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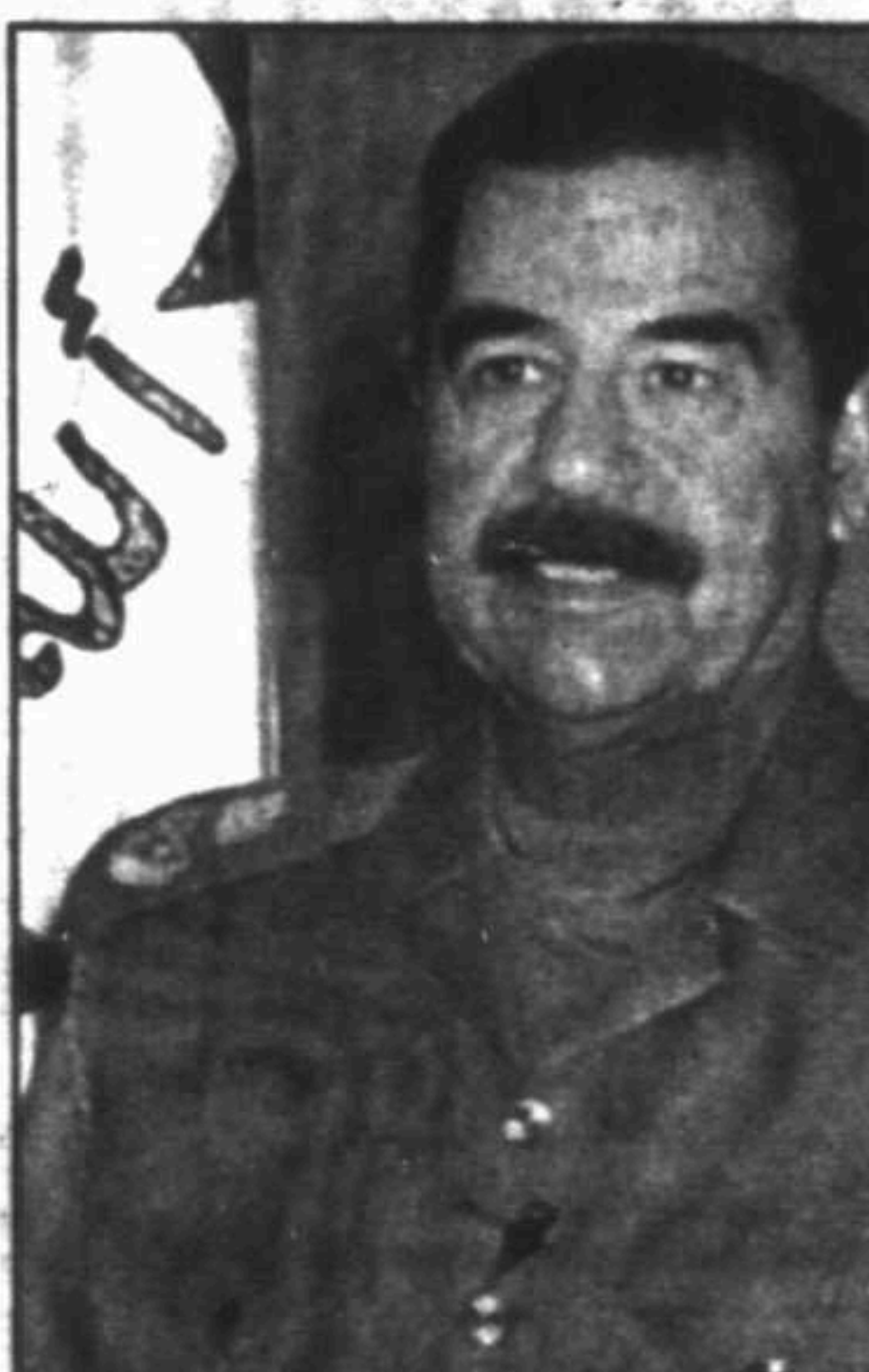
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TODAY
Sunny with a high near 65. Weather on 4A.



President Saddam Hussein gives a speech in this image released by the Iraqi news agency on Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq. In his 55-minute speech Saturday, Saddam criticized the United States for its "aggressive policies toward Iraq" and described Washington as "an arrogant, blind power which sees nothing but its narrow interests."

Standoff threats

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Adding a threat to the standoff in Iraq, President Saddam Hussein vowed Saturday to suspend cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors if the United Nations doesn't end the searches within the next four months.

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Tough on tobacco

WASHINGTON — Armed with documents showing R.J. Reynolds tried to lure 13- and 14-year-old smokers, President Clinton told the Republican-led Congress Saturday he will "sit down with them anytime, anywhere" to work out tough anti-tobacco legislation. "This is not about politics. This is not about money. It is about our children," the president said in his weekly radio address.

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Clinton submits to 6 hours of questioning

■ Clinton faces Paula Jones, testifies he doesn't recall meeting her, according to sources.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Closeted in an 11th-floor conference room for nearly six hours, President Clinton faced Paula Jones Saturday and testified, a source said, that he did not recall meeting the woman with sensational sexual harassment charges against him.

The president did not rule out ever being introduced to Mrs. Jones, but said in his unprecedented deposition that he did not recall ever meeting her and, according to one source familiar with Clinton's secret testimony, he denied claims that he exposed himself to her in 1991 and asked for oral sex.

Clinton's limousine emerged from an underground parking garage at his attorney's offices at 4:20 p.m. EST, six hours after he arrived and claimed the inglorious distinction of first American president to testify as a defendant in any criminal or civil suit.

At the White House, he waved and, ignoring reporters' questions, ducked inside to pick up a draft of his State of the Union address. He nixed plans for a dinner out and shared a private dinner in the residence with Hillary Rodham Clinton. "It's been a long day," one aide said.

Mrs. Jones, who was earlier besieged by news cameras, also left through the garage without comment. At her hotel, she ignored swarming reporters and was only heard murmuring to her husband Stephen: "Great. There's the elevator."

Please see QUESTIONS/4A



At left, Paula Jones and her husband Stephen Jones arrive at the offices of President Clinton's personal attorney, Robert Bennett, Saturday in Washington. At right, President Clinton departs the White House Saturday morning for a short limousine ride to his lawyer's office to be questioned under oath in the sexual harassment case brought by Paula Jones.



AP Photos

Irish minister stresses importance of community in religion

Jim McGuigan, a Church of Christ minister from Belfast, Northern Ireland, is speaking this weekend at retreat, "Streams in the Desert," at Golf Course Road Church of Christ

In America and Europe the spiritual community is being lost within Christianity because of the rise of individualism and the erosion of faith by agnosticism, according to minister Jim McGuigan of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

"We lost community because we walked away from God," said McGuigan, 60, a Church of Christ minister who periodically has been visiting and studying in the United States since 1965 before the more recent turmoil in Northern Ireland, formerly known as Ulster.

The riots and strife fueled by the Irish Republican Army, particularly in the late 1960s and the 1970s, reflected another division and erosion of community, he said.

Christianity depends on community, a oneness with God, to thrive in the minds and hearts of people, said McGuigan, who is visiting Midland.

McGuigan this weekend is serving as a catalyst and motivator to help bring spiritual renewal to more than 2,000 people, including ministers and lay ministers, from 18 states in the "Stream in the Desert" rally at Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Loss of community is central to the original sin that led to separation from God after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit in seeking the knowledge of God, he said. Then "sin in many forms took root and developed."

Mankind has been struggling "to grow spiritually, to become enriched. (Christians) want to belong to the Lord, to be transformed by Him into His image, which results in our living better. ... To enable people who are hurting, who are under pressure, but who want to love the Lord better, to be refreshed, challenged."

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Story by Ed Todd

Photo by Curt Wilcott

Presidential wannabes Potential candidates already eyeing New Hampshire for 2000

By Mary Leonard

New York Times News Service

Pundits in New Hampshire still like to tell the joke about Mo Udall, the congressman from Arizona, walking into a local barbershop and introducing himself as a Democratic candidate for president. "I know," said the barber. "We were just laughing about that before you came in."

To the relief of humorists everywhere, dreams, self-delusions, and outsized ambitions for the highest office in the land didn't end with Udall in 1976. If anything, they moved into permanent high gear that year when the little-known governor of Georgia proved that self-recruitment and a lot of shoe leather could punch a ticket to the White House.

So here we are, more than two decades later and fully two years from the start of the presidential caucus-and-primary season, with a veritable bumper crop of undeclared wannabes — some fresh faces and a few familiar retreats — trying out the title "President" before their surnames and seeing if the face in the mirror reflects a commander-in-chief.

How about President Alexander, Ashcroft, Bauer, Bradley, Buchanan, Bush (the younger George), or Dole (the undefeated one)? How about President Forbes, Gephardt, Gingrich, Gore, or Giuliani? Or Jackson, Kasich, Keating, Kemp, Kerry, Kerrey (the Nebraska one) or Keyes? Lott, McCain, Nickles, Perot, Quayle, Smith, Thompson (Tennessee) or Thompson (the Wisconsin one)? Or Watts, Wellstone, Wilson, or Whitman? The name Colin Powell, of course, remains on many lips, but he, unlike the others, has said unequivocally that he won't run.

On a scale of what truly bores the average American, the current obsessions and calculations of the Class of 2000 rate high, right up there with the millennium bug in computer clocks. To political junkies, though, the runup to an election with neither an incumbent nor a pre-anointed Republican is pure ether.

Consider: Talking heads on CNN seriously compare the presidential prospects of Republicans John Kasich (a baby-faced Ohio congressman) to John Ashcroft (an obscure Missouri senator). A poll this fall said Texas Gov. Bush was leader of the GOP pack in New Hampshire, which won't hold its primary until the winter of 2000.

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Roe vs. Wade: 25 years later, neither side feels comfortable

By Mike Feinsilber

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twenty-five years and 35 million abortions after the Supreme Court changed the lives of many women, the American people still are of two minds: Morally, many have trouble with abortion. But they mostly think it is a matter for a woman and her conscience more than for government.

As the nation marks the 25th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision on Thursday, that clash of values endures.

But other factors are changing in an issue that has divided the nation as none since slavery.

It is possible that when new abortion techniques become more commonplace, science

and technology will tone down the debate in ways that justices in robes and lawmakers in pinstripes and demonstrators in fury have been unable to.

Dr. Jerry Edwards, medical director of Planned Parenthood in Houston, expects that in three or four years 30 percent of abortions will be "medical abortions," using earlier and less disruptive techniques than surgery. He also expects that the French abortion pill RU-486 and other after-sex abortion pills will become widely available this year.

When the abortion involves a sac of tis-

Please see SIDES/4A



Anti-abortion activist Veronica Williamson, of Washington, drops to the street and prays for aborted children during the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997.

AP Photo

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EARLY: Potential candidates get jump on 2000 presidential race

(From 1A)

Democrat Howard Dean, governor of Vermont, but hardly a household name anywhere else, declared on Jan. 3 that he was pulling out of the next presidential race before he officially got in, ending what the Burlington Free Press called "months of national travel and endless speculation."

The demands of a day job (governor) and night shift (husband and father) tugged Dean back from the crowded cliff as others contemplate jumping. Nonstop self-promotion, it seems, is the end-of-the-century equivalent of presidential timber. After all, it worked well for Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton. These days, you can fill in the "occupation" blank under the names of Dan Quayle, Lamar Alexander, and Steve Forbes, for example, with "unemployed — prepping full time for president."

The public's not-altogether-positive impressions of that GOP trio in the 1996 race hasn't slowed any one of them in their pursuit of support for 2000. Quayle set the speed record in Iowa, the first caucus state, visiting there just days after the '96 election. But Alexander recently trumped him by sewing up the early, early endorsement of Gov. Terry Branstad.

Hugh Winebrenner, a professor of public administration at Drake University and a student of Iowa's precinct caucuses, records the dates and number of political visits that prospective presidential candidates make to the state. "I say this humbly and modestly: I have the best data of anyone alive, because nobody else cares about this stuff," Winebrenner says.

Business is brisk among Democrats, he notes, even though Vice President Al Gore has a big head start and has cozied up to Iowans since dropping out of their caucuses in 1988. By the professor's tally, Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota has made six political appearances in the state since Jan. 20, 1997 (Clinton's inauguration day), followed by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (5), Jesse Jackson (3), and Gore (2).

And there's a lot more action on the GOP side. Winebrenner says Republicans have spent a record number of 43 "candidate days" in Iowa in the last year. Alexander is the leader, with 11 political appearances. Trailing him are Forbes, Quayle, and Jack Kemp (5 each); Ashcroft (4); Kasich (2), and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, and Oklahoma Representative J.C. Watts (one each).

A surprise: Sen. Robert Smith of New Hampshire comes in second, behind Alexander, with eight Iowa stops. "Iowa politicians would like to see him run vigorously," Winebrenner says. "He could make the 2000 primary in New Hampshire irrelevant, the way (U.S. Sen. Tom) Harkin did here in 1992, and Iowa then becomes the lone star at the start of the nominating process."

Granite Staters aren't so quick to surrender their hold on political history and press attention. Except for Clinton, no candidate has won the presidency since

1952 without winning New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary.

"The notion of Bob Smith being a serious candidate is a befuddlement," says Dayton Duncan, a Democratic activist in Walpole, N.H., and author of "Grassroots," a book about the state's primary. "Those who know him well have come to the considered and accurate assessment that he ain't gonna be president, not even in the Franklin Pierce tradition."

It's true the presidential electorate hasn't been particularly welcoming to members of Congress (George McGovern, Bob Dole) or businessmen with deep pockets (Ross Perot, John Connally). But today — before money starts mattering a lot, or the media scrutiny sings an image, or managing a multistate campaign swamps the inexperienced — the playing field is inviting to message-testers, from social conservatives such as Smith, Oklahoma Sen. Don Nickles, or Gary Bauer, head of the Family Research Council, to liberal Democrats such as Gephardt, Wellstone, or Jackson.

Nowadays, nobody expects the candidates to be giants in national politics. Clinton, with all his flaws and a bubba-state background, lowered the hurdles and has inspired the likes of Frank Keating, the low-profile governor of Oklahoma, and Gingrich, among the nation's most unpopular politicians, to think presidential.

"Republicans hold Clinton in such contempt that they don't see themselves aspiring to the place or office of Ronald Reagan," says Charles Cook, publisher of a political newsletter in Washington. "Clinton has brought the presidency down to earth and within their grasp."

Some, Cook included, believe the quality of candidates has declined in the last decade. Others argue there can be no titans under today's high-powered media microscope that magnifies even the smallest blemish.

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"If we had applied this emperor-has-no-clothes standard to JFK or FDR, they might not come out looking like great presidents, either," Winebrenner says.

Indeed, short memories, thick skins, or yearnings to get it right the next time bring former candidates, or the sons and wives of onetime candidates, back onto the griddle and into the glare. Publishing scion Forbes, for example, is working off his image as a rich, elitist, Johnny-one-note on the flat tax by talking up his opposition to late abortions with the religious right.

Alexander, the former Tennessee governor and Bush administration education secre-

tary, who finished third in New Hampshire in '96, is already busy there, trying to out-organize his rivals, court activists, test new themes, and sell Southern values in New England. This just in: His signature red-and-black plaid shirt — the homespun touch and a source of some cynicism last time — may be history, says Thomas Rath, a Concord lawyer and Alexander's close friend and adviser.

"Of course, you can take the candidate out of the flannel," says Rath, "but I'm not sure you can take the flannel out of the candidate."

Duncan says it's not surprising to find lots of candidates working his state this early and

aggressively.

"These guys are motivated by a variety of things — from a raging ego to self-delusion to a deep sense of commitment to making their mark and having some influence on the course of human events," Duncan says. "If you've reached a certain level of political experience and involvement, why not go for the big enchilada? The real question may be 'Why don't more run?'"

For Republicans, it's because historically the nomination has been less an open process than coronation of an heir to the

throne, a Dole, a Bush, a Reagan. The closest thing the GOP has to that this year is former Vice President Quayle, but the rush of Republicans to audition for president suggests the anointing days are gone.

"If their last their apparent was Bob Dole," says political satirist Al Franken, "maybe it's a good thing the Republicans don't have one this time." Franken, a Democrat, can't help adding about Quayle, "We can only hope and pray the Republicans see fit to nominate their most-qualified candidate."

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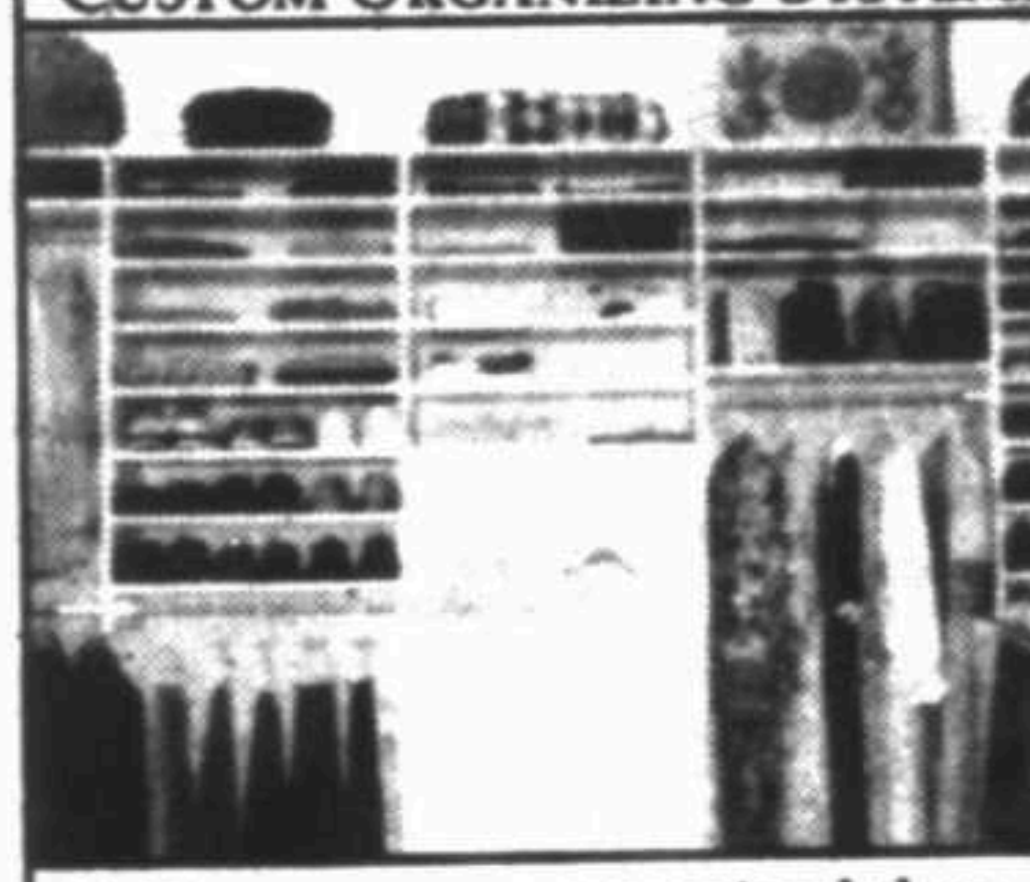
Dr. Merrill Horne returns to West Texas following 14 years as a member of the Department of Pediatrics with the Talbert Medical Group in Salt Lake City, Utah. After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree at Brigham Young University in Provo, he attended the Medical Branch of the University of Texas at Galveston where he received his medical degree in 1971. Dr. Horne served a rotating internship with Methodist Hospital in Dallas, then returned to Galveston to serve a residency in pediatrics. He operated his first private clinic in Midland from 1976 until 1981 before moving west to practice in Gillette, Wyoming. As a medical student he developed an interest in childhood diabetes, and has spent 12 summers as a volunteer physician at camps for children with diabetes in both Texas and Utah. Family-ties and a warm climate conducive to his interests in tennis, gardening and hiking were part of Dr. Horne's decision in returning to Midland as the newest member of the MOM Family. He joins the pediatric group of board-certified physicians John Foster, Sr., Samuel Macferran, W. C. Watson III, which offers 24-hour, year-round child-care by appointment. Dr. Horne and his wife, Debby, reside in Midland. They have three grown children and their fourth and youngest child, Matthew, is currently enrolled as a sophomore in high school.

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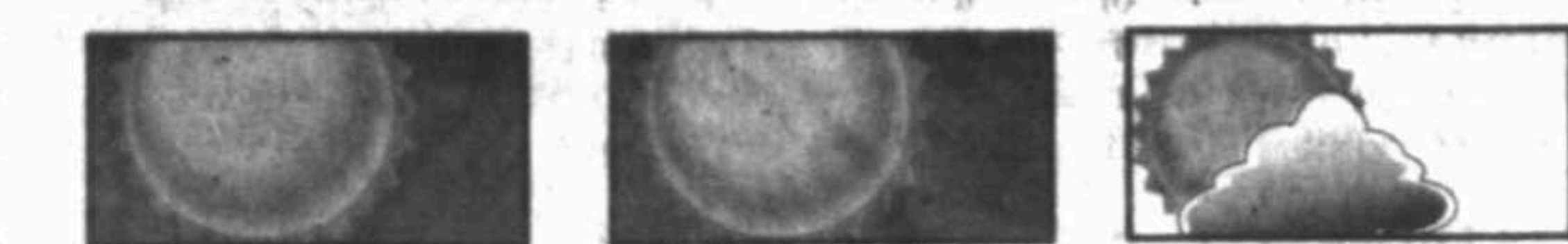
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 65
Low 32

Monday
Sunny
High 60
Low 31

Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 59
Low 33

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high near 65. Winds will be gusty and from the north or northwest at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies with temperatures dropping to the lower 30s.

Monday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high near 60. After an overnight low of 33, Saturday's high was 73, compared to the record high for that date of 84 set in 1974. The record low was 14 set in 1957.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Friday0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday0.00 in.
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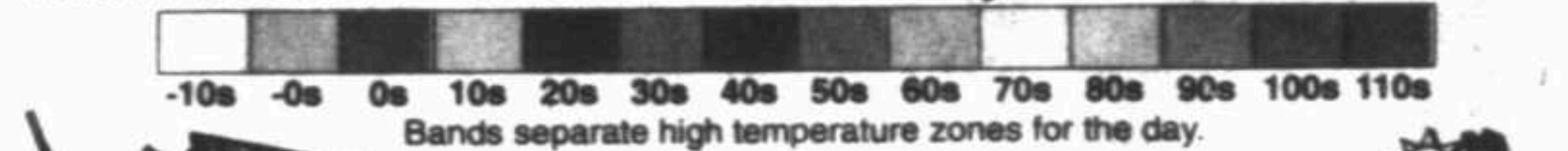
Yesterday's temperatures
High73
Low33
Normal high56
Normal low28

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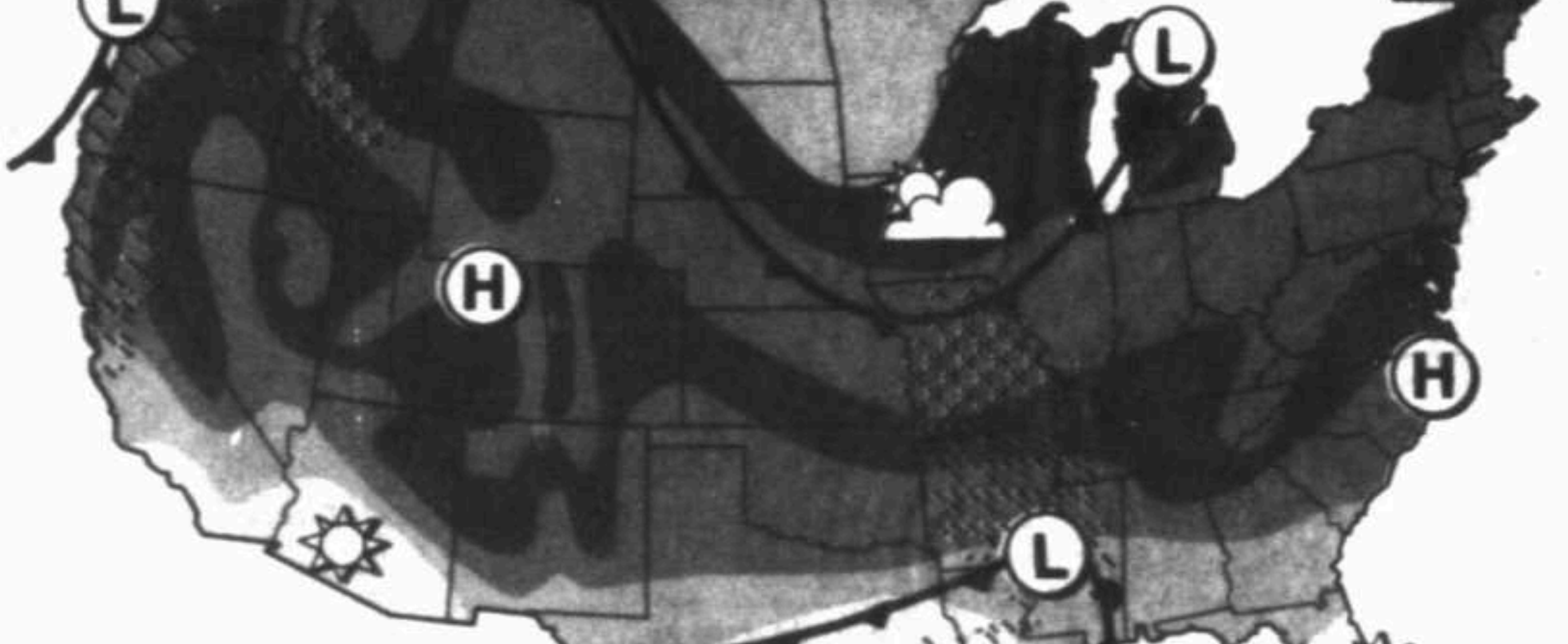
Sunset: 6:10 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather™ forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 18.



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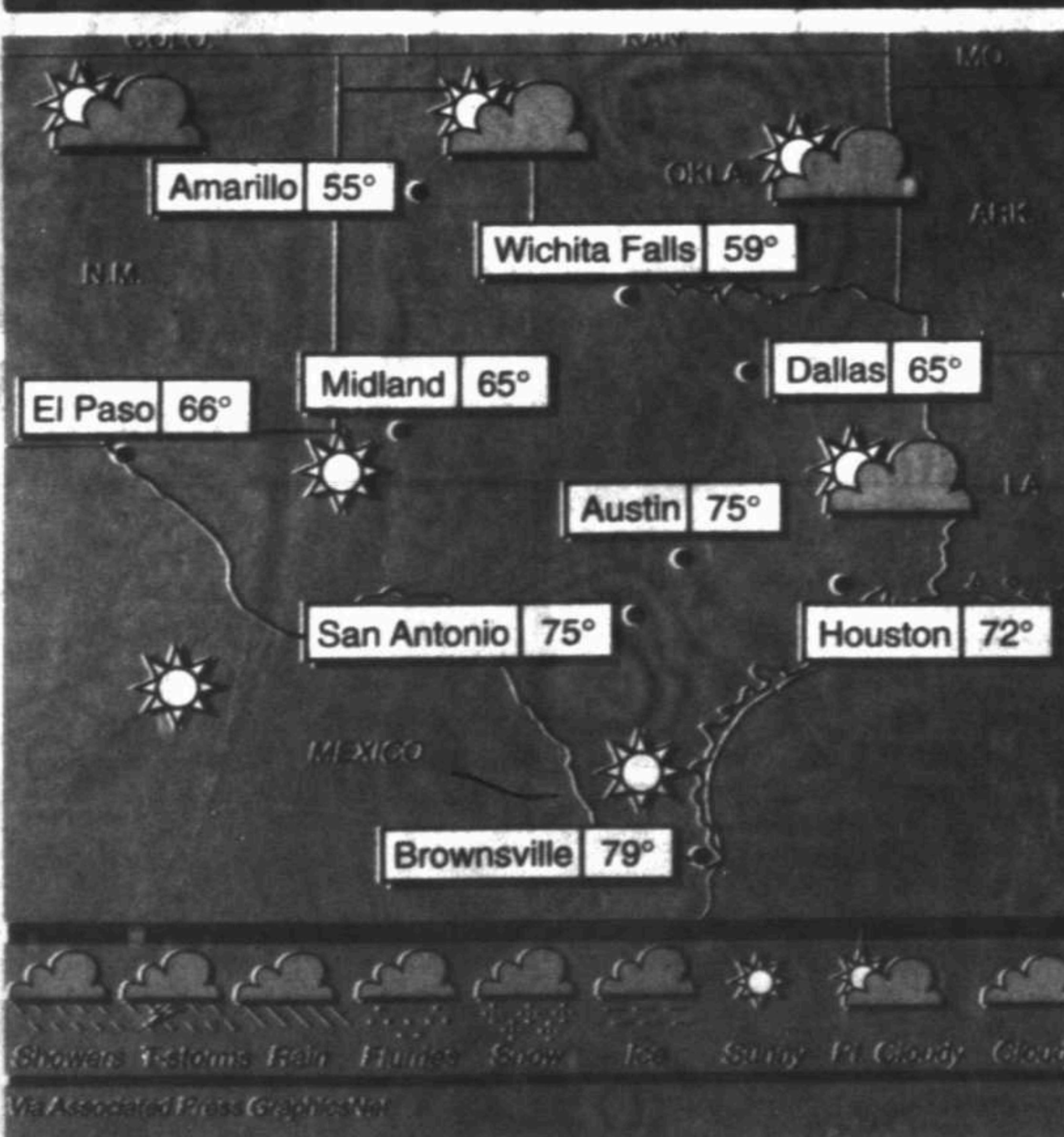
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:34 p.m. EST.	Lo	Prc	Osk
Albany, N.Y.	24	19	sn
Albuquerque	52	27	cr
Anchorage	26	17	cr
Asheville	52	39	cdy
Atlanta	50	35	cdy
Atlantic City	44	28	cdy
Baltimore	45	32	cdy
Bilings	33	24	cdy
Birmingham	50	35	m
Bismarck	17	3	cdy
Boise	52	35	cdy
Boston	29	22	sn
Buffalo	28	22	sn
Burlington, Vt.	11	6	cdy
Casper	44	25	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	59	44	cdy
Charleston, W. Va.	39	35	cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	50	40	cdy
Cheyenne	44	28	cdy
Chicago	29	26	cdy
Cincinnati	33	31	cdy
Cleveland	32	28	cdy
Columbia, S.C.	58	44	cdy
Columbus, Ohio	34	31	cdy
Concord, N.H.	35	18	cdy
Dayton	32	28	cdy
Denver	51	29	cdy
Des Moines	26	24	cdy
Detroit	30	26	cdy
Duluth	26	21	cdy
Evansville	32	31	cdy
Fargo	3	12	cdy
Flagstaff	52	27	cdy
Grand Rapids	29	24	cdy
Great Falls	44	27	cdy
Greensboro, N.C.	46	34	cdy
Hartford, Conn.	37	27	cdy
Helena	42	23	cdy
Honolulu	76	64	cdy
Indianapolis	32	29	cdy
Jackson, Miss.	57	41	m
Jacksonville	64	38	cdy
Juneau	37	31	cdy
Kansas City	50	25	sn
Las Vegas	50	42	cr
Little Rock	60	34	cdy
Los Angeles	72	56	cdy
Louisville	54	33	cdy
Memphis	47	30	m
Miami Beach	69	56	cdy
Minneapolis	29	25	cdy
Mpls-St. Paul	18	12	cdy
Nashville	40	35	m
New Orleans	67	45	cdy
New York City	39	33	cdy
Norfolk, Va.	43	38	cdy
North Platte	47	13	cdy
Oakland	58	27	cdy
Omaha	21	10	sn
Orlando	66	49	cdy
Philadelphia	44	33	cdy
Phoenix	70	50	cr
Pittsburgh	35	30	cdy
Portland, Maine	26	15	cdy
Portland, Ore.	54	42	cdy
Providence	46	38	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	46	38	cdy
Rapid City	34	20	cdy
Reno	57	44	cdy
Richmond	43	35	cdy
Sacramento	60	55	m
St. Louis	35	25	cdy
Salt Lake City	55	36	cdy
San Diego	65	55	cr
San Francisco	61	58	cdy
San Juan, P.R.	85	72	cdy
Santa Fe	47	25	cdy
St. Paul	25	12	cdy
Seattle	50	45	cdy
Shreveport	51	36	cdy
Sioux Falls	3	17	cdy
Spokane	44	33	cdy
Syracuse	29	23	cdy
Tampa-St. Petersburg	66	54	cdy
Tucson	50	18	cdy
Tulsa	73	41	cdy
Wash., D.C.	58	30	cdy
Washington, D.C.	46	39	cdy

State forecast



Texas temperatures

High temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT.	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	59	31
Alco	76	47
Amarillo	55	25
Arlington	62	31
Austin	75	43
Boswell	68	46
Brownsville	79	55
Burnet	64	35
Childress	66	29
College Station	65	38
Comstock	66	38
Corpus Christi	74	48
Cotulla	64	34
Dalhart	55	23
Dallas	65	34
Del Rio	73	37
Denton	65	29
El Paso	66	36
Fort Stockton	77	39
Fort Worth	62	28
Galveston	61	53
Haltom City	67	37
Hondo	67	37
Houston	72	35
Huntsville	65	35
Junction	67	34
Kingsville	76	48
Laredo	73	47
Lubbock	69	30
Lufkin	63	34
Marfa	66	25
McAllen	77	51
Mineral Wells	66	29
New Braunfels	69	37
Palacios	67	48
Plain	59	34
Rockport	58	51
San Angelo	75	27
San Antonio	75	41
Tarleton	61	30
Victoria	70	42
Waco	62	33
Wichita Falls	59	28
Wills	75	27

SIDES: 'Most Americans are at once pro-choice and pro-life'

(From 1A)

sue that is only eight or nine days old and is no larger than a match-head; those heart-rending pictures of a thumb-sucking fetus will no longer be valid, says Edwards.

But making abortion a quicker, less traumatic experience isn't going to make it less of a moral issue or take abortion out of the political arena. In the view of dyed-in-the-wool opponents, abortion will remain sinful and evil.

Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee, doubts that any scientific advance can change the basic morality of the abortion debate.

"I'm not sure technology is going to come up with a perfect way to kill a baby," says Mrs. Franz.

Other factors are coming into play.

The sheer number of women who have had abortions is growing. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, at current rates, nearly four women in 10 will have had an abortion in the course of their lifetimes.

Moreover, an entire generation of women has come of age since Roe, and many of these women view the abortion option as part of their birthright.

Carol Sanger, who teaches family law at Columbia University, says women students gasp when they learn that in the 1960s it was illegal in Connecticut for a married couple to use birth control devices.

Now, despite Roman Catholic strictures, birth control is widely practiced and looked upon as evil in relatively few homes. "Maybe something like that is also going on with abortion," Ms. Sanger says.

Public opinion has been remarkably consistent. More people say they consider themselves "pro-choice" than "pro-life."

There has been consistent majority support in polls for restricting the conditions under which women can have abortions — at the same time that majority also says that it is a question for a woman and her doctor. The more extreme proposals — a constitutional amendment banning abortion, or a law making it legal under any circumstances — do not get much backing.

If the polls show anything, it is the complexity of the issue and the dilemma it puts upon many peo-

Roe vs. Wade: 25 years later

The nation's abortion rate is at its lowest in two decades, as numbers of unplanned pregnancies drop and aging baby boomers slowly lose their fertility.

A look at some statistics:

• In 1995, 1.2 million abortions were reported, a 4.5 percent drop from 1994.

• 60 percent of abortions are obtained by white women.

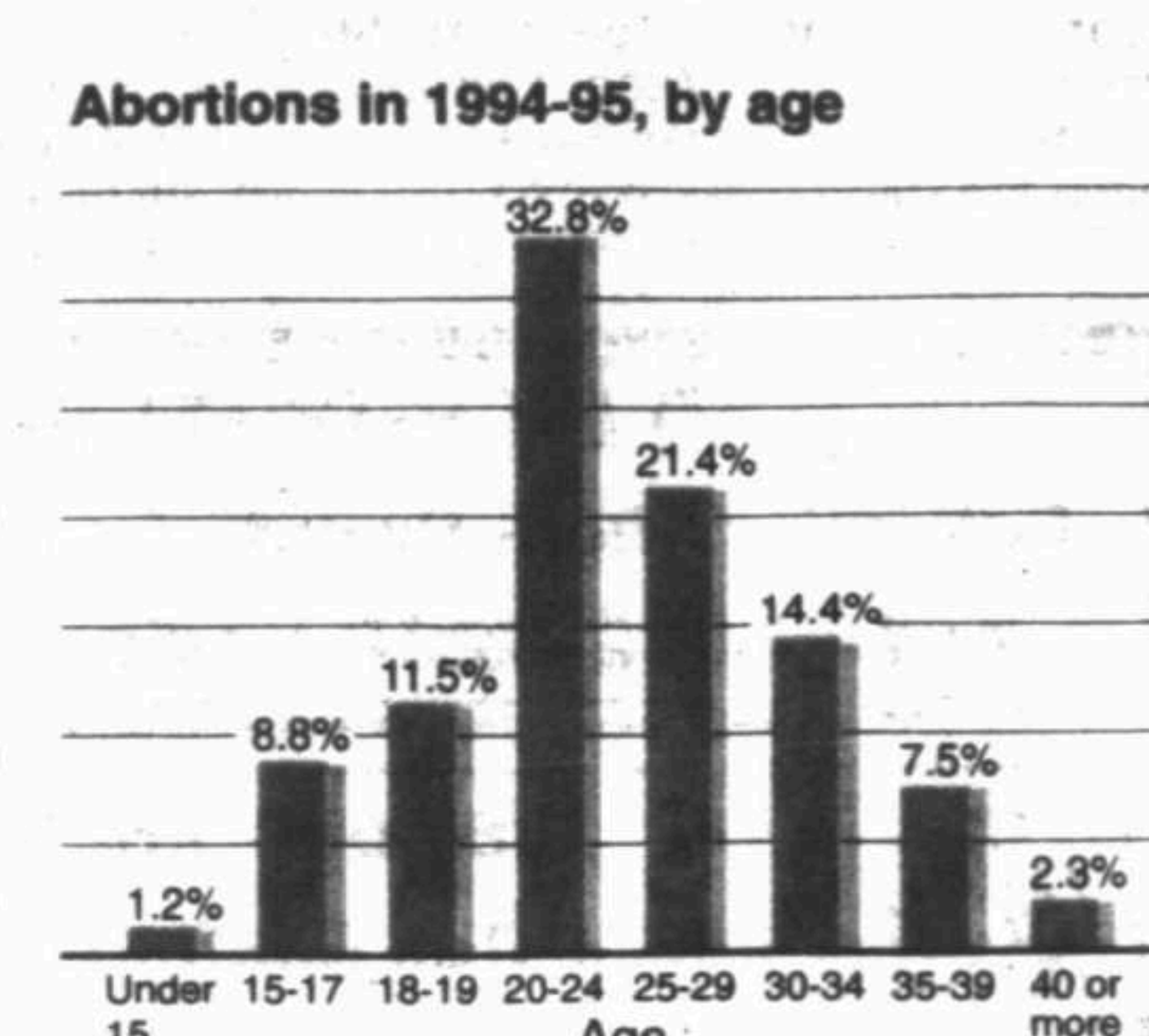
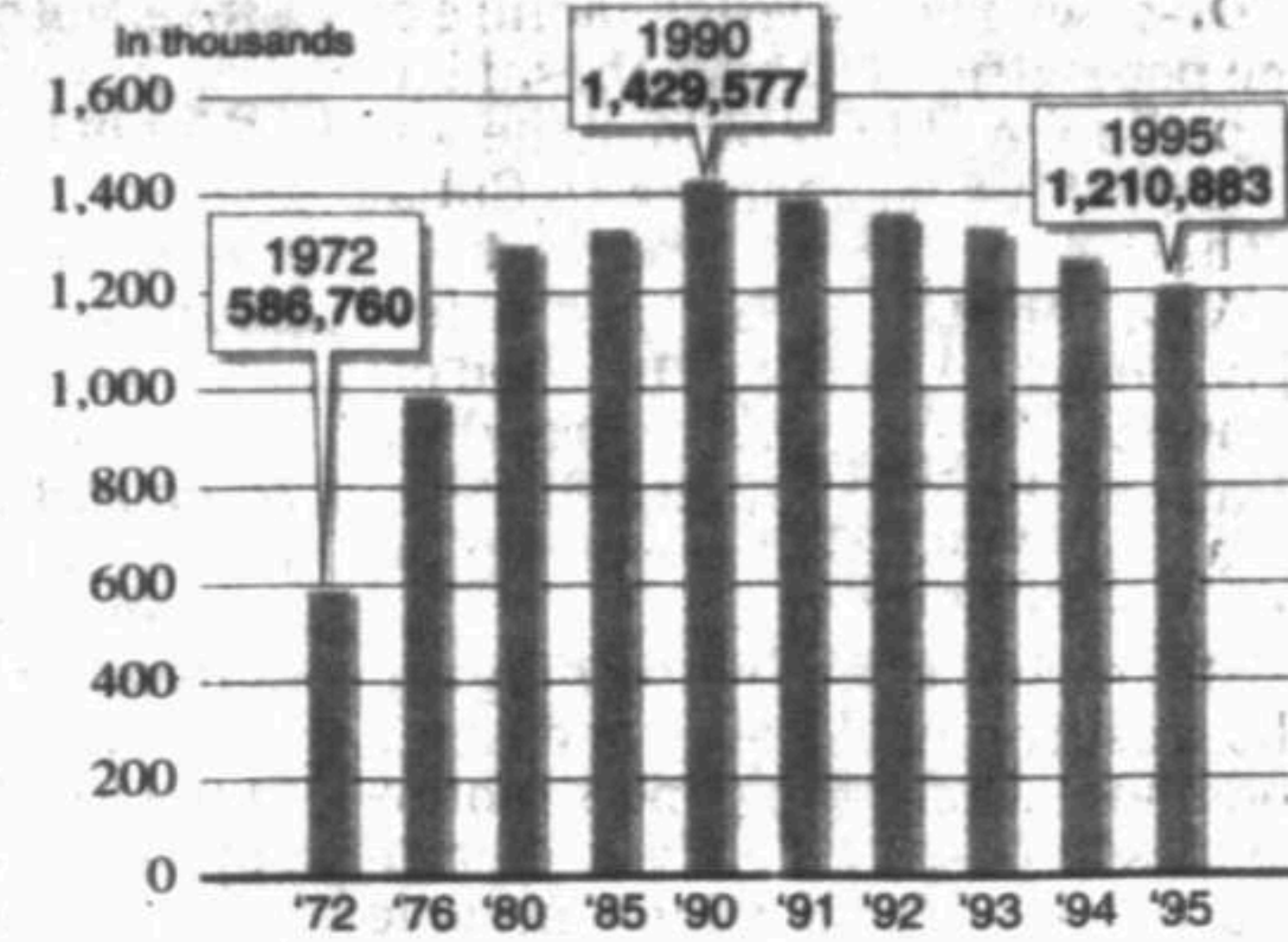
• 70 percent of women getting abortions are unmarried.

• 88 percent of abortions are performed in the first trimester.

Incidents

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Source: The Alan Guttmacher Institute; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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believe that the procedure should be a woman's personal choice. But the choice should not be without limits.

"Very minor fluctuations in public opinion," agrees Tom W. Smith, of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. "Americans are moderates, not ideological, on this," he says.

But Smith makes an important point: Even if they have a firm opinion, most Americans are not that worked up about abortion.

Year after year, surveys ask people to name the most important problem facing the country "and abortion almost never has gotten more than 2 percent and rarely even 1 percent," he said.

In the years before Roe, the government estimates that between 200,000 and 1.2 million abortions —

virtually all illegal, therefore hard to count — were performed every year in this country. Between 1973 and 1994, the Guttmacher Institute estimates, an average of 1.4 million abortions a year were performed. In recent years, both the number of abortions and the rate — the number per 1,000 women — have been tapering off.

Another startling statistic: better than a quarter of all pregnancies are terminated by abortions, Guttmacher says.

In the great political battle, neither side feels entirely comfortable. Though both can point to progress, neither side considers ultimate victory at hand.

Ask Mrs. Franz if her anti-abortion forces are winning, and she is cautious. "Until Roe is overturned, we won't really have won. There are some indications we are heading in that direction."

Sarah Weddington, who successfully argued the Roe case before the Supreme Court, answers the same question: "We don't have the momentum right now. It's against us." But later she adds that in her "heart of hearts," she doubts the decision will ever be overturned.

Both sides can cite some gains, some setbacks.

Anti-abortion groups can point to solid majorities in the House and Senate, which voted to outlaw certain late-term abortions. They hope to override President Clinton's veto this year. And they welcome the increased division on this issue within the Supreme Court.

The election of a Republican president and resignations that would create a few Supreme Court vacancies could spell the difference. But the court, in its rulings since Roe, has demonstrated its reluctance to overturn what Justice Stephen Breyer during his confirmation hearings called "settled law."

Abortion rights supporters can cite the court's last major decision on the matter, in 1992. Although that decision upheld some of Pennsylvania's attempts to regulate abortions, such as requiring doctors to provide clients with information about the fetus, the court also reaffirmed, 6-3, what it called the "essential holding" of the 7-2 Roe decision: "The woman has a right to choose to terminate or continue her pregnancy before viability."

Woman's abortion experience: No regrets, never again

By Lauran Neergaard

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Robin was 21 years old, struggling to raise a year-old daughter and nearing a breakup with her live-in boyfriend when she unexpectedly got pregnant and chose an abortion.

"I just knew I couldn't raise two children alone," she recalls. "It wasn't an easy choice. But it was a choice I felt I needed to make, and I do not regret it."

A year later, Robin was pregnant again. This time, she gave the baby girl up for adoption and had herself sterilized.

Her experience helps put a face on the statistics on abortion in America.

Some 1.2 million to 1.4 million abortions are performed every year in the United States; for every 1,000 live births, there are more than 300 abortions. Still, the nation's abortion rate is at its lowest in two decades as the number of unplanned pregnancies drops and aging baby boomers slowly lose their fertility.

Robin blames all three of her pregnancies on contraceptive failures. The Spokane, Wash., woman told her story on condition that only her first name be used.

Her first pregnancy came when Robin was 19 and living with her fiancé.

"I was very adamant: If I was pregnant and engaged, then I was keeping this baby," Robin says. "There wasn't a question."

After a difficult pregnancy, Robin delivered a healthy baby girl. By then, her engagement had begun to sour, and soon the wedding was off. She says she probably skipped some birth control pills, although her ex-fiance hadn't yet moved out. Her daughter was 1 when she discovered she was pregnant again.

"I wasn't capable of being a mother to two

Years since Roe vs. Wade

1973 — On Jan. 22, the same day it announces Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court votes 7-2 in Doe vs. Bolton to invalidate provisions of a Georgia law that required abortions to be performed in hospitals, required a woman to secure the approval of three physicians before obtaining an abortion and required the woman to be a resident of the state in which the abortion is performed.

1981 — The Supreme Court rules in Bellotti vs. Baird that a pregnant minor can petition a court for permission to have an abortion without parental notification.

1989 — The Supreme Court, ruling in Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services, gives states significant rights to regulate abortion.

1992 — The Supreme Court reaffirms in Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania vs. Casey a woman's right to end preg-

nancy in early stages and makes it clear a total ban on abortion would be found unconstitutional.

March 10, 1993 — Dr. David Gunn is shot to death outside a clinic in Pensacola, Fla., becoming the first U.S. doctor killed during an anti-abortion demonstration. Michael Griffin is convicted and is serving a life sentence.

Aug. 19, 1993 — Dr. George Tiller is shot in the arms as he drives out of the parking lot at his clinic in Wichita, Kan. Rachelle "Shelley" Shannon is convicted and is serving a life sentence.

April 1996 — President Clinton vetoes HR 1833, saying the legislation should include a provision to allow the abortion procedure if needed to protect a woman's health as well as her life. Congress fails to override the veto.

July 23, 1994 — Dr. John Bayard Britton and his bodyguard, James H. Barrett, are slain outside a clinic in Pensacola, Fla. Paul J. Hill, 40, a former minister and anti-abortion activist, is convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

Nov. 8, 1994 — Dr. Garson Romalis, who performs abortions in Vancouver, Canada, is shot in the leg while eating breakfast at home.

Dec. 30, 1994 — John Salvi walks into two Boston-area abortion clinics with a rifle and opens fire, killing two receptionists and wounding five others. Sentenced to life in prison without parole, Salvi kills himself in prison on Nov. 29, 1996.

Dec. 1995 — The 104th Congress passes HR 1833, a bill to outlaw a specific type of abortion. The procedure is called a "partial-birth abortion" by Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla.

April 1996 — President Clinton vetoes HR 1833, saying the legislation should include a provision to allow the abortion procedure if needed to protect a woman's health as well as her life. Congress fails to override the veto.

Jan. 16, 1997 — Two bomb blasts an hour apart rock an Atlanta building containing an abortion clinic. Six people are injured. The clinic is left in ruins and the blast blows out windows across the street.

children, and my daughter was here first," Robin says.

She made an appointment at an abortion clinic during her first trimester. The procedure was quick but she recalls a "horrible experience with a dream while under the anesthesia. I was spinning, twisting."

Her third pregnancy occurred when her ex-fiance returned for a visit.

"I remembered that dream," she says. "It was a sign I wasn't going to do that (an abortion) again."

So Robin arranged an adoption. When her 2-year-old questioned her growing size, Robin explained, "This baby is a gift for someone." After the adoption, Robin had her tubes tied. "I said, 'no more babies ever.'"

She has since told her daughter, now 14, her full story.

"I wanted her to know that I'm just a normal, everyday person, and these things happen to good people," Robin said. If the teen were to get pregnant, "I want her to know she has three options ... and it's her choice."

QUESTIONS: There was no word on substance of Clinton's testimony

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tor."

She was deposed for 13 hours over two days last fall.

There was no official word on the substance of Clinton's testimony and attorneys on both sides insisted they would abide by U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright's gag order. Sources spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

A source familiar with Clinton's preparation for the session said in advance that the president did not recall "anything about her" and "barely remembered anything about the (May 1991) conference" at which the incident allegedly occurred. Such accounts of his testimony were consistent with earlier public assertions that Clinton had no recollection of Mrs. Jones or any alleged encounter.

In a dark business suit and accompanied by attorney Robert Bennett, Clinton was whisked by motorcade the 1 1/2 blocks between the White House and Bennett's law offices.

Mrs. Jones and her husband arrived via Highland Cab, car No. 50.

Havoc reigned as camera crews jumped atop cars and roughly butted the Jones party. Susan

Cubans hope papal visit will line their empty pockets

HAVANA (AP) — Workers scurry to fix potholes along Havana's streets, television trucks snarl traffic around hotels, and beneath the image of famed revolutionary Che Guevara, an altar rises where Pope John Paul II will celebrate Mass for hundreds of thousands of Cubans.

President Fidel Castro says the pope's visit this week will make Cuba "the center of world attention." And with 3,000 personnel from foreign news organizations — including U.S. network news anchors — flocking to the Caribbean island for the visit, few would dispute him.

In the streets of the capital Saturday, many ordinary Cubans said they hoped the visit would drop a few more dollars into their empty pockets.

"This is going to resolve a lot of problems," suggested Larazo Diaz

Suarez, who stood by his pedicab trying to flag down tourists near the famed Florida restaurant in downtown Havana.

Diaz, who had a small picture of the pope affixed to his cab, said he hoped John Paul would somehow bring a bit more money to Cuba.

"There's little work," he said. With the papal visit just a few days away, streets are blocked off around downtown's sprawling Plaza of the Revolution, where an altar and bleachers are rising for the pope's Jan. 25 Mass.

Steamrollers are smoothing out the freshly paved Paseo and Linea avenues, where the pope's motorcade will pass. A new video camera mounted on a telephone pole scans traffic on a street near the residence where the pope will stay.

The greatest chaos so far has been created by journalists.

Trucks laden with vast crates of

television equipment have caused traffic jams of 1957 Chevys, 1948 Hudsons and rusted Russian Ladas on streets flanking the Havana Libre Hotel, where Cuban authorities have set up a press center.

Yet in many parts of the capital, there is little evidence of the pope's impending visit. Some of the city's churches were adorned with banners welcoming the pope, but few of the posters that were distributed by church officials to promote the visit were on display.

"You see some posters on the houses, but that's about it," said Staffan Hemra, a 29-year-old tourist from Stockholm, Sweden, eating a snack in front of the 120-year-old Inglaterra Hotel facing Havana's Central Park.

The quaint Florida, where Ernest Hemingway liked to quietly sip his daiquiris, is clogged with tourists taking advantage of Janu-

ary's weather, typically some of Cuba's best. Many of the visitors are from Canada, Argentina and Italy. They down drinks mass-produced in Hemingway's memory, check their watches and rush out to the fleet of 11 tour buses parked outside.

Because of security concerns during the papal visit, Americans need special visas to enter Cuba. Some would-be American tourists have been turned away at Havana's airport and sent back to Mexico over the past week. Usually, Cuba allows U.S. citizens to

enter easily with visas they can pick up at travel agencies outside America.

Cuba may be the only place in the world where it's difficult to find a papal souvenir four days before a papal visit — and not because they've sold out.

"I made a portrait of the pope in front of a Cuban flag, but nobody bought it," said Fernando Hernandez, who sells knickknacks bearing the image of Che Guevara and wind chimes made of sea shells at a market in Old Havana.

"Things could get better" as

papal tourists arrive this week, he said. But he worried that visitors might not spend money "because they are coming to see the pope" rather than to tour Cuba.

Hernandez and scores of other vendors were moved out of the small plaza in front of Havana's main cathedral in Old Havana last week to prepare for a papal visit there. Painters at the market's new site nearby displayed dozens of canvases of Guevara, Hemingway and well-endowed nude women — but nary a one of the pope on Saturday.

Social pressures rising in Asia's economic crisis

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Asia's economic crisis has cast a pall over Indonesia and other Southeast Asian countries once famous for their booming prosperity. Years of gloom seem likely for millions of people, raising the specter of civil unrest as jobs disappear and prices soar.

Labor leaders estimate that between 1 million and 2 million jobs will disappear in Thailand alone, the first Southeast Asian nation hit last July by the devastating currency collapse that has spread over the region.

In an effort to protect jobs for its own people, Malaysia is ready to expel 1 million foreigners who, until a few months ago, were needed to fill a yawning labor shortage.

Asia's woes have spilled into the Philippines as well. But the boom arrived late there, and so far the bust has not been as severe.

As Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia brace for labor unrest, corporate failures, inflation and unemployment, the pain of government budget austerity and recession appears most threatening in Indonesia — the world's fourth most populous nation.

For weeks, Indonesians have been expecting trouble in the streets after the frightening 70 percent drop in the value of their currency, the rupiah.

Panic-buying of food broke out in early January after one spectacular fall in the rupiah, and police threatened to charge hoarders with sedition.

The army and police, well trained and experienced in riot control in enforcing the authoritarian rule of President Suharto, have repeatedly stated they will react quickly if violence breaks out.

Unemployment is expected to rise to more than 6 million by the end of the year, and prices are climbing. Shortages of food have also been caused by a prolonged drought that has devastated rice harvests over the past few months.

Newspapers are full of sad stories about rising hardship. Last Tuesday, the Jakarta Post reported that a woman killed herself after her husband lost his job as a van driver.

That same day, food price increases sparked riots in three towns on the main island of Java. Shops and supermarkets were attacked and ransacked before riot police and soldiers arrived.

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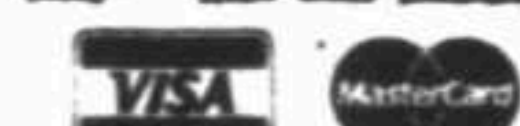


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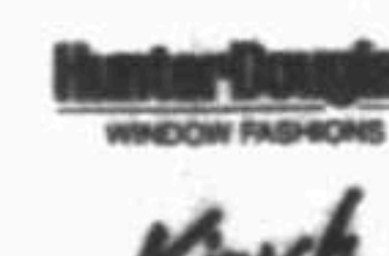
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Serbia mourns victims of explosion at state-run coal mine

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Angry over an explosion that killed 29 coal miners in Serbia, a local mayor criticized federal officials Saturday for ignoring primitive and unsafe conditions in the country's mines.

The powerful blast ripped through a state-run mine Friday night in Sokobanja, about 110 miles south of the capital, Belgrade. Nineteen miners also were injured in the explosion, while dozens were forced to crawl to safety through suffocating smoke and dust.

"All we heard was a loud boom and then a force swept me away," Belgrade's BK television quoted miner Ljubinko Jovanovic as saying from his hospital bed. "When I came to, I was still choking."

The Serbian Interior Ministry announced that it had issued arrest warrants for four mining officials on charges they had committed "acts against public safety." It did not, however, reveal any findings so far from an investigation into the explosion.

Zoran Zivkovic, the mayor of southern Serbia's largest town, Nis, accused the federal govern-



Nurses attend to a coal miner who was seriously injured in a blast at Sokobanja, about 110 miles south of the capital, Belgrade, Saturday. Twenty nine miners were killed and 19 were injured in the blast.

ment of negligence. "The miners have had no option but to pay for this with the highest price — their lives," he told The Associated Press.

Sokobanja miners — many of

whom were among the 76 caught underground by the blast — went on strike last year to protest outdated equipment and poor working conditions, Zivkovic said. He added that a mine technician had

been sacked shortly after warning of potential accidents.

The state-run news agency Tanjug reported that the explosion was caused by a gust of methane, a naturally occurring colorless and odorless gas that seeps out of coal seams. Methane can build up easily in poorly ventilated mine shafts and a spark can ignite it.

The burst of gas caught fire 80 yards underground, overwhelming the group of miners working the nightshift.

All coal mines are legally obligated to have methane-signaling equipment and alarm systems, said Mile Paripovic, a mining engineer from eastern Serbia's Bor copper mine.

Svetozar Krstic, a Serbian state official, was quoted by Belgrade Radio as saying that one of the most sophisticated detection devices available had been installed in the Sokobanja mine last year.

Rescue teams pulled out the 19 injured by midnight, while 28 miners, uninjured and close to the exit, were able to scramble out on their own. No one was injured seriously.

"A huge cloud of dust blocked our way," miner Ivica Alkovic told Yugoslav state television, his voice trembling as he recalled the panic. "I couldn't help any of my mates, although I tried."

Sokobanja, a town of 8,500 residents, is surrounded by one of the

heaviest mining regions in southern Serbia. Like others in the nation, its mine has old equipment, scant safety measures and almost medieval working conditions.

A total of 20 miners were killed in methane gas explosions in Sokobanja in 1974 and 1975.

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Arafat rejects Israeli bids to keep most of West Bank

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Just days before key talks with President Clinton, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Saturday denounced Israel's claim that it must retain most of the West Bank for its own security.

"How can we accept it?" Arafat asked reporters, referring to proposals under consideration by the Israeli Cabinet that would leave at least 50 percent of the West Bank in Israeli hands.

Palestinians now control about 27 percent of the West Bank, including most of its Arab population centers. The Palestinians insist Israel carry out three troop pullbacks Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised a year ago in a U.S.-brokered accord, and say Israel can keep no more than 9 percent of the territory.

Netanyahu wants to combine the three pullouts into one, holding out the possibility of a smaller withdrawal and ultimately influencing

the final borders agreed to.

He also has said he is no longer bound by the withdrawal timetable because the Palestinians have not fulfilled their promise to crack down on Islamic militants.

Clinton is to meet with Netanyahu on Tuesday and Arafat on Thursday.

Last week, Netanyahu's Cabinet laid down 12 pages of demands, most dealing with security, that Palestinians would have to meet before an Israeli pullback.

The Palestinians have brushed off the demands as a ploy to deflect pressure from Israel and freeze the peace process.

The United States has said Israeli plans for ceding land to the Palestinians should be "credible," but did not specify an amount.

Palestinian officials speaking on condition of anonymity have said U.S. officials were pressing Israel to agree to a 12 to 15 percent withdrawal.

Arafat said the success of the talks hinge on "how Netanyahu is willing to deal with President Clinton, and how President Clinton will react to this new Israeli plan."

The Palestinian leader repeated that he hoped Clinton would press Netanyahu to fulfill provisions already agreed to by Israel "in a precise and honest way."

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Jobless protesters gain public sympathy, shake French government

PARIS (AP) — After more than a month of sit-ins at welfare offices, city halls and other public buildings, jobless protesters got another boost when students helped them occupy two schools for France's best and brightest.

The protesters, a small corps of militants, have slowly but steadily gained the public's sympathy and have already helped bump down Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin's popularity ratings.

But it remains to be seen whether the movement will cause him real political problems.

Thousands marched Saturday in cities around France to press for an increase of \$250 in minimum monthly aid for the jobless. In Paris, organizers claimed they had exceeded their goal of 10,000

demonstrators, but police estimates said they fell just short.

Still, less than a thousand protesters showed up in Marseille, where support for the jobless has been strongest.

Communist-led groups backed the demonstrations; but two of the country's three largest trade unions said Friday they planned to sit out the protests.

The occupied Paris schools — hotbeds of the May 1968 rebellion that nearly brought down Charles de Gaulle — were quickly cordoned off by police to keep the protests under control.

Disgruntled college students and workers demanding change in French society took to the streets repeatedly in 1968, clashing with police, rattling the nation and nearly forcing de Gaulle to resign

as president.

"It's got the atmosphere of '68 again, with the students and all," said Bernard Trellu, a 54-year-old former bank clerk who was standing inside the courtyard of the occupied Ecole Normale Supérieure on Thursday.

That college and the Institut des Etudes Politiques, which was occupied Friday, have produced many of France's leaders.

Jospin is trying to reduce France's 12.4 percent unemployment rate while struggling to hold down the budget deficit to qualify for the European Union's common currency, the euro.

A poll taken seven months into Jospin's premiership indicated an end to his honeymoon, his once-lofty approval level sliding six more points to 51 percent of those

surveyed. Another survey said 70 percent of the French supported the protesters.

Trellu has been out of a job for 18 months — among the one-third of France's unemployed who have been unable to find work for more than a year. He wants a "sharing of the wealth" in the form of higher benefits for the unemployed. He holds out little hope for retraining programs.

"Our future is ambiguous, perhaps jobless," said Jean-Pierre, 22, a philosophy student who helped occupy the "Normale Sup." He refused to give his last name for fear of retribution.

Jospin, who has managed to hold together his governing coalition with the Greens and Communist Party, has offered only limited emergency aid to the unem-

ployed. He is asking for more time to allow his policies to produce jobs.

His proposal to cut the work week to 35 hours in hopes of creating a need for more workers will be considered later this month in the National Assembly, and his youth jobs programs have only begun.

In his belt-tightening budget, Jospin allowed the minimum welfare payment to rise just 1.1 percent, to about \$400, for France's poorest, which includes many of the unemployed.

Conservative President Jacques Chirac and free-market liberals oppose Jospin's approach to job creation. They want a cut in heavy employment taxes and a loosening of work rules to give businesses more flexibility.

Meanwhile, the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation, the industrialized world's think tank, sides with Jospin's approach.

Economist John M. Evans cites an OECD study that argues that French benefits are a disincentive to work because they are often nearly as much as wages.

The French National Association of Employers promises to fight the 35-hour work week to the end, saying it will increase employers' costs and reduce their competitiveness in the world market. Under the plan, workers will be paid for 35 hours worth of work instead of 40.

Political insiders predict Jospin will strike a deal allowing flexibility in the hours law in exchange for loosening workplace rules.

Fighting for Cambodian royalist base intensifies

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Cambodian troops engaged in fierce battles with rebels in that country's northern jungle Saturday in some of the most intense fighting in recent weeks, a Thai officer said.

Three Thai soldiers were wounded in the clashes when shells strayed across the border, the senior Thai officer said Saturday. Thai troops returned fire.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said fighting around the resistance base of O'Smach over the past three days has been the heaviest since December.

Cambodian leader Hun Sen has been trying to crush the rebels at O'Smach since August, but so far has failed. The rebels are loyal to Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the co-prime minister Hun Sen deposed in a bloody July coup.

Hun Sen has deployed thousands of tank-backed soldiers in an offensive against the base in northern Cambodia, but the few hundred defenders are well dug-in on hilltops ringed by mines.

The Thai officer said that in the past three days, 129 artillery, mortar and tank rounds fell inside Thai territory from fighting in Cambodia, forcing Thai border troops to fire back 102 artillery rounds.

Thirty artillery rounds landed inside Thailand Saturday, with heavy fighting reported before noon but later subsiding. Three Thai soldiers were reported injured. Casualties on the Cambodian side were not known.

The fighting coincides with a European Union grant to Hun Sen of \$11.5 million to organize elections in July. Neither Ranariddh's return from exile nor a cease-fire were pre-conditions.

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Saddam threatens to stop cooperating with U.N. unless sanctions lifted

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Adding a threat to the standoff in Iraq, President Saddam Hussein vowed Saturday to suspend cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors if the United Nations doesn't lift tough economic sanctions within the next four months.

The chief U.N. inspector, en route to Baghdad to persuade Iraq to grant inspectors entry to all sites, responded with a warning of his own.

"We must have the access we require. Otherwise, there is going to be nothing but further sanctions," Richard Butler said during a stop in the Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain.

The U.N. Security Council ordered Iraq to dismantle its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs as a condition

for ending the 1991 Persian Gulf War. U.N. officials have reported progress in the nuclear and chemical areas, but suspect Iraq is holding back significant information on biological weapons. The inspectors' job is to determine whether that is true.

In November, Iraq's National Assembly, which takes its cue from the leadership, recommended suspending ties if the inspectors don't finish their disarmament activities before May 20.

In a televised speech marking the seventh anniversary of the Gulf War, Saddam said that if the inspections are not over by that time, he will follow the lawmakers' recommendation.

Iraq is ready to "bear the responsibilities for such a posi-

tion," he said.

"There is no way and no alternative to that course," said the Iraqi president, dressed in a green military uniform.

In Washington, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Saddam is "tightening the noose around himself," by not letting the inspection team go forward, almost as if saying "O.K., you caught me."

"They must have been close to something on whether biological or chemical weapons were used on prisoners," Albright told The Associated Press.

The United Nations pulled all its inspectors out of the country in November after Iraq expelled the American members of the monitoring teams. The three-week crisis was resolved in a

Russian-brokered deal.

Butler said Saddam's latest threat was nothing new.

"I noticed that he repeated what was said last November when that crisis occurred," Butler said, "but we are in a very serious moment now."

Relations between Iraq and the United Nations have been particularly tense in recent days, following Iraq's decision to bar an American-led U.N. team from inspecting sites. Iraq maintained the group included too many Americans and Britons. Other U.N. weapons inspection teams have continued their work in Iraq.

The team led by American Scott Ritter left Friday, in what U.N. officials characterized as a scheduled departure not a sur-

render to Iraqi pressure.

In his 55-minute speech Saturday, Saddam criticized the United States for its "aggressive policies toward Iraq" and described Washington as "an arrogant, blind power which sees nothing but its narrow interests."

He urged the Clinton administration to reconsider its policies toward Iraq and bring about an end to the sanctions.

"They should not be disillusioned again that they can achieve now what they have failed to achieve by means of deception and intimidation through military means because they have already tested that on more than one occasion," he said.

Iraq has long been concerned by what it believes is Washington's determination to keep sanc-

tions in place even after Iraq has complied with the U.N. resolutions on disarmament.

Saddam said Iraq did not fear military threats and that Baghdad was "impregnable." He also appealed to other Arab countries to support Iraq in its efforts to lift the U.N. sanctions.

Butler, meanwhile, was expected to travel Monday to Baghdad to seek full U.N. access to all sites and missing information on weapons programs, and to press for a long-term monitoring system, said Gustavo Zlauvnen, Butler's political adviser.

Butler said: "I earnestly hope that on Monday and Tuesday in Baghdad we find solutions to these problems."

Administration debates easing ban on arms sales to China

N.Y. Times News Service

BEIJING — On the eve of his departure for Asia last week, Defense Secretary William Cohen pressed the Clinton administration to let a U.S. arms maker sell spare parts to China, despite a ban on sales of military equipment imposed after the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989, administration officials say.

Cohen did not advocate a general lifting of the sanctions, the officials said, but rather suggested making an exception in the case of Sikorsky Aircraft of Stratford, Conn., the maker of Black Hawk helicopters.

Sikorsky, which sold 24 unarmed Black Hawks to China's military in 1984, has been lobbying the administration to allow it to sell China replacement engines and other parts, arguing that these should no longer be considered military equipment prohibited by the Tiananmen sanctions.

In internal discussions leading up to Cohen's three-and-a-half-day visit to China, which began Saturday evening, the administration rejected the idea as premature, and Cohen agreed to support that decision, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officials said, though, that the administration was considering ways to improve relations with China, and that easing the sanctions was among them. That raised the prospect that at least some of the sanctions could be lifted, possibly in time for President Clinton's visit to China later this year, although officials emphasized that no decisions had been reached.

One official said a decision at this time to lift, even slightly, the sanctions on any equipment that would be used by the Chinese army would provoke too great an outcry on Capitol Hill and elsewhere, and overshadow whatever benefits the United States received in exchange.

"That's a whole lot of heat to take for some spare parts," the official said.

Cohen declined through his spokesman, Kenneth H. Bacon, to talk about his discussion of the sanctions, saying the administration's internal deliberations should remain private.

In an interview with reporters during his 12-day tour of Asia, Cohen said China had to do more to improve human rights, among other things, before the United States could lift any sanctions. But he also made it clear that the sanctions, now nearly a decade old, would not go on indefinitely.

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President seeks votes for youth anti-smoking initiative

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Armed with documents showing R.J. Reynolds tried to lure 13- and 14-year-old smokers, President Clinton told the Republican-led Congress Saturday he will "sit down with them anytime, anywhere" to work out tough anti-tobacco legislation.

"This is not about politics. This is not about money. It is about our children," the president said in his weekly radio address.

"The 1998 Congress should be remembered as the Congress that passed comprehensive tobacco legislation, not the Congress that passed up this historic opportunity to protect our children and our future."

He said he wants strong bipartisan legislation to cut teen smoking and financially penalize tobacco companies that don't comply; to give the Food and Drug Administration full authority to regulate tobacco products as a drug; to protect tobacco farmers from devastating income loss; and to expand medical research, smoking cessation programs and efforts cutting secondhand smoke.

"If Congress sends me a bill that mandates those steps, I will sign it," Clinton said. "Our administration will sit down with them anytime, anywhere to work out bipartisan legislation."

"Reducing teen smoking has always been America's bottom line," he said. "But to make it the tobacco industry's bottom

line, we have to have legislation."

The budget plan he will submit to Congress next month will make specific recommendations on "how much the tobacco industry should pay (in penalties) and how we can best use those funds to protect the public health and our children," Clinton promised.

His address came two days after the release on Capitol Hill of secret memos showing that R.J. Reynolds, the nation's second-largest cigarette producer and marketer, developed and sustained beginning in the 1970s a direct advertising appeal to young smokers — teens as young as 13 — that resulted in the hip Joe Camel campaign and even a special brand aimed at boys.

Reading from the Reynolds documents, Clinton quoted a 1970s line that he said he found startling: "Our strategy becomes clear: direct advertising appeal to younger smokers" who represent "tomorrow's cigarette business."

"To those who would endanger our children, young people are not the future of the tobacco industry," Clinton said. "And we must take immediate, decisive action to protect them."

The president's broadcast was taped Friday, in advance of his Saturday morning deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

Debate rages over standards for side-impact collisions

DETROIT (AP) — American automakers are trying to adapt a European standard for protecting passengers in side-impact crashes, while safety groups say the industry should use regulations based on the larger vehicles typically found in this country.

"What we need is a much tougher standard to take into account side impacts from sport utility vehicles," Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the Washington-based Center for Auto Safety, said Saturday.

American and foreign automakers petitioned federal authorities last month to abandon the American side-impact standard in favor of the European regulations.

American adoption of the European standard would make it easier and cheaper for automakers to design and build cars that are similar in the two markets. The New York Times reported Saturday.

However, the Center for Auto Safety and the Public Citizen contend that neither American nor European standards are sufficient because they fail to account for collisions in which cars are struck by larger vehicles including sport

utilities, minivans and pickups.

Both standards are based on tests in which a car is struck in the side by a simulated vehicle moving at a set speed.

The American test simulates a crash by a mid-sized sedan traveling at 33.5 mph. The European test simulates a lighter subcompact car traveling at a slightly slower speed, Ditlow said.

The safety groups contend that neither test takes into account the larger weight and dimensions of light trucks.

However, Brian O'Neill, president of the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety, said his group supports the industry petition in favor of the European standard.

"The European (test) is superior," O'Neill said Saturday. The institute represents insurance agencies looking to reduce the cost of accident claims.

The underlying object of the test should be to see what happens when a vehicle's door is driven into an occupant, which is more accurately portrayed by the smaller simulated vehicle in the European test, O'Neill said.

Larger simulated vehicles tend

to push the whole vehicles, rather than collapse the target vehicle's door inward, he said.

"Obviously, in the real world, many side impact collisions are not perfectly perpendicular," he said. The smaller European simulated vehicle "actually penetrates into the door of the car more and causes more potential problems" that automakers must

address.

The American Automobile Manufacturers Association agrees.

As long as the federal government has not established side-impact standards for light trucks, the European standard is a step forward in the safety process and can always be tightened, said Barry Felrice, the association's director of regulatory affairs.

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Forensics professor questions death of former FBI director

WASHINGTON (AP) — A university professor of forensic science, suspecting foul play in J. Edgar Hoover's death, has been granted access to the District of Columbia medical examiner's records to reinvestigate how the former FBI director died.

George Washington University professor James Starrs believes the records may clarify the circumstances around Hoover's 1972 death, which was attributed officially to a heart attack. No autopsy was performed.

Starrs says nothing in Hoover's medical history would suggest he was a candidate for a heart attack. Without an autopsy, other causes of death are still open, he said.

"Everything thus far indicates there was nothing of sufficient medical history to write this off as a heart attack," Starrs said Saturday in a telephone interview. "Hoover had numerous enemies from all walks of life, the man's life was marked for death by all kinds of people."

Hoover's death will be the subject of a panel at the upcoming American Academy of Forensic Science meeting on Feb. 13 in San Francisco, Calif. Starrs will join experts such as renowned forensic pathologist Dr. Michael Baden, a witness in the O.J. Simpson case, and handwriting expert Dr. Duayne Dillon, who examined papers believed to belong to John F. Kennedy.

Starrs says his longheld interest in the Hoover case has been compounded by various suspicious details people have reported through the years.

One theory suggests that burglars on the Hoover premises might have poisoned his toiletries, which could have triggered a heart attack, Starrs said. According to another report, a neighbor saw someone moving a body back to the house the day of the death, Starrs said.

While the professor is not advancing any views on a motive or suspect, he notes that there were plenty of people who might have wanted Hoover dead.

"The main suggestion was that it was part of the Watergate scene in the '70s," Starrs said.

Starrs already has obtained some FBI records on Hoover, which he will use to compare notes with the medical examiner papers. He is particularly interested in details such as when the funeral home embalmed the body and who the doctor was that Hoover had an appointment with the day of his death.

"This is not a cold fishing expedition," he said. "I know what I am looking for."

The various experts at next month's meeting will consider whether Hoover could have been poisoned, as well as whether there were any signs of a heart condition in Hoover's profile. A former federal prosecutor will listen to the collected material at the event and determine whether there is enough evidence to form a case. The former prosecutor's opinion, however, will have no official weight.

Starrs says he and other skeptics will not call for the exhumation of the body until they have amassed enough proof to warrant it.

"I'm conscious of the fact that the public thinks there are a group of people who are grave robbers," Starrs said. "We have to do significant investigation to prove the merit for an exhumation."

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Renewed friction seems certain after GOP's abortion decision

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — After an all-out lobbying campaign by chairman Jim Nicholson, there was no doubt the Republican National Committee would reject a "partial-birth" abortion litmus test for GOP candidates.

Friday night's decision was a grudging one, however, and the subject seems certain to cause continued friction inside an anti-abortion party trying to protect still-young majorities in both houses of Congress as well as impressive gains elsewhere.

"We are a pro-life party, and we shouldn't be ashamed of it," Besty DeVos of Michigan told fellow RNC members. The assurance was in remarks designed to help head off the drive to deny campaign funds to candidates who won't support a ban on certain late-term abortions.

She then addressed Republicans who support Brooks Firestone, a GOP moderate outpolled last week by conservative Tom Bordonaro in a California con-

gressional primary in which "partial-birth" abortion was an issue.

"Put your money where your mouth is and write checks to Mr. Bordonaro to win this election," she said, referring to a runoff scheduled for March.

Next, she turned her attention to New Jersey's GOP Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, who vetoed her state legislature's ban on "partial-birth" abortions.

"I challenge her and suggest that she consider changing her position on partial-birth abortion practices and support the ban," DeVos said. Her listeners applauded.

The driving force behind the funds-cut-off effort, Tim Lambert of Texas, suggested the tension could eventually produce a revolt by the rank and file against members of the RNC itself.

"I think there will be consequences," he said. Members of the RNC have "been elected to their positions for years by telling their folks they are pro-life."

Abortion foes have long felt shortchanged within the GOP, which relies heavily on donors who espouse more moderate views on social issues than the rank and file. Ironically, as former Rep. Vin Weber of Minnesota said as the debate unfolded, "Most of those pro-choice dollars are used to elect pro-lifers."

Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, an ardent abortion foe whom Nicholson enlisted to help dissuade RNC members from imposing a litmus test, sought to validate the misgivings of those who feel the issue isn't given enough prominence.

"We were inept, we were timid in our last two presidential campaigns" and merely gave lip service to the issue, he said.

But on purely practical grounds, he argued, those who favor imposing conditions on financial help for Republican candidates are making the wrong fight.

Without its majority in Congress, Hyde said, "we won't have power to bring pro-life legisla-

tion" to the floor of either House. "The worst thing you can do for the pro-life cause is lose our majority," he said.

Ironically, the latest flare-up in a long-running internal struggle arose at a time when the GOP had succeeded on placing Democrats on the defensive over abortion after having been depicted as extremists for a long time.

Since taking power three years ago, Republicans have brought legislation to the floor of Congress to curtail abortion rights incrementally — restrictions embedded within the new program of children's health care; a prohibition on overseas abortion lobbying by recipients of federal funds; the ban on "partial-birth" abortions.

Broader assaults, including proposed constitutional amend-

ments to ban abortions outright, have largely been left in committee.

Republicans have used "partial-birth" abortions, in particular, to drive a wedge between some Democrats and their traditional supporters among abortion-rights groups. Increasingly, these Democrats have been unwilling to vote against a partial ban on late-term abortions, a measure that enjoys overwhelming support in public polling. Last year alone, three Senate Democrats abandoned their opposition and swung behind the latest version of the bill, including the party's Senate leader, Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

GOP congressional leaders have been holding in reserve an override attempt of President Clinton's most recent veto, to be brought out to achieve maximum political gain in the 1998 elections.

"The country is focused on President Clinton vetoing the partial-birth abortion bill," Speaker Newt Gingrich told RNC members on Friday.

"Our focus should be on why is he stopping this legislative ban of an inappropriate act rather than allowing the news media to have a field day trying to divide us."

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Records show meat plants operate despite violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meat and poultry plants almost always were allowed to continue operating even after federal inspectors issued multiple citations for serious violations of sanitation and contamination rules, a published report says.

Cox Newspapers, in a story for Sunday's editions, said a computer database of 1996 Agriculture Department inspection records, obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, showed 138,593 "critical" citations. Those are infractions considered certain to sicken consumers if the food were to have been distributed.

While most of the nation's 6,400 processing plants had only a handful of violations, 299 had 100 or more critical citations, and seven plants topped 1,000 or more, the records showed.

The precise nature of the violations was not detailed, but they can include such infractions as bacterial contamination and sale of carcasses that were dropped on the floor.

A Tyson Foods Inc. plant in Waldron, Ark., that the Agriculture Department shut down last week was permitted to continue operating through 1996 despite 1,753 critical violations, the nation's worst record. In 1997, the Waldron plant had 4,100 violations, but not all were critical, department officials said.

There was no estimate of how often unsafe products from these plants reach consumers. A top department official said Friday the citations are aimed at preventing that from happening by getting rid of any bad product and stopping individual production lines until problems are fixed.

"This is an indication that the inspectors were doing their jobs," said Thomas J. Billy, administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service.

After one night in her building, she's not happy

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Inspired by a movie, a judge sentenced a landlady to live in the building where her tenants have endured without heat, hot water and electricity.

City Court Judge JoAnn Friia said she hopes the sentence will prod 71-year-old Florence Nyemitei into bringing her apartment building up to snuff.

"She wouldn't want to freeze," the judge said. "She wouldn't want to sit in the dark."

Mrs. Nyemitei pleaded guilty in December to six violations at the building and was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine and put \$15,000 in an escrow account for repairs.

She did neither.

Earlier this month, the heating and hot water system failed. And because Mrs. Nyemitei hadn't paid the electric bill, power was cut off to common areas of the building and residents resorted to stringing Christmas lights through the hallways so they could find their way.

On Wednesday, Friia fined Mrs. Nyemitei \$10,000 and ordered her to spend at least four nights a week in the building for the next 60 days.

The judge said she was inspired by the 1991 movie "The Super," in which Joe Pesci played a landlord sentenced to live in his own building.

"I wanted her to get a taste of her own medicine. Putting her in jail would be fruitless," Friia said.

On Friday, one night into her sentence, Mrs. Nyemitei wasn't happy and said she considered her own building a jail.

"It's not fair to put me in prison at this time of my life," she said in the nearly empty two-bedroom apartment where she is doing her time. The kitchen and bathroom were decrepit, though other rooms had been recently redone.

"At least she'll have to suffer like the rest of us," said Miguel Casas, who has lived in the building for 32 years.

In addition, rules in effect in 1996 essentially prevented the department from shutting down a plant unless evidence of a crime was found, Billy said. Under new rules, the number of plant closures rose from six in 1996 to 20 last year.

He added that the repeated violations demonstrate a need for the new meat and poultry inspection system taking effect Jan. 26 for the largest plants. It will be phased in for smaller processors through 2000.

Under the new regime, plants identify points where contamination is most likely and must keep detailed records of chronic production problems for inspectors to examine.

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Some critics say plants' operating despite repeated violations in the past raises misgivings about the industry's commitment to safety under the new system.

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'Sweet Auburn' Avenue coming back from decades of decline

ATLANTA (AP) — Huddled close on a cold, gray day along Auburn Avenue are layers of a family who have seen the rise and fall and rise of the fabled street where Martin Luther King Jr. was born.

Ruth Simmons grew up here during segregation, when the street bustled with black businesses. Her brother's granddaughter, Portia Scott, came of age during the civil rights movement, when desegregation brought near ruin. Another grandniece, Alexis Scott-Reeves, now works amid decaying buildings and construction sites that local leaders hope will become tourist attractions.

The three women point to King when reviewing the avenue's incarnations.

"Dr. King's legacy, if you will, is the paradox of Auburn Avenue. Desegregation, which we sorely needed, led to a fracturing of the community," Mrs. Scott-Reeves said. "What's happened has been good overall. But for dear Auburn Avenue, it's left a chink in its shiping armor."

Auburn Avenue was dubbed "Sweet Auburn" by early civil rights leader John Wesley Dobbs because of the opportunities it afforded blacks even under strict segregation laws.

"It was the yellow brick road for black dreamers in the South in the 1930s and '40s," said author Gary M. Pomerantz, whose book "Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn" chronicles Atlanta's racial, social and political history.

It was a place where blacks could own businesses, get a good education at nearby black colleges and prosper. It was a street that had something for everyone.

"You have to understand, there wasn't a lot of places for blacks in those days," Mrs. Simmons said.

"Once you hit Auburn Avenue, it was just like going home. People knew you and greeted you by your name. That was something, then."

The 2-mile long street offered black-owned nightclubs where such musical greats as Cab Calloway and Duke Ellington performed. There were big churches, fancy restaurants, clean hotels and a slew of shops, from beauty salons to clothing stores to funeral parlors.

"Auburn Avenue was a living lab for Martin Luther King Jr.'s dreams," said Dobbs' grandson, former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

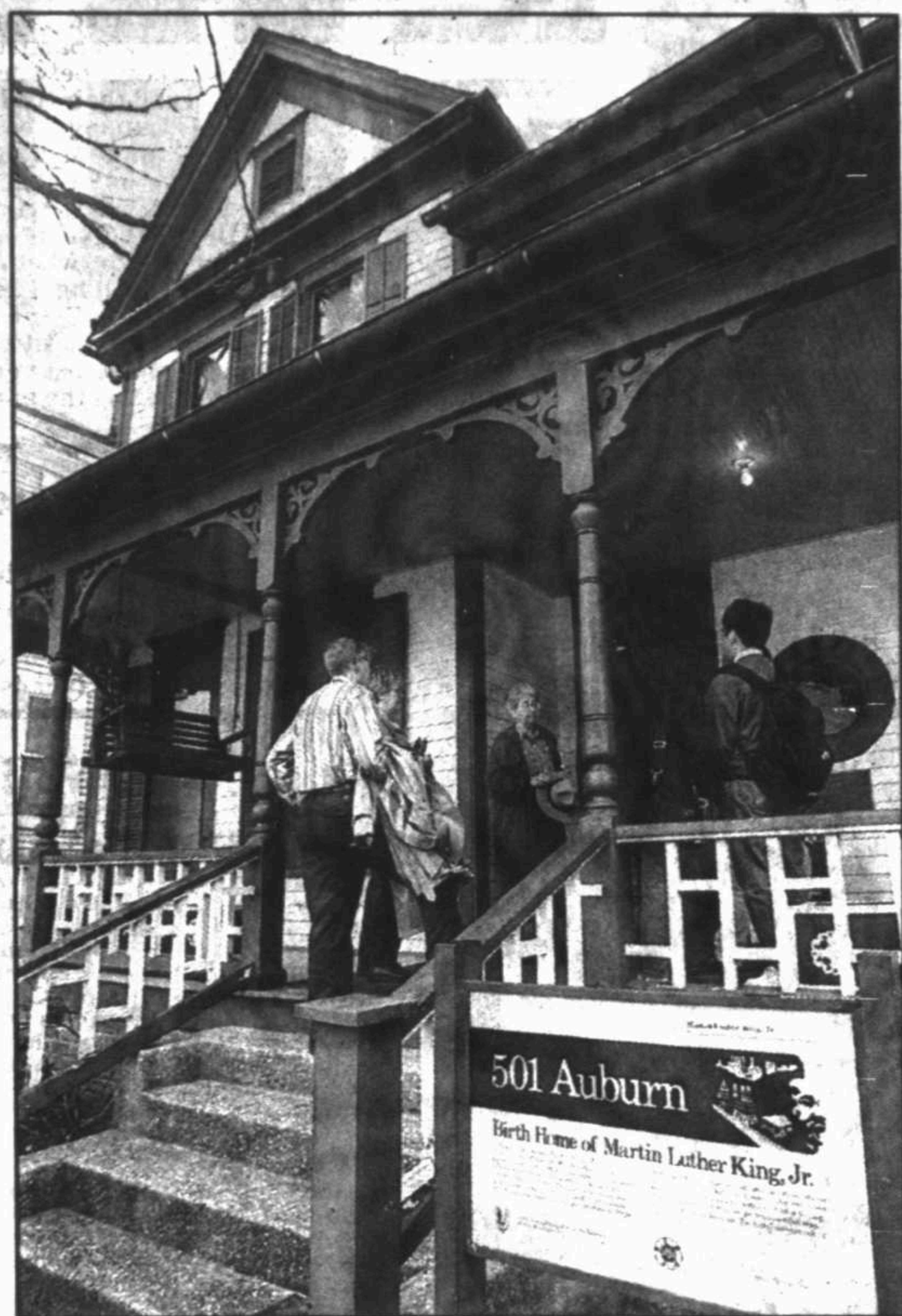
It wasn't until the 1960s that Auburn Avenue gained recognition among whites nationwide as King's birthplace and then as his final resting place.

That was also when the street began to decline.

"Black people were able to begin to move and work where they wanted to. They left Auburn Avenue," Ms. Scott said.

By the early 1970s, businesses were closing, old buildings were torn down and residents had all but disappeared. Although many former residents returned on Sundays for church, they stopped shopping there.

"It turned into a decaying memorial to a bygone era," Pomerantz said. "It was a necessary though regrettable price for freedom."



National Park Service tour guide Carol Ash, center, leads a group of visitors on a tour of the Martin Luther King Jr. birthplace on Auburn Ave. in Atlanta. The house was built in 1895, and purchased by Dr. King's maternal grandfather, Dr. A.D. Williams in 1909.

As businesses closed, Jackson devised a revitalization plan, which tried to lure people back to the neighborhood by promoting its historic vitality and its access to downtown shopping. But for a time, Auburn Avenue was seen as too far gone to be worth the risk.

"You've got to change attitudes about investing in black neighborhoods," Jackson said. "It's beginning to catch on."

In the 1980s, remaining business owners thought that construction of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change around King's birthplace and his tomb would bolster renewal.

Although they are the city's most popular attractions, they are nothing but a quick stop and visitors don't linger.

"The King legacy is one that is geared toward a different market — the tourist market," said Timothy Crimmins, an urban history professor at Georgia State University. "Somehow spinning off of that is the key for Auburn Avenue."

The King family declined to be interviewed for this article, but Mrs. Simmons recalls King standing on the steps of the Atlanta Daily World newspaper building, debating with her brother, publisher C.A. Scott, about the avenue's future.

"The greatness of Sweet Auburn

was the people. King stood on the shoulders of all these men who worked down here," she said.

Mrs. Scott-Reeves recently returned to work on the avenue as publisher of the Daily World. Once the largest black daily in the country, the paper now publishes only twice a week and is struggling with a dropping circulation. Nevertheless, she sees her return as symbolizing a growing movement by blacks across the country to reinvest in their communities.

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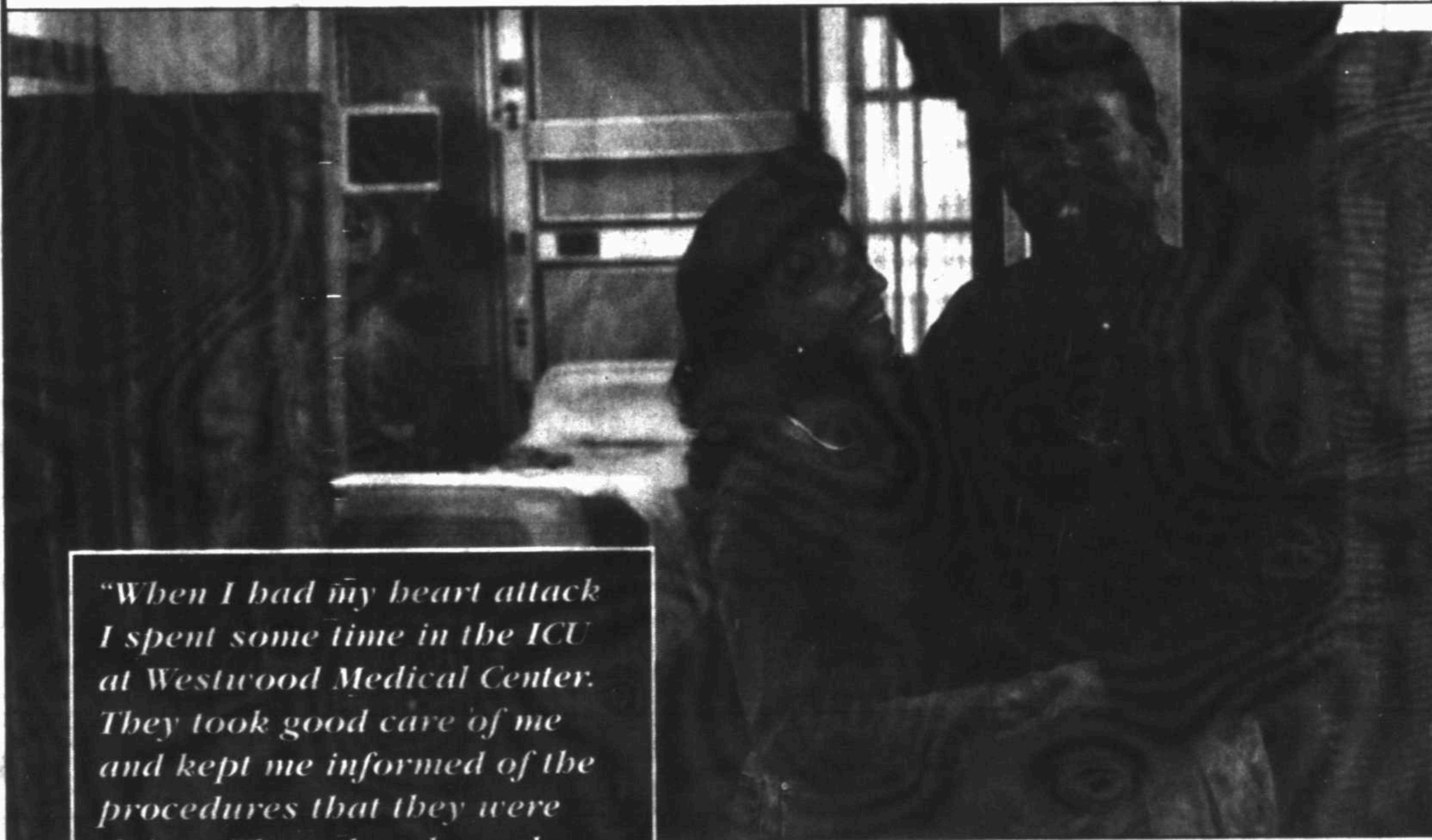
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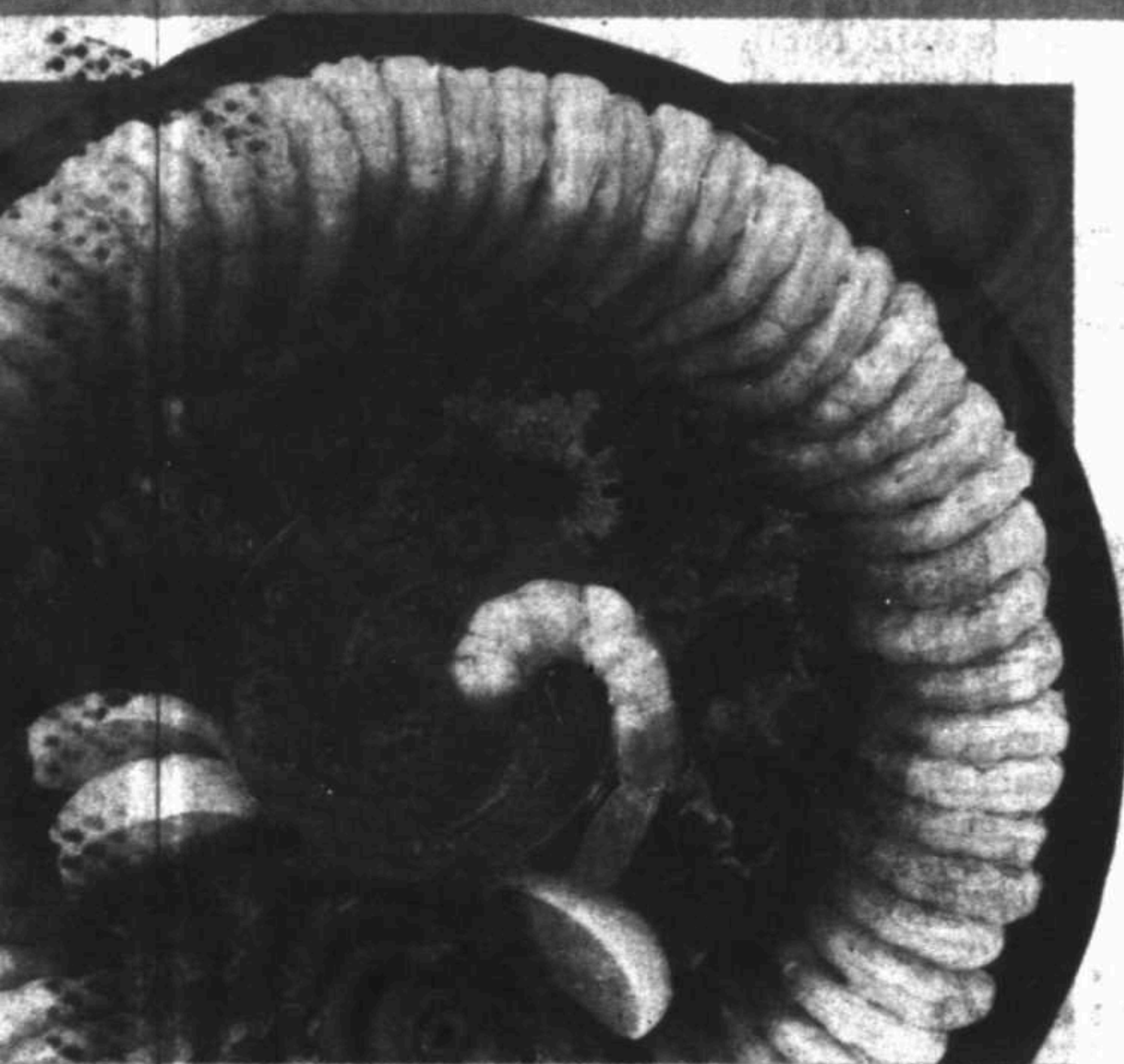


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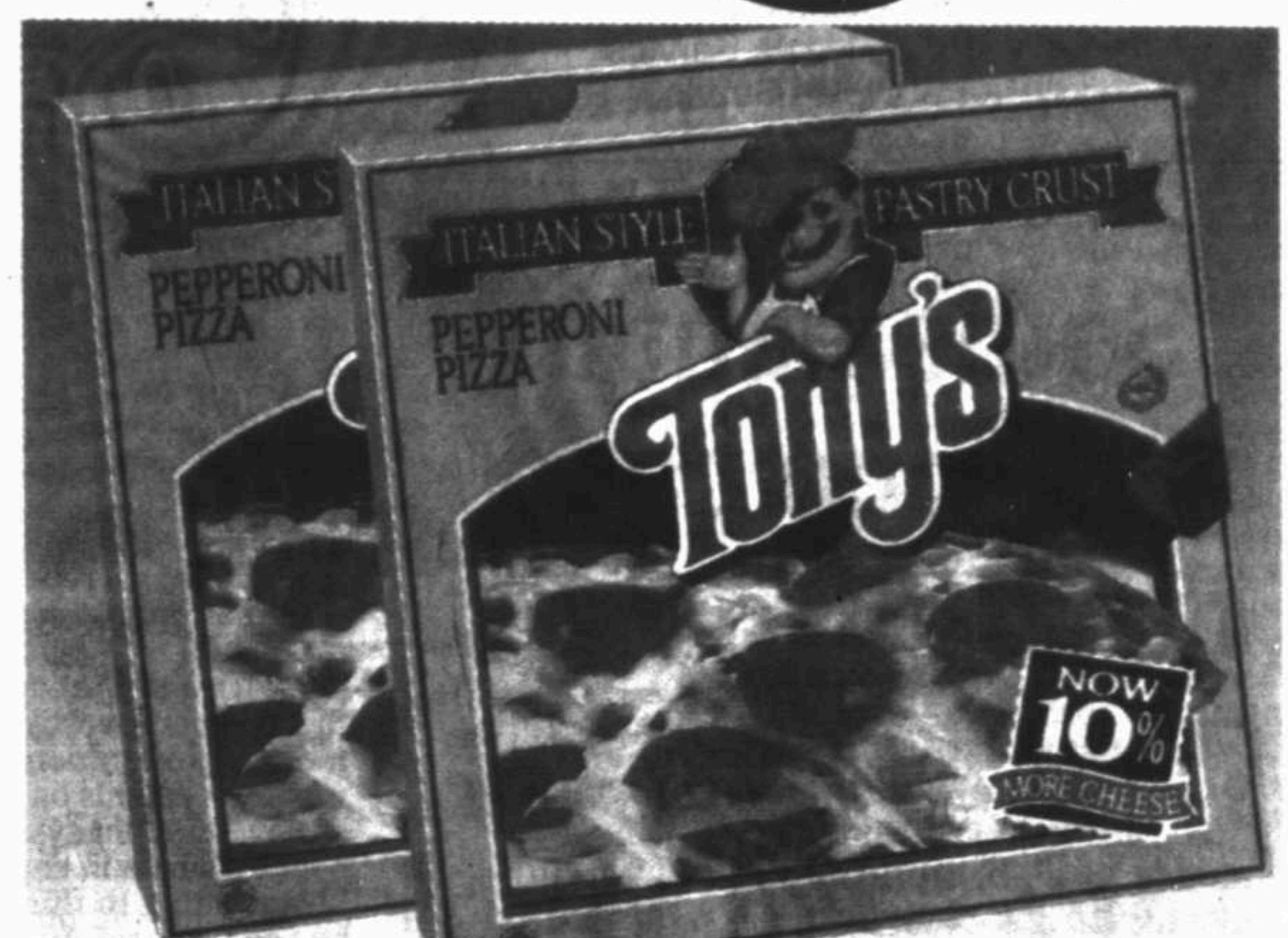
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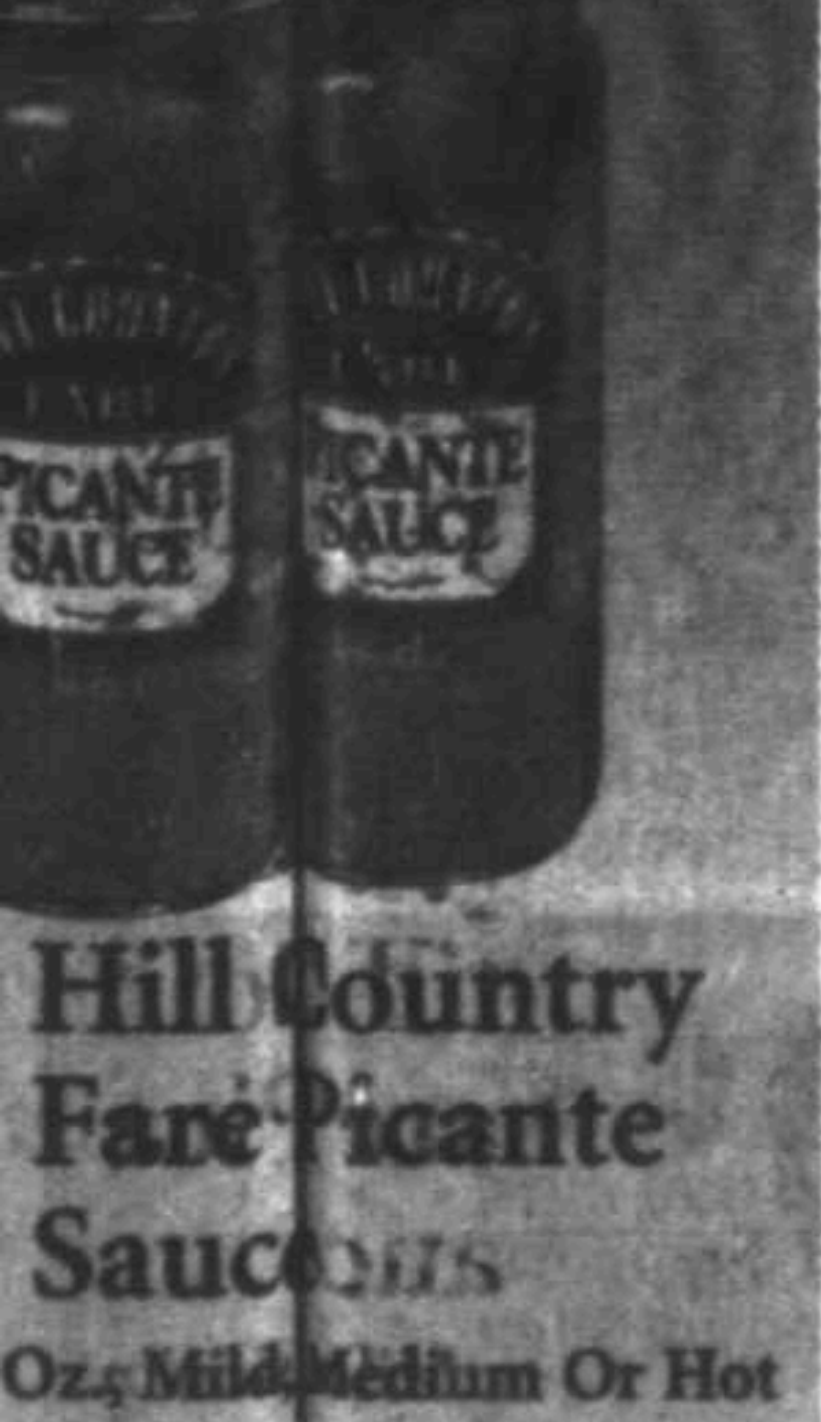


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Settlement in tobacco case good for Texas

The settlement reached by Texas in its lawsuit against the tobacco industry — essentially the same as the \$14.4 billion the industry negotiated with Florida and Mississippi last year, according to unidentified sources — has to be categorized as good for this state.

Had Texas waited for the \$13 billion it was supposed to get as part of a \$368.5 billion national settlement, Texas and Texans definitely would have lost money.

Following the settlement Thursday, White House spokesman Mike McCurry termed the Texas settlement "another indicator that tobacco companies will be held accountable and another reason why there should be federal legislation to pursue these issues on behalf of all Americans." Tobacco companies, he said, are "clearly on the run and they're on the run for good reason."

No sooner was the settlement announced than Texas officials began figuring out how to spend the windfall. Candidates were issuing news releases saying how they think the settlement money should be spent. Hold on!

We have to agree with Gov. George W. Bush who said, "I am concerned that the money is going to be pre-spent before those of us who have been elected have an option to decide what our priorities are in the state of Texas and where it should be directed."

Bush is correct in that regard. Furthermore, this state's leaders should not forget the high cost involved in treating smoking-related illnesses. It seems that the first priority should be making certain all such illnesses are properly treated.

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JACK ANDERSON

Government's anti-terrorism efforts lack coordination

WASHINGTON — There are few priorities as dear to the president of the United States as the need to prevent and deter terrorism. From the World Trade Center bombing in New York City, to the destruction of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, this administration has watched the unfolding of a new era of domestic terrorism. President Clinton, who's usually at his political best at times of tragedy, quickly promised that "fighting terrorism must be a top law enforcement and national security priority for the United States."



Anderson

In many ways, Clinton has made good on his promise. Security at federal buildings has been beefed up. Airports are safer today than they were a decade ago, and law enforcement agencies are devoting more resources to preventing a repeat of the Oklahoma City tragedy.

We can only wish that fighting terrorism were such a big deal to the budgetary numbers-crunchers at the Office of Management and Budget. According to a recent report by congressional investigators, the federal government doesn't have a clue how much money it spends on fighting terrorism each year — or how that money is spent. Even worse, we believe, nobody who's in charge really seems to care.

According to this report, prepared for Congress by the General Accounting Office, the "amount of federal funds being spent ... to combat terrorism is unknown and difficult to determine." Ever since it

was issued, however, the report has been shrugged off by the administration and ignored by the Washington press corps.

But reading it provides an unsettling glimpse into the muddled, half-hearted efforts that our government is making to prevent a repeat of the deadly terrorist attacks of the past few years. It found, among other things, that there's little coordination between the various agencies that are charged with combating this ever-present threat.

"Because governmentwide priorities for combating terrorism have not been established," the report reads, "there is no basis to have reasonable assurance that ... the highest priority requirements are being met, terrorism-related activities and capabilities are not unnecessarily duplicative or redundant, and funding gaps or misallocations have not occurred."

The report, which was reviewed by our associate Aaron Karp, is most critical of the Office of Management and Budget, an agency investigators say has failed in its responsibility to review federal anti-terrorism spending.

To ensure efficiency and unity among the federal agencies that work to combat terrorism, the GAO recommends that OMB conduct periodic "cross-cutting" reviews of the various agencies' budgets.

But OMB chief Franklin D. Raines, who's winning plaudits for helping to balance the federal budget for the first time in a generation, doesn't deem this to be worthy of his attention. In a letter to the GAO responding to their findings, Raines complained about the "theme" of the report and wrote that he didn't think they were "an accurate representation of the situation." In other words: Don't bother us with the facts; can't you see we're busy here.

The problem with the government's anti-terror-

ism efforts, as the report points out, isn't that nothing is being done. It's that the efforts involve dozens of agencies, departments and programs that often work completely independent of each other. But right now there's no way of finding out which programs are most effective, how much they cost, or if any of the programs overlap. That should be the job of the OMB, but the agency isn't exactly volunteering to help.

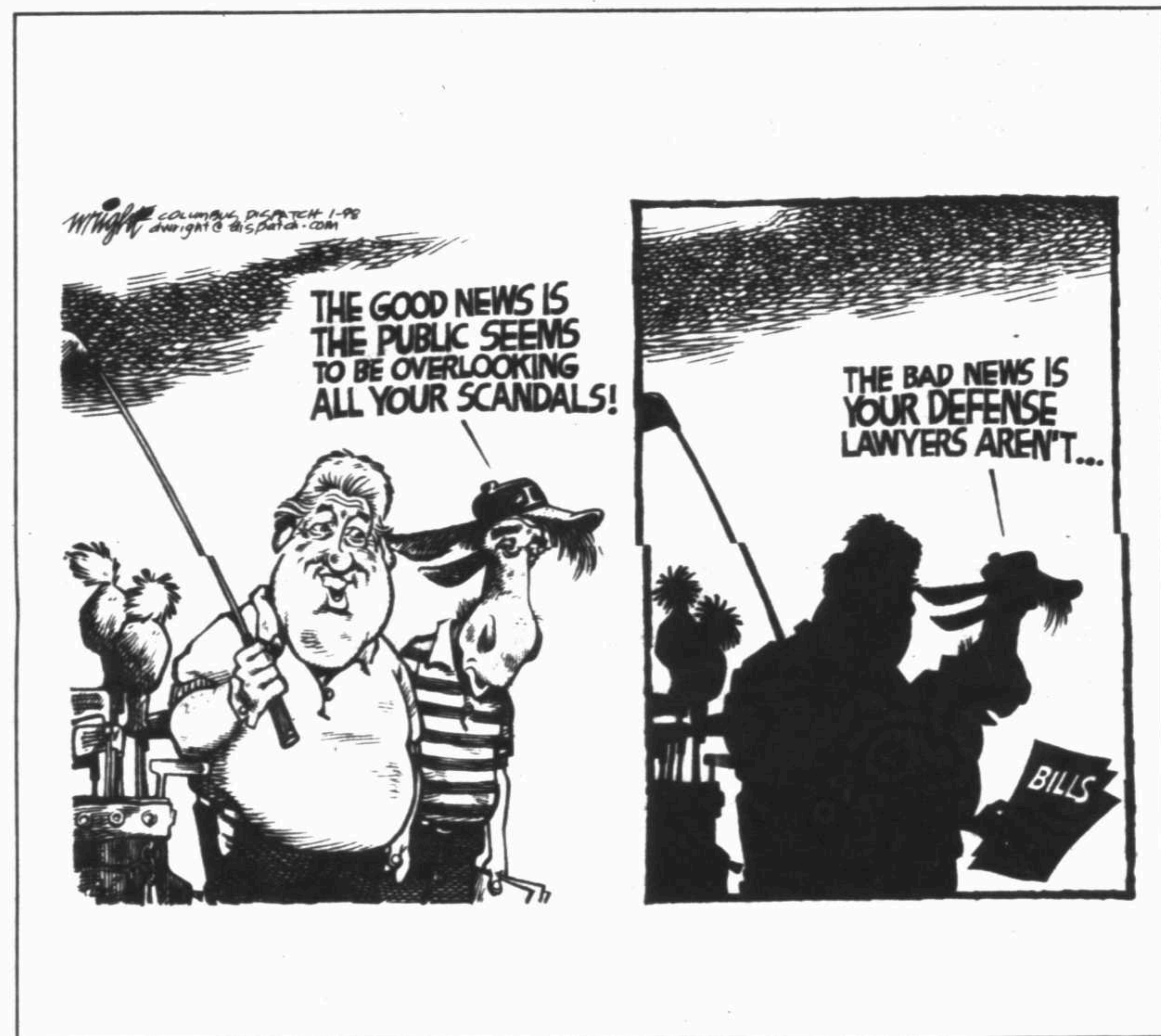
The budget folks may not be receptive, but the GAO has found an ally in the most unlikely of places: the Pentagon. The Department of Defense, which often finds itself skewered by the GAO's frequent audits of its activities, agrees with the agency's findings and would love to see better coordination brought to the anti-terrorism effort.

Assistant Secretary of Defense H. Allen Holmes, in a letter responding to the report, said "the GAO has properly identified a significant issue." Holmes noted that the Pentagon often has trouble getting reimbursed for the money it spends supporting counterterrorism efforts at other federal agencies.

What the GAO recommends — and the Pentagon supports — is a single, annual, "cross-cutting" review of all federal anti-terrorism spending. A once-a-year review would see to it that every agency and bureaucrat involved in fighting terrorism would know what's happening at other levels of government. It might help members of Congress allocate money and set better priorities, if that's what needs to be done.

Eventually, it might even save American lives, which is why we're spending all that money to begin with.

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



RUSSELL BAKER

Money has had dignity squeezed out of it

The excesses associated with Sodom and Gomorrah, the last days of Pompeii and the administration of Ulysses S. Grant are now visible in New York.

Nowhere is the grossness of the age more obvious or more loathsome than in New York's real-estate market. This isn't surprising. Real estate is to New York what the after-dinner orgy was to Rome.

Nothing lights a fire in the New York eye or makes New York blood pound faster than news of a real-estate desperado extracting the wealth of the Indies from some hapless customer. Nothing makes the New Yorker roar with pleasure more surely than a ghoulish tale of competing apartment hunters racing the undertaker over a threshold where the lone occupant of a decent apartment has just wheezed his last.

Such was the stuff that passed for Manhattan dinner conversation even in the not-so-good-old days before the new barbarianism burst out of Wall Street. Now that the gutters are awash in money, real-estate stories reflect a state of depravity too advanced to be expunged by a mere 40 days and 40 nights of rain.

Just last week The New York Times carried a story that must have repelled every civilized reader. That The Times was willing to print it testifies to the integrity with which the paper pursues its obligation to keep the public fully informed.

The subject was the rental price of Manhattan housing for the well-to-do. Disgusting though it be to read about, landlords are now charging \$25,000 a month for their fancier digs.

That's \$300,000 a year after taxes, which, in New York, can strip the conscientious citizen of nearly 50 percent of his paycheck. It is dizzying to go on. A \$300,000 rental requires \$600,000 in pre-tax earnings, and doesn't even yield equity.

That's not rent, it's a bank heist. What's more, the tenant still doesn't have any groceries, car insurance, tip money for the doorman, skis for the slopes at Aspen, or the scratch needed to put his youthful produce into Manhattan's private schools.

Public school would be madness. Once word got around the playground that the youngster's father

was paying \$300,000 in rent, somebody, possibly the principal, would be tempted to try his skill at kidnapping for ransom. Private schools know this, and charge accordingly.

But enough with arithmetic. We are talking obviously of people who have transcended normal humanity's money problems.

There have always been such fortunate souls, but except for buying Rembrandts and building castles in Newport they have generally hewn wisely to the theory that flaunting it is not only vulgar, but also bad economic policy.

Provoking the envy of the impecunious may bring churls into the streets with sticks and stones and — worse! — result in a hike in the tax rate on capital gains. Better to reassure the poor devils that money can't buy happiness.

The great bull market of the Clinton Age has done for conspicuous consumption what free agency has done for baseball players. It has made excess a way of life.

In some ways the worst of it is what has happened to money's reputation. Once, money was a thing to be respected. Now it's a trivial thing created with a piece of plastic at an ATM.

It's a blip on a computer screen, it's a meaningless tonnage of paper shipped to real-estate agents in boxcar lots. This is a terrible thing that has happened to Old Mister Money.

All the dignity has been squeezed out of him. Anyone nowadays who referred to the dollar as "the iron man" or praised something for being "sound as a dollar" would be considered a lunatic.

Can you still be corrupted by love of money now that money is no longer lovable, but only laughable, like the Ralph Bellamy character too laughable to get the girl?

The Times story on rentals reported that 60 properties each fetched over \$300,000 in rentals last year. One agent, Beatrice Ducrot, told of offering a rental on Central Park West at \$27,000 a month: nine rooms and a handful of terraces.

She had "people lined up, three or four deep ... it rented in a day. These tycoons do not just wait around," she observed.

Indeed, why should our tycoons wait around? Dawdle too long and angry Vesuvius may catch you disgracefully long on cash.

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

GEORGE WILL

Those opposed to killing 'almost-born' called intolerant

WASHINGTON — The Republican establishment, which has the prominence and utility of a figurehead, had a bad day Tuesday when voters spurned its anointed candidate in a California congressional race. Perhaps — this is just a guess — it was unwise to anoint a man particularly distinguishable from his Republican rival by his tolerance of a form of infanticide. This contest became a skirmish in the abortion wars, wherein the celebration of tolerance is the first refuge of the intolerant.

When Rep. Walter Capps of Santa Barbara, a Democrat, died, his widow entered the special election for his seat. So did two Republican state assemblymen, Tom Bordonaro, a conservative rancher of modest means, and Brooks Firestone, a liberal and wealthy winegrower. Predictably, but probably to the surprise of Speaker Gingrich and other prominent Republicans who endorsed Firestone, a crucial distinction between Bordonaro and Firestone was the former's support for, and the latter's opposition to, banning partial-birth abortion.

In Tuesday's election, Lois Capps finished first, as expected, but with less than 50 percent of the vote, so she will face a runoff with the second-place finisher, who is Bordonaro, even though Firestone outspent him at least 3-to-1. And even though the local affiliates of ABC, NBC and CBS banned certain independent ads on Bordonaro's behalf.

The ads concerned partial-birth abortion. They featured no shocking pictures of dead fetuses, pictures that depict the reality behind the vacuity of the word "choice." They featured words — truthful descriptions of a medical procedure at the center of a national debate. The manager of the ABC affiliate called the ads' language "pretty strident" and "stronger than we were comfortable with."

Well. One ad pictured a newborn, and said: "This baby was born just a few weeks early. Even at that age a partial-birth abortion can still be performed. This procedure starts with the entire body being delivered except for the head. An incision is then made into the skull and the brain removed."

But "ABC World News Tonight" described the procedure this way: "A living fetus is partially withdrawn from the womb, then the skull is vacuumed out." "NBC Nightly News" reported: "The fetus is pulled partially out of the birth canal, feet first. Then the skull is punctured, and the brains suctioned out."

The manager of NBC's affiliate said the banned ad was "a little too vivid, a little too graphic" and "pretty tough." See? The censorship was to protect little children, not to protect partial-birth abortions of little children.

Many people who call themselves "pro-choice" demand tolerance of the right to choose to kill almost-born babies, but are intolerant of the right to choose one's public school, to smoke, to own a gun, to rent your basement apartment to whom you chose, to drive a sport utility vehicle — or to broadcast a truthful description of one way of killing almost-born babies. Republican opponents of Republican supporters of partial-birth abortion are called intolerant.

Suppose the newly founded Republican Party had, in the name of tolerance, eschewed what today are disparaged as "litmus tests" and said that even slavery expansionists could expect party support. What would have been the point of founding such a party?

Given that the American Medical Association says there is "no identified situation" in which partial-birth abortion is necessary, it is reasonable to suspect that Republicans who support it do so partly because they consider the right to life movement generally disclasse. Reciprocated disdain is tolerable.

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



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ANOTHER VIEW

Davidow may face nation of uncertainty

If Jeffrey Davidow is confirmed as the next U.S. ambassador to Mexico, he will encounter a nation still reeling from the pre-Christmas massacre of 45 Indian peasants in Chiapas. Because he is an experienced State Department hand who knows Latin America, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee should move quickly to approve Mr. Davidow's expected nomination. ... Further delay would be foolish.

The new ambassador to Mexico will find that the killings in the village of Acteal have shaken that country to its core. Mexicans stand reminded that their social reality is profoundly mixed. Even as the ranks of the wealthy elite are expanding, and the fortunes of the middle class ebb and flow, Mexico remains home to many have-nots who are occasionally deprived not only of liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but life itself.

Fortunately, Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo acted decisively last week in dismissing Emilio Chuayffet, his hard-line interior minister. Though there has been no evidence that the Mexico City government played a direct role in the massacre, Mr. Chuayffet was expendable. He had come under intense criticism for taking a see-no-evil, hear-no-evil, speak-no-evil approach to the deadly impasse and for showing too little flexibility in other political situations.

— The Dallas Morning News

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Photo should have represented crowd

We would like to thank the Reporter-Telegram for its coverage of the visit to Midland of the Medjugorje visionary Ivan Dragicevic and his alleged message from the Virgin Mary. We feel that the newspaper owes its readers another, more-representative photograph of the Jan. 7 gathering at the Midland Center. Of the more than 1,500 people in attendance, only three people were on their feet, waving hands, etc. in a revival-like fashion. The only picture published with the article (besides a small insert of Ivan) was a close up of only those three people, conveying to many a false impression of and a disservice to the large, curious, respectful group of everyone else who attended.

Gary Elander

Foundation isn't connected to church

A recent article in the religion section of the Reporter-Telegram featured "La Promesa Foundation." The impression was given that "La Promesa Foundation" is somehow affiliated with the four Catholic parishes of the city of Midland, and especially with the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We want the people of Midland to clearly know that "La Promesa Foundation" and the Marian Peace Center have no official connection with either the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, or with the four Catholic parishes in Midland. They are totally independent organizations that happen to have a number of Catholics among their membership but no official church approval.

Nor is "La Promesa Foundation" like the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Knights of Columbus, which have been officially approved by the Catholic bishops of this country and with the pastors of several Catholic parishes in Midland.

The members of "La Promesa Foundation" have been invited by the bishop of the diocese and the pastors of Midland on a number of occasions to incorporate themselves more closely as individuals with the programs and ministries of the official church structures. They have been unable or unwilling to do so. The people of Midland and elsewhere need to keep this in mind when approached by the foundation for any reason.

Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI
Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo

Teachers deserve thank you for extra work

During the Christmas holidays,

in preparation for Pease Elementary renovations, the Pease staff spent tireless hours packing, unpacking and setting up classrooms so our children would have a smooth transition to their temporary campus at Travis Elementary. Why did they do it? Why did they go the extra mile? Why did they choose to spend time they could have spent with their families to prepare for this change? Was it because of the high salaries and stellar perks they receive? Or maybe it was so they could read another scathing editorial about some MISD issue with which they had little to do but still receive blame. Of course not. They did it because they value our children and are committed to helping each of them become the best they can be. My child's teachers, Virginia Cox and Martha Mills, went over and above the call of duty to insure that their students' instruction went ahead as if no move had taken place. These teachers, along with all the Pease staff, did not receive overtime pay or moving bonuses, but they do receive my heartfelt thanks. I hope all of us with students in these classes and other elementary schools affected by the renovation process will take time to say "Thank you."

Diana Leach

Oliver North has done disservice to country

I was disappointed to see that West Texans for Life has invited Oliver North to speak at a fundraising event here in Midland.

I have come to believe that North is a fraud. He has preyed on the patriotism and emotions of honest and well-meaning Americans in order to further his own selfish and personal economic interests. Ten years ago I attended a dinner in Midland honoring North, and made a donation to his Legal Defense Fund. I began receiving two or three letters a year from his organization, always deriding the liberals in government and always asking for money. When our government finally decided not to pursue its case against North, I thought that would lay the matter to rest. But that wasn't good enough for North. He wanted his good name completely cleared, and sought to raise another substantial sum to continue the battle, despite the fact that he knowingly participated in an illegal act and was getting off scot-free.

A 1991 form letter from North stated that he was considering accepting the leadership of an organization called The Freedom Alliance and asked for financial donations to his organization, despite the fact that he hadn't even decided to join its ranks. In 1992 North formed an organization called V-PAC, which mailed letters just two weeks before the 1992 elections asking for donations so that North could buy media time and "travel extensively to campaign" on behalf of conservative congress-



sional candidates. When North ran for the U.S. Senate in Virginia in 1994, I received two fundraising letters within a day of one another. The latter letter tried to cover up for the embarrassment of the duplication of effort, and an overnight delivery envelope was provided so supporters could rush a last second contribution to milk the American public for personal gain.

It is a shame to see someone like North given credibility by a worthwhile organization like West Texans for Life. In the final analysis, North has done a great disservice to his country and to those who at first trusted him.

Robert E. Landreth

Let's make sure every child is wanted child

Jan. 22 marks the silver anniversary of the landmark Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. It was a long-sought victory that first recognized a woman's constitutional right to choose abortion. What an achievement, we thought! Safe and legal abortion...the right to privacy...the ability to make a highly personal decision without government intrusion.

Who would have guessed, 25 years later, that we would continue to face challenges to our reproductive rights. A vocal minority have managed to turn abortion into a political issue, even though most Americans believe that abortion should be a personal and moral decision, not a political one.

Planned Parenthood does all that it can to prevent the need for abortion by striving to make family planning readily available and offering honest and responsible sex education. Our agenda is to take

Roe's values of child bearing by choice into the 21st century with a state-by-state and national strategy that includes service expansion and advocacy.

Let's look forward to increasing access to family planning and an end to the epidemic of teen pregnancies. Let's use our common sense and take the simple steps needed to ensure that every child is a wanted child.

Karen Pieper Hildebrand
President/CEO
Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc.

City Council is out of touch with Midlanders

What in the world will our City Council do to us next. After promising us that our new airport terminal building would be a beautiful monument reflecting our rich history and heritage, the council has now entered into a contract with yet another out-of-town company that will turn the terminal into a grotesque billboard by displaying commercial advertising! I feel that a public facility is not a proper place to place advertising, especially when the national trend is to do away with it. Remember Lady Bird Johnson's campaign to rid our highways of billboards?

According to the recent article in your newspaper, the proposed income from this venture will be only about \$30,000 per year. If the council were actually serious about making or saving money for the city, it would consider stopping the annual giveaway of taxpayer funds to the Chamber of Commerce (currently \$224,000) and eliminating the politically created and needless job of economic development officer — airport (currently paying \$49,992 plus

fringe benefits). Both of these issues are within council duties and responsibilities as outlined in the City Charter. I don't feel that this council is really concerned about the best interest of the city until these issues are addressed.

A real danger of the contract is that it gives the council authority to approve any advertising placed in the terminal building. Doesn't this open the door for cronies of council members to receive favorable consideration for purchasing advertising space, and what chance do you feel anyone with an opposing viewpoint will have?

Remember that this is the same council that is so out of touch with the citizens that they unanimously

ly and at great expense tried to hoodwink us into voting for a boondoggle "economic development" tax that would have annually ribbed citizens of a large amount of our money.

Thomas Dollahite

Few could match Anderson's drive

Commitment, integrity and energy are key attributes that qualify Dianne Anderson for the position of county judge. Mrs. Anderson researched the position requirements and responsibilities necessary for the position, and her business and community experience fit perfectly. She has a history of addressing the hard issues and choices with a focus that is admirable. She cares deeply about individuals and the community and has proven through her volunteer work that she will go the distance. Operating successful businesses will be an asset as she deals with the community; and her experience on the school board helped prepare her for budgeting and the fiscal responsibilities of the county judge. Mrs. Anderson is bilingual and a fiscal conservative. She will strive for the most efficient government possible and will address our growing juvenile crime.

Mrs. Anderson will make this position her central focus and devote 100 percent of her time to her county judge duties. Her energy and determination have no parallel. Please support her for this highly regarded position. She has capable, qualified and outstanding competition; but few can match her drive, her total commitment, her attention to details, her compassion, and her determination to do the very best job possible.

Andrew E. Reed

Our policy on letters

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

■ Letters must be signed and include a street address and daytime phone number for verification. Letters not including this information will not be considered for publication.

■ They should be no more than 350 words in length. While some lengthy letters are published, we reserve the right to edit when necessary due to space limitations. The briefer the letter, the better its chance of publication.

■ Only one letter per month per writer can be published.

■ Letters will be edited for length, taste and legal reasons

and are accepted only on that basis. Letters which are difficult to reduce in length will be returned to the writer to be edited before being re-submitted.

■ We do not publish "open" letters, copies of letters sent to others or multiple signatures.

Because we cannot research and verify all information in letters, by publishing them we neither imply nor guarantee the accuracy of information stated by writers.

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HISTORICAL MARKER

Adams was one of the more interesting characters who roamed Southwest

Editor's Note: Information for this article — the second of two parts — came from the files of the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library, the books "The XIT Ranch of Texas and the Early Days of the Llano Estacado" and "The Flamboyant Judge, James D. Hamlin," taped interviews with J. Evetts Haley, and interviews with Rosalind Kress Haley and Nancy McKinley.

By Bill Modisett

At 30 years of age J. Evetts Haley was a young but widely praised historian in 1931 when he went to court in Lubbock to defend the historical fact contained in his first book, "The XIT Ranch of Texas and the Early Days of the Llano Estacado."

The man on whom the libel trial could turn, Cabe Adams, was a grizzled 70-year-old whose pale blue eyes and scraggly mustache belied his reputation as a two-gun man and tough frontier fighter.

Haley and Adams had liked one another from the moment they met. Their experiences on the cattle ranges of the West gave them an innate understanding of the character of others.

So it may have been surprising to some observers as Haley and Adams were walking to the door of the courtroom in Lubbock that Haley admonished the old cowboy, "You know, Cabe, they're not going to let you in the courtroom wearing that pistol."

A long silence followed, as Adams turned the prospect over in his mind. Lubbock was a long way from the mountainous Sierra Madre country — the rugged land feature known as Olla del Diablo or the Devil's Hole — that Adams called home.

Then, without a word, Cabe unbuckled his gunbelt and handed the .45 to Haley.

It was a measure of how much Adams trusted the young historian. Without his trusty shooting

iron, Adams would be a walking dead man if any assassin was gunning for him.

Nine suits were filed against Haley, Hamlin and the Capitol Syndicate, but Fred Spikes insisted that his case be tried first. The trial was taking place in a courtroom at the Lubbock County Courthouse and in the June heat, windows had been raised to let in any breeze.

The trial had generated widespread interest and the courtroom was packed, with people even gathered outside the courthouse in an attempt to hear what was going on.

An article in the June 18, 1931, Reporter-Telegram noted the high interest in the case stating, "The courthouse is full and people are standing in the corridors and outside the building, trying to find out what they can."

Knowledgeable sources say that when Cabe Adams walked into the courtroom in Lubbock, three men scrambled to get out of the court by climbing out windows. Such was Adams' reputation as a two-gun man.

Over a period of five days, testimony was taken from 243 witnesses, some of it given by deposition. Essentially, the libel suits revolved around Haley's use of the word "outlaws" in referring to the Spikes gang.

Hamlin noted in his book "The Flamboyant Judge" that "In the book they were alleged to have been friendly with the Henry Hawkins' gang of outlaws who were terrorizing that section of the country at the turn of the century. This chapter gave, among other things, a vivid description of a fight between three of the Spikes brothers, John, Fred, and Dick, with a posse led by Vin Cissell at the foot of the Mesa Redonda. In the



J. Evetts Haley located the grave of his friend, Cabe Adams, in 1932 in the State of Sonora, Mexico. Adams had died while looking for his horses in the Sierra Madres.

fight John and Dick Spikes were killed outright and Fred Spikes seriously wounded as he fled the scene of battle. This engagement ended the career of the Spikes brothers in that part of New Mexico. Fred, after recovery from his wound, located in Lubbock County, while another brother Jeff, who was not present at the fight, moved back to Crosby County where he became a respected citizen.

Eventually the trial went to the jury and soon a verdict in favor of the defendants was returned. The verdict supported Haley's contention that the historical facts contained in his account were accurate. Attorneys for the plaintiffs almost immediately started talking about a settlement.

It was clear that merely by his appearance, Cabe Adams had

made a difference in the trial.

Haley and Hamlin were pleased, but they did not feel comfortable even after the verdict in the Fred Spikes case. Wrote Hamlin, "We were well supplied with favorable evidence, but realizing that we might not be so fortunate in other trials, especially where women of the family were plaintiffs, and knowing that we might be harassed by very expensive litigation for the next 10 or 15 years, we were glad to make a compromise settlement, paying the plaintiffs \$17,500 in consideration of all other pending suits being withdrawn, and an airtight agreement that they would never bring other suits against us."

Only 1,000 copies of the book had been printed in the initial printing, and none of those had been offered for sale to the public.

lic. Instead, they were placed in libraries and given as gifts by directors of the Capitol Syndicate.

Haley and Hamlin also agreed to refrain from issuing any more of the books, which they had no intention of doing anyway. Copies of the books still on hand in Chicago were destroyed.

Twenty-two years after the Spikes libel trial, "The XIT Ranch of Texas" was reissued by the University of Oklahoma Press, but without the material that had been at the center of the lawsuits. Then in 1976, the University of Oklahoma Press published the book again as part of its Western Frontier Library series.

The youngest of 11 children, Cabe was born Ichabod Adams on Dec. 29, 1862, the son of Ichabod or "Cabe" Adams and Annie Caroline Hooper Adams. His lineage was of Welsh extraction, the first American ancestor being John Adams who "is said to have come to this country from Wales during the first half of the eighteenth century, and to have settled in Maryland..." according to a genealogical history on file in the Haley Library.

One of his ancestors was Samuel Adams, a prominent lawyer and politician in Arkansas who served in the general assembly, as president of the state's Senate, state treasurer and became governor in 1844.

Cabe's father migrated to Texas, settling in Brown County where he engaged in cattle ranching and became a leader of the rough-riders and Indian fighters.

Following in his father's footsteps, the younger Cabe ranched in Montana, Arizona and Mexico, where his problems with the law stemming from a killing eventu-

ally sent him to prison. After parole, he headed for the Sierra Madres to live in peace a solitude.

That is where he returned following the Spikes trial.

About a year after the trial, wrote Hamlin, "Haley received a letter from the faithful young Indian, descendant of the Aztecs, a boy of sterling honesty and loyalty, a friend of Cabe's, who was keeping his cattle on the partido basis — a portion of the increase, advising Evetts that his dear friend Cabe Adams was dead."

"Haley then made a trip deep into the Sierra Madres, into Sonora, by pack and horse, to Cabe's cabin and stomping ground to look after his bequest and to find out the cause of Cabe's death."

On that July 1932 trip, Haley was accompanied by his brother, John Haley. They rode deep into Mexico, into the Yaqui Indian territory, and eventually reached Cabe's cabin.

There, Adams' Yaqui Indian friends told Haley that "Cabe had dropped dead from a heart attack while on a mountain side one morning looking for his horses."

Haley also received Cabe Adams' will in which Adams "willed Evetts his little herd of some 250 head of cattle which he was running on the open range in Mexico" and a couple of his guns.

On checking, Haley found that the cattle had already scattered and been taken into herds of nearby ranchers. He brought the firearms back to Texas and they are now on display in the Haley Library or in the possession of members of the Haley family.

Cabe Adams' death brought to an end the life of one of the more interesting characters who roamed the Southwest.

Small firm's employees stung by lost retirement money

N.Y. Times News Service

WESTBROOK, Conn. — After a lifetime of New England winters, June Bavin and her husband dreamed of buying a home in Savannah, Ga., where they could spend their retirement years close to their daughter.

Because her husband's employer offered no pension plan, Mrs. Bavin, 56, began investing the maximum permitted amount of her pay — 15 percent — in the 401(k) plan offered by her company, Emergi-Lite, a small manufacturer of emergency highway lights here. After 10 years, her plan was worth close to \$50,000, according to the last statement she received, in May 1997.

Last month, however, Mrs. Bavin, a customer service representative, and dozens of co-workers learned that most of their 401(k) savings, an estimated \$2 million, had been lost years ago by the investment firm managing the fund.

"My goal was to put as much money into this fund as I could," Mrs. Bavin said. "This was it. This was our retirement, and now it's gone."

Mrs. Bavin is one of 70 Emergi-

Lite employees, out of a total work force of about 300, whose 401(k) savings were lost in 1992 in a bad investment made by Gary Moore of Moore Benefits System of Granby, Conn., and West Palm Beach, Fla., according to Alan I. Scheer, a lawyer for Emergi-Lite. Scheer said that Moore reported the loss in a November letter to the company.

In the letter, Scheer said, Moore said he had lost about \$900,000 invested in insurance contracts with Executive Life of California, which went bankrupt.

The news comes at a particularly hard time for the employees, most of whom plan to leave the company when it closes its doors on Feb. 6 to relocate to South Carolina.

Neither company officials nor employees had reason to suspect mismanagement of the fund, Scheer said, adding that Moore had always paid out requests for withdrawals and loans.

Scheer said that Moore had stated in his letter that he had made these payments with employees' contributions to the fund. Meanwhile, he continued submitting quarterly reports that claimed the fund was steadily increasing.

"It appears now that those figures

were made up out of whole cloth," Scheer said. "He spent a tremendous amount of time calculating gains on money that was never there."

Moore did not return repeated phone calls to his Florida office; his lawyers in Hartford — Butler, Norris & Gold — declined to comment. All that is left in the company's 401(k) plan, Scheer said, is about \$150,000, which has been frozen pending a federal investigation.

Labor Department officials said that in cases like these, employees might be able to recover some money from company insurance plans or from the investment firms that manage the 401(k) plans. But, they said, that process could take years.

About a quarter of the Emergi-Lite employees who invested in the plan were preparing to retire, said Donald Briere, the credit manager and a participant in the plan.

Many Emergi-Lite employees say they feel that the company should have done more to protect them.

Yet federal law does not require audits of 401(k) plans with fewer than 100 participants, a situation that has left close to \$1 trillion

Conditions improve for utility repair crews in Maine, but it's still very cold

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Clouds gave way to sunshine Saturday as utility crews labored in frigid cold to restore service to thousands of people in their 10th day without electricity.

Maine's two largest electricity providers said Saturday that a few areas blacked out by a major ice storm were fully back on line or close to it, although some summer homes might not see electricity until spring.

"It's quiet for the first time in days. We're all enjoying that," said National Guard Master Sgt. Allyson Cox at the state's Emergency Management Agency headquarters.

However, the National Weather Service warned of dangerously low wind chills in southern and central Maine. Northerly wind gusting to 30 mph combined with temperatures in the teens to produce wind chills down to 20 below zero.

"But cold isn't that big a deal, because crews are pretty well-equipped, clothing-wise," Cox said.

Maine's biggest utilities said Saturday that they still had more than 48,000 home and business customers without power, down from a peak of nearly 400,000 a week ago.

In northern New York state,

where six counties had been declared a federal disaster area, about 61,000 customers were still waiting for power.

Crews in New York were hampered by a storm that piled as much as 18 inches of snow in their way on Thursday and Friday.

"The snow means we have to have roads plowed across fields so that our crews and trucks can gain access to lines and install new poles," said Robert Perkins of New York State Electric & Gas.

Central Maine Power Co. said it had fully restored service to all but a few year-round residents in some areas.

"However, there are hundreds of unoccupied seasonal residences which will still need repair and that effort could easily stretch into the spring, given the remote locations and severe tree damage involved," said CMP spokesman Mark Ishkanian.

A new ice storm on Friday coated much of Connecticut, which had escaped the brunt of the earlier storm that hammered northern New England and New York.

About 16,200 Connecticut homes remained blacked out Saturday, but most were expected to have service restored during the weekend, utility officials said.

Ice collected in a thick coat on

everything from power lines to airliners and parked cars.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Cancer support

Several evening support groups are to meet at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday at Allison Cancer Center: Bosom Buddies, Man to Man and Dialogue (for patient and family member). At the same time, cancer survivor John Crosby is to discuss "Fighting Cancer Politically." For more information call 683-6374 or 335-8275.

'After He's Gone'

A book signing of "After He's Gone," a recently released book by Midlanders Barbara Tom Jowell and Donnette Williams Schiwisow, is set for 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Julian Gold, 4610 N. Garfield St.

Alzheimer's group

The Greater West Texas Chapter, Alzheimer's Association, will hold an "Orientation to Alzheimer's Disease" session 7 p.m. Monday at Westwood Medical Center, 4214 Andrews Highway, in the private dining room. The session is designed to familiarize families with Alzheimer's disease and its effects on patients and family.

Yacht club meets

Amistad Yacht Club is to meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. New members are welcome.

Tobacco money

HOUSTON (AP) — Talk about your unexpected windfalls.

About \$100 million of the tobacco industry's \$15.3 billion settlement with the state of Texas has been earmarked for one of the nation's premier cancer centers: Houston's M.D. Anderson.

The sum, which must be paid this year, will be dedicated to cancer research and reimbursement of indigent health care costs, officials at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center say.

"This is certainly a surprise to me — a very pleasant one, obviously," said Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, executive vice president and chief academic officer for the cancer center.

"One of the issues is that one-third of all cancers, directly or indirectly, can be attributed to the impact of tobacco products," he said. Regardless of the settlement, "the problem has not gone away," he added.

The \$100 million is part of the \$1.2 billion that seven tobacco companies must give to the state in 1998, as the industry begins paying the \$15.3 billion settlement over a 25-year period, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said.

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 a.m.-noon, 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 697-4751 or 682-1646.

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.

Integrated recreation for those with mental retardation, call for activity times 682-9771 MARC.

West Texas Aquarium Society, 6 p.m., Kenny's Memory Lane, Loop 250 & N. Big Spring St. 689-8376.

Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street, 694-4166; 580-7546; 684-8728 or 689-5563.

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Arcades with illegal games under fire

■ Midland district attorney warns arcade owners that games must now comply with Texas' new payout guidelines.

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

It is not all fun and games at the arcade anymore. The Midland District Attorney's Office is cracking down on local arcade owners whose payouts don't comply with state law.

Arcade owners received a letter last week from District Attorney Al Schorre advising them that the grace period — which he had given them to bring adult "amusement" machines into compliance with state law — was over.

The arcades feature entertainment machines similar to Las Vegas-style slot machines, electronic poker and keno machines, Schorre said.

Schorre said in the letter, "I have personally visited with several of the operators here in Midland and most of them are attempting to get into compliance with state law. I therefore had suspended enforcement to give them time to reprogram their machines or make the necessary modifications."

The letter continues, "It appears that sufficient time has elapsed for this to have been completed. I, therefore, am requesting the Texas Department of Public Safety to verify compliance with existing State gambling laws."

It is the payout from the arcade machines that law enforcement officials are intent on scrutinizing. Schorre said, that by law, the payout must be no more than \$5, or 10 times the amount of the bet, whichever is less. Winnings from the machines are paid out in the form of coupons from local merchants. "The machines we are looking to target are those that are patently in violation of the law," he said.

Please see GAMES/2B

IRS, local groups offer assistance with tax returns

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Holiday decorations have barely been packed away and the Christmas bills are just starting to appear in the mailbox. But for many people, thoughts are turning to filing their federal income tax returns, with tax packages showing up in mailboxes across the country.

The Internal Revenue Service is preparing for the heaviest filing period — the last few days of January through the first three weeks of February.

"Most people are ready," said Phil Beasley, spokesman for the IRS' North Texas Region, which includes Midland. "They're just waiting for that W-2 to show up. More often than not, employers wait until Jan. 31, but taxpayers are ready to get that refund."

According to the IRS, seven out of every 10 North Texas taxpayers will receive tax refunds this year. There are more than 3.3 million taxpayers in the region.

Beasley said that this year the agency has expanded its programs to assist taxpayers. That includes additional hours for the toll-free phone number, which will be manned by IRS agents six days a week, 16 hours a day. Customer service representatives can be reached 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Noting that last year Midlanders had trouble finding some tax forms, Beasley said there is increased access to tax forms this year.

Taxpayers can use the TaxFax program to receive tax forms. Calling from a fax machine, an index of the forms and booklets available can be faxed and then the taxpayer can then call back, order the particular form,

Please see TAXES/3B

City, restaurants to give seminar on safe food-handling

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

With serving food to the public comes the responsibility of protecting the public through proper food-handling procedures, and area restaurants and the city are teaming up to provide the latest information regarding the safe handling of food.

The city of Midland Health Department, in conjunction with Jumburrito Inc., Wataco of Texas and the Permian Basin Restaurant Association will present a Food Safety Seminar 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Road Runner Room at Midland College.

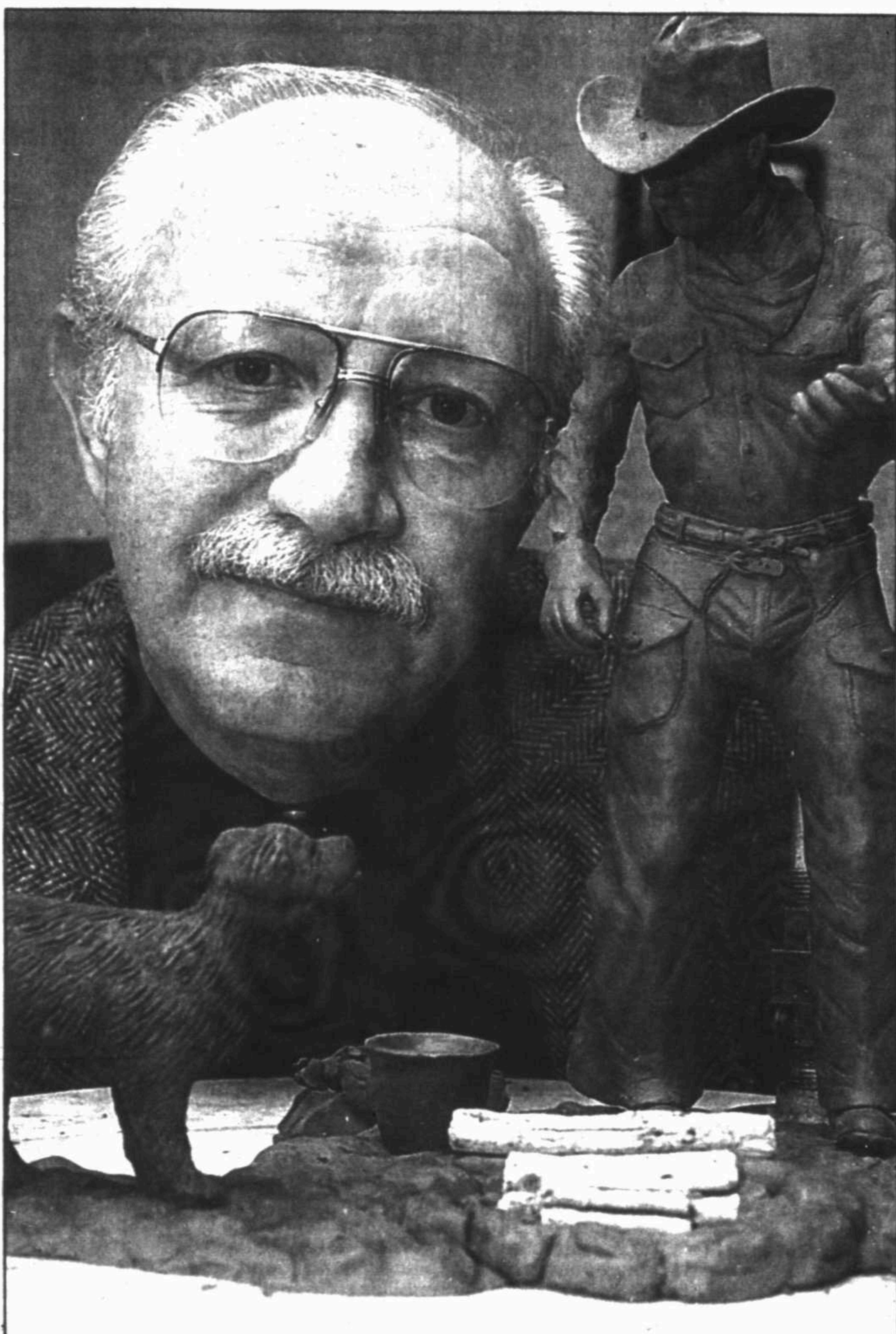
The seminar is provided at no charge and all those who work in the food industry are encouraged to attend, according to Albert Esparsen, health and senior services administrator for the city.

In the future, the Midland Health Department will be offering regular Food Handler's Safety Courses. Tuesday's event is the kickoff to this new citywide program.

Anyone interested can attend these programs, which are designed to impart knowledge on how to prevent the incubation and spread of food-borne diseases, Esparsen explained.

"The information is presented so that people who attend can know how to keep contamination out of the food," he said.

Please see SAFE/7B



Doug Crabtree, supervisor of Midland Police Department's telephone response unit, shapes clay figurines for bronzing as a hobby. He is pictured here with 'Top Hand and Cowboy.'

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

MPD supervisor's artistic side breaks the mold

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

When Midlander Doug Crabtree looks at a heap of molding clay, he sees a genuine, rustic cowboy roughened by years of ranch work.

After a few hours of thumbing the shapeless mound, it begins to resemble a robust figure wearing leather chaps, denim jeans and, of course, a hat.

Minutes later, a lump of scrap clay is formed into man's best friend — a cow dog.

"I've been doing something artistic all my life. It's only been the last five or 10 years that I've decided to dedicate a little time to it," he said.

Crabtree's most recent work, which is almost ready for bronzing, takes him back to a time that he was introduced to in his childhood.

"My daddy worked at a ranch long before I came along. I'd hear his stories about the bobcats and coyotes they saw, or how they'd eat by the campfire and stay up for long periods of time," Crabtree explained.

"What mattered to him was doing a hard day's work and providing for his family. His stories are an inspiration to me. Everything was a little more simple back then. You had hard-working people with a lot of ambition."

His clay sculpture — which he admits is his first attempt to use clay as an artistic medium — is called "Top Hand and Cowboy." He cites Betty Sue Rose, a local artist, for helping him through his project.

"The name refers to the dog as a cowboy's top hand. In western life, a good cow dog heard the cows and (was) the cowboy's companion," he noted. "They did a lot of work for them like herding cows and calves. A good dog is very important to any cowboy who ever worked with one. A lot of the cowboys I've talked to have said a cow dog can do the work of four or five men."

The sculpture, he said, is so detailed that one can notice the creases in the cowboy's shirt, the veins in his neck and the expression on him and his dog. With

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GARY OTT

Restlessness of youth ultimately fades, bringing us back where we started

It is just me, or does it seem like most people spend the bulk of their younger years trying to run away from what they eventually will strive to get back to?

Think about it. When you are in your teen-age years, all you can think about is getting as far away from your roots as humanly possible. Your hometown seems like a dreadful bore; your family, a sad relic of the past. No one understands your dreams or your passions.

So your mind wanders, often to far-away lands, exotic places where people are wise beyond their years and always take a keen interest in your every thought and belief. Indeed, they become your teachers; your mentors, so to speak, as you begin that exciting process of exposing your mind to new and far-reaching ideas.

No one knows for sure where these magical locales might be, but you, the ultimate dreamer, are certain of one thing: they are somewhere distant. And the sooner you can begin your journey toward them, the better off everyone will be.

It is your way of rejecting the current state of affairs ... be it your parents, your upbringing, your schooling, indeed your

entire past.

This process generally begins to take form as you approach your 15th birthday. At first it can be best described as "youthful restlessness." But, slowly, it starts to consume your life. By the time you turn 18, you are a true rebel. At least, in your own mind.

Your sole purpose in life is to be miserable ... and, more importantly, to make everyone around you, especially your parents, equally miserable.

Which you do with a great deal of success.

But all during this time, your mind continues to wander. If you could just be somewhere else, ANYWHERE else, everything would be all right. You even spend hours at night looking at maps in

the encyclopedia, fantasizing about being at those places.

Finally, the big moment arrives. You are ready to leave home. Your journey is about to begin. And none too soon.

Gathering all of your belongings, along with a fistful of dreams, you head down life's highway. You are not sure what the future holds, but that is the exciting part. You are young, impulsive and unafraid.

You are ready to take on life, but only on your own terms.

You have, after all, become the ultimate rebel.

And for awhile it is everything you had hoped it would be. You meet new people. You see new places. You experience new highs.

Please see OTT/3B

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POLICE REPORTS



Leeper

DWI arrest

A man who drove his vehicle through a townhouse in the 700 block of Linden Avenue on Friday has been charged with driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license, jail reports indicate.

David Alan Leeper, 47, was released from the Midland County Detention Center at 11:30 p.m. Friday after posting \$1,000 bond.

Officers with the Midland Police Department said Leeper struck a utility pole that made his vehicle ricochet into a three-foot brick wall and then through the sliding glass door of an elderly woman's townhouse. Authorities said that Leeper was convicted of DWI in 1992. He was given a one-year probation sentence.

Leeper identified himself to jail officials as the president of Leeper Oil Co.

Road fatality

STANTON — A Stanton man died Saturday morning after sustaining serious injuries in a one-vehicle rollover on Interstate Highway 20.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety,

19-year-old James Manuel Villa was pronounced dead at the scene by Martin County Justice of the Peace Nolan Parker.

Troopers working the case said that Villa, who was driving at a high speed, was exiting I-10 to gain entry to Texas Highway 80 when he lost control of the vehicle. He jerked his vehicle to the right side of the road, causing it to roll over at least one time.

Villa was not wearing a seat belt, and was ejected out of his pickup.

Midland Police Department Friday

Criminal mischief: A building at 3919 W. Wall St. was vandalized. Andy Cardoza made a report at 9 a.m.

Criminal mischief: A car was vandalized at 3500 W. Ohio St. Don Schneider made a report at 12:21 p.m. Police estimated the damages at \$175.

Theft: An envelope with money was taken from 504 E. Nobles. Marvin Dunn made a report at 2:30 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Tommy Reeves reported a car vandalism from 602 Russell Drive. It was reported at 5 p.m.

Criminal mischief: A vandalism report was made from 3223 Travis Ave. It was reported at 8:16 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Saturday

Injury to a child: A woman reported that she found bruises on her child's buttocks. The report was made from a residence on County Road 1200 at 12:58 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

OBITUARIES

Joe Dot

Joe Dot was born on February 25, 1924, in Canton, China, and moved to the United States at the age of 12. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Philippine Islands. He moved to Midland in 1948, where he was co-owner of the Blue Star Inn Restaurant. In 1958, he married his wife, Emily Kwong, in Los Angeles. They established their home here in Midland. Mr. Dot retired 12 years ago. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of Midland; two daughters, Darlene Pearl and her husband, Bob, of Midland and Diane Wrinkle and her husband, Gary, of Victoria, Texas; six grandchildren, Micah, Matthew and Nathan Pearl of Midland and Austin, Taylor and Cameron Wrinkle of Victoria.

Mr. Dot died the evening of Saturday, Jan. 10, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services were conducted January 13, at the First Baptist Church Sanctuary with the Rev. Charlie Dodd officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

Alva Archer

Alva Rado Archer II, 73, died Jan. 11, 1998, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, N.C.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 1998, at Golf Course Church of Christ in Midland with Tom Vermillion, minister, officiating. Interment will be 3 p.m. Monday at Terry County Memorial Cemetery in Brownfield with Homer Jones officiating, under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. Monday until service time at the church.

He was born to Mary Jane and Alva Rado Archer on May 31, 1924, in Dallas, Texas. He moved with his family to Abilene in 1933. After graduating from Abilene High School, during which time he earned his Eagle Scout award, he attended Abilene Christian College. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served his country with distinction.

He entered Baylor University Law School in 1947 and earned a

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.

doctorate in jurisprudence. He practiced law in Abilene 1950-56 with his partners, Bryant and Quershiner. He moved to Kermit in 1956 to join George Finley's law firm. Most of his career was spent in the West Texas area. He spent 30 years in Monahans and served as district attorney for Ward, Reeves and Loving counties from 1964 to 1968. He was also a scholar of history, literature and the Bible. He married Margie Graham Fox on May 31, 1955, in Las Vegas. He was a member of the Monahans Church of Christ.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Shriner's Burn Hospital in

Galveston, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas or the Terry County Memorial Cemetery Association in Brownfield.

He is survived by his wife, Margie of Midland; three sons, John Archer of New Braunfels, David Archer of Austin and Rado Archer III of Dallas; three daughters, Gail Godlewski of Houston, Nancy Yanochik of Houston, Alyssa Archer of Philadelphia, Pa.; a stepson, Russell Fox of Charlotte, N.C.; a stepdaughter, Jeannene Mills of Austin; a brother, Dr. Jim Archer of San Antonio, nine grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

Jesus Aleman

Jesus Aleman died Friday, Jan. 16, at a Midland hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Rosary is to be recited 7 p.m. today, Jan. 18, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born June 11, 1915, in Durango, Mexico.

He is survived by his 13 sons and daughters, Abel Aleman, Edwardo Aleman, Esperanza Aleman, Gloria Bermudes, Irma Betancourt, Rosalba Aleman, Maria de Jesus Santos, Felipe Aleman, Socorro Reyes, Gerrarda Enriquez, Ramon Aleman and Rayo Santos, who are all from Midland; five sisters, Consuelo Aleman, Leonor Aleman, Magdalena Aleman, Rosa Aleman and Concha Aleman, all of Mexico; 60 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Michael Chriesmon

Michael T. Chriesmon died Thursday, Jan. 15, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 29, 1982, in Midland.

He was an eighth-grader at Goddard Junior High School. Survivors include his parents, L.J. Chriesmon and Virginia M. Chriesmon of Midland; a brother, Tristan Sean Chriesmon of Midland; his grandparents, Ollie Mae Chriesmon and T.J. Chriesmon of Midland and Gloria Brown of California; and a great-grandmother, Retha Nelson of Midland.

James Villa

James Manuel Villa, 19, of Stanton died Saturday, Jan. 17, in Stanton.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

J. Alden Ryan

BIG SPRING — J. Alden Ryan, 88, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 17, at a Midland hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park with Masonic rites performed by Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F. & A.M. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born June 30, 1909, in Big Spring.

He was a farmer and raised cattle. He lived in Luther until his retirement. He was a member of North Birdwell United Methodist Church, Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F. & A.M., Order of the Eastern Star, Farm Bureau and Heritage Museum.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zan Elizabeth Ryan on Oct. 10, 1986, a daughter, Pamela L.

Ryan and a son, Melvin Ryan.

Survivors include two sons, George Ryan of Big Spring, Gregg Ryan of Midland; two daughters, Camella Ryan and Jane Rowland, both of Dallas; and 11 grandchildren.

Eleanor Bowman.

ODESSA — Midlander Eleanor Bowman, 92, died Saturday, Jan. 17, at a local care center.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

She was born March 1, 1905, in Independence, Mo.

She moved to Odessa in 1958 from Dallas. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Bowman in July 1978, and a son, Dr. Ralph Bowman Jr.

Survivors include three grandsons, Gary Bowman of Dallas, Robert Bowman of Odessa and Bruce Bowman of Midland; two granddaughters, Janice Spurgin of Denton and Becky Mayes of Round Rock and 14 great-grandchildren.

Feliz Veloz

Feliz Veloz, 80, died Saturday, Jan. 17, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Legally Speaking

by Alan G. Moravcik
Attorney at Law

MORE THAN MIGHT BE SUSPECTED



Alan Moravcik

If one's sole impression of the law and lawyers were to come from the media and popular culture, it would consist of nothing but high courtroom drama and criminal behavior. While most people feel themselves to be far removed from these aspects of the law, there are a number of other issues which may concern them. Lawyers play a role in facilitating real estate transactions. They are expert in drawing up and reviewing contracts as well as setting up corporations and other business entities. Lawyers are called upon to initiate or defend civil suits concerning a range of wrongdoings including personal injury. The law also plays a role in matters of death, wills, and taxes. As a result in this column we expect to point out that the average person has more need of legal advice than he or she may initially suspect.

Welcome to my new bi-monthly column on the law. I hope to bring you information that is thought provoking, but please, when dealing with important legal matters, don't rely on generalizations you read in any article or column, or the advice of well-meaning friends, relatives, or neighbors. The law is very specialized, and the unique circumstances and merits of each case need to be individually evaluated by an experienced attorney. Word for word, reliable legal advice is a cost effective and prudent investment.

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GAMES: Some owners, officials say law is vague

(From 1B)

The arcade games are in use at 17 locations in Midland County, according to information provided by the District Attorney's Office. Schorre said his office began visiting the arcades in late September or early October.

Lt. Tony Richardson of the Special Crimes Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety said the agency is already examining enforcement at local arcades. "We have already been out looking at them," he said. "What we are doing is, we are in the process of conducting our own research." He said that undercover officers were conducting the investigation.

Richardson said that the DPS was seeking to enforce the law consistently and uniformly throughout the state. "There are a lot of places that are not in compliance," he said. "They either don't understand the law or haven't read the law."

The reaction is mixed from local arcade owners. "We are working to bring all the machines into compliance," Susan Armendarez of the Emerald Forest Arcade told the Reporter-Telegram. "We are getting really close now — we have been working really hard."

She said customers come to the arcades to relax and have a good time — not for a hefty payout. "It's a new form of recreation," Ms. Armendarez said. "We have plenty of customers who would hate to see us go out of business."

But one arcade owner said that compliance with the law, as Schorre interprets it, would mean the end of his business. "Once they are converted, people aren't going to play them anyway," said Gene Carlton, whose wife owns The Gold Rush. "Alabama has the same laws and nobody plays them. He's actually just shutting us

down."

Carlton said he had visited with Schorre on several occasions about the reprogramming. He added, "We don't own the machines. They are maintained by the vendor and any programming will be done by the vendor." He estimates it would cost between \$600 and \$800 to convert each machine.

"As far as I am concerned this is a reinterpretation of the law according to him (Schorre) and the governor," said Carlton. "I just wish he'd leave us alone."

"The law is pretty vague," Ms. Armendarez said.

Even law enforcement officials agree that the statute can be vague. "I've worked gambling for years and I have never been stumped like this before. It can be difficult to understand," said Richardson, who thinks that it is just a matter of time before legalized gambling makes its way to Texas.

But Schorre contends the portion of the law he is trying to enforce is crystal clear. "The statute is not vague in the respect that the machine can only give \$5, or 10 times the amount of the bet, and that it cannot be paid in cash." He said that laws controlling the arcades will likely be reconsidered during the next legislative session.

Schorre said that arcades found to be in violation of current law are subject to the seizure of their machines, as well as the gambling proceeds. He said his office would also file an injunction to keep the violators from continuing their illegal activity.

Gambling is a Class C misdemeanor in Texas, and possession of gambling devices, such as an improperly programmed arcade machines, is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail, Schorre said.

Augustia McCurdy

Midlander Augustia C. McCurdy died Saturday, Jan. 17, at his residence.

Services are to be 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Sammy Hayes and Mark Ballard officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 26, 1905, in Dublin.

He moved to Odessa in 1946 and worked in the real estate industry. He moved to Midland in 1971, and worked as an independent carpenter in Midland and Odessa until his retirement in 1971. He was a member of Living Wary Foursquare Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. A.C. McCurdy of Midland; a sister, Delma Ross of Houston; one niece and three great-nephews.

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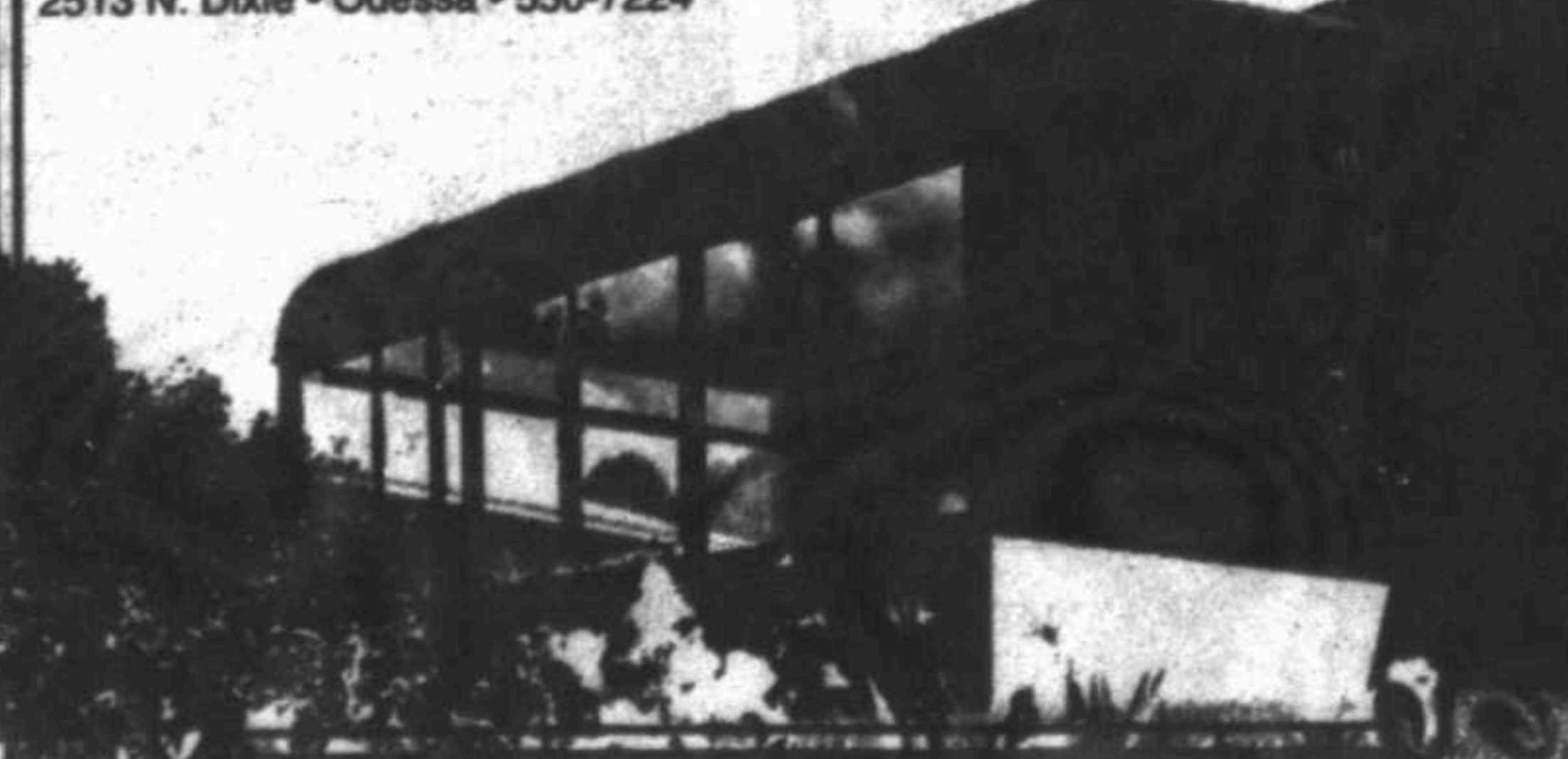
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Those with access to the Internet can also download any needed tax forms or publications, read the most frequently asked questions or send an e-mail for more information, Beasley said. Adobe Acrobat is required to download tax forms.

Information is also available at the local IRS office, 1004 N. Big Spring St., from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly also offer assistance at locations around Midland.

Most of these plans were under way before last summer's congressional hearings into the conduct of IRS agents, he said.

"TaxFax has been in existence for a number of years; most people just didn't know about it. The Internet has been in existence for a couple of years and the additional hours for the

toll-free number have been the result of customer demand. In fact, we have plans to go 24 hours in the future — not for this filing season, but in the future."

The agency's Dallas site is the biggest of the 23 call sites around the country, handling 12 percent of the nation's volume, Beasley said. He added that it is expected that the site will handle 5.1 million calls between January and June. Extra employees have been hired and are undergoing training. The agency has formed SNAP — System Needs All People — teams.

"It means whenever demand gets too heavy, those handling phone calls will send out a call to bring other IRS employees — who don't work in the call site — in on an emergency basis to help handle calls."

Filling out the tax return forms is expected to be easier this year as well, Beasley said.

The IRS has sent approximately 800,000 TeleFile packages to taxpayers in the North Texas region, which allows qualified taxpayers to

file their returns by telephone. Qualified taxpayers — single or married taxpayers who earn under \$50,000 and have no dependents — can call a toll-free number and, when prompted, enter their tax data.

"It's very easy and it's a lot faster, because you're filing directly with the IRS computer," Beasley said.

Some tax software manufacturers are also providing free electronic filing. "Tax software makes it easy to complete a return and, combined with free electronic filing, I think we'll see an increase in tax returns filed from home computers," Beasley said.

And with only two new lines on Form 1040 — one for medical savings account deductions and one for an adoption credit — "most people can use last year's return as a go-by," he said.

But he cautioned that many of the changes in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 did not start until 1998, meaning that next year's tax forms "will be a headache."



Dawn McClung is picking up the necessary forms at the IRS office at 1004 N. Big Spring St.

IRS help

The toll-free number to speak with an IRS customer service representative is 1-800-829-1040. Prerecorded tax information is available by calling 1-800-829-4477.

To order tax forms by phone, the number is 1-800-829-3676.

To order forms through TaxFax, the number is 703-487-4160.

The IRS Internet address is www.irs.ustreas.gov.

VITA volunteers will be offering assistance at Casa de Amigos, 1101 Garden Lane, Mondays and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m.; at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Mission, 1708 S. Fort Worth, by appointment; at Midland Senior Center, 3301 W. Illinois, on Tuesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.; at Midland Christian Fellowship, 200 Baldwin, on Feb. 2 and 15 from 1 to 3 p.m.; at Christian Life Center, 2901 W. Kansas, on Feb. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. and at the U.S. Post Office, 400 Wall St. on April 15 from 5 to 11 p.m.

AREA IN BRIEF

Volunteers needed for tree program

Volunteers are being sought for a program aimed at helping beautify the city through maintenance of public-area trees.

TreeKeepers is a joint venture by the city of Midland Parks Department and Keep Midland Beautiful, utilizing local volunteers.

Trees targeted will include those in right-of-way areas such as along railroad tracks, in drainage basin areas and along roadways such as Lamesa Road, Wadley Avenue and Bankhead Highway.

Tools are provided through grant funding by the Texas Forest Service. No power tools or ladders will be used.

A training class, scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the Sibley Learning Center, will be conducted by Nick Harrison, urban forester with the Texas Forest Service, and Debbie Bengtson-Frost, with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Participants will learn proper pruning practices, tree identification and how to spot diseases and pests that affect trees.

To register for the workshop or for additional information, call Keep Midland Beautiful at 688-4190.

Planetarium resumes sky show

The Blakemore Planetarium has resumed presentations of its Public Sky Show after equipment failure forced cancellation of the Friday night shows for four weeks.

"The planetarium theater contains a complex system of specialized audio/visual equipment, some of which has, quite frankly, seen better days," said planetarium Director Steve Schmidt. "I am happy to report that the sound system is now back up and running."

The planetarium is open to the public Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and the Sky Show begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children age 12 and under.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram staff reports.

OTT: 'Home' doesn't sound bad after all

(From 1B)

From time to time you think of the past and wish your old friends could see you now. Wouldn't they be jealous? Envious? Impressed? While they are stuck in those same old ruts, you are being exposed to a brave new world. You always vowed you would someday walk away from your roots, and now you have followed through.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Painting displayed

A watercolor painting by Doris Burkhardt is on display at Bank One, 2301 W. Wall St., during the month of January. The painting is entitled "An Apple Store in Nappa Valley—at Night."

Ms. Burkhardt is a member of the Midland Palette Club.

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.

Exhibit displayed

KERRVILLE — The Cowboy Artists of America Museum, 1550 Bandera Highway, will present "Edward Borein — the Artist's Life and Works" Feb. 16 through April 20.

The exhibit features over 30 of Borein's pen-and-ink drawings, watercolors and etchings and is on loan from the Rockwell Museum, New York. For more information call 1-830-896-2553.

Midlander competes

"Show of Hands," a national art competition focusing on depictions of human hands interpreted in a variety of media and styles, includes three woodcut prints by Midland artist Jan Foust Hurt.

The works are hanging in the Regional Hand Center for West Texas and Eastern New Mexico in Lubbock through September.

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.

For more information call the museum, 683-4403.

Art classes set

ODESSA — "Adventures in Art" classes dealing with art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art are held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University.

Deadline for registration is Friday before each Sunday class.

For more information call Annie Stanley, education coordinator, 1-915-368-7222.

Live broadcast

Gioachino Rossini's "La Cenerentola (Cinderella)" will receive its Texaco-Metropolitan Opera radio broadcast premiere live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Saturday on KCRS radio.

Jennifer Larmore will be heard as Angelina (Cinderella), with Ramon Vargas as Don Ramiro, and Simone Alaimo as Don Magnifico. Making their Met broadcast debuts are Italian baritone Alessandro Corbelli as Dandini and Italian bass Michele Pertusi as Alidoro.

Exhibit displayed

A Mail Art Exhibition entitled "As Blue as I Wanna Be" is on display through 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. 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 114 is an alternative space for modern and contemporary art. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Museum exhibit

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St., is hosting the exhibition, "Partners Across America: Girl Scouts & First Ladies."

Also on display at the facility is a portrait of President Clinton and a miniature of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Live entertainment

ODESSA — Chelsea Street Pub and Grill, located in the Music City Mall here, features live entertainment beginning at 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Those attending are asked to use the outside entrance after mail hours.

Upcoming performances include Allan Mayes, Monday through Saturday, and Rocky Richardson, Jan 26-31.

For more information call Chelsea's at 1-915-368-0949.

Museum exhibit

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin is hosting an exhibition entitled "The Inventions of Leonardo da Vinci."

The exhibition was organized by IBM Corp. and is circulated by the Gallery Association of New York State, Inc. This local exhibition is sponsored by Permian Basin Child's Play Inc. and the Connoisseurs.

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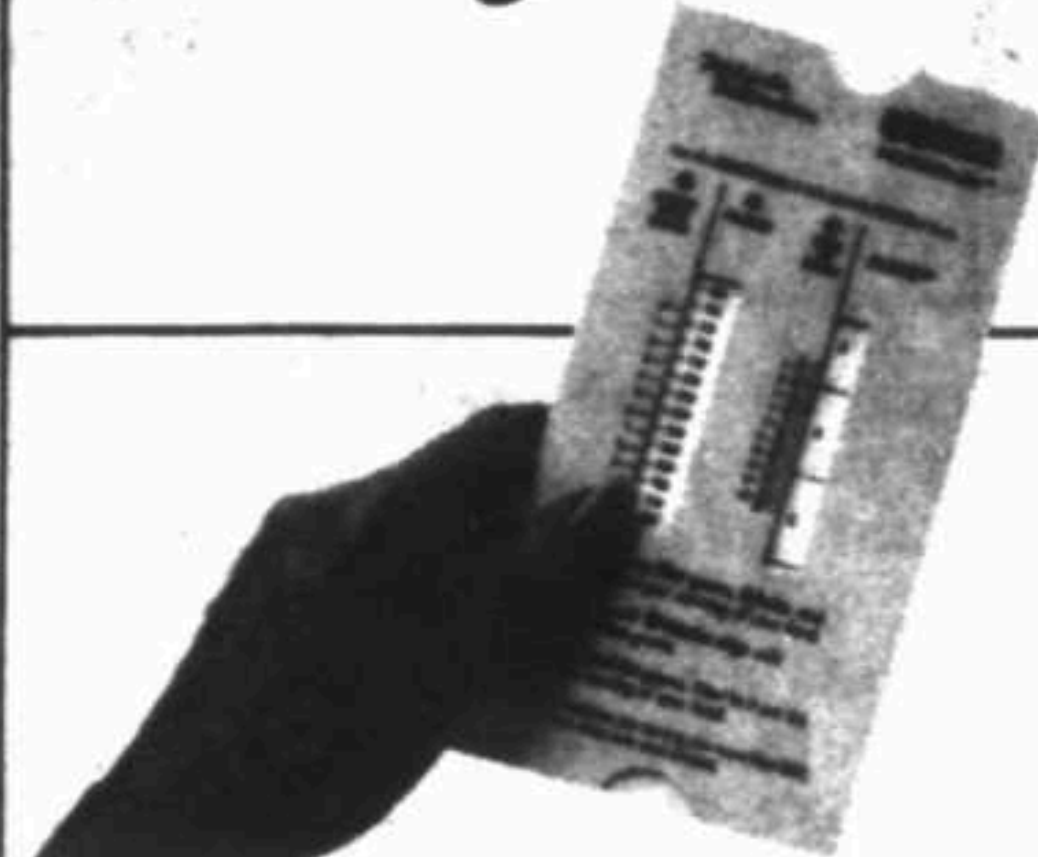
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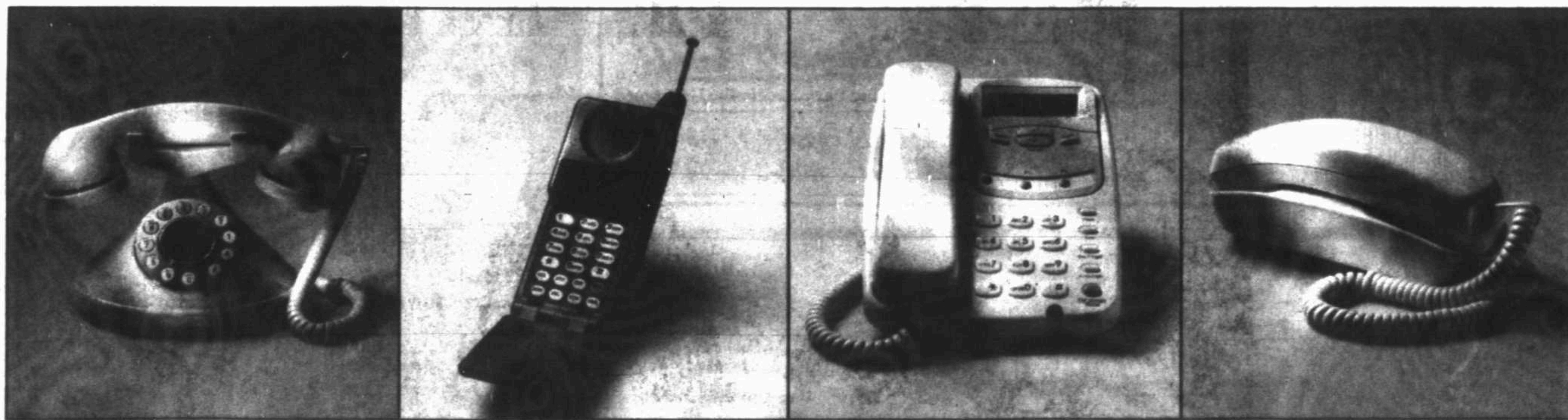
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Couple gets 3,203 catalogs in year

AUSTIN (AP) — Talk about mail stacking up. Margaret Ann and Decherd Turner were amazed at the number of catalogs filling their mailbox each day. So they decided to find out exactly how many they were receiving.

One year later, they know — 3,203.

The piled-up stacks of catalogs weighed 428 pounds and took up so much space in the garage that it threatened to displace the family cat, Geronimo.

"We found out the hard way," Mrs. Turner said.

The family received glossies hawking everything from arts and crafts accessories to screws and hammers. And then there's the pornography they didn't want.

After spending the better part of three days counting the catalogs, the Turners notified the city's sol-

id waste department, which sent workers to their home Thursday to pick up the bundles.

"We're great recyclers," Mrs. Turner said.

Jerry Hendrix, a spokesman for the city's recycling program, said that while he wouldn't recommend that others do the same, the Turners' effort brings welcome attention to the need to recycle.

Mrs. Turner, an avid catalog shopper, acknowledges that she is a mail marketer's dream.

"I don't like to go to the mall. I'm more comfortable going through the catalogs," she said. "But they can get a little monotonous, and I am concerned about the trees."

She also gave credit to James Prendergast, their mail carrier.

"They ought to give him a gold star," she said. "He's carried all these catalogs to our house."

Midlander receives Eagle Scout award

From Staff Reports

Tommy Wilson, 15, son of John and Peggy Wilson, recently received his Eagle Scout award.

Wilson, a member of Troop 131, is a student at Midland Freshman High School and works at Chick-fil-A.

He attends early morning seminary at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he is a member of the Second Ward. He is the president of the Teacher's Quorum.

In his quest for Eagle, Wilson attended Boy Scouts of America summer camp at Wihnapah in



Wilson

New Mexico and the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains of West Texas.

Wilson's Eagle project was the renovation of playground equipment at Washington Park. He enlisted the help of eight fellow scouts, then supervised the scraping and repainting of the equipment; followed by some remedial dirt work.

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Habitat check

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ARMED FORCES NEWS

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher L. Mitchell, son of Vallette Lenard of Midland, recently completed U.S. Navy Basic Training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Mitchell is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Tague is scheduled to receive technical training in the security career field.

In conjunction with the vocational skill, he will be earning college credits towards an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force training schools.

Michael S. Dowell, son of Vance and Patt Luckie of Midland, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force on Dec. 29.

Dowell is a graduate of Greenwood High School.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Dowell is scheduled to receive technical training in the aircrew life support career field. In conjunction with the vocational skill, he will be earning college credits towards an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

Dawn R. Allison, daughter of Eugene Allison of Lubbock and Carlene Hensley of Midland, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on Dec. 31.

Ms. Allison will graduate from Midland High School this year, and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on June 3.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Ms. Allison is scheduled to receive technical training in the electronics aptitude area. In conjunction with the vocational skill, she will be earning college credits towards an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.



Ochoa

Air Force Airman Miguelangel L. Ochoa, son of Vicente and Judy Ochoa of Midland, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio.

Former crew members of the USS GURKE (DD783) will be holding a reunion in Kansas City, MO May 21-24. For information contact Wilbur H. Heslop, P.O. Box 438, Cambridge, IA 50046, (515) 383-2269.

Jonathan D. Tague, son of Gary and Betty Tague of Midland, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

Tague will graduate from Midland High School this year and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on April 15.

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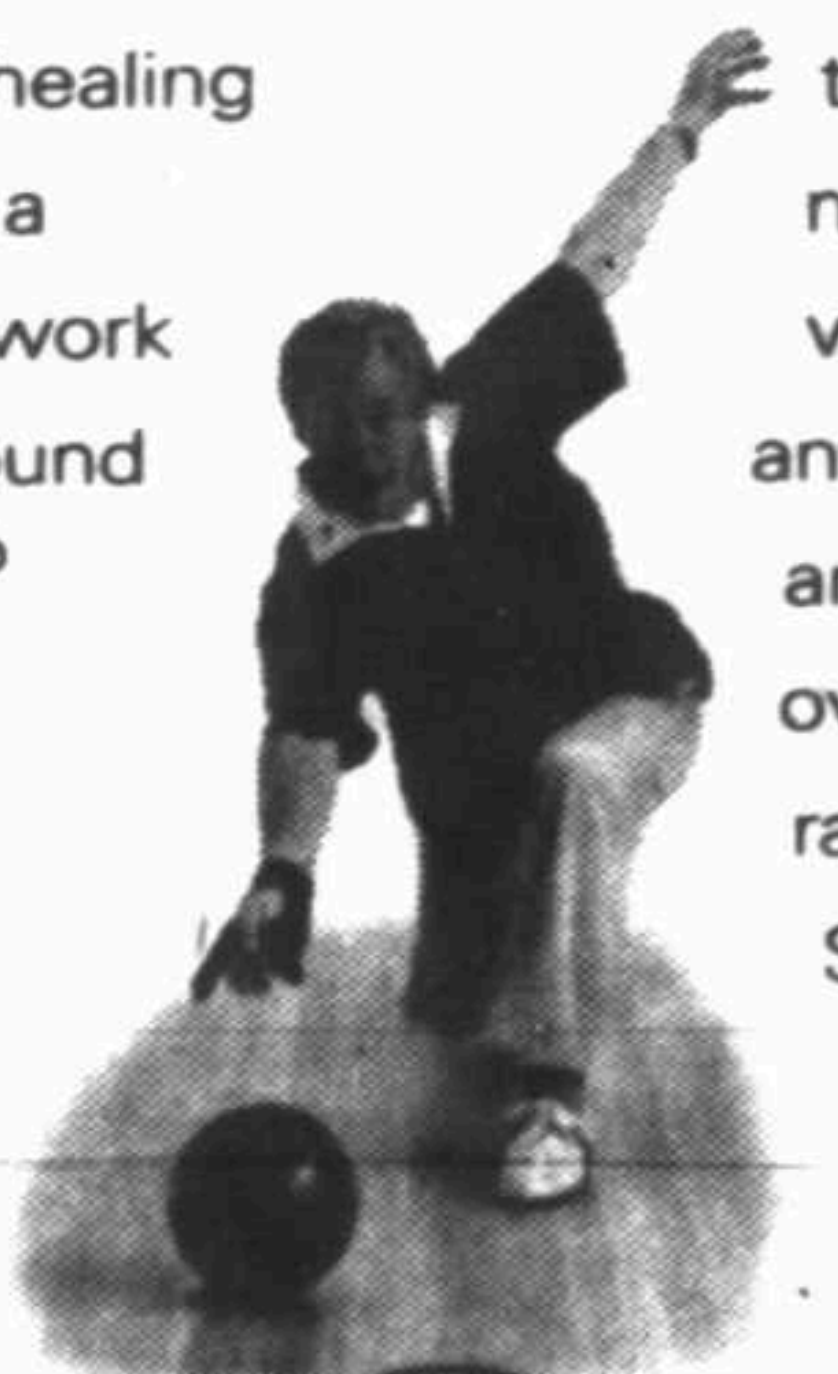
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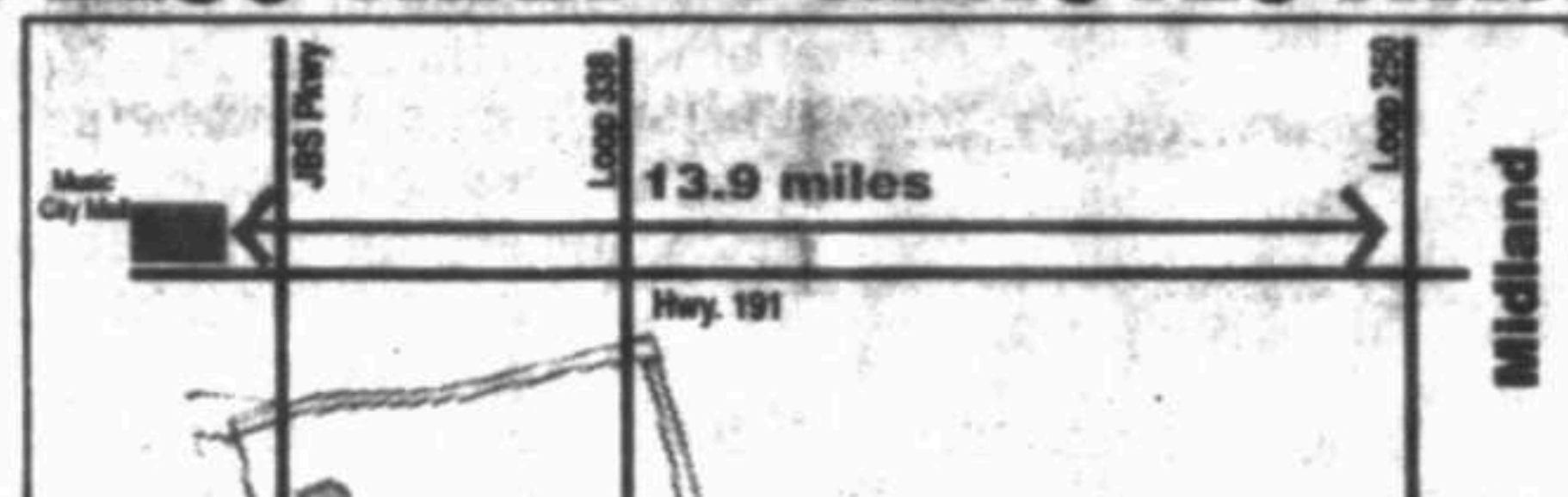


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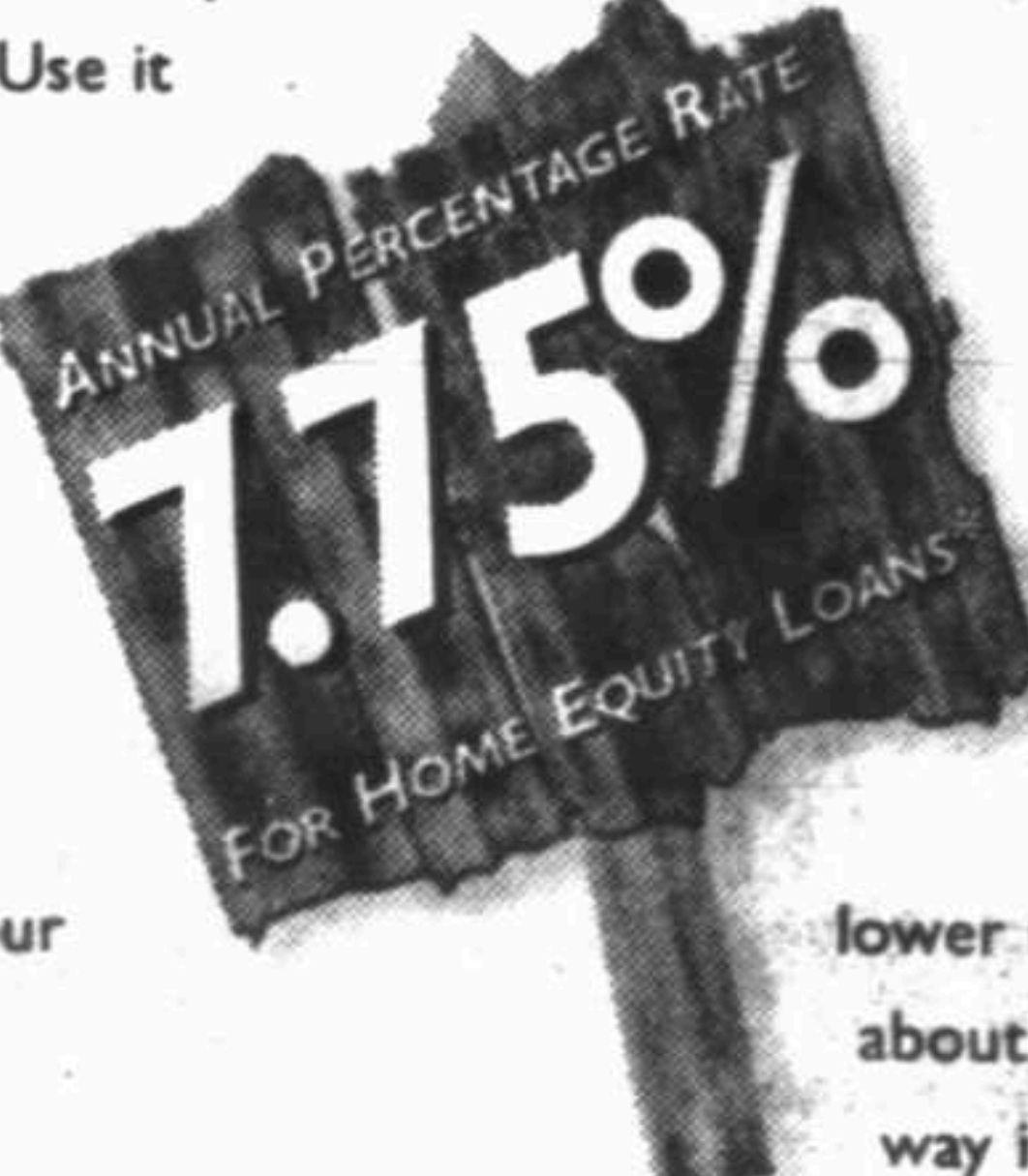
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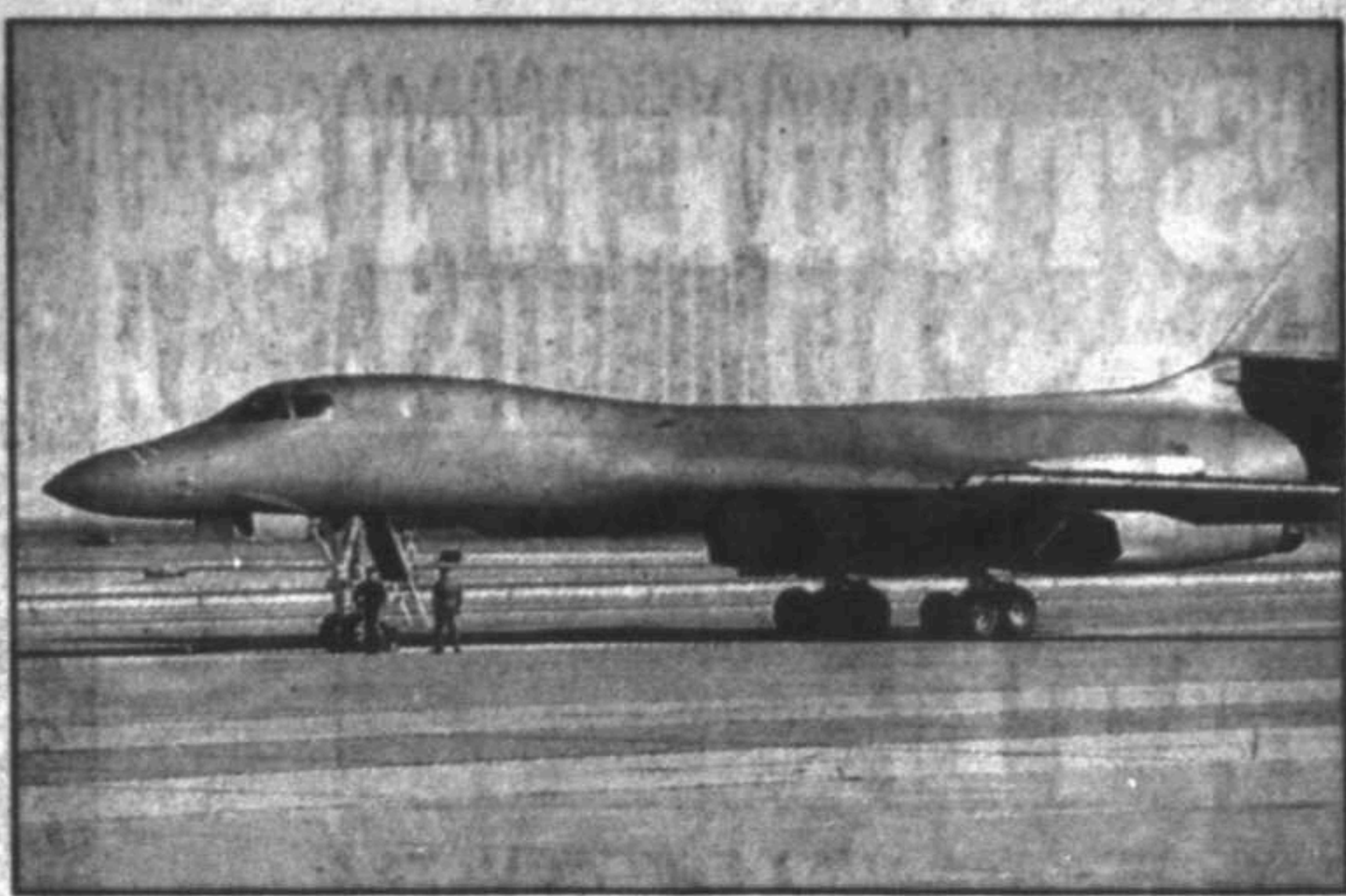
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A U.S. Air Force B-1 bomber en route from Oklahoma landed at Midland International Airport Saturday afternoon because it had fuel problems.

B-1 makes emergency Midland stop

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

A military aircraft with fuel problems made an emergency landing Saturday afternoon at Midland International Airport.

The aircraft — a B-1 bomber en route from Oklahoma — was experiencing fuel problems when the pilots made an unexpected stop, Fire Station No. 7 Capt. Vernon McNew said.

The call came in to the local emergency response team at about 3:30 p.m., he said. At first, the Fire Department received a notice from authorities indicating that the aircraft had a fuel leak, McNew said.

"It turned out that it was a valve that was not transferring fuel from one tank to another," McNew said. "They went ahead and landed here without having to shut down two of their engines."

During the landing, one of the plane's tires blew out, McNew

added.

The captain noted that the bomber's four occupants were uninjured. The plane, he said, would stay in Midland overnight. Mechanics from another city were being called in Saturday, the co-pilot told McNew.

At least two other military aircraft landed at the airport on Friday. Only one of them was affected by mechanical difficulties, McNew said.

A T-45 trainer jet pilot lost control of the plane and ran off the runway at about 7 p.m. Friday. The plane did not seem to sustain any damage. It remained at the airport Saturday, where military officials were en route to inspect it.

Earlier Friday, a T-43 landed here after a bird was sucked into the aircraft's engine during flight. The plane, which is similar to a civilian 737, was not damaged and left Midland that same day, McNew said.

SCULPT: Crabtree used hobby to wind down after night shift

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the help of his wife's cuticle shaper, he's even included stitching and buttons on the man's clothing.

"Some artists who are very good can come across with a point without being very detailed. I am a very detail person. I want it to look real," he said. "I'm getting close to finishing it. I just need a few more things to work on, like putting a branding iron in his hands. I will put my initials on it, but I think I can personalize it for other people."

Meanwhile, Crabtree has also carved a niche for himself in the world of woodworking.

His talents first crawled out of a block of basswood he found in his garage. After chipping away at it for two hours, he created an American buffalo with humped shoulders and a thick neck.

"It didn't take me long to complete it. Once I did that, I started doing other stuff to completion, and other things I still haven't finished," Crabtree said. "Before I started this hobby 10 years ago, I didn't have any direction. I'd see something and try to preserve it in wood. I've always had an artistic mind."

He continued, "God gave me a talent I got a chance to explore a little bit later. Right now, I've devoted all my time to sculpturing out of clay (that will become) bronzes."

The idea of taking woodwork as a hobby came from a time when Crabtree had a lot of time to himself in the evenings.

"When I was an evening shift sergeant in Grand Prairie, I'd get out at 11 p.m. When I got home, everyone was in bed," said Crabtree, who is now supervisor of Midland Police Department's tele-

phone response unit. "I was still keyed up, so I could not just go to bed. I had to find something that would relax me."

Even now, whittling one of nature's marvels from a piece of wood still has the same effect on the artist.

"It helps me get into what I call 'the zone.' It's therapeutic and relaxing," Crabtree said. "It allows me to do something with my hands and my mind in a creative way that I really enjoy. I can sit down and start working on something without realizing that I've worked on it four or five hours because I am so interested in what I am doing."

Wildlife and western scenery is what the artist likes to keep in mind when indulging in his hobby.

"I've always been an outdoors person. I love going hunting and fishing — anything that involves outdoor activity," Crabtree said. "I'm probably a cowboy at heart. I've never worked a ranch. I've known a lot of working cowboys and liked visiting with them. Their lifestyle has always intrigued me."

He scrutinizes the features of all living creatures and includes them in his work. Their features are crucial to the mental picture he keeps in mind when carving, drawing or using polyform.

"Whether it's an animal or human, I look at them in certain situations and I observe how they move. I have some anatomy books that I use to get the right picture in my mind so I will know how to develop the piece I am working on."

His workshop, which he shares with his wife's pie safe, is not the only place he is inspired.

"There are times I see something that I want to do. Sometimes I do a little sketch on a work pad. When I have an idea, I come home,

I sketch it out on paper and work from there until it has the look I want."

Though some of his work is given to friends and loved ones, Crabtree has not given much thought to putting his work on the market. However, this may change

depending on what reaction he gets to his sculpture.

"I've never explored selling my work. I'd like to put some of my work on the market one day," he said. "Even if they don't sell, I am satisfied because that is something that I enjoy."

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SAFE: Esparsen hopes to get program certified in the future

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mination from occurring," he said.

For this first seminar, food-industry expert Peter Good from Illinois is coming to Midland to present the information. He also will be discussing new food codes coming from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Esparsen worked with the restaurant association and several people in the food-service industry to produce the safety courses, which will be presented on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

These are presented free of charge and it is hoped that all area restaurants will take the time to have their staffs trained through these courses.

Those who attend will learn food safety standards and techniques to avoid cross-contamination and

inadvertent incubation of disease-causing microbes. Ways to tailor a restaurant's overall procedures to effect these goals will be part of the training.

"It teaches you how to be more cautious of food-borne diseases," Esparsen said.

Currently, Esparsen is just working on getting this important information out to those who handle and serve food in the Midland area.

At some point in the future, he plans to have the program certified by the Texas Department of Health so that those who are trained can receive a certificate verifying that they are knowledgeable in the appropriate methods of food preparation.



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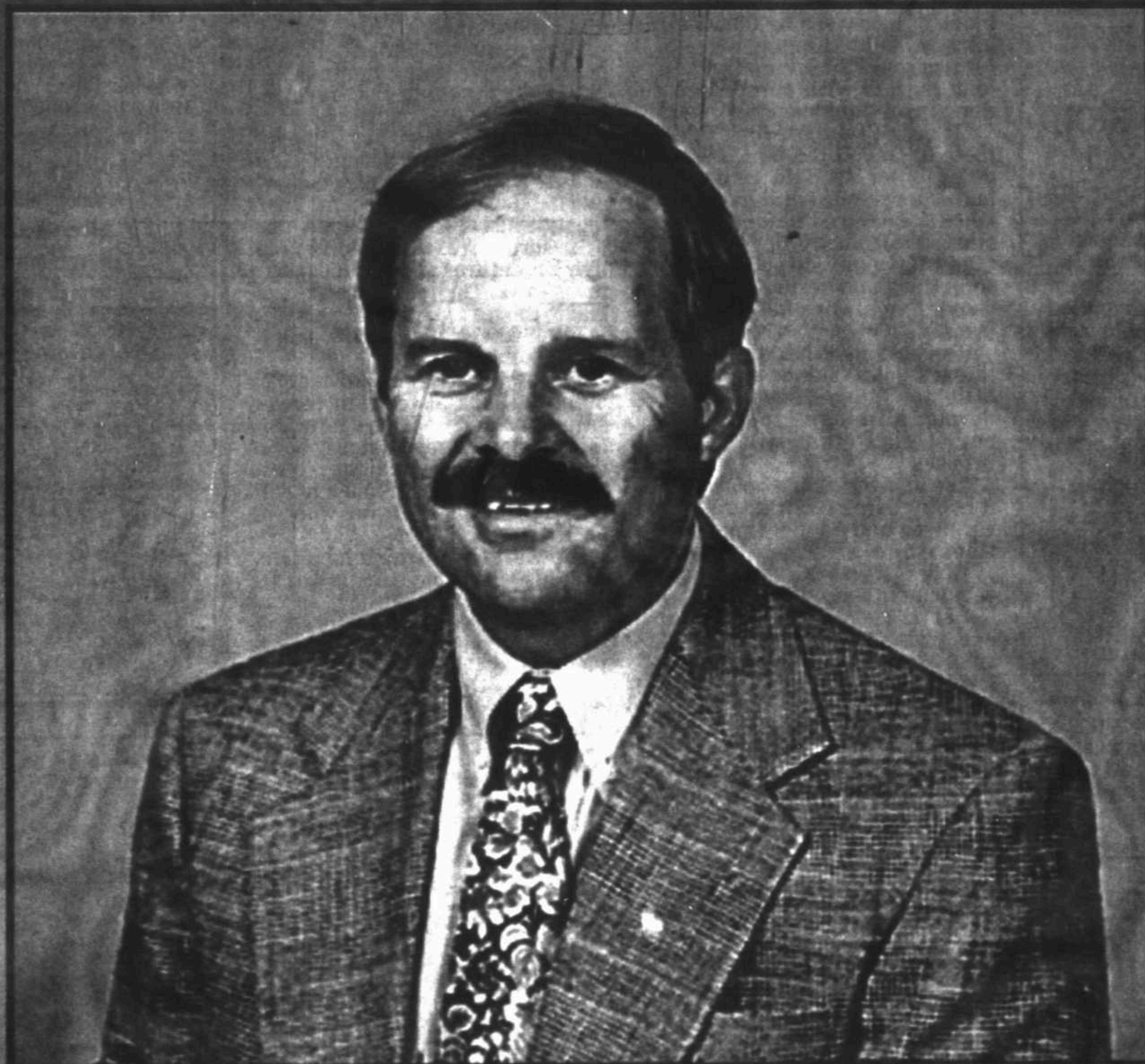
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TV Sports

AUTO RACING — Craftsman Truck Series, Chevy Truck Challenge, 11 a.m., ESPN.
NBA — Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics, 11 a.m., NBC.
Houston Rockets at Chicago Bulls, 1:30 p.m., NBC.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Purdue at Indiana, noon (joined in progress), CBS.
Cincinnati at Louisville, 1 p.m., CBS.
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Women, Mississippi at LSU, 2 p.m., FSS.
Utah at Colorado State (delayed tape), 4 p.m., FSS.
Stanford at UCLA (delayed tape), 1 a.m., FSS.
GOLF — LPGA HealthSouth Inaugural, final round, 1:30 p.m., ESPN.
PGA Bob Hope Classic, final round, 4 p.m., NBC.
Senior PGA Mastercard Championship, final round (same-day tape), 8 p.m., ESPN.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Hula Bowl, 3 p.m., ESPN.
NHL — All-Star Game, 3 p.m., FOX.
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WINTER X-GAMES — Day 3, 7 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

NBA — Minnesota Timberwolves 113, Dallas Mavericks 110, OT.
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Texas 88, Texas Tech 79.
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TCU 105, San Diego State 61.
Rice vs. Fresno State, late.
No. 24 Hawaii vs. Southern Methodist, late.
Women, No. 5 Texas Tech 80, Colorado 40.
Oklahoma 97, Texas 84.
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PREP SOCCER — Boys, Odessa Permian 2, Midland Lee 1, shootout.
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Haskins honored

EL PASO — Becoming one of college basketball's winningest coaches has earned "The Bear" a trip back to the wild.
Texas-El Paso honored Don Haskins on Saturday for becoming only the 10th coach to win 700 games by giving him an all-expense paid fishing trip to Alaska and a stuffed grizzly bear.
The bear, caught by the taxidermist in full snarl, was wheeled onto the court of the Don Haskins Center under a tarp during halftime of UTEP's 62-50 victory over UNLV. As it was unveiled, the gruff coach with the sometimes menacing countenance actually seemed to recoil.
It was a nice bit of humor that elicited cheers and chuckles from the 9,000-plus fans in attendance.
"That was a very nice thing that UTEP did," Haskins said after the game. "UTEP has always been good to me and it just keeps on going."
Of course, Haskins, who is known to fans as "The Bear," has done a few things for UTEP and the city of El Paso.
During nearly four decades at UTEP, Haskins has amassed 702 victories. He hit the 700-victory milestone as the Miners defeated Southern Methodist 66-64 on Jan. 3. At his request, commemoration of victory No. 700 was held off until Saturday.
Along the way, Haskins has also led the Miners to an NCAA championship in 1966 and to Western Athletic Conference titles in 1970, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1992.
UTEP athletic director John Thompson said the bear will eventually be the centerpiece of a room at the Haskins Center that will be filled with memorabilia commemorating Haskins' career highlights.
It might be noted that one thing will be missing, however.
During the halftime presentation, someone perched one of Haskins' hats on the grizzly's head.
"That bear's not going to keep my hat," Haskins said later. "That's one of my favorite hats."

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Will NFC ever lose again?

■ Packers favored to extend NFC's Super Bowl streak to 14.

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

SAN DIEGO — When the Oakland Raiders defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 27-10 in 1981, Ronald Reagan had just been sworn in as president, American hostages in Iran had just been released and ...
The AFC had won its eighth Super Bowl in nine seasons.
The pendulum soon swung from "A" to "N," and it hasn't returned. The NFC team has won 15 of 16 Super Bowls and 13 in a row. And, naturally, the Green Bay Packers are favored by nearly two touchdowns to extend the NFC streak to 14 when they face the Denver Broncos next Sunday.
"When you think about it, it is amazing," said Marv Levy, who lost four Super Bowls in a row from 1990-93 as coach of the Buffalo Bills. "You'd think somewhere along the line, some AFC team would have won one or two."

It's been close only twice: In 1989, it took one of Joe Montana's miraculous late-game drives to give San Francisco a 20-16 win over Cincinnati, and two seasons later, Levy's Bills lost 20-19 to the New York Giants when Scott Norwood missed a 47-yard field goal at the final gun.
Some stats:
— Beginning with San Francisco's 38-16 win over Miami in 1985, NFC teams have outscored AFC teams by 271 points, an average of 20.8 points, or three touchdowns per game. And it hasn't been that close; many AFC teams have gotten a touchdown or two in garbage time.
— Since the 1994 Super Bowl, the NFC

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GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW

Two-time district champ Midland High wants to find highway to Bedford

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

In the back of the collective mind of the Midland High girls soccer team is the question: What does it take to get to Bedford and the Region I Soccer Tournament?

It's probably back there next to a dislike of El Paso. For the last two years, the Lady Bulldogs have flirted with an all-expense-paid ticket to Bedford and the state's "Sweet 16," but over the last two years, they have been stopped one game short, thanks to playoff losses to El Paso's Andress and Franklin in the Sun City.

However, for 12 district games — including Wednesday's District 7 opener with Midland Lee — Bedford is little more than an afterthought for the two-time district champs who have their sights set on a three-peat.

"What it does is bring the challenge of staying on top," MHS coach Scott Hodgkinson said. "We will be the date circled on everyone's calendar. Everyone will be shooting for us."

The district title streak is not the only one the Lady Bulldogs carry into the season. Hodgkinson's team has won its last 17 district games, at streak that goes back Feb. 13, 1996.

At home, Hodgkinson's team is even better. They haven't lost a game since March 4, 1995. That is a streak of 15 games — 12 district games, one district playoff and two playoff games.

Add the two-time District 7 champion status and the bull's eye on Midland High's chest gets even bigger. Like Abilene Cooper during its three-year stretch, Midland High is — for all intents and purposes — the big dog.

"I haven't thought about the pressure and I don't know if anyone had thought about it but that is how Cooper was," MHS defender Marri Hill said. "Everyone was looking to beat them."

Hodgkinson discourages getting wrapped up in all the numbers.

"I don't want anyone to think that we are Please see MHS/6C

Midland High sweeper Meg Bennett, left, and Jodie Mitchell are two of the team's 13 seniors who will lead the Lady Bulldogs for a third-straight District 7 title. Midland High opens the season Wednesday at Lee.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Lady Rebels plan to win with mostly young roster

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

As a rule, when the number of sophomores and freshmen outnumber seniors and juniors, adjectives like "rebuilding" or "possibly contending" are immediately stuck to teams.

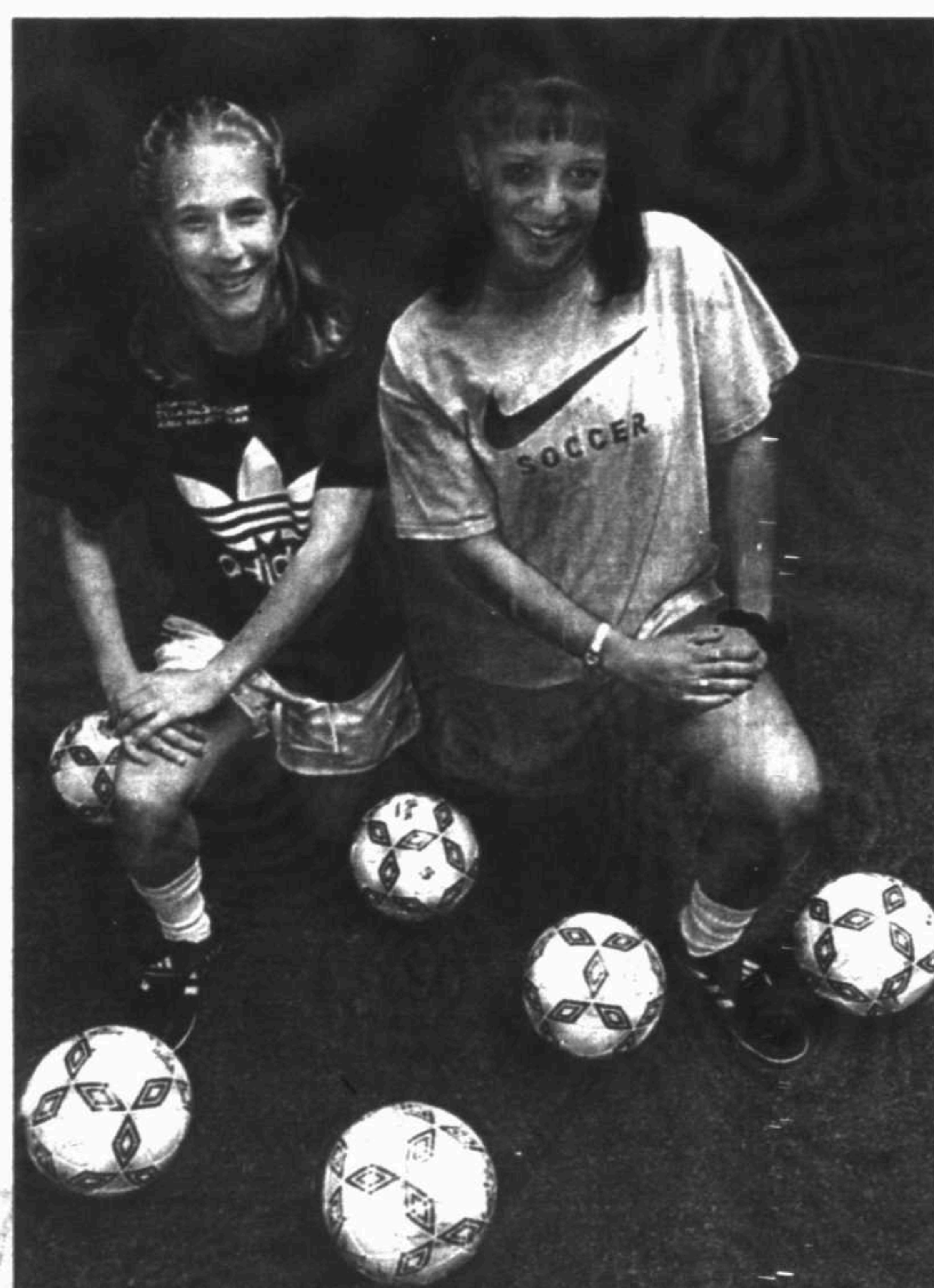
The Midland Lee girls soccer team just might be an exception to that rule.

The Lady Rebels are certainly a young team, carrying four freshmen and seven sophomores compared to a total of nine juniors and seniors. However, at the end of the year, terms like "title contending" and "playoff qualifying" could be the best ways to describe last year's sectional qualifiers.

"We are in position to play for a district title," said Lee coach Mike Simpson, whose team opens District 7 action Wednesday against Midland High. "We feel with the momentum we have gained and the adjustments we made, we have a shot with it. We

Junior Suzy Prucka, left, and senior Ritha Belzair are two key cogs in the offensive attack for the Midland Lee girls soccer team. The Lady Rebels are looking to improve on last season's third-place finish. Lee hosts Midland High Wednesday.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Admiral loving injury-free season

By Kelley Shannon
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson insisted he would overcome his injuries and return to top form this season.

Now he's backing up his words with action.

After missing all but six games with back and foot problems last season, Robinson again is compiling big numbers and leading the San Antonio Spurs to the top of the NBA's Midwest Division with a 26-12 record.

At a time when several other star centers are sidelined or struggling with injuries, Robinson is shining.

"As far as the game coming to me, you don't sit a year and come back like everything's OK," Robinson said.

Then he added, "I'm a little more than I was."

Robinson is averaging 23 points per game, fourth best in the league, and more than 11 rebounds, fifth in the NBA.

"This hasn't been a surprise because I watched David work out for 3 1/2 hours a day all summer," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

"It is a result of his dedication to hard work. He's having a fabulous year."

It is a much different story than last season.

San Antonio finished with a franchise-worst 20-62 record as Robinson mostly watched from the bench with a lower back strain and a fractured foot.

The foot healed sooner than the back, and skeptics wondered whether Robinson, at 32, could ever be the player he once was.

"At this point I can say my back is 100 percent," Robinson said. "It's

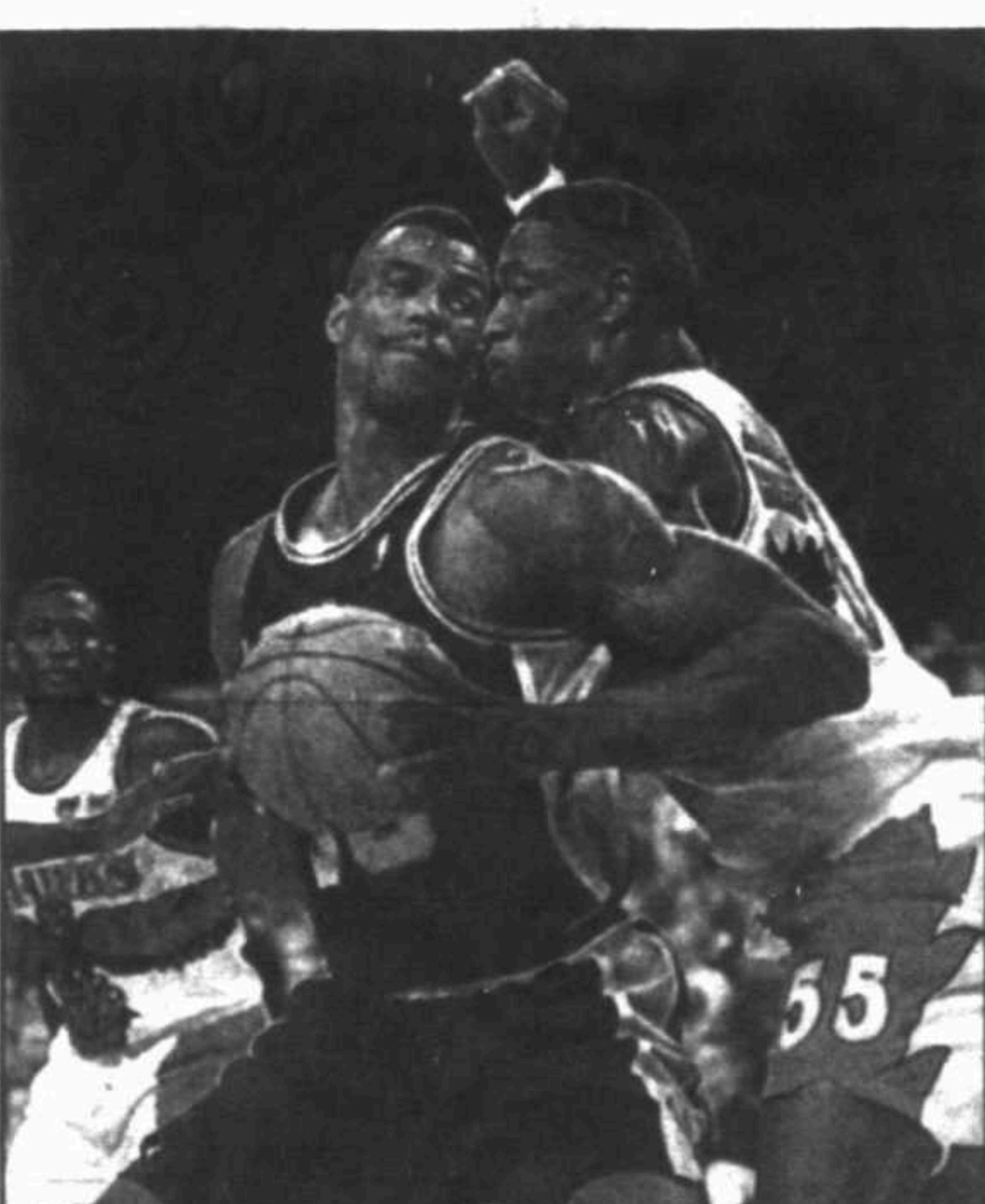
been tested. There's been a lot of banging early on and it's held up."

It helps that Robinson's supporting cast has been strengthened by 7-foot forward Tim Duncan, the top draft pick from Wake Forest.

Both players are popular with the fans in balloting for the All-Star game. In the most recent tabulations, Robinson led perennial all-stars Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers and Hakeem Olajuwon of the Houston Rockets in voting for the starting Western Conference center. Duncan was third behind Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz and Kevin Garnett of the Minnesota Timberwolves among forwards.

Last year was the only time in his nine-year NBA career that Robinson didn't make the All-Star team.

Robinson entered the league in the 1989-90 season. He was the top draft pick in 1987 but had two years left in his Navy commitment before he could play professional basketball.



Injuries ruined last year for the Spurs' David Robinson, left, shown working against Atlanta's Dikembe Mutombo. He's healthy now, and the Spurs show it.

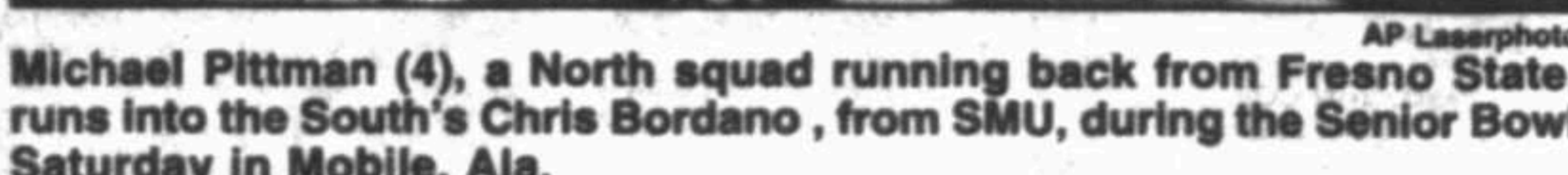
By Barry Wilner
AP Sports Writer

Denver was the most over-matched of all the AFC representatives.

San Francisco's Daniel Stubbs (96) celebrates a sack of Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway during the 49ers' victory in Super Bowl XXIV in New Orleans. While Buffalo has been the most generous of the AFC teams during the AFC's 13-year Super Bowl slide, the Broncos are right behind the Bills.

Only the 1988 Bengals, 1990 Bills and 1995 Steelers ever looked capable of winning during the streak. Cincinnati, which had the better

Oops! Guess which route the Broncos took this year.



By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

Florida's Fred Weary also impressed, returning an interception 97 yards for a touchdown to give the South a 17-0 lead before halftime.

Dutton, who threw for more than 6,200 yards in two seasons at Nevada, finished 16-for-26 for 152 yards.

He led the North on its only scoring drive, a 65-yard march capped by a pretty 9-yard pass to Stephen F. Austin's Mikhael Ricks on a slant pattern.

White had 2 1/2 sacks at Minnesota Dec. 1 to help the Packers win in the Metrodome for the first time

"I felt good," he said.

All the teams were put together by astute executives, coaches and general managers: Bill Walsh, then Carmen Policy and George Seifert (49ers); Bobby Beathard and Joe Gibbs (Washington); Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson (Dallas); George Young and Bill Parcells (the Giants); Jim Finks, Bill Tobin and Mike Ditka (Chicago); and Bob Harlan, Ron Wolf and

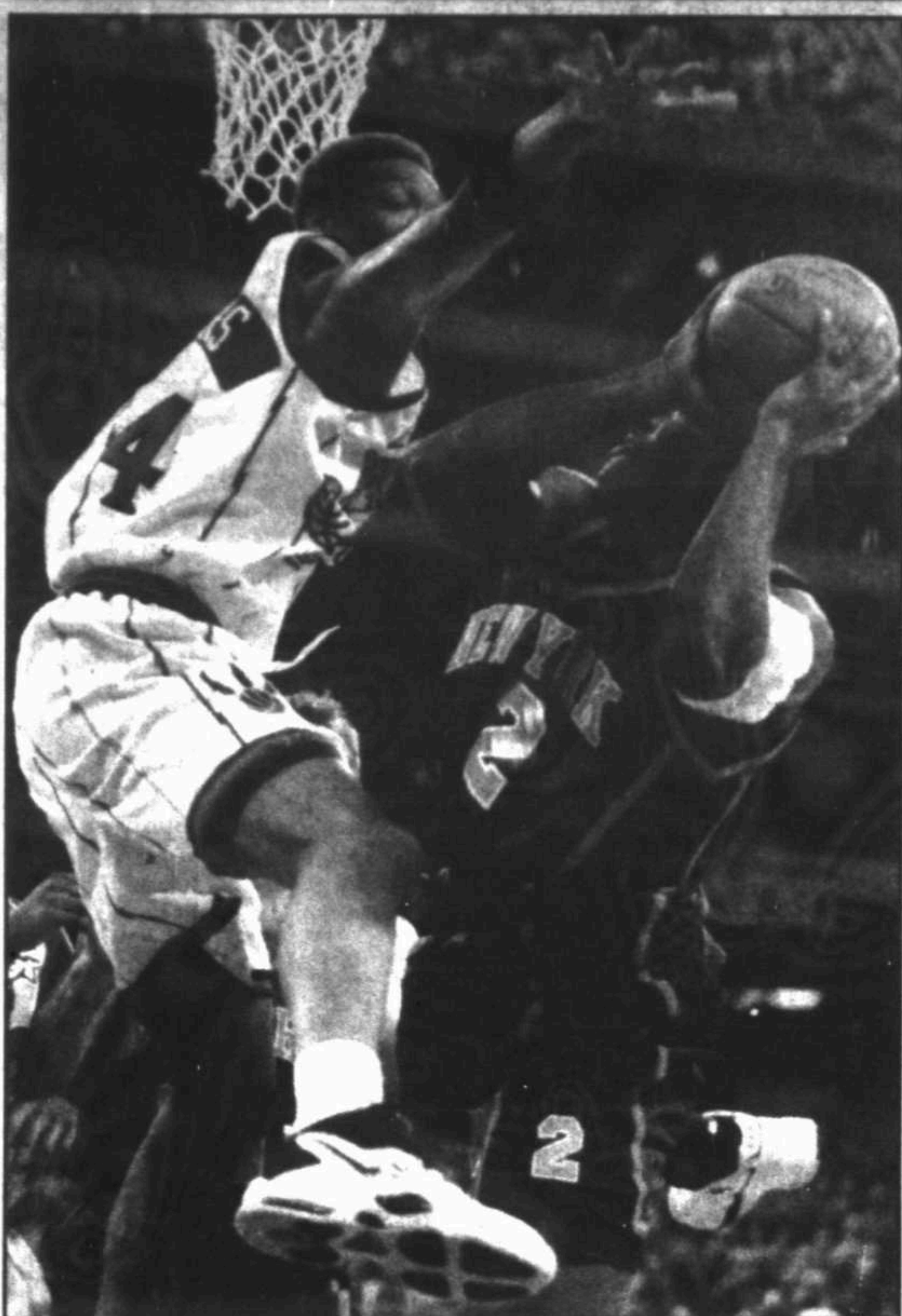
In 11 of their 15 wins, the NFC teams have been led by first-rate quarterbacks.

They include Joe Montana (4-0), Troy Aikman (3-0) and three who have one win: Brett Favre, Steve Young and the much underrated Phil Simms, who was 22-of-25 for

"I think it's psychological now," he said. "The AFC teams go into the games knowing they're supposed to lose and they play more tentatively."

"But really, I don't know." Neither does anyone else.

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Toronto Raptors forward Carlos Rogers, left, leaps high to smother New York Knicks forward Larry Johnson Saturday in Toronto. The Knicks won the game, 93-82.

Timberwolves claim OT victory in Dallas

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Minnesota Timberwolves seem to like these overtime games in Texas.

Minnesota won its second overtime game in as many nights Saturday as Terry Porter scored seven points in the extra session to lead the Timberwolves past the Dallas Mavericks 113-110.

The Timberwolves extended the longest winning streak in franchise history to five games after matching the record with Friday night's 116-115 overtime win at Houston.

"We showed we have stamina," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said. "This was the tougher of the two games. The Houston game was an emotional game, but this one the night after was really tough."

Tom Gugliotta and Kevin Garnett each scored 22 points, while Stephon Marbury and Chris Carr added 20 apiece for the Timberwolves, who rallied from a 24-point third-quarter deficit.

"We're making a habit out of going into overtime," Porter said.

"I don't care if they all go into overtime as long as we win them all. We didn't quit tonight and played with confidence down the stretch."

The Mavericks lost their fifth straight and 20th in 21 games.

"This has to rank right up there as one of the worst of the year," said Mavericks forward Samaki Walker. "Tonight was a total breakdown."

Dallas had a chance for a tie with 10.1 seconds left in overtime, but Erick Strickland missed one of two free throws, leaving Minnesota ahead 110-109.

Carr's two foul shots with 5.3 seconds remaining pushed the Timberwolves' lead to 112-109.

Dallas' Dennis Scott made the first of two free throws with 2.9 seconds remaining to cut the deficit to two, then Scott missed the second on purpose. But Garnett pulled down the rebound and hit two free throws with less than a second left.

Michael Finley led the Mavs with 29 points. Walker added 23, Scott 19 and Hubert Davis 15 for Dallas.

Minnesota outscored Dallas 35-18 in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

Wolves reserve Reggie Jordan scored two key baskets in the final 1 1/2 minutes of regulation. He put Minnesota ahead 95-94 with 1:24

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left, then added a follow-dunk with 18.8 seconds to play for a 99-96 lead.

Finley's 3-pointer with 13.4 seconds left in regulation tied it at 99. Porter's 3-point attempt rimmed out with six seconds remaining in regulation, and Walker's desperation heave from 35 feet missed at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Knicks 93, Raptors 82
TORONTO — Charlie Ward had the best game of his career, scoring 18 points with six assists, five rebounds, four steals and four 3-pointers as the New York Knicks defeated the Toronto Raptors.

Larry Johnson scored 24 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the Knicks, who used a 12-0 fourth-quarter run to pull away.

Allan Houston scored 23 points and John Starks scored 12 points off the bench for the Knicks, who shot 9-of-20 from 3-point range. Chris Mills added nine points and 10 rebounds.

Wizards 108, Clippers 99
WASHINGTON — Chris Webber had 31 points and Tracy Murray came off the bench to score 20 as Washington beat Los Angeles.

The Wizards improved to 12-2 against teams from the West. They are 9-18 against Eastern Conference teams.

Los Angeles rallied to cut a 16-point deficit to six with 1:28 left, but the Wizards sealed the win by scoring the final three points.

76ers 112, Warriors 84
PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 15 of his 28 points in the first quarter as Philadelphia dealt Golden State its 10th straight loss.

Iverson was 6-for-8 from the floor in the quarter as the 76ers opened a 35-15 lead. Philadelphia extended its lead to 25 in the third quarter and 28 in the fourth. The 28-point margin of victory was Philadelphia's largest of the season.

Nets 97, Hawks 81
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Keith Van Horn scored 23 points and New Jersey held Atlanta to a season-low 10 points in the third quarter in ending the Hawks' six-game winning streak.

Kerry Kittles added 19 points, Sherman Douglas had 18 points and 10 assists and Jayson Williams had 15 points and 23 rebounds as the Nets bounced back from a disappointing loss at home to the Los Angeles Clippers.

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"I think it's time," Hicks told a cheering crowd at a victory party. "Let's get on and build this arena."

Perot said he expects to begin cleanup of the arena site within 90 days and break ground on the stadium by September or October. The arena is expected to open in January 2001.

"You did your job," he told Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, who carried the banner for the "Yes" campaign. "We'll do our job now."

Dunking highlights ABL All-Star event

By Fred Goodall
AP Sports Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Just as the NBA dropped the slam dunk contest from its All-Star weekend, the American Basketball League is using it for the first time.

The women's league always believed it would fly, so it seems only fitting that its players should get a chance to do the same.

When Sylvia Crawley and other hopefuls take off Sunday, what happens once they rise above the rim will determine how the ABL's first slam dunk contest is remembered.

"A lot of people have said leagues for women can't survive in this country because the game is not played above the rim," said Crawley, who is the pre-event favorite. "This will show that it can be. That a lot of us are capable of playing up there."

The 6-foot-5 forward for the Colorado Xplosion is still formulating her strategy. While she concedes she's planning to attempt a blindfold dunk in the finals, any routine is almost certain to include a "regular" slam.

"That alone could win it," Crawley said. "You just don't know."

Each contestant attempted three dunks, with the option of replacing one, in Saturday's preliminaries. The finalists — Crawley, Seattle's Linda Godby and New England's Kara Wolters — will perform two dunks with judging based on creativity, style and power.

"People ask, 'well what if they go out there and miss a lot of shots,'" said Tracey Williams, the ABL's vice president for player personnel and basketball operations.

"Well, we don't want our players thinking that way. You can't tell me men haven't gone out there and missed a few, too. ... There is no

fear of failure. It's going to be exciting to see what happens."

The nationally-televised finals will be held at halftime of the ABL All-Star game at the Disney sports complex. The winner will earn \$5,000.

But as important as the contest been to attracting attention to this weekend's activities, which also include a 3-point shootout, the main attraction is still the product that will be showcased in the All-Star game itself.

Atlanta's Teresa Edwards, Philadelphia's Dawn Staley, New England's Carolyn Jones and Katie Smith of Columbus headline the Eastern Conference roster. The West, meanwhile, features San Jose's Jennifer Azzi, Seattle's Shalonda Enis and Colorado's Tari Phillips, who grew up in nearby Orlando and was the most valuable player in the league's inaugural All-Star game last year.

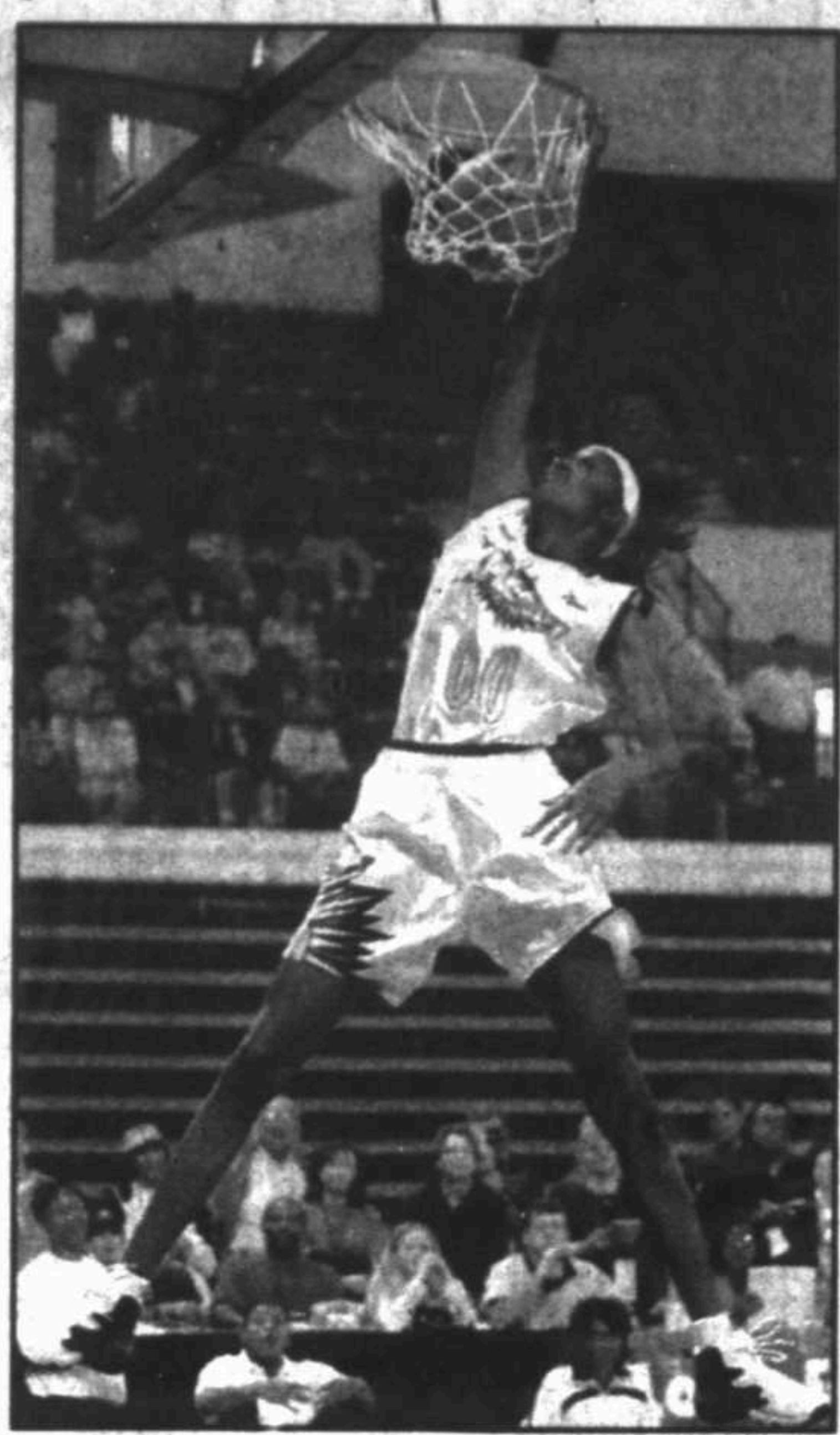
Naturally, Phillips is excited about playing before about 100 friends and relatives. She also envisions the dunk contest serving as a springboard for the first slam in a regular-season game.

"I think it'll open a lot of eyes, and show people how versatile the players in this league are," she said. "Just because we don't do it all the time doesn't mean we can't."

Williams, like Phillips and Crawley, believes the emphasis on fundamentals in the women's game has discouraged players from trying to make history.

"And another factor, I think, is there are a lot of players who don't want to be the first player to be dunked on," Williams said. "I've seen situations where there's a breakaway, and you're thinking, 'here it comes,' and somebody wraps them up."

Sunday's finals, they all agree, could set the tone for a breakthrough.



Sylvia Crawley of Colorado slams home a dunk during the first women's slam-dunk contest Saturday during the ABL's All-Star weekend.

Hasek shows off his NHL All-Star skills

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Dominik Hasek showed why the Czech Republic could be an underdog contender for an Olympic medal, almost single-handedly carrying the World team to a 13-12 victory over North America in the NHL All-Stars SuperSkills competition Saturday night.

Hasek, the Buffalo goaltender

who was the league's MVP last season, stopped all six breakaways he faced to force overtime and then made a glove save to rob Mike Modano on a breakaway in OT.

Teemu Selanne beat Patrick Roy on the second extra breakaway shot to provide the winning margin for the World team.

The event's other highlight was turned in by St. Louis and North American defenseman Al MacIn-

nis, whose 100.4 mph slap shot gave him a record fourth career victory in the hardest shot competition. He and Al Iafate had been tied with three wins each.

Other winners for North America were Scott Niedermayer in the fastest skater race, and Keith Tkachuk, Brendan Shanahan, Mark Messier and Ray Bourque in the shooting accuracy contest.

The World's other winners were its puck control relay team

of Peter Forsberg, Saku Koivu and Sandis Ozolinsh, its fast skater team of Valeri Kamensky, Pavel Bure and Peter Bondra, and its rapid fire goalie team of Hasek, Olaf Kolzig and Nikolai Khabibulin.

It all came down to the final event, with the World team needing Hasek to stop every breakaway to both win the individual goaltending competition and give his team the relay victory.

LOCAL SPORTS

Garden City girls rout Buena Vista

BUENA VISTA — The Garden City girls jumped on top of Buena Vista in the first quarter and never let up, cruising to an 88-43 victory Friday night.

The Lady Bearcats (17-3) took a 33-9 advantage at the end of the first quarter and never trailed on their way to an easy win. Tiffany Maxie led Garden City with 31 points and 10 rebounds and scored 12 in the first quarter. J'layne Niehues had 15 for Garden City while Paula Braden added 10.

Garden City also won the junior varsity game easily, 62-6.

Garden City 88, Buena Vista 43
Garden City (17-3): April Bryant 4, Tiffany Maxie 31, Paula Braden 10, Megan Goodwin 6, Stormi Chandler 6, J'layne Niehues 15, Kyrinda Batta 5, Misti Batta 5, Whitney Eoff 6. Totals: 39 6-12 88.
Buena Vista: Graham 16, Grant 1, Sickler 5, Soto 3, Campos 7, Choate 10. Totals: 15 9-19 43.

3-Point Goals: GC 4 (Maxie 3, K. Batta 1), BV 3 (Graham 2, Sickler 1). Total Fouls: GC 15, BV 12. Fouled Out: Eoff.

MHS JV nip Cooper

ABILENE — The Midland High junior varsity boys basketball team overcame a big first half deficit Friday night to defeat Abilene Cooper 63-59 in a District 4-5A game. The Bulldogs, who trailed by as many as 18 points in the first half, outscored Cooper 17-3 in the third quarter to take over the momentum.

Weldon Cooks led Midland High with 17 points while Robert O'Neal added 16. The Bulldogs are now 14-5 overall and 3-2 in district.

Trinity JV splits games

EL PASO — The Midland Trinity junior varsity basketball team split games here Friday and Saturday.

On Friday Trinity lost to Jesus Chapel 46-38 as Chris Pietila had 11 points. On Saturday, Trinity came back with a 36-31 win over Faith Christian as Justin Stasney had 13 points. The Trinity JV is now 9-5 on the year.

Boys freshman basketball

The Midland Freshman Purple boys basketball team clinched the city championship Saturday by defeating Lee White 75-70. Blaine Leonard led Purple with 14 points while Michael Glasscock, Scott Winters and Jason South scored 10 points apiece. Kyle Shatzer led Lee White with 25 points while Ronald Ross and Cedric Benson had 10 points each.

Purple is now a perfect 13-0 on the season while Lee White is now 9-3.

In another game, Bonham

defeated Midland White 64-56. Ty Orr led White with 14 points while Colter Lang added 10 and Aaron Robinson and Will Smith had 10 rebounds apiece.

Girls freshman basketball

The Lee Freshman Maroon girls romped on Hood, 76-25. For Lee, Shandi Neatherlin had 22 points, 16 rebounds and five steals; Crystal Shultz had 13 points and eight rebounds; Shamera Bryson chipped in 13 points and four steals; and Christy Burnett added nine points and 10 boards.

Midland Purple defeated Lee White 65-26. Jenny Jones led Purple with 20 points while Becky Valdez had 14 points and eight steals. Ashley Murray had 11 points and Laura Koch added 10. Purple stayed perfect at 10-0.

Bonham defeated Midland Freshman Gold 39-29. For MHS Gold, Catherine Wade had 11 points and 12 rebounds; Stephanie Channess with 12 boards; and Erin Drummond with 10 steals.

Mustang 7th boys take consolation

McCAMEY — The Midland Christian seventh grade boys basketball team won the consolation bracket of the McCamey Tournament Saturday.

The Mustangs lost to Balmorhea 30-27 Thursday night before winning twice Saturday, defeating Iraan 36-28 and Rankin 45-43. Against Rankin, Cad Davis scored 21 points and Shane Wright added 15.

Midland Christian girls win tourney

McCAMEY — The Midland Christian seventh grade girls basketball team won two games Saturday to win the McCamey Tournament. The Lady Mustangs defeated McCamey 52-38 and Reagan County 47-37.

Hayley Whiteside led Midland Christian with 14 points against McCamey. Crystal Cooper had 20 points in the win over Reagan County, a game in which Midland Christian shot 50 percent from the free throw line.

Midland Christian is now 10-3 on the season.

Trinity 7th girls win consolation

The Trinity girls seventh grade basketball team won the consolation title of its own tournament Saturday, scoring one of the rarest feats in basketball, a shutout, along the way.

Trinity lost its first game of the tournament Thursday, falling to Big Lake's "A" team 32-29. Olivia Holland had 14 points for Trinity while Susan Stasney added 10.

It was an entirely different story Saturday when Trinity played Balmorhea. The Lady Chargers won 67-0 as Stasney scored 24 points, Holland had 18 and Jana Floyd added 12. Trinity then won the consolation championship by defeating the Big Lake "B" team 52-14 as Holland had 14 points, Stasney had 12 and Stephanie Walton added 12.

Trinity is now 10-4 on the season.

Trinity boys finally lose

McCAMEY — The Trinity seventh grade boys basketball team suffered its first loss of the season Saturday when it fell in the championship game of the McCamey

Tournament.

The Chargers stretched their season opening winning streak to 16 games by beating Big Lake 45-42 in the first round of the tournament. Jee Huon Yi led Trinity (16-1) in that game with 10 points. Trinity's offense just didn't produce in the championship game against Balmorhea, though, as the Chargers lost 34-19 to suffer the first blemish on their record.

Greenwood powerlifting

GREENWOOD — Greenwood High came out on top of its ninth annual Greenwood Powerlifting Championships Saturday, finishing with 45 points.

The Rangers finished 10 points ahead of second place Monahans and won three individual weight divisions in the competition which adds scores from the deadlift, squat and bench. Jason Davila won at 165 pounds by lifting 1,045 pounds. Dane Cruntz won at 181 by lifting 1,090 and Frank Onzores won the super heavyweight division by lifting 1,260.

Here are the team and individual standings for each weight division.

Team Standings
1. Greenwood 45; 2. Monahans 35; 3. Fort Stockton 28; 4. Crane 25; 5. Fossil 20; 6. Seminole 10; 7. Kermit 9; 8. (tie), Rotan and Fort Stockton B 7; 10. Monahans B 5; 11. Midland B 3.

Weight Classes
114: 1. Philip Tarr, Crane, 655; 2. Garret Brown, Monahans, 550; 3. Bradley Smith, Monahans, 480; 125: 1. Zach Oldham, Rotan, 825; 2. Daniel Smith, Fossil, 785; 3. Eddie Dominguez, Kermit, 715; 132: 1. Nick Flores, Seminole, 1,125; 2. Jesse Garcia, Fort Stockton, 825; 3. Clay Matchett, Fort Stockton, 805; 148: 1. Anthony Aguilera, Monahans, 1,005; 2. Steven Rosler, Greenwood, 875; 3. Dean Chavez, Fort Stockton, 865; 165: 1. Jason Davila, Greenwood, 1,045; 2. Toby Robertson, Greenwood, 985; 3. Tub Collins, Crane, 920; 181: 1. Dane Cruntz, Greenwood, 1,090; 2. Willie Woodbury, Fort Stockton, 1,090; 3. Evan Pierce, Greenwood, 925; 198: 1. Brian Mims, Fossil, 1,045; 2. T.D. Smelser, Greenwood, 1,040; 3. Andrew Franks, Fort Stockton, 1,025; 220: 1. Scott Lackey, Monahans, 1,235; 2. Carlos Vasquez, Fort Stockton, 1,210; 3. T.J. Bustos, Monahans, 1,125; 242: 1. Jonathan Phillips, Crane, 1,205; 2. Quirt Melius, Monahans, 1,170; 3. Duane Milam, Crane, 1,125; 275: 1. Dale Doloff, Fossil, 1,140; 2. Brandon Zachry, Greenwood, 1,120; 3. Junior Rodriguez, Crane, 1,120; Super Heavyweight: 1. Frank Onzores, Greenwood, 1,260; 2. Aaron Swartzfager, Monahans, 1,160; 3. Jess Innis, Monahans, 840.

Dallas voters approve arena

DALLAS (AP) — Voters on Saturday narrowly approved a ballot measure raising taxes to pay for a \$230 million downtown arena for Dallas' professional hockey and basketball teams.

With all precincts counted, 62,861 voters, or 50.65 percent, were in favor of the proposal and 61,237, or 49.35 percent, were against it.

The hotly contested measure called for providing \$125 million in public financing for the proposed \$230 million arena. The money will come from a 5 percent tax increase on auto rentals and a 2 percent tax hike on hotel rooms.

Ross Perot Jr., owner of the NBA Mavericks, and NHL Stars owner Tom Hicks will pay the remaining \$105 million, plus \$132 million in rent over 30 years.

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Baylor knocks off No. 25 Cowboys

Associated Press

WACO — Baylor coach Harry Miller says his Bears deserve extra credit for their 97-95 double-overtime victory over No. 25 Oklahoma State on Saturday.

Patrick Hunter dribbled the length of the floor and hit a 12-foot running jumper with 0.4 seconds left in the second extra session for the win.

Hunter scored five of his 27 points in the second overtime as the Bears (10-5, 5-0 Big 12) won their sixth straight game and kept their hold on first place in the Big 12 South.

"We ought to get about 10 wins for this one," Miller said. "This is a very big win. It legitimizes and validates our team. We're a good team. We're not great yet, but we're working rapidly in that direction."

The Cowboys (12-3, 2-3) lost their second straight game since moving into the Top 25 on Monday. Adrian Peterson led Oklahoma State with 29 points as coach Eddie Sutton failed in his second try for his 600th career victory.

Hunter's game-winner was set up by a 35-second shot clock violation on the Cowboys with six seconds left. Oklahoma State had gotten the ball with 41 seconds left and tried to use the clock before taking a shot. But they failed to get the shot off in time.

"We made too many mistakes at the end of regulation," Sutton said. "Late in the game, mistakes are magnified."

Hunter said Baylor's last play was designed to make the Cowboys' defense collapse on him so he could pass to an open teammate.

"I was going to take it as far as I could," Hunter said. "I found a little crease in the defense. They didn't come all the way to cover."

"I really didn't think it was going in. I thought it was going to be short."

Oklahoma State's Brian Montanari missed a desperation 3-point shot at the buzzer.

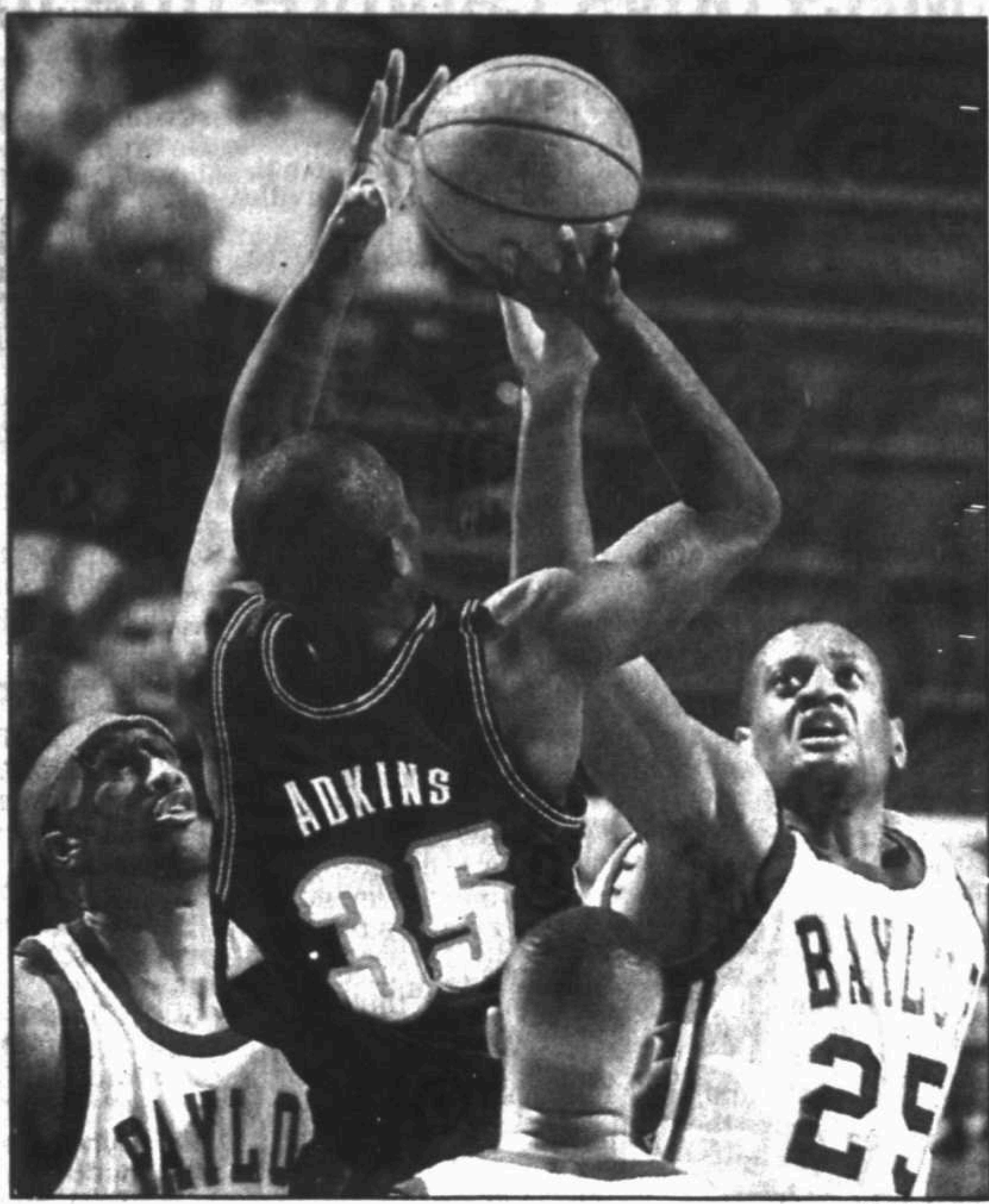
Oklahoma State controlled much of the second half and led 70-60 with 7:30 remaining. But the Bears went on an 18-8 run and tied the game 78-78 with 15 seconds left on a putback by Jamie Kendrick.

Brian Skinner had five points during the run.

"I thought we had the game under control," Sutton said.

In the first overtime, the Cowboys led 85-81 with 3:00 left before Baylor forced a second overtime at the free throw line. Skinner hit a free throw and Hunter made three more after he was fouled on a 3-point attempt with 1:06 to go.

Skinner finished with 24 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks, while



Oklahoma State's Joe Adkins (35) shoots over Baylor's Brian Skinner, left, and Leon Morris during Baylor's 97-95 double overtime victory Saturday in Waco.

Rodrick Miller had 22 points and Kendrick added 16.

The Cowboys got 21 points from Desmond Mason and 20 from Joe Adkins.

Texas 88, Texas Tech 79

AUSTIN — Coach Tom Penders has already called this a rebuilding season for the Texas Longhorns, but his team showed Saturday that it still must be reckoned with in the Big 12 South.

Nnabubem Muoneke's 16 points and Chico Vazquez's tight defense on Big 12 leading scorer Cory Carr helped Texas overcome a shaky first half and beat Texas Tech.

Muoneke also grabbed nine rebounds to help Texas (7-9, 1-4) to its first Big 12 Conference win of the season, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Penders said the Longhorns sorely needed a good performance.

"We needed this win to help rebuild our confidence," Penders said.

Carr, who had been averaging 24 points per game, connected on just six of his 18 shots from the field as Tech (7-7, 1-3) suffered its third conference loss of the year.

"Tech is a very explosive and very dangerous team with that 3-guard lineup of theirs," Penders said. "We wanted to frustrate their guards as much as we could, limit them to mini-runs as we could when they did score, and we did that today."

The Red Raiders hung with Texas early and gained their biggest lead at 22-15 with 11:20 left in the first half, highlighted by Rayford Young's six early points and four assists.

But the Longhorns answered with a 23-12 run to take a 38-34 lead at the half. Luke Axtell had two 3-pointers and another basket during that stretch, while Vazquez's stingy defense on Carr not only suppressed the Tech offense but ignited a few easy Texas baskets.

"I was just trying to not let him get his team started today," Vazquez said of his defense of Carr. "I was trying to frustrate him as much as I could because he can take over a game."

Tech tied the game, 58-58, early in the second half on Carr's desperation 25-foot three-pointer.

But Texas reeled off 14 unan-

Texas Men

swered points to take a 78-52 lead, highlighted by two Muoneke buckets, including a breakaway jam after stealing the ball at half court from Young.

"They just did a better job of executing today," said Tech coach James Dickey. "I thought their defensive awareness on our guards today was outstanding. They didn't play like an 0-4 team by any means."

Iowa State 68, Texas A&M 59

AMES, Iowa — Marcus Fizer scored 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds before an elbow to the forehead sent him out of the game and Iowa State overcame 25 turnovers to beat Texas A&M.

Iowa State (9-8 overall, 2-2) built a 22-point lead with 10 minutes left, then did just enough after that to hold off the Aggies (6-9, 0-5), who lost for the 13th time in their last 14 league games.

The Cyclones overcame their turnovers by holding A&M to 36 percent shooting. The 59 points were a season-low for the Aggies, whose previous low had been 64.

Martin Rancik added 12 points for Iowa State, which scored the first six points of the game and never trailed. Stevie Johnson scored 11 and Paul Shirley had 13 rebounds to go with eight points.

Shanne Jones, who didn't start because he missed a team meeting, scored 10 of A&M's first 14 points and finished with 18. Chris Clayton scored 10.

A&M played without No. 2 scorer Calvin Davis, who has a strained muscle in his lower back. Davis is averaging 13.8 points.

Texas-El Paso 62, UNLV 50

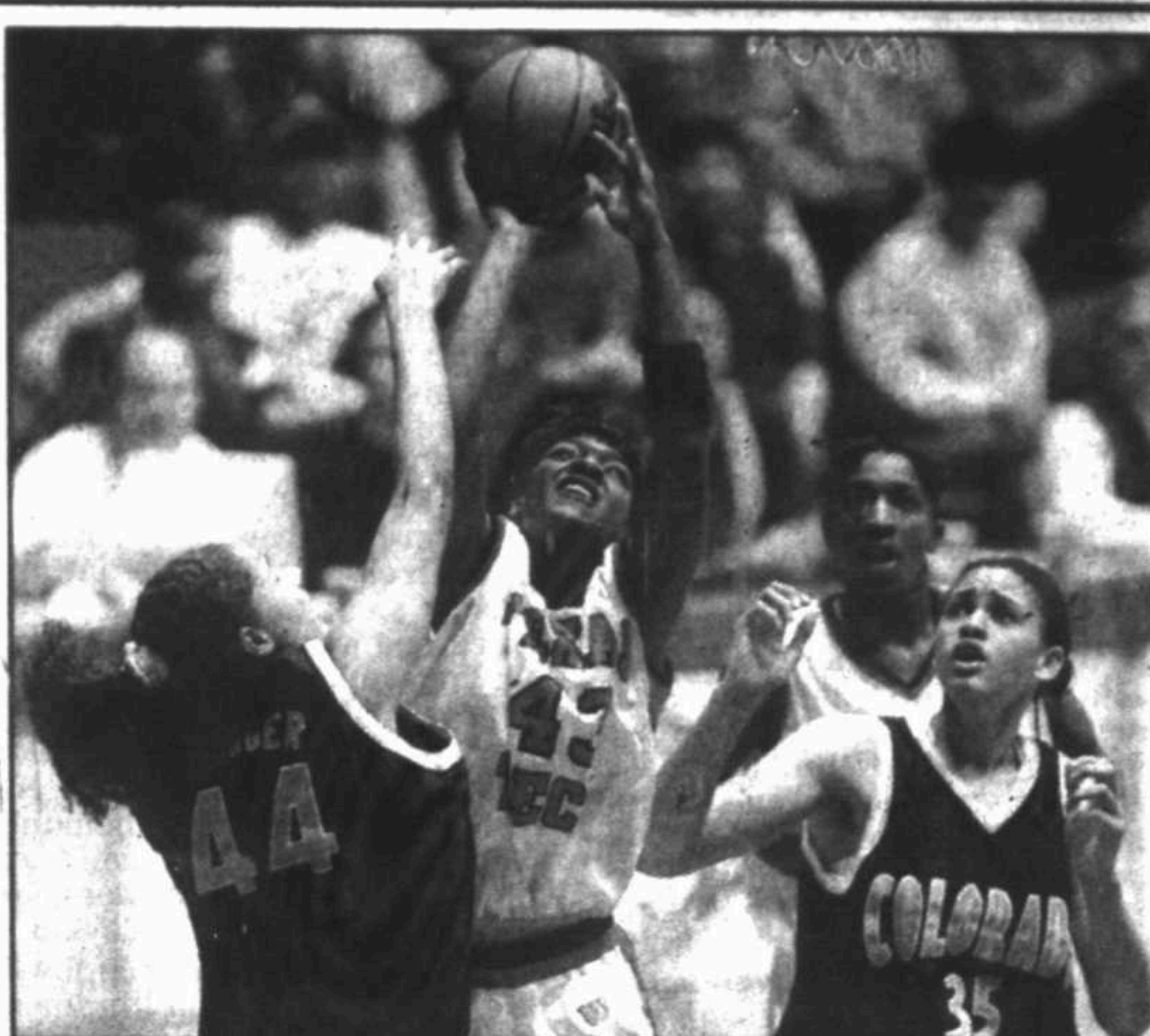
EL PASO — Sharif Fajardo had 23 points and 11 rebounds and Texas-El Paso's stifling defense overpowered cold-shooting Nevada-Las Vegas in a victory.

The Miners, already leading 34-27 at the half, opened the second half with an 8-4 run to go up 42-31 and never lost control, thanks largely to a defensive effort that held the Rebels (8-7, 1-2 Western Athletic) to 33-percent shooting.

UTEP (11-4, 2-2 WAC) managed to shoot only 37 percent from the field, but were helped along by rampant UNLV fouls. The Miners hit 23 of 36 free throws (63 percent) to ice the victory.

Will Smith contributed 10 points, all in the second half, and was the only other Miners player in double digits.

The Rebels were paced by Keon Clark's 16 points and 10 rebounds. Tyrone Nesby added 11 points for UNLV.



Texas Tech's Alicia Thompson (43), a former Reagan County star from Big Lake, shoots over Colorado's Nikki Swaggar (44) while Colorado's Melody Johnson (35) and Texas Tech's Angie Brazier, an Odessa Permian product, look on. Tech won, 80-40, Saturday in Lubbock.

Lady Raiders rout Buffs

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Big Lake's Alicia Thompson scored a game-high 28 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, leading No. 5 Texas Tech to an 80-40 victory against Colorado on Saturday.

Colorado (7-7, 1-3 Big 12) jumped to an early 11-8 lead on a 3-pointer by La Shena Graham at 15:39 of the first half. But the Buffaloes scored only one basket in the following 13 minutes and 23 seconds.

Texas Tech (12-2, 5-0) took the lead for good, 15-13, on a layup by Katrina O'Neal with 13:40 left in the first half. The Lady Raiders then went on 25-3 run and led 45-20 at the half. Texas Tech twice built leads of 41 points during the second half.

Julie Lake added 16 points for the Lady Raiders, who shot 48 percent from the field (32 of 67).

Texas Tech limited the Buffaloes to a season-low scoring output. Colorado, which had scored 48 points in an earlier loss to Illinois, shot 28 percent from the field (15 of 54).

Oklahoma St. 68, Baylor 67

STILLWATER, Okla. — Jennifer Crow scored 19 points and

Texas Women

Sarah Boyd added 10 as Oklahoma State defeated Baylor 68-67 on Saturday.

Oklahoma State (11-4, 4-1 Big 12) led by 13 points with 7:11 to go in the game before Baylor rallied.

The Bears went on a 10-0 run over the next 2 1/2 minutes and took a 1-point lead with 3:23 to play.

Tasia Wright hit a free throw with 19 seconds left to pull Baylor within 68-67 but she missed a second shot and OSU rebounded and ran out the clock.

Oklahoma 97, Texas 84

NORMAN, Okla. — Phylesha Whaley scored 38 points and Roxanne Long added 22, including six 3-pointers, as Oklahoma defeated Texas 97-84 on Saturday.

Whaley, who sank 12 of 27 shots from the field, hit 13 of 14 free throws and pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds for the Sooners.

Long hit six of her 12 shots from beyond the 3-point arc as Oklahoma improved to 6-9 overall, 2-3 in the Big 12.

No. 2 Duke survives Clemson rally

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Second-ranked Duke led by 24 points in the second half but had to hang on in the final seconds for its sixth straight Atlantic Coast Conference win, edging Clemson 81-80 Saturday behind a season-high 23 points from Trajan Langdon.

The victory by the Blue Devils (16-1, 6-0), coupled with No. 1 North Carolina's loss to Maryland earlier in the week, should give Duke the nation's top ranking for the second time this season.

The Tigers (11-6, 2-3), No. 5 in the preseason poll, fell to 4-45 in Cameron Indoor Stadium and trailed 55-31 early in the second half and by 19 points with 9:16 left before staging their furious comeback.

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McLeod then missed with 19 seconds left and after an exchange of turnovers, Clemson had two final chances, but McIntyre's 12-footer hit off the front of the rim with three seconds left and Iker Iturbide's desperation shot at the buzzer also found iron.

McIntyre had 17 points.

No. 3 Kansas 69, Kansas St. 62

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Jayhawks tied the school record with their 55th straight home-court victory.

Ryan Robertson hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 to play to give Kansas (21-2, 5-0 Big 12) a 65-58 lead, and then made two free throws with 45 seconds left for a 67-61 lead after Aaron Swartzendruber had made a 3-pointer for the Wildcats.

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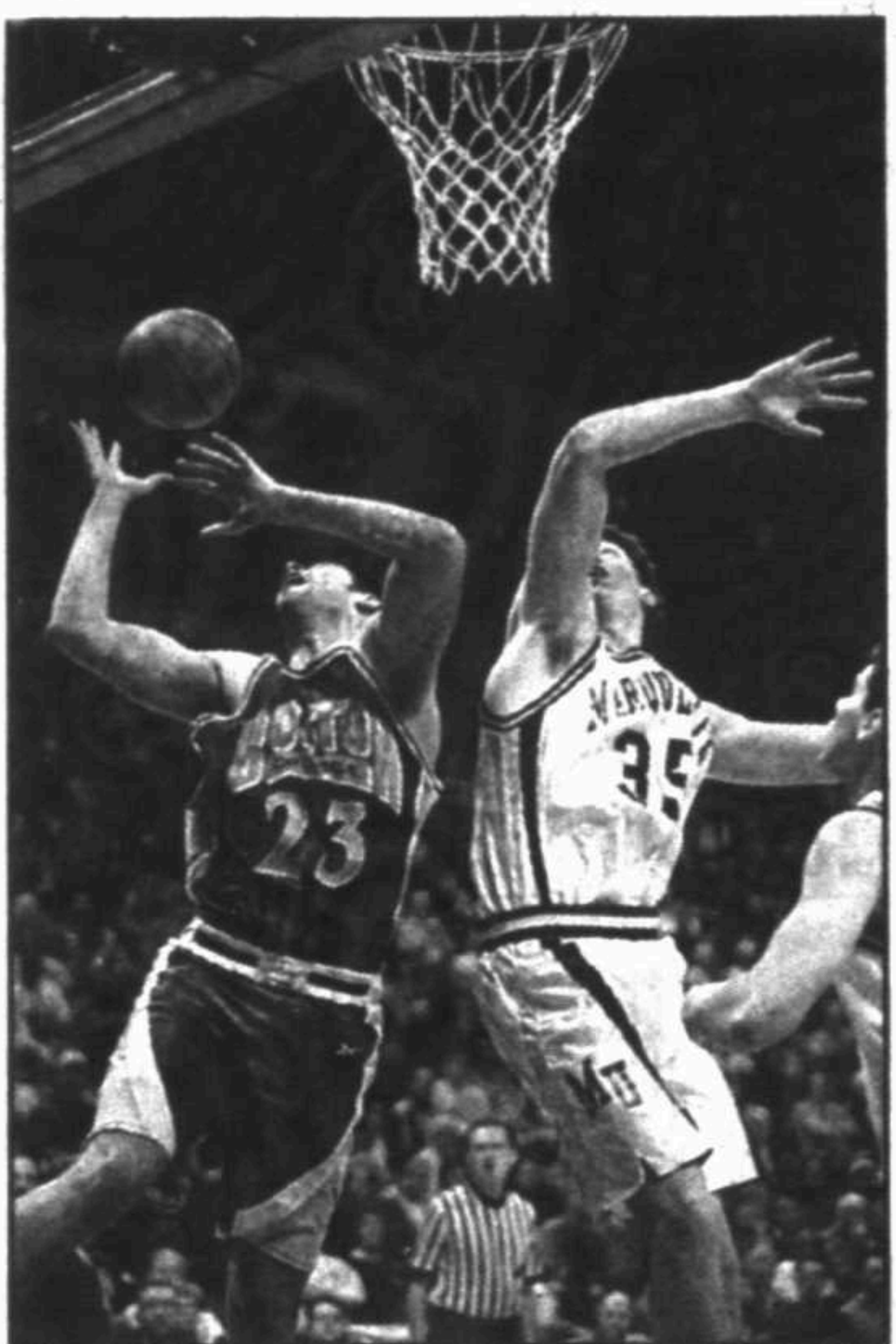
No. 10 Connecticut 86, Georgetown 72

HARTFORD, Conn. — Kevin Freeman had 21 points and 13 rebounds and the Huskies took over with a 21-4 run to start the second half.

Richard Hamilton had 25 points to lead the Huskies (16-2, 6-1 Big East), six in the run that allowed UConn to come back from 44-42 half-time deficit to take a 63-48 lead.

Georgetown (9-6, 3-5) never got closer than eight points the rest of the way, the last time at 78-70 with about a minute left.

Trez Kilpatrick scored 17 points to lead the Hoyas, who shot 23 percent in the second half and 36 percent for the game.



Boston College's Komstas Maglos (23) collides with Marquette's John Mueller (35) as Maglos shoots Saturday in Milwaukee. Boston College upset No. 23 Marquette, 64-54.

turnovers in the first 12 minutes, while Xavier went 9-for-15 from the field.

Brendan Dunlop led the Hokies with 15 points.

No. 19 Michigan 79, Ohio St. 61

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Louis Bullock scored 28 points and was 5-of-7 from 3-point range and 13-for-13 from the foul line as the Wolverines won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Bullock scored 16 points in the opening half as the Wolverines (14-4, 4-1 Big Ten) used their inside-out game to take a 37-22 lead.

The lead never dropped below 18 points after the first basket of the second half as Ohio State (7-10, 0-4) lost its seventh straight game.

Robert Traylor of Michigan broke his nose in the opening minute of the game when he collided with Ohio State's Jason Singleton under the basket. He returned to play 20 minutes, finishing with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Freshman Michael Redd scored 20 points for the Buckeyes on 8-of-25 shooting and had 11 rebounds.

Boston College 64, No. 23 Marquette 54

MILWAUKEE — Senior forward Antonio Granger made four 3-pointers and tied his career-high with 22 points for the Eagles.

Mickey Curley added 12 points for Boston College (10-8), which is 1-3 against ranked teams this season.

Sophomore guard John Cliff had a career-high 17 points for Marquette (10-4), which has lost four in a row.

Boston College put Marquette away with a 20-7 run early in the second half.

No. 1 North Carolina 96, Appalachian St. 63

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Ed Cota had a career-high 14 assists and the Tar Heels posted their largest rebounding edge of the season in bouncing back from their first loss of the season.

Antawn Jamison scored 25 points and Vince Carter added 17 for the Tar Heels (18-1), who beat a non-conference opponent at home for the 48th straight time.

The Tar Heels ruined Appalachian State coach Buzz Peterson's return to Chapel Hill. Peterson was a guard for the Tar Heels under Dean Smith from 1982-85.

No. 6 Kentucky 80, No. 22 Arkansas 77, OT

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Heshimu Evans scored seven of his season-high 20 points in overtime for the Wildcats.

Kentucky (16-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) overcame poor 3-point shooting (2-of-19) and 22 turnovers to beat Arkansas (14-3, 3-1) for the fifth consecutive time and snap the Razorbacks' six-game winning streak.

Evans helped Kentucky take a 78-71 lead with 41 seconds left, but Arkansas battled back behind Pat Bradley, who hit two straight 3-pointers to slice the lead to 79-77 with 8.1 seconds remaining.

Turner was then fouled by Bradley on the inbound play, missing the first free throw but making the second for the final margin. Tarik Wallace's 3-point attempt to send the game into a second overtime bounced off the rim as the horn sounded.

No. 7 Stanford 93, No. 8 UCLA 80

STANFORD, Calif. — Peter Sauer had 19 points and Stanford made 14 3-pointers and withstood a furious second-half rally to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 16 games.

Arthur Lee added 17 points as Stanford (16-0, 5-0 Pac-10) extended its home winning streak to 20 games and broke a four-game winning streak by UCLA (13-3, 4-2).

Kris Johnson had 20 points for UCLA, while Jelani McCoy had 19, Toby Bailey 18 and J.R. Henderson 17.

Tennessee 77, No. 11 Mississippi 67

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Brandon Wharton scored 20 points and C.J. Black added 15 as Tennessee ended the Rebels' eight-game winning streak.

Tennessee (11-3, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) played without its leading scorer, freshman Tony Harris, and with three other players on the bench with a variety of injuries.

But the Volunteers got help from players like Rashard Lee, who had been coming off the bench until the recent rash of injuries, who scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

St. Bonaventure 86, No. 20 Rhode Island 81

OLEAN, N.Y. — Caswell Cyrus had 17 points and 16 rebounds as the Bonnies beat a ranked team for the second time in two weeks.

St. Bonaventure, which had lost three straight games, snapped the Rams' six-game winning streak.

Rhode Island guard Tyson Wheeler scored 17 of his 20 points over the final six minutes, including 10 points in the final minute. His 3-pointer with 10 seconds left made it 84-81, but James Singleton made two free throws with 8.6 seconds left for the Bonnies.

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LEE: Lady Rebels leaning on youth

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at the level we need to play at." One big-time frosh could be a key in solving one of the team's biggest problems.

Last year's Lady Rebs had trouble getting their leading scorer Ritha Belizaire enough quality touches. Belizaire did score 31 goals in 1997, but she became a focal point for defenses, especially later in the year.

"We had to get more offense and take the load off Ritha," said Simpson, who is in his second year at Lee. "Everybody that played us focused on stopping our scoring threat. We have expanded that this year."

The expansion could make Lee, which was among the more prolific offenses last season, even better. Freshman Linsey Johnson might be key in terms of spreading out the offense. Johnson already has two 3-goal games and seven total for the season.

Offensively, senior Sarah Buchanan, juniors Suzy Prucka and Cassie Taylor, sophomore Amy Rankin and freshman Riffi Belizaire will be called upon to provide a bigger punch in Lee's three-

forward offense.

"We've got some depth and that will be key," Simpson said.

Traditionally, the Lee defense is a unit which has been overlooked in terms of their ability. This year, the Lady Rebs feature many new faces, but they think they will be better than ever.

"We are a lot better and stronger defensively," senior Tiffany Zachry said. "We have a lot of speed and will be strong. We are playing well together."

Zachry is the lone senior among the defenders. With the exception of her and junior Holly Neely, the rest are sophomores, including keeper Brandice Zachry, and Maggie George. The newcomers are April Rankin and Kristi Taylor.

The success of Lee's youth will be a big reason for their imminent success or failures. Simpson expects his young players to make as much of an impact as his returners and not be a handicap.

"Young talent? Yeah," Simpson said about his team's age. "It could put us in position to be strong for the next two or three years."

Those benefits go way beyond rebuilding.

MHS: Team eyes regionals

(From 1C)

head and shoulders above the rest," Hodkinson said. "Everyone remembers 12-0, but two games were shootout wins and we had 1-0 wins over Lee and Cooper. Throw in some bad luck and we're 9-3 or 8-4."

MHS will have to show they haven't lost too much from a team which finished district at 12-0 and last season at 17-3-1. The fact is the MHS additions may outweigh the losses.

First and foremost, Jodie Mitchell, who has orally committed to play soccer at Texas A&M, is not splitting time with basketball as she has over the past two years. Mitchell, a senior forward, and sophomore forward Melinda Baca will be the 1-2 punch. The two combined with midfielder/forward Kim Elger should make the Lady Bulldogs more potent.

"The addition of Jodie and having Melinda and Kim should make us stronger at forward than in past years," Hodkinson said. "We have lacked the goal-scoring punch (in the past). We have just had it in bits and pieces. Now, we have people capable of scoring goals. No doubt about it."

Another addition is the return of midfielder Brenna Byerlotzer. The senior comes back to Midland High from Houston where she moved after playing her sophomore year with MHS.

Byerlotzer joins maybe the deepest part of the MHS team, but it's an area which must have players come to the forefront — especially in big games — and dictate the style of play. Seniors Sarah Duran and Kristin Gassiot, juniors Jessica Rodriguez and Elger, and sophomore Jill Knottke head the list of those who Hodkinson will ask to get MHS' offense going. He says that his depth will play a big part of it.

"We have the capability to run people into the ground," Hodkinson said. "We can go full-speed, switch out and do the same."

Hodkinson can spend time with the offense because his defense has been solid. Last year MHS allowed just 12 goals for the whole season and shut out its opponent 10 times. Returning are sweeper Meg Bennett, last year's district play-

er of the year, Tori Watson and Hill, a first-team keeper and defender respectively. Stopper Kathy Cornelius and defender Mary Prentice occupy.

"The people we have back there have played club ball and know each other's strengths and weaknesses," Prentice said. "We can live up to the expectations the team and district has for us."

Experience should also play a factor. MHS has 13 seniors, and all of them have varsity experience.

Last year, those 13 were among the players who came within 10 minutes of playing in the region tournament. This year, they want a whole new experience.

Lady Rebels

ROSTER		
No.	Player	Position
Seniors		
4	Carol Bombara	Midfielder
8	Tiffany Zachry	Defender
10	Ritha Belizaire	Forward
12	Sarah Buchanan	Midfielder
Juniors		
5	Suzy Prucka	Midfielder
6	Erin Shryock	Forward
13	Holly Neely	Defender
15	Cassie Taylor	Midfielder
19	Erin King	Defender
Sophomores		
00	Brandice Zachry	Keeper
2	Amy Rankin	Midfielder
3	Maggie George	Defender
17	April Rankin	Defender
18	Katie Williams	Midfielder
20	Allison Herr	Midfielder
21	Kristi Taylor	Defender
Freshman		
7	Desiree Early	Midfielder
9	Devon Turner	Defender
11	Linsey Johnson	Forward
14	Riffi Belizaire	Mid/Forward
Coach: Mike Simpson		
Assistant: Becky Stanford		

SCHEDULE		
Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 20	Midland High	4:30
Jan. 27	at Odessa High	5:30
Jan. 31	Abilene Cooper	2
Feb. 7	at Abilene High	2
Feb. 10	Permian	4:30
Feb. 14	at Central	2
Feb. 17	at Midland High	4:30
Feb. 21	Odessa High	2
Feb. 24	at Cooper	5:30
Feb. 28	"SA Lake View	noon
Mar. 5	Abilene High	4:30
Mar. 7	at Permian	2
Mar. 10	Central	4:30

Games in Abilene played at Lee Athletic Complex.
Game vs. Odessa High in Odessa to be played at Ector Junior High.
Game vs. Permian in Odessa to be played at Pease Elementary.
"Lake View is a non-district game.

LOCAL SOCCER ROUNDUP

MHS boys capture title in Duncanville

Staff Report

DUNCANVILLE — The Midland High boys soccer team defeated Duncanville 2-1 in a shootout win Saturday to win the championship at the Duncanville Kickoff Classic.

MHS' J.R. Ketter scored a goal assisted by Greg Hunter in the 77th minute to tie the game. Then, Hunter, the tournament MVP, and Beau Bennett scored shootout goals as MHS (4-2) won the shootout 2-0. The Bulldogs handed Duncanville its first loss in the its own Tournament in four years.

"This is a milestone for the kids," MHS coach Tom Esikhathi said. "Duncanville is one of the top-ranked teams in the state."

Esikhathi says that the win will give the Bulldogs momentum going into district.

"It was sets up the tempo going into district game," Esikhathi said. "I am happy for the way the boys played. They have improved every day from the San Antonio Tournament. The intensity was high. It was a tough, tough game."

Toby Alexander had four saves in goal for MHS. Zach Inman, Jeremie Piette and Matt Lackey were all-tournament selections.

Lee boys rally to win third
ODESSA — A 3-2 shootout win over Odessa High gave the Midland Lee boys soccer team third place in the ECISD Tournament.

"I didn't think they wanted to go down to 2-2 in the tournament. They wanted to go ahead 3-1," Lee coach John McCulloch said. "Winning the third-place game) felt good. We went in there and played a different formation, a more offensive formation with three forwards and three fullbacks."

The change did the team good. Lee (5-3) fell behind 2-0 in the first half, but the offensive juices started flowing with goals by Troy Henry and Josh Pressler to tie the game. A 2-1 advantage in OT gave Lee the win, something that Lee failed to do in the morning game, a 2-1 loss to Odessa Permian.

"It felt good to win after the shootout," McCulloch said. "I was surprised with how much energy we played with and how well we stayed in the game."

The morning game was a game that Lee should have one but got a really bad bounce. Just a minute after Henry took a through pass for a 1-0 lead, Lee fell victim to the dreaded own goal.

A ball kicked high into the air by a Permian player was coming down inside the Lee's penalty area. Kris Crawford was ready to head it out of the box, but he misjudged the ball and it bounced off his head and into the upper right corner of the goal.

"It was a beautiful goal but in the wrong goal," McCulloch joked. "We had the win. I don't think they would have scored on their own."

McCulloch, whose team was playing without three starters, was happy with his team's play Saturday. He even said losing now might help later.

"We got beat in shootout and maybe that will give our guys a mission later," McCulloch said.

San Angelo Central defeated Permian 1-0 to win the tournament title.

Pressler and Henry were named all-tournament.

MHS places second at Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The Midland High girls soccer team dropped a disappointing shootout loss to Lubbock Coronado 2-1 in the final of the Lubbock Invitational.

"We did come home with a second place trophy but it was bittersweet because our team feels that we lost to a team we should have beaten," said MHS coach Scott Hodkinson, whose team fell to 8-1. "It was one of those games we had chances. I can think of several that we couldn't put on goal."

For the game, MHS outshot Lubbock High 23-8, but the shots just didn't go into the goal. Sarah Tinslar scored the lone goal for MHS in the second half.

This wasn't the best way for MHS to enter district but, Hodkinson's team has done better after performing worse. Last year, MHS lost its last two games of the Lubbock tournament, including a shootout loss to Coronado, before going through district undefeated.

"We are going to practice Monday, iron out the problems and figure out what we need to do," Hodkinson said. "Maybe it is a blessing in disguise and will remind us we need to go out there with the same attitude no matter who we play."

Midland Lee girls claim third in Lewisville
LEWISVILLE — A 3-2 win over The Colony gave the Midland Lee girls soccer team third place at the Lewisville Cup.

Lee (5-3) got the second 3-goal performance in two days from freshman Linsey Johnson, who has seven for the season. Ritha Belizaire, who leads the team with eight goals, had an assist as did sophomore April Rankin.

"It is a good win, and in particular, coming back in the second half and scoring two goals and shutting them out defensively," Lee coach Mike Simpson said. "It was a really physical game, and our kids turned it up a notch."

Lee lost the morning game to Lewisville 2-0 to go into the third place game. Lee did outshoot Lewisville 6-5 in the game.

"We just didn't come to play this morning," Simpson said. "We felt good about the tournament. We had two easy games where we could work on things, and then we had time to be pressured and answered the call."

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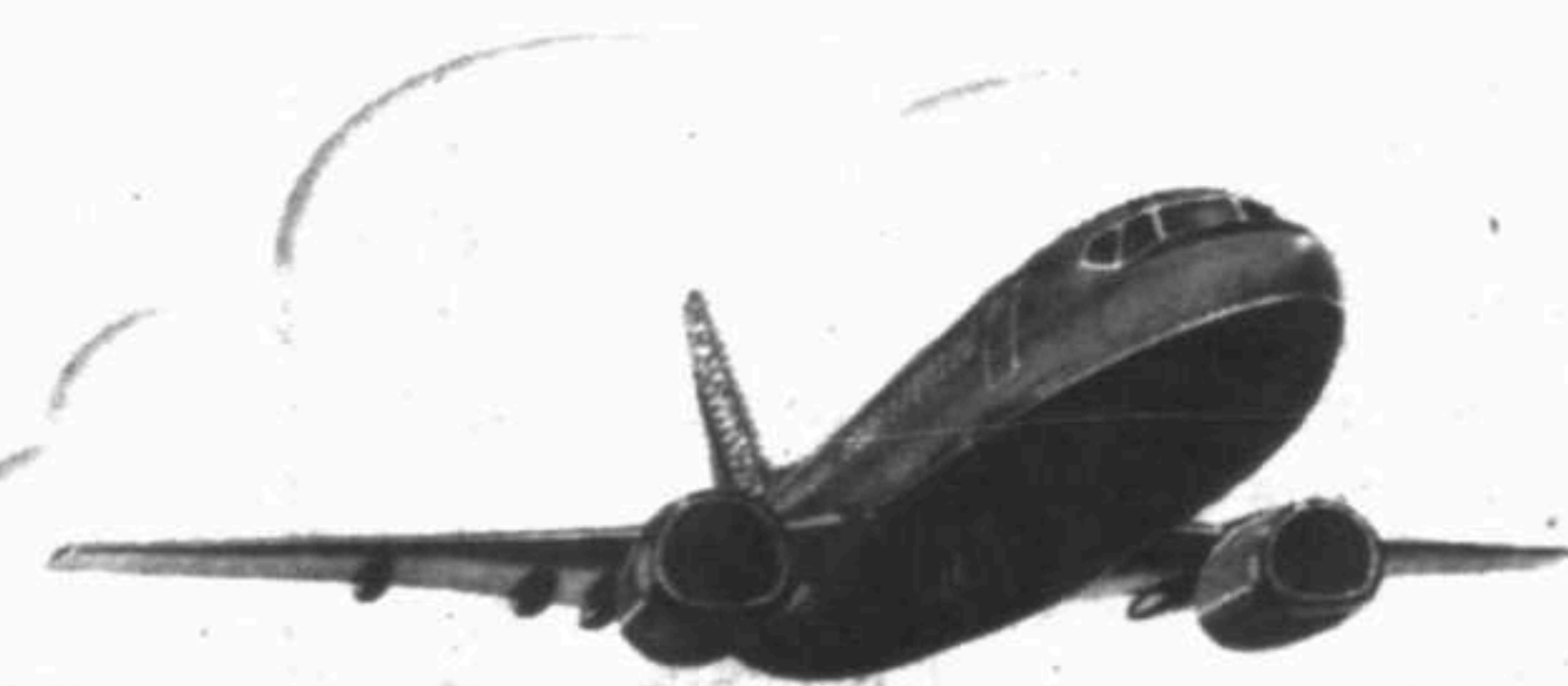
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Lady Bulldogs

ROSTER		
No.	Player	Position
Seniors		
0/11	Carin Vadala	Gk/Mid
2	Brenna Byerlotzer	Midfielder
3	Meg Bennett	Sweeper
6	Kathy Cornelius	Def/Mid
7	Sarah Duran	Midfielder
13	Jodie Mitchell	Forward
14	Mary Prentice	Defender
15	Lauren Amick	Def/Mid
18	Mari Hill	Defender
19	Amanda Holguin	Defender
20	Shelby Berry	Mid/For
23	Kristin Gassiot	Midfielder
Juniors		
1	Tori Watson	Keeper
8	Jody Nicholson	Midfielder
10	Ali McCallum	Midfielder
12	Kim Elger	Mid/For
17	Jessica Rodriguez	Midfielder
21	Tiffany Barden	Junior
Sophomores		
4	Melinda Baca	Forward
9	Jill Knottke	Midfielder
Coach: Scott Hodkinson		
Assistant: Andrea Morren		

SCHEDULE		
Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 21	at Midland Lee	4:30
Jan. 27	Permian	4:30
Jan. 31	at Abilene High	2
Feb. 3	SA Central	4:30
Feb. 7	Cooper	2
Feb. 10	at Odessa High	5:30
Feb. 17	Midland Lee	4:30
Feb. 21	at Permian	2
Feb. 24	Abilene High	4:30
Feb. 28	at SA Central	2
Mar. 5	at Cooper	5:30
Mar. 7	Odessa High	2

Games in Abilene played at Lee Athletic Complex.
Game vs. Odessa High in Odessa to be played at Ector Junior High.
Game vs. Permian in Odessa to be played at Pease Elementary.

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Booster

The Midland fourth annual Game will be held at 7 p.m. at the Lee Booster Club. Lunch will be served. Lee Booster Club members are encouraged to bring a guest. Tickets are \$5.00. For more information, call 570-4499.

The Midland Booster Club is holding its first Monday night meeting at the Lee School on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Booster Club's fourth annual Alumni Baseball Game will be Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at Ernie Johnson Field. All Lee alumni are welcome to come and play. Lunch will be served by the Lee Booster Club at noon. Call Larry Crawford at 694-1279 or 683-4619 to sign up to play or to get information...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster club will meet each Thursday 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...

The Stanton Buffalo Stampede... the Tradition Continues will be held Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. at Buffalo Stadium (weather permitting, otherwise the SHS Gym) to honor the 1997 Class 2A state champion football team, coaches, cheerleaders, band, school and fans. Included in the festivities are a guest speaker, presentation of state championship trophy, team autographed game balls to be raffled and auctioned.

Golf...

Masters Golf will offer a junior golf clinic during spring break for 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...

Masters Golf will offer a Valentine's Day Special: Beginning golf lessons for couples. The cost is \$59 a couple and the times are 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The lessons are available to the first four paid couples. Call 570-4499 for more information and to sign up...

Aquatics...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$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 Mabee 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...

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 locations. 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, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050; NE/YMCA Unit, 2800 Butternut, 682-9469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

The Central YMCA is taking registration for boys junior high basketball. Registration deadline is Jan. 18 for the league, which will begin Feb. 5. The cost is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. Divisions will be divided into seventh and eighth graders and high school freshmen

and sophomores. For more information, call 682-2551...

The Boys and Girls Club 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Tournament will be held Jan. 30-31. The entry fee is \$40 per team, and teams will play at least two games. For more information, call David at 682-9469...

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association Spring Registration runs through Feb. 1, 1998. Fee is \$40 for recreational players and \$44 for club players. There will be a \$10 late fee after Feb. 1. Signups will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425...

The Third Annual Sooner Soccer Shootout will be held on Feb. 13-15 for boys and girls basketball teams in grades 3-10 in Midwest City, Okla. Team from several Midwestern states have already registered to play and those who are interested must call Gary Vick at (405) 722-4518 as soon as possible...

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...

Tryouts for the Rangers Select Soccer U-14 team will be held Jan. 18 and Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at Abell Junior High. Players should bring ball, shin guards, water and light and dark jersey. Recreational players must bring a signed release from fall coach in order to try out. Releases can be obtained from MSA office or Terry Jensen. Call Terry Jensen at 697-5163 for more information...

The Midland Soccer Association will have Mail registration for Spring '98 on Jan. 18 during mail hours in the Sears court. The registration deadline is Feb. 1. For more information, please call MSA at 684-5425...

The Mirage '82 16-under girls competitive soccer team has a limited number of openings for players qualified to play at the competitive level. Practices and games will begin following the UIL soccer season. For more information, call Jo Anne Hudson at 685-1829 prior to Jan. 27.

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5500...

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 on Jan. 24-25, Feb. 7-8 and Feb. 14-15. All Saturday signups will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. while 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 Permian Basin ASA Umpires Association will be conducting its first organizational meeting Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Hoag Park Umpires building. Any person wishing to umpire slow pitch or fast pitch softball will need to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Howard King at 684-7595, Al Enriquez at 684-8481 or Joe Guerra at 686-8445...

Baseball...

Midland Junior Baseball Association is currently accepting applications for anyone interested in coaching a 13-year-old and up Little League Baseball team. Applications may be picked up at Stadium Sports and returned at player sign-ups on Jan. 31. For more information please call Ronnie Lynch at 699-1405 or Bill Stovall at 697-9883...

The Midland Junior Baseball Association will hold signups on Jan. 31 and Feb. 14 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...

Tennis...

The Midland Women's Tennis Association will begin its spring tennis league on Feb. 2 and will run for 10 weeks, ending on April 6. There will be no play March 9-13 due to spring break. Levels 1 and 3 will play on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. and levels 2 and 4 will play on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. A fee of \$15 should be sent to Shelley Head at 4103 Westminster, 79707. For further information on the night league and the Icecycle Freeze Play, call Penny Duwall at 682-1520 or Em Carnett at 689-6962...

Free tennis clinics are available at the Kimber-Lea Tennis Club on Jan. 30 for beginners ages 5-11 (12 p.m. to 1 p.m.), 12-16 (1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) and college students and adults (3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). For more information, contact Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The Tennis Association of Midland is currently accepting regis-

tration for the Spring Youth Tennis League. Participants should have fundamental tennis skills. League play is matches after school and will begin the week of Feb. 23. The cost is \$15. A \$20 membership to TAM is required. The deadline is Jan. 24. For more information, call Tracie Drennon at 686-0136...

TAM will host the Northwest ZAT Tennis Tournament on Feb. 7-8 at the Midland College Tennis Center. The tournament is \$15 and a USTA membership, which will be available during registration, is required to play. The entry deadline is Jan 23 and entries are available at the MC Tennis Center. If you have more questions call tournament director Lance Armstrong or Kathy Armstrong at 687-4046 or 682-2255...

The fourth annual TAM Junior Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday at Green Tree Country Club from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All TAM members are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12-and-under. For more information, please call Terry Wilkinson at 682-0774...

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee 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 Permian Basin Bicycle Association has a new meeting day and location. The new meeting place is at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification and the group will meet the third Monday of each month. The next meeting is Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The Midland Women's Bowling Association is holding its 43rd annual City Tournament Feb. 7-8 and 14-15. The team event is Feb. 7 and 14 at 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. at AMF Midland Park Lanes. The doubles and singles event is Feb. 8 and 15 at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Cactus lanes. Multiple entries for the team event are allowed. Entry fee is \$12.50 per event with a deadline of midnight Jan. 31. Entry forms are available at Midland Park and Cactus Lanes...

Shining Venus finishes short against Vicario

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — In one breathless rally, Venus Williams drilled two shots from the baseline to opposite corners, then charged to the net, volleying once with her backhand and again with her outstretched forehand against a helpless Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

It was a point that showed all the power, quickness and court sense that the 17-year-old Williams is certain will lead her to the top of the tennis rankings.

On this day, though, there were too many points that went a different way. Groundstrokes by Sanchez Vicario that whizzed past Williams, even as she lunged after them with her long arms and legs.

Rallies that ended with Williams missing wide or long or into the net as she failed to keep up with the Spaniard's steady drumbeat.

Serves that Sanchez Vicario returned so hard that Williams was immediately on the defensive.

"Maybe this is a turning point for me," Williams said hopefully after it was all over, after Sanchez Vicario had beaten her 6-1, 6-3 to claim the Sydney International title Saturday on the eve of the Australian Open.

"I have to be more aggressive. I hit a lot of shots that put her on the defensive. I have to follow them in more and put them away."

"I didn't play anywhere near where I wanted to. She's more consistent and keeps the ball in play. I'm more of a high-risk player. Sometimes you have to change your game when you're losing a match. I didn't change enough."

Williams didn't go for big serves the way she had in earlier matches, preferring to take the pace off the ball and get more first serves in. She did connect on 73 percent of her first serves, but that didn't help. Even winning nine points at the net to Sanchez Vicario's one didn't work.

They had met once before, in Williams' debut tournament in Oakland in 1994. On that occasion, Williams romped through the first set and half of the second, stunning the Spaniard who had won the U.S. Open a month earlier. But Sanchez Vicario, at the peak of her game then, hung on to wear down the tiring, skinny youngster.

In preparing for the year's first Grand Slam event in her first trip Down Under, Williams has coped well with the heat, rain, and a variety of opponents, from No. 1 Martina Hingis to No. 20 Ai Sugiyama. A finalist in the U.S. Open last September, Williams will move from No. 21 to No. 15 in Monday's WTA tour rankings. But because the Australian Open went according to last week's rankings when officials selected the seeds Thursday, she will not be seeded and could meet her No. 56-ranked sister in the second round.

Her 16-year-old sister Serena, who moved up 40 spots in the rankings as a qualifier in this tournament, was almost as impressive. She limped to victory against Lindsay Davenport in the quarterfinals, but coming back the next day to do the same against Vicario proved too much. Vicario won that match 6-2, 6-1.

Unflappable Popov loses cool, chance at sprint double

PERTH, Australia (AP) — All around Alexander Popov, the emotionless king of the pool, others were losing their grip.

Popov, surprisingly, also lost his cool and along with it his hopes of another sprint double. The gold medal was torn away by American longshot Bill Pilczuk.

"I knew I lost the race from the blocks," said Popov, aiming for his fourth straight 50- and 100-meter double at major meets dating back to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

"I was thinking about something else — I can't remember what."

Popov, the usually unflappable Russian, wasn't the only one having trouble thinking straight at the World Swimming Championships Saturday.

Pilczuk looked at the scoreboard after beating Popov to the wall in 22.29 seconds in the 50 and wondered what might be wrong with it.

"I looked to see if it was a typo — the one was a seven," Pilczuk said.

"That has happened to me before."

When he realized the No. 1 was his to keep, "I didn't know what to think — my reaction was flabber-

World Swimming

gasted," he said.

If Popov had lost his way at the start, he was direct at the end.

"The winner takes it all and Bill was much better," said Popov, second in 22.43.

"He deserves the medal ... I have enough of the (gold) medals so I might as well start collecting the silver."

Roxanne Maracineanu, born in Romania but competing for France, gave her adopted country its first gold medal since the championships began in 1973.

Her victory came in the 200-meter backstroke in 2:11.26. The weight of the gold, the emotion of her teammates and the stirring anthem the Marseillaise was too much for her and she broke down in tears on the podium.

Germany's Franziska Van Almsick, the 1994 world 200-meter champion, also was unable to cope with the atmosphere at Challenge Stadium.

Van Almsick, whose hopes of competing in the individual event were ended when she broke a wrist in a motorcycle accident

last May, led off the 400-meter relay and was third to the wall.

She hopped out of the pool, went out back and while she was sobbing, her teammate Dagmar Hase put the team into the lead en route to Germany's first gold in 11 events at the meet.

"I didn't plan to start crying," Van Almsick said. "It just happened and I did it."

Hase, in the final race of her career, also broke down.

"During the race I had pictures in my mind about my whole career, so I started crying," Hase said.

Jenny Thompson of the United States was chasing a fifth gold medal in the relay but was unable to make up ground on Kerstin Kiegl.

The Germans finished in 8:01.46, the U.S. was second in 8:02.88. Despite Thompson's rare night without a gold, the U.S. continued to dominate.

Pilczuk and Brooke Bennett, winner of the women's 800-meter freestyle in 8:28.71, raised the U.S. gold total to 11.

Bennett, the Olympic champion, continued the U.S. domination of her event and was cheered by

world record-holder Janet Evans, who was doing commentary on the race for television.

Diana Munz (8:29.97) added a silver in an event where Ameri-

cans had won three of the past four world championships.

"I haven't had a world championship gold medal, so this is good," Bennett said.

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Lietzke heats up, draws even with Magee at Hope Classic

Associated Press

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. — Bruce Lietzke, trying to repeat his victory of 17 years ago, mastered the Palmer Course at PGA West with a 10-under-par 62 Saturday to pull into a tie for the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic lead.

Golf Roundup

In what has been a battle between Lietzke and Andrew Magee at the top for the first four days of the 90-hole tournament, Magee shot a 68 that left him with Lietzke at 25-under.

Magee was in front the first day, Lietzke the second, then Magee opened a four-shot lead during the third round. But Lietzke recovered from a six-shot deficit to draw even.

Fred Couples, with his second straight 66, was tied for second with Steve Jones, who shot 65 for the second consecutive day, three strokes behind the co-leaders.

Another shot back were Mark O'Meara, David Duval and Stewart Cink. O'Meara and Cink had 68s, Duval a 67.

Lietzke's round at PGA West, considered the most difficult of the four courses used for the Hope, included a string of five consecutive birdies beginning at No. 13, his fourth hole of the day. He lost his chance at six in a row when his third shot on the par-5 No. 18 struck the pin and bounced off the green, 22 feet from hole. He pitched up within 5 feet and made the putt for par.

Lietzke summed up his round, 30 on his first nine, 32 on his second: "Welcome to the Bob Hope Classic. Low scores are the norm under these conditions."

The tournament record is 35-under by Tom Kite in 1993.

When Lietzke, now 46, won the 1981 Hope, he finished at the same score — 25-under — he had through the first four rounds this time. He shot a closing 69 at Bermuda Dunes — the host course and site of Sunday's final round again this year — to beat Jerry Pate by two strokes.

Among those missing this year's cut, which came at 279 and higher, were Kite (282), John Daly (283), and defending champion and two-time winner John Cook (283).

Morgan leads MasterCard

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Gil Morgan continued his strong run in the MasterCard Championship on Saturday, shooting a second round 6-under-par 66 for a two-day total 13-under 131

and a two-stroke lead over Gibby Gilbert. Morgan, a winner of six tournaments on the Senior PGA Tour last year, started the day tied with Gilbert at 7-under 65 with Hugh Baiocchi and Vicente Fernandez a stroke behind.

But in the second round, Morgan didn't waste any time in jumping into the lead in the \$1 million, 54-hole event on the island of Hawaii. He birdied three of the first five holes, stumbled at the 217-yard eighth with his only bogey over 36 holes, but then birdied the next three holes to open the gap.

Gilbert birdied the 410-yard 18th at the Hualalai Golf Club to finish at 11-under 133 and a solo second. At 10-under 134 were Fernandez (68) and Dave Stockton (67).

David Graham (66) made the day's biggest move, picking up six strokes to reach the 36-hole mark at 8-under 136 with defending champion Hale Irwin (68) at 137, Bob Eastwood (67) a stroke behind and Jay Sigel (69) and Dana Quigley (70) at 139.

Nineteen of the Senior PGA Tour's 1997 champions participating in MasterCard tournament, Larry Gilbert, winner of the Senior Players' Championship, was forced to skip the event because of an illness.

Inkster paces HealthSouth

ORLANDO, Fla. — Juli Inkster holed a 9-iron for eagle to cap off a remarkable four-hole stretch Saturday that took her from the middle of the pack to the lead after two rounds of the HealthSouth Inaugural.

Inkster was five strokes back when the second round began at Grand Cypress Resort. Despite a bogey on the 18th hole, she finished with a 6-under-par 66 for 139 and a two-stroke lead going into the final round.

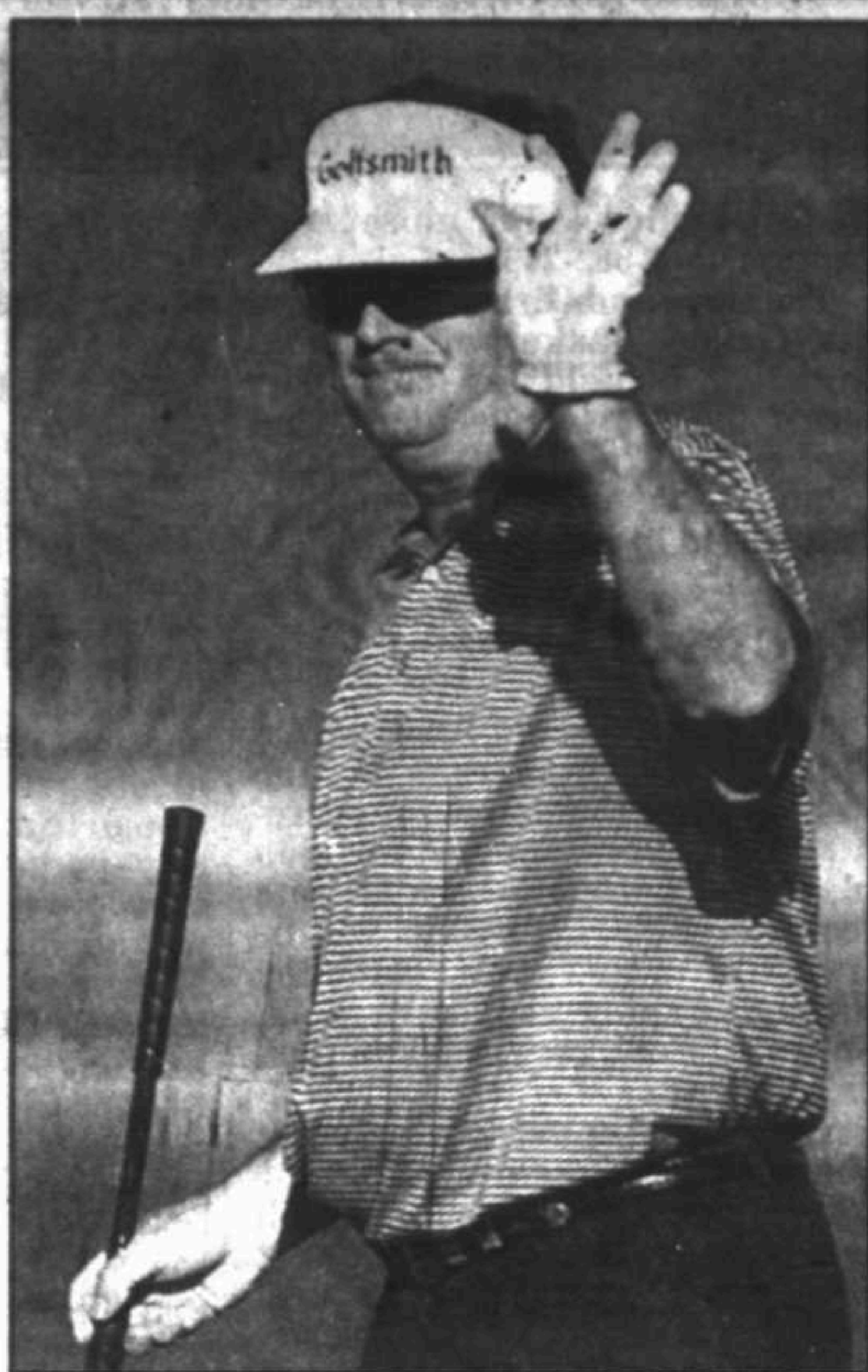
"I play a lot on momentum," Inkster said. "Once I feel like I'm playing well, I keep it up."

Kris Tschetter birdied the last two holes for a 67 that put her at 3-under 141. First-round leader Jenny Lindback, Jane Crafter and Meg Mallon were at 142.

Unlike winds that whipped and swirled and sent scores soaring in the first round, it was relatively calm when Inkster, Tschetter and other early starters began.

Inkster's fortunes turned after a chunked 9-iron led to a bogey on the third hole. She followed with three straight birdie putts inside 10 feet, then holed a 9-iron from 120 yards out on No. 7 for an eagle.

It was the second time in two days the leader



AP Laserphoto
Bruce Lietzke holds up his ball after birdieing the 8th hole at the Arnold Palmer Private Course PGA West during Saturday's fourth round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in La Quinta, Calif.

has made eagle from the fairway. Lidback pulled it off with a 6-iron on the third hole Friday, but struggled to a 73 Saturday afternoon.

Inkster has spent much of the week trying to feel comfortable with her swing. Feeling more confident about herself has proven to be equally important.

"I'm playing a lot more relaxed. I'm not panicking as much," she said.

She could have Friday. Inkster was 3 over just three holes into the 1998 season, thanks to what she called a caddy mistake — her lay-up on the 11th hole bounded into the water to set up a double bogey.

"It looked like I was going to shoot a 90, and here I am at 5 under and leading the tournament," she said.

Reese leads Nike South Florida

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Don Reese shot a 4-under par 66 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Chris Riley and Eric Johnson after three rounds of the Nike South Florida Classic at the Palm-Aire Country Club and Resort.

MHS swimmers finish third in Lubbock meet

Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Both Midland High boys and girls swim teams finished third in the overall team standings at the Lubbock Invitational Friday and Saturday, while three MHS swimmers won individual events.

The Midland High boys finished with 214 points, well behind second place District 4-5A rival San Angelo Central while the girls had 235 points. Central won the girls team competition with 381 points.

Two girls swimmers who recorded victories set meet records in the process. Midland High sophomore Erin Irons won the girls 200-yard individual medley in 2 minutes and 13.41 seconds, almost a second ahead of the previous best mark set three years ago.

In the girls 100 backstroke, Midland Lee's Amber Goodwin, the defending state champion in the event, broke the meet record even more decisively. The senior won in 58.93 seconds, almost three seconds better than last year's mark.

The other girls winner was Midland High freshman Emily Alvarado, who won the 100 freestyle in 56.41. The lone boys winner was MHS junior Michael McKeller, who won the 200 IM in 2:08.39.

In the team standings, the Lee boys were 11th with 62 points while

the Lee girls were right behind MHS in fourth with 230 points.

Lubbock Invitational
Results of Midland High and Midland Lee, with placers in the individual finals listed:

Boys

Team Standings
1. San Angelo Central 381; 2. Lubbock High 282.50; 3. Midland High 235; 4. Midland Lee 230; 5. Carlsbad High 149; 6. Amarillo High 136.50; 7. Abilene Cooper 129; 8. Abilene High 125; 9. Pecos High 108; 10. Odessa High 96; 11. Amarillo Tascosa 71; 12. El Paso Eastwood 64; 13. Monahans High 61; 14. El Paso High 48; 15. Odessa Permian 38.50; 16. Lubbock Monterey 32; 17. New Mexico Military Institute 30; 18. Artesia High 25; 19. Hobbs High 17.50; 20. Wichita Falls High 16; 21. Lubbock Coronado 9; 22. El Paso Irvin 3; 23. Lubbock OL Station 2; 24 (tie), Pampa High and Andrews High 1.

Individuals

200 Medley Relay: 6. Lee 2:05.95, 200 Free: 2. Kristin Carson, MHS 2:04.46; 3. K. Pequeno, Lee 2:12.67; 7. Heather Bancroft, Lee 2:15.73; 8. Erin Harvey, Lee 2:16.96. 200 IM: 1. Erin Irons, MHS 2:13.41; 5. Emily Alvarado, MHS 2:23.77; 6. Kasia Brown, MHS 2:28.31. 50 Free: 1. Amber Goodwin, Lee 24.83; 100 Butterfly: 3. Erin Irons, MHS 1:02.39; 5. Ellen Bell, MHS 1:05.67; 100 Free: 1. Emily Alvarado, MHS 56.41; 500 Free: 2. Kristin Carson, MHS 5:25.09; 5. Erin Harvey, Lee 5:53.17; 6. Heather Bancroft, Lee 5:57.65. 200 Free Relay: 3. MHS 1:45.49; 8. Lee 1:56.26; 100 Back: 1. Amber Goodwin, Lee 58.93; 100 Breaststroke: 8. Kasia Brown, MHS 1:17.13; 400 Free Relay: 2. MHS 3:50.58; 5. Lee 4:07.09.

Boys

Team Standings
1. El Paso Eastwood 399; 2. San Angelo Central 304; 3. Midland High 214; 4. Lubbock High 187; 5. Carlsbad High 168; 6. Abilene High 158; 7. Pecos High 147; 8. New Mexico Military Institute 81; 9. Abilene Cooper 71; 10. Fort Stockton 65; 11. Midland Lee 62; 12. Amarillo Tascosa 59; 13. Lubbock Monterey 56; 14. Amarillo High 45; 15. Pampa High 43; 16. Odessa Permian 38; 17. Odessa High 32; 18. Wichita Falls High 30; 19. El Paso Irvin 28; 20. Monahans High 24; 21. El Paso High 23; 22. Lubbock Coronado 22; 23. Andrews High 18; 24. Artesia High 10; 25. Amarillo Caprock 9; 26. Hobbs High 7.

Individuals

200 Free: 5. Paul Urquiza, MHS 1:53.60; 200 IM: 1. Michael McKeller, MHS 2:08.39; 2. Justin Falin, Lee 2:10.05; 100 Fly: 3. Paul Urquiza, MHS 55.50; 100 Free: 8. Patrick Wladis, MHS 52.83; 500 Free: 2. Justin Falin, Lee 5:12.55; 5. Paul Corne, MHS 5:31.12; 6. A. Dammann, MHS 5:32.93. 200 Free Relay: 3. MHS 1:34.70; 100 Breast: 2. Michael McKeller, MHS 1:03.53. Boys 400 Free Relay: 4. MHS 3:30.45.

Reds, Mets sign players

Associated Press

The Cincinnati Reds and arbitration-eligible Willie Greene, who led the team in home runs and RBIs during his best major league season, agreed Saturday to a \$1.75 million, one-year contract.

Greene, who made \$300,000 in 1997, hit .253 last year with career highs of 26 home runs and 91 RBIs. He was one of 16 National

League players to hit more than 25 homers and drive in at least 90 runs last year.

Mets sign Reed, Hudak

The New York Mets signed starter Rick Reed and reliever John Hudak to two-year contracts on Saturday, avoiding arbitration hearings with both pitchers.

Terms of the deals were not disclosed.

Tyson starts public rehab

By Tim Dahlberg

AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson had it figured out, even before Nevada boxing regulators did. Punching the wall of his dressing room in frustration after biting Evander Holyfield, he realized his boxing future was in jeopardy.

"It's over. I know it's over," Tyson said. "My career is over."

Eleven days later, the Nevada Athletic Commission voted unanimously to revoke his boxing license. He'll have to wait until July to ask to get it back, and even then, there are no guarantees.

So, six months from his first chance at being allowed to return to the sport he once dominated, Tyson's public rehabilitation has begun, with interviews on television and in a newspaper and a planned appearance in a pro wrestling match as a referee.

Whether in the shrill voice of promoter Don King or the behind-the-scenes work of public relations guru Sig Rogich, the effort is gearing up with one goal — getting Tyson relicensed as soon as possible so he can again fight for millions of dollars.

If he is successful, as most in boxing think he will be, Tyson-Holyfield III seems almost a foregone conclusion.

In the bizarre machinations of the boxing world, many are already penciling in a spring 1999 date for the richest bout ever, one that would surpass the \$50 million made when Tyson chewed off a chunk of Holyfield's ear in their rematch, then bit him on the other ear before being disqualified.

"Tyson-Holyfield III would be the biggest fight in history," King said. "This fight isn't about titles, it's about blood, something that would have the people going crazy if it happened in the Roman Coliseum."

Holyfield, who first said he would never fight Tyson again, now appears receptive to a third fight, lured by the riches he can't make anywhere else and his firm belief that he has Tyson's number. He took Tyson's WBA heavyweight title the first time they met, in November 1996, stopping him in the 11th round in a huge upset.

Holyfield even seems to have figured out a curious way to sell a third fight to himself, not to mention a skeptical public.

"A part of Evander's reason for fighting him again would be to help Mike Tyson redeem himself," Holyfield's lawyer, Jim Thomas, said.

First though, Tyson must get his boxing license back.

The same commission that revoked Tyson's license will meet around July 9, when Tyson is expected to plead his case personally.

"He's been trouble-free and a good citizen," Tyson's lawyer, Oscar Goodman, said. "There's no reason to think he won't be justly treated."

Commissioners say they will have to be convinced that Tyson is remorseful and reformed before they give back the boxing license they revoked while fining him \$3 million last July 9.

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18 only skin deep



By Linda Anderson
Lifestyle Writer

Call it body art. Maybe it's a fashion statement; maybe it's what was called "rebellion against the establishment" 30 years ago; maybe it's just the most recent example of how everything old eventually becomes new again — but whatever it is, tattoos and body piercings are hot, hot, hot among the younger adult set, especially in Midland.

These body art forms are nothing new. Ears, noses, lips and other body parts have been pierced for generations in many parts of the world, depending on culture and tradition.

And archeologists have literally uncovered mummies from different cultures and on different continents — millennia-old mummies — that still show tattoos on their skin and holes in their bodies. Mummies from ancient Egypt, South America and Siberia, as well as the famous frozen "Ice Man," a 5,000-or-so-year-old Bronze Age man discovered in 1991 on a mountain on the border between Italy and Austria, all have shown tattoos.

"Tattooing goes back to caveman (days)," said David Verlander, tattoo artist with Dave's Tattoos in Odessa.

But why here and why now? Why is tattooing — not to mention body piercing — becoming trendy with the youngest generation of adults?

Sometimes they do it for the thrill, a trio of 17- and 18-year-olds admitted. "We didn't do it because it's 'trendy,'" said Scott, 18, who asked that his last name not be used because his mother doesn't like his tattoos or his ear stud.

A lot of parents don't like the renewal of interest in body decorations. As one mother put it: "If you shave your head or dye your hair blue, the hair will grow back; if you pierce something, you can always remove the jewelry and the hole

Please see ART/3D



Ryan Marshall, in both photos above and left, got a 2-inch silver barbell put into his pierced tongue. His girlfriend got one to match. Marshall said he got a tattoo in the middle of his back so it could be concealed.



Shannon Rice, above, 20, got his sunburst tattoo after his eighteenth birthday. Jarod Springer, left, 18 and a junior at Lee High School, got a tattoo of a colorful jester. Both young men said both of their fathers also have tattoos.



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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Couple's wedding memorable in more ways than one

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

The year was 1947, and Midlander Phil Scott had returned to his hometown of Abilene after serving in World War II and had proposed marriage to the former Kathryn Carter. As the young couple were making their marriage plans, Kathryn heard that the popular "Bride and Groom" Radio Show in Hollywood was seeking prospective newlyweds with romantic stories to appear on the program.



McKnight-Harrison

Kathryn submitted an application, and some time later they received a telegram with the exciting news that they had been selected. The producers were interested to learn that the couple had known one another since their grade school days. Phil had first walked Kathryn down the aisle when she was chosen queen of the elementary school they attended, and then accompanied her again as they represented the Junior Class at high school graduation. Now their ongoing romance would culminate at the altar on their third trip together down the aisle.

The couple appeared briefly at the start of the radio program, then were actually married in a chapel at the Wilshire Park Hotel, with Kathryn's father, the late Rev. Thad Carter, officiating, and brought back in before the studio audience after saying their vows. A reception followed at the hotel.

"It was exciting," says Kathryn. "We were given our wedding rings and a week's stay at Carlsbad Hotel by the Sea at Carlsbad, Calif., for our honeymoon, and a number of lovely prizes, including sterling silver, appliances and luggage. The only item that didn't remain mine was the wedding dress," stated Kathryn. "It was simply on loan from the show."

The Scotts later learned that actor Dick Van Dyke, who was just making his show business debut, and his first wife, were married on the show the previous month.

Phil and Kathryn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 23, far from the glamour and glitz of Hollywood, but in the comfortable confines of their home in Midland.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrews resident and Texas Tech student Ja'Ree Harper, who was recently crowned Miss Lubbock. She will compete in the upcoming Miss Texas pageant in Fort Worth. As the new Miss Lubbock, Ja'Ree has stated that she is look-

ing forward to being a goodwill ambassador for the South Plains city.

Ja'Ree's wins in several previous competitions helped prepare her for the recent pageant. In 1984, she wore the crown of Miss Teen Permian Basin and Miss Andrews County. During the past year, she reigned as New Mexico American Woman and International Woman Cover Girl.

The daughter of Linda and Dr. E.W. Harper of Andrews, Ja'Ree is a junior at Tech and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

MEETING FOR THEIR annual Founders' Day observance, members of the P.E.O. Sisterhood's Midland and Odessa chapters gathered this year at Grace Presbyterian Church. Chapter BS was the hostess group.

As the women arrived, they were greeted by Chapter BS members, Cindy (Mrs. Art) Wiebusch, Dorothy (Mrs. John) Casselman, Marge (Mrs. Delmer) Woods, Pat (Mrs. Chuck) Dougherty, Virginia (Mrs. Paul) Summersgill, Prudie (Mrs. Gary) Kiehne and Dottie (Mrs. Norm) Barker, who were dressed in costume to represent the founders.

Following a luncheon, the seven women presented a clever program written by Cindy to commemorate the founding of the Sisterhood at Iowa Wesleyan College at Mount Pleasant in January of 1869.

The Sisterhood is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing increased opportunities for higher education to women. The organization owns and operates Cotley Junior College, a fully accredited liberal arts college for women at Nevada, Mo., as one of its educational projects, as well as providing scholarships and loan funds.

MEMBERS OF THE MYSTERY Lovers Discussion Group spent a fun evening Thursday at Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

The program, presented by Frances Philpott, Karlyn Houston, Joyce Dellinger and Gary Mental, focused on popular mystery writers of our time and the fictional private investigators or detectives they have made widely known.

Joyce, who heads the group, has some interesting plans in the works for future meetings. One of the speakers will be a night duty policeman, sharing what his work entails, as well as giving tips on ways to prevent crimes from happening around our homes. Joyce also hopes to bring to Midland mystery writers, primarily those from Texas, to speak to the group.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.



Tanya Griffith

Ladies Association schedules meeting

Staff Reports

Midland Country Club Ladies Association will present "Tanya Griffith On Stage" Jan. 23 at the club. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow at noon.

Ms. Griffith, a professional actress, has a repertoire that includes 110 famous women.

Reservations are required; cancellations must be made by noon Jan. 22. Guests are welcome.

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for Dec. 29-Jan. 4.

MONDAY

1. Jean Pistole, Leonora Slusher
2. Ann Servatius, B.J. Filley
3. Dixie Gifford, Charlie Grimes
4. Frances Levin, James Simpson

WEDNESDAY

- HAPPY NEW YEARS PAIRS**
1. Gloria Crites, Jean Pistole
 2. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
 3. Aggie Anguish, Sue Gardiner
 4. B.J. Filley, Ann Servatius

FRIDAY

1. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
2. Vangie Lindsey, Janet Stoltz
3. Leonora Slusher, Jimmie Penn
4. Mary Hammond, Gloria Crites

SATURDAY

1. Ann Servatius, Marian Sims
2. Dixie Gifford, Betty Reeves
3. B.J. Filley, Joe Brittain
4. Becky Kinsey, Gloria Crites

SUNDAY

1. Marian Sims, Gloria Crites
2. Joyce Mitchell, Charlie Grimes

'Avenue of the Arts' named in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino has officially dubbed a section of Huntington Avenue "The Avenue of the Arts."

The stretch between Massachusetts and Longwood avenues in Boston's Fenway section is home to world-renowned museums such as the Museum of Fine Arts and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. The Institute of Contemporary Art is located near the district.

Moderation, variety are keys to good, healthy diet

By Judy Walker
N.Y. Times News Service

A guy goes to the doctor and he's got a banana in one ear and a bunch of raisins stuffed up his nose. "Doc," he asks, "what's wrong with me?" The doctor answers, "You're not eating right."

Nutrition is serious business, but sorry, we couldn't resist. Too many people are turned off or confused by the earnestness and widely varying views of the world of nutrition.

If you're not eating right, your body will let you know. This article is intended to introduce you to the bare-bones basics. You must pay attention to your body and how it feels and what it needs.

The government's approach to nutrition is to explain it to us lay geeks in visual form, using the shape of a pyramid. Eat low on the pyramid, they say. Along the bottom is the bread-cereal-rice-pasta group, from which you should eat six to 11 servings a day. Above that is the vegetable group, from which you should eat three to five servings, and the fruit group, two to four servings.

In a smaller category are what used to be known as dairy foods: milk, yogurt and cheese, two to three servings a day. This is balanced by the other protein area: meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts, from which you should choose and eat two or three servings a day.

At the very top of the pyramid are fats, oils and sweets, of which we are admonished to "eat sparingly." So what is sparingly? One serving a day? One a week?

"I think it's safe to say that you could have one serving of fat with each meal," said Robyn DeBell, a registered dietitian who teaches nutrition to culinary students at the Art Institute of Phoenix's School of Culinary Arts.

She is also a consultant to the Arizona Grown program through the state Department of Agriculture, which promotes consumption of state food products.

A LOT OF THE FAT that Americans consume is hidden in their foods, in meats, cheeses, doughnuts. Have you seen the ads that say there are 37 grams of fat in one burger? Look at the nutrition information that must be put on all packaged foods and that is available at all fast-food outlets. Study that information.

One fat serving would be, as a general guideline for somebody who is not on a specific diet, a teaspoon "of some kind of spreadable fat or a tablespoon of salad dressing at each meal, such as a teaspoon of margarine or butter on bread or oatmeal."

A tablespoon of salad dressing will cover three cups of greens.

She suggested you dole out your fat serving for however you feel you can use it best, such as a tablespoon of sour cream for a baked potato at dinner. DeBell is assuming you're eating as lean as possible in suggesting these amounts.

One tablespoon of salad dressing can be hard to measure, points out Sharon Hoelscher Day of the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. One of those dippers for dressing on a salad bar holds four times that much.

What about those beguiling "sweets" up on the top of the pyramid? One sweet treat every other day is reasonable in a healthful diet, DeBell said, but remember that sparingly really is that. Sparingly means not having it on a regular basis but as a treat. Remember also that jelly beans are vastly different from fudge, both fat- and calorie-wise.

"We're not talking about somebody who wants to lose weight," DeBell said. "You don't want to think deprivation. You want to think satisfaction. What does it take to still be within the health parameters?"

HOELSCHER DAY said the government's three goals in developing the food pyramid were to show moderation, proportion and variety. Ask yourself whether you're eating a variety of foods, she suggested. Are you eating those foods in moderation? Be honest with yourself. Are you eating two doughnuts every day for breakfast?

Hoelscher Day suggested an easy exercise to analyze your diet. Make a blank pyramid and write down all the food you ate in the past day, putting each item where it fits. Is your pyramid top-heavy? Most are, Hoelscher Day said, and if so, you might think about making changes.

The top is usually the biggest, with fats, oils and sweets. Meat and dairy ends up being the second-biggest level. Fruits and vegetables usually are the smallest part of the pyramid, and grains

vary. She emphasized that the food pyramid doesn't have to mean deprivation.

"For most people, it's impossible to eat too many vegetables," Hoelscher Day said. "Vegetables are the good cancer-fighting and health-promoting foods we should eat more of. Grains are a really good way for people to get creative, too, as an alternative to rice or another bread. Try some of the new kinds on the market, like quinoa."

HERE'S THE OTHER tricky thing about the food pyramid: Serving sizes are tiny when compared with actual portions in today's marketplace.

One bagel is now 4 ounces, which is close to 400 calories, DeBell said. That's four bread servings right there. A large banana is two servings of fruit.

If you are buying processed foods, check the package for serving sizes. If it says one serving is half a bagel, keep that in mind. One of DeBell's New Year's resolutions is to look at the nutrition information on the package before eating it — instead of while or after eating.

One of the overriding principles behind the food pyramid is that most people eat too much fat, DeBell said. Where the confusion comes in is in labeling "good" or "bad" fats. "Good" doesn't mean it's good for you to eat, necessarily.

"To rank them, saturated fat, which is solid at room temperature, is the fat that creates the most health problems," DeBell said. "It raises cholesterol. That's a good place to start."

"People probably should be eating 10 to 15 grams a day of saturated fat."

Fats that are solid at room temperature: butter, lard, shortening, margarines. Palm and coconut oils, common ingredient in baked and snack foods, are also saturated fats.

Polyunsaturated fats?

"Technically, they lower your good cholesterol and that's not a good thing. They're still a fat and calorie source, so you want to limit that, too."

"Monounsaturated fats, such as olive oil and canola oil, can be used a little more liberally for heart health," DeBell said. "But the bottom line is, all fats still have 9 calories fat in one gram or 50 calories in one teaspoon."

Nutrition labels on processed foods list the saturated fat as well as total fat amount in one portion, she pointed out.

A study of American attitudes toward nutrition by the American Dietetic Association found the biggest perceived hurdles to eating well include the fear of giving up favorite foods, voiced by 40 percent of people in the survey. Seven in 10 Americans believe there are "good" and "bad" foods.

Let's get this straight: There is no such thing as a good food or a bad food. If there is a food you think is bad for you, maybe you should just eat it less often, maybe once a month. Or eat smaller portions.

DEBELL SEES A TREND toward people eating more proteins and less carbohydrates, due in large part to current popular diets.

"Where I think the education is missing is to understand what are low-fat or fat-free proteins versus higher-fat proteins."

She suggests choosing fat-free dairy products, skim milk (now called "non-fat milk"), reduced-fat cheeses (go for the extra-sharp kinds) and lower-fat cuts of meat.

Following the food pyramid will help you get enough vitamins and fiber, two things that are important all your life, but even more so as you age, because your metabolism changes. You need to eat a variety of foods — the more colorful the better, DeBell said.

Beta carotene, for example, is found in orange and red foods. If you're eating at least five servings of fresh fruits and vegetables a day, plus whole grains and some legumes, you should be getting the proper amount of fiber, which is 25 to 30 grams a day.

"Nutrition is my life, so I'm a little bit biased, but right now it's so exciting with all the new research on phytochemicals that shows why you should eat a balanced diet," DeBell said. "This is one aspect of your life you can control. You can make a choice about what you put in your mouth every day."

For in-depth nutrition information, DeBell recommends the "American Dietetic Association's Complete Food and Nutrition Guide" (\$29.95, Chronimed Publishing) by Roberta Dwyer.

"The short answer," DeBell said, "is eat a variety of foods. Eat sparingly from the tip of the pyramid. And I think there has to be an emphasis on enjoying food."

"Food is a wonderful pastime."

CLUB NEWS

YUCCA GARDEN CLUB

Yucca Garden Club met at the home of Mildred Burkett with 15 members and one guest attending. Jean Shows presided. Minutes were read and approved. Mary Crosby gave the treasurer's report. Anna McMann gave a committee report.

Virginia Gilbert discussed plans for the Mexican Fiesta benefit at the Midland Woman's Club. Mickey Hewitt reported on plans for the annual pilgrimage. Proposed changes in the by-laws were tabled.

New officers are Ms. Shows, president; Elowies Ruhmann, first vice president; Virginia Manos, second vice president; Roberta Bain, recording secretary and reporter; Ms. Hewitt, corresponding secretary; Ms. Crosby, treasurer; Ms. Gilbert, director to Midland Woman's Club; and Ms. Manos, alternate to Midland Woman's Club.

Ms. Bain introduced Deborah Benge Frost, extension horticulturist for Ector and Midland counties, who gave a program on "Container Gardening." Co-hostesses were Clara Johnston and Anna Mae Jones.

MIDLAND STUDY CLUB

Midland Study Club met at First Christian Church's Montgomery Room with 15 members attending. Mary Lou Hogan, Winnie Kidd and Marvel Sayers were hostesses.

The Kitchenette Symphony Band, accompanied by Manetta Heckathorne on the piano, gave a musical program.

LAUREATE NU CHAPTER, BSP

Laureate Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Tomina Clark with 10 members present. Marilyn Butler presided.

Valentine Sweetheart Dance was discussed. "Ladies Night Out" was planned. Ms. Clark and members reviewed "Family Holiday Activities."

MUSICIANS CLUB

Musicians Club met at Grace Presbyterian Church with Vera Osadchuk, Ms. Allan Stroker and Mrs. Elmo Weyel as hostesses. Guests were Leandra Gilmore, Grace Osadchuk, Nancy Maynard, Ute Gibson and Lula Wilde.

Debby Vester led the hymn of the month. Program on "Sacred Music of Christmas" was presented by Ami McNamara, who performed along with Beverly Wise, Kathleen Janssen, Martha Lewis, Allison Smith, Jane Ward, Ms. Vester and the Musicians Club Chorus, Jane Ward director.

WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY CLUB

Woman's Wednesday Club met at the Midland Woman's Club with Mrs. W.M. Hibbitts presiding and reading "Collect for Club Women." Roll was called;

14 members attended. Minutes were read and approved.

Thank-you notes from Allison Cancer Clinic, Betty Gilmore and Books for Christmas were received. Mrs. Hibbitts discussed by-law changes she and Lola Adams are working on.

Nita Helmer reported on plans at the Woman's Club. Marsha White was a guest of Deloris Sipes. Dr. Henry Page, advisor and physician at Manor Park, gave a program on aging. His wife, Carol, introduced him.

Hostesses were Minnie German and Hattie Mae Jeter.

PRECEPTOR EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Beverly Brock, who gave a program on "Celebrity Advice for the New Year," prepared by Sue Adams.

Pauline Heidel presided. Ann Poteet gave the city council report. Social plans and service projects were discussed. Fran Bessire is a new member. Nancy Young was a guest and 11 members attended.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Club met at Ranchland Hills Country Club with Francine Weaver presiding. Peggy Sturrock of Abilene, governor-elect of District Nine (Texas), was special guest and made her official visit.

She presented Emeritus Certificates to Hazel Grieneeks, a member since 1981, and charter member Annie Ford. Caroline Keisling, also a charter member, accepted in Ms. Ford's absence.

Ms. Weaver presented Ms. Sturrock with a gift from the club. Guests were Marietta Coleman of Chicago and former member Ruth Davis.

PERMIAN BASIN GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL AUXILIARY

Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary met at Green Tree Country Club for guest day luncheon and program on "Take Care of Your Heart."

Treva Beckman was program chairman; Betty Basham was co-chairman. Hostesses were Betty Graham, Marilyn Hanson, Laura Klauus and Kellijo Latham.

MIDLAND JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Midland Junior Woman's Club met for lunch at Outback Steakhouse. Denise Smith presided. Linda Freeman was hostess, and gave a program on makeup application.

February mini-project and Parade of Homes were discussed.

"A RELATIVE DIED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT"

Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people

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

If you've had a loved one die in an auto accident, you may have found that several factors make this kind of loss especially difficult: 1) **Suddenness**—With no warning, no time to prepare, your world is instantly shattered. 2) **Multiple deaths**—Family members you counted on for support may have died in the accident. Several deaths at once may send you into deep shock and grief overload. 3) **Carelessness leading to blame**—A common, perhaps minor lapse of judgment has had tragic, irreversible consequences. If you were driving, the guilt may seem unbearable. If another person's negligence was involved, it may be impossible for you to find the words to express your rage. 4) **Appearance of the body**—This may be an additional heartache if the funeral home is unable to make the body easily recognizable.

It may not be until the second year that the reality of the death sets in. The acute pain that comes with this awareness will be a necessary part of the long healing process, and you will need to be very patient and gentle with yourself.

(Call Hospice of Midland, 682-2980, for information about our February Grief Recovery Seminar.)

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AROUND TOWN

Barbara Jordan Historical Essay contest workshops are set for 10:30 a.m. Jan. 31 and Feb. 21 in the Midland County Library Community Room.

All high school students (grades 9-12), their parents, and high school teachers are invited to attend.

Information will be offered on guidelines, deadlines, topics and essay research tips. The essay competition promotes research on members of the community and fosters the writing process.

Local winners will advance to the annual state competition in Austin. For more information call 682-2864.

BROWN BAG Lunch, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at the Petroleum Museum, will feature a video, produced by Jon Lindgren Productions, of Midland's most historic office building.

Included in the video of the Petroleum Building will be historic footage of Midland and interviews with people who were there during those "building" years. Those attending are invited to bring their own lunches. Tea, coffee and dessert will be provided. For more information call the museum (located at 1500 I-20 West) at 683-4403.

55-PLUS Dance Club will host a dance 8-11 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Lions Activity Center, 200 Plaza.

Emil Schattel's West Texas Express of Lubbock will provide the music. Admission will be \$6 per person. Singles and couples are invited to attend this smoke-free, alcohol-free event. Coffee and tea will be available. For more information call 694-3422.

VAN (Visual Aids Needs and Services) will have a bingo party for its clients at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 21 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio St. Luncheon will be served afterward. For more information call 694-3648.

MUSEUM OF THE Southwest will feature an exhibit of works by Jim Wagner, as part of the "Contemporary Artists Series 1988: Electric Visions," beginning Feb. 22 in the Here and Now Gallery at the museum.

Wagner will talk about his work at a reception 7 p.m. Jan. 20 at the museum. The public is invited to attend.

The museum, located at 1745 W. Missouri in Midland, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

ALLISON CANCER Center will host evening support groups 6:45 p.m. Jan. 20 at the center, located at 301 North N Street. A program on "Fighting Cancer Politically" will be presented by John Crosby, cancer survivor and advocate.

Bosom Buddies breast cancer support group, Man-to-Man (men with cancer) group and Dialogue patient and family members group, will meet for the presentation and then divide into speciality groups.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter 256, will meet 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Senior Center in Kingsway Mall.

Pot-luck supper will be served; program will follow. Anyone aged 50 or older who would like more information is invited to call 684-3419 or 687-1212.

NEWCOMERS CLUB will meet for luncheon and program 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Petroleum Club. Stacy Flowers of Off The Wall will present the program. Cost will be \$10.35 per person and reservations are required.

Call 686-8737 or 570-6262 by Jan. 20 for reservations or more information.

POP-UP TOASTMASTERS will meet 6:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway. Guests are welcome.

MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 26 and 29.

For more information and location call 685-4572.

Tattoo business polishing up its image

By Teresa Aguayo
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Lysa Rodriguez considers herself part of a new breed of artists. Her paintbrush, a needle. Her canvas, the human body.

She began her career as a painter and sculptor. Until four years ago, she designed tattoos as a hobby. Then a tattoo artist saw her work and the chat began.

He: "Who does this?"
She: "I do."

He: "You want a job?"
After a two-year apprenticeship, Rodriguez, 28, is a tattoo artist at Merlin's Art Attack on South Beach, the trendy Art Deco district on Miami Beach. "Now you have a whole new young breed of artists," she says. "Now tattoos are a lot more artistic."

Rodriguez herself advertises that claim. Polynesia covers her arm, two machines cut into her leg, and a bracelet is tattooed on her wrist.

While tattoos are more accepted today, the tattoo business is still polishing its image, said Sailor Bill Johnson, president of the Florida Professional Tattoo Artist Guild.

The guild, with some 100 members, is pushing for stricter state laws that would require formal training, Johnson said many artists don't comply with state regulations for such standards as equipment sterilization.

"They start practicing on a friend and then say they are tattoo artists," he said. "There's lack of professionalism out there."

Rodriguez said her shop, which belongs to the guild, caters to professionals. "They put a little more research on it," she said. "They are more conservative, more cautious and usually get them in

places where they could be concealed."

Not every potential customer is welcome at Merlin's. "We take no minors unless they come in with a parent," Rodriguez said. "We get a lot of mothers coming in with daughters and both getting tattoos." All clients must sign a consent form stating their age.

Merlin's also refuses drunks, as not fully responsible. "This is a lifetime decision," Rodriguez said. "You can't back out once you're sober."

Rodriguez offers customers albums full of tattoos plus her own designs. She likes to make sure they know exactly what they want.

on Joerg's arm with a stencil and then began pricking him with buzzing needles full of ink. He didn't flinch.

ONCE FINISHED, Rodriguez explained the healing process. The bandage stays for three hours before washing. For a few weeks, don't rub or scrub. For two weeks, use hand lotion daily. Then, in an admonition (tough for vacationers in Florida), stay out of the sun for a few weeks.

Typical tattoos average \$50 and require only about 20 minutes. More elaborate designs take several sittings. Charges range from \$125 to \$150 an hour. A full back tattoo (covering the entire

'P'rofessionals are more conservative, more cautious and usually get them (tattoos) in places where they could be concealed.'

— Lysa Rodriguez,
tattoo artist in Miami

"If people aren't sure, I talk them out of it because it's a personal thing," she said.

One Friday night, Arens Joerg walked in, determined to get a second tattoo — a dragon on his right arm. "They say dragons bring luck to you," said Joerg, a 29-year-old tour guide.

He was ready. "When you're actually doing it, it's not that painful," he confided.

And Rodriguez agreed, calling the process safe and "more annoying than painful."

She relies on pigment, not ink, to make her work safer. The difference? Pigment, she said, is designed to go into the skin while ink is not.

Rodriguez outlined the dragon

back) may require 30 hours.

Coverups — a new tattoo covering an old one — are also part of Rodriguez's job. Evolving a new design can be difficult. "A coverup needs to be planned out architecturally," she said.

Like dragons, hearts and flowers are most in demand. "Some people get them as a fashion trend, but most people just want to mark something special in their life," she said.

Maricel Camara, a 20-year-old student, defended the dragon tattoo covering half her back. "For a lot of people, it's a trend," she agreed.

"For others, like me, it's something you like. I don't care what other people think."

ART: A good percentage of area tattoo clients are younger adults

(From 1D)

will close up. But tattoos are forever.

And some of these young adults agreed with that. One young woman, who wants to have her tongue pierced the minute she turns 21 — but who asked that her name be withheld to spare her parents' feelings — echoed that mother's sentiments exactly. "Tongue piercing is not permanent. (Experts say a tongue piercing will close up about three hours after the jewelry is removed.) A tattoo is a permanent thing for the rest of my life, whether I like it or not."

(She also described the process of getting a tongue piercing — which is almost enough to cause second thoughts all by itself: "They get a clamp and put it on your tongue and pull it out of your mouth and shoot it (the barbell) through. You hear two pops," one as the piece of jewelry enters the tongue, one as it leaves. And she still wants her tongue pierced, in spite of the fact that a friend's tongue swelled so badly after it was pierced that for three weeks he could only breathe through his nose. What if he had caught a cold during that time?)

Others don't think about living with a tattoo for the rest of their lives. "We're not thinking about the future," said a 17-year-old. "We live for today. We don't know where tomorrow is."

Fortunately for a lot of high school- and college-age students, body art professionals do consider the future. At Dave's Tattoos, Verlander said he tells his clients to "be sure that what you are getting is what you want for the rest of your life; be 100 percent sure you are doing what you want to do."

"I can look at a person and tell if they are ready for a tattoo," Shannon Rice, 20, was ready when he got a sunburst tattooed on his calf almost a year ago. "I always wanted one," he said. "My dad's got a few of them. I always grew up with them (tattoos)."

He describes his body art as a sun, about 4-1/4 inches in diameter, "with snakey-looking things coming off of it, and a face."

Rice said he knew he would get a tattoo as soon as possible after his 18th birthday — Texas state law says a person must be 18 to get a tattoo or 17 with parent's or guardian's permission — and "all I was waiting for was the money."

Choosing just the right design took three or four visits, though, but once he decided which one he wanted, he was ready.

The procedure itself, which he had done at Little Dragon in Odessa, was "very sanitary. He (the tattoo artist) explained everything to me ... he wore rubber gloves," and took other safety precautions to make sure the actual tattooing was clean and sterile.

"It took about two weeks for the scabs to go away," Rice said. While the tattoo is healing, "you've got to be careful not to 'itch' it."

While many of these young adults are "itching" to get their tattoos done as soon as possible, they also know the world might have mixed feelings about body art, and they make their plans with future employers in mind. "I have mine in a spot that can be covered up (if necessary)," Rice said. He got it where it is just so he could easily hide it, since "tattoos are not always a good first impression."

As far as understanding employers go, Rice has got it luckier than most. "At my job, tattoos and piercings are pretty common — I work in the oil field."

RYAN MARSHALL has a couple of tattoos in the center of his back. He too opted to get his tattoos on a spot that "can be hidden. I'm never going to get one in a spot where it can't be covered, unless later in life it doesn't really matter."

He describes his tattoos as "an alien-type skull with tribal art surrounding it — lines and arrows and flames designed into the pattern."

But Marshall didn't stop with tattoos. He also has two piercings in his ear and, thanks to a friend who "begged me to do it," one in his tongue.

After about seven months of living with a piece of jewelry through his tongue, Marshall said it has caused him "no trouble. Stuff like spaghetti sometimes wraps around (his tongue barbell) and it gets real frustrating, but normally it doesn't."

It doesn't affect his speech patterns either — his tongue piercing isn't evident in ordinary, everyday conversation. Nor is it all that visible, he said. "Nobody can really see it until they notice it," he said. "You almost have to have your tongue sticking out" before it's visible.

And he said it doesn't affect his sense of taste, either, and as a self-proclaimed "very big eater," he would have noticed any difference by now; although he did admit he "couldn't eat for one or two days (after the tongue piercing), but talking didn't hurt — chewing and tasting did."

Now, however, it's no big deal. "It hurt more to get my ears pierced than my tongue," Marshall said. "It (tongue piercing) just requires more attention. Biting your tongue is about 400 million more times more (painful) than getting it pierced."

Jared Springer, 18, a junior at Lee High School, doesn't have his tongue pierced yet, although he said he plans to have it done "in the

near future."

Instead, he got a purple, green and red jester tattooed on his right shoulder on his 18th birthday, the day after Christmas.

And like Rice, Springer's decision was influenced by his father's body art. "I've wanted one (a tattoo) since I was real little. My dad has one and I've always liked his."

He also took his time and found just the design he wanted, "and that's (the colorful jester) the one I found."

And he too got his tattoo with his future, as well as his present, in mind. "A lot of kids in school have tattoos that are not showing. As long as employers don't see them (they shouldn't be a problem), I don't want one anywhere it would be showing. I'd have less chance of getting a job."

Springer is very pleased with his choice, and is considering the possibility of getting another tattoo or two. His advice for someone considering this kind of body art: "I would tell him to be careful what he chooses and pick something that would be right later on. Take somebody with him who knows what he's doing. Take his time and make a good decision because it will be with him for the rest of his life."

WHAT DO GIRLS THINK about body art? "Girls like tattoos," Springer said. "My girlfriend likes my tattoo. I think it would be all right for her to get one (if she wanted to). I don't have anything against it."

Evidently a lot of people don't have a problem it. In fact, more and more young women are getting tattoos, Verlander, the tattoo artist, said, and, after 20 years in the business, he should know. "Twenty years ago, the girls getting tattooed were the biker-type. The girls who do it now are just everyday people."

Their choices of designs tend to be smaller and daintier than the ones chosen by young men, he said. Young women tend to like such designs as flowers, butterflies and birds.

"My clientele is normally in the 18 to 75 age range; probably less

Ancient Indian art of hand painting latest trend among some celebrities

N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — Finally, body decoration for wimps. The latest fad in self-beautification is "mehndi," the art of body painting with henna. It's subtle, it's temporary, it's ethnic. It's the kind of now, kinda wow way to look hip without total commitment.

Mehndi (pronounced MEN-dee) is from India, and traditionally it was painted on the hands and feet of brides. Recently it was adapted by the pretty people (celebrities). This year, model Alek Wek wore it on the runways of the New York fashion shows. Starlet Mira Sorvino was hand-decorated at the American Film Institute gala. Before you could say "new trend," mehndi parties were organized, and salons in large metropolitan areas were offering it along with perms and peroxide treatments.

India native Ranna Jahni, who lives in Fort Worth, explains that the custom of painting a bride's hands and feet goes back for centuries. "In older days, when a bride got married, she joined the family of her husband. She didn't have to do any work as long as the designs lasted," she says. When the dye disappeared, usually in about two to three weeks, the honeymoon was over and it was time to help with the scouring and scrubbing.

Jahni won many mehndi competitions in India, where the art is taught like a finishing-school skill. She still practices her intricate handiwork and recently painted her nephew's bride for her wedding. Mehndi does not have any religious significance, Jahni says, and Indian girls and women are apt to paint one another for special celebrations and holidays.

Jahni buys her henna in powdered form at Bombay Bazaar in Arlington. A box that would paint even a Texas-size wedding party sells for \$1.49. Now that it's a trend thing, however, slick packagers are selling mehndi for 10 times that amount at places such as Urban Outfitters in Dallas. For \$16, you get a package of henna, an applicator bottle, a stencil and instructions.

Jahni mixes dry henna with eucalyptus oil in a small plastic sandwich bag and lets it steep overnight. The next day she snips off a tiny corner and, using it like a pastry bag, squeezes out the thick, dark paste.

Most mehndi designs are quite intricate. Artists use flowers and paisleys. Some incorporate the initials of the wearer into the design. The most skilled practitioners are capable of time-consuming geometric designs. It takes Jahni about 30 minutes to paint a palm, an hour to do an entire hand and wrist.

When the sticky paste is first applied, it looks almost black and needs at least an hour to dry. When washed off, it leaves a reddish-orange mark. The designs often look like brown lace painted onto hands and wrist. From a distance it might look like a woman was wearing sheer lace gloves — definitely an attention-getter. Fortunately, it's one that will wash off or wear off in a few weeks.

than half are over 50," Verlander said, adding that probably half of them are female.

A lot of women are getting body piercings too, said Gary Buke, piercing artist at Dave's Tattoos. So are a lot of men.

"A lot (of clients) want their belly button pierced; a lot of tongues; a lot of eyebrows. If the schools (in the area) were a little more lenient, there would probably be a lot more eyebrows (pierced)."

And some of the trends are surprising. While Buke said that 30 percent to 35 percent of his clients are high school students, "piercing is not restricted to high school kids. I pierced a 63-year-old grandmother's belly button; a 54-year-old housewife's tongue. People of all ages" want body piercings.

But body piercings, as well as tattoos, can cause a lot of medical problems if not done carefully and sanitarily. Diseases, including hepatitis and sexually transmitted diseases, can be spread through dirty needles, and that's one of the things parents worry about when their children start talking about getting tattooed or pierced — even if the children don't worry.

Experts know that if not done correctly and carefully, body art can lead to serious problems. Verlander said piercing or tattooing

yourself is a very bad idea, because the self-body artist can easily catch a serious illness through unsanitary practices. "Guitar strings and India ink are not good," he said. "India ink has arsenic in it and can kill you." He told a story about a man he knew who tattooed his own arm and developed such a massive infection that his arm had to be amputated.

Professionals in the tattooing and piercing business follow health department rules and regulations to make sure those things don't happen. Both Verlander and Buke said, as far as sterilizing their equipment and supplies goes, they like to go even farther than the health department requires.

"We try real hard to keep everything as clean as you'll find in doctors' offices," Buke said.

In fact, "I pierce lots of medical people," he added. "If they were afraid, they wouldn't be here."

"Everything is kept clean," Verlander said, adding that the two men like to "double sterilize" everything they use in their business.

"If it's done properly (tattooing and piercing), there's no way a person can catch anything," he said. Except maybe flack from parents.

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ENGAGEMENTS

McNEW-AVILA

Patricia E. McNew and Henry N. Avila, both of Midland, are planning to be married 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at Church of God in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Wayne and Wanda McNew of Midland and the late Earl and Kathleen McNew. Parents of the future bridegroom are Enrique and Margaret Avila of Seminole.



Patricia E. McNew and Henry N. Avila

YATES-KELING

Former Midlander Tessa Dawn Yates and Calvin Corey Keling, both of Abilene, are planning a 4 p.m. Feb. 14 wedding at Memorial Christian Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dennis and Dawn Blum of Abilene and the late Don Yates. Parents of the future bridegroom are Howard Keling of Shawnee, Kan., and Ruth Keling of Linwood, Kan. Miss Yates graduated from Midland Christian High School in 1992 and is employed at Barcelona Apartments in Abilene. Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Shawnee Mission North West and a 1993 graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He is a baseball coach with Abilene Christian University.



Tessa Dawn Yates and Calvin Corey Keling

CRAWFORD-MacPHERSON

Crista Leigh Crawford of Midland and Derek Scott MacPherson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, are planning to be married 4 p.m. Feb. 14 at Antioch Christian Church in Odessa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dona and Daryl Edge of Midland and Mike and Vickie Crