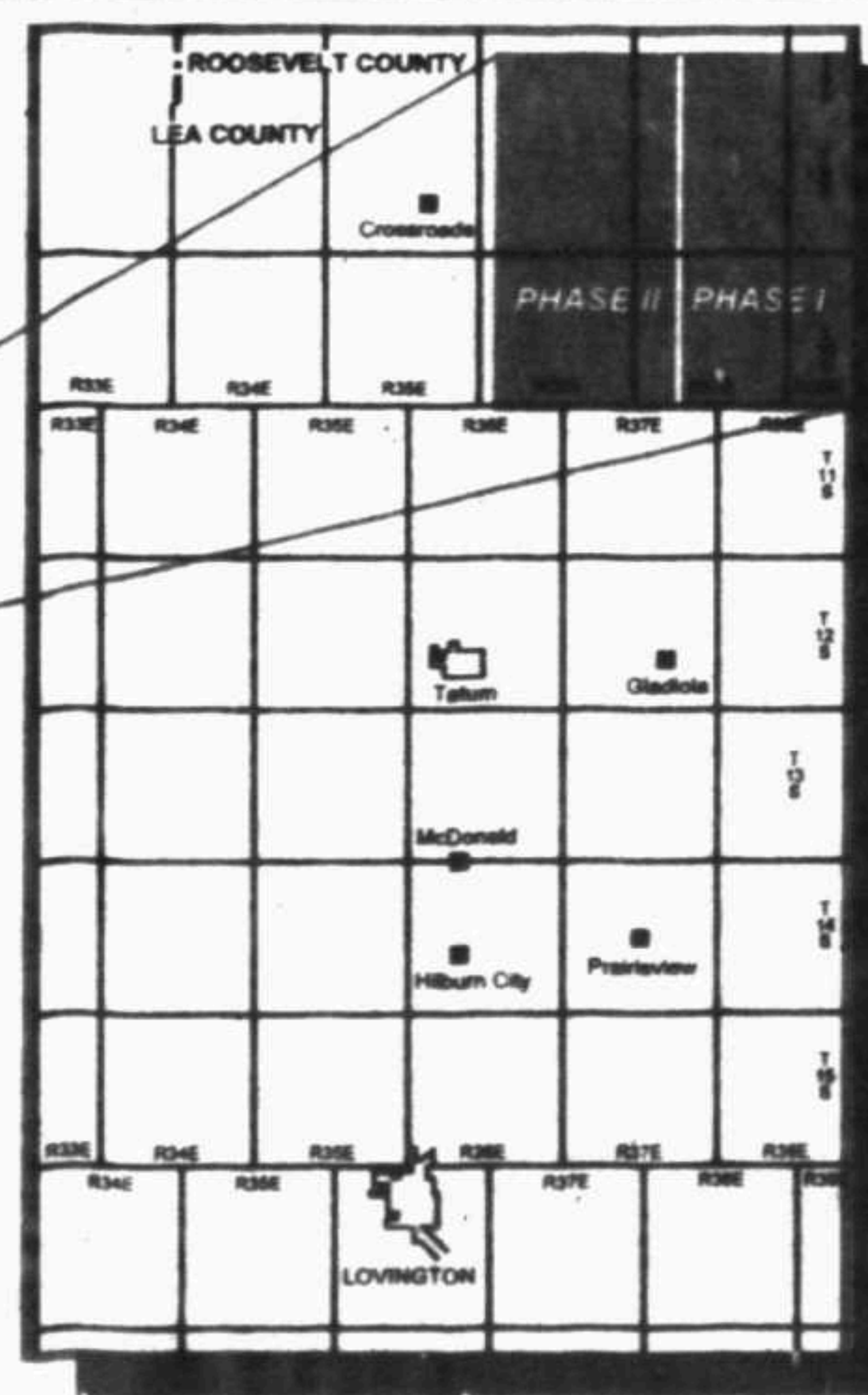
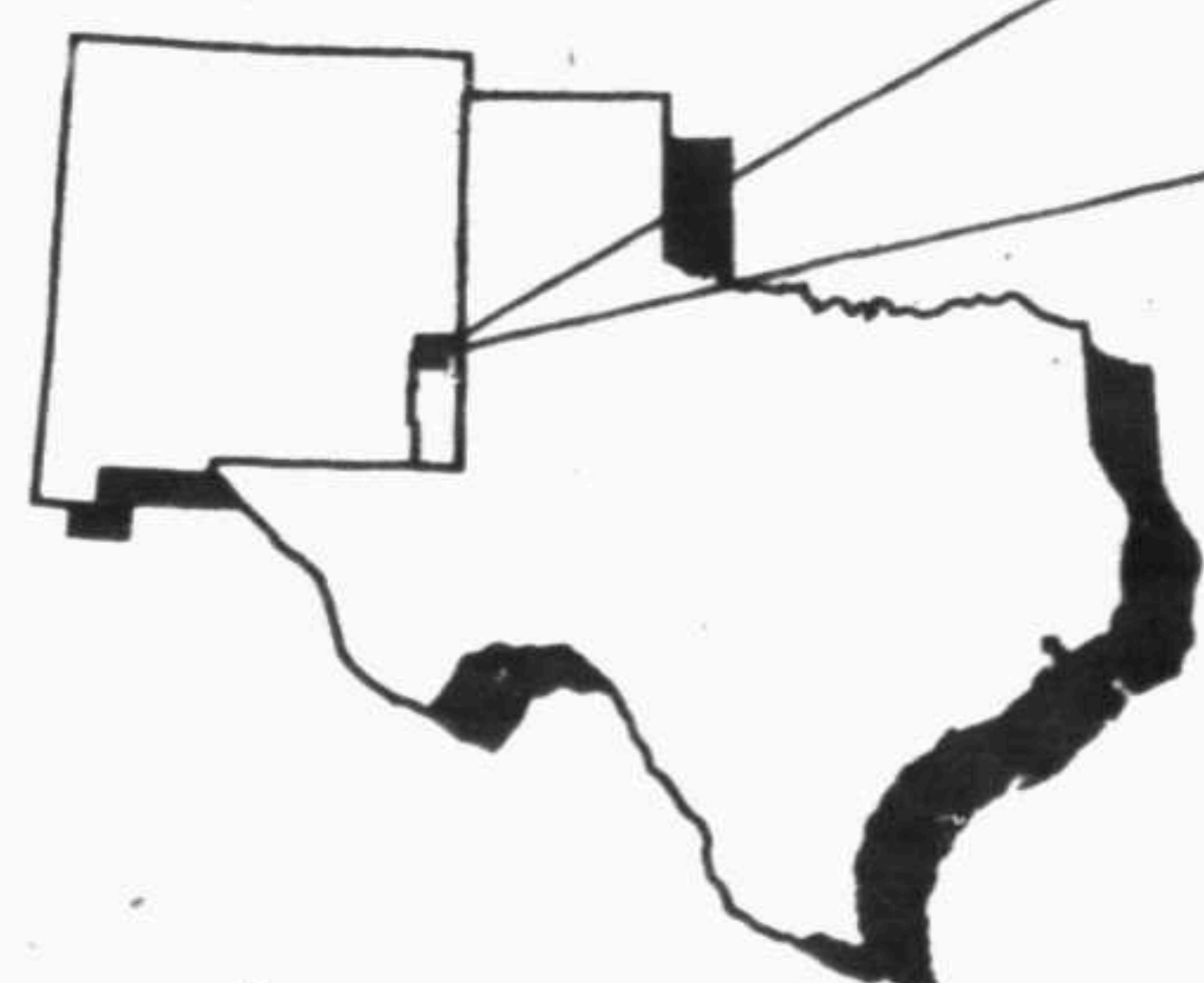
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Real Estate:

Realtors said 1997 was a banner year for housing sales and it appears that 1998 will be a repeat performance. Lower interest rates, a stable oil industry and a booming stock market attributed to brisk sales.

Retailing:

Loop 250 has become a magnet for retail businesses, including Big 5 Sporting Goods, Ruby Tuesday, IHOP, and the soon-to-be-opened Cellular One. Midland Park Mall has lost some national chains, while gaining others.

Health Care:

With Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and Westwood Medical Center and various specialists, Midland continues to carve out a niche as a regional center for health care.

Employment:

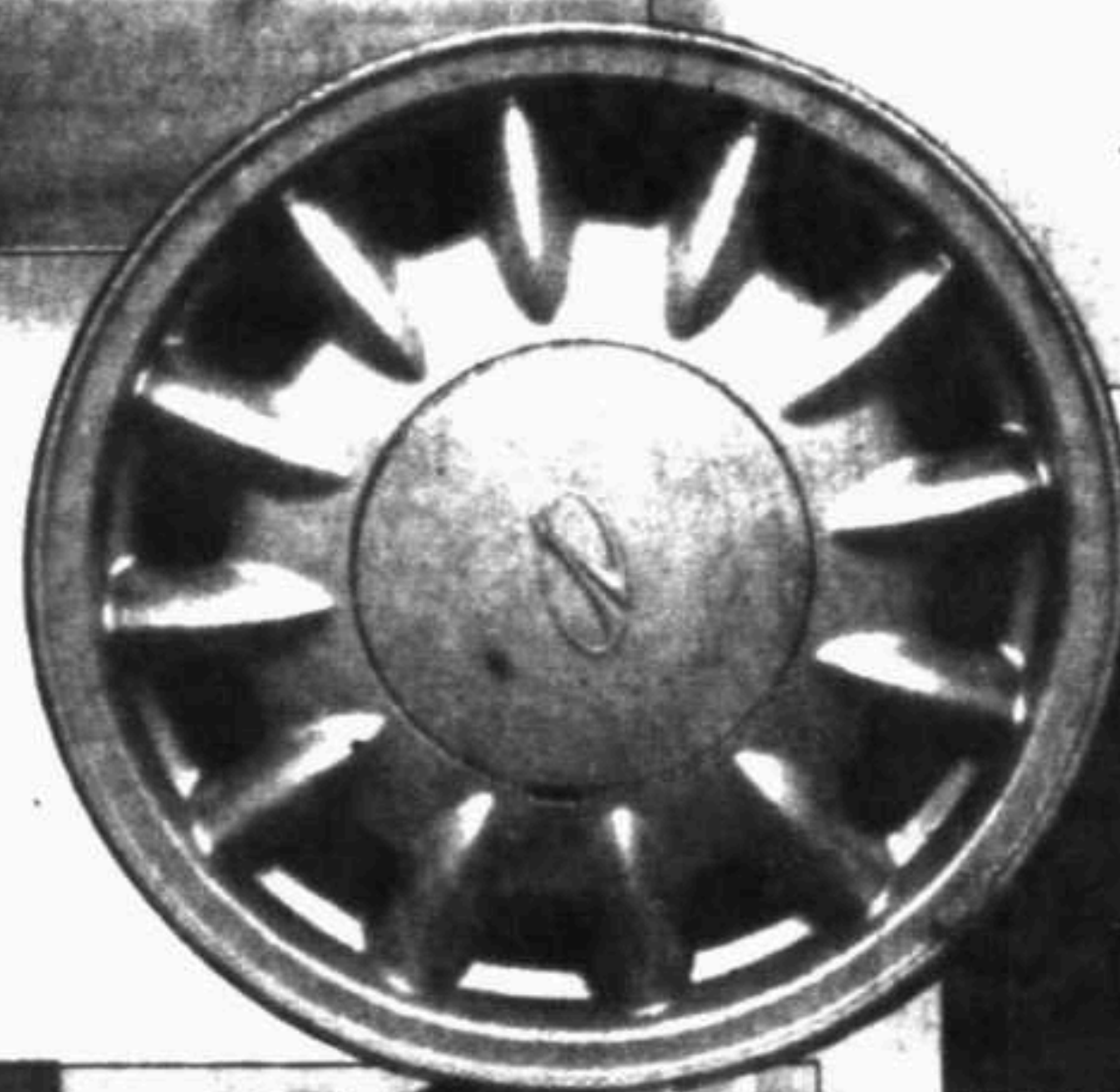
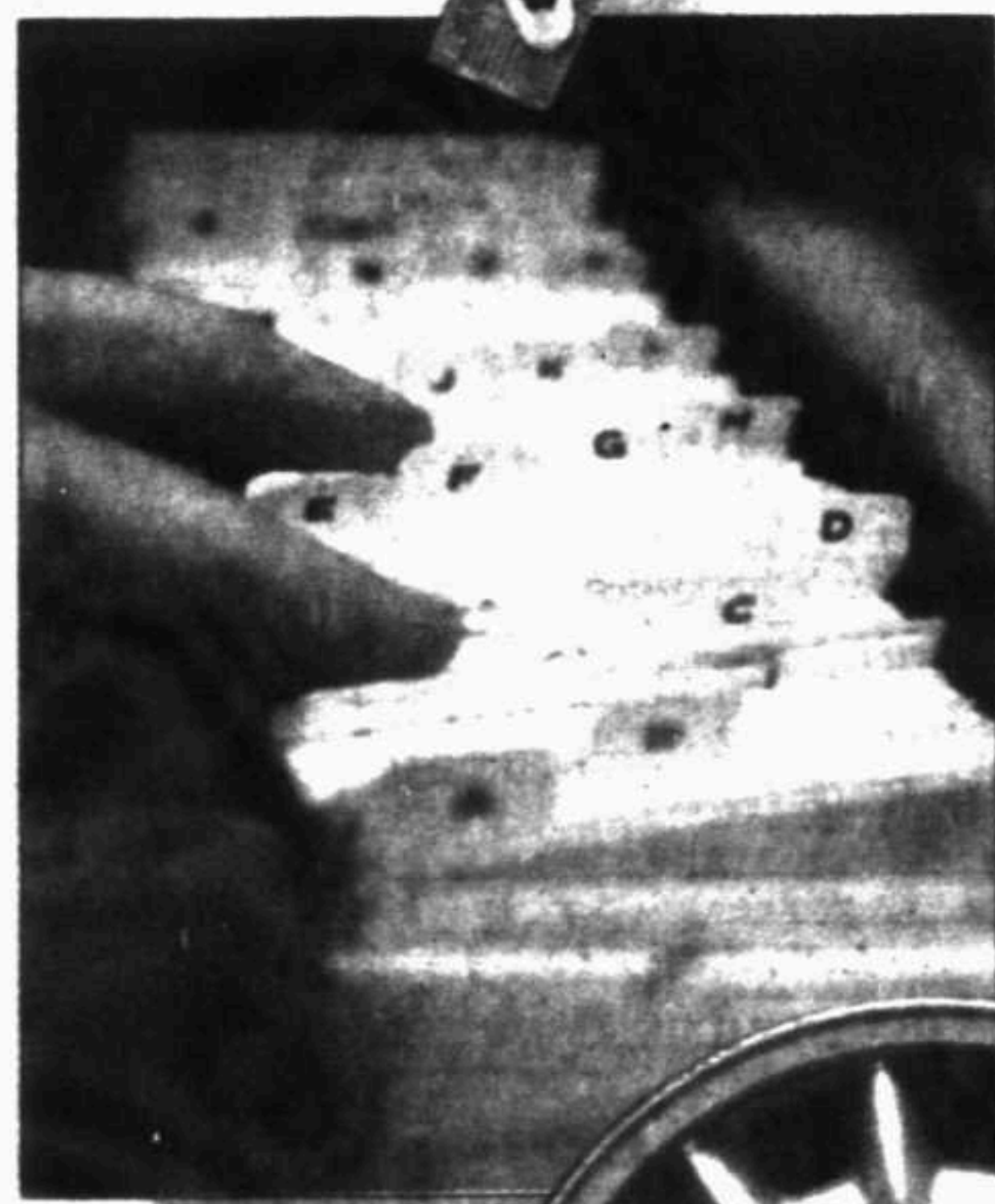
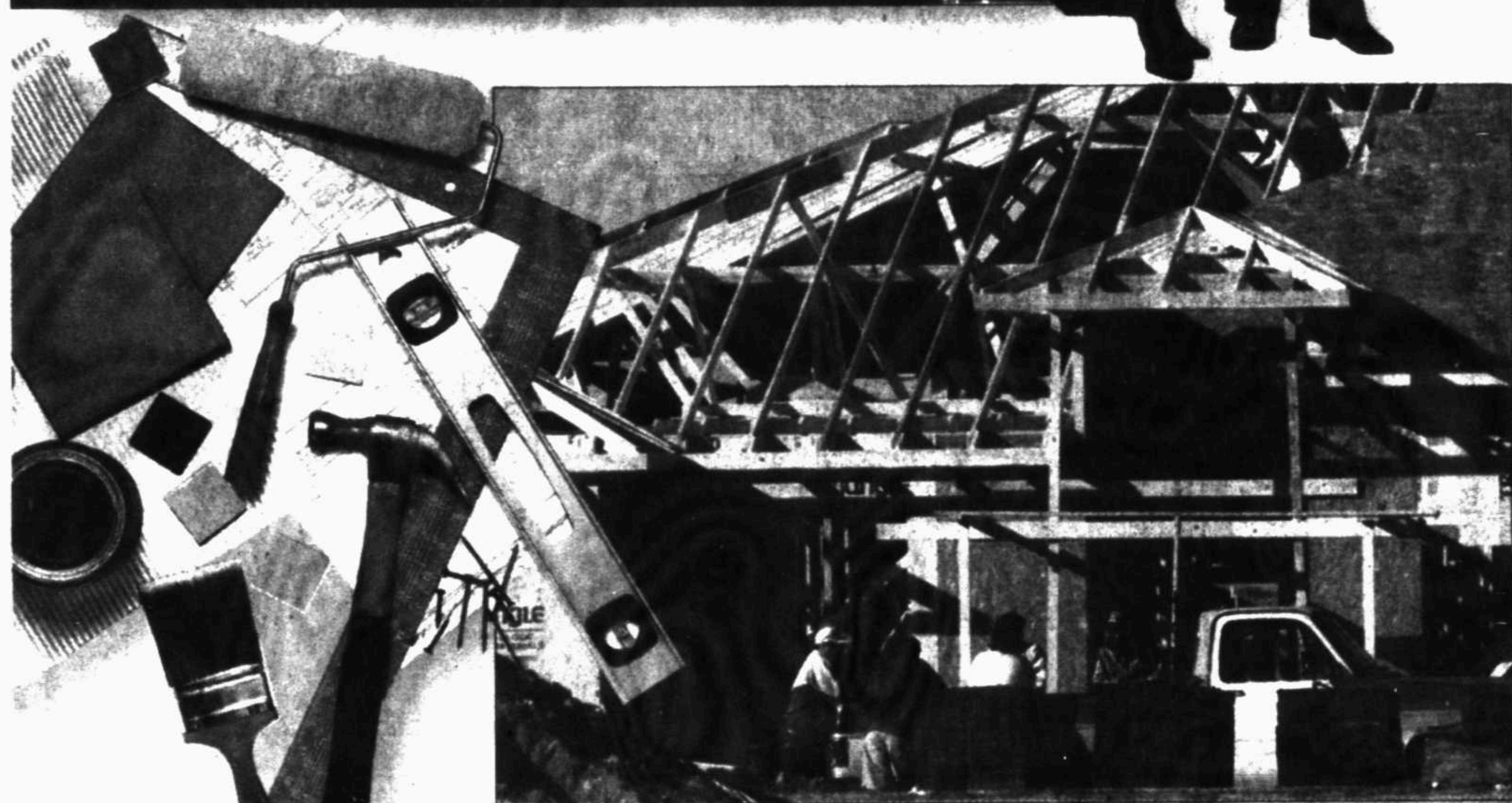
The number of people filing for unemployment has decreased over the last year. Food-service and retail jobs are taking the place of local jobs that were lost with the downturn of the oil industry.

Banking:

Local bankers reported that 1997 was a good year and are optimistic about 1998. The new home equity lending law is expected to attract more borrowers.

Automotive:

Dealers agree that 1997 was a good year and think that 1998 will be as good or better. Many attribute their record sales to out-of-town shoppers.



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Midland's retail, housing expansion to head west

By Lana Cunningham

It was Horace Greeley who proffered the advice to "Go west, young man, go west." Midland is heading out in that direction. For food. For fun. For listening and work.

A family restaurant should be opening this fall at the southwest corner of Loop 250 and Highway 191, according to Doug Henson, president of SBC Corp. West of Grasslands housing subdivision a public golf course will be started this spring. And at the northeast intersection of Highway 191 and FM 1788 an office building housing five radio stations should be opening its doors in April.

SBC Corp. owns all the land on the south side of Highway 191 from Loop 250 to FM 1788 and most of the land on the north side, according to Henson.

On the southwest corner of Highway 191 and Loop 250 sit Builders' Square and Sam's. The restaurant will be filling an empty space in that area. "That corner has always been in our master plan as a retail/commercial corner," Henson said.

THE RESTAURANT, called Clear Springs Cafe, is the third being built by Richard DeWitt from the New Braunfels area, according to Henson. It will serve basic foods such as chicken fried steak, catfish and hamburgers. "It's similar to a County Line theme-type restaurant. It will be a reproduction of an old German type warehouse and should be open in September or October."

The land west of that will transition back into residential, according to Henson. Then, at the intersection of highways 158 and 191, the master plan shows a 2 1/2 section piece designated for an urban entertainment center, such as a hotel with meeting rooms and a football stadium.

"It is designed for anything that would serve the area for entertainment. The (Clarence Scharbauer) family has offered that land for a new football stadium. The road system is already there and we feel it would have a regional acceptance because of its mid-cities' location," he said.

EAST OF that intersection and just west of Grasslands subdivision will be an 18-hole public golf course. "We'll be the landlord and lease the 220 acres," Henson said. "It will be privately owned

and for-profit, but there will be no membership fees or annual fees. A feasibility study showed there to be a need for another golf course. Because this is a fee course and not a country club, our only competition will be Hogan Park and Ratliff (in Odessa)."

"The location has regional draw," Henson continued. "Golfers like to play different courses and they go from Andrews to Hobbs to Odessa. Its location to 191, Loop 250 and Interstate 20 will make it accessible to people from a wide region."

Continuing west, the land flows to FM 1788 and just north of Midland International Airport. "The airport on our side will be protected. It is the lifeblood of the region," Henson said. "The main property is restricted to airport use. It's paramount to any other land use."

ACROSS THE road from that intersection — on the northeast corner — a home for five radio stations is going up. Almost 15 acres were sold to New Frontier Communications, which owns KGEE-FM, KODM-FM, KNFM, KMND-AM and KBAT-FM.

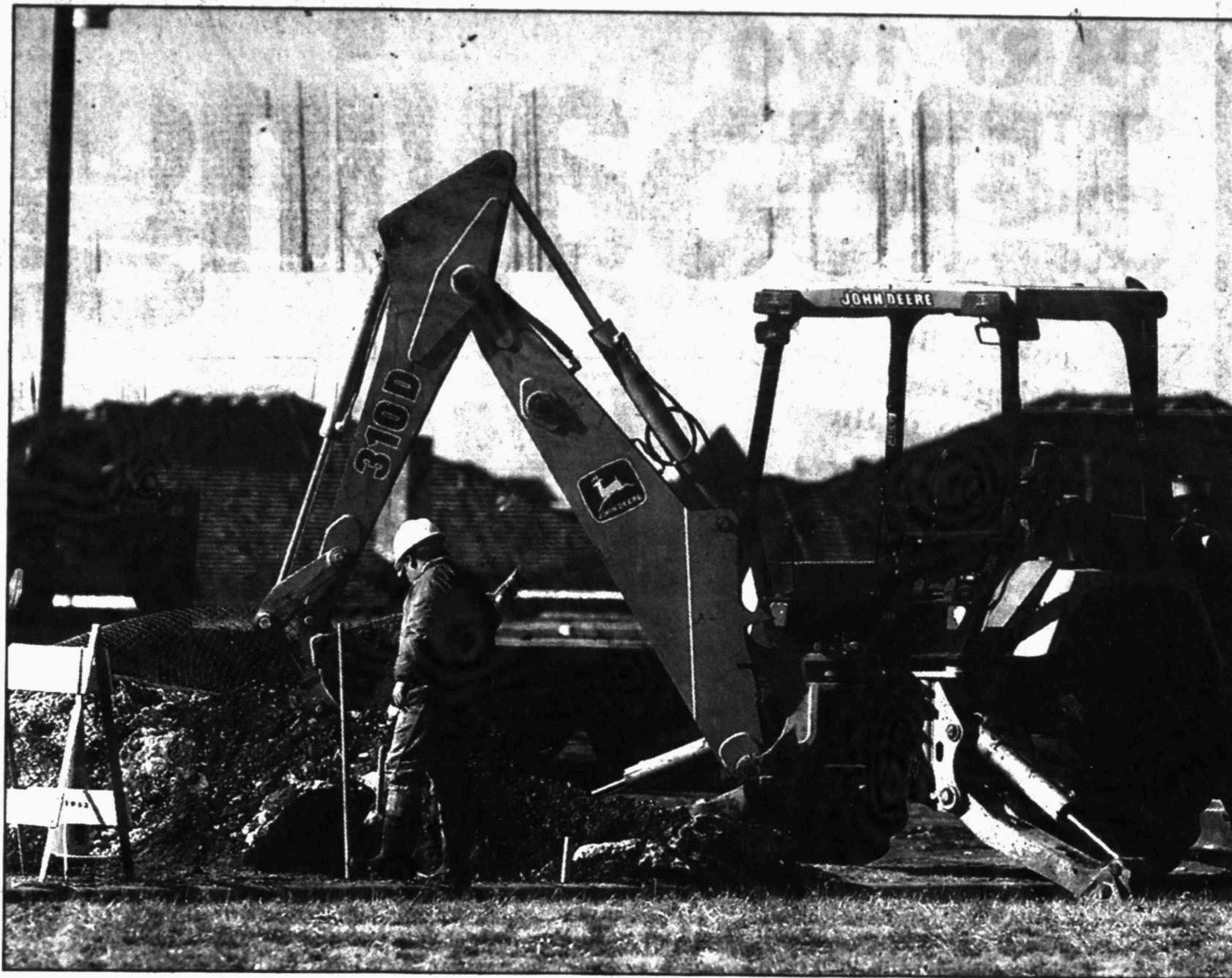
"We were looking for a location that would serve Midland and Odessa because we have a lot of listeners in both cities," said Tommy Vascocu, president and general manager of New Frontier. Another point he considered were the number of organizations that utilize air time for fund-raising purposes and the fact that having all stations in one location would simplify their efforts. "It will help in scheduling morning talk shows. People won't have to drive from one city to another. They can just go from one studio to another in the same building."

"When you put all five into one complex, we will have convenient access to both cities."

The five stations will continue to operate separately and have their own format in the 10,000-square-foot office complex.

"We'll have five on-air studios and three production studios" with state-of-the-art equipment, he noted. This move also places the sales, marketing and administration under one roof "and makes it more efficient."

THE BUILDING, he said, should be ready by mid-March to early April, but the radio sta-



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tions won't be moved immediately. "We'll move the stations in stages. It will take several months before all five are broadcasting from there."

In the meantime, Vascocu and Gary Wilson, who are managing partners of 191 Properties, are looking for other service indus-

tries interested in relocating to that mid-cities spot to develop the rest of the tract. "We're looking at telephone equipment companies, copy machine sales and service companies — these provide service to both Midland and Odessa. This would be an ideal spot for them to consolidate their

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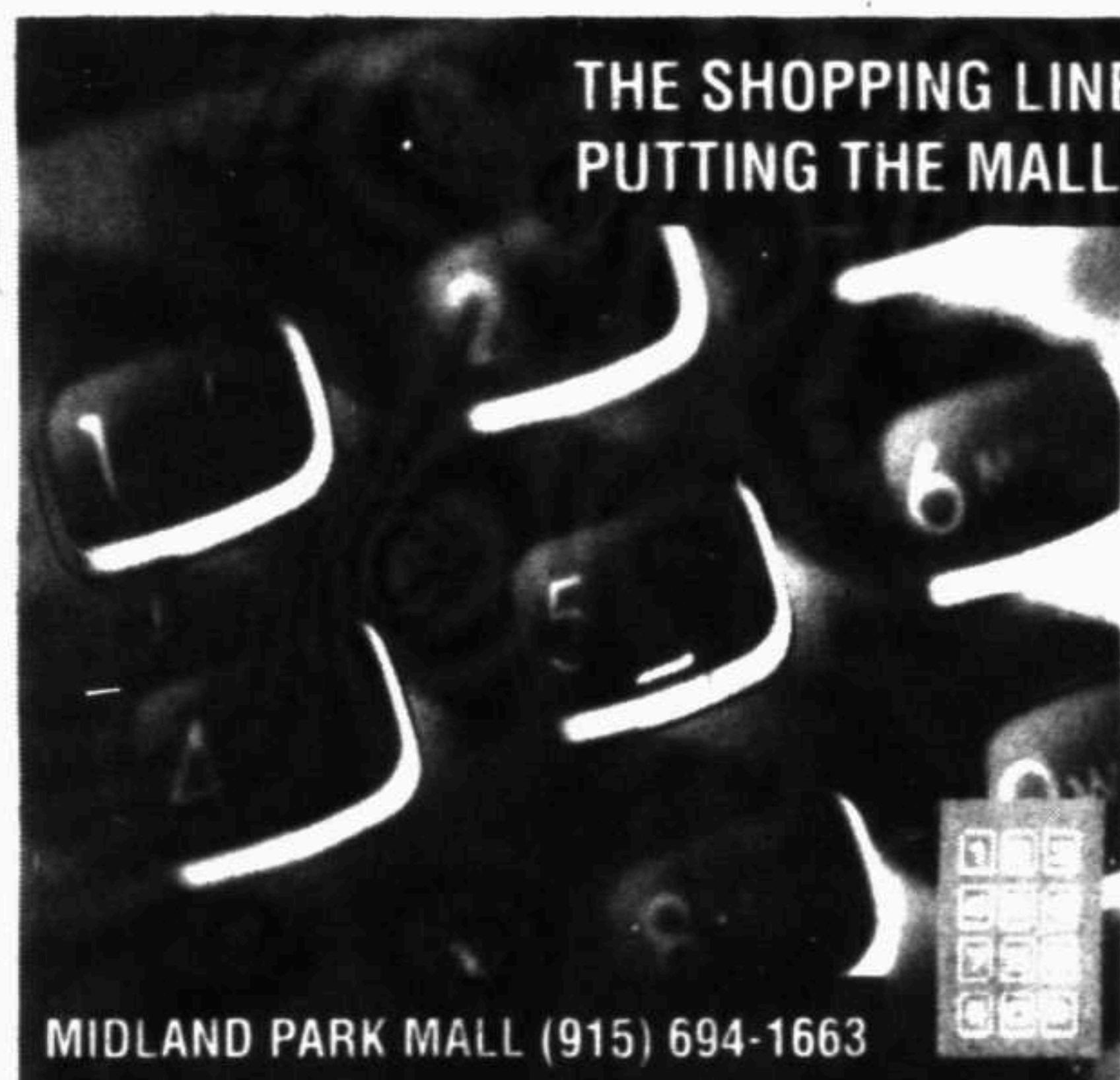
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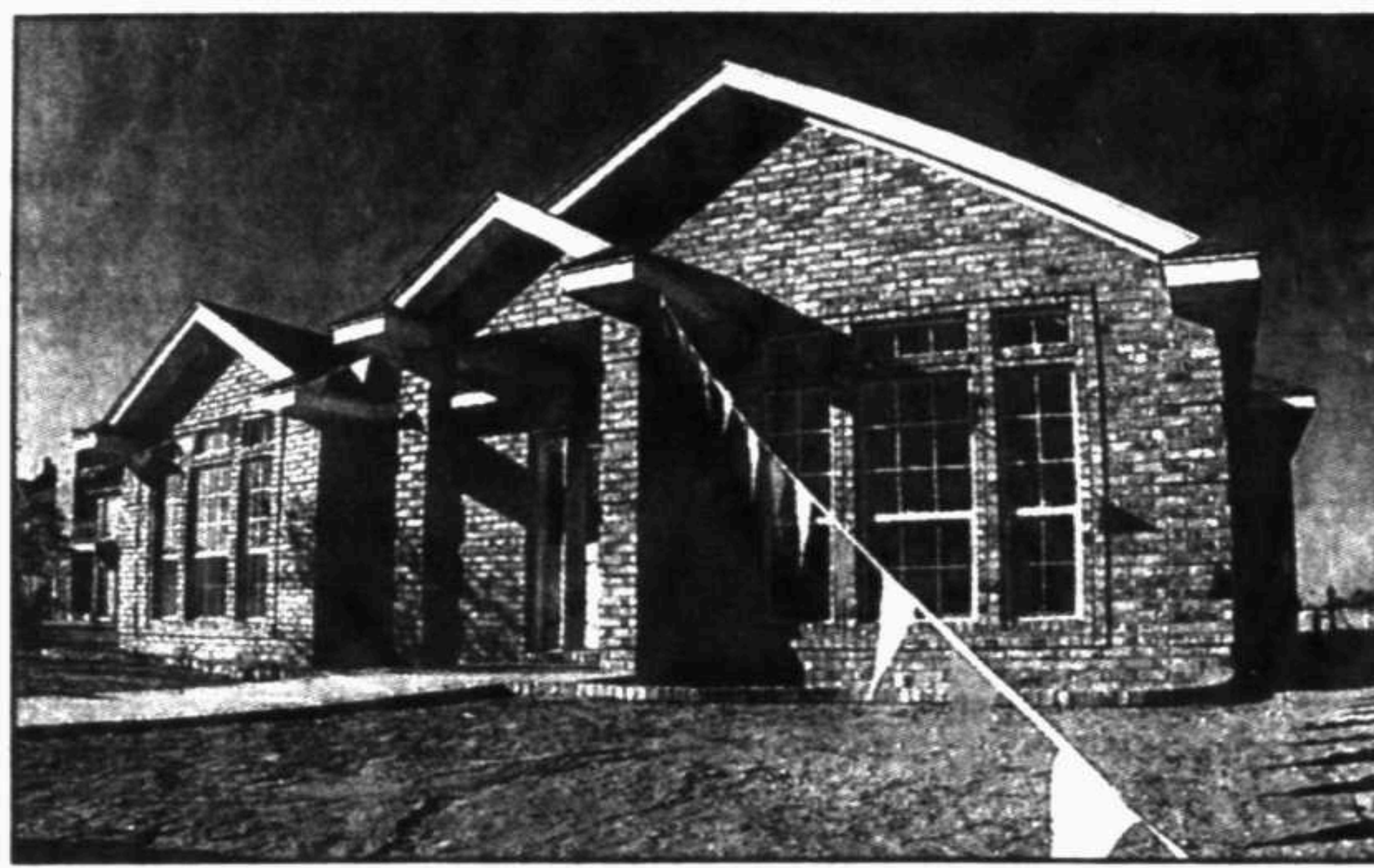
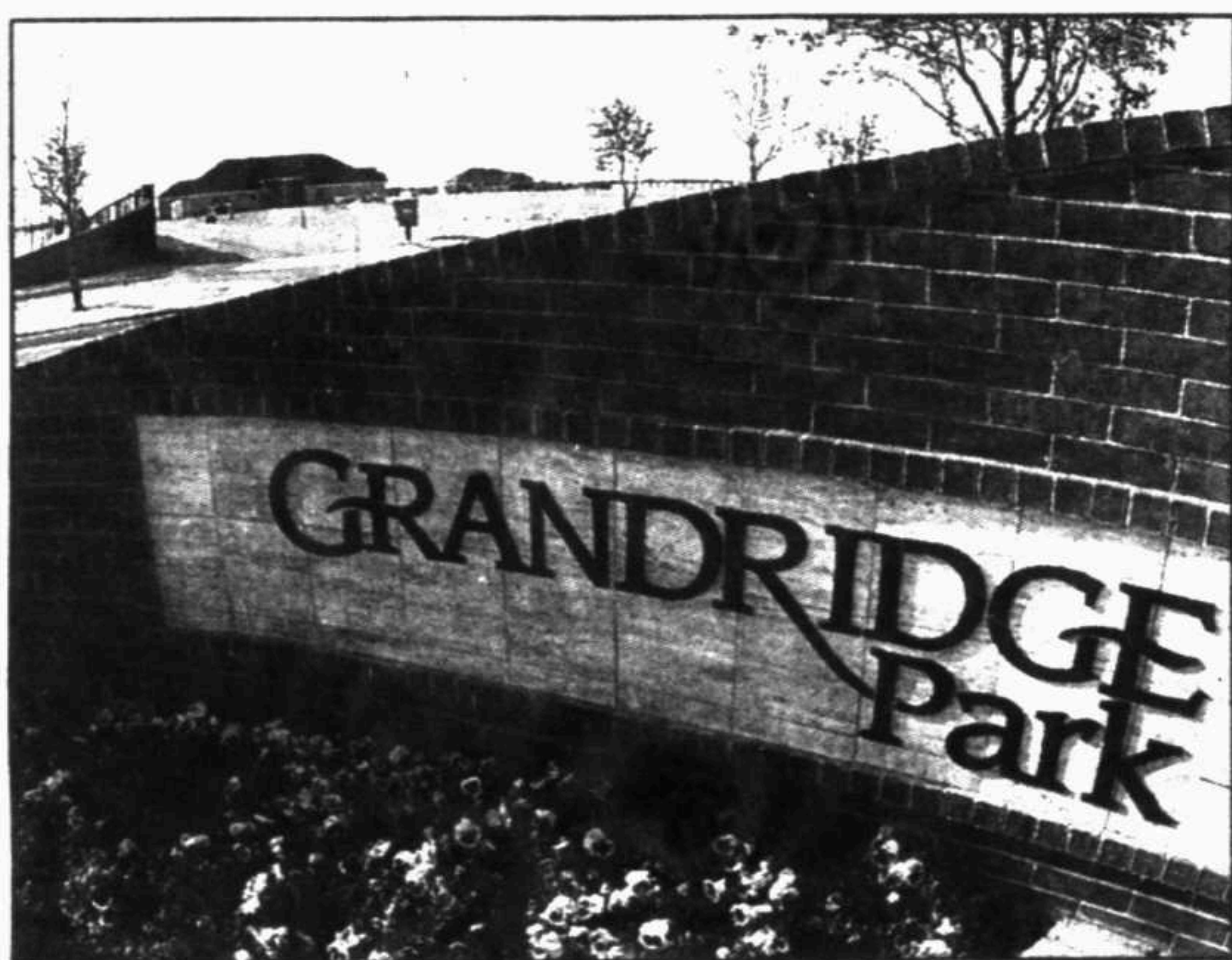
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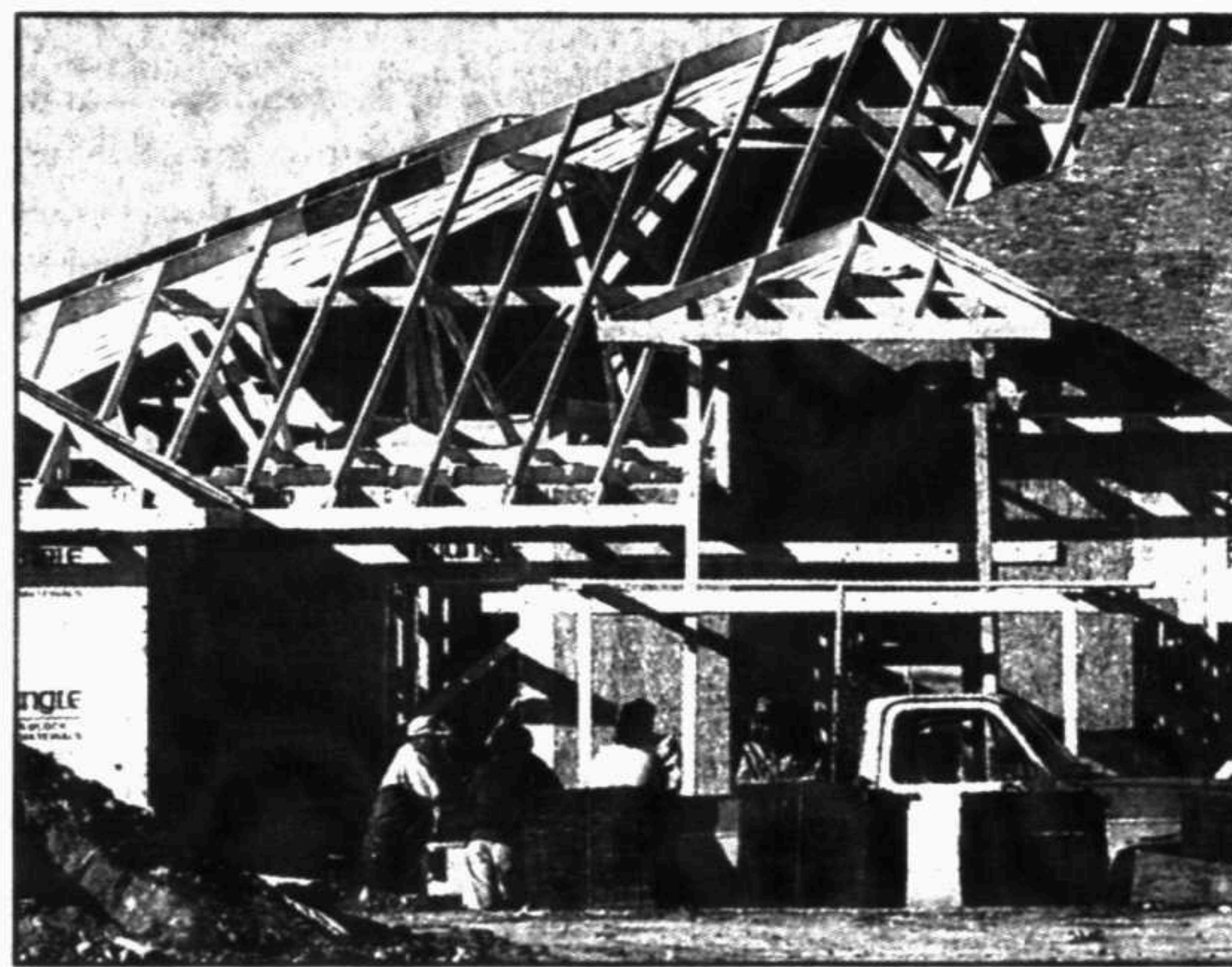
Developing Midland



At left is the Parkside development off Cuthbert. Below left to right, Grandridge Park, a new subdivision on West Wadley past Loop 250; a home in the Meadowpark development; and new home construction.



Photos by Curt Wilcott



New housing developments spring up all over Midland

By Lana Cunningham

From tiny yards big enough to keep a small dog satisfied to large acreage that can make horses happy in the hay, Midlanders are finding a choice of new housing developments. While many were begun in 1997 with utilities and streets being put in, several were not ready for houses until the latter part of the year or early 1998. And others should be ready for "home sweet home" later this year.

The following list is a review of various developments and is by no means to be considered complete.

MISSION PROPERTIES

Bordered by State Highway 349 and Solomon Lane, this development by Jan Melton consists of two-plus acre lots and is noted for its white fences. Out of 26 lots in the development, three are not sold, according to Ms. Melton. Located inside the city limits with underground sewer, water and gas, this development is for "people who want a bigger backyard. The buyers are people who have been in Midland a long time." Zoned AE, the development has deed restrictions concerning the number of animals, such as horses, a homeowner can have, she said. Near Midland Country Club and Loop 250, "it's so handy to everything," Ms. Melton said. "It's a great place; we have beautiful sunsets."

In a couple of years she is planning to develop a townhome subdivision north of Mission Properties. It would consist of about 25 high-end townhomes. "I'm waiting until they connect Mockingbird Lane with SH 349. This would tie Midland Drive and Garfield into Big Spring Street," Ms. Melton said.

MIRA VISTA

Located south of Mission Estates along Solomon Lane is this development by Corky and Gina Allen. It will consist of 13 lots ranging in size from 9,300 to

12,300 square feet. Houses will cost in the upper \$200,000 range, said Allen. The development will feature "New Orleans-French Mediterranean type architecture. It will be very non-Midland. We're not competing with anything in Midland," Allen said. He and his wife, a decorator, "feel there is a need for something different."

The development will have two cul-de-sacs, no straight-through streets, and a stone fence that will make it private. With a decorator and architect on board, Allen calls it one-stop shopping. It should be ready to start construction on houses about May 1.

THE MEADOWLANDS

This 53-lot development off Loop 250 and west of Big Spring Street is being developed by Petree-Isbell Construction Inc. It consists of five cul-de-sacs connected by a street that loops around the development. The custom-built homes will range in size from 1,900 to 5,000 square feet and the cost will be from \$125,000 to \$300,000.

"We feel Midland needs something like this," said Jesse Petree. "This is a peaceful quiet area with no through streets. These lots are close to the loop and there is no stop sign from here to Odessa. It's quick to anywhere you want to go — downtown or shopping."

Residents will have access to a clubhouse, tennis courts and swimming pool. This development should be completed in about four years, Petree said.

MOCKINGBIRD HEIGHTS

Developed by Gilbert Bates and Bill Brown, Section II is ready for houses, according to Bates. With nine lots left in the first phase of 111 lots, the two builders saw the need for the second phase. Located just north of the first phase, this section has larger lots with a boulevard running down the middle of the street.

This boulevard will include

lights, trees, sitting areas and shrubs. Of 30 lots, seven are sold. Houses will run from 3,800 to 5,500 square feet and some lots are almost half an acre, Bates said. "We've sold mostly the larger lots. People are wanting larger lots." Houses will cost \$275,000 and up in this development off Mockingbird Lane between Midkiff Road and Mid-

land Drive.

BRIARWOOD

Another section of this development north of Wal-Mart and west of Midland Drive is ready for houses, according to Dub House of North Midland Development. Houses on the 47 lots will be similar to those in the already-completed section of Briarwood, he said. Average lot

size is 8,500 to 9,000 square feet with some located on cul-de-sacs. The three streets being paved

are Rosewood Drive, East Cherrywood and West Cherrywood

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City officials speculate ambitious Desert Shores will be downsized

By Joe Dominey

Mystery still shrouds the long-awaited and ambitious Desert Shores development unveiled more than two years ago. City officials and a local engineering consultant have had little contact with the Montana Band of Cree Indians, headquartered in Ontario, Canada.

Originally announced as a 657-acre master planned residential community development complete with an artificial lake to be situated east of Green Tree North, there is now speculation that the project will be downsized and built in several smaller stages.

Desert Shores was originally announced as an oasis in north Midland. The plan called for 1,065 residential lots, 60 "village common" town home units, 166 lakeside town homes, a 232-unit luxury apartment complex and a 208-unit mid-range apartment complex. A school and a village center, which would include an upscale retail center, fine dining establishments, a 2,500-seat amphitheater and health club, would form a river walk meandering around a 64-acre man-made lake.

Melvin Potts, a tribal member who is helping oversee the project, declined to comment recently.

"We're still waiting (for final plans and financing arrangements). We'll have to wait and see. I've been told not to say anything too much, but I think once everything is in place we'll probably make an announcement," Potts said in a recent telephone interview.

He said he thought the announcement would be forthcoming in a month or two.

Potts had said in June that the application to the City Planning and Zoning Commission would not start until late summer or early fall of 1997.

Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler said the last face-to-face meeting occurred last spring. In that meeting the impression was left that the project might be scaled back from its original proportions.

City of Midland Director of Engineering & Development Marcus Johnston reported that they were told to expect a preliminary plat by the end of January. As of this report, the plat had not arrived.

Kyle Womack, vice president of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, the engineering firm that did the original site design, said that he would hate to speculate on where the group is on its time line.

"I think they're still trying to put together the financing and 'due diligence' work, but I

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haven't spoken to them recently," he said. Womack suggested that Canadian lawyer Alain Dubuc of Toronto might shed some light.

A phone call and a fax message sent to Dubuc went unanswered.

The development will require extensive infrastructure work costing many millions of dollars. The Montana Band was characterized as "very methodical and slow" by Hackler in an interview with the Reporter-Telegram last June. He observed that the magnitude of the project justified taking every precaution in the planning stages.

The Montana Band has owned the undeveloped land since the 1980s and apparently decided that it was time to capitalize on their investment. In the original publicity surrounding Desert Shores, project manager Margaret White said that the concept was to attract businesses, families or retirees to the city. She envisioned the amphitheater as a draw for shows and concerts, attracting visitors from throughout the area.

She said that a study of the project's potential turned out better than had been expected, indicating that properties would be sold out in less than 10 years, and perhaps less than five.

Meanwhile, as Midlanders wait for further word, new residential development continues at a rapid pace in other subdivisions such as Grassland Estates, Mockingbird Heights, Green Tree North, Racquet Club South, Briarwood, and Mission Estates. More mature neighborhoods are seeing building on vacant lots.

Population estimates furnished by the State of Texas Comptroller's office project a Midland County population of 133,097 in five years and 142,348 in 10 years, up from a 1998 estimate of 124,991. This would indicate a need for more than 4,900 new homes over the next 10 years. If the projections are correct, the Montana Band's investment will surely pay off.

NEW: Many established subdivisions expand

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Court. Housing construction should start by the end of February, according to House. Average house cost will be \$175,000.

Two more phases are planned, he said, and these will include larger lots.

His firm also has acquired acreage on Solomon Lane between Mission Properties and Saddle Club East. "This is in the planning stages and we're a year away from having it ready," House said. "We're looking at three types of homes in this area: a gated area for upper-end homes, a part with 1 1/2-acre tracts and a part similar to Saddle Club East."

GREEN HILL TERRACE
A development by Greg Frazier, this subdivision covers about 50 acres off Oriole Drive south of Green Tree Country Club. The initial phase will include 31 lots. Houses will cost between \$115,000 and \$150,000 and be 2,000 to 3,000 square feet. "This is a step below where everyone else is shooting," Frazier said. "We're trying to fill a void." Streets should be in by the end of February.

GRASSLANDS
Bordered by Loop 250 and Highway 191, another section will be developed this year, according to Doug Henson with SBC Corp. The 82 lots should be ready for construction in late February. "We've developed a 25-acre expansion every year," Henson said. Section 16, he noted, won't be ready until 1999.

However, Grasslands will be focusing on a different development this year — Grandridge Park, which will consist of 62 townhomes. Located off Wadley Avenue and Heritage Street, two homes have been built and construction will begin on a third.

PARKSIDE RESIDENCES
This development is for "people

who don't want to leave Old Midland," explained Roberta Aldridge, the local contact for Crosswell Properties. Bordered by Cuthbert Avenue on the south, this land used to be part of the old country club golf course. It will consist of 12 zero-lot line upper-end patio townhomes.

"We have three different sets of plans or the buyer may get their own builder. I've had a hundred calls from people saying why don't we put townhomes or a high rise in there. These 12 lots are the most we could get on that land," Ms. Aldridge said.

TRINITY SQUARE
This development of 21 garden homes just north of Wadley Avenue and west of Trinity School is being developed by Mike Jackson. "We've sold half the lots and just started last March," he said. "People want nice big houses without the yard or with only a small yard. There will be a brick wall separating it from Wadley Avenue." Houses will range from 2,200 square feet to 3,000 square feet and will cost \$140,000 to \$190,000.

Realtors noted other developments with a few lots remaining are Green Tree Country Club, Saddle Club East and Saddle Club Ranch Estates. Cameron Walker with the City Planning and Zoning Department said another subdivision recently approved by the city is called Sunridge Ranch Estates. Being developed by Morgan and McClain, this development will have 21 lots on four-acre tracts. It is located one mile west of Holiday Hill Road and one mile north of Briarwood.

Greenwood is known as a bedroom community of Midland, and the number of bedrooms have been increasing in recent years.

STONERIDGE
Located on the northwest corner of Highway 307 and CR 1130, developer Scott Dickerson said this subdivision consists of 140 acres with 55 lots. These lots are 1 1/2 acres and some buyers are opting for two lots. Houses range from 2,200 to 4,600 square feet and cost \$160,000 to \$400,000. Deed restrictions limit the number of animals on the lots.

"This is my fourth development at Greenwood," Dickerson said. "It seems like every time we do a subdivision, the homes get bigger and more expensive. But I think we'll hit our saturation point in a year or two. About half the people building out here are from Midland who are wanting a suburban life. Their kids can have horses and four-wheelers. And people coming here from larger cities like this type of lifestyle."

SUNSET ESTATES
This development by Don Swafford consists of two-acre tracts and will have 18-20 houses when completed. Houses will range from 2,300 to 4,100 square feet and cost from \$140,000 up. Swafford said. This development includes a water well and septic system. "I build energy-efficient homes and the buyer only pays one bill — the electric bill." Sunset Estates is located near Highway 307 and half a mile south on CR 1130. "People are coming out here from Midland because they like the country feel," he said.

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Realtors expect strong sales in 1998

By Lana Cunningham

When the curtain came down on 1997, Midland Realtors issued one word, "Wow!" And the early weeks of 1998 indicated strong chances for a repeat.

Realtors agreed the lower interest rates contributed greatly to the banner year in housing sales. Other reasons cited were a booming stock market, a stable oil industry, a growing retirement community, the usual transfers by major oil companies and an increasing number of diversified businesses bringing in employees.

As the curtain rose on 1998, Realtors barely had a chance to catch their breath. While the winter normally is a slow time for housing sales, this year was proving otherwise. And the inventory citywide was not as high as what Realtors want. The move-out by Exxon and Parker & Parsley actually proved to be a boon for the market last year, giving clients more of a choice.

"1997 was an absolutely amazing year," said Marilyn Jo Smith of Re/Max of Midland. "I expected a good year, but had no idea it would have the impetus it did. We never slowed down. As an individual, I had the biggest year in 14 years as a Realtor. And Re/Max had its biggest year since we started 11 years ago. I'm optimistic about 1998 being even more prosperous. We had a busy December and we're starting out the year well."

JAN MELTON started Jan Melton & Associates in 1997 and experienced a "super successful year. I was taking better care of the people and it paid off."

Figures from the Midland Board of Realtors reflect a slight increase in the sale of homes in 1997 as compared with 1996. There were 1,416 homes sold in 1996, with an average price of \$90,056. In 1997, the figures were 1,573 homes for an average selling price of \$92,054. These numbers may not reflect sales made by owners, suggested one Realtor.

City of Midland figures show new homes permitted reflected little difference between the two years: 269 new houses in 1997 for total value of \$28,800,000; 288 in 1996 for total value of \$28,600,000; and 242 in 1995 for value of \$23,700,000.

Kay McDonald, president of the Midland Board of Realtors, said the boom in house sales was triggered by Exxon U.S.A. moving its employees out of Midland. "A large number of those homes were bought by in-town people,"

said Mrs. McDonald of Century 21 Mid-Tex Real Estate. These people were moving up in house size and cost. "We saw people going from a \$60,000 house to one costing \$180,000."

"THE EXODUS of Exxon was a boon to incoming transferees who had had a choice of four to five homes," said Joanne Langston with Langston Realtors. When those employees left, buyers suddenly had a choice of 10 homes. "I don't know that I have ever experienced a tighter market. Virtually only a handful of properties listed as a result of the Exxon move are still on the market, and there were probably about 70. The Parker & Parsley merger into Pioneer put another group of homes on the market and they are all gone," she said.

Betty Taylor with Don Harvey Realtors said August for her firm "was the largest sales month for us since the boom era (early 1980s). Even now we're not seeing a slow market and that's unusual for this time of year."

Norma Pine said her firm — Chaparral Realtors — held an open house in January and saw a record 35 people show up. "This is a good market for both sellers and buyers. A lot of our houses are selling within two weeks or less. I've been here over 20 years and this (the market) is good."

Also noticing a good January was Kay Sutton with Kay Sutton Realtors. "We are extremely busy. January last year was one of our biggest months and we're having a good January this year. We've seen a lot of people being transferred at mid-term."

JANUARY WAS a busy time for Lori Lanier with Lanier and Co. "We have started the year off with a bang. I attribute it to the low interest rates and people fearful they (the rates) are going to (increase). I don't think there really is any traditional season for real estate in Midland," Ms. Lanier said. "We thought last spring was going to go fast and furious and it didn't. It heated up

when the Exxon houses came on the market."

Statistics for 1997 from the West Texas Regional Multiple Listing Service show 157 homes were sold in July, 176 in August, 106 in September, 109 in October, 92 in November and 102 in December.

Many Realtors attributed much of the interest in homebuying to the steady price of oil last year and the city's economic stability. But some Realtors saw other factors fueling the buying frenzy.

Lee Culver with Carriage Co. Realtors attributed a large part of the activity to lower interest rates, which hover a little below 7 percent. "I think there will be pressure to keep interest rates down. Barring any unforeseen national or international problems, we expect to see the rates go down to 5 1/2 percent over the next couple of years," he said.

ECHOING HIS sentiment about the reason for the busy housing market was Ms. Melton. However, she feels the rates have bottomed out. "If someone is going to make something happen, they need to do it now," she said.

Those low interest rates contributed to people's decisions to move up to a better house or to a different location, according to Ms. Smith. Also, a strong stock market and retirees, which Ms. Smith referred to as a "sleeping

giant" also accounted for the increased activity. "We have more people electing to come to Midland for retirement due to our low cost of living, affordable housing and good year-round climate," she said.

Buyers ran the gamut last year, from people moving out of apartments and rental property into their first home to retirees to the usual oil company transferees.

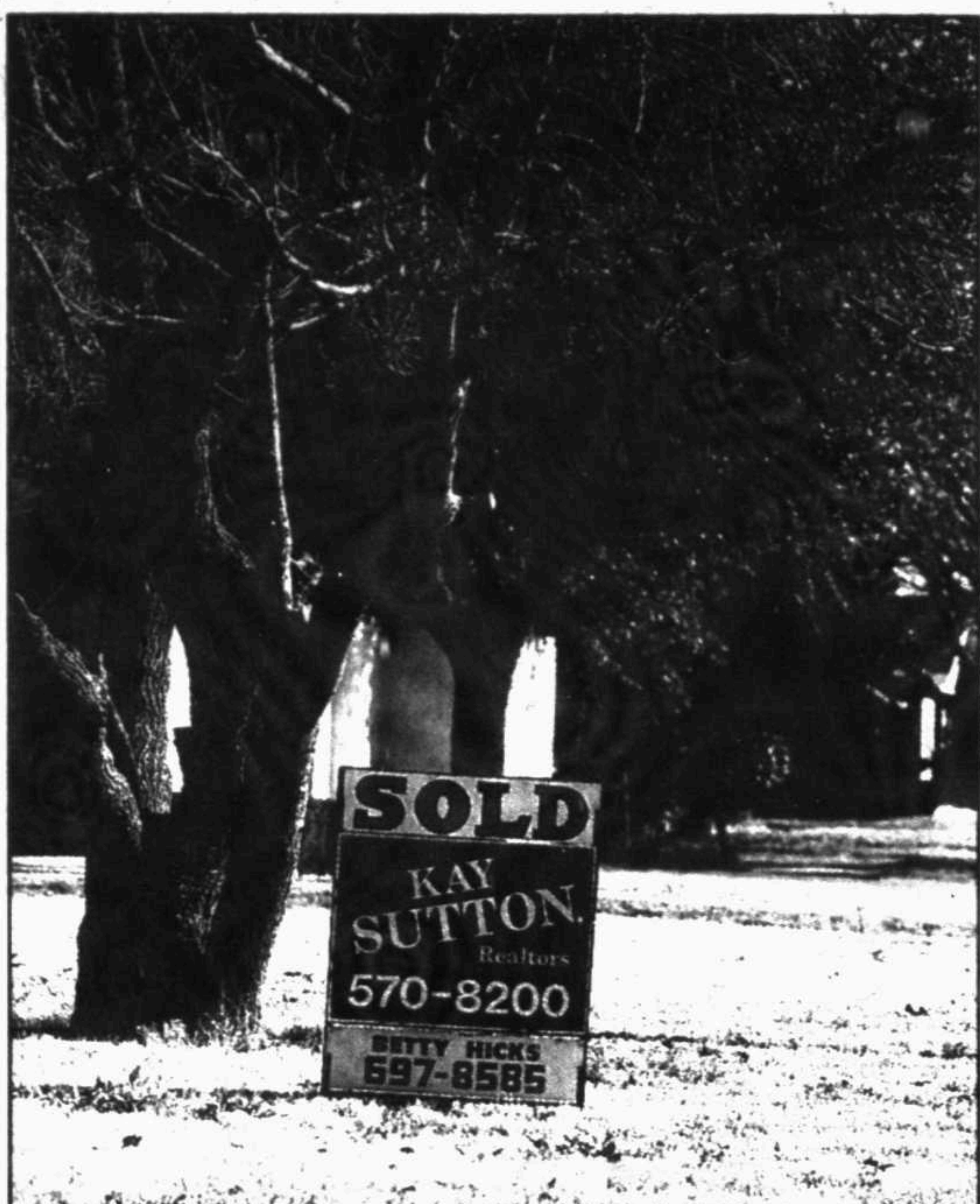
Ms. Sutton noticed the trend to more in-town buyers than in the past. "People here are moving up. And we've had a lot of first-time buyers moving out of apartments. As Midland grows and the retail areas grow, more people are going into home ownership. The retail stores have brought more homebuyers into the market place."

"THE RETAIL growth," said Brian Cooper with Caldwell Banker Cooper Realty, "is bringing in a different kind of buyer. These are middle-income house buyers. If your fiancé works at a restaurant, you won't be buying out in Green Tree Country Club."

Ms. Smith also has noticed the increasing number of small businesses coming to the Tall City with the owners usually purchasing homes.

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SALE: Oil still plays major role in real estate

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first time," noted Culver. "These are young families who have just had a child and want a house or they are couples who have just married. While we still had a tremendous amount of business from the oil industry, we also saw more people in manufacturing and small businesses. Some companies would have as few as 40 to 60 employees."

"The buyers have been more diversified — not all are with the oil industry," added Ms. Pine. "We're becoming a little more insulated."

But the mainstay of the real estate market — oil — still played a major role. "The oil companies shuffled a good many people last year," said Bill Jackson with Adobe Inc. Realtors.

Each type of buyer wanted a different type of house. People working in lower-paying retail jobs or moving out of rental properties sought lower-priced houses. People moving up often went for the \$100,000-range home. And then there were the higher-income people who picked up the increasing number of homes over \$200,000.

THE STRENGTH in the market for homes over \$350,000 surprised Ms. Langston. "We had several instances in which buyers were waiting in line for a particular home to come on the market, and it sold the first day. There were strong resales in very expensive homes in Green Tree, Mockingbird Heights and Grassland. We (Langston Realtors) had two on the lake at Green Tree that were over \$400,000. Neither was on the market more than one to two months."

"Just drive through Mockingbird Heights and look at the number of spec-built homes that are 4,000 to 5,000 square feet and the number of new custom homes in this same size. It's amazing there are so many buyers in this upper price range. And they represent many professions, not just the energy sector," she said.

Buyers also began seeking different types of homes. Ms. Langston saw an increasing number of buyers looking for upscale townhomes. Another segment of buyers sought homes on one-to-two acre lots.

Jackson noted that "most oil company people coming in want a new house or one less than five years old."

REALTORS SAW an increas-

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ing number of people looking for low maintenance homes and were selling their larger homes.

"These are retirees or empty nesters," explained Ms. Smith with Re/Max. "These people are cutting down on space and they took advantage of a tax law in which they did not have to buy a home of equal value to avoid paying higher taxes." She also noticed an increasing number of "young retirees, people in their late 50s and early 60s who sold houses elsewhere and moved to Midland. People are astounded at what we have to offer culturally. They feel they can live a well-rounded life here."

And, Midlanders get a lot for their money as compared to other places, according to Ms. Melton. "You can get a lot more house for your money and you stand a good chance of selling it."

While several housing developments are going up on the fringes of Midland, other buyers have sought Old Midland, according to Jackson. "A lot of people who have lived here and migrate back after retirement want to come to this older part of town," he said. "Kids who grew up here come back and want to buy in this area. This part of town has always been in demand. Even during the bust, sales here were steady."

At the end of 1997, the MLS showed 576 houses on the market. "That's a low inventory," Ms. McDonald said. Others agreed with her.

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While builders are answering the demand for higher-priced

homes, Realtors pointed to shortages for other potential buyers.

Roger Robles with Robles Real Estate focuses on getting people into their first home. "We all have to have a niche. I get great satisfaction assisting people in this market, taking them to the stage where we hand them the key. Everyone would benefit if we had affordable housing for those who need it. There is no construction of affordable housing being done. All we have is existing housing. Builders tell me they can't do anything for less than \$60,000. We need to have homes for people who can pay \$400 to \$450 a month. The city is looking at this situation," he said.

Sylvester Cantu with the city of Midland said the city supports efforts such as Midland Legend Housing Program and Midland Neighborhood Housing Services. "We do have some Community Development Block Grant funds to help subsidize the homeowner and to do some housing renovation. The new construction is for first-time homebuyers," he said.

MS. McDONALD noted the MLS listing is short on three-bedroom, two-bath homes. And Jackson pointed out few homes are being built in the under-\$90,000 price range. "Land costs keep you from building a three-bedroom house for under \$100,000. To build a \$60,000 house you need to pay only \$4,000-\$5,000 for a lot and those lots are difficult to find in Midland."

"There's a shortage of houses by our normal standards," Cooper said. "We'd like to see more in all areas (of prices)."

An \$80,000 new home doesn't give a buyer a lot of space, according to Ms. Melton. "They have tiny bedrooms. The lots are filling up. I don't know of any low-end developments on the drawing board."

While 1998 is starting on a strong note, Ms. McDonald joked she wished for a crystal

ball. "Obviously, a lot of people are anticipating a good year," she said, pointing to several new housing developments. "It depends on the oil prices. We look at the rig count every day; it has a huge effect on our market."

"1998 will be an interesting time for Midland," Ms. Melton said. "The economy looks good now, but it takes several months for the oil checks to reflect the lower price. If the price of oil stays down, I expect to see a slowdown (in the housing market) in '98."

COOPER SAID his firm is expecting to see a good year for housing sales, "despite the early fall in oil prices." Meanwhile, local Realtors are working to make the browsing easier for prospective clients by putting Web pages on the Internet, he said.

Ms. Langston envisions another strong year with some "appreciation in values finally catching up with the market's strength. I think there will be a tighter commercial market with retail and office space filling up. And while new home sales will be strong, I expect to see the average sale price moving up and the average size increasing."

Ms. Smith also maintains her optimism. "I see no reason to think our growth is going to slow down. I think we've been re-discovered."

Listing service better serves customers, clients

By Nancy Calhoun

Once upon a time, a person interested in commercial or residential property in another town had to contact a Realtor in that town.

But all that is changing, according to Kay McDonald of Century 21 Midtex Real Estate. Four years ago, the West Texas Regional Multiple Listing Service Inc. was formed after the Midland and Odessa chambers of commerce combined to form the statistical data area that has been so instrumental in attracting new businesses to the Permian Basin.

The Permian Basin Board of Realtors, which now comprises Big Spring in addition to Midland and Odessa, formed a 27-county multiple listing service. "We felt that a multiple listing service would better serve our customers and clients," Ms. McDonald said.

With the service, properties as far south as Alpine and Fort Stockton, as far west as Pecos and Andrews, as far north as Lamesa and Seminole and as far east as Colorado City can be located.

Other communities included in this vast area include Crane, McCombs and Stanton, according to Ms. McDonald. "Our capability is pretty incredible."

Utilizing the National Association of Realtors' Web site at

Realtor.com, potential customers can pull up any listing in any community in the region, based on the county or city, according to Ms. McDonald.

Additionally, "many individual Realtors have Web sites, along with many real estate companies," Ms. McDonald said.

Because at present there is no printed publication showing WTRMLS properties, the Web sites are an important source of information.

"The Internet has brought us a lot of new people," Ms. McDonald said. "Probably at least two a week we might not have had. Information on the Internet promotes properties to sellers and gets information to prospective buyers looking at this area."

The service also lists commercial properties available in the various communities. Offices and warehouses are listed for sale or lease.

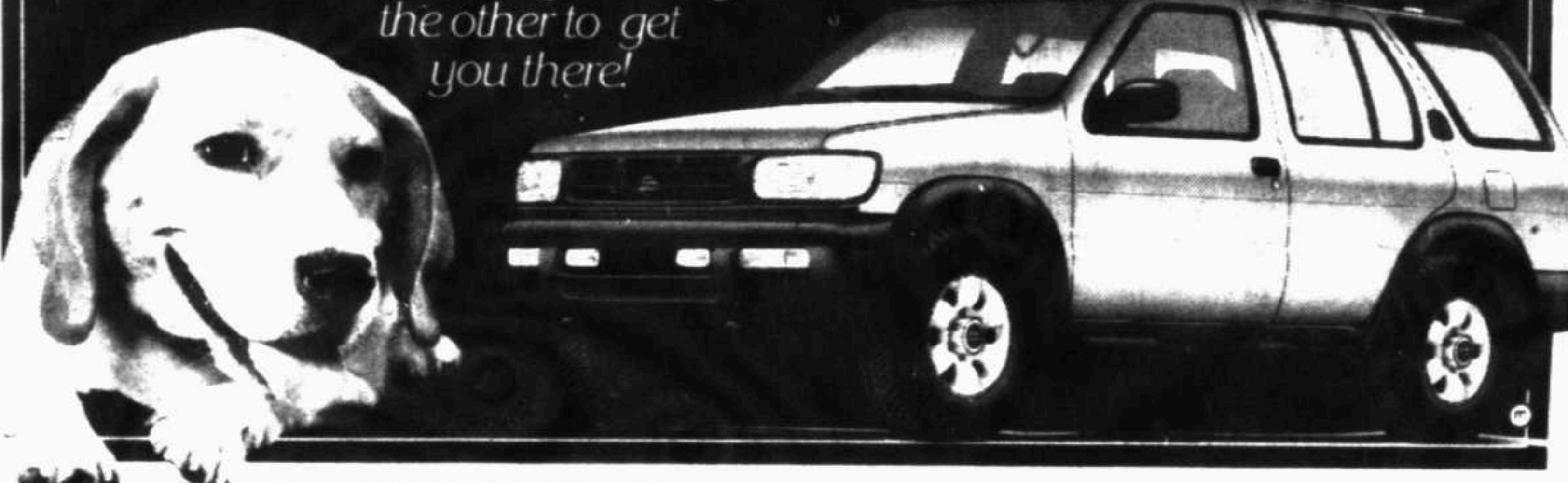
In addition, only 400-500 vacant lots are available for new home building in existing areas of Midland. Mostly in new subdivisions, "lots of lots are coming up to be built on," Ms. McDonald said, and construction is proceeding area-wide.

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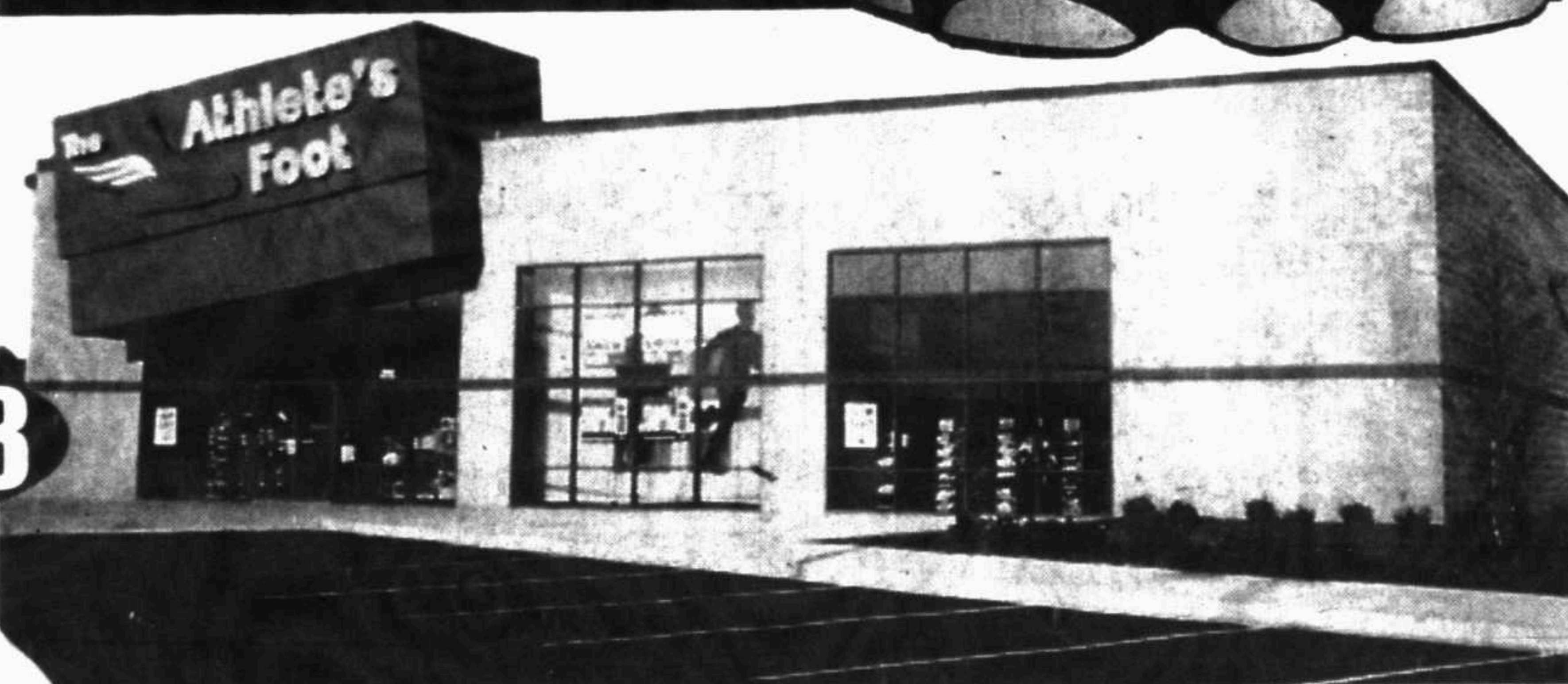
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TWC provides individuals with know-how to find jobs

By Tanya Gentry

There are more jobs in Midland than there have been in more than 20 years because of the growing number of positions in the food-service and retail industry, according to area manager for the Texas Workforce Commission.

"The increase in food service and retail jobs are not just in the Midland area, but is a nationwide trend," Jackie Moseley said.

Occupations that will gain the most jobs in America in the upcoming century are: retail salespersons, cashiers, janitor services, waiters and waitresses, registered nurses, general managers, systems analysts, home health aides, security guards, nursing aides and orderlies, according to a report in the U.S. World Report.

Ms. Moseley said that there has been an increase in the number of jobs, and a decrease in the number of people filing for unemployment benefits this year. She said that many employers are paying slightly above minimum wage for this type of work — about \$5.35 to \$5.50 per hour — and that all a person would need to secure one of these jobs would be to have a good work ethic, such as showing up to work on time.

A number of jobs that were lost after the downturn in the oil industry have been replaced, but the quality of these jobs — pay, benefits and career opportunities — do not equal those that were lost, she said.

She said that although there are a lot of food-service and retail jobs, they would like to get more manufacturing and professional jobs because these are the higher-paying jobs.

"It is going to be increasingly difficult to attract new businesses to this area that are not in the food service or retail sector" because the tax referendum did not pass. "It is going to take more effort by local business leaders in the community to gather resources to compensate for the lack of funds. They will need... to make use of (available) resources that have not been utilized in the past to assist in the economic development effort," Ms. Moseley said.

TWC's main functions are to take unemployment insurance claims, to operate a free labor exchange and to provide labor and market information. There is also a great deal of attention on finding jobs for special needs groups such as welfare recipients and former law-offenders.

Ms. Moseley said that they really don't place people in jobs anymore; most jobs-seekers are very active in finding their own jobs. TWC, along with the JTPA programs, provide individuals with the know-how to find their own jobs.

If an individual has been laid off, retraining and replacement programs are available through the TWC and JTPA offices.

The JTPA center works very closely with the TWC to get people back to work. The center offers educational training, job replacement programs and anything else that people would need to find employment.

"We will do what it takes to get you back to work," JTPA center coordinator, Michelle Segle, said.

Services offered by the center are: a computer lab with appropriate software; access to telephones for local employment-related calls (the staff can act as an answering service for employment contacts); newspapers from across the country; labor market information; job board; college and educational information; copy machine; postage meter and fax machine; federal jobs newsletter; job search videos; literature on job search, resumes, and interviewing techniques; monthly calendar of workshops offered to the community; technical assistance on resumes, cover letter, and thank you notes; and TTY. Telephone (telephone for hearing impaired).

In June 1996, the Texas Employment Commission and 25 other job-related programs merged into one employment-related agency: Texas Workforce Commission.

A board was appointed to oversee funds that the agency receives for employment and training. There has been a proposal for one agency to assume the responsibility for jobs programs for welfare recipients and food stamp recipients and job-training programs.

"We will in the not-so-distant future be combining all of the departments into one big office," Ms. Moseley said.

This program will include the following federal criteria:

- Universality: all population groups should have access to a broad array of services and information from various employment, education and training programs.
- Customer choice: access to comprehensive and quality information

In Midland, employers appear to be looking to hire experienced quality workers to assist their businesses into the year 2000.

—Doug Shipley, branch supervisor of Manpower Temporary Agency

mation to be able to make an informed choice on where to receive training and other work-force services.

■ Integrated systems: TWIST (The Workforce Information System for Texas) enables the individual applying for unemployment benefits to fill out one application for all of their service needs.

For people who are interested in temporary work there are quite a few positions being offered in entry-level technical computer operator, accounting and word-processing fields.

"In Midland, employers appear to be looking to hire experienced quality workers to assist their businesses into the year 2000," said Doug Shipley, branch supervisor for Manpower Temporary Agency.

Many companies are reducing operating costs by depending more on temporary agency services to do their staffing. Even if the jobs are permanent, temporary agencies are often used to fill many business staffs.

City government seeks to capitalize on Interstate 20

By Jeffrey McDonald

An "attitude adjustment" may be in store for Interstate Highway 20, thanks to a variety of efforts by state and local governments to make the highway friendlier to Midland.

"I think that I-20 is very unfriendly to Midland, built the way it was back in the 1950s," said Marvin Wynn, president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. "Whatever the circumstances were in the '50s — not understanding the future impact of interstate when it was built, and local officials not working with the state to maximize the benefits — they didn't see any need of providing a lot of access when they were just going through open country like that. So, it just isn't very friendly."

Not very friendly, perhaps, but important, nonetheless.

"Yes, very important," Wynn agreed. "We do not capitalize nearly the business potential that we could if we had that access, and get utilities in that area."

"There has been a new hotel, a new Comfort Inn, built along I-20. And there is a new convenience store and service station. Both of those have been opened in the last year. And there's a new McDonald's. I think that's typical of the kind of service-related businesses that are going to develop there."

Wynn is encouraged by recent actions of local and state governments that he hopes will provide greater impetus for continued development of the "I-20 corridor." One of the efforts Wynn cited is a proposal now being drafted by the city.

"We have a draft plan that has not been adopted by our planning commission or our City Council, but we do have it on file," said Cameron Walker, Planning & Development coordinator for the city of Midland. "It involves a review of about seven miles of I-20 from city limits on the east end to Loop 250 where it intersects I-20."

"We're looking at four basic areas. One is

the provision of utilities, water and sewer specifically. Second is a beautification program. Third would be access conditions off of the intersecting streets (like Cotton Flat Road, Midkiff Road, Rankin Highway), in terms of how well they function and what improvements could be made. And the last of the four is current zoning — changing that current zoning to allow business development along that corridor."

According to Walker, the plan has not been formally adopted.

"It is not official, but it is known; it's been discussed by the planning commission," he said. "We began this process in late '95, early '96."

Cameron added that the public is invited to review the draft at room 440 of Midland City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine St.

Another endeavor cited by Wynn in his presentation on development along I-20, is being pursued by the state of Texas and will benefit both Midland and Odessa.

"There's a consultant team that is going to take a look at the corridor along Interstate 20, and create for TxDOT a planning tool to use to coordinate a development plan for that corridor," said Glen Larum, public information officer for the Odessa District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation.

"In addition, the government entities (Midland and Ector counties, Midland and Odessa city governments) can help direct growth along the interstate, enact various codes and ordinances that would be appropriate, and prepare their own budgets for future funding needs."

The growth of Midland as a city unto itself, and as a regional center for all of West Texas and southeast New Mexico, has placed demands upon the interstate highway that did not exist 40 years ago.

"That part is the real impetus for this whole study," Larum said. "It was developed as a rural interstate that flanked both of the communities — an interstate bypass-

ing both towns. But now there is enough development in both towns to make us think that it will become an urban interstate instead of a rural interstate."

"And when you combine Midland and Odessa in one city, when you imagine that as one city, that's a city of a quarter of a million people," he said. "And any time you have that many people, you have to have a plan for where you're going."

At TxDOT's direction, the consultants — M.K. Centennial of Dallas — will be studying needs over the long term.

"We're looking at the year 2020 as the terminal point," Larum said. "We're asking the consultants to consider what interchange needs will be — the need to create crossovers over the interstate, mainline access improvements may be required, improvements to the service road that may be required. And then they'll be asked to prioritize these improvements so that we can serve the public that will be using these roads."

"We wanted to know what the best projections were for the communities. We didn't want to put in something we would need to take out, or would be inadequate to meet the needs down the pike. We want to be sure that as we improve the access to Interstate 20, we do it in a way that benefits the people of both communities."

Larum stressed that in the year ahead, public input will be an important part of the study. Through the course of the study, there are going to be a number of good opportunities for the public to have a chance to provide input into this study, Larum said. "And I think there are significant contributions they can make."

"At four stages during the study we are going to have public meetings. And at each stage they're going to notify the public," Larum said. "And each time it won't be a formal hearing — it will be a give-and-take workshop. I want the public to know they're going to be a vital part of that."

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Midland's banks reflect health, growing diversity of community

By Johnnie Montgomery

It's almost axiomatic that the health of a community can best be seen by looking at its financial institution — and vice versa.

Midland's banks reflect not only the city's health, but also its growing diversity. Newcomers to the area will find that no matter what type of banking service they left behind, it can be duplicated here, whether it's a small community bank where you can park just outside the door and do your banking in person, with the staff calling you by name and asking about the family, or electronic banking with 24-hour access to your financial records.

"The financial community grew by one in 1997, and one bank changed its name.

"Bankers unanimously reported 1997 to be a very good year, and were optimistic about the financial picture for 1998.

STATE NATIONAL BANK OF WEST TEXAS

New in town is a loan production office for the Lubbock-based State National Bank of West Texas, which opened last October.

Executive vice president and senior credit officer of the Midland office, David Kirk, said the primary focus presently is commercial lending.

"We feel we have a niche to fill. We've had a lot of favorable comments, and people asking us to expand our services, and there's a possibility that we will do this by the end of the year. But this will happen only if we get clear signals from the people of Midland. We're introducing ourselves in a low profile manner, primarily in oil and gas production. We're not in a big hurry. We just want to do this well, and our plan is to grow in accordance with Midland's acceptance."

Initially capitalized in excess of \$15 million, State National today has total resources of about \$160 million. In addition to the Midland office, the company maintains three full-service branches in Lubbock, and loan production offices in Friona, Plainview and Big Spring.

CHASE BANK OF TEXAS

The last of the old Texas Commerce Bank signs have now come down, replaced by the single word, "Chase" or "Chase Bank of Texas", a move made for association purposes, since the real change had occurred some 11 years ago, with its acquisition by Chemical Bank, which later merged with Chase Manhattan.

President Ed Jones says if oil prices continue to fall, there will be some increase in oil and gas acquisitions, as well as a slowing of oil-field service work, but that Chase's business won't change as a result — primarily because its customers are prepared.

"We'll continue to support our customers," he said. "People are already running their businesses knowing that the prices of hydrocarbons will fluctuate, so they all have contingency plans to operate in times of lower oil prices."

When asked about home equity lending, he said Texans certainly would move to take advantage of their new options.

"Home equity lending nationwide is the leading source for loans outside credit cards. So you'll see lots of home equity lending in Texas this year, but there is also the below-7 percent mortgage rate — which will cause growth in lending. Anybody who's got a 9 percent or higher mortgage certainly should take advantage of the lower rate."

Jones said Midland is a great place to start a business.

"Although there's probably never any good time to start a business, since 90 percent of all new businesses fail the first two years, and debt should always be used very cautiously when starting, but lower interest rates will help."

NORWEST BANK

Norwest Bank President Wayne Merritt said while the new equity lending law will undoubtedly spur increased interest, he hopes both lenders and borrowers will approach any changes with care.

"I think Texans will be reasonably cautious in general about taking out a loan on the home equity," he said. "My hope is that lenders will be equally cautious in extending credit. Norwest wants to work with customers to make sure they see that this is a loan and does need to be repaid and isn't just money from heaven."

"We don't gain anything by having customers who are going to be in financial difficulty."

Merritt said Norwest is taking a wait-and-see attitude toward the price of oil. "History tells us prices haven't stayed at low levels for long periods, but that's small comfort to operators who need cash flow to service debt and reinvest in business." He said the price of oil doesn't have to fall drastically before judicious acquisitions occur. "We see a lot of customers who have been conservative in their business who take advantage of opportunities all the time."

He sees the banking industry changing rapidly.

"The banking business is quickly becoming a financial services industry, along with insurance providers and brokerages and the like. For example, Norwest sells life and property and car insurance, and we have brokerage and financial planning services, as well as traditional business and consumer services such as electronic banking. We can no longer see ourselves as a lender or deposit-taker. It doesn't make that much difference from the customer's viewpoint, but we will have to help them to understand how to use these services to their benefit."

As a veteran of the Midland economic scene (he began his career with the First National Bank in 1971), Merritt voices his concern for the community's growth.

"We have decided what we don't want to do to develop our economy, and now it's time to decide what proactive measures we're going to take to attract investment here besides the energy business. We had better get that planning started, because you can't stand still. Momentum goes both directions. If we're not playing the sales tax game, we need to find some other way to position Midland to be competitive."

FIRST AMERICAN BANK

First American Bank's Jay Norris also sees rapid change in the way the world and the Permian Basin does business.

"We at First American are in a growth pattern ourselves, getting more involved both in lending and deposits, and we're attracting more borrowers than we have in the past, although the number of people trying to consolidate credit cards has been relatively few here," he said. "The home equity market is new and untested (in Texas), but it frees up a lot of capital for Texans to borrow."

Norris said in connection with the growth pattern going on at First American, that the bank is always looking at opportunities to purchase existing locations.

"We have 62 banks in West Texas, and many of them are in smaller markets. We're already doing electronic banking, which is available 24 hours a day either by computer or through a special phone we provide. We'll also be coming out soon with some other electronic products such as the debit card."

NATIONSBANK

Larry Holden, president of NationsBank in Midland, said 1997 was an excellent year, and that even with a dropping price of oil, he expects 1998 to equal or surpass 1997.

"In terms of the price of oil, we take a long-term view, and we remain optimistic. We realize there will be cyclical fluctuations, and we don't worry overmuch about them."

Downtown NationsBank manager and vice president, Jane McCrary, who recently assisted in a seminar on home equity lending as a source of revenue for small business start-ups, said the law simply gives the consumer further options.

"Home equity won't cause an increase in our lending so much as that it gives our customers another opportunity, whether for vacation, car, debt consolidation, or something else. (Lower) interest rates, which started going down a year ago, are another opportunity. Everybody's situation is different, but as a rule of thumb, if you're paying 8 or 9 percent, that's a gray area. If you're paying a mortgage rate of over 9 percent, you definitely should refinance. We look at a lot of different factors, but restructuring while rates are low makes a lot of sense."

"Some people are refinancing for shorter terms, paying the same payments. If you have a child in grade school, there would be a very good reason to end your mortgage the year the child finishes high school."

Ms. McCrary said one of NationsBank's electronic advantages is PC banking, for customers with computers and modems. Using a private dedicated line and special software, the bank offers 24 hour electronic banking by PC to its customers.

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BANKS: Bankers reported good 1997, optimistic about financial picture for 1998

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BANK

Robert Southerland of Community National Bank, the only bank on Midland's south side, said the 14-year-old bank did well in 1997.

"We had 21 percent growth last year in both deposits and loans. It was the best year we've ever had. In 1997, we opened two new locations, one on Midland Drive and one downtown, giving us a total of four banks. We expect our business to continue to grow at about 10 percent annually, in both loans and deposits."

He said because of the murky state of Texas home equity lending law that both lenders and borrowers will have to proceed cautiously.

"The law was created in a rush to get it passed, and the legislative body didn't take into consideration a lot of questions that have never existed here before," he said, adding that home equity is still a long-term commitment, as opposed to credit card debt, which is much more flexible. "To my knowledge, in most of the other 49 states, home equity loans are lines of credit. In Texas, there is no such provision, so you have to ask if you want to pay interest on the whole amount. What about judicial foreclosure, especially in community banks? We've never gotten the final rules."

"It's an important issue to Texas, and to the consumer, and we still have a lot of work to do on it."

Southerland, who is going into his 30th year of banking in Midland, said change is nothing new in the industry.

"When I started banking here in 1968, there was no bank holding company laws, we were all independent community banks. Probably within two years, we will have interstate banking."

"The consumer will have a myriad of options, depending on what he or she is willing to pay for, a lot like a discount store. (Community banks) offer niche banking, closer in concept to the boutique, with a smaller range of services that the bulk of our clientele use, at a lower cost."

"We are a traditional bank by intent. That's the role of the community bank. We still offer front door parking (or in the case of our downtown branch, back door parking), and drive-in banking because our customers want that."

This is not to say that Community National has eschewed all forms of high technology, as Southerland is quick to point out.

We have ATM service in answer to customer demand, and we just installed a new phone system with voice mail. We have telephone response with Community on-line, so that a customer can call to see if a check has cleared."

Southerland said Community National's main office on Florida still does the bulk of the business.

"This area was greatly underserved," he said. "This (Florida Street) location accounted for 65 percent of our total assets and deposits last year, and although our other branches will continue to grow, I expect 1998 will see us doing about 50 percent here, and the other three branches making up the other 50 percent of our

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— Robert Southerland, Community National Bank

business.

"Next year we'll be 15 years old, still using the same name, owned by the same shareholders, and most of them still live in Midland County."

BANK ONE

Joe Andrews, president of Bank One said 1997 was a very good year.

"Bank One showed significant growth, and loans remained stable. I look for 1998 to be a strong year as well. Oil prices, of course, will always be a factor in the Midland economy, but I expect us to have some good potential lending opportunities throughout."

Andrews said Bank One intends to be a player no matter what the market.

"We'll be competitive," he explained. "We're going to take an aggressive stance with home equity lending and try to provide loans to anybody who qualifies."

"Lending parameters will be somewhat stricter," he said, adding that all potential lenders as well as borrowers should carefully consider each situation individually.

"Lower interest rates have caused a lot of refinancing in the past year, and I think people may even want to hold off (borrowing) for a while because I expect rates to continue to drop in the months ahead."

MIDLAND AMERICAN BANK

John Grist, president of the larger of Midland's two independent, locally owned banks, said Midland American enjoyed a record-setting year both in growth and profitability in 1997.

"We ended the year at near \$230 million in assets, which represented nearly 20 percent growth over last year," he said.

"We had the best net income after taxes and dividends we had ever enjoyed with net revenues at \$3.6 million, which also represents a 20 percent increase in net earnings over the previous year."

Grist said the growth of retail business along Loop 250 had negligible benefit, since Midland American's customers generally are the townspeople.

"It was just an overall good year for the general population, and we are happy to have participated. Midland American Bank continues to be an aggressive lender to our market — our loan to deposit ratio last year averaged 68.6 percent."

Grist said that, as a local bank, MAB is justifiably concerned about the recent dip in oil prices. "It hasn't fallen below the level of profitability, and we hope it's a temporary dip."

As to the other hot financial topic on the streets these days, Grist said there has already been some surprising response to the new home equity lending provision.

"The first three applications we had were from people with

virtually no debt on their homes, who are now wanting to refinance their homes. This was a big surprise to me, because I had expected to see more interest in debt consolidation."

He said MAB is proceeding cautiously, waiting for the Texas courts to sort things out.

As for 1998, he's optimistic. "We've received wonderful support from the people of Midland, and we greatly appreciate that. We look for 1998 to be a great year."

WESTERN NATIONAL BANK

Western National Bank's year-end results reflected a strong local economy, according to Wesley D. Bownds, senior vice president.

"Total loans increased 30.4 percent, while total assets improved 16.7 percent," he said. "Earnings were up 17 percent and the bank's capital position remains extremely healthy at 14 percent."

The bank anticipates that a significant number of independent oil companies will reduce their activity this year because of lower oil prices.

"However, reduced finding costs, low interest rates and operational efficiencies implemented during the past several years should allow producers to continue to operate profitably," Bownds said.

Western National Bank is an Odessa-owned facility. In addition to the Midland branch and its three locations in Odessa, there is a branch in Kermit.

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Offering a variety of individual state-of-the-art specialists in medical fields emerged as a care for patients range of territory borders of Midland.

"Our main staff about 22 counties and southwest we even see patients from New Mexico. Johnson, publisher for Memorial Medical Center, hospital board advisor, statement actually says surrounding community. "And we have about \$49 million from the region. Midland County. There are a lot of major medical centers here, several centers, several immediate city towns in the area said.

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Midland's health care community is prepared to respond

By Jeffrey McDonald

Offering an impressive array of institutions and individual practitioners, state-of-the-art equipment and specialists in a wide range of medical fields, Midland has emerged as a center for health care for patients over a wide range of territory outside the borders of Midland County.

"Our main service area is about 22 counties to the south and southwest of Midland, and we even see patients from eastern New Mexico," said Laurie Johnson, public information officer for Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. "In fact, the hospital board adopted a new mission statement the other day that actually says 'Midland and the surrounding counties.'"

"And we averaged last year, about \$49 million in revenue, from the region — from outside Midland County."

There are a variety of reasons that major metropolitan medical centers have emerged as regional centers, serving not only the immediate city, but smaller towns in the outlying areas, she said.

One reason is technology.

"Because in many cases, some of the technology that is needed may be too expensive for the smaller hospitals in the smaller towns to afford (such as) an MRI, magnetic resonance imaging. That's a costly piece of equipment."

OFTEN, A patient will receive basic medical services in the smaller community. Or the victim of severe trauma — say a motor vehicle accident or an accident on an oil rig — will be stabilized at a smaller hospital. At that point, the patients will turn to the larger medical facilities in the larger cities, to receive continued treatment in cooperation with what they have already received, Ms. Johnson said.

"When they need an advanced treatment option, Midland has those capabilities. They're coming for things that in most cases aren't available in a small town."

A visit to Midland for advanced treatment is a more appealing alternative for the patients and their families than a visit to Dallas/Fort Worth or Houston, she added. By West Texas standards a trip of 100 miles to one of Midland's major medical centers is "just down the road."

"Not to mention that people tend to do better when they're close to home where friends and family can be near them," she explained.

In this respect, hospitals in Midland assist hospitals in

smaller communities with the transfer of patients, providing a service that otherwise might have consumed hours of time and an ambulance if it were performed by the volunteer emergency medical services in those towns.

"AND WE actually provide a patient transfer service, which basically means a non-emergency ambulance service," Ms. Johnson said. "... We can assist those communities in transporting patients and we do bring in patients from those smaller communities."

Of course, major hospitals and medical centers like Westwood and Memorial are only part of the reason that Midland has emerged as a regional medical center. There is also the availability of a wide range of medical specialists, many working in conjunction with Midland hospitals.

"We have a full range of medical specialists," Ms. Johnson said. "Where most of the small towns are going to have family practitioners, general internists or general practitioners, they can't sustain a cardiovascular surgeon or an orthopedic surgeon, or a neurosurgeon, or any of those highly specialized fields. We have all of those close by."

One example that illustrates Ms. Johnson's point is Dr. Sylvan Bartlett, who performs cosmetic, plastic and reconstructive surgical procedures.

"We have a diversified practice," Bartlett said. "It's not real high on trauma like it used to be. It's more elective surgery rather than trauma surgery. We still do a lot of hand surgery because of my experience with hand surgery."

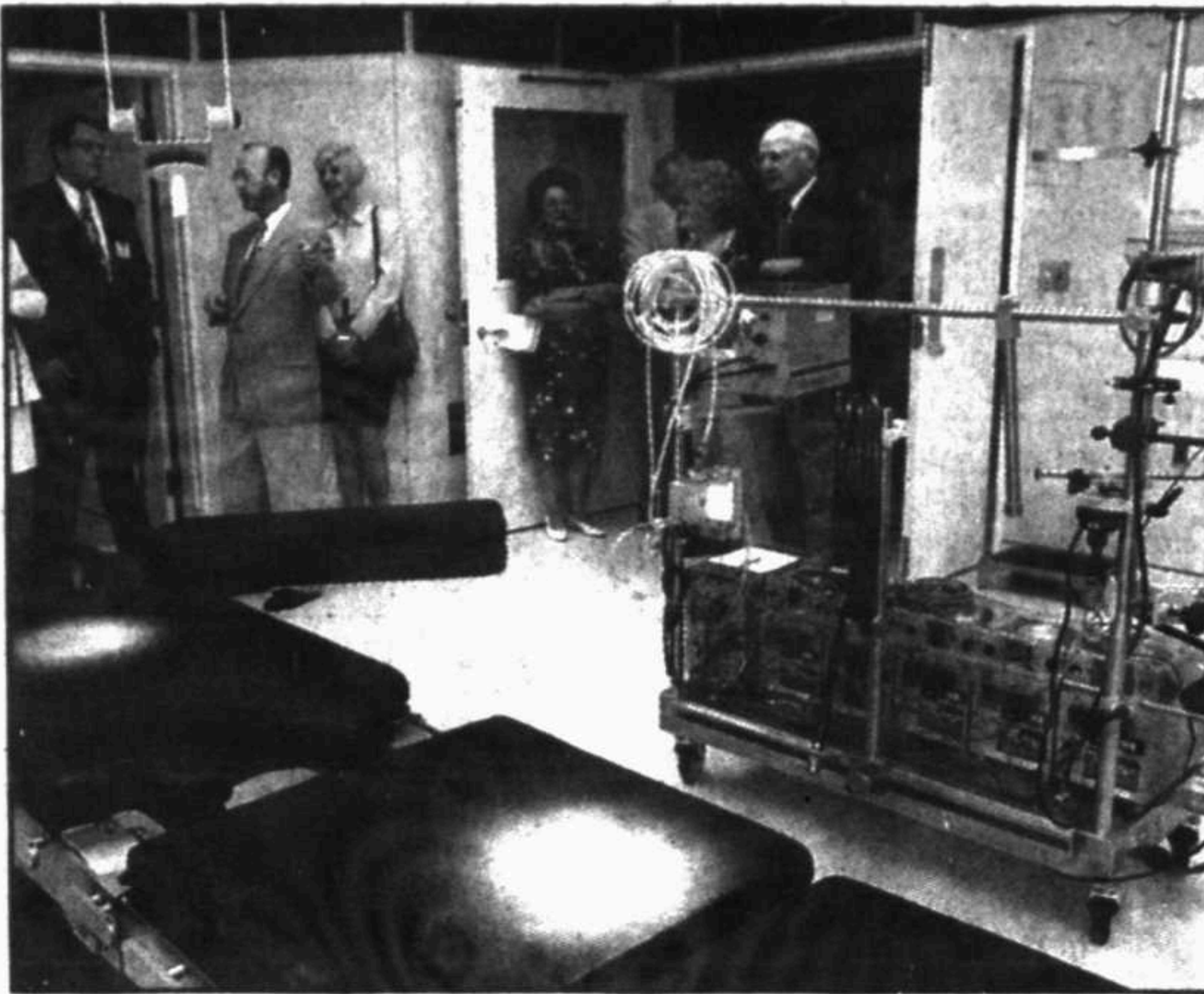
"For this area, we do a tremendous amount of peripheral nerve surgery," he said. "... And cosmetic surgery, (we do) a great deal of that."

THIS SPECIALTY has brought a great many patients into Bartlett's office from across the region, across the state and beyond.

"We have patients who come all the way from Dallas, as well as the surrounding areas and eastern New Mexico. Lately, we have even had patients from Little Rock, Ark., and Kansas City, Mo."

"I own and have on-site equipment — we like to say it's high-tech as well as 'high-touch' in terms of personal care — but we have lasers that you won't find anywhere else between Dallas and Denver. And we have researched them very carefully to be sure that we purchase and utilize the very best and that they are set up right."

According to Bartlett, local



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health care professionals and institutions are mindful of Midland's role as a regional health care center, and strive to accommodate those patients from out-of-town.

"We have the convenience of a hospital; we have a surgery center here, and so much more," he said.

"And I think it's the convenience and economical care that makes people want to come from around the area. We try to minimize return visits because we know people come from quite a distance."

"FOR EXAMPLE, if somebody comes from out of the area and needs treatment but they don't have an appointment, Westwood (Medical Center) has been a great help in this. They have the hospital, and they've been very gracious to allow my patients to use the hospital," Bartlett said.

"So they have a place where they can come in the night before, then just come across the parking lot (from Westwood to my office) and have their surgery the next morning, and then spend a few days at the hospital as they recover."

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Car dealers expect out-of-town business, sales to exceed 1997

By Linda Thorsen Bond

Automotive dealers in Midland are generally unanimous in their agreement that 1997 was a good year and in their predictions that 1998 will be as good or better.

Many of them see an influx of out-of-towners to shop for cars, and cite the regional draw of Midland as a shopping hub for the region.

Midland car dealers give their assessment of the local automotive market:

ROGERS FORD

"1997 was a good year, in fact it was one of the best we've had," Doss Rogers said. "Automobile sales were good and steady, without a whole lot of ups and downs, but a good solid year. I think this year will be the same."

Because Midland is diversifying and becoming the retail center, "more and more of our business is from out of town."

"We see a lot of people from the surrounding smaller towns and from New Mexico, mostly only on weekends," he said.

"We may sell eight or nine trucks on a Saturday and many are to people from out of town. The out-of-towners are usually only here on Saturday. In fact I'd estimate that 30 or 40 percent of the people shopping here on a Saturday are from out of town. People come to Midland because of the retail shopping and the new restaurants. They want selection, so they come to new car dealerships with large selection. People don't like to wait. If you don't have the inventory, they're on the next place, and they'll go shop until they find what they want."

"The way financing is done a lot by computer now, people can automatically get credit, so they're approved on Saturday, and if we have it they take the car right then. If we can deliver the car they want on Saturday they don't have to come back, so we try to get them ready and delivered on Saturday."

"All of us Midland car dealers are competitive. When people price in other towns and come here, they find our pricing is better in most cases than other towns," Rogers said.

"People used to think Midland was a high-dollar town, but that's changed. People buy used cars here too. Of course I don't mind Midland's changing reputation because Ford's a working man's car. Midland's got good dealers with good selection and good reputations. I think there's not a bad dealer in this town."

BRITT IMPORTS

"For us, 1997 was incredible," Mike Britt said. "It was by far our best year in the 25 years of our dealership. We have the most amazing product line that Mercedes has ever had. We think 1998 will probably be another record year, because we have seen in 25 years that we do a lot of repeat business."

"It's a combination of many things. If we just base a prediction on January, we are already way ahead of last year, so I expect '98 to eclipse '97 by 20 to 30 percent as long as we can get the product to sell. Mercedes has branched out into new markets with the new utility vehicle, the new 'M Class.' It brings in customers who are not looking for a Mercedes but are looking for a utility vehicle."

"In our instance, Midland is certainly a regional hub. There is not a Mercedes dealer in Lubbock or Amarillo, so we are essentially the only Mercedes dealer between Dallas and El Paso. Our Volvo sales alone more than double Lubbock's Volvo dealer. There's a lot of strength coming into Midland for any product. In my business most regional customers know the vehicle they are looking for when they come to Midland."

"Usually the only questions they ask are 'Have you got the color I want?' and 'How soon can we get it?'"

JACK SHERMAN CHEVROLET-Geo-Buick-Mazda

"1997 was a good year, one of our best, and we're very optimistic about 1998," Jack Sherman said. "We have a lot of new products and innovative features, so the year looks very good for us. Consumers are more knowledgeable than ever before and are more interested in knowing about all the different features they can have."

"They come in asking for things such as lumbar seats, stereos, CDs and all kinds of innovative features. People are already asking for the One Star System, which tells you where you are and where you want to go."

"When you turn it on, it addresses you by name. You can tell it that you are at your home and you want to know the best route to the court house and it will let you know exactly which streets to take. If your air bag inflates, it signals 911, and even calls the hospital and tells them you're on your way. This thing does everything — if you lose your way it will tell you how to find the nearest gas station."



Sherman said.

"One reason we're so optimistic is that Midland is the regional hub for a lot of things — fashion, restaurants, movies, and automotive. There is a lot here of the quality that people enjoy. Midland has changed so much in recent years that I can hardly believe it. It has always been the hub city of West Texas, but it is becoming even more so. Every aspect of retail is growing in Midland because as the city progresses, people find more reasons to come to town."

PERFORMANCE HONDA-JEEP-ISUZU

"We had an excellent year in 1997," Keith Mason said. "It was the best profit year this dealership has done in the 10 years Performance Companies have owned it. We have excellent, excellent products, a hard-working team, and a lot of young people who are extremely highly focused."

"In 1997 new car registrations in Midland County were down, but used cars and trucks were up. For 1998? That depends on oil prices to a certain degree. I expect sales to be about level, but as oil prices get back up in the \$20 to \$25 range I think we'll see an increase. I don't think from the standpoint of automobile buying that our regional status has changed. If you go into the outlying areas, you find there are no more or fewer automotive dealers than there were," Mason said.

"Not a whole lot has changed. Of course there's more other retail activity, with all the new retail operations along Loop 250, but I don't see any particular

change in automotive regional sales from previous years."

TOYOTA OF MIDLAND

"From the business standpoint, 1997 was a good year," Don James said. "Our sales were up, and in general business increased over the year before. About 1998 I'm more pessimistic. I expect a good but not great increase over 1997 — but if business even remains the same it will be a good year."

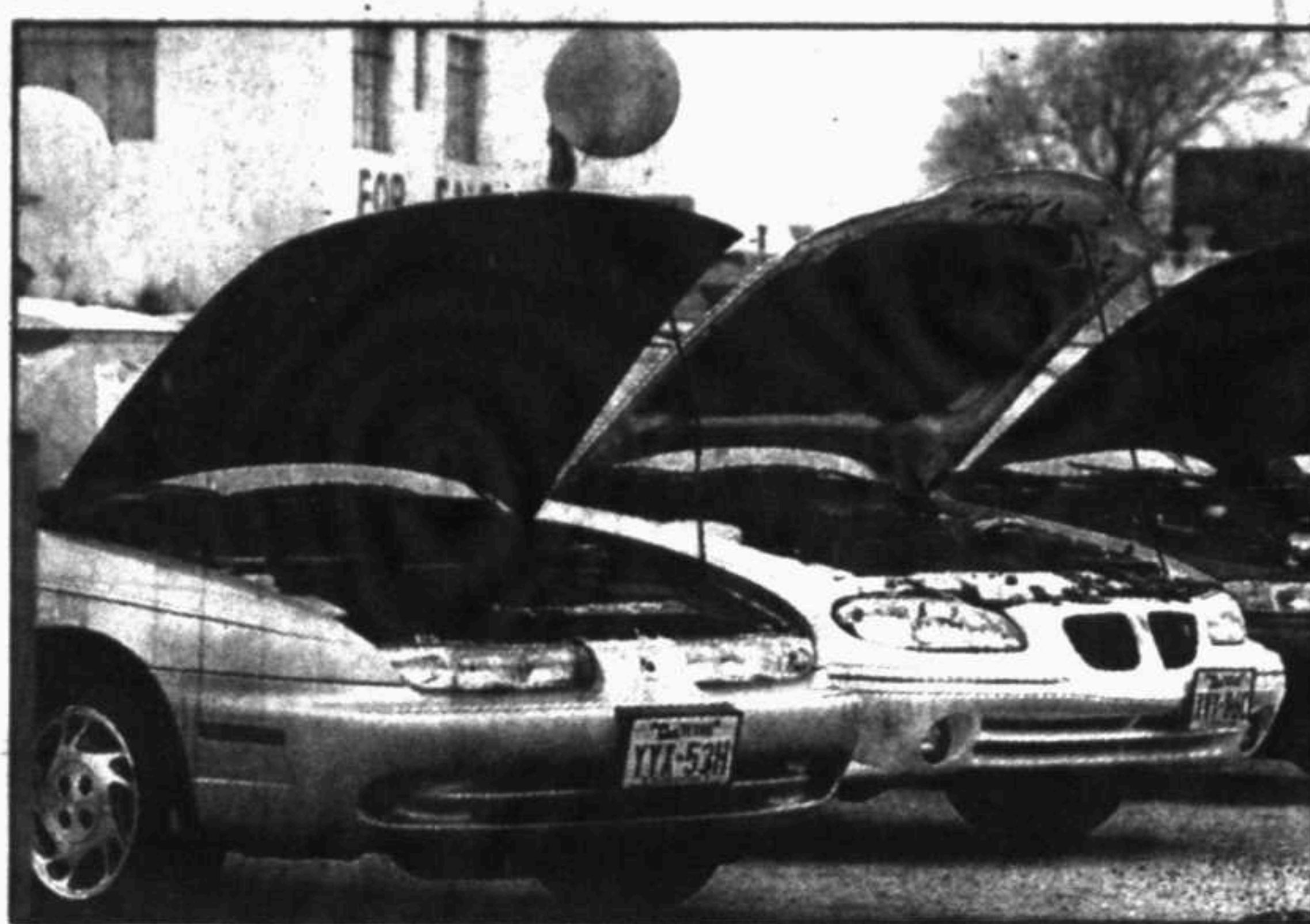
"I haven't seen a tremendous increase in out of town shoppers, but we have always had some. I do see that as future trend. I think regional shopping will become more of a factor as there are more people coming into Midland because of growth we have had. That will overflow to us and we will see our share of it."

BERG OLDSMOBILE-CADILLAC-GMC-MITSUBISHI

"1997 was a good year for us," Jed Heard said. "We saw an increase in sales and growth in our business. Our local economy is strong. I think 1998 is probably going to be even better. We are in process of acquiring the Pontiac franchise, which gives us additional market opportunity."

"The Midland-Odessa area is becoming a regional shopping hub, not just for automobiles but all kinds of consumer goods. That makes a difference in business and benefits all of us. Even retired people benefit from the sales tax revenue. We get people from eastern New Mexico to Odessa and all points in between."

"We get some people who buy an automobile that day, and some who come back a week or



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month later. They go compare and come back and buy later. Comparison is all right with us — if you were going to spend that much money, wouldn't you want to compare?"

FRIENDLY CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH-MOUTH

"I'd have to say that 1997 was not a very good year for us for several reasons," Kenny Green said. "One was that we sold one of our franchises, but a big reason was that we were not offering a sports utility vehicle or truck line, because that's a big part of the market."

"1998 will be a little bit better, because now we can focus on Chrysler and Plymouth. Chrysler has a new line coming out, the new Concord, which will put it into the Lexus class. Chrysler represents a refined buyer that's more upscale."

In his experience people are shopping for their cars elsewhere.

"More people are leaving Midland to buy cars, I think," Green said. "Based on my experience, Odessa sells more cars than Midland. People in Midland travel a lot. They go to Dallas and the Metroplex. Their travel and business takes them there and they shop there. We do see our customers doing a lot of competitive shopping with Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston."

"We don't normally have to compete with the area towns, but we're seeing customers bringing in prices from cities such as Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston. That's the nature of people who buy Chrysler products. They are there on business, and that's where they are getting pricing information."

"Internet shopping is now also

a viable source of information for consumers. Because of that we have an Internet page. It's www.friendlypontiac.com."

VILLAGE LINCOLN-MER-CURY-DODGE

"Last year was a record year," Bill Stella said. "Sales means dollar volume, and it was the biggest reported sales year that the store has ever had. In new cars, used cars, parts and service we had a great year."

"We have a very fine crew here. They're all very conscientious. We don't have problems with customers and we have a lot of repeat business."

"For 1998, we're watching the price of oil and two weeks ago it was down but it's up again now. I think we will have the same business as last year with a variable of 10 percent, up or down," he said.

"We do see a regional pull here in Midland. One of reasons is

that in our industry, so much of the automobile business is centered on West Wall Street. When customers have so much inventory to select and pick from, there is an incentive for people in a 75 mile radius to come here. We see a lot of 'pump out' registrations that go to New Mexico or Big Spring or Midkiff, and a lot from the Fort Stockton area. They are prospects to buy."

"One of problems that Midland had 15 years ago was when the economy went bust and a lot of people, though they may have been great people, were not good managers of their money so their credit record became a factor when they wanted to purchase an automobile," Stella said. "Now we have outlived that situation, and people are able to finance the purchase they want. It will be interesting with the influx of minimum wage payroll in town to see how will it affect higher-price purchases."

"In 1997 there was evidently not a concentration of a lot of minimum wage people because it didn't affect the volume of sales we had in 1997."

DOTSON NISSAN

"We had a good year," Fred Dotson said. "In fact we had a good year in 1997 as we had in 1996. I think that's because Midland is becoming more of the hub of the Permian Basin than ever before. People are coming to shop at all the stores that have come in out on the loop. That's bringing more shoppers in from out of town."

"In our dealership, we're forecasting a 10 percent increase in sales over 1997 for 1998, because the economy is as strong as it is. More people from outlying areas are shopping with us."

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Mall gives shoppers more choices

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Despite losing some retailers in the last year, Midland Park Mall has gained some new stores that have helped generate traffic and sales.

Retailers that have left the shopping center such as Oshman's Sporting Goods, Coach House Gifts, Lerner's and Spencer's Gifts have been replaced by other national chains that include The Disney Store, Victoria's Secret, Gap and Gap Kids, Eddie Bauer, Finish Line and Journeys.

Sylvia Hernandez, mall marketing manager, said that losing retailers "is the nature of the beast; you have lease expirations come up. While it's always sad to see someone go, it creates opportunities to bring in new and exciting stores to help create and build upon this wave of traffic and sales that's already happening. We're attracting customers, which brings in new stores, and new stores bring in customers."

She called the new retailers great additions to the mall's mix that have given shoppers more choices.

"As important, they've helped generate sales in the sense that we're pulling in more traffic from the other communities, as well as keeping traffic here at home. Local residents don't have to go out of town to shop for what they want, they can find it here."

Ms. Hernandez added that the new stores have exceeded their goals.

Visitors to Midland Park Mall can expect some different and exciting things in 1998, she said, including a new mall manager and some new retailers.

Traditional community events such as arts and craft and antique shows, breakfasts with the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus and Halloween's Safe Trick-or-Treat are also on the schedule. Ms. Hernandez said new Mall Security Supervisor Charles Hall is working to organize a Recruitment Day, when representatives of various law enforcement and military agencies will be available to anyone interested in joining.

'Local residents don't have to go out of town to shop for what they want, they can find it here.'

— Sylvia Hernandez, mall marketing manager

She also credits the mall's owners, Simon DeBartolo Group, with helping drive the center's success.

"The Simon people have given us tremendous attention," she said. "That's why we've had the progress we've had, because of all this attention to the Midland market all of a sudden and the potential the market offers."

Mall shoppers will notice the mall participating in several Simon DeBartolo marketing strategies, including the Mall VIP Visa Card and a special automated teller machine that dispenses cash, mall gift certificates and Smartalk prepaid long distance phone cards. The company — holder of the nation's largest portfolio of malls and the nation's largest publicly traded real estate company — recently signed an agreement with Pepsi, making Pepsi the exclusive soft drink in Simon properties and placing Pepsi vending machines in Simon DeBartolo malls.

She said malls in general continue to do well.

"Malls are still major shopping centers," she said. "You still have the one-stop shopping, and there's the atmosphere where you can take the whole family and every member can shop for what they want."

"We have to be realistic, of course, and realize we're competing with not only discount stores but catalogs, Internet shopping and television shopping channels. But there's something warm and fun about being able to window shop and actually see the product and being able to pick it up while you're there. People still enjoy the community of the mall — from the mall walkers who come here with their children or on their own, to the families who come in on Friday afternoons or Saturday afternoons to shop."



One of Midland Park Mall's recent additions is Eddie Bauer.

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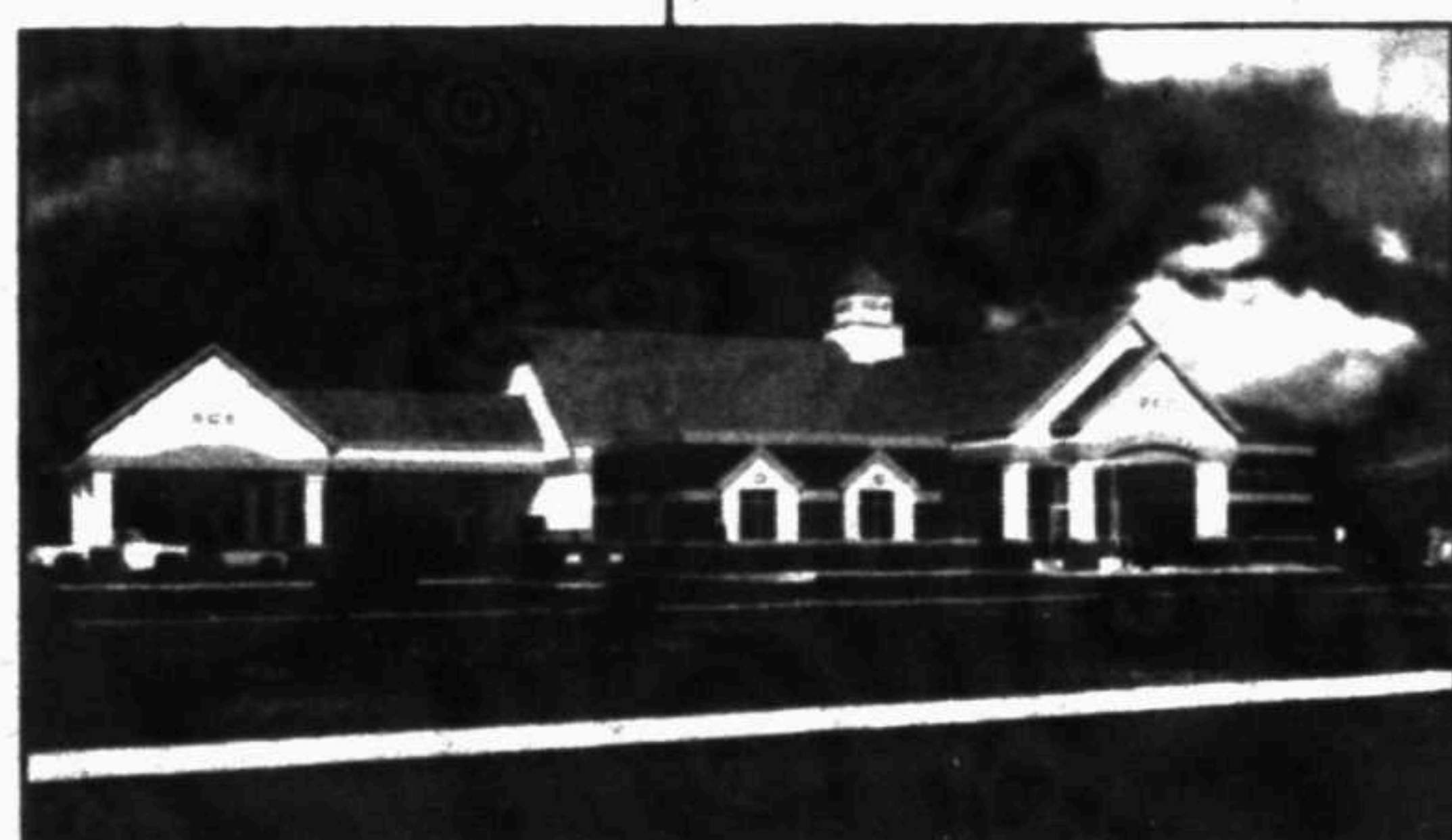
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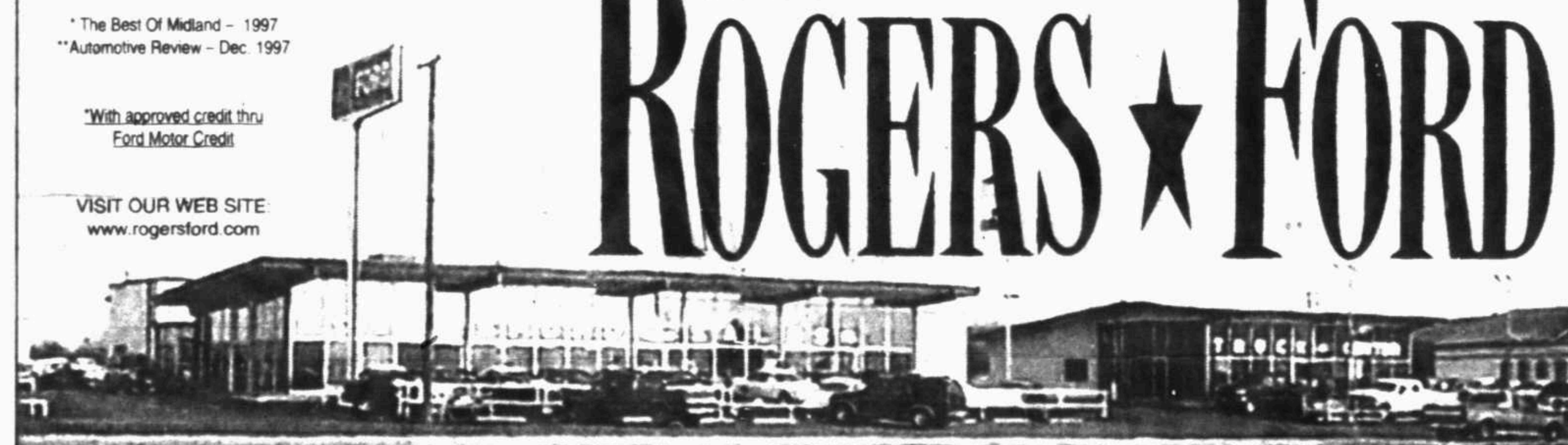
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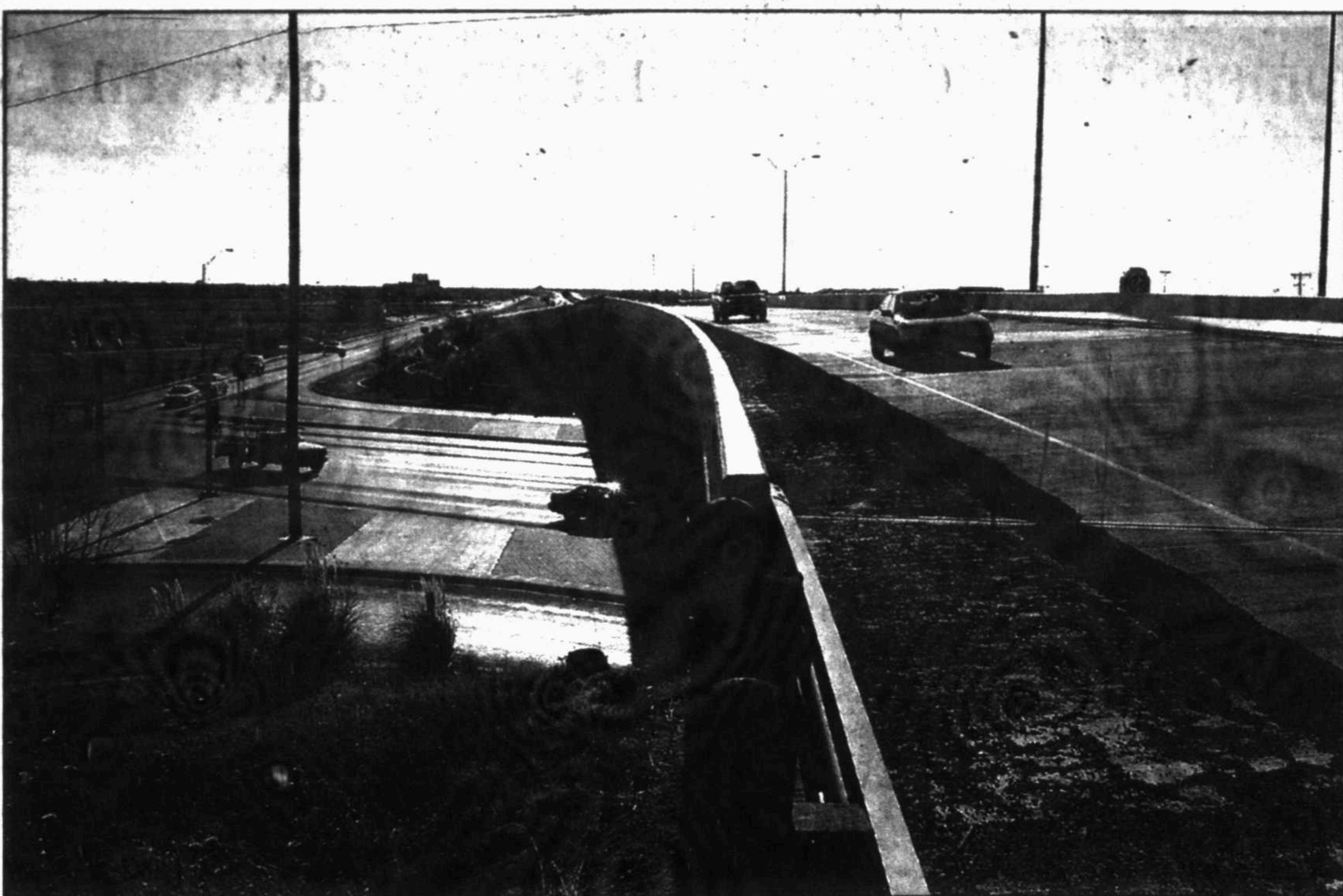
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Loop 250 is vital to Midland's growth

By Joe Dominey

Long-time Midlanders continue to be amazed at the phenomenal development of new retail businesses along north Loop 250, recalling a time, not too many years ago, when much of the area was open pasture or cotton fields. When Midland Park Mall was completed in the late 1970s, it was bounded by Midkiff Road and FM 868, a two-lane undivided road that connected Big Spring Street on the east with Holiday Hill Road on the west.

FM 868 was the predecessor to today's multi-lane loop road, complete with overpasses at major cross streets.

Conventional wisdom has it that the retail boom began when national retailers took notice of Midland-Odessa as one Statistical Metropolitan Area (SMA), a designation that the U.S. Census Bureau conferred in 1993.

NORTHWEST MIGRATION

Cameron Walker, Planning and Development coordinator for the city of Midland, stated that development along Loop 250 reflects the long-standing trend of residential growth to the northwest. The loop road is designed to move traffic quickly to and from the major arteries feeding office complexes, and connecting with Business 20 on both east and west sides of the city.

Some of the new retail businesses that were opened during 1997 along Loop 250 are Big 5 Sporting Goods, Ruby Tuesdays, IHOP, Home Depot (101,000

square feet plus 28,000 square feet in the Garden Center). Stein-Mart, Wienerschnitzel, Papa John's Pizza, Hollywood Video Rental. These were preceded in previous years by Wal-Mart Supercenter, Office Depot, Office Max, Barnes & Noble Book-sellers, Olive Garden, Black-Eyed Pea, On the Border, and Hollywood Theatres, to mention a few.

During the years before the Loop 250 phenomenon, shopping centers went begging for tenants. The Colonnade at Garfield Street and the loop has filled its vacancies, as has the Cornerstone Shopping Center at Midland Drive and the loop. Other free-standing businesses near the loop include Northwest Bank and Rosa's Café on Midland Drive and Golden Corral on North Midkiff Road.

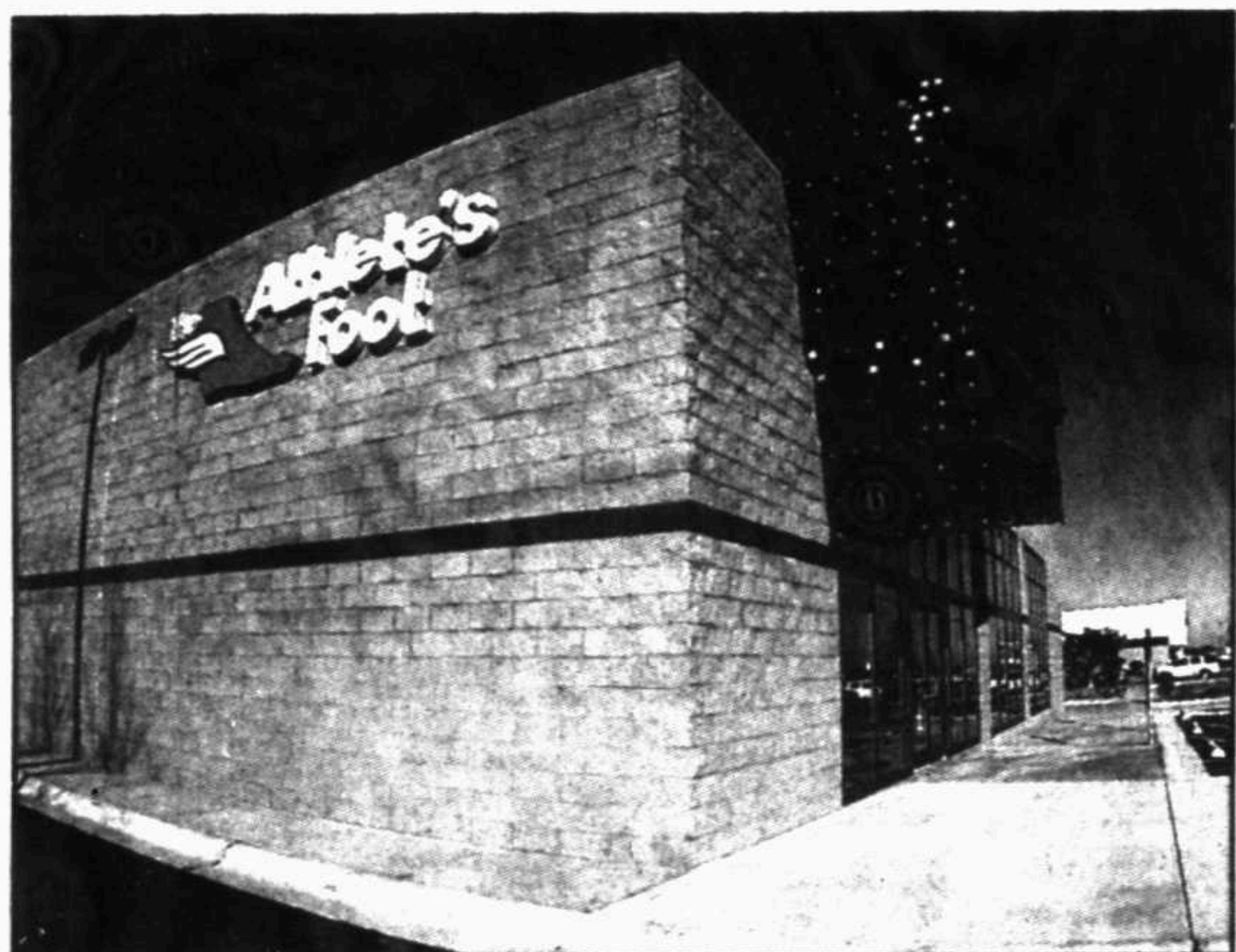
Opening in 1998 are Athlete's Foot, Cellular One, and GCO Carpet Outlet, under construction between Office Max and Barnes & Noble.

Not all commercial construction near the loop is zoned retail or office district. Southwestern Bell has a permit to build a 140-foot cellular communications tower behind Stein-Mart north of the loop near Midkiff Road.

Saddleridge Lodge, which opened a year ago, is a residential retirement facility.

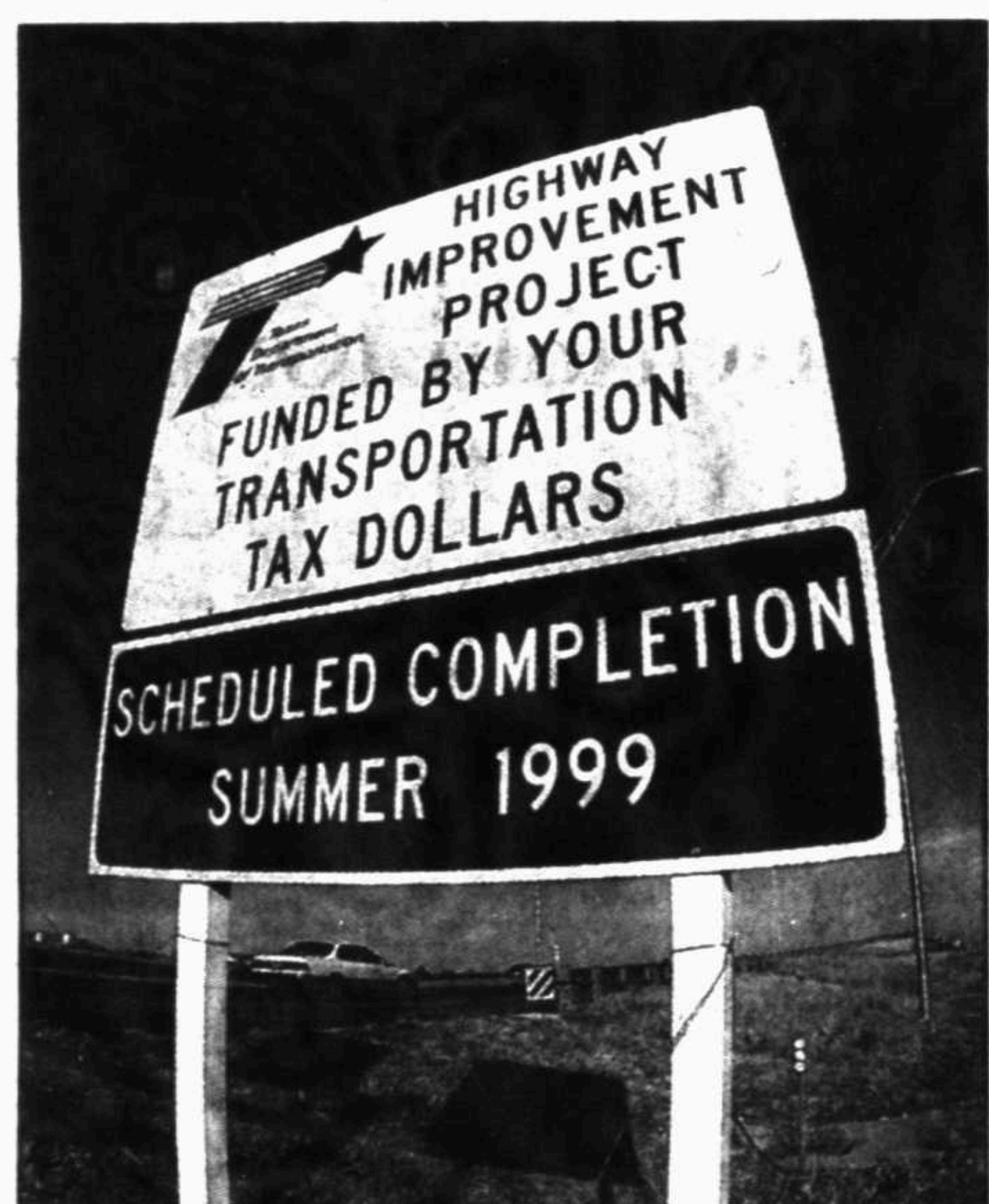
Development east of Garfield is limited by Midland Airpark on the south side and existing residential neighborhoods that back up to the loop on the north side. The overpasses at Big Spring

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Loop 250 added more retail stores in 1998 including Athlete's Foot, shown above, and The Home Depot, at far right.

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Street and Lamesa Road are scheduled for completion in about two years.

"The image of retail development along the loop is predominantly indoor and not outdoor display such as Wal-Mart in Odessa where you'll see tents with merchandise," Walker observed.

Longtime Midlanders marvel at the proliferation of huge home improvement superstores: Builders Square, Lowe's, and now Home Depot. Conventional wisdom is that one of the three won't succeed, and it appears that newcomer Home Depot is presently trailing behind the other two judging by the number of cars in its parking lot.

The loop connects with Highway 191 and the commercial district on the southwest corner where Builders Square is situated. A family-style restaurant, Clear Springs Café, is under construction just west of Sam's Wholesale Club. The restaurant will occupy an 8,000-square-foot building, and is the first dining establishment on Highway 191.

ZONING CHANGE

Walker noted that the city has provided for another 132 acres of retail and office district zoning along the loop south of Thomason Drive all the way to Business 20, allowing the city to control future development.

The new zone wraps around the proposed Beal Family Park (named for the late founder of BTA Oil Producers Carlton Beal and family) to be constructed on the southeast corner of that intersection. A buffer zone of apartment buildings will separate the park from retail development.

An extension of Illinois Avenue, taking a 90-degree bend to the south where Illinois intersects Thomason, will parallel the loop and connect with the Business 20 service road on the south.

Many of the national affiliated retailers operating in Midland are now cloning stores in Odessa.

"Odessa is probably where we were about three years ago," Walker speculated. "Except their development is happening in the vicinity of East 42nd Street and John Ben Sheppard Parkway. They don't have as much available land for development as we have on the loop."

VITAL TO OUR CITY

Mayor Bobby Burns said he



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Retail boom at Loop 250 and Midland Drive.

has worked for development of Loop 250 for about 20 years, recalling a time when he worked as an intern in the City Manager's Office and later as a city tax assessor.

"The loop was a two-lane road (FM 868) with very little traffic. You could drive a hundred miles an hour and nobody would have known it," he surmised.

The opening of Midland Park Mall was the pivotal event that brought much increased traffic to FM 868. The city began working with the Texas Highway Department (now Texas Department of Transportation) to acquire funds for widening the road and building overpasses at major intersections.

"For about 10 to 15 years nothing really happened. Then things began to fall into place," Burns recalled.

He praised the role over the past four years of Assistant City Manager (now Deputy City Man-

ager) Glen Hackler in overseeing the loop's orderly development. "Glen was instrumental in this," he emphasized.

Hackler is now concentrating on overseeing the airport construction project scheduled for completion next January.

"From my point of view the impact of the last three to four years has been terrific. People feel differently about our city. The loop development has had a tremendous impact in terms of tax revenues, our ability to hire more police and build more

parks, and reduce tax rates. It has literally changed the life of Midland. I believe the loop will continue to develop, but probably not like the last three years."

He summed it all up: "The loop is vital to our city."

THE TAX EFFECT

Midland Chamber of Commerce president Marvin Wynn sees the Loop 250 retail growth as being positive in at least three areas: quality of life, increased revenues for the local taxing authorities, and ultimately, low-

er property taxes.

Speaking of the chamber's primary mission, Wynn said, "We don't recruit retailers. Our economic development thrust is to create higher-paying jobs in the manufacturing and service sectors."

He recognizes that the economic impact of retail trade along the loop is significant. "The first thing to look at is sales tax collections. I believe that sales tax revenues have increased from about \$9 million a year (before the loop development began) to a projected \$13.5 million this year."

City sales tax receipts were posted at \$8.96 million in fiscal 1992, \$12.59 million last year, and are projected at \$13.28 million in fiscal 1998, ending Sept. 30.

Wynn reasoned that the greater the sales tax revenues, the less property taxes are required to fund local governmental services.

"I am sure that the amount of retail space has doubled in the last five years," he estimated. He explained that this means more commercial property on the tax rolls, which increases the property tax base, which in turn allows tax rates to come down.

He said that guessed that about one-third of Midland's retail sales come from visitors from outside the city. Also, few-

er people are leaving town to shop in Dallas, Lubbock or elsewhere. "I've had sales clerks in Lubbock tell me they don't see as many people from Midland shopping in their stores" as they used to, he said.

Midland's increasing retail sector, with more national chain affiliated stores, is an intangible plus contributing to what is called quality of life," Wynn said. He said this is important to industrial prospects considering Midland as a future site.

"Oil and gas people who've moved away come back and notice that Midland has changed dramatically in the retail area," Wynn said.

THE NEXT MILLENNIUM

Today's newcomers will someday be longtime Midlanders. Given the steady growth in population since the 1970s, Midland in another 25 years will probably evoke nostalgic recollections of the good old days when folks commuted quickly from home to work in a matter of 10 or 15 minutes. Of course, in 2023 people may not have to commute at all. Perhaps we'll all meet to do our work in cyberspace and do our shopping on the World Wide Web.

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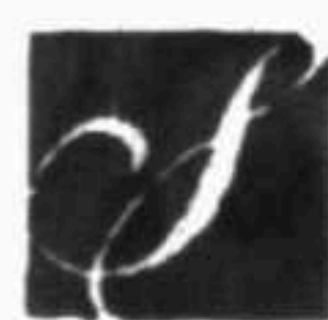


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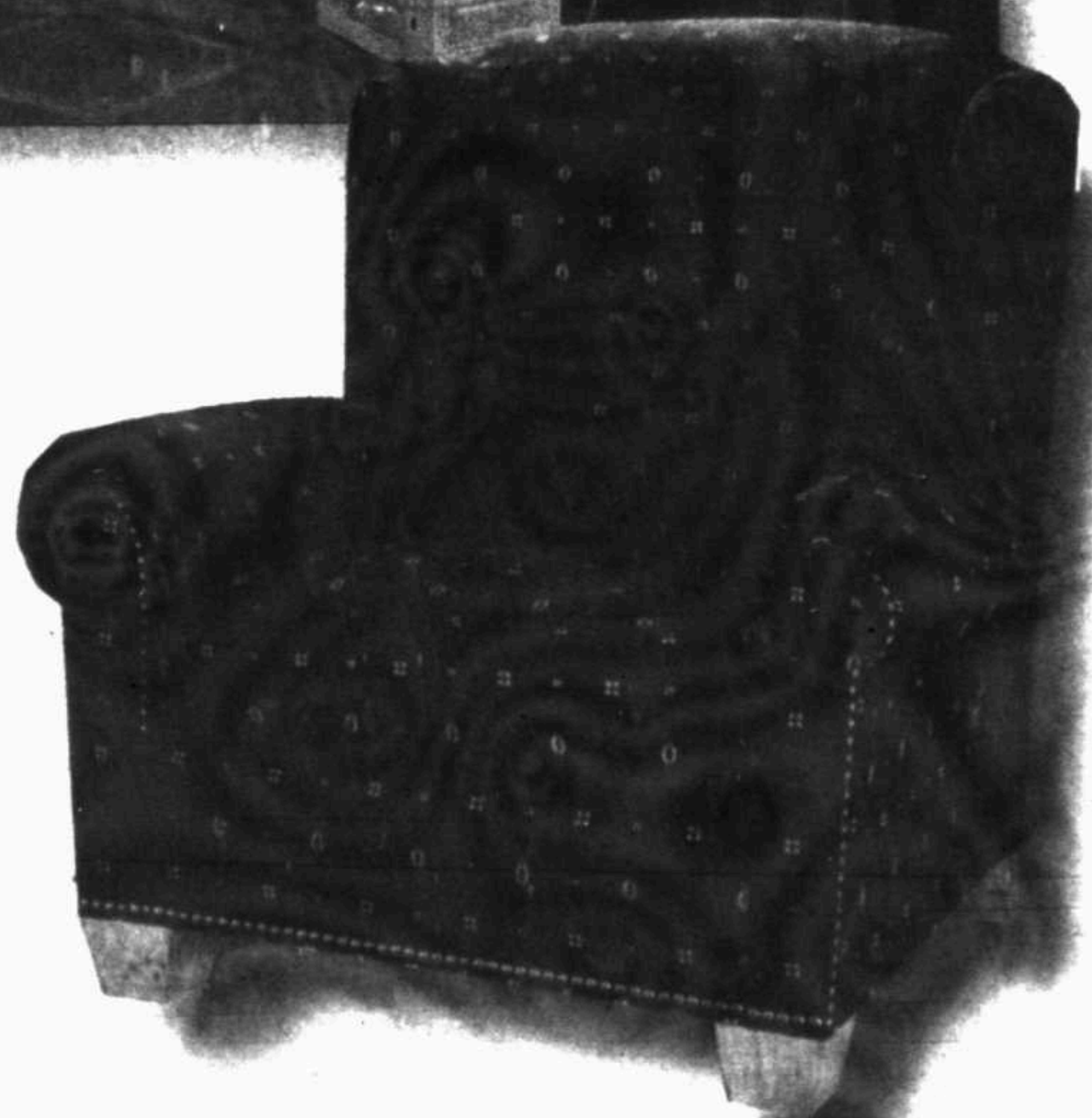
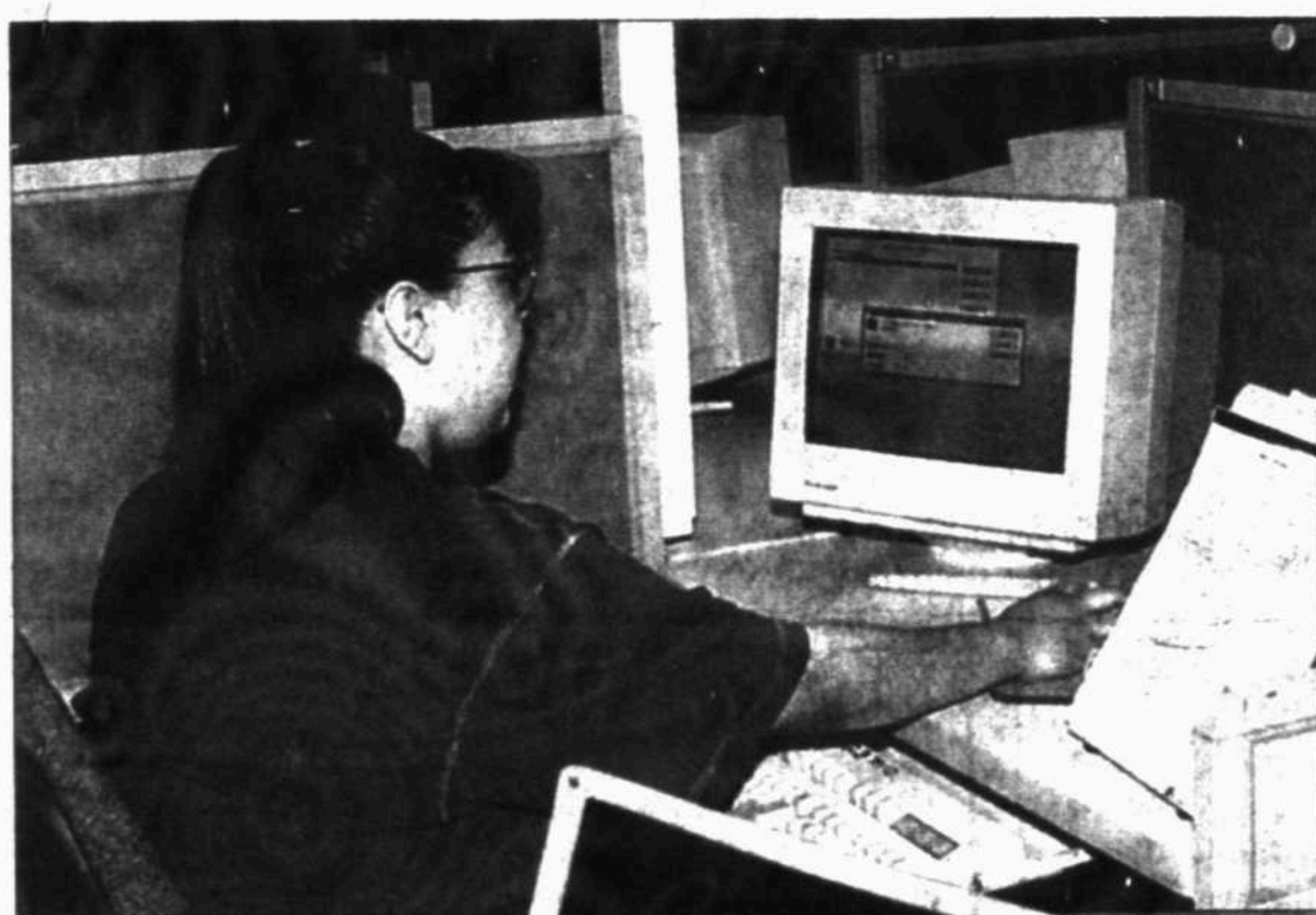
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Aquarium Technologies brings nature's beauty to you

Aquarium Technologies would like to introduce to your home or business the exciting world of tropical fish. "Owning an aquarium is a joyful experience," says Craig Bill, owner of Aquarium Technologies.

Craig, who currently is studying biology and plans to become a marine biologist has turned his hobby into a career. "Ever since I was a small child I have been fascinated by aquariums. I enjoyed them so much I decided to make it my life's work," explains Craig.

Aquarium Technologies offers a diverse range of services encompassing freshwater and saltwater aquariums, lobster systems and pond support through maintenance, service, sales, rentals and custom integrations.

"Our service extends to residential, business and commercial settings. We carefully select the vendors we associate with in providing our services, for not only do we sell their products and livestock, but we use and endorse them in over 10,000 gallons of fresh and saltwater aquariums," states Craig.

If you would like to experience the joy and tranquility of an aquarium, but do not want the hassles and headaches of the upkeep, Aquarium Technologies has a maintenance program that cannot be beat.

An Aquarium Technologies technician will visit your aquarium at least once a month to ensure not only the health of the tank and fish, but also their appearance.

Aquariums serviced by Aquarium Technologies will receive the following: Vital high quality saltwater and/or freshwater changes; maintenance; testing of water



Pictured, left to right, are Wade Rutledge, Craig Bill and Skye Ridenour.

quality parameters; visits once a month by a technician; no extra charge for livestock delivery; no extra charge for emergency or stop-by calls (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week); consultation/presentation on aquarium nature; maintenance of aquarium appearance; availability and discount of fresh and saltwater livestock and supplies; flake foods; free medications, if needed; and immediate help reached with business phone and pager numbers. Livestock insurance also is offered.

If you have always wanted an aquarium but are hesitant because of the cost, Aquarium Technologies has a solution for you. Rent an aquarium.

Aquarium Technologies will supply a fully equipped aquarium, including tank, stand, lights, heater, thermometer, filter, gravel, plants, ornaments, etc. Even the fish and food are included. You

never have to purchase aquarium supplies. "We do all the cleaning and maintenance. And we maintain and correct all tank equipment if it fails to operate satisfactorily, at no extra expense," Craig says.

Rental aquariums are a big hit and are welcome additions to waiting rooms and lobbies.

"Adults and children become more relaxed while observing nature's own tranquilizer in an aquarium," says Craig. Studies have shown that aquariums and tropical fish are excellent for stress management.

"We will even decorate your rental aquarium to match the color of your room's interior," states Craig.

Now if you would like to stray away from the conventional, the AquaSphere could be your answer. The AquaSphere concept is founded on the Biosphere project of a complete ecological system that is

internally stable and self regulating. The AquaSphere needs no cleaning, no attention and no babysitter.

Each AquaSphere is representative of complete hand-crafted work. Each stand is created of white pine adjoined with an adjustable bright brass light fixture. The sphere is a hand-blown glass globe (16" diameter, 10 gallons and approximately 20" tall) fitted with an easily removable clear polished acrylic lid. Each work is custom assembled with color instructions and optional color stain.

AquaSpheres generally last between 6 months to 2 years.

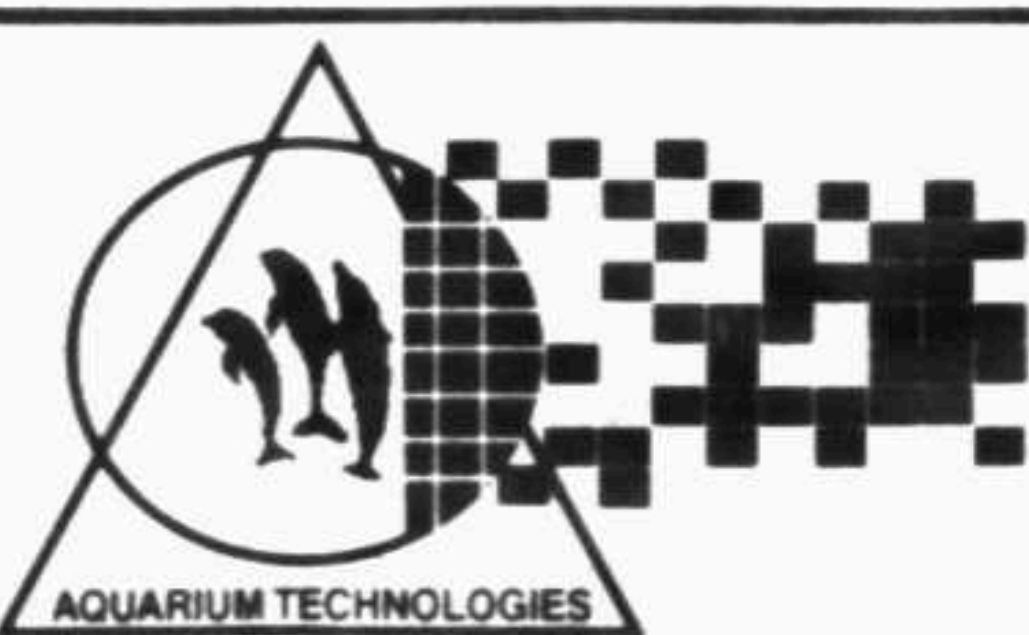
If you have seen or heard of a certain fish you would like to add to your aquarium, Aquarium Technologies have contacts from which they can order certain fish. And they bring the fish to you, integrate it into your aquarium and offer insurance on most orders.

An aquarium reflects nature's glory in vivid colors and intriguing movement, and it adds beauty and interest to any decor. Aquarium Technologies also will work with contractors to help measure and build aquariums into walls and new homes.

"I am eager to offer my company's services and look forward to providing an opportunity for you to relax and enjoy your aquarium without the trouble of maintaining it yourself."

Call Craig Bill at 915-699-4841, fax him at 915-699-0441 or page him at 915-567-3129. Or visit Aquarium Technologies at their Website — <http://members.aol.com/aquariumt>

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Local contractor's new development offers tranquility

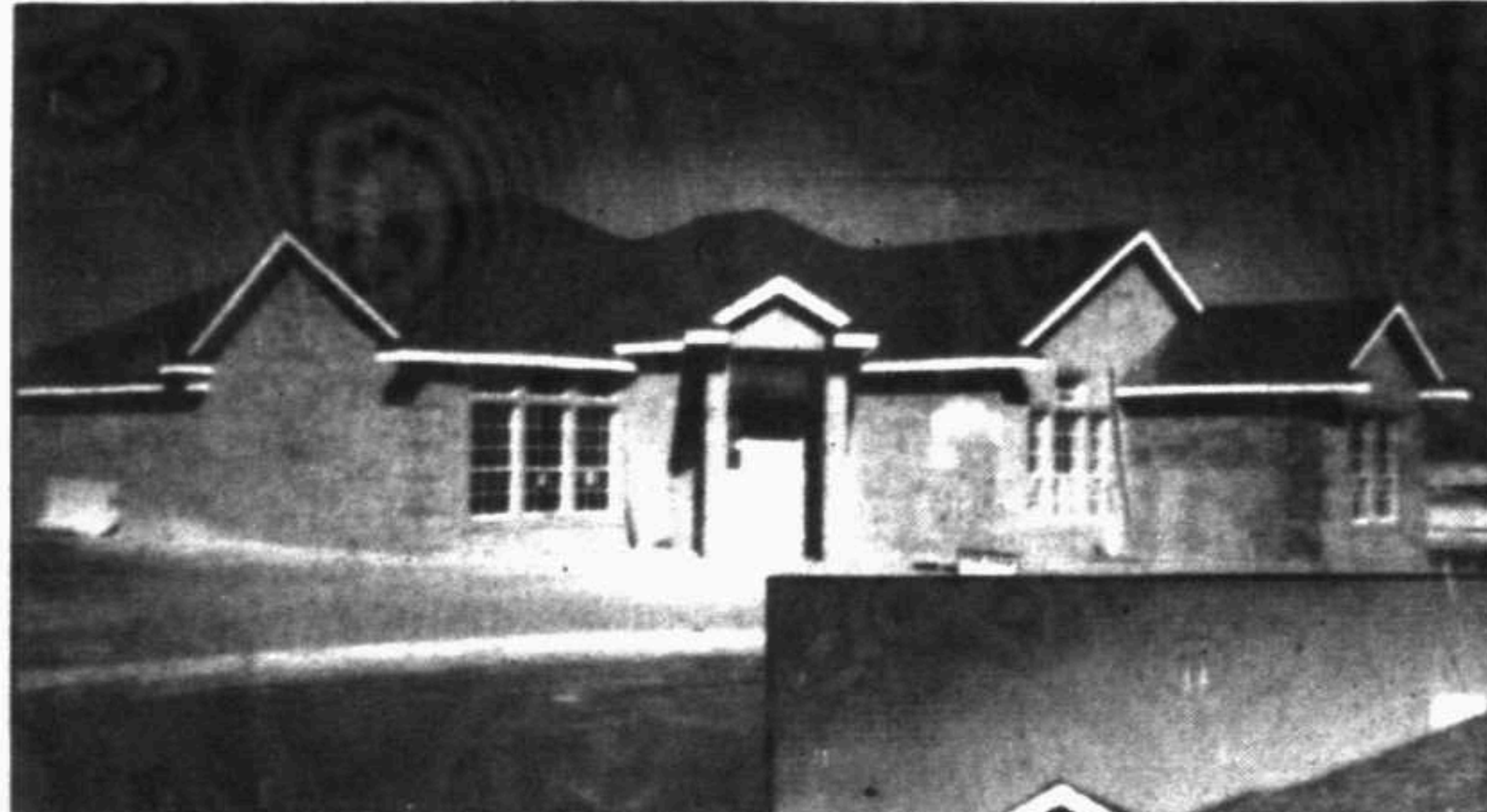
• By making development virtually self-contained with its cul-de-sacs, traffic is light, thus allowing children to safely ride their bicycles.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Taking advantage of an increasingly popular trend in housing development, a Midland contractor has devised a neighborhood full of cul-de-sacs, housing clusters and greenery.

A local family-owned company, Petree-Isbell Construction, Inc., began construction of The Meadowlands, a 53-lot development of custom-built homes grouped around five cul-de-sacs connected by a street that circles through the development. It is located off the north access road to Loop 250 and Big Spring, with Master's Golf located to the east.

Petree Isbell has also purchased and is developing 15 lots in Meadowpark, a development begun approximately 15 years ago. Residents have access to Meadowpark's club house, swimming pool, tennis courts



and children's play-ground. There is also an active property-owner's association. Jesse Petree, a partner in the development, said that by making it virtually self-contained with its cul-de-sacs and clustered housing, it cuts down on traffic and allows children to safely ride their bicycles or residents to walk or jog along the street.

"The only reason someone would come here is because they're visiting someone who lives here or they live here," he observed. "It gives you a sense of security, privacy and tranquility."

The garages are located in the back of the homes and are accessible through the alleyway. Houses range in size from 2,000 square feet up



to 4,000 or 5,000 square feet. Prices range from \$120,000 and up. Petree Isbell has an architect on staff to work with prospective homeowners on customizing their homes.

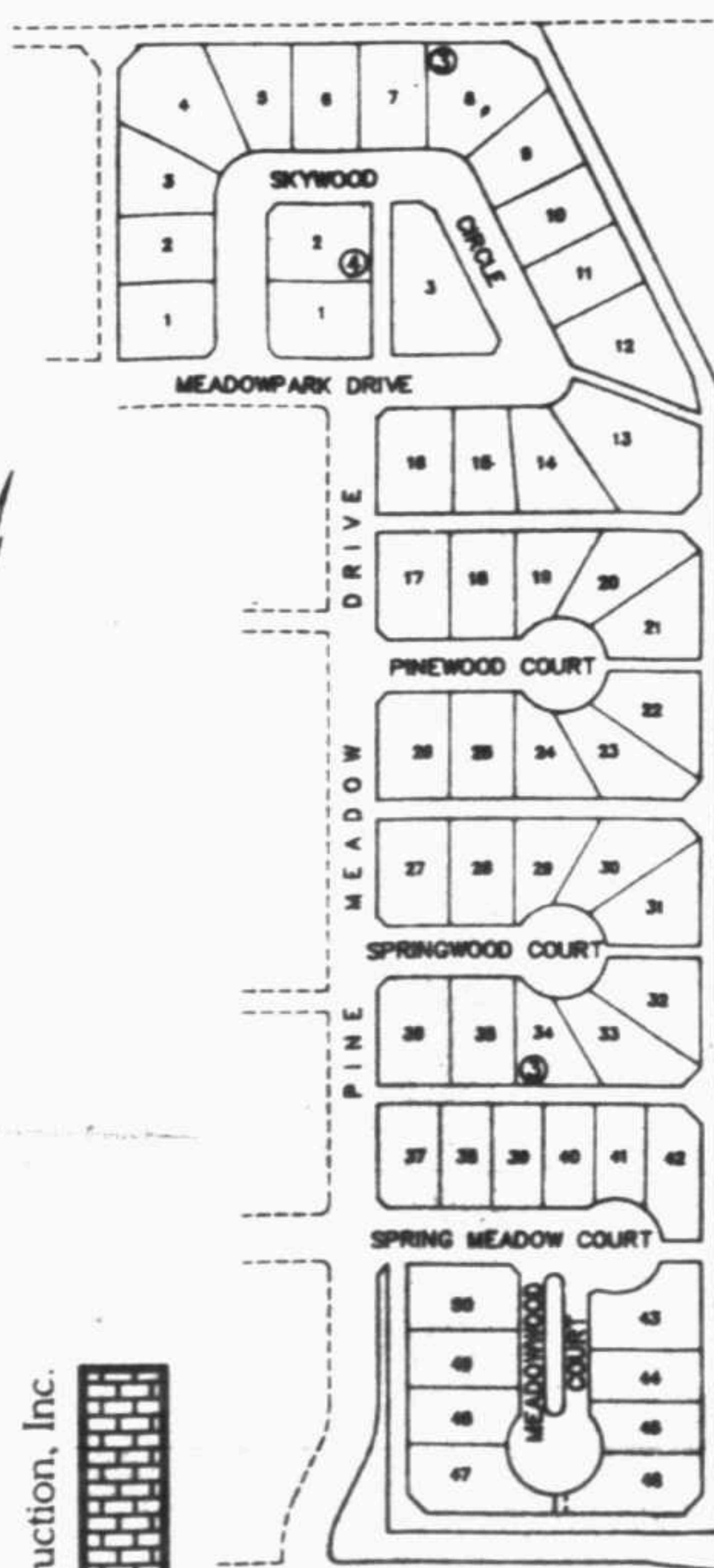
"We haven't built the same house twice and probably won't," said James Isbell, another partner in the

A local-family owned company, Petree-Isbell Construction, Inc., is constructing the Meadowlands, a 53-lot development of custom-built homes grouped around five cul-de-sacs connected by a street that circles through the development.

company. Carl Trim, a spokesman for Petree Isbell, said that the goal is to draw a mixture of single residents, couples with children and older residents.

All subcontractors working on the homes in the development are locally owned businesses from the Midland-Odessa area.

MEADOWLANDS



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Location: North Midland Loop 250 and Pine Meadow Dr.
West of the Master's Golf

If only all funeral homes could be like this

Midlander John Laschkewitsch, a retired Colonel who moved with his wife and family to Midland from Bismark, ND, said that like most people, he had not thought much about funerals. "We had bought lots and markers, and had intended our funerals to be in Bismark," he explained. "Then my wife, Mary, was struck with a severe progressive neurological illness, and our home was in Midland. Mr.

Laschkewitsch, faced with the imminent death of his wife and the need to make arrangements for the funeral in Midland, at first went to a corporation-owned funeral home that had been recommended by friends. But he was disturbed and put off, he said, by what appeared to him to be an excessively commercial approach. "I began looking around, during this very trying

Mr. Pipkin was very personal, very caring, and treated me very sympathetically. He didn't try to push us, he was very thorough, and very reasonable.

Mrs. Betty Lucky

time," he remembers.

"The most difficult thing I've ever done was to have to shop for a fair and good service. I believe it was through the grace of God that I was brought to Clawson Pipkin at Pipkin Funeral Home.

"The more I talked with (Mr. and Mrs. Pipkin), the more I could see a true honesty, a dedication to service and a commitment to being fair and open." If



Clawson Pipkin and his staff have a reputation for caring that people remember.

we are to believe the recent blitz of media coverage of funeral home practices nationwide, it would seem that John Laschkewitsch's initial experience is the norm rather than the exception, and that his coming to Pipkin may indeed have been very fortunate.

Pipkin Funeral Home, independent and family-owned, stands out against the corporate giants with such details as giving family members time and space, refusing to steer persons to more expensive caskets than they would have chosen in less stressful times, and above all, giving complete support to the surviving spouse, parent, son, daughter or sibling.

Clawson encourages anyone with questions or concerns to call his office.

The Pipkins admit that their unique attitude

toward funeral and burial arrangements is not as lucrative as some, but they say they do well enough to stay, and give

the community a choice.

"Ellis Funeral Home and Resthaven Memorial Park, Sunset Memorial Garden and Martinez Funeral home of Odessa are are owned by SCI of Houston; Hubbard Kelly and Frank Wilson of Odessa belong to

There was a sense of caring. Mr. Pipkin always made sure that things were as we wanted, and also after the services, he would call to see if I needed anything or if he could help in any way if I were have a problem.

Mrs. Josie Brenner

the Loewen Group of Canada," said Mr. Pipkin. I feel that being independent can access each family without the pressure of profits for stock holders.

Their attitude is working in Midland. Pipkin Funeral Home observes its sixth anniversary this year, and has seen a steady growth. Pipkin



Clawson and Nancy Pipkin

Funeral Home fills the full spectrum of needs.

From acceptance of all insurance and pre-need policies to the down home personal service that is offered.

Pipkin is ready to assist with a chapel seating 250, to a complete choice of caskets, grave marker or headstone. Funeral services can be traditional, secular or cremation.

Pre-needs are transferable either from out of state or across town.

They often go to extraor-



Lowell Thurmon Host

dinary lengths to meet the comfort of their patrons, calling family members, arranging for transportation or sleeping accommodations for out-of-town family members and other simple acts of kindness and support.

"There was nothing I needed from Clawson Pipkin and his staff that he didn't provide. He even helped me with the obituary, and showed it to me

as it would appear in the paper," says John Laschkewitsch.

Such unsolicited testimonials are a regular occurrence at Pipkin Funeral Home. The Pipkins have gained a reputation for caring that patrons remember.

"At a time when there is a loss, there is so much to do that you forget what needs to be done," said Mrs. Josie Brenner, "but (at Pipkin Funeral Home) there was a sense of caring. The Pipkin (staff) made things so much easier for everyone. Mr. Pipkin made sure that things were as we wanted. After the services, he would call to see if I needed anything or if he could help in any way. Mr. Pipkin and his staff were wonderful."

The Pipkins modestly acknowledge that they indeed do receive thanks for the job they do as well as the myriad of extras they provide out of love and caring, but they say what they do is probably what any neighbor should do.

"I feel that the way I run

my business is the way a funeral home should be run," says Mr. Pipkin. "People shouldn't be



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pushed into things they don't need at exorbitant costs at a time when they are the most vulnerable."

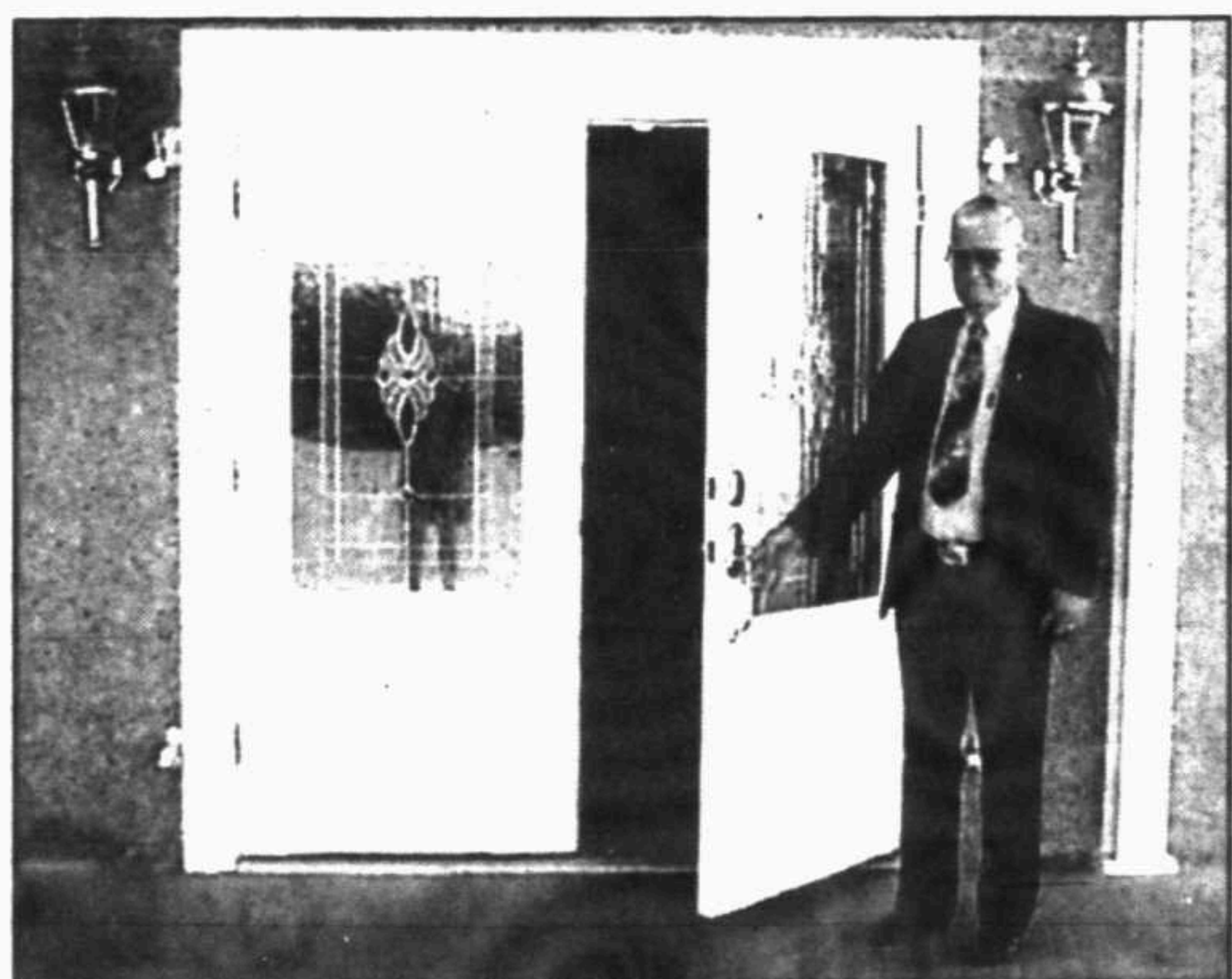
Pipkin Funeral Home encourages families and individuals to make prior arrangements (pre-need planning) for funerals, markers, headstones or



Betty Farmer Receptionist

bronze markers, thus eliminating stress and hasty decisions when a death occurs. Mr. Pipkin is a licensed embalmer and funeral director, and has been in the funeral business for more than 30 years.

Clawson encourages anyone having questions or concerns to call his office at 682-3700.



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Masters Golf Range puts golfers in swing of things

Owner and operator of the Masters Golf Range, Randall Strickland, provides a complete practice facility, enabling the public the opportunity to perfect their golf game.

The country-clublike atmosphere opens its doors to the Midland community, young and old alike, to work on every aspect of their game and unlike no other practice facility in the area, Masters Golf was designed for golfers to hit into the prevailing southwest wind. This, in effect, helps right-handed golfers cure their slice and hone a more powerful swing. Therefore, the golfer gets an idea of what shots he or she most consistently hits.

The practice facility includes a driving range, putting green, chipping green with a sand bunker and short game area.

Strickland's facility is the practice grounds for the local high school golf teams, P.E. classes and Midland College golf team.

Nathan Goulding, a Midland College golfer, said he prefers to practice at Masters because of the smooth putting green.

"There is always a lot of room to practice and the undulation of the putting green is really good," Goulding said.

Strickland said, "This is the most complete practice area at their disposal. However, the younger ages won't be a distraction to those practicing because the classes hit in a designated area."

The rise in professional golf has led both children and adults out onto the courses and practicing facilities because of role models like Tiger Woods, Greg Norman and Tom Lehman. Strickland said the integrity and determination that it takes to be good at golf definitely requires practice.



Randall Strickland, owner of Masters Golf Range, says any golfer, young or old, is welcome to come and take some shots.

Practice in order to perfect, is one thing Strickland stresses to all golfers.

"After all, a bad day in golf is better than a good day at work."

He added that the residual effect of kids and adults coming will keep building because of the increased popularity of the sport, "so we encourage people to bring a friend, a spouse, child or group to come out and enjoy hitting golf balls," he said. Strickland, a former Texas Tech golfer, exemplifies patience when giving tips or lessons to golfers, a reflection of his dedication to his students and love of the sport.

Strickland and assistant golf pro, Amy Hennis, both offer 30-minute and one-hour lessons to men, women and children.

"Golf is anybody's sport. I like

teaching it because the people are there because they want to be," Strickland said.

What separates the Masters Golf from other practice facilities is the friendliness of the staff who makes even the beginner feel comfortable. "Everybody started out as a beginner at one point," Strickland said. Midlander Bob Templeton began to play the game two years ago.

"The first place I went to begin was the Masters. The staff familiarized me with the layout of the facility. I first took lessons and the staff was very professional."

In terms of merchandise, Templeton said Masters Golf offers a variety of golfing equipment, including all major brands of clubs, bags and shoes.

"At the Masters, I practice all

aspects of my game. I use all the equipment including the driving range. As a first-timer, I was impressed to see what I could build up toward," he added.

Templeton noted that the staff was "very friendly. They treated me like a person who had novice questions. I also think the location is very convenient. It is the best driving range I had been on."

Custom fitting for golf clubs for people of all ages is also available.

Masters Golf does offer a three-, six- or 12-month individual or family package of unlimited range balls that are great gifts to give.

This year, Strickland has implemented a range-ball program to help improve the quality of practice.

"We use only one kind of range ball, one of the best in the business," he said. Recently Strickland stocked 12,000 new range balls and will add another 15,000 this June.

"When a golf ball is worn out when you hit it, it doesn't carry as far and stay on line. New balls react like one used on the golf course would. You get more consistent results when you hit with new balls," Strickland said.

Golfers have the ability to practice every part of their game and are encouraged to use the driving range to hit a single bucket or to line them up for extended practice.

Masters offers summer hole-in-one contests and summer junior programs for golfers from age 8 to high school. Clinics may be designed for anyone, including churches, men's night, women and children.

Masters Golf is located at 500 W. Loop 250 North, just west of Big Spring Street. The phone number is 570-4499.

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With a degree in administrative background, in San Miguel Square, November 19-

In May 1997, she moved to her present location at 3 N. Midk-

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Laurie's goal is to provide the most innovative, best baby products as well as the finest maternity and children's clothing at affordable prices.

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Baby Biz — Everything for moms-to-be, toddlers, too

When Laurie Sargent opened her first Baby Biz store, she knew "This is what I was supposed to do in life."

With a degree in small business administration and a marketing background, she started the store in San Miguel Square, in November 1994.

'You can shop here from the time the doctor says you're pregnant. We carry the Medela line of nursing products the hospitals use and a hypoallergenic skin care line that's been in Europe for 40 years. I don't carry a product if I don't believe in it. I live here, and I must be able to walk down the street and be proud of my business.'

— Laurie Sargent, owner, Baby Biz

A stroll through the store proves she does just that. Customers smile as they picture some little girl they know wearing an endearing dress or a little boy galloping on a bright patchwork dragon.

The store carries a full line of highest-quality furniture that doesn't look like "baby furniture." Laurie says, "It makes a big difference to be able to walk in and shake a crib, and most of our cribs don't shake easily."

The solid oak, Baby's Dream line converts from a roomy crib to a sturdy toddler bed to twin beds to a double bed. A child could even take a piece off to college.

Baby Biz carries several hundred options in cribs and furniture and more than 500 selections in crib bedding.

Laurie calls her store a "kind of one-stop shop. You can shop here from the time the doctor says you're pregnant. We carry the Medela line of nursing products the hospitals use and a hypoallergenic skin care line that's been in Europe for 40 years."

"I don't carry a product if I don't believe in it. I live here, and I must be able to walk down the street and be proud of my business."

The Shower Registry enables parents to fill out only a short form, then go through the store and select everything they want. A staff member then places it in a special display and writes down all the information for each item.

And Laurie delivers — even once to Alpine where she took gifts for a complete shower.

Sandy Cielinski is a frequent cus-



Baby Biz owner, Laurie Sargent, says her goal is "to provide the most innovative and best baby products as well as the finest maternity and children's clothing at affordable prices."

tomers and says she likes to shop where people are friendly and helpful. Laurie obtained a piece for a car seat that Sandy needed. "If you go into a store and they take care of you, you don't need to shop around."

A new addition to the store is maternity, unusual in a baby shop. Premies also are remembered. Any baby under six pounds is considered a premie, but full-term babies often weigh in at that range. Laurie carries knit caps, booties and diapers, which you can't buy in supermarkets or large, multi-item stores.

In the spring, clothing sizes will be expanded to include toddler 4.

Baby Biz also carries birth notices and a rental stork for front-yard announcements.

One of the most unusual items in the store is the Slumber Bear, a soft, bedtime companion that soothes the baby with actual recorded, womb sounds baby heard before birth.

And a practical device available is the toilet lock to prevent little ones from dunking things.

Baby Biz is located at 3303 N. Midkiff. The phone number is 520-5405. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with special appointments after hours and on Sundays.

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'We strive to do the best job at the best price possible for everyone.'

— Adrian Leyva, Allgreen



The crew at Allgreen can take care of your trees so they'll provide the best shade possible in the summer. Allgreen also offers complete landscape management and installation for both residential and commercial properties.

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"No job is too big or too small," says Adrian Leyva. "We strive to do the best job at the best price possible for everyone."

Allgreen recently has merged with Elite Sprinkler Systems. David Botkin provides professional installation and repair of lawn irrigation systems.

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Expressions is the place to go for gifts, collectibles

An eye on the future with a focus on the home, describes Expressions owner, Sandra Green's, approach to merchandising. A fixture on the Midland gift market scene for nine years, Sandra has watched Midland grow and change, and Expressions has kept pace.

Sandra explains, "Our customer has changed along with the town. People are increasingly sophisticated, and we try to respond to their needs. With our busy and complicated lifestyles, I see a real demand for specialty gifts, accessories and collectibles that help people express themselves and create a special environment in their home. I like to say that we, 'help make a house a home.'"

Collectibles give people a special way to express themselves. Expressions carries some of the most popular lines. Wee Forest Mice, Boyd's Bears and United Design are just a few of the delightful and whimsical collectibles you can find here. Muff Bear and her many charming

accessories are here now, as well.

Expressions is the exclusive distributor for Wolfard Oil Lamps and Wee Forest Mice and one of the largest dealers of Galileo Thermometers, Root Candles, Dream-sicles, Boyd's Bears, Newell Oler Music, Camille Beckman bath products, United Design and Sandicast dogs. If you have ever wanted to immortalize your favorite canine, or just adopt a low maintenance pet, Sandicast dogs are marvelously lifelike.

Sandra's philosophy has meant growth for Expressions.

"The response to our design and decorator center has been overwhelmingly positive," Sandra says, "Beginning 2 1/2 years ago with just one room of quality decorator accessories, our customers were so delighted with this service that we opened up a second room last year with a third decorator room coming in 1998."

"We pay attention to the outdoors, too," Sandra explains. "I enjoy being outdoors, so I particularly love my selection of trea-



Front row, left to right, are owners Sandra Green and Vennie Dollahan. Back row, left to right, are Vickie Mosley, Bonnie Sohl, Marilyn Douglas, and Tracy Biggs. Not shown is LouAnn Browning.

sures for indoor and outdoor spaces."

Softly splashing fountains, clever stepping stones, chimers, feeders and darling birdhouses are just a few of the garden items you can find.

Vennie Dollahan, a valuable asset to Expressions, is the owner of Enchanted Attic, an area within Expressions, that specializes in personalized stationery, a large selection of computer friendly paper and scrapbook supplies such as stickers and borders.

Don't forget Expressions when you are looking for special gifts. Kitchen accessories, collegiate items, specialty food and potpourri are great ideas for lovely

presents. Of course, gift wrapping is always free and always done with a smile.

And back to Sandra's focus on the future. Expressions is so positive about Midland's economic future, it soon will open a second store called Expressions too ... your store with bargains galore! With this concept in mind, they feel this will be well received by the Permian Basin.

Stop by Expressions and catch a little bit of Sandra's forward thinking and enthusiasm!

Expressions is located at 3201 N. Big Spring. The phone number is 915-685-4172. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Sun Star metal tube light works better than plastic

Steve Kallestad has owned Quality Siding & Window Co. in Odessa for 15 years, and although he always liked the idea of tubular skylights to provide natural light in the home or office, he never carried them. His standards were too high.

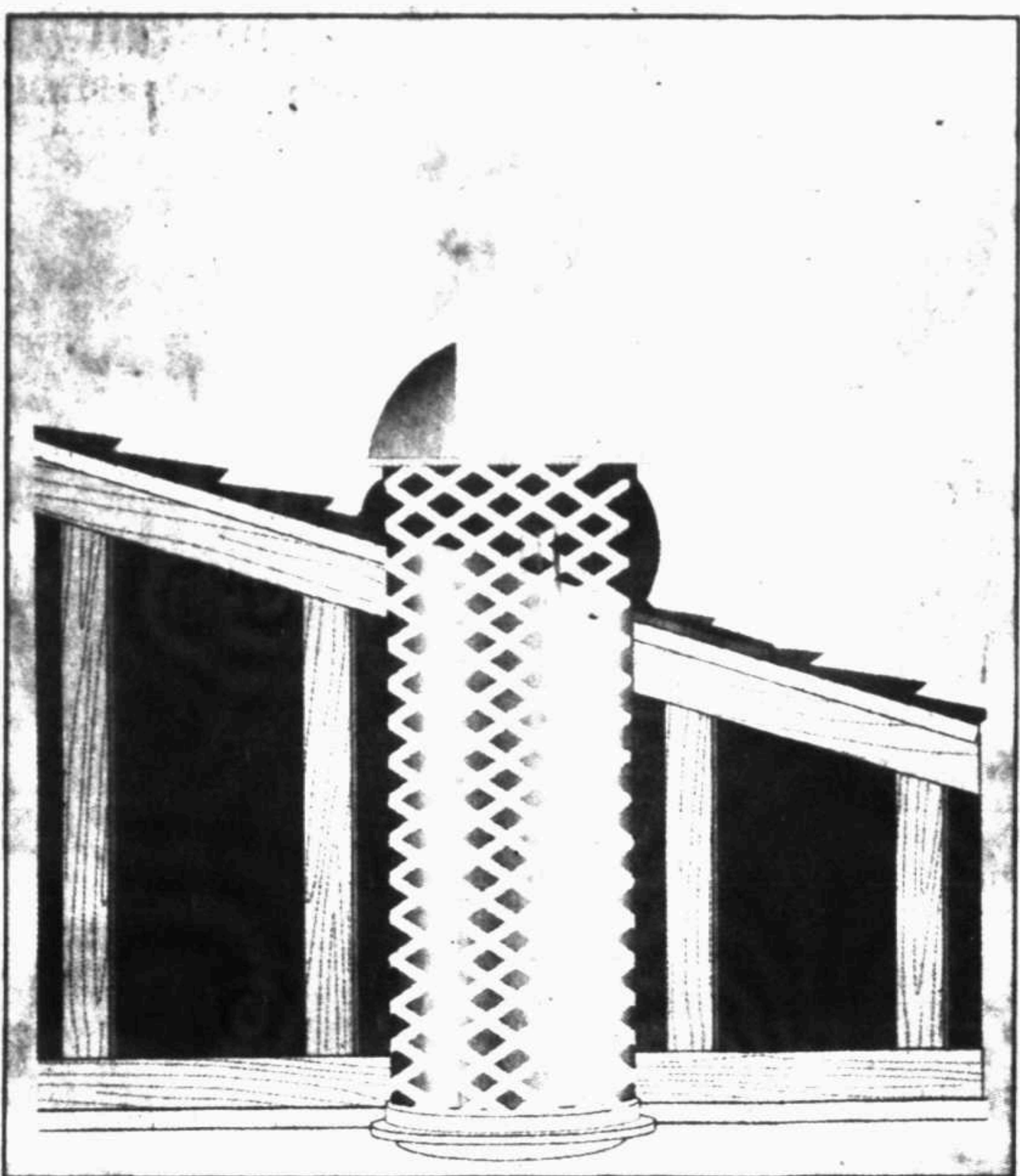
"I've been interested in them for years, but the designs that I saw, I felt, were not suitable for West Texas. I never was comfortable with the tube lights that I found on the market," says Kallestad.

Never — until about two years ago, when he was introduced to Sun Star skylights. Sun Star lights are "an up-and-coming product — the answer to the problems with conventional skylights," Kallestad raves. "They are the best tube light on the market — unlike other tube lights, this is an all-metal tube light. There's no plastic. Installed on West Texas roofs, it's something that will last as long as our customer is in the home."

Sun Star skylights are manufactured in Phoenix, Ariz., a place where they know a little something about intense sunlight. Kallestad is the only dealer in West Texas for Sun Star lights.

Sun Star skylights are perfect for any dark area of the home or office, including kitchens, baths, entryways, utility rooms, even garages and closets. Sunlight enters the Sun Star through a clear acrylic dome and goes down a super-reflective, high performance patented light tube. Light is reflected down the tube and spread equally throughout the room. But because the skylight blocks ultraviolet rays, your skin stays healthy and your belongings do not fade.

In addition to filling your rooms



Sun Star lets you have beautiful natural sun light without heat gain or higher electric bills. Sunlight enters the Sun Star through a clear ultraviolet protected acrylic dome and goes down a superreflective, high performance patented light tube. Sunlight is reflected down the tube and spread equally throughout your room. Your rooms become cheerful, bright and full of sunshine.

with sunshine. Sun Star skylights can actually help you to cut down on electric lighting and save on energy bills. There is minimal heat gain or loss through the sky-

lights, and they are burglar-proof and water tight. And they can be installed in about 2 hours and carry a 15-year transferable warranty.

You might say that Kallestad not only sells Sun Star skylights — he's a client. "The first one I put in my own home," he says. "And since then, we've installed hundreds of them in the Midland-Odessa area with excellent results."

Clients have been "delighted," he adds. Potential customers needn't rely on Kallestad's word only. You can check out Sun Star lights at a showroom in the Quality Siding & Window Co. office, at 1521 E. 8th St., in the Live Oak Shopping Center in Odessa — or on display at Music City Mall.

Quality Siding also offers custom-built, energy efficient windows, trim and wall siding, and custom-built insulated steel doors with steel framing for security, as well as roofing, remodeling and steel carport and patio covers. And the company now is offering 100 percent financing at 7.99 percent.

Quality Siding & Window Co. has had an outstanding reputation throughout its 15 years, and Kallestad can provide "hundreds" of references.

"We offer quality products and professional workmanship and give people good advice on their home improvement needs," Kallestad assures. "I won't tell somebody how to spend their money, but I will give them good advice and let them make their own decisions based on the information and professionalism that I've given them."

Quality Siding & Window Co. employees are available for an appointment at any time at 333-5010 or 1-800-491-3739.

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Jones Piano offers quality service on pianos & clocks

At Jones Piano, there are three certified factory technicians on-site who can install the Player Action in the pianos; no matter if the piano is owned by the customer or purchased from Jones.

"We are one of the few stores in the country that actually installs the digital player into the piano," Jones said.

The large showroom is located at 428 Andrews Highway, and has been helping students and music teachers in the Permian Basin since 1964.

At Jones Piano, the customer comes first. Jones keeps a book of letters from past customers stating their appreciation for his efficient service.

Happy customers include the Music City Mall in Odessa, which purchased a 7 ft., 4 inch Semi-Concert Grand custom-made Player Piano System Music Background.

Pianos from Jones Piano also have found homes in Houston, Oklahoma and Kentucky.

Jones Piano has the largest

selection of pianos, organs and clocks in the area. The showroom is filled with pianos and organs with name-brands like Baldwin, Chickering, Yamaha, Wurlitzer and Howard-Miller Grandfather Clocks.

Jones said that Yamaha and Baldwin are the main brands. Chickering is the mid-priced, and Wurlitzer and Samick are the least expensive lines.

"We guarantee our price to be the best in the country," said Jones.

The family owned business orders directly from the manufacturer at the right time for the buyer to get the best price for the customer. There is no middle guy or overhead. You can select your piano, organ or clock, have it delivered, financed and serviced, all from the same location.

While you are there, take time to look over the digital Yamaha Clavinova, the latest in the music business technology. The Clavinova has won "Digital Piano of the Year" for the last three years. They care about handling the



The owner of Jones Piano has discovered that the workings inside a Grandfather Clock are much like those inside a piano. Now it is possible for the store to offer the same efficient service and delivery for clocks as well as organs and pianos.

instruments at Jones Piano and deliveries are made with a custom-made delivery diesel truck with a lift.

Another guarantee that makes the delivery a safe one for the piano — "Every truck has a tuner or clock technician riding in it."

One more guarantee. Most of the pianos have a 10-year trade-back at the original price.

At Jones Piano, they also carry the Howard-Miller Grandfather Clock line.

"There is something that relaxes you with its ticktock," he said. They also repair and service clocks and pianos.

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Jones Piano is located at 428 Andrews Highway.

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'Patel's Clinic' plans for Midland's health-care future

P.V. Patel, M.D. and Associates is commonly known as "Patel's Clinic" by its patients. Seven of the 11 doctors working for Dr. P.V. are Patels, and believe it or not, family is not a factor.

Dr. P.V. Patel began his medical practice in 1982 and has been growing steadily with the Midland area for 16 years. Patel specializes in general internal medicine, vascular services, gastroenterology, pulmonary care, cardiology service and family care.

However, one clinic can't handle everything. Several clinics dot the area including two family-care clinics, a specialty-care clinic, the Cardio-Med Center and Medical Care Plaza in Big Spring.

With all the offices, Dr. P.V. Patel emphasizes that personal care and personal choice over assigned care in area hospitals is what keeps patients coming in.

"I provide personal care rather than employed physicians. To me, my patient comes first. The rest of the things come second, Dr. Patel said.

"Patients take priority over anything in my life."

In an effort to follow through, the next year and a half holds big plans for Dr. Patel's patients. He is in the process of building a small hospital in the downtown Midland area.

Dr. P.V. Patel's dream, he said, is to move himself and his associates into a facility that offers every available service for his

patients including an outpatient hospital, an inpatient facility and other services such as blood and other laboratories, X-ray facilities and numerous diagnostic services.

"I want to create one facility where the patients and the doctors don't have to go from one place to another trying to gather everything for complete care. My goal for all of this is to provide the best comprehensive patient health care in the area."

— Dr. P.V. Patel, "Patel's Clinic"

new facility will be built in three phases, the first one being planned for completion by September 1998.

Phase One will be a surgery center and will include an outpatient clinic, cardiac care and a Cathlab for angiogram services. Phase Two will house an imaging center, and Phase Three will contain hospital beds for in-house care.

"My goal for all of this is to provide the best comprehensive



Family Care Clinic at Front Street and Lamesa Road, 1101 Front St. in Midland. Phone them at 620-0050.

patient health care in the area," Dr. Patel said.

While striving to expand, Dr. P.V. Patel also represents excellence in the Permian Basin as a national expert in an interventional technique called "rotablation."

Dr. Patel describes the rotablator as a drill-like device used to clean and remove blockage from the arteries. When he's not tending to patients in Midland, Dr. Patel is busy traveling to other hospitals outside of the Permian Basin teaching other doctors how to use the rotablator device.

The regular services of "Patel's Clinic" can be found at numerous locations in Midland. All clinics hold regular hours, extended hours and weekend hours.

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Midland Red Oak Realty, Inc. is bullish on Midland



Neill McClung, president of the wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Royalties, cites irreplaceable location and reposition upside as consistent Red Oak Realty investment criteria while San Miguel's property manager, Vickie Burge, with more than 12 years of experience in Midland, believes in hands-on working arrangements.

On a cloudy day with rain in the Midland forecast, I met Neill McClung in San Miguel Square's comfortable atrium.

"Of the three recent Midland Red Oak Realty acquisitions in our hometown, San Miguel represents most what we are all about," said McClung, president of the wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Royalties, citing irreplaceable location and reposition upside as consistent Red Oak investment criteria. "With HEB anchoring the intersection of Wadley and Midkiff, it draws the traffic, pushing San Miguel to emerge as a Class A neighborhood center."

Midland Red Oak Realty owns and manages Plaza Oaks and the Colonnade, affording the company many cross marketing opportunities for prospective tenants. The energy and stability of San Miguel will be heightened by the three newest tenants. Memorial Hospital is constructing a Health Care Center neighboring Pinocchio's Pizza; Yvonne Tighe's Antiquities, reflecting her proven retail experience with antique collectors, has filled the north building adjacent to PC Solutions; and, finally, The Press Box Sports Café, with a great menu, will be attracting sports fans as well as other diners, thereby increasing the ambience of the atrium.

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— Neill McClung, president, Southwest Royalties

"The property will be upgraded with a face-lift, including accent paint, exterior lighting repairs, signage upgrades and revitalization of the atrium. We view San Miguel's atrium as an opportunity to energize the controlled environment to an upbeat gathering area for shoppers and diners with temporary vendors, exhibits and entertainment."

San Miguel's property manager, Vickie Burge, with more than 12 years of experience in Midland, believes in hands-on working arrangements. She spends time on the property, maintains contact with the tenants and coordinates all remodeling, repair or property

improvements. She manages all of Red Oak's retail and office properties in both Midland and Odessa.

Red Oak also has expanded its office portfolio with the recent acquisition of Independence Plaza in downtown Midland to complement the Woodhill Building, located near The Racquet Club. McClung said that other target properties include office buildings in Arizona and Oklahoma and regional retail centers in Austin and Denver.

"We will continue to seek new Southwest markets for multi-tenant properties with opportunity for our management team to add value."

Midland Red Oak Realty, Inc.

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Beltone Hearing Aid Centers look out for West Texas

Since 1979, the Wallis-Villasenor family has been dedicated to serving the hearing needs of the Odessa-Midland area, which includes 19 West Texas Counties.

Curt and Peggy Wallis obtained Hearing Aid Center in 1979 and operated the business with their daughter, Karen Villasenor, in a small, Odessa location. In 1980, son Mike Wallis, joined the family business and managed the newly acquired Odessa Hearing Aid Center, a multi-line hearing aid office.

Nineteen-eighty-two brought the purchase of the building at 817 E 7th in Odessa that became home to both Beltone and Odessa Hearing Aid Centers, and in 1983, Karen's husband, Josh Villasenor joined the hearing aid family.

Midland and Big Spring Beltone offices were acquired in 1986, with Josh managing those. Children, Joel, Lacy, Lori and Chrissy also have worked part time in the business.

In a world where family-owned and operated companies are being swallowed by large corporations, and even nonlocally owned and operated hearing aid companies come and go in our West Texas cities, the Wallis-Villasenor families are dedicated to the idea that we are responsible to care for our own West Texas residents and retain the finances in West Texas.

"Why feed the Dallas, Austin or Albuquerque economy when we can purchase the same or even a higher quality product locally and likely get better and free service from local West Texans," said Karen Villasenor.

For the past 18 years, Beltone has conducted regular monthly service centers in Alpine, Andrews, Kermit, Fort Stockton, Monahans and



Josh Villasenor utilizes state-of-the-art computerized testing and analyzing equipment and is dedicated to caring for West Texans.

Pecos, as well as operated three full-time offices in Odessa, Midland and Big Spring.

In 1988, Jimmie Gilham, came on board, and in 1991, Susan Bennett joined the business, making five nationally board certified hearing instrument specialists, three of whom are certified audioprosthetologists to serve the Basin. Jimmie's high-school daughter, Kasey Garrett, now works part time after school.

All family members are active in the community and in trade organizations. Beltone Hearing Aid Centers has membership in both the Midland and Odessa chambers of commerce and participates in the Permian Basin Better Business Bureau Customer Care Program.

Beltone boasts an extensive product line of more than 80 models, including the Invisia, The Hidden

Hearing Aid, Composer 2000 Programmable hearing instruments, many canal hearing aid models and numerous high power behind-the-ear, in-the-ear and canal instruments.

One of Beltone's latest technological advances is "Comfort Signal Processing" or the CSPII circuit, which is designed to automatically adapt for hearing comfort as the hearing aid wearer moves from one listening environment to another. With CSPII "soft" sounds are amplified to a comfortable listening level while "loud" sounds are given less amplification so they remain within the comfort range.

Beltone's latest advance in hearing technology utilizes the CSPII circuitry and Computer Programmable technology to present "in office" programming of the CSPII hearing

instruments. In addition, the offices utilize state-of-the-art, computerized testing and analyzing equipment, sound-proof booths, Real-Ear Measurement, Video Otoscope and an Otolab for removing moisture and ear wax from hearing instruments.

"But probably the most important benefit Beltone has to offer is Beltone's BelCare Commitment," said Josh Villasenor.

BelCare, a free program, includes standardized, comprehensive, 10-step hearing tests, the Lifetime Care Program, a 30-day Refund Offer (limited fees will apply), and one year of LS&D (lost, stolen or damaged) coverage free (limited fees will apply). And BelCare is free from participating Beltone Hearing Aid Centers.

Karen warned, "Beltone urges any person seeking help for their hearing to ask to see a current Texas license bearing the seal of Texas in the center and issued by The State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments. This should be posted in the person's hearing aid office and they should be carrying a "credit-card size" license on their person. If a "temporary license," state law requires the person be under direct supervision of a licensed person as they have not yet passed that state exam."

Most hearing aids are sold to people 65 years plus, but people have begun wearing hearing aids younger and younger, including President Clinton," said Mike Wallis.

"Those outside everyday noises definitely affect hearing ability." He added, "We are here to serve your hearing needs, and we won't be satisfied until you are."

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Builders & Homeowners puts its touch on community

The family-owned Builders and Homeowners Supply has been supplying Midland and Odessa with a complete line of building materials since 1952.

Beginning as a door department, the store added a full line of supplies in 1971, then renovated two years ago with the addition of 10,000 square feet in the building for showroom space.

"We're just like the big guys but on a smaller scale," said owner, Ray Sale.

He proudly attributes his long-term success to being prepared. When he caught wind that the powerhouse retail stores were headed toward Midland, he vowed not to be run out of town and quickly took action.

Using seminars and books as his guides, Sale managed to keep his business in competition with the other stores.

"I went to the seminars, read the books, we changed up the prices and painted the building. We even pulled the weeds from the cracks in the cement," Sale said.

"We cleaned up, picked up, spruced up, and our sales even jumped up 10 percent during the first year the big boys moved to town. We learned that every little bit helps."

"But enough about the others," Sale said.

Builders and Homeowners Supply prides itself in being local and being involved in the local community. Just about anything you can think of, they're involved in in one way or another.

For years, Sale and his employees have continued to be involved in many projects and groups and work closely with local schools, churches, Midland's in-line hockey league, Habitat for Humanity and the Eagle Scouts.

"The Scouts and school kids come my way every time they have projects to do. We give 'em everything from paint to fence posts for their projects," Sale said.

This year, as with years past, Builders and Homeowners Supply will be home base for materials used for the Midland branch of the nationwide project Christmas in April.

"We furnish most of the lumber, siding, the paint brushes, the drop cloths. Of course I can't give those things away, but I supply them at a very very low price and donate the things I can," Sale said.

Although not open for most of the weekend, the employees of Builders and Homeowners Supply



Builders and Homeowners Supply's owner, Ray Sale, attributes the store's long-term success to being prepared. When large chains started moving into Midland, he vowed not to be run out of town and took action.

take the extra time to stay open on the last weekend in April for the Christmas in April project and stock the project warehouse and remain open for any other needs.

Above and beyond Christmas in April, Sale praises his staff and says his employees make it all possible.

"My largest asset is my employees. They provide my customers with top notch product knowledge and service. I also place a heavy emphasis on family. My newest employee has been with us for a year and a half; then we jump to five, 10 and 20 years."

A specialty service offered by the store has become a weekly event on Saturday mornings. Area customers can bring their old or damaged doors into the shop and have their door "matched" by the

experts at Builders and Homeowners Supply.

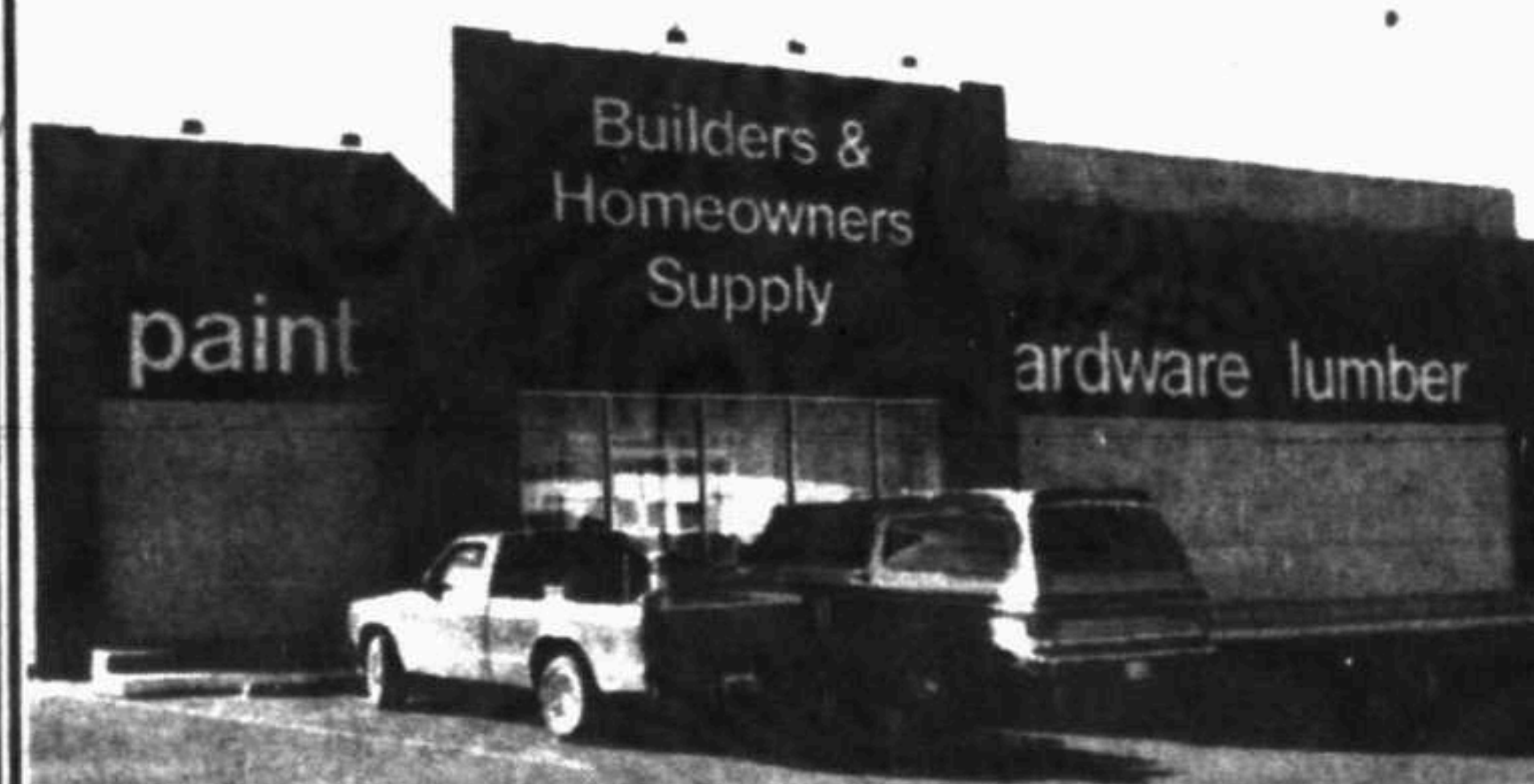
"Of course the customer has to paint and add accessories on their own, but for a nominal fee they will leave here with a door that fits exactly in place where the old door was," Sale said.

Sale's influence, however, extends beyond Midland; he was recently elected by his peers as President of the Lumber Association of the State of Texas. Sale will travel to Washington, D.C. and address the U.S. Congress later next month.

Builders and Homeowners Supply's phone number is 683-4761. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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Specialized Fitness bridges health care-fitness gap



Specialized Fitness can design a program just for you. Call them at 684-6408.

"Health clubs have their place," says Kelly Skinner, who owns Specialized Fitness along with her husband, Sheldon, both longtime Midlanders, "but we provide much more personal attention than a club can." In addition to personal fitness training, Kelly and staff offer physical therapy and post-rehab exercise, sports-specific exercise and therapeutic massage.

You receive up-close personal attention from the certified personal trainers and fitness instructors at Specialized Fitness. Your trainer begins with in-depth questions about your goals, your needs and any restrictions. Surprisingly, most people have some limitation such as previous injury or surgery that needs to be considered when designing a program for them.

All programs are designed only by certified personal trainers with certification in medical exercise and strength training and with 15 or more years experience in exercise instruction. Exercises are biomechanically correct, which reduces the chance of injury and increases their effectiveness. Your trainer will carefully design a program for you, then monitor your progress, making any necessary adjustments as you progress. "As the client's program progresses, the trainer's job is to encourage and to make sure we're headed in the right direction," Kelly explains. Possible goals include cardiovascular improvement, strength training, flexibility training and weight control.

For weekend warriors and other occasional athletes, Specialized Fitness can tailor a program to strengthen muscles used in spec-

ic sports such as golf, football, baseball, soccer, tennis and more.

The atmosphere at Specialized Fitness is very professional. No muscle shirts or showing off. It's a comfortable place for anyone who really wants to improve their quality of life.

Someone recovering from surgery or certain injuries may need physical therapy or a post-rehabilitation exercise program first. The physical therapists at Specialized Fitness work closely with you and your physician to get you back on your feet, with basic mobility. From there, post-rehab exercise helps you get back as close to normal as possible (in some cases, you can expect more than before surgery). In many cases, proper conditioning and exercise can prevent a recurrence of the injury or surgery.

Therapeutic massage speeds recovery, as well as provides stress relief, improved flexibility and range of motion, better sleep and lower blood pressure. Massage therapy alone can bring relief from stress and from many kinds of chronic headaches, neck and back pain.

By being able to move clients through rehab and into an ongoing health program, Specialized Fitness uniquely bridges the gap between health care and fitness in a way that simple physical therapy cannot.

Specialized Fitness is locally owned by Kelly and Sheldon Skinner. It is located at 4519 N. Garfield, Suite 5 (at Loop 250). The phone number is 684-6408. Hours are 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Dinette Designs and Bar Stools offers limitless choices

When you step into Dinette Designs and Bar Stools, time races back to the '50s in the eye-grabbing dinette set by the door. Heavy chrome and vinyl are back again in the bright red and bright green sets here. Owner Darla Schwartz says,

"Everyone remembers these sets either in their own or a relative's home."

The narrow store front often misleads new customers. Inside are 3,000 feet, completely stocked with 60 dinettes and 80 bar stools, along with china cabinets, bakers racks, vanity stools and accessories, including mirrors and pictures. Most of the chairs, as well as the china cabinets, sell separately.

Styles include contemporary, country, traditional and rattan/wicker with fabrics treated for outdoors, arriving in the spring. Materials seem limitless: iron-like, often-textured metal, maple, ash, oak and laminates, all with different finishes. Laminates will look the same in 20 years, Darla says. It's literally carefree. Tile tops, the whitewashed look and painted finishes are popular. The medium oak finish is still the No. 1 seller.

Darla has been operating

Dinette Designs for 16 years in the same location at 1025 N. Midkiff on the corner of Midkiff and Bedford. Her philosophy of business is: Offer a good product at a good price and a good selection with good service.

"I stand behind what I sell and give service after the sale. I'll replace a part as long as the factory is making it."

Understandably, she has many return customers. "I use the phrase 'Heart of the Home' in my advertising because I really believe a table is not just used for dining. That's where you have your family discussions, where a friend drops in and sits down to talk. It's where you have your bridge games,

and people do their books. Even with so many selections, some command attention: a 64" round table in a light finish with a lazy susan, a wicker, metal and glass set in a whitewashed look, a table with an inlaid wood design, and a formal glass and metal set with a round table and white, upholstered parsons chairs.

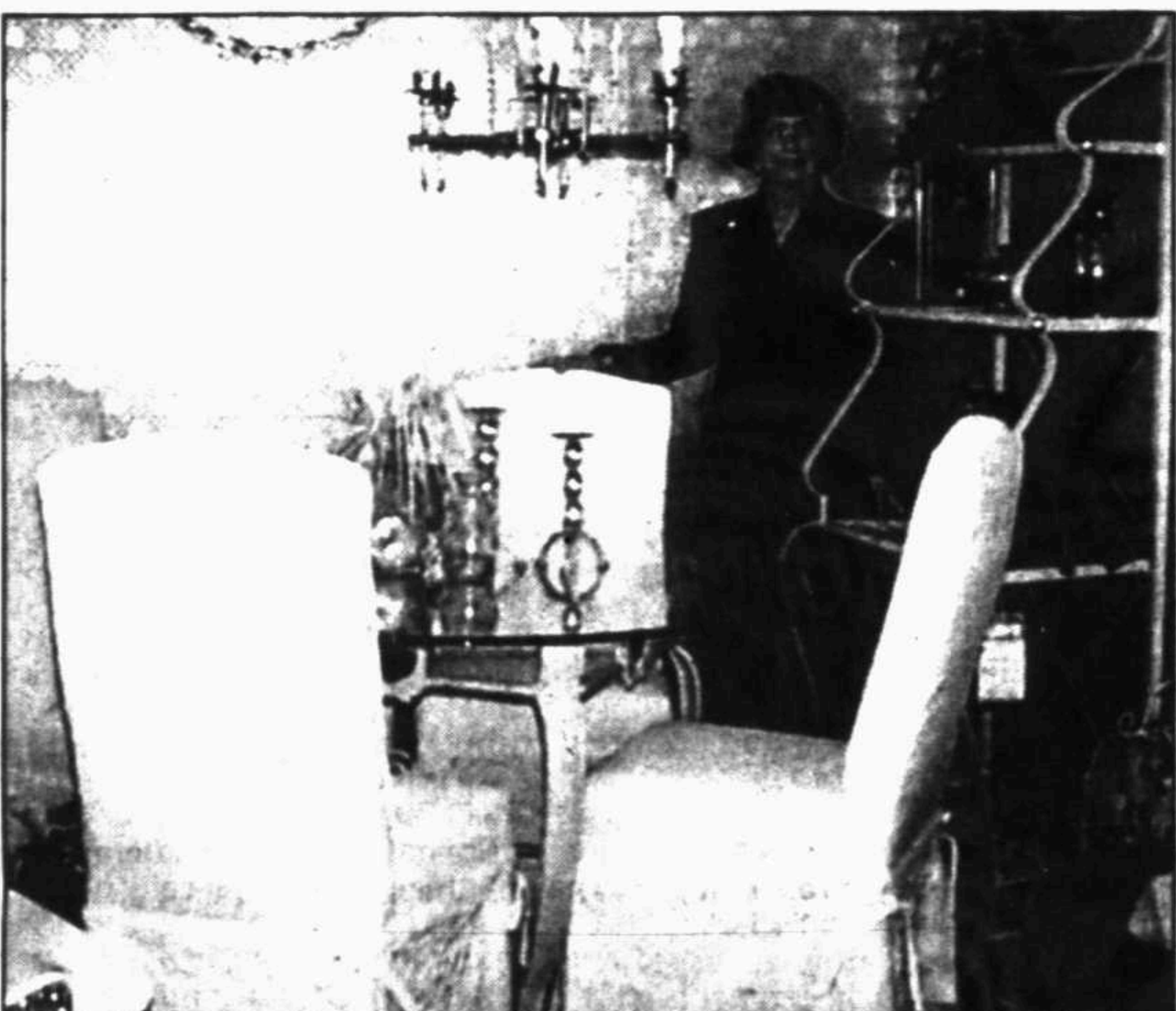
Darla will special order any size, material or color in a design a customer likes. She says it really helps her to find the right colors if a customer will bring a fabric,

tile, sofa pillow, etc. for a color reference.

Some chairs swivel, tilt and rock. Others can be adjusted for short of long-legged people. This feature can be added to 50 percent of the chairs in the store.

Bar stools range from 24" counter level to 30" bar height. The vast number on the floor include stools with backs or backless, upholstered, metal or all wood, stools with arms and those that swivel.

Darla stresses, "If someone wants comfort, I can put him in something comfortable. A cus-



Darla Schwartz, owner of Dinette Designs and Bar Stools, says her business philosophy is: Offer a good product and a good selection with good service.

tomer should be able to find style and comfort, too.

"I love to be able to help people find exactly what they want, something they're really going to enjoy. I love to see people come back to buy new items because they so enjoyed what they bought years ago."

Many do.

Dinette Designs and Bar Stools is the only such specialized store in the Permian Basin. The phone number is 520-6035. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Creative Edge gives artists of all kinds place to be seen

Whether you're an up-and-coming local artist, an established professional or just an art aficionado, you'll want to check out Creative Edge Studio & Gallery, opening soon at 2101 W. Wadley, in Plaza Oaks Shopping Center.

Although Creative Edge owners Gary and Judy Griffin and William Hagerman are pleased to show works by professional artists, they also will provide exhibit space for the novice just looking to get a foot in the door. New artists often encounter stiff competition and frustration in finding quality exhibit space in art competitions, shows and galleries. But Creative Edge is willing to accept novice artwork, in any medium, provided it is framed and presented properly. In general, however, Creative Edge allows artists to choose their own framing.

"Bill and I are not going to do any judging on the pieces that are running," says Griffin. "It's strictly up to them."

"There are a lot of talented individuals out there, but a lot of times they do it in their leisure hours, and there's just no real outlet for them to show," adds Hagerman. "There are a few places — but not on a consistent basis."

If you're looking to become a "starving artist," however, you might have to look elsewhere. Creative Edge charges just a small handling fee, based on media and size of work, for a 3-month period, and a low 25 percent sales commission. Artists may exhibit their work for an unlimited amount of time, provided they pay the handling fee at the beginning of each



Creative Edge exhibits works by novices, as well as professionals, and also offers lectures, workshops and art classes.

3-month period. And once a work is sold, there is no extra handling fee to replace the work with one comparable in size or cost.

Furthermore, unlike most galleries, Creative Edge does not ask for an exclusive contract. "Some galleries do not let their artists participate anywhere except in those galleries, without their permission," explains Griffin. "And some galleries want a per-

centage if the artist sells any work from another studio," adds Hagerman. "From an artist's standpoint, they can retain more of their funds. Plus, our handling fee is a business tax deduction for the self-employed artist."

Creative Edge plans to have an eclectic array of artwork. "We want to have a variety — not just paintings — but sculptures, hand-sculptured jewelry, floor canvas-

es, fine antiques," Hagerman says.

Creative Edge also hopes to serve as an educational facility for the public, says Hagerman.

"It's a showcase for the public to see what's going on in Midland as far as people who are involved in the arts," he notes. "It gives people who may have had an interest in art a chance to see, well these are just normal, everyday people doing art — it's something that they can do as well. It's kind of an educational facility educating the public about entry-level artists, and then also about the professional as well."

Creative Edge also offers lectures, workshops and art classes. Both adults and children — as young as 5 years old — can take art courses in any medium. Classes are held at all times of the day and evening, five days a week, and are usually limited to about 8 to 10 people each. Classes are taught by Hagerman and Mrs. Griffin.

Hagerman is a professional artist whose works have been exhibited in many local shows, at Midland's Celebration of the Arts and the Haley Nita Stewart Memorial Library. He has been teaching art classes for 15 years. Mrs. Griffin has been teaching art courses at Midland College for 30 years. And both Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have worked with artists for 25 years through their art supply business.

Creative Edge Studio & Gallery is located at 2101 W. Wadley, in Plaza Oaks Shopping Center. Gallery hours are 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment Monday through Friday.

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Anyone can feel right at home when they walk into the luxurious atmosphere filled with any piece of furniture imaginable at Carter's Furniture, located on 501 E. Illinois Ave.

The store that now covers half a city block, offers new, brand-name furniture for every room in your home, including bedroom, dining room and living room, as well as accessories of all kinds.

Tim Carter, third generation furniture retailer and owner of Carter's Furniture said he has many plans for 1998.

"We are remodeling the store in order to increase floor space devoted to Broyhill. It is a good fit for our store," he said.

The store continues to grow with popular brands like La-Z-Boy, "a major brand that is no longer just a chair manufacturer, it is a major player in furniture upholstery."

Carter places a great deal of emphasis on La-Z-Boy because it is a rapidly changing company "and one of the most dynamic in the industry today, with a good feeling for what's going on."

The La-Z-Boy gallery alone covers approximately 5,000 square feet.

Carter's Furniture always maintains commitment to keeping up

with the latest styles.

"We travel to major markets and always select good priced, quality furniture. We maintain low prices every day and have clearance sales twice a year. A customer is able to get a good, low price anytime they buy from us," he said.

He said that the company keeps abreast of the direction the industry is headed by going to market.

"We shop at the major markets at international home furniture markets at High Point, N.C., the capital of the world for furniture," he added.

Carter's grandfather started a store, which was owned and operated by his uncle, in Big Spring.

"My father started the business in Midland as a used furniture store in 1951. He relocated a few times, then built the present building just east of Downtown on Illinois and expanded it."

The store still maintains its original insistence on value and customer satisfaction — and its family ownership.

"In 1986, we started a transition process of ownership from my father to me, but he and my mother, Eloise Carter, are still active in the corporation and contribute a lot," he said.

Carter said that customers who



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bought furniture from his father continue to buy, bringing in their sons and daughters.

"It's always nice when that happens," he added.

Consumer buying has changed over the years because customers are willing to special order, which has become a big part of the business.

"One reason we put in the La-Z-Boy design center is to enable a customer to select a frame, custom fabric and have the sofa or chair arrive in the store in six to eight weeks."

The store also maintains a catalog room with all the manufacturers' catalogs to accommodate buyers wanting the custom look.

"The look is so eclectic now. Piece buying is important. We also have a lot of customers who

want open stock. They are only able to buy one piece but want to be able to buy more later," he said.

Carter said he has a favorable rent negotiation with his father, enabling him to keep his cost and overhead low, and people will think nothing of driving across town to get value.

"It is almost like a restaurant, with a certain mix of customers. We want to keep our prices and our selection. We try to keep unique and classic styles," he said.

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Pat Paxton relocates people around corner, around world

Permian Basin real estate is a fast-paced market right now. Property values are on the rise yet interest rates are low, so it's a buyer's/seller's market," says Pat Paxton, CRS, GRI. Pat is starting her 20th year in real estate in Midland, and she was recently voted

into the company of America's Most Referred Realtors by her peers in the business. This singular honor is a great pat on the back, says Pat, but where she really gets her kicks is seeing her clients satisfied.

"My motto is that I relocate around the corner and around the world, and last year, I helped people relocate to Scotland, the United Kingdom, Cairo, Russia and The Netherlands."

She said doing well in real estate calls for dedication, 18-hour days, a good head for figures and a good memory. It also calls for some careful listening.

"Once people tell you their needs and what they want, you start plugging in conductors in your brain to pull out those properties you've seen in houses on the market that fit. It's fun — it's really exciting to

have someone go into a house and say, 'Oh, this is my dream home.' It's a tremendous high."

Pat says the real estate market can be tricky for the uninformed.

"There are so many aspects to buying or selling a house, that it's very hard to do without professional help," she explained. "It's hard to gain access, and you have to know the city and what areas would best meet your needs, and answers to a lot of other questions."

Pat said the real estate professional can help you evaluate the property, do a market assessment, locate the best source of loan money at the best rates and walk you through the maze of regulations that accompany real estate transactions.

"Langston Realtors have put together wonderful books — one for buyers and one for sellers, with samples of all the forms needed, current contracts, inspection reports, loan application forms and there's a section taking you step by step through the complete process," she said.

One of the new forms this year



Pat Paxton, CRS, GRI, an associate of Langston's Realtors, is entering her 20th year in the real estate business. She says she gets a kick out of seeing her clients satisfied.

is a buyer's option contract issued by the Texas Real Estate Commission whereby, for an agreed-upon fee, the buyer has an agreed-upon time to terminate the contract.

To keep herself abreast of such developments, she takes continuing education courses locally, attends National Association of Realtors conferences and avails herself of updates through Langston Realtors.

She also does constant, careful, research. What houses have sold for how much? What's happening in the schools? What are the trends in the community? Her research pays off for clients who, if they act on her advice, can move in and out of a house while they're still having fun.

She advises sellers about how to best show their house's strongest features. "We have some excellent videos that give hints about how to get a home ready to sell," she says, adding that sellers should try to see their house from the buyer's perspective and notice repairs that may be needed or ways to rearrange furniture to make it easier to move through a room.

"In the real estate business we often know when a family is about to put their house on the market, because they're out washing the windows."

Pat Paxton, CRS, GRI, is an associate of Langston Realtors. The phone number is 682-9495; home, 683-0888; out of state 1-800-231-2483. Email is paxton@lx.net

AVA smooths bumps in road of car buying & selling

Buying a car and trading in an old one is an agonizing experience for many people. Roe Sams, President of Midland's Accurate Vehicle Appraisal, says the average buyer spends three weeks researching prices, checking out consumer magazines and generally trying to educate him/herself in order to get a good deal. After all that, says Sams, only one out of five actually buy a car, and most of those aren't sure if the deal was good.

At AVA, in 20 minutes they can evaluate your car and give you a verifiable accurate appraisal of its value, then educate you in how the process of buying, selling and trading work, giving you 'the information you need to make (the) best deal and gain a peace of mind.'

AVA's service applies to anyone trading in a used car, selling a used car or buying a used car. If you're trading in your car, AVA's ASE certified master mechanic and their experienced

appraiser will thoroughly check its mechanical and physical condition. This will consider any needed repairs, any damage to body, interior or elsewhere, mileage, market price for this area and other factors. "We use the same collision and repair program body shops use," explains Sams, "which gives us the exact cost for each needed repair." AVA then issues a printout detailing all this information, which you can show to your buyer or seller, backing up your requested amount.

This is an improvement on simply "checking the Blue Book price." For one thing, there are three different "blue" books, one of which is geared toward retail prices, one toward wholesale and one in the middle. AVA begins their assessment with the one in the middle, the NADA book. Second, the prices listed are general... they don't account for your vehicle's condition. With AVA, you'll be armed with black and white information on your own vehicle.

For those selling a used car, AVA will provide the same evaluation and printout as if you were trading it in. This printout will



Accurate Vehicle Appraisal's staff and management total 30 years experience in the auto field. They can evaluate your car in 20 minutes and give you the information to help you get your best deal when buying or selling a vehicle.

allow you to show prospective buyers proof that your asking price is legitimate as well as the mechanical condition of the vehicle. Additionally, AVA will give you a window sticker, a title application and a bill of sale.

If you're buying a used vehicle, AVA will evaluate it for problems and for total value, to let you better decide if you are getting a good deal.

When you use AVA to evaluate your trade-in for a new vehicle, they will provide, free, a printout showing the dealer's cost and the MSRP (carspeak for manu-

facturer's suggested retail price) for the base cost of the new one, as well as for any options. They also provide a worksheet, allowing you to figure what your total price should be and showing what the dealer will make, empowering you to make your best deal.

Accurate Vehicle Appraisal is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Loop 250 and Business 20, just up the street from car dealers in Midland and Odessa. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Roofs by Nicholas has the power to make it simple

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Roofs by Nicholas specializes in cost-effective roofing, maintenance and repair. They have the power, the technology, and above all, the experience, to make it simple, from the initial estimate to the final inspection of the finished roof. Never satisfied to rest on their reputation, they continue to examine new technology and better materials in order to offer homeowners a choice in the roof protection overhead.

They provide prompt free estimates and insurance claim assistance.

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Roofs by Nicholas is a member of the National Roofing Contractors Association, the Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau, the Roofing Contractors Association of Texas and the Better Business Bureau Care Program.

Owner Dan Nicholas stated that much of his business over the years has been from repeat customers, and from the friends and neighbors of those loyal customers. "We're very grateful for them," he said. "A large part of our business is word-of-mouth. Our red, white and blue yard signs are a familiar sight all over town throughout the year, and especially during hail season."

In order to meet the growing demand for quality roofing services in outlying areas, Roofs by Nicholas and Superior Exteriors has recently expanded its operations to include offices in Snyder, Big Spring, Andrews, Crane and Lamesa.



Pictured, left to right, are Al Nicholas, Buddy Mayes, Dan Nicholas, owner, Clay Mize, Ross Dolan, Dale Delzer and Joe McEwen.

Nicholas said homeowners in need of roofing services should observe a few common-sense measures:

- Make sure the estimate is trustworthy. Quotes should be for uniform amounts of materials, work and the same services. Discrepancies frequently show up when estimates cover different materials and different numbers of

jobs to be performed.

- Insist on a contract that clearly states the work to be done.

- Check references before the contract is signed.

- Most of all, ask for proof of workers comp and general liability!

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J-MAR Gallery is newest kid on North Midkiff scene

There's something about artists who paint the Southwest. Even if you don't know an artist, by looking at his work, you feel as if you could share an unhurried cup of coffee with the cowboy, ride along at his same, slow pace, gaze at your surroundings through his calm eyes. His attention to detail makes you see how rough the nap looks on that old towel on the wall. Touch the stitching on the boot. Can't you almost feel the surface of the worn leather chaps?

Jim and Martha Galyean's J-Mar Gallery is lined with the work of such artists. Originally located at Wadley and Midland, in early February they moved to their comfortable surroundings at 1215 N. Midkiff, once the home of Pier One.

Prints by well-known artists such as G. Harvey, Debbie Hyatt, Larry Dyke and Virgil Stephens are available — unframed or framed. They also have seven Virgil Stephens original watercolors and many signed, limited-edition prints. Harvey's evocative titles reflect his subjects: "Taking Texas North," "Land of the Walk-

ing Rain," "Boss's New Rig," "Early Riders" and "When Snow Melts Into Music."

Larry Dyke is known for his Bible verses that serve as titles for his paintings. Only the Scripture appears on the front, but on the certificate of authenticity on the back, the verse is given. Once you read it, the painting becomes more significant.

J-Mar Gallery has moved to a new comfortable location where owners Jim and Martha Galyean display works of various Southwestern artists including G. Harvey, Debbie Hyatt, Larry Dyke and Virgil Stephens. They also will represent Midland Community Theatre Director Emeritus Art Cole in an upcoming exhibition.

J-Mar is the primary dealer for the Mill Creek, limited-edition line of sculpture in which several pourings, framed by animal horns, produce a distinctive piece. Also from this line are the limited editions of animal sculptures, signed, numbered and certified for authenticity. They include the wolf, elk, deer, tiger, eagle and buffalo. They range from \$59 to \$496.

While most of the art has a Southwestern theme, there are also other subjects such as a captivating little girl reaching for a rose and a touching painting of a grandfather, who is explaining to his little granddaughter what America is all about, reflected in symbols in the scene.

Prints mounted on canvas give the impression of originals. One,



The owners of J-Mar Gallery welcome everyone to stop in and relax while browsing at works by well-known artists.

"Sunday Flowers," by Gary Niblett, shows a wagon train mother with her child, picking flowers on the prairie.

Harley Murray, an Eastland artist, paints on feathers, incredibly-fine strokes that fool the eye into thinking the tiny picture is the natural part of the feather. He also does hand-painted ostrich eggs.

Colorful Palo Pinto pottery, made by John and Judy McCain in Gordon, Texas, comes in some rich shades of blue and many shapes and forms.

Lovers of hummingbirds and angels will be enchanted by the tiny, glass-blown hummingbird and angel earrings of frosted crystal and gold. Glass-blown, window

hummingbirds feature one, azure-winged bird, hovering over a red flower.

Midland Community Theatre Director Emeritus Art Cole will be in Midland in June. During that time, the gallery will represent Cole in a showing at Midland American Bank. There also will be a private showing of his work one evening in the gallery.

Jim and Martha invite you to come in and browse or even sit on the antique church pew and gaze around their relaxing gallery. But you'll probably find it impossible to stay there and not explore.

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J-Mar Art Gallery

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American Leak Detection tracks down homeowner 'terror'

Just the phrase "slab leak" strikes terror in the hearts of homeowners and building owners everywhere. Visions of jackhammers in the bathroom, kitchen and elsewhere indoors have come true too often. But, never fear, there is a "Sherlock Holmes" for leaks of all kinds: American Leak Detection.

By combining extensive training, experience and patented technology, local American Leak Detection franchisee Ricky Lemons can usually pinpoint a leak within two feet, even under carpet. "Many times I can find its exact location," he says. This is certainly faster, less expensive and less inconvenient than busting out the floor in two or three rooms hoping to find that elusive leak.

Because leak detection (and repair) is his only job, Ricky can accurately interpret each sound from the sensitive electronic listening device that is one of the unique tools of his trade. For sewers, he uses a specially designed camera to "look" for roots, pipe breaks or other problems.

"If it leaks, I guarantee I'll find

it," Ricky says. If there is a leak (in a pressurized line only) and he can't find it, you don't pay. Also, for 30 days after a visit where a leak is found and repaired, he will re-detect for no additional fee.

Typically, he finds leaks in water pipes, sewers, pools and spas, sprinkler systems and natural gas lines. If you're remodeling or adding on to a residence or commercial building, he can locate water, gas or sewer pipes quickly and economically.

Here are several warning signs that can indicate it's time to call American Leak Detection:

6 signs that may mean it's time to call American Leak Detection:

- Sound of water — like a toilet running — when nothing is on
- Foul odors emanating from walls or floors
- Wet, spongy, moist or discolored area on floor or wall
- Foundation cracks or ground shifts
- Unusually high water or water heating bills
- Standing water or uneven grass growth around pool or spa.

1. You hear the sound of water — like a toilet running — when nothing is turned on.

2. Foul odors emanate from walls or floors.

3. Your wall or floor has a wet, spongy, moist or discolored area.

4. The building foundation cracks or the ground shifts for no apparent reason.

5. Your water bills or water heating bills are unusually high.

6. There is standing water or uneven grass growth around your



Ricky Lemons of American Leak Detection prepares his special camera to search for sewer problems. Other equipment helps him locate slab leaks, usually within two feet. The phone number is 520-5811.

pool or spa.

These and other signs can occur in new buildings as well as older ones. Construction mistakes such as improper connections or uncapped sewer vents can be just as much a problem as older, corroded plumbing, so don't assume that you can't have a leak because your home or building is new.

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Call on The Telephone Store for all your phone needs

Robin Bingham, local owner and operator of The Telephone Store, "tapped" into the telephone business 13 years ago when working for a long-distance company. She soon purchased a store for herself and has since learned to do it all down to phone repair and installation.

With locations in Midland and Odessa, The Telephone Store sells telephones for the home, decorator phones, answering machines, cellular phones, pagers, business systems and voice mail systems. Brands carried include Panasonic, Sony, AT&T, plus Nokia and Motorola Cellular. Beepers are a specialty with local, state and nationwide number services available.

If parts are what you need, save yourself the hassle of searching. Accessories for most phones are available.

"If we don't have it, we can get it," Bingham emphasized. We can special order anything in the

market and have it delivered."

The Telephone Store is Panasonic-certified, and the experts at the store can work on all systems whether bought at the store or elsewhere.

As a Southwestern Bell Wireless Authorized Agent, the Telephone Store also meets all your cellular needs including installation in your car.

"We pioneered in giving away cellular phones with the purchase of cellular service," Bingham said. She assures that the store has everything in cellular to make you mobile.

Bingham invites all to visit both stores and see the new 1998 products including many models of 900 Megahertz phones and Caller I.D. phones. Bingham says the 900 Megahertz phone offers better sound quality, less interference of other cordless signals, hinders eavesdroppers and works through metal barriers better than ordinary cordless phones.

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"We also carry the Nokia digital phone and phones by Panasonic that are cordless at home and convert to cellular when you leave the house."

The Telephone Store is located at 4110 N. Midkiff in Midland in the Courtyard Shopping Center. The phone number is 689-9885. In Odessa, The Telephone Store is at 3177 E. University in the Town and Country Shopping Center. The phone number is 550-8700. Hours for both stores are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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Just Us Two brings touch of Fredericksburg to Midland



Just Us Two features wonderfully country collectibles like these Daddy Long Legs characters.

There's a place right here in Midland that makes you feel at home just walking in the door. You'll quickly catch the warm scents and soft tones of the comfortably-country elegance that is Just Us Two. It's how you remember Grandma's house. Lots of folks say the store reminds them of the old-world charm of shops in Fredericksburg. Just Us Two makes it easy to take this feeling home with you.

The irresistible scents of cake candies really say "home." Old favorite aromas such as Strawberry Shortcake and Coconut are now joined by the sweetness of Blueberry and the fresh-baked scent of Butter Rum and Vanilla Pound Cake.

What is more relaxing than fresh-brewed coffee? You can fill your home with those luscious aromas from candle "flavors" such as Amaretto, Irish Creme, Cappuccino and more. Owners Gary and Beverly Holeman have just added some very realistic fruit flavors from Olio, including Cherry Spritzer, Pink Grapefruit and Honeydew.

For elegant country decorating, Just Us Two's selection is as wide open as the blue West Texas skies. What better way to frame Junior's first fish than with a rough-wood frame adorned with bottle caps or arrowheads? Beverly has lots of country-style frames from 12-Gauge Designs, along with rustic wood jewelry boxes and other western-themed items.

Here's just the thing for the finishing touch on the Texas theme in your kitchen: a wrought-iron, Texas shaped dinner bell. Beverly says they've been very popular.

Rusty Hinge company's rustic wood furniture can add a really friendly touch to any kitchen or din-

ing room. They make cupboards, bread boxes, rolling pin holders, towel cupboards and other items of wood with real character.

They say Texas is more than a state, it's a state of mind. Just Us Two lets you say it with Texas Dirt Shirts, benches painted with state flags, a large wooden Texas flag and much more.

Just Us Two's quilt selection can take your bedroom back to grandma's day of quilting bees and church socials. And, you can order extra lengths of the material with which to make dust ruffles or curtains.

Even pillowcases can make a statement — when they're bedecked with sayings or Scripture verses from Ta Dah! or Mom's Specialty Pillowcases. "Dream, and I'll dream with you—snore and you snore alone!" warns one. "A baby is a joy forever—and an alarm clock for about a year," says another.

Country-comfortable collectibles add an air of friendliness to your home. They don't get any more friendly than Daddy Long Legs folks. The Rev. Johnson, Baby Jesse and Ruth, the schoolteacher are surrounded by lots of others, including some limited editions. They join the store's always popular Cottage Collectible bears and Sunday's Child collectibles.

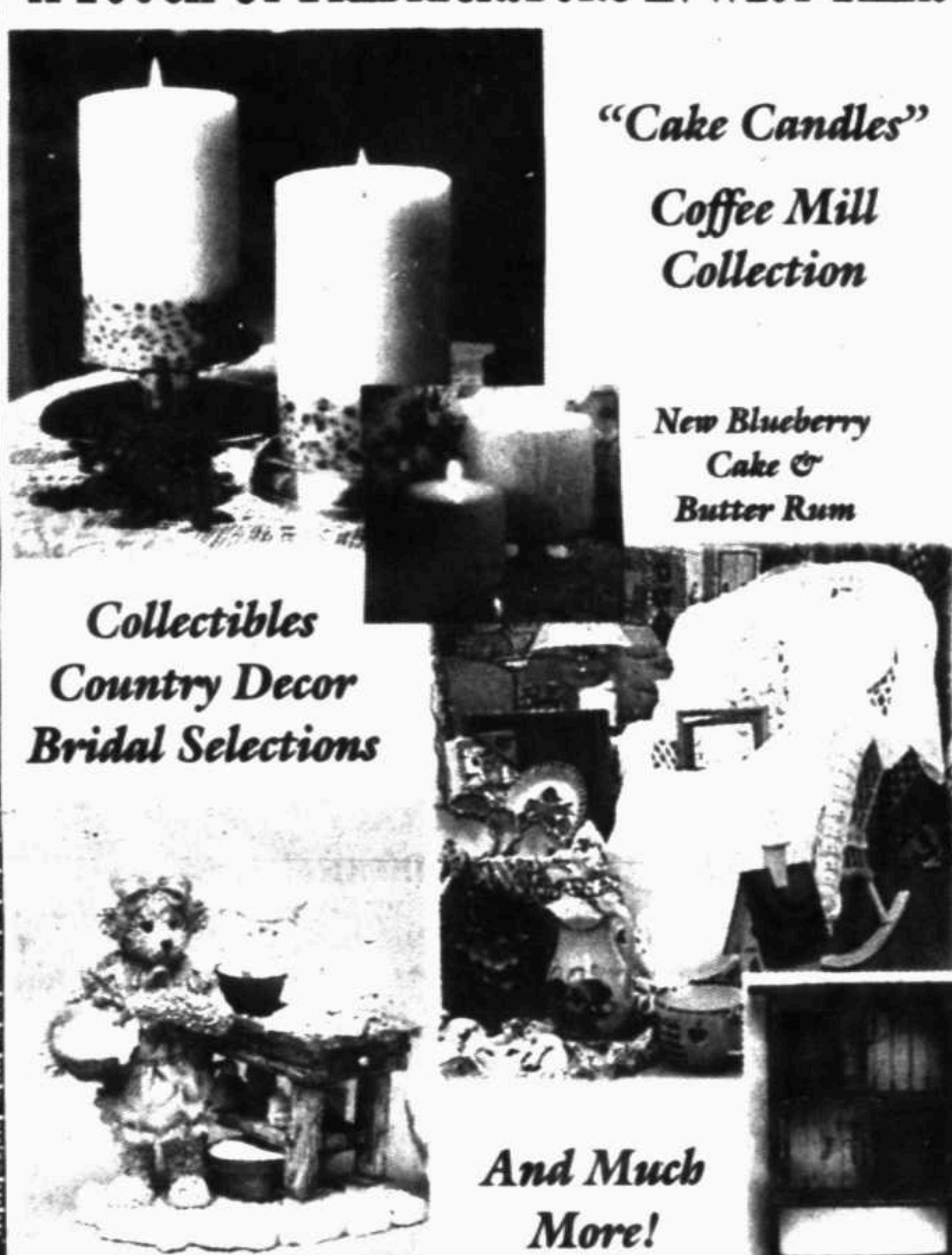
Country-style lamps, afghans, wreaths, florals... T-shirts from Alexis Lea... you could spend an hour in Just Us Two and never know it. In fact, it's really like stepping back to where time stands still.

Just Us Two is located at 321 Dodson Street in Old Town. The phone number is 682-4105. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10-5 on Saturday.

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C&G Mercantile can give your home ranch-style look

George Walden and Cary Caldwell, native Midlanders and owners of C&G Mercantile have been in business exactly one year today, Feb. 15, bringing both creative and unique items to Midland.

"We are still having as much fun as when the store first opened," Caldwell said.

C&G Mercantile is one of three dealers in the state of Texas for fine leather designed items. Many of their leather items include couches, love seats, occasional chairs, shag leather rugs, cowhide pillows, rawhide shades and leather framed mirrors.

Both Caldwell and Walden handpick their items and try to find "very original pieces."

Some of these pieces are original prints and art work by Remington, C. Russell, and P. Heard, creative light fixtures, mesquite crosses, dining tables and bookcases.

C&G Mercantile also offers various items from different parts of the world to add a Mexican-primitive, Texas-ranch or Indonesian look to any home or office.

The store is constantly changing because new shipments arrive often and customers can find items that even larger cities like Dallas don't have.

"We are very versatile. We are able to take ideas from customers and create what they want. We really listen to what they say," Walden said.

The creative custom-made fireplace screens with etched cowboys and the solid mesquite wagon-wheel glass top table creates a Southwest atmosphere that brings the West alive.

Many states and countries outside of Texas have even preferred this ranch-style look.

"We've shipped to Colorado, Oklahoma, Waco, Austin, Dallas, Houston, Round Rock and even as far as Saudi Arabia," Caldwell said.

One popular line of imported items is work by the Tarahumara Indians who

have developed crafts and folk art for export to collectors all over the world. Many of these items are traditional things used by Indians in their daily life such as wooden bowls, pots, drums and blankets. The fascinating Indians have adapted to the changing world around them while retaining their heritage through their craftsmanship.

To bring unique and creative items into your home, visit C&G Mercantile, where you will definitely find the look you want.



C&G Mercantile owners, George Walden and Cary Caldwell, handpick leather designed items such as couches, occasional chairs, shag leather rugs, cowhide pillows, rawhide shades and leather framed mirrors, as well as other accessories that help give any home the popular ranch-style look.

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Permian General gives high-tech medicine, in-depth care

At Permian General Hospital in Andrews, there's a lot of dirt pounding and planning and changes going on — changes that will place the thriving regional facility at the forefront of primary health care right alongside its larger neighbors to the south and west and north.

Last December, PGH broke ground for a \$2.2 million enlargement and remodeling project that will, when complete, centralize all outpatient services on the ground floor, add an intensive care unit and relocate and double the size of the emergency room. Other improvements will include the enlargement of laboratory, admissions and medical records areas and the relocation of cardiopulmonary.

While the hospital is always improving, this is a step in a modernization phase begun two years ago, according to CEO Randy Richards, who said the hospital has changed to accommodate the shift in emphasis from inpatient to outpatient services.

"In a community needs assessment study, we found that there were pressing needs for better accessibility to outpatient services, an enhanced emergency room and an intensive care unit that would allow patients to stay closer to home."

First, they tackled the needs of the community's newest arrivals.

"Two years ago, we did a \$1 million renovation and expansion of the second floor, with new birthing suites, obstetrics suites, pediatrics and nursing."

Other changes were soon under way as well. A \$600,000 nuclear



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medicine machine was added early in 1997 to expedite diagnostic procedures. In October, PGH contracted for 24-hour ER coverage, thus relieving local physicians of off-hours duty at the hospital. And in November, two patient advocates were brought on staff to ensure complete communication and patient satisfaction.

Richards said PGH is used not

only by Andrews residents, but by citizens from outlying areas as well.

"About 85 percent of (the people in) our service area use this facility before they go to a tertiary care center, and we get a large patronage from New Mexico."

In addition to local physicians who use PGH on a daily basis, there are a number of specialists

who come from Midland and Odessa to see patients, Richards said.

"We have a cardiology group, a psychiatrist, orthopedic groups, an ear, nose and throat specialist, an ophthalmologist, and local dentists use the hospital for total mouth extractions."

Richards added that even for patients who need tertiary care, the hospital is striving to alleviate some of the stress of having to go to a strange location.

"We've entered into an affiliation agreement with Midland's Memorial Hospital, which will allow us to enjoy a familiarity and camaraderie with specialists down there, so that when Mrs. Jones comes in with something our physicians identify as something we can't handle here, the expertise is right on the other end of the phone and we take care of it. That gives our people an extension of services in a comforting environment."

Unlike many hospitals in smaller communities, PGH emphasizes wellness as well as treating its citizens' ills. When the hospital was built in 1970, an extensive wellness center was included in the design, with a heated pool, spas and weight room. Aerobics classes are held regularly for the community, and breast and prostate screening is offered at a nominal cost.

There would seem to be no downside to this story — even tax-wise because the remodeling will be completed debt free.

"We're paying cash for the addition," Richards said. "We run in the black every month. Nobody's going to be paying more taxes for better health care."



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Ivy Cottage overflows with something for everyone

Midland's largest gift shop greets shoppers with its inviting front porch, entwined with greenery. Step into the Ivy Cottage at 3101 N. Big Spring, and you're enveloped in sights, sounds, and smells that say, "This is my kind of place!"

The store overflows with a selection of unusual and hard-to-find gifts that guarantees you a tug of the heart when you discover that perfect item for a friend — or yourself. A complimentary cup of cappuccino can accompany you as you shop, and you'll enjoy the free gift wrapping.

Stroll through the enormous display room and marvel at the groups of gifts for literally anyone's collection from angels to cookbooks, for bath and spa, a patio, any part of one's home, office or lifestyle.

Everyone swept up in the new scrapbooking craze will find beautiful papers, invitations, and Mrs. Grossman's stickers and other enhancements to create their books of precious memories.

Greeting cards include irresistible, musical Valentines to touch every heart. And any time of year is an appropriate time for calendars and magnetic note pads and pens.

Novelty cookie jars with matching salt and pepper shakers come in designs such as Oz's cowardly lion, Mickey Mouse and the Three Stooges. The Fitz and Floyd collection includes its popular teapots and pitchers.

Jewelry cases display every imaginable type of pin, earrings, necklace, pendant, ring and bracelet, including one-of-a-kind pieces. Designer J. Jansen creates



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her work with a mixed metal medium, plated with either 24K gold or sterling silver.

Easy-to-hold kitchen gadgets from the Good Grip line offer garlic peelers, ice cream scoops, potato peelers and other tools for those who have diminished hand strength.

The Garden Room beckons

shoppers onto its hand-painted patio where you'll touch and be touched by the large array of outdoor items: bird feeders, wind chimes, rain gauges, thermometers, clocks, fountains, hummingbird feeders, wreaths, wind socks, flags, door mats, and metal faucet handles in the shapes of frogs, ducks and rabbits. Sounds of the

outdoors surround you as you examine the vast selection of barbecue accessories. They include a metal, grilling basket that turns an entire shish kebab dinner with one flick of the wrist.

Any man can find the perfect gift for that special woman. One said, "My wife said for me to buy anything I see; she'll love it."

Men who want to add their own style to their offices or homes might appreciate the safari collection. For cigar enthusiasts there are appropriate items such as bookends, humidors and ash trays. Western bronzes and pendulum wall clocks also hold special appeal for male shoppers.

Women who enjoy romantic surroundings will gravitate to the Aromatique potpourri in Smell of Spring and Smell of the Rose. Aromatique also makes Splendor in the Bath with candles, powder and bubble bath.

The breathtaking array of candles in multiple colors, shapes, finishes and scents proves their universal appeal for both men and women.

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As a commitment to both their loyal and new customers, the owners have purchased the building as a permanent home.

The Ivy Cottage is located at 3101 N. Big Spring. The phone number is 687-6010. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Once Upon A Time sees itself as 'pop in' gift store

A wide variety of gifts in an intimate setting is no longer just the stuff of fairy tales.

Once Upon A Time co-owner Patti Eager says she and partners Rixie Connell and Donna Snyder have made one-on-one customer

service their top priority. The trio, among the original owners of The Ivy Cottage, say they decided to branch off in order to form closer relationships with their clients by providing a faster and friendlier alternative to shopping at the mall or larger stores.

Opened just this month across from Service Merchandise in Midland Plaza at Loop 250 and Midkiff, Once Upon A Time offers gift items ranging from a large selection of stationery from Lang Graphics and Carol Wilson and wind chimes and bird houses hand painted by Mrs. Connell, to one of the area's largest selections of collectibles from Coca-Cola and Mary Englebreit. Or, if you're looking for a souvenir for a Yankee buddy, the store offers a number of Texas keepsakes, including Texas collegiate gifts for the new gradu-

ate or student.

Also in the shop is a scrapbooking center. Pretty in Print, where Gina Lann will offer scrapbook workshops and custom printing of invitations.

Mrs. Eager says the broad assortment of each type of gift is what sets the shop apart from similar stores.

"What we've tried to do is focus strongly on the lines that we carry, and try to provide a large selection of items. Most small stores will have just a little. We've learned that people like to choose from a large selection. So instead of carrying one line of wind chimes, we carry four or five."

— Patti Eager, co-owner, Once Upon A Time

chimes, we carry four or five," says Mrs. Eager.

The store also carries ten lines of greeting cards, Classic Pooh gifts and collectible porcelain boxes, whimsical figures by Eddie Walker, Hearth & Home and Original Cake candles and a variety of candy and food gifts — perfect to include in gift baskets. Yet the size



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of the store — about 1,400 square feet of selling space — makes it easy to drop by and pick up an item on the spur of the moment.

"I envision it as someplace you can pop in, buy a gift and a card to go with it, plus we do have free gift wrapping. The trend I can see is that people wait until the last minute. Everyone's so busy these days, but they want a nice gift ... something quick and simple, and they're on their way."

"We've tried to keep the store light and cheery, and very casual.

We like to buy merchandise that brings a smile to your face, something that's fun for us and the customers, too. We're kind of in a state of flux right now, trying to see what we can fit in!" says Mrs. Eager of the new store. "We intend to be an all-purpose gift shop, and we hope that our customers will let us know what they would like to see in the store."

Once Upon A Time is located across from Service Merchandise in Midland Plaza. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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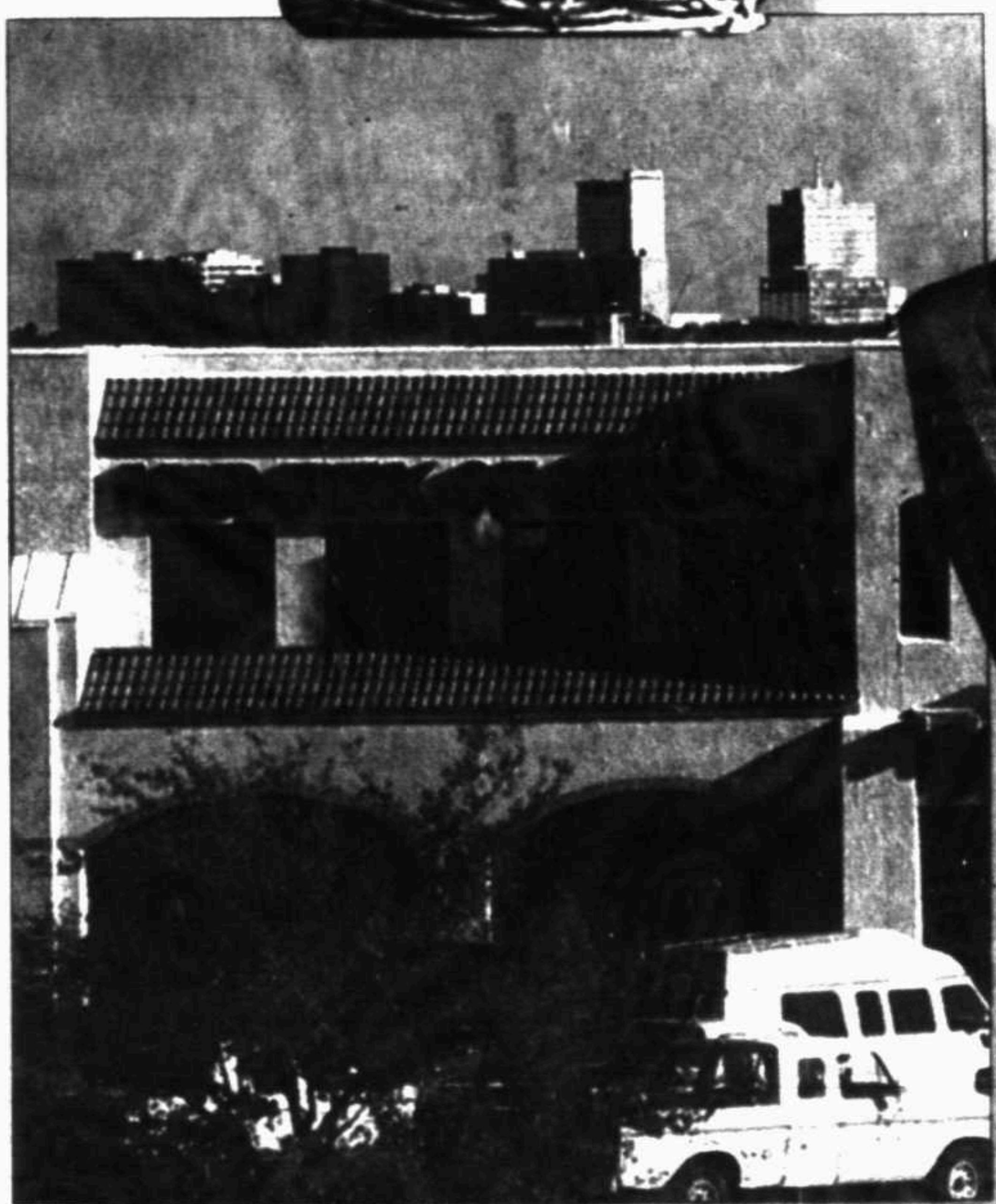
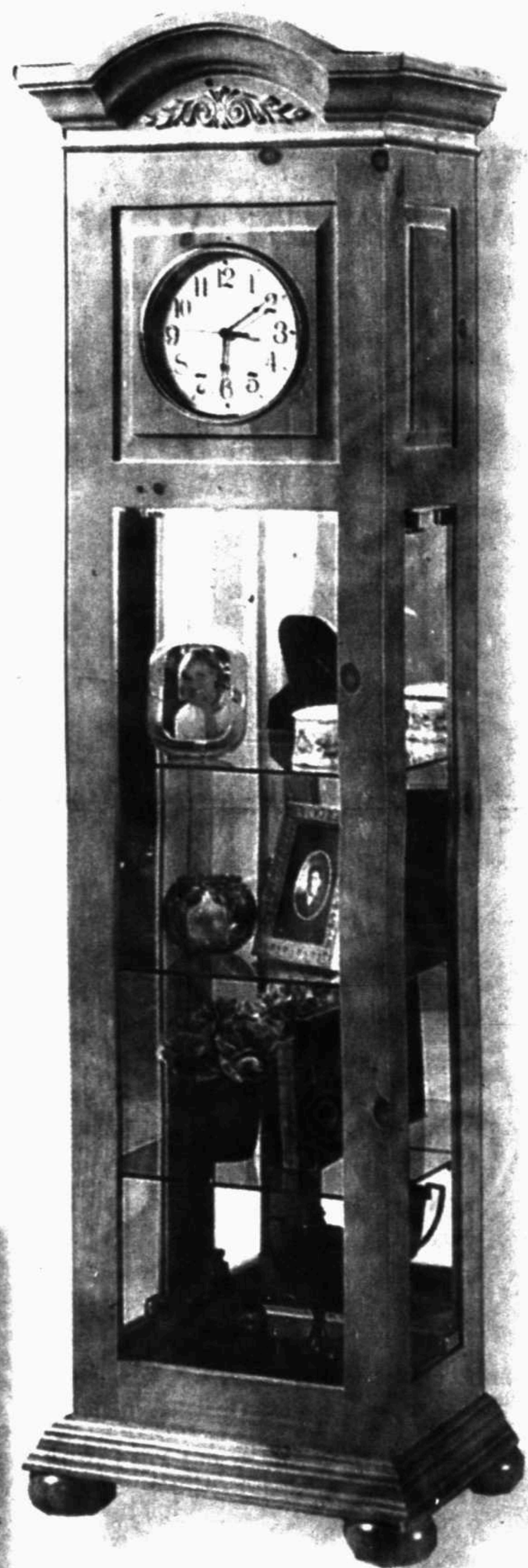
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Midkiff/Wadley Exxon brings along its crew, reputation



The Midkiff/Wadley Exxon staff has used its combined experience of about 42 years to acquire a following of customers.

When a crew of people works well together, you don't want to break it up. Even if that means transfers for the whole group. That's the kind of crew you'll find at Midkiff/Wadley Exxon. You might even say the service station employees work together like — well — a well-oiled machine.

Last month, Charles Deatherage and John Gonzales became the new owners of the full-service Exxon station at 3210 N. Midkiff. But don't go looking to fill out a job application there. Deatherage and Gonzales brought with them a group of employees who had already established their reputation for quality work and good service at Plaza Center Exxon. Among them are ASE-certified mechanic Dee Beman, Ernie Vasquez, Claudio Dominguez, Joe Muñoz, Johnny Crawford and Beverly Sutton. Gonzales, former manager at Plaza Center, has been in the industry for some 15 years, and the combined experience of the entire staff is around 42 years, says Deatherage, who adds that the group has acquired a following.

The station provides auto service ranging from road-side assistance, full engine work and tire changes to tune-ups, oil changes and state inspections. Currently, an oil change is specially priced at \$20.95. Also on special this month, for \$69.95, is a motor vac. Explains

Deatherage, "If your car is running sluggish, it's like a vacuum system for your whole motor."

Although there are a lot of gas stations in the area, with gas prices comparable to or higher than those at Midkiff/Wadley Exxon, Deatherage says, the station is one of just two in the conveniently-located retail area across from HEB that provides full service.

'All work is warranted, and we never overcharge. We're usually cheaper than big dealerships.'

— Charles Deatherage, co-owner, Midkiff/Wadley Exxon

Deatherage stresses that Midkiff/Wadley Exxon is an auto service station you can trust. "All work is warranted, and we never overcharge," he says. "We're usually cheaper than big dealerships."

Vasquez pitches in, "People can bring in their vehicles with full confidence that they will be treated fairly and will always be met with a smile."

Based on a letter the station received recently, the crew has done a good job of transferring its reputation to the new location. The letter from a female customer praises the company for its cleanliness, friendliness and professionalism.

Midkiff/Wadley Exxon is located at 3210 N. Midkiff. The phone number is 697-6648. Hours have been extended to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

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Flowerland's creations fulfill needs of any occasion



Peggy Parkinson, manager of Flowerland, says her nine designers listen closely to what customers want and then create an arrangement that fits the occasion.

For 30 years, Flowerland has been providing fresh flowers for all occasions. "while getting our best ideas from our customers," Peggy Parkinson, manager of Flowerland said.

The nine designers are experienced in all areas of the flower business and can make just about anything a customer requests from arrangements to gift baskets.

"We love our customers and give them a lot of credit for their ideas," she said.

"When a customer calls, they tell us about the occasion and the emotion of the situation," whether it is a wedding or birthday and then the designers create something to fit that occasion," Parkinson said.

Flowerland specializes in weddings and parties, and the full-service shop also can design anything for all budget specifications.

"We are very service-oriented and can basically produce anything a customer wants," Parkinson said.

Working with flowers can be very busy and hectic but at the same time, "a lot of fun for us."

Holidays are especially a busy time for Flowerland but Parkinson said that she and her staff have found that they are very creative under pressure.

Flowerland offers a variety of unique gifts for any occasion including silk, gift baskets and gourmet items.

The staff of designers can accommodate customers who want something fun or comforting. "Funerals are a difficult time

and people need someone they can trust to give them fresh flowers. Flowers are a personal statement, it is the last thing we can do for a person," she said.

"We are in an emotional business. It is great to fill orders for the specific needs of people," she added.

The designers offer free consultations at your home.

'We love our customers and give them a lot of credit for their ideas.'

— Peggy Parkinson, manager, Flowerland

"We can customize silk arrangements to their specific decor."

Parkinson said the flower business is very personal because the customers call and tell the designers what they want and what they need it for.

"We do our best to get the freshest flowers. We have products that come from places as far as South America and Hawaii," she said.

The life cycle of flowers is longer because the staff at Flowerland is very knowledgeable about processing and hydrating their products with fluids.

"We give them that extra boost to keep them lasting as long as possible."

Parkinson said she enjoys her job and one of the most beneficial things about the flower business is "giving something back to people."

Nothing is ever the same and nothing is ever dull about designing arrangements and working with people, she said.

"The customers are what make it great. There is something about fresh flowers. It can change a person's whole mood. That makes our job rewarding."

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Sometimes, when deciding on a cleaner, it seems you have to choose either affordability or quality, service and convenience. Some discounters sacrifice everything for lower prices. At Zenith Cleaners and Laundry, owner Nimet Pirani Gersbach says you need not sacrifice anything for the best price.

"The quality of a company's work depends almost entirely on its people," Nimet says. "We are blessed to have a dry cleaner and six managers who will settle for nothing less than perfection."

Zenith's dry cleaner has been fussing over the fine details of customers' clothing for decades now. He recognizes items that need special attention when they come in and spares no effort to remove every spot and stain possible, returning clothes to their brightest. "He makes us look very good," Nimet brags.

She adds that her pressers and checkers share this unconditional commitment to quality. "They are our real reason for success here — they make my job very easy."

Providing customers with top

notch cleaning means staying current with the requirements of new fabrics, which Nimet describes as an ongoing challenge. Makers are constantly adding new fabrics, dyes and new finishing processes that need to be taken into account during the cleaning process. Many times, a garment will be assembled from pieces made in different countries and made of different materials. Nimet, who herself speaks six languages and has lived on three continents, says in such cases the care label may not apply to the whole garment. This may mean the garment must be tested for dyes, breakage or other special cleaning needs.

This exceptional quality of work is also part of Zenith's service. "We tackle many tough jobs other cleaners have rejected," says Nimet. They clean special fabrics, expensive ties and others. "We explain to our customers that some of these pieces, due to special dyes or fabrics, are risky to clean," says Nimet. "But the if the garment can't be cleaned, it can't be worn anyway, so often it is worth the risk."



When you see Zenith Cleaners and Laundry's van around town, let it remind you of owner Nimet Pirani Gersbach and her staff's commitment to bring its customers convenience, as well as quality, service and affordability.

Drive-through service (Zenith was the first in Midland to offer this 14 years ago), expert alterations and one-day service are other ways Zenith serves customers.

There's never a need to look for a coupon at Zenith — they offer two-for-one cleaning every day, due to the huge volume of cleaning they do. For example, two men's suits cost \$8 to clean, meaning each suit costs \$4, which translates to \$2 per piece (pants or jacket). These prices are good every day.

Customer convenience is the other ingredient in this mix. Six locations around Midland plus

pickup and delivery service mean it's never out of the way to go to Zenith.

Why risk your clothing with anyone who may give you less than the best in care, convenience, price and service? Zenith does it all.

Zenith Cleaners and Laundry's main office is at 2509 W. Illinois, west of Walgreens. Other locations are at 2102 N. Big Spring, 2032 W. Cuthbert across from Memorial Stadium, 2101 N. Midland Drive in the Midland Professional Center, 809 S. Big Spring at Florida and in The Clusters apartment complex. Pickup and delivery service also is available.

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Superior Exteriors & Interiors covers it all — in & out

For homeowners thinking of changing the look of their home, there is almost no limit to the list of available options. Many can be obtained quite reasonably, according to Dan Nicholas, owner of Superior Exteriors & Interiors.

Subsidiary company to Roofs by Nicholas, Superior Exteriors & Interiors has begun to answer the requests of homeowners who wanted the Nicholas quality and services extended to home improvements.

Home improvements not only improve the look, but have a practical value as well. Superior Exteriors & Interiors sells, installs and maintains vinyl/steel siding, shutters, seamless gutter, replacement windows and painting. Superior Exteriors siding is available in numerous colors, with textures that will give your home a new appearance along with the reduction in exterior maintenance work. Complete the picture with seamless gutters—leak-proof, long lasting, with numerous colors to choose from, and superior to regular gutter.

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most unique items we have to offer. If you've ever been drenched with water runoff while leaving or entering your home or business, you will know the value of gutter.

After the establishment of Superior Exteriors, the homeowners who had previous water damage often would ask Nicholas to repair the interior of the home. Superior Exteriors added two words ("and Interiors"), and a line of services including dry-wall, painting, acoustics and texturing, door and window installations, skylights and ceramic tile.

Superior E&I offers the same guarantees and warranties, and the same professional attention to detail and workmanship as its parent company, Roofs by Nicholas.

When it comes to home improvements, Superior Exteriors & Interiors has you covered on all sides.

Nicholas said homeowners in need of any home repair services should observe a few common-sense measures:

■ Make sure the estimate is



Pictured on ground, left to right, are Buddy Mayes and Al Nicholas. Standing, left to right, are Joe McEwen, Ross Dolan, Clay Mize and Dale Delzer. In the center is Dan Nicholas, owner.

trustworthy. Quotes should be for uniform amounts of materials, work and the same services. Discrepancies frequently show up when estimates cover different materials and different numbers of jobs to be performed.

■ Insist on a contract that clearly states the work to be done.

■ Check references before the contract is signed.

Most of all, ask for proof of workers' comp and general liability!

Superior Exteriors is located next to Roofs by Nicholas at 6600 W. Highway 80 with offices in Crane, Andrews, Big Spring, Snyder and Lamesa. The phone number is 520-7348 or 1-800-266-7348. They offer free estimates.

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Sharon Hale, daughter of Truman Friday, owner-operator of Friday's Boot Shop, which opened in Midland in the 1930s, is an accountant by trade, who absorbed her family's attitudes toward customers.

Ms. Hale said that from the outset, the family was determined to offer the kind of service she remembers when she was growing up. "People used to be able to call and say, 'I need a new washer. Will you bring it out?' We wanted to offer that kind of service to our customers at a reasonable price."

"When we started out my husband, Clayton, was unable to help because at the time he was the crew chief for Carty Beal's God is

Awesome pro stock car racing team, so my son, Blaine, and my son-in-law, Larry Rawlings, opened the business with me. My husband has now retired and is active in the business, and our daughter, Kayla Rawlings and son, Greg Wells also work here, as well as Blaine's lifelong friend Phillip Seidenberger, and repairman Alvin Roberts, and they're as close to us as family."

Ms. Hale said they regard customers as friends, no matter how long they've been acquainted. "Midland is just that kind of town, and we're that kind of business," she said.

— Sharon Hale, Family Maytag

ances at their second store, Affordable Appliance Center.

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Family Maytag is located at 4400 N. Midland. The phone number is 694-2733. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Affordable Appliance is located at 1005 N. Midkiff. The phone number is 520-8080.



Co-owners Clayton and Sharon Hale, above center, and Blaine Hale, below left, have built a reputation of quality and service for Family Maytag. And they think of their employees Kayla Rawlings, sales and bookkeeping, Phillip Seidenberger, service, above left and right, as well as Greg Wells, sales, and Alvin Roberts, service, below center and right, as family.



Casa Blanca's food, service keeps 'em coming back

When Margarita Ramirez and her three daughters opened the Casa Blanca restaurant 15 years ago, they had some tried and true recipes, a dream of working together and a confidence that, if they offered good service and good food, Midlanders would come to their door. They were right.

In the intervening years, the restaurant has done so well that two of the original sisters have launched out with restaurants of their own, and Casa Blanca, now under the management of the daughter, Blanca Ramos, remains a favorite of the lunch crowd from all over Midland.

For the past eight years, the cook, Javier Martinez has been creating dishes, most of them from Margarita's recipes that Midlanders crave and come back for, time and time again.

True to its name, Casa Blanca is a white building on the outside, while the interior resembles the main street of a Mexican village, complete with brightly colored storefronts, street signs, vendors and shoppers, and of course, a restaurant called 'Casa Blanca.' Off the main dining area, artist Janet Pontious has painted a Mexican kitchen scene, complete with

a wood stove and a pot of beans cooking on it, a shelf where there sits a plate piled high with flour tortillas, and just to the east, a burro has nudged the door ajar and is helping himself to the tortillas.

And oh, the scene is real! A friend of Blanca's teases her, accusing her of taking that pot of beans off her own stove at home. A man who came in on a blustery rainy day said, "It's so cold outside. May I please sit in there by your stove?"

While the favorite plates at Casa Blanca are the fajitas and the chiles rellenos, the restaurant also is renowned for its weekend offerings of menudo (a Mexican soup based on tripe that is very much an acquired taste) and caldo, a stew of large chunks of beef, vegetables and corn-on-the-cob, a taste so satisfying it's addictive.

Blanca's staff numbers five waiters, with four on duty at any given day, and their aim is to see that you're served quickly, even if you have only 30 or 45 minutes for lunch.

It's hard to say whether Casa Blanca is a favorite of Midlanders because of the food or because of the service. Even during the heavy lunch-hour rush, Casa Blanca patrons rarely spend more than a



Since opening Casa Blanca 15 years ago, Margarita Ramirez and her three daughters have kept Midlanders coming back with some tried and true recipes, service and hospitality.

minute without tostados and chile, and they seldom see the bottom of their cups and glasses, because the waiters keep a watchful eye on every table.

But if you come to Casa Blanca for dinner, you'll find enchantment indeed. Candles glow, the music is a little softer, and since you don't have to rush to get back to work, the meal and the mood and the music can go on for hours. Blanca says

she and her staff don't mind. "We love to see our customers having a good time," she smiles. "That's what we're here for."

Casa Blanca is located at 523 E. Illinois. The phone number is 684-5446. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday for breakfast and lunch.

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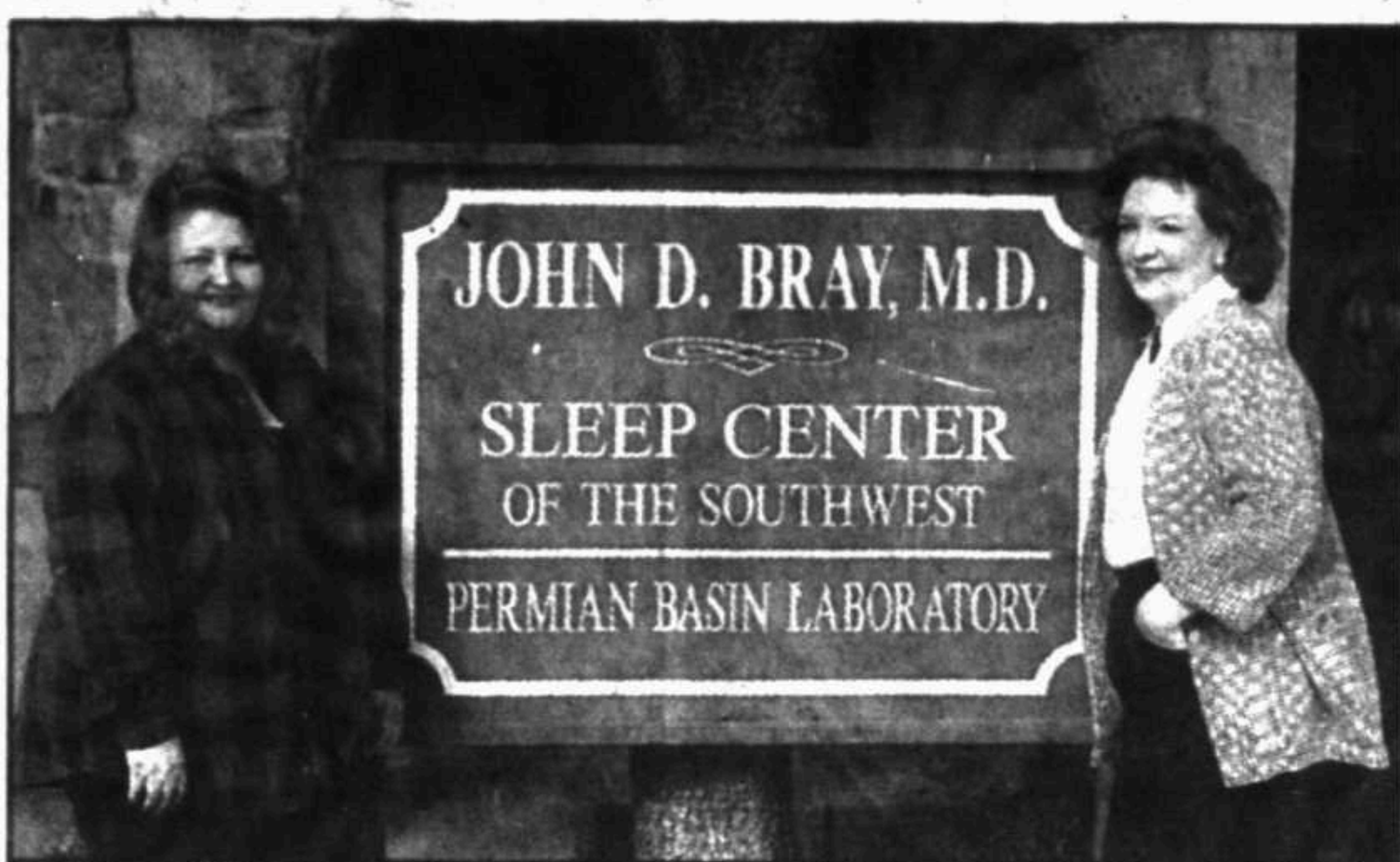
Dr. John Bray is the Permian Basin's only Diplomate of the American Board of Sleep Disorders Medicine and Clinical Polysomnography, and since 1982, he has been in private practice in Midland and Odessa, treating people with sleeping disorders, a very common problem among children and adults.

Dr. Bray does a careful study of a patient who is suffering with a sleep disorder by examination of medical history, symptoms and a comprehensive physical. During sleep studies, small sensors that relay vital information about a person's brain activity, blood-oxygen levels, breathing patterns, heart rate and eye and leg movements are attached to the skin.

These studies are done overnight in the sleep center, which offers a homelike atmosphere, allowing the patient to move freely in the bed. The patient is monitored by video to view any problems that arise while sleeping. The patient is encouraged to watch themselves on the videotape after being monitored to observe any abnormal sleeping patterns or behaviors.

A sleep disorder is any problem that prevents someone from receiving the full benefits of a good night's sleep, causing people to become more irritable, make more mental errors and fall asleep when they don't intend to.

Bari Smith, Registered Polysomnographic Technologist, stressed good sleeping habits that include getting up about the same time every day, going to bed only when sleepy, exercising regularly, keeping a regular schedule, avoiding caffeine, alcohol and smoking within six hours of bedtime, trying to nap at the same time every day and using sleeping pills conserva-



Bari Smith, left, and Stacy Taylor, right, assist Dr. John Bray in treating patients with a multitude of sleeping disorders. If you are experiencing common symptoms like snoring, morning headaches, high blood pressure, fatigue or difficulty concentrating, you could be suffering from a sleep disorder.

tively.

According to a pamphlet distributed at the Sleep Center of the Southwest, studies show that nearly 50 million people suffer from some form of sleep disorder including sleep apnea, characterized by loud snoring and irregular breathing; insomnia, the inability to fall asleep; and narcolepsy, the inability to stay awake.

Joan M has suffered from narcolepsy since she was 18. She said she would fall asleep every time she was in a still position.

"I used to think it would happen when I was traveling ... every time I would watch a movie I would fall asleep," Ms. M said.

The problem became very frustrating because doctors and family would tell her that she was simply "tired."

"It didn't matter if I had gotten

four hours of sleep or eight hours. I still would fall asleep. It was a horrible way to live."

The inability to stay awake caused problems at work to the point where, "if I didn't get help, I probably would have lost my job."

In the last quarter of 1997, Ms. M said she "finally got a doctor to listen."

Her family practitioner referred her to the Sleep Center of the Southwest for a sleep study and "it was amazing."

She was prescribed medication and now can "live a long life," she said.

Sleep apnea and insomnia account for nearly 85 percent of the sleep disorder cases treated each year, however, there are many other disorders in both adults and children that can destroy restful sleep.

Bill White suffered from sleep

apnea for most of his life.

"I would stop breathing for a period of time and then turn over to keep myself from doing it again. I thought everyone slept that way. I was losing sleep so I went to Sleep Center about two weeks ago and underwent a sleep study."

Mr. White was given a CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure), which prevents his airway from closing and allows him to get a good night's sleep.

Restless legs, also known as "night walkers" is one sleep disorder that has kept Midlander Peggy Alkire awake the majority of her life.

"Since I was 6 years old, I experienced a bee stinging like feeling when I would just begin to fall asleep. Just as my body starts to slow down, my calves have the sensation of sand running up and down my legs. Then, I have to get up and walk around because it is very painful," she said.

For many years, Mrs. Alkire tried everything from calcium to getting her legs rubbed, but there was no remedy. However, six months ago, she went to Dr. Bray and was diagnosed with restless legs.

"Now, I'm sleeping for the first time in my life," she said.

Ms. Smith said that helping people feel better serves as an immediate reward for her.

"The patients become friends and we keep in touch with them. Patients call in and we offer tips to help them understand any problems they are experiencing."

Ms. Smith said she "appreciates her sleep" and many other people can too with the help of Dr. Bray and his staff at the Sleep Center of the Southwest.

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West Texas Mortgage gives customers personal touch

Looking to buy a house? If you are, you can have your loan approved, close the loan and actually be hanging up curtains in that dream home 10 days from now. If you're not looking, maybe you should be.

Dayna Beikirch, owner of West Texas Mortgage, provides conventional mortgage loans on residential property. West Texas Mortgage has been in business for three years, and Mrs. Beikirch has several years of experience in the real-estate lending business. The company's rates are "very competitive," says the owner, who advises buyers to check several mortgage companies to find the best rate, and to discuss fees, which can vary widely from place to place.

Furthermore, with new video-conferencing with the underwriter, same day loan approval now is available at West Texas Mortgage.

After an era of foreclosures that led to stricter guidelines for mortgage loans, Mrs. Beikirch explains, the real estate industry now is bouncing back, and granting easier loan approval.

And even if you haven't quite figured out just which home is right for you, West Texas Mortgage can approve a loan for you, so you'll know exactly how much you qualify to borrow. Good for 90 days, this approval can be a "good negotiating item."

"If a seller knows that you have loan approval already ... they'd much rather sell to somebody

that's already loan-approved than have to wait for someone to be approved and risk not being able to purchase the house," explains Mrs. Beikirch.

If you think you can't afford to

could purchase a house very easily. West Texas Mortgage tries to make it as easy as possible for you to purchase a home."

And, she notes, down payments can be as minimal as 5 percent

'So many people feel like they have to rent when they really can purchase. There are so many people paying \$400 to \$500 a month rent when they could purchase a house very easily. West Texas Mortgage tries to make it as easy as possible for you to purchase a home. ... My clients are very important to me. I will come to you to take an application. You don't always have to come into my office. I'm available for anyone to call me at home with any kind of questions they might have, and also on weekends. I'll meet their schedule after work in the evenings, if they need an appointment time. And I am with my clients from the time they fill out an application, to when they sit down at the closing table.'

— Dayna Beikirch, owner, West Texas Mortgage

purchase a home, maybe you should do a little research.

"So many people feel like they have to rent when they really can purchase," assures Mrs. Beikirch. "There are so many people paying \$400 to \$500 a month rent when they

down plus closing costs.

Mrs. Beikirch also adds that West Texas Mortgage has programs for working with people who have less than perfect credit histories. With good credit, however, lenders will allow higher ratios —

that is, the proportion of income used for housing can be higher than usual. Also, with a good credit history, less documentation is required.

Already own a home? Now's the time to refinance, says Mrs. Beikirch.

In fact, she says, most of her time now is being spent on refinancing, because rates have dropped so dramatically.

What sets West Texas Mortgage apart from other companies? Well, in addition to low rates and speedy approval, the company's owner goes above and beyond to provide good service.

"My clients are very important to me," says Mrs. Beikirch. "I will come to you to take an application. You don't always have to come into my office. I'm available for anyone to call me at home with any kind of questions they might have, and also on weekends. I'll meet their schedule after work in the evenings, if they need an appointment time. And I am with my clients from the time they fill out an application, to when they sit down at the closing table."

"I will always be available for Realtors' open houses ... to provide good faith estimates as far as closing costs, payment amount, down payment ..."

West Texas Mortgage is located in the ReMax building at 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite 122. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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"Plantation blinds are my life," exclaims Gavino 'Tito' Jaso, owner of Headway Specialties.

Tito, who was born in Ft. Stockton and raised in Amarillo, has been in Midland for 20 years and has been building plantation shutters for 11 years.

"I started out working for a shutter company until I could afford to buy my own business. I have now, along with my wife Nelda owned my own business, Headway Specialties for six years," says Tito.

Tito, Nelda and staff are dedicated to turning out blinds that meet the high standards their customers have come to expect from Headway Specialties. There are four louver sizes, from 1 2" to 4" louvers.

"We measure your windows, paint and install your shutters in a professional manner," Tito says.

"Shutters become a permanent part of your home," he says. When a customer calls Headway Specialties they come out to the customer, discuss the optimum sizes and what will fit and look the best in the room, mea-

sure and then provide a quote. When the quote is accepted, Headway Specialties then cuts the frames for the blinds, trims the blinds to fit, paints the blinds and installs them.

Headway Specialties provides any color requested or required.

The process generally takes three to four weeks to complete.

'I get calls from all over Texas. People who have used my service have moved away, but call and request my work again. And they call their friends and suggest my work.'

— Gavino 'Tito' Jaso, owner, Headway Specialties

Word-of-mouth is also testimony to Headway's excellent reputation. "I get calls from all over Texas," explains Tito. "People who have used my services have moved away, but call and request my work again. And they call their friends and suggest my work."

Tito has four well-trained employees in his shop, which enables him to produce high quality shutters.

"Over the years I have developed a sanding and painting system that is unlike anyone else's," says Tito.

Tito is not afraid to suggest certain styles and colors. "It is my job to tell you what I see and feel. What I think will be best for the room we are working on. I work with plantation blinds. It's my



Gavino "Tito" Jaso, owner of Headway Specialties, says plantation blinds are his life and he, his wife, and their staff can help you put the finishing touch on the rooms in your home. He will suggest styles and colors based on what he thinks is best for the room he's working on. He produces high quality shutters and says "over the years I have developed a sanding and painting system that is unlike anyone else's."

job, it's what I do," he explains.

"We invite you to compare our quality and friendly service and see why we are No. 1 for plantation blinds in the Permian Basin," Tito says.

Headway Specialties is located at 1507 W. Industrial. Hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. through 1 p.m. Friday. After-hours appointments are available upon request.



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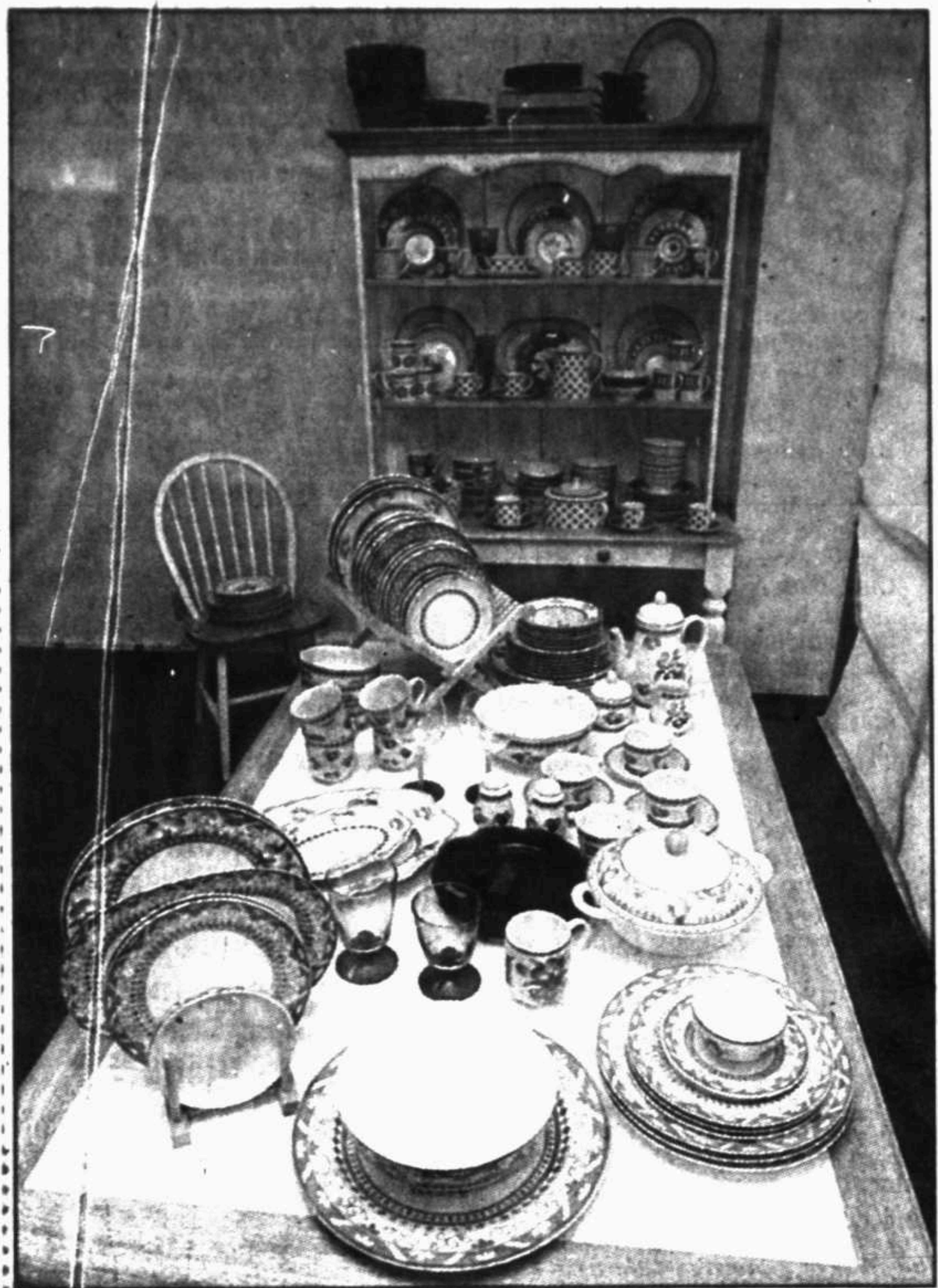
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The Perfect Setting provides finishing touch for table



The Perfect Setting, opening this month, offers a variety of upper-end china, giftware and stemware, stainless steel, copper cookware, aluminum serving ware and crystal.

Looking for "The Perfect Setting" for your dinner party? Dinnerware to set the tone for your new marriage? You needn't look far.

The Perfect Setting, opening this month across from Service Merchandise on Loop 250, offers a variety of upper-end china, giftware and stemware, stainless steel, copper cookware, aluminum serving ware and crystal. And brides-to-be can record their tastes in the shop's bridal registry.

Among the brands of china on hand are Noritake, Villeroy & Boch, Spode and Royal Worcester. Pickard — the American-made china used on Air Force One, at U.S. embassies and in the George Bush Library, is also in stock. The store can even order Pickard featuring your family crest. Co-owner Sharon Dunnham hints that even more brands of china will be in stock shortly.

Crystal lines include Marquis by Waterford and Miller/Rogaska, a well-known Russian brand.

The Perfect Setting is also the only stop in town where you'll find stainless steel by Waterford, which is new on the market, says Mrs. Dunnham. "It's brand new and gorgeous," she adds. Reed and Barton and Oneida stainless steel — "priced so reasonably" — also will be available.

You can even spruce up the house ambience with some Cottura Italian pottery — in yellows, blues and cranberry — silk flowers and perhaps a few scented candles. Put Crane's place cards on the table, and you're, well, set.

If you're planning a bit more casual get-together, you can look to the new store to provide you with

what may be the most sophisticated line of paper plates and napkins around — Caspari.

Of course, once you get the settings and mood right, you'll want to send out the perfect invitation. On Crane's stationery — respected enough to be the paper on which U.S. currency is printed. Or choose an invitation design from one of The Perfect Setting's 25-some 4-inch-thick albums. If you need some advice, you can turn to the store owners.

"We'll work with brides to make wise selections that they'll be happy with for many years," assures Mrs. Dunnham. If you're still wavering, check with "Crane's Blue Book of Stationery," or "Crane's Blue Book on Weddings," both sold at the shop.

And when it's all said and done, write your thank-yous on Crane's cards from The Perfect Setting.

Mrs. Dunnham says she and co-owner Carol Shumate decided to open the new store because "there's a need" in Midland. "We have a really neat store, with a wide selection, with free gift wrap and free delivery," and will make arrangements to ship items, she says. "We will have things in all price ranges."

Mrs. Dunnham has been in the retail business for 11 years. She began by selling jewelry out of her home. Her most recent business, Selections by Sharon, featured stationery and printing, and was operated out of Ivy Cottage.

The Perfect Setting is located across from Service Merchandise on Loop 250. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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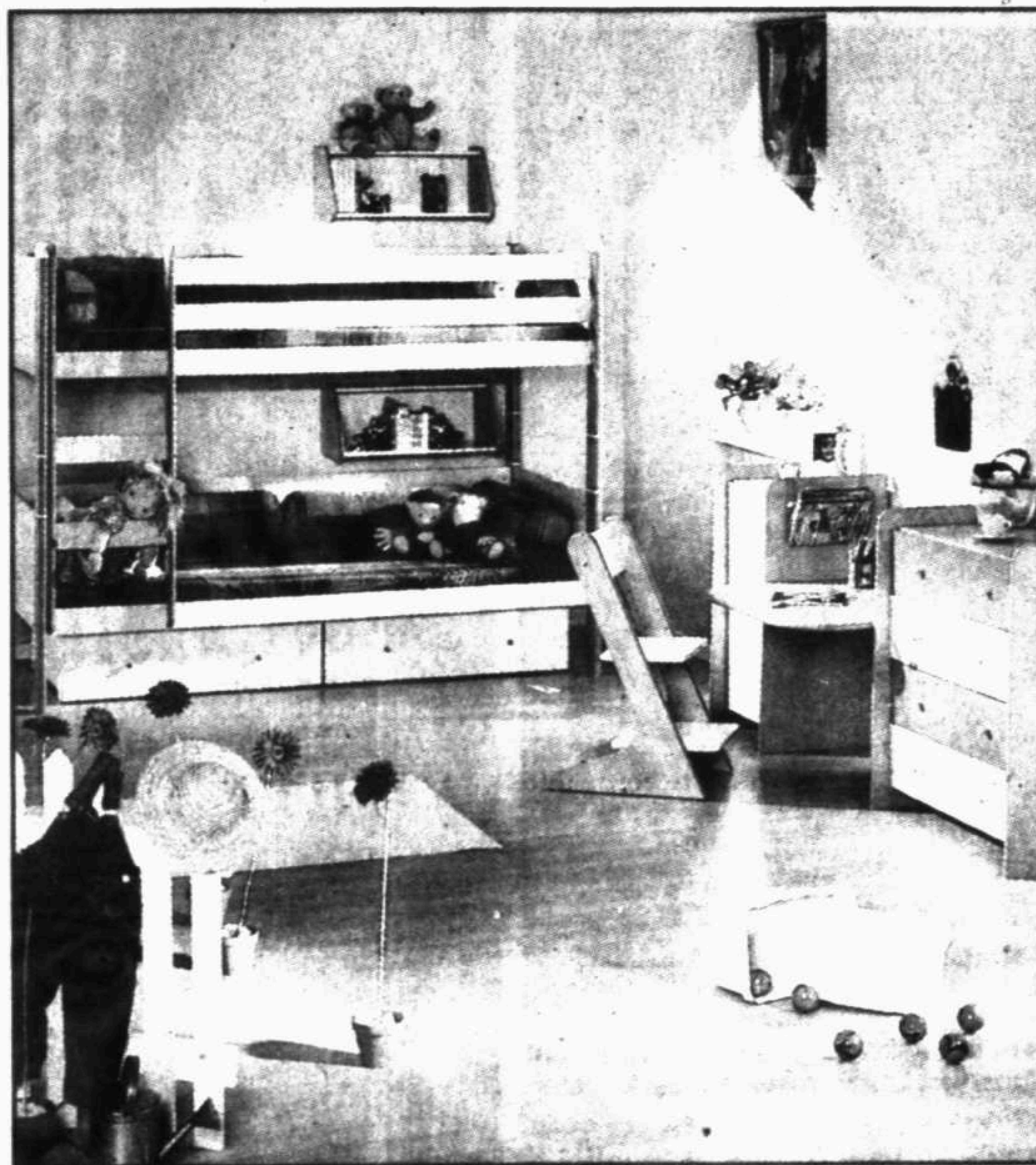
Looking for some unique furniture that makes a statement? In Your Element, opened just this January in The Colonnade Shopping Center at Loop 250 and Garfield Street, carries furniture, closets and shelving you won't find anywhere else in the Permian Basin.

"Practically all of the products are exclusive to the store," says owner Kim Clenney. "They couldn't have been found in Midland. People had to go to Dallas or Austin to find them."

But the best aspect of the furniture at In Your Element may be its versatility. All of the lines Clenney carries are component systems. Although Clenney displays a number of items by each company in the store's showroom, customers may order pieces specifically tailored to their own needs. Pointing to an entertainment center, Clenney explains, "A customer might say, 'I prefer glass doors,' or 'I want more drawers' and we can order it that way."

Not only does this adaptability allow you to fit your space properly and satisfy your own tastes, but as your need — or your budget — changes, your furniture can change and grow as well. Simply add more components. "The only limitation is your imagination," boasts Clenney. And catalog items arrive promptly — as soon as a week after you place your order.

Among the hottest lines exclusive to In Your Element is Club 8 wood furniture from Denmark. Club 8 makes furnishings ranging from entertainment centers and desks to dining room and bedroom furniture. The company also makes a full line of children's furniture, from items for the baby's room to bunk beds and furniture for teens.



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room to bunk beds and furniture for teens. The style is contemporary — sturdy and practical, yet with an understated elegance. And during February, In Your Element will deliver and set up Club 8 furnishings free of charge.

In Your Element is the only location in the Permian Basin to carry Libra furniture — pine

shelving, desktops and drawers from Finland. Also exclusive to the store are Elfa closets and pantries, imported from Sweden and constructed from white ventilated wire. High-tech-looking Inter-Metro wire shelving comes in black, white and chrome, and is a popular choice for bookcases, entertainment centers and bakers' racks. Schulte makes a higher-end shelving, also exclusive to the store, constructed completely of melamine. Melamine shelving is scratch- and stain-resistant — "almost indestructible," says Clenney. Elfa uses melamine in some of its components as well. Two more exclusive product lines will be in stock within the next month or two.

While you're choosing furnishings that can be molded to fit your needs, you can expect the staff of In Your Element to be just as accommodating.

"This isn't the kind of store where you come in and just pick stuff off the shelf," says Clenney. "You need some help. People come in with measurements or an idea of what they want, and we can custom design exactly what they need."

Installation also is available.

If Clenney's name or products sound familiar, perhaps you've run across them at Get Organized, the owner's previous store. Some of In Your Element's products were core components of the earlier business. "I knew I could build around those," says Clenney.

In Your Element is located in the Colonnade Shopping Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

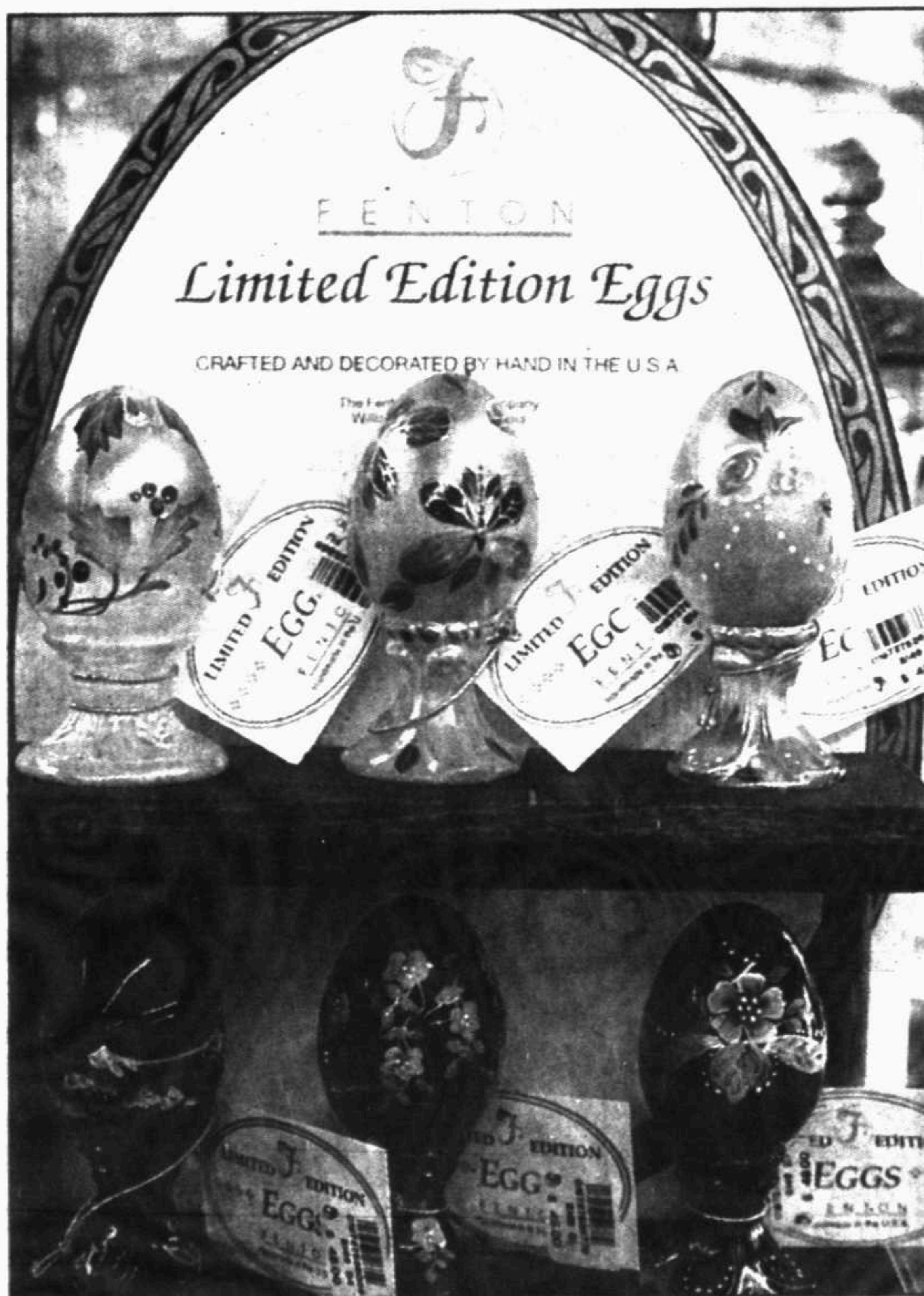
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Graham's Pharmacy brings old-fashioned service to '90s



Graham's Pharmacy carries a wide, wonderful selection of classic collectibles. They are a Fenton ArtGlass showcase dealer, featuring elegant pieces such as Fenton's Limited Edition Eggs, above.

Do I take this medicine with water or juice? With a meal or between? Is it OK to take it with other medications? Oh, and I'm hungry and I need a gift for Aunt Alma. And I need to see a friendly face.

At Graham's Pharmacy, it's not a tall order to handle all that. Graham's is really reminiscent of the old-fashioned hometown pharmacy — which it is — with personal service from pharmacists, a full-service lunch counter and a store full of collectibles, toys, cards and even bridal selections.

Pharmacist and owner Kevin Keele is one of the few in Midland trained in compounding medications. If your physician needs to prescribe a dosage for which there is not a corresponding strength of medication, Kevin can remake it into your proper dosage. Physicians in town already have begun to appreciate the flexibility this gives them, and it's a service that few others offer.

While you wait for your prescription, have a seat at Graham's old-fashioned lunch counter, where you'll find another hard-to-get delight — shakes, malts and floats made with real ice cream. Nothing goes down easier, smoother and creamier than the real thing. Try a cherry phosphate, a rich sundae or some of the most mouth-watering homemade crème and butter fudge you've ever tried.

It's not just a soda counter. They also offer one of the best lunch values around. Choose from a variety of fresh, homemade sandwiches such as chicken salad, pimento cheese or peanut butter and jelly, along with chips and a small drink for less than \$4. Even the prices are a little bit old-fashioned.

If you still have a few minutes

and a few dollars after lunch, check out the collectibles, cards and toys.

Being a Bronze Paw dealer for Boyd's Bears means they have the full line of classic collectibles — Bearstones, Dollstones, Folkstones, Weestones, Shoebox Bears and Plush. You'll also find the top two collectible lighthouse lines in America: Lefton and Harbor Lights. Graham's is a Fenton Art-Glass Showcase dealer, and they also carry the charmingly popular M. I. Hummel figurines.

In the toy aisles, you'll find delightful things you probably haven't seen at the big toy stores. For kids who like to pretend, there are boxes of dress up clothes and accessories for boys and for girls.

The boys' box comes with a cowboy hat, a safari hat, pirate hat and treasure map, gold coins and more. In the girls' box is a ballerina's tutu, a prom dress or wedding dress, shoes and skirts and everything nice.

Klutz Press has become known for intriguing and educational activity books, and Graham's has a wide selection of them.

There's also a bridal registry at Graham's — brides can make selections from their displays of quality kitchen utensils, crystal, candles and decorative plaques.

If you can't make it in, Graham's offers city-wide delivery service for prescriptions.

As you can see, there are lots of ways Graham's gives you unmatched service in the '90s.

Graham's Pharmacy is located at 319 Dodson Street in Old Town Midland. They take some prescription cards. The phone number is 684-0569. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, closing at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Soccer, Etc. provides customers equipment & more

For the past five years, Steve Parnell, area manager of the family-owned business, Soccer Etc., has kept soccer players, parents and coaches updated on the new and innovative soccer technology and fashion.

Aside from having more than 20 years of retail experience, Parnell and his staff offers an extensive background in soccer coaching, camp directing and tournament directing, with a total of 75 seasons in soccer.

For more than 30 seasons, Parnell has coached players from 4 to 19 years old and has traveled nationally from Phoenix to Minneapolis and internationally to places including England, Holland and Scandinavia. He learned an unusual method of coaching small children from a coach from Bulgaria and said he often shares this method with new coaches. Parnell also has two sons who play soccer in high school and college, as well as several contacts with college coaches and professional players.

"I know what is out there," Parnell said when discussing soccer technology and fashion, "and that is why we are a soccer specialty store. Even volleyball and softball teams are finding their uniform needs met at Soccer Etc."

The name Soccer Etc., clearly points out that Parnell doesn't just sell soccer equipment. He accommodates the public by providing a service that goes beyond retail.

"We want to do everything we can to help keep a child in soccer because winning isn't everything; it is about having fun and learning to play the game. I also try to keep customers from making mistakes. The safety of a child is of utmost importance."

He added that Soccer Etc., has a complete video library available for rental to help both players and coaches.



Steve Parnell brings experience and research to Soccer Etc.

"We have gladly helped new coaches with practice sessions by drawing out plans for them and explaining anything they don't understand about soccer."

The store accommodates serious, recreational and nonsoccer players, providing brand names like Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Puma and Fila, just to name a few.

"We are being found by the nonsoccer player who likes the soccer look even if they don't play," he said.

Parnell said Soccer Etc., supports soccer at any level whether it be recreational or club, college level, public or private schools or parochial, junior college or university.

Soccer Etc., also provides screen processing for lettering and numbering various types of clothing apparel. They can fit anyone in soccer from a 4-year-old to an adult.

"If we don't have what the customer needs we have the availability to pick up the phone and order from over 70 manufacturers and have the product the next day."

Everything that Parnell buys in the

way of technology, "I research," he said.

He added that there are many products sold in the market that could be dangerous or not offer full protection for the soccer player. For example, Parnell said there are certain shoes that are not applicable to the type of West Texas turf played on.

Even though Soccer Etc., sells a few pair of shoes not suited for West Texas, Parnell has seen to it that the majority of their inventory suits player needs in West Texas. "I won't sell a shoe that is made for soft ground because it could only take one practice on the hard ground to ruin your feet," he said.

"What we play on in West Texas can destroy soccer shoes in a short period of time, so I keep very well educated on products specifically designed for this West Texas area," he added.

Parnell said it is also important to look at what type of ball a customer purchases.

"There are three soccer ball sizes according to age and experience."

"The most important thing, is to buy a hand-sewn ball, not a plastic ball because the plastic-laminated balls can be very dangerous when it hits a youngster."

For the past five years, Soccer Etc., has given the most liberal of team discounts, taking 25 percent off of a total team purchase, including goal keeper equipment.

Parnell travels extensively throughout the United States, keeping up with new innovative soccer technology.

"When I do travel, I stop through soccer stores all over the nation. These people have become good sources for contacts and we call each other on new products."

This sharing of ideas, for example, brought the popular "Sweet Spots," a rubberlike product that fits over the

shoe on the arch of the foot that is designed to not only keep the shoe laces from coming untied, but enables the player to handle the ball better.

"We always stay ahead of technology," he said.

President of Blast Soccer Club, Mike Thompson said, "I think the store is a definite asset to Midland. I have dealt with him through the club and he always made everything right. If it's not at Soccer Etc., he will do just about anything to get it."

Soccer Etc., provides uniforms for three colleges and nine area schools, several area clubs and hundreds of recreational teams. They also have satisfied team customers from as far away as Lubbock, Granbury and Carlsbad, N.M.

"We also have a complete soccer uniform, including the jersey, shorts, socks and numbers as low as \$19.90."

Soccer in Midland began in 1975 and has grown tremendously ever since.

"It has grown because people see soccer as a very aerobic exercise for youngsters of all shapes and sizes."

"We are pleased to see leagues spring up in Monahans, McCamey, Seminole and Snyder."

Because of the low prices and specialty service, Soccer Etc., provides uniforms for three colleges and nine area schools.

The store also has a traveling workshop combination where they will travel to a town and give coaching instruction or player clinics at no charge for the right to vend at the location.

Soccer Etc. is located in Midland at the corner of A Street and Northland Shopping Center, 712 W. Schaubauer and in Odessa in the Rock Hill Shopping Center, 1009 Maple. The phone numbers are 570-4949 in Midland and 580-4949 in Odessa.

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Way Out West Trading scouts the best of Old Mexico

Like an Old West scout, Thomas Schneider plies the back roads and hidden villages of Old Mexico for carefully crafted furniture and accessories to bring home to you. Schneider, who owns Way Out West along with his sister Molly Clark and their mother, Pat Schneider, uses his sharp eyes and command of the language to root out the best from

clothing. These don't have any fake veneers — they're the real thing, with antique hardware that adds to the rustic feel.

As much character as these pieces have, you'll never match the genuine weather-beaten finish on furniture made of "barn door" wood or wormwood, rescued from buildings on the wane. Tables and other items made of this wood lit-

Way Out West provides high quality furniture and accessories from Mexican states such as Chihuahua, Durango, Guanajuato, Jalisco and Michoacan and assures customers receive the best prices because the middle man is eliminated.

erally breathe the character of the Old West like the true survivors they are.

In March, Molly and Pat will make room for some new genuine leather sofas Thomas has scouted out. He'll be sending a posse of other new furniture lines about the same time.

Mesquite wood furniture is hard to find because it is hard — literally

— to craft, taking much extra time to build with. So it's a bit scarce, but Thomas has sent some back to the shop. On the other hand, what you do find looks great and is built to last.

You can do some real relaxing in a wrought iron bed frame (with a mattress and all that, of course). Rumor has it Thomas tested this out himself before bringing it back. Other easygoing wrought iron includes bakers' racks, coffee, sofa and end tables and a beautifully crafted base for a round glass (not included) table top.

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Way Out West owners offer customers high quality furniture imported from villages in Mexican states such as Chihuahua, Durango, Guanajuato, Jalisco and Michoacan.

Way Out West's sparkling pewter selections include platters, bowls, casserole dish holders, candlesticks, salad tongs and a variety of picture frames. Pewter crosses make wonderfully appropriate Easter and graduation gifts.

Talavera brings your home the truly unique look of Spain and Old Mexico. It fairly bursts with richly colored flowers, fruits and designs. It adorns lamps, ginger jars, candlesticks and table-sized accessories.

Clay fruit bowls in realistic shapes and muted colors also give off the flavor of Mexico.

Stop by and see Molly and Pat — who knows, you might even glimpse Thomas riding off on another scouting adventure.

Way Out West Trading Company is located at 301 E. Illinois. The phone number is 682-2580. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

A Shade Above can brighten up just about any home

There's something shady going on at the little shop at 3328 N. Midkiff, just across from San Miguel Square. Tired looking old lamps enter the door and exit a little later with a total face-lift! The magic is as simple as a new shade, a finial or in some cases, a minor repair from A Shade Above.

The right lampshade can change a tired old lamp into a piece of art or make a fashion statement from a decorating dilemma. Brenda Beasley, owner of A Shade Above, has seen the magic of a lamp gone glamorous time and again. She can make it happen for you.

Her customers come from around the corner and around the world. One woman who lives in Hawaii, flies into Terminal, then stops by A Shade Above on her way to her ranch in Alpine.

A Shade Above has lamp shades for all personalities and tastes. For the western personality, there are lamp shades featuring pictures of Dale Evans and Trigger, or an old-time chuck wagon gang, as well as handmade rawhide shades.

For the more tailored person Brenda has linen shades in empire styling, cut corner squares and cut corner rectangles. Choose shades in tapestry fabric with old English fringe for a Victorian look. Brenda says popular colors currently are bisque, pastels, terra cotta, celadon green and copper. Black shades with gold lining and black rope trim are also hot.

"The gold lining under the black silk casts down a nice warm light," she says, "and the black lining in a black shade closes the lighting and makes it more intimate. We sell more black with gold lining than almost any other combina-

tion."

For a contemporary look, try a looped string shade for the look of a beaded shade, but subtle, and in a wide range of unique shapes. Our all-time best selling contemporary is the black parchment coolie lamp," says Brenda. She also sells a lot of oval shades, which are more popular today than ever before.

If you really want to go wild, there are lamp shades covered in cheetah, leopard and zebra print fabrics — and not to be overlooked is the tiny boudoir lamp, trimmed in marabou.

Silk-O-Lite, which is A Shade Above's leading lampshade line, is found on lamps in hotels such as the Waldorf-Astoria, St. Regis, Helmsley Hotels, New York's Plaza Hotel, Ritz-Carlton and other world-famous hotels. Brenda says she also sees her shades in movie scenes and TV shows.

Many of A Shade Above's customers are collectors of finials, which Brenda says can often dramatically change the look of a lamp. Her collection includes one-of-a-kind cloisonné and crystal designs, hand-carved bone, miniatures of trout, bass, animals; geodes and arrowheads; and one the size of a golf ball in the shape of ... a golf ball.

On the brighter side, A Shade Above has a broad selection of lamps. Really hot right now are wrought iron lamps with a rustic primitive look, says Brenda. "They start out with a linen type coarse shade and move into hand-done rawhide shade. The Old World look is very popular now, with a lot of crystal, as well as lamps with animal motifs," she said.



Brenda Beasley, owner of A Shade Above, says her store has lamp shades for all personalities and tastes and has seen a new lampshade work magic time and again.

And then there is the pet lamp. No, no, not a lamp made of a pet, but FOR a pet. "We recently built a lamp for a lady's pet room — a metal lamp with a metal shade

featuring marble inserts," explains Brenda.

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Artist's Paint & Palette makes some appealing changes

Artist's Paint & Palette, Inc. has changed more than its name. Formerly Paint & Palette, West Texas' oldest and largest art materials shop is under new ownership. After 25 years of business, they continue to carry one of the largest selections of art supplies in the Permian Basin.

Owner Tanza Brumfield describes several changes that have been made to better serve her customers. "We are phasing out old products and bringing in new merchandise," Brumfield said. Artist's Paint & Palette, Inc. updates their art supplies to keep up with new techniques and trends. They also will special order products for their customers.

"We sell products of a higher quality, such as Schmincke and Holbein, and they're reasonably priced," Brumfield said. Although it's not new for the store to carry Schmincke products, now more lines of Schmincke paints are offered. This includes oil paints, pastels and watercolors. Artists needing Holbein paints, prestretched canvases up to 4' by 5' or a wide selection of custom hand-made canvases can find what they are looking for at Artist's Paint and Palette, Inc.

Besides a more expansive selection, other changes have been made. Business Manager Kiley Collins emphasizes that their products are now sold at very competitive prices. "People are surprised to see that we sell our art supplies at very similar prices to larger art supply stores in the area. Some customers who hadn't been in this store in years are surprised that our service and pricing have changed so much."

Another improvement occurred in the framing department. "We have a much larger selection of frames now," Collins said. "New samples



Artist's Paint & Palette, West Texas' oldest and largest art materials shop, is under new ownership and has seen several changes

come in every three months."

Anyone looking for a frame design to complement a particular piece of artwork will find the employees at Artist's Paint & Palette, Inc. very helpful. They help their customers design frames that will enhance and complete their art. Owner Brumfield said, "We do a good job and at very reasonable prices."

If you have a painting that is dirty or damaged, ask the staff about cleaning and restoration. They can clean and restore paintings many people would consider a lost cause.

Because artists are not always adults, Artist's Paint & Palette, Inc. has expanded their selection of art supplies for children. They offer brushes, "Draw" books, paints and different styles of art supply boxes to help keep art supplies organized as well as good quality student grade mediums, including watercolors, pastels, acrylics and certain sculpting materials.

Special emphasis is being made on children and their love of art. Brumfield said, "We want to encourage their art skills and let them

express their individuality." Children's classes are offered Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The pricing is very reasonable at only \$35 per month.

"Kids come after school and their parents come pick them up after work," Brumfield said. In these classes, the children learn the basic principles of art including perspective, shapes and the color wheel.

"After they learn these principles, they can pretty much expand and develop in other areas," Brumfield said. "They can express their individuality in different mediums."

Classes for adults are offered as well, not only to artists, but to those who would like to discover the artist within. Professional artists including Lewis Holiman, Betty Sue Rose and others offer a series of ongoing classes in such disciplines as oil painting, watercolors, drawing, acrylics and sculpting for all ages, from first-graders to adults. Classes are scheduled during the day and during the evening in order to accommodate everybody's busy schedules. New classes are offered every month.

Betty Sue Rose, the store's on-staff art teacher and sculptor, said that every artist is on a journey. "I try to help artists express themselves," Rose said. "I tell them to paint what they feel and that without feeling, the art is dead." She said she understands the need that all artists have to create something that wasn't there before, to produce something unique, to be different from everyone else.

"That's where individuality comes into the picture," Rose said. "We want the artist's piece to be an extension of the artist, with feeling and emotion."

Whether you are a proficient artist or know someone who enjoys art, Artist's Paint and Palette, Inc. is a great place to visit. The store has a pleasant atmosphere and offers one on one interaction with customers. You can feel comfortable asking their knowledgeable staff any question.

Good customer service is important. Brumfield said "We treat everyone who comes in here the same. Everybody is important to us." Rose further emphasized this by saying, "It's not 'What do you want.' It's 'What can we do for you.'"

Artist's Paint & Palette, Inc. offers discounts to students attending college, whether it's Midland College, U.T.P.B. or Odessa College. Discounts also are given to senior citizens.

Brumfield said "We try to base our business on the Golden Rule — Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Artist's Paint & Palette, Inc. is located at #20 Oak Ridge Square on the corner of Garfield and Wadley. The phone number is 682-6681. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Occasionally a very special store comes along that fills a particular void in our community and helps make Midland a better place to live. Wild Birds Unlimited is just such a place. Their active presence on the birding and garden scene has improved the quality of life for people and birds alike.

While Midland's sparse vegetation and dry climate hardly make it seem like a natural bird sanctuary, its location on the avian migratory path makes our town a surprisingly popular stopover for more than 350 species of birds. If you are one of the ever growing number of Midlanders who welcome these travelers with a carefully thought out backyard bird resort or are just an erstwhile bird watcher, Wild Birds Unlimited is a treasure trove of expert advice, equipment and food devoted to our feathered friends.

Wild Birds Unlimited is locally owned and operated by Donna and Thom Webb. Part of a national franchise, Wild Birds Unlimited has the dual advantages of access to virtually unlimited resources

and strong links to the local birding community. Bird-watchers with access to the Internet can go to the Wild Birds Unlimited Feeder Cam. At www.wbu.com, a new live image is viewable every three minutes from a bird feeding station on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Locally, a special bird locator map is maintained, there is a newsletter, and local bird expert, Shirley Qualia, is available to give slide shows to clubs, schools and other groups.

Located in the Oak Ridge Square Shopping Center at Wadley and Garfield, Wild Birds Unlimited can be immediately identified by the steel hummingbird out front, a variety of stationary bird feeders and the very busy ferris wheel feeder hanging from an oak limb just outside the door.

Inside is a birder's paradise with a large selection of practical, functional and beautiful birdhouses and feeders. There are bird-baths, special watering devices such as drippers and misters, suet and suet feeders, as well as bird seed in many special blends that are guaranteed to appeal to nearly every species of bird.

Other types of winged travelers are accommodated at Wild Birds Unlimited. They have a variety of



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butterfly feeders and houses, ladybug houses, even bat boxes designed to invite these mosquito eating creatures into your yard.

The large selection of specialty items at Wild Birds Unlimited makes gift giving a snap. There are T-shirts, fanciful feeders, chimes and wonderful things for the yard. You'll find educational tools such as books, video tapes, fun kid-friendly toys and activity ideas. Improve your chances of

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Wild Birds Unlimited is located in the Oak Ridge Square Shopping Center at Wadley and Garfield. The metro number is 570-4520. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Apple A Day helps Midlanders fight the cold war

Every winter, millions of people fight the war against colds and flu, says Apple A Day Health Food Shoppe owner Stellyce Tune. A mounting body of research is suggesting that some of our most effective weapons may be some of the oldest — herbs and vitamins. Echinacea (eck-in-AY-sha), elderberry, golden seal, vitamin C and zinc have shown promise in clinical studies, says Stellyce.

Echinacea is one of the most widely used herbs. Most clinical data involves the fresh-pressed juice of Echinacea purpurea. It appears to activate macrophages, whose job is to engulf and destroy viruses, bacteria, yeast and other particulate matter in the bloodstream. Essentially, it is a blood purifier, which is how it was marketed as long ago as the 1870s.

It has shown good results against influenza, colds, upper respiratory tract infections, urogenital infections and chronic candida infections. Its effects can be further enhanced by combining it with the herb golden seal. This combination can be taken as a cold preventative as well, although Stellyce suggests not taking it for more than a few weeks at a time. "Extended use may lessen its effectiveness," she says. The herb also is not recommended for AIDS patients.

Elderberry has been shown to fight viruses in a unique way. In order for a virus to reproduce, it must invade healthy cells and alter their function. The flu virus invades cells by puncturing their walls with tiny spikes. Studies indicate the active ingredient in elderberries binds to the spikes,

keeping them from piercing the cell membrane. This function appears to work on any flu strain, unlike vaccines, which must be strain-specific.

Vitamin C has for years been a popular weapon in the cold wars. Stellyce says she takes 3000 mg every day, more if she feels a cold coming on. Zinc lozenges also can help boost the immune system and reduce sore throats. All these items — echinacea, golden seal, elderberry, vitamin C and zinc — are marketed as health foods or dietary supplements and make no medical claims.

In fact, Stellyce, whose family has been in the health food business for 20 years in the Permian Basin, says her purpose is to work together with health care professionals, not against them. "We want to do all we can to help people live healthier lives," she says. Toward that end, Apple A Day has reference books, as well as handouts and books for sale, to help educate people regarding good health.

The quality of herbs and supplements is important. "I do my best to carry products from companies with high standards of quality control," says Stellyce. If you're thinking about buying a less expensive brand, she suggests checking the ingredients for fillers and things other than active ingredients. "How much of the actual herb are you getting? Also, are they using the best ingredients?"

Apple A Day is located at #3 Oak Ridge Square (Wadley and Garfield). The phone number is 570-4053. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Stellyce Tune, whose family has been in the health food business for 20 years in the Permian Basin, owns Apple A Day and says her purpose is to work "to help people live healthier lives."

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No matter what your budget, no matter what your taste, smart shopping is always in style — and that's never been truer than today, when collections from Maine to California are mixing new with old with the emphasis on elegant eclecticism. In Midland, you can do no better than to get acquainted with Judy Jackson's collection of consignment shops.

Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection

If you find yourself with more furniture than you have room for, Judy can do an informal appraisal, pick up the pieces and resell them on consignment in her shop, often within days. If you're in the market for fine furnishings, the Consignment Collection could be your answer, at values of from one third to one half the original price — or in the case of extremely unusual or valuable pieces, somewhat more.

Midlanders voted Judy Jackson's Consignment Shop the best in town in the latest Midland Reporter-Telegram Best of Midland poll, and it's easy to see why. Shopping at Judy Jackson's is fun, it's creative, and best of all, it's affordable.

Among lines to be found in the store are Thomasville, Drexel, Ethan Allen, La Barge, Pearson Oxford, Baker and even Karges. On a typical day, furniture brought into the shop included a Drexel wall unit, a Drexel desk, two Century chairs and a queen-size Drexel bed-room suite.

There are antique accent pieces, an extensive collection of Waterford crystal and Irish Bealeek, and other unusual imports.

Walk through the shop, and you'll find a massive pine buffet seven feet long and three feet deep, imported some 25 years ago by Charles Knorr, an Irish pine cupboard (also brought over by Charles Knorr) seven feet tall, with three-dimensional geometric detail that won't let you leave until you walk over and touch it, and standing next to it, an interesting mounted rug reputed to have come from Hoot Gibson's collection. The rug underfoot are Oriental, well-loved and cared for by their original owner, and now carrying a sold sign, awaiting arrangements for pickup by another homeowner. Toward the center of the store is the elegantly carved white-painted credenza topped by green faux marble, bearing the trademark brass "K" inside a drawer, to designate the piece as a Karges.

At any given time, you'll also find pieces in their third round of recycling. An example is the pair of iron beds with U.S. Army eagles on the headboard and footboard design, where saddle-wear soldiers of a Texas fort found their rest each night.

"Those fort beds were among the first pieces I sold when I went into the consignment business," explained Judy. "Now their owners have brought them to me to sell again."

A large number of Judy's customers start out as browsers,

brought into the store by an irresistible display visible through the window.

Judy and her store manager, Frances Porter, say a regular chore is to clean the nose prints — evidence of off-hours browsers — from the window every morning.

"We don't mind at all," laughs Frances. "It delights us."

Because of the high turnover, Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection is constantly changing — a dynamic that adds excitement and often helps browsers to visualize possibilities in their own homes, or in the case of the decorators who visit the store, homes of clients.

"The only thing is," says a customer overhearing the conversation, "you have to act fast. If I like something and don't have the funds for it, I put it on layaway."

Judy does offer 30-day layaway for the convenience of her customers, as well as a "want" list, and lists of customers who want to be called in the

rare case when a sale of a wanted item falls through.

The regulars at the Consignment Collection will tell you that the real benefit is in regular visits because with all the moving in and out of pieces, Judy and Frances create a sort of informal school of possibilities for arranging what you have to best advantage. Above all, there is the excitement of finding a treasure that may enhance your home with its own history.

Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection is located at 3211 W. Wadley, #6. The phone number is 689-3536. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Show-Offs

The owners past and future of Show-Offs clothing tend to be women not prone to follow the crowd. They know what they like and what they want to pay, and when they find

they're not wearing a fine nearly new outfit, they make the be-kind-to-the-planet decision to recycle it — with a nice return on the original investment.

Show-Offs is now at the end of its winter season and is currently accepting spring things. This would be a great time to pick out the clothes you probably won't wear this year, for whatever reason, and get them out the closet. But only the best of the finest please, and no more than two or three years old. Show-Offs previously owned clothing sells quickly because of its quality.

And although many Show-Offs customers are proud name-droppers, if you're a little reluctant to wear a dress that could be recognized by a former owner, don't be concerned.

No manufacturer ever made just one of anything! Many Show-Offs fashions are once-worn or never worn, outfits that didn't quite work originally just waiting for a second chance.

With selections of great styles ranging in sizes from 0 to 44, Show-Offs offers a way to enlarge your wardrobe without wrecking your budget. And if you're looking for something a little out of the ordinary at a great value, try the designer rack.

Show-Offs is located at 3320 N. Midkiff. The phone number is 697-7722. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The Bargain Barn

Yes, it's a barn of a place and yes, there are bargains, but don't get the idea you'll have to sift through unorganized piles of stuff to get to the treasures. Nor do you need to change out of your office attire before shopping. You'll find no layers of dust on the lovingly displayed pieces at the Bargain Barn.

What you will find is a hodgepodge of antiques set off by quirky junk art, collections of cut glass and china sitting shoulder to shoulder beside pottery and glassware in questionable style that has acquired a patina and class of its own by virtue of its age. There are also really good and comfortable sofas and chairs that often are sold the same day they're brought in and some pieces that defy all conventional decorating clichés, and thus become bargain: for the brave and avant-garde.

Take a look at the pine corner cabinets that could turn a small nondescript room into an entertainment alcove or library. Consider the enameled white doctor's examination table. Stand and gaze up at the long horn steer's horns mounted and ready to hang on a den wall. Buy something. Take it home proudly. Be an individual.

The Bargain Barn, a part of Judy Jackson's collection of consignment shops, is located at 2420 W. Front Street. The phone number is 682-0227. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and closed Sunday and Monday.

account. Having a professional of Ms. Jackson's experience benefits both buyers and sellers because the value of the items is predetermined. Both buyer and seller have records of transactions, and the sale is conducted in a business-like atmosphere.

Whether you're making life changes of your own, or you've been entrusted with the estate of someone else, Judy Jackson's Estate Sales can make all the difference.

Judy Jackson's Estate Sales' phone number is 915-689-3536, and she welcomes your questions or concerns about how best to ensure equitable value received from an estate or household sale.

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Want To Have An Estate Sale or Auction?

Judy's services are available through Judy Jackson Estate Sales & Auction Service. Call her at 689-3536.



A collection of consignment shops and Estate Sales business give Judy Jackson the opportunity to touch many Midlanders' lives.

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What do you do when your surroundings no longer fit your lifestyle? After years of never having enough room, now the house is too big, and it's time to move on. But once you've decided to close the house, how do you dispose of the things that filled the rooms? How do you know the value of a piece invested with memories? And how do you go about finding a buyer who will pay a fair price without a hassle? Above all, how do you guard your privacy?

For many Midlanders whose lives are changing, the answer is to call Judy Jackson, whose experience with the furnishing of fine homes goes back to her early days as a collector and her present-day estate sales business. Whether you're the executor of an estate, a

new homeowner or a retiree in the process of moving into a smaller home, she can smooth out the rough business of reorganizing your surroundings in complete confidentiality and dignity.

If you find yourself with more belongings than you have room for, Ms. Jackson can do an informal appraisal, inventory and evaluation of items you no longer need, and arrange for an estate sale, either at your home, or at another location.

One call to Judy Jackson's Estate Sales does it all. Once you've turned

the work over to Judy Jackson, she and her estate sales team organize the inventory, clean and price it in order to ensure you're receiving fair value. A consummate professional, Ms. Jackson maintains an extensive library of reference books, and she regularly consults with experts when she finds a piece from an unfamiliar source.

At a Judy Jackson Estate Sale, as opposed to a garage sale, major credit cards are accepted, receipts are issued, and all monies received are deposited into an escrow

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Joanne's Fine Gifts offers brides' favorites and more

Reed and Barton, Towle, Gorham, Beanie Babies, Royal Doulton, Waterford... wait a minute. Beanie Babies? You wouldn't expect to find the latest craze since the Cabbage Patch dolls in a gift store dominated by the finest silver, china and crystal, but they've just arrived at Joanne's Fine Gifts.

Owner Joanne Gentry says, "They're for sale everywhere, so I thought, 'Why not?'"

She may soon learn just how popular the little bean bag toys are because she has a large selection — even the retired snowman. Collectors know what this means.

And men, an entire table holds romantic Valentine gifts, sure to captivate a special woman.

The store gleams with a bountiful selection of sterling pieces by Wallace, Kirk Steiff, Lunt and Towle, as well as silver-plated hollowware in handsome water pitchers and a coffee and teapot set.

Stainless flatware is available by Gorham, Oneida, Jean Couzon and Reed and Barton. Name ware, which isn't silver but has the same appearance, comes from its factory in Albuquerque. Always pop-

ular, Kirk Steiff pewter comes in the traditional brushed satin or silver finish.

One of the joys a bride experiences is selecting fine crystal for probably the only time in her life. Waterford Marquis is available in stemware, and sure to be treasured for a lifetime is a beautiful crystal candelabrum.

Makers of heirloom-to-be china include Lenox, Royal Worcester, Spode, Wedgwood, Noritake, Royal Doulton and Mottahedeh from Portugal. Every bride loves the thrill of seeing her table on display. Joanne says brides still favor Lenox's Autumn and Eternal patterns and Wedgwood's Nantucket and Countryware.

Shoppers for gifts will enjoy the relaxed atmosphere in the store. It's an indefinable quality, but both Joanne and daughter Debbie O'Neill, now the store's manager, contribute greatly to it. Joanne brings to the job her love of people from 31 years of working for Krueger's in downtown Midland and ten years in her present location in Imperial Shopping Center. Debbie worked in the store full time for two years before recently assuming the manager position.

Soon to be expanded are the jew-



Joanne Gentry, owner of Joanne's Fine Gifts, and her daughter contribute indefinable quality to shopping at their Imperial Shopping Center store.

elry selections, especially silver. Current pieces feature beads, bracelets and pendants with stones such as black onyx, red agate and leopard.

A wide array of gift items include some deceptively fragile-looking bread bowls in an open, basket weave design in several vivid colors. These are both oven- and microwave-safe and can be used for a variety of purposes, both practical and decorative.

A man's display table proves there are, indeed, gifts for men who seem to have everything. A traveling office kit holds all the items you'd expect to find in a man's top desk drawer.

Not forgotten in the store are gifts for new parents, including some endearing little picture

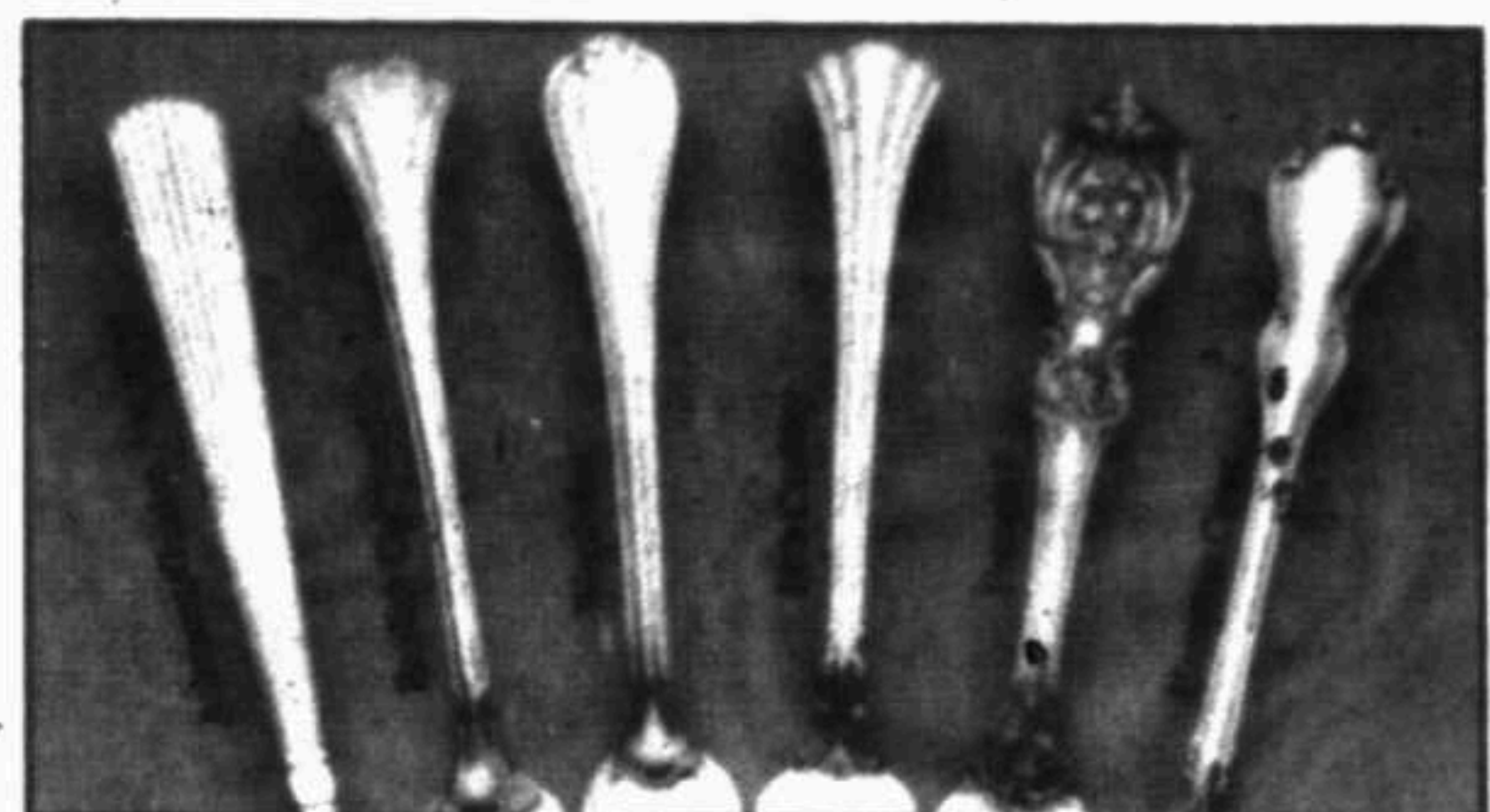
frames in pastel colors with tiny, pale yellow bears, which look like cake icing.

You'll find it hard to pass up the selection of acrylic, vividly hand-painted trays from 12" by 18" to soup-and-sandwich-size. You're sure to want one for yourself.

One of the many pleasures and conveniences of shopping at Joanne's is the free gift wrapping and also wrapping for mailing or UPS, for which there is a charge.

Joanne's Fine Gifts is located in Imperial Shopping Center. The phone number is 694-9812, and you can call ahead to learn if they have the Beanie Baby you're looking for. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Ginny's Collection owner loves to shop for customers

If you love to shop you've got something in common with Virginia Lyle, owner of Ginny's Collection, a clothing and accessory store that has been a fixture in Imperial Shopping Center, 3211 W. Wadley, since 1986.

"My favorite thing is going to market (to choose items for the store)," says Ms. Lyle. "I look for things that are different

unique... fun things, things that are affordable, that make you feel good."

Ginny's Collection features casual yet classy clothing, mostly mix-and-match separates. Among the more well-known brands of clothing on hand are Bonnie Boynton, Hamilton, Starfire, Peter Popovitch, Great Cavalier, French Dressing (Canadian jeans that come in several colors), M. Mac, Surya, IC Isaac (pants), Southern Stitches (pant suits) and Faith.

A full line of top-selling Brighton belts is also in stock, as are jewelry and watches, and they soon will have a new set of perfumes (Live, Love, Laugh and Dream) by the popular designer. Other accessories include lightweight, hand-crafted MAM earrings, ceramic and sterling silver jewelry, scarves, handbags and

Guatemalan belts. Camille Beckman bath products also can be found at Ginny's.

Ms. Lyle says she's trying to attract "both the working girl as well as those who like fun clothes... comfortable, affordable, casual."

Several items in the store are hand-crafted, including painted, embroidered and appliqued vests and T-shirts. Ms.

Lyle traveled as far as San Miguel, Mexico to find one of her latest lines of hand-crafted jewelry, Ixel.

"Each piece is unique," says the avid shopper, reiterating a theme. "No two are exactly alike."

The moment you walk in Ginny's Collection, you'll notice something else Ms. Lyle is fond of — bright, cheery colors. "I look for a lot of color. It has a lot to do with how you feel," she

explains.

Ms. Lyle says she spends a lot of time looking through fashion magazines and newsletters and visiting her competitors' shops to keep abreast of the latest fashions. This year's colors are following a "botanical" theme, she says. "Fruit and flower colors." Spring shades include sherbet, lime, lemon and turquoise, and fall colors are hotter — fuchsia, green deep blue and

"I really do try to listen to what my customers want. It's a big thing for my employees to really get to know their customers, to show them that they care. A lot of people come by just to visit. I feel like it kind of becomes a family."

— Virginia Lyle, owner, Ginny's Collections



Seated in front row from left to right is owner of Ginny's, Virginia Lyle, and Cynthia Graham. Standing in back, left to right, are Jean Noah, Susie Reker and Gloria Hicks.

brown.

After your eyes have taken in the brilliant hues, your ears are likely to perk up to something more subtle, the shop's relaxing background music. The nonvocal, easy-listening selections from Greenhill not only set a calming tone for your shopping, but may be purchased on CD and tape in the store.

Ginny's Collection has lured many faithful customers during its more than 10 years in Midland. Perhaps one reason Ms. Lyle has maintained her spot on Wadley Avenue, watching other businesses come and go, is her dedication to customer service.

"We pride ourselves on customer

service," Ms. Lyle explains. "We do a lot of special orders, layaway, free gift wrapping..."

"I really do try to listen to what my customers want. It's a big thing for my employees to really get to know their customers, to show them that they care. A lot of people come by just to visit. I feel like it kind of becomes a family."

Ginny's Collection is located in Imperial Shopping Center, 3211 W. Wadley. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The store accepts personal checks as well as Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

BeDazzle can help put new sparkle in your wardrobe



BeDazzle co-owners Sue Barker and Machele Amthor, along with manager, Dawn Brown, say they can help with any fashion question and a stop in the store will leave you breathless as well as breathtaking.

Have you lost your smile somewhere in your closet? Do you snarl at the weather forecast and dread to start dressing?

Then maybe it's time for a little BeDazzle. Change your look and your outlook and start having fun when you dress.

BeDazzle has done some changing too, so if you haven't been by the little boutique in Imperial Center in a while, be prepared.

BeDazzle owner Sue Barker and former owner of Machele's, Machele Amthor, have combined their specialties into a boutique with a focus on the unique tastes of Texas women.

"Texas women are the most beautiful because they know how to do makeup, they know how to wear their hair, they dress well, and they have good attitudes," said Sue. "We wanted to concentrate on that."

"We figured two heads are better than one," said Machele. Add a third — manager Dawn Brown — and the result is a one-stop shopping experience that will leave you breathless, as well as breathtaking. If you have questions about how to wear some of the new clothes, Sue, Machele and Dawn are there to help.

"A lot of people aren't sure how to wear certain styles," said Dawn, "but when they come into the shop, we can show them."

BeDazzle is remodeling, so there'll soon be extra large dressing rooms with plenty of room for trying on just about everything in the store if you like, and the spring fashions coming in have gone romantic.

"Fashion now is being influ-

enced by the movie, "Titanic," and we're seeing really lovely things again," said Sue. "Linen is very important and now is machine washable, easy-care, and chenille jackets, and mixing contemporary with a touch of the past. You'll find a lot of waffle textures, and jewelry is larger — not huge, but medium."

"People with long or dark hair will find earrings that can be seen, not the tiny things that were invisible. And neck tie scarves are back."

BeDazzle lines fit a wide range of sizes for a comfortable fit — from petite to XXL (special order), and they're easy to wear, comfortable to move around in.

"We dress everybody from 25 to 65," says Dawn. "There's a trick to every look, and we know all the tricks. We've had people bring in armloads of clothes from home, wanting help to put their wardrobe together. And we're glad to do that."

Sue says Dawn has a reputation for honesty in appraising the look of an outfit. "She simply will not let anybody walk around looking bad in our clothes," she explained.

BeDazzle's emphasis is on service. Besides free gift wrap, on-approvals, and all credit cards, the little shop offers extras such as group fashion shows, a send-out jewelry repair service and art by artist Georgeann Herzog.

BeDazzle lines include Flax, Michael Simon sweaters, Lucia Lukken and others.

BeDazzle is located at 3211 W. Wadley Ave. The phone number is 689-3104. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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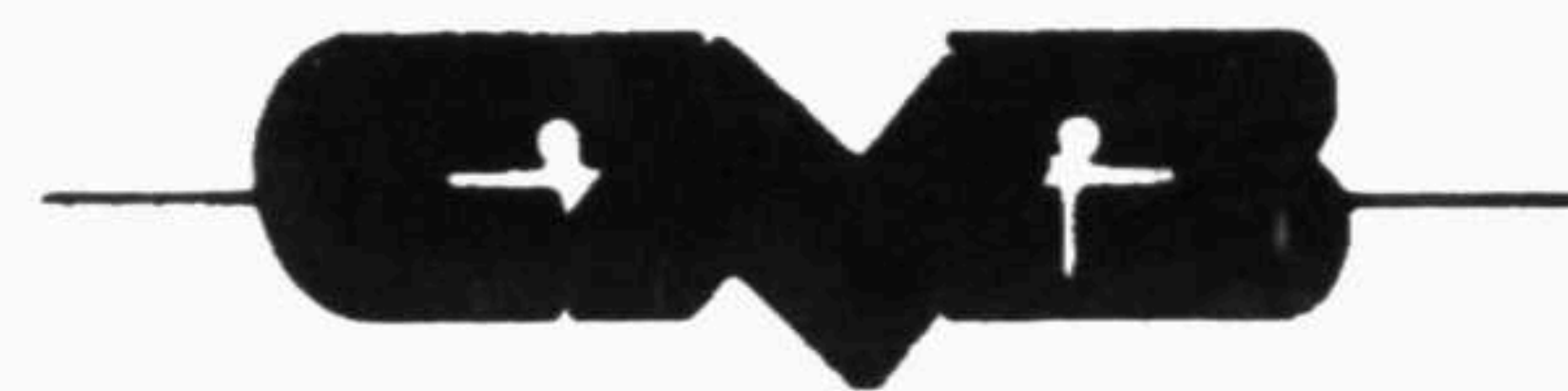
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*Our
Obsession*

In these days when the buzzword is recycle, the classiest example is San Miguel Square's on Our Obsession, a very selective ladies' consignment store. They accept only the finest ladies' clothing, shoes, jewelry and furs, and they sell these and share the sale price 50/50. Whether you're selling your designer-look and fine fashions, or buying that dress that must have been made with you in mind, the money you save can sweeten the experience. This upscale consignment shop truly can become an obsession!

Owned by Shirley Holder and Daisy Hobson, Our Obsession is open 10-6, Monday through Friday, 10-5 Saturday. Phone 694-8973. Credit cards, gift certificates, layaways.



An essential member of the San Miguel Square complex is Community National Bank, home-owned, hometown bank that has grown to meet the needs of its customers since the day the branch opened six and a half years ago.

San Miguel shoppers and merchants can take care of their banking business in minutes, not hours, at this full-service facility with four employees, three teller's counters, two new-account desks, and two drive-through lanes.

The hours are set, not for the convenience of the bank, but rather for the convenience of the customer, with the drive through open 8:30 to 6 Monday through Friday and Saturday 8:30 to 1. The lobby is open from 9 to 5 Monday through Friday.

Community National Bank a member of FDIC, is located on the eastern edge of San Miguel Square, on Midkiff Rd, just north of Wadley. Phone 694-3333

Daisy's



"When you can't tell the difference, why pay the difference?" That's the motto at Daisy's where the nearly-new children's clothing in sizes infant through pre-teen has everything it takes to be one of the best dressed kids in town—at a price that makes it easy and fun to shop.

"We like things to look nearly new," says Daisy Hobson, owner of the shop, and all her gently-worn children's garments most assuredly do. Whether it's socks and shoes, a new Easter outfit for your angel, or play clothes that will wear like iron, the clothes will look like a million, and you can use the savings for something really important—like maybe a designer dress for you (available at Our Obsession) or a week's worth of baby sitting. Daisy's also has gently worn maternity clothes for the smart woman who wants to look great while saving.

Daisy's is open 10-6, Monday-Friday, 10-5 Saturdays. Most credit cards accepted.

**THE
STITCHING POST**



San Miguel's needlework expert, Kathie Bryant, says you're almost too late for Easter-although she does still have some wonderful Easter canvases in her shop-but the wise needleworker will be thinking Christmas. "I'm going to market in a couple of weeks, and I'll have lots of new Christmas projects in by the first of March," she said.

The Stitching Post has grown a lot in the last year, with a larger array of fibers and a greater selection of canvases, tools and accessories than ever before. If you'd like to learn needlepoint or cross stitch, or improve your techniques, The Stitching Post offers ongoing lessons, both during the day and Thursday evenings. Kathie is also taking registrations for Tuesday evening classes, and a Wednesday evening sampler class. "People do cross stitch and needlepoint for all kinds of reasons," says Kathie. "They do it because it's relaxing, because they like to give handmade gifts, and often because it's very therapeutic and cheaper than a psychiatrist!" Whatever your reason, come by and get acquainted with the stitchers at The Stitching Post. The Stitching Post is open 10-6 Monday-Friday, 10-5 Saturday; phone 697-1241.

**Gentlemen's
Agreement**



Another great address in the San Miguel Square complex is Gentlemen's Agreement, an upscale men's clothing consignment shop where the well-dressed man can find better clothing lines such as Polo, Tommy Hilfiger, Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Gucci and the occasional Oxford suit, sold new nowhere in Midland (nearest source is Malouf's in Lubbock). Gentlemen's Agreement consigns no clothing that is not in pristine condition; and new or next to new.

The shop carries jogging wear, men's suits, sport coats, slacks, jeans, shoes, hats and the like, much of which is new-bought on consignment from upscale stores in the area that have gone out of business. According to manager Bill Hastings, Gentlemen's Agreement makes sense to men of all ages-fast-growing teenagers, men looking for designer suits who don't want to pay the premium price, or men who simply feel it makes sense to pay less for the finest.

And for the hard-to-fit, Gentlemen's Agreement can arrange for alterations at a reasonable cost, professionally done by in-store tailor, Bill Barnett. Whether you have fine clothing that no longer fits, or you're looking for great value in slightly worn, try Gentlemen's Agreement. You'll be very glad you did. Gentlemen's Agreement is open 10-6, Monday-Saturday; phone 689-9340.

HotSpring Spas Plus/Fielder Pools



San Miguel's northwest corner is occupied by Hot Springs Spas plus Fielder Pools specializing in custom gunite swimming pools and the best-selling spa in the world—Hot Spring Portable Spas.

Family-owned since 1959, Fielder's pools and spas come with the most outstanding warranty in the business, as well as an extra incentive: David Fielder guarantees that your cost of operation will not exceed \$10 per month!

"Hot Spring Spas are certainly the standard to which the competition strives," says David. "We have a fully stocked store in the same location for 10 years, and we invite you to come in for a 'test soak' so you can see the difference!"

Hot Spring Spas plus Fielder Pools is open 10-6 Monday-Friday, and 10-5 on Saturday. Phone 699-5904.

Midland Camera



March 1 will mark Midland Camera's third anniversary in San Miguel Square after previously being located downtown for 48 years. Owners Larry Mitchell and Kay Rubin say the store's line of merchandise has expanded from high quality photographic equipment and supplies to include Reuge music boxes, Selkirk paper weights and paraffin oil lamps by Glass Dimensions.

"We cater to camera repairs," says Larry, "also high quality film processing by Kodak Premium Processing; 35 mm color film brought in before 3PM is returned the next morning, Monday through Saturday."

Personal service is another trademark of Midland Camera Shop, where the customers are friends, and the friends are customers. Larry invites anyone with an interest in photography, amateur or professional, and those looking for gifts of exquisite taste to drop by the store.

Midland Camera Shop is open Monday-Saturday, 9 to 6, and Saturday 10 to 3. Telephone 694-1947.



**PC
Solutions**



The PC Solutions Group, formerly Windecker Computers, is a Hewlett Packard authorized Dealer and Service Center. In addition to Hewlett Packard products The PC Solutions Group is an Authorized Dealer and Service Center for most major brands of Personal Computers and Clones.

"With so many places to buy computer products today, our sales efforts focus on businesses and those individuals who need onsite assistance in determining what they need," says President Stephen Jordan. "For our customers who know what they need, we encourage them to turn to the Internet. In addition to our WEB Store at www.hp-sales.com, you can find most any product you'll buy out on the Loop at a better price on the WEB."

When it comes to service, you will not find a more experienced or helpful staff in Midland. It is the goal of The PC Solutions Group to resolve all issues as quickly as possible no matter where you purchased your products. The PC Solutions Group, in San Miguel Square in Midland, is open 9-6 Monday-Friday.



D'Carroll's

D'Carroll's is San Miguel's neighborhood jewelry store, home-owned, a little laid-back, with a philosophy that keeps customers coming back again and again.

"Give us the opportunity to show you what we can do, and we think you'll be glad you came to us," says David Carroll, owner/manager. This truly is a one-stop jeweler, offering new jewelry, custom design, repairing, cleaning and remounting, and even, of all things in this day and age, an in-store silversmith, David's uncle by marriage, Joe Coleman. D'Carroll's does jewelry repair on all almost anything from the very finest pieces to costume jewelry.

"We even repair watches, under protest," adds David.

D'Carroll's is open 10-6 Monday-Friday, Saturday 10-5. Phone 697-0424.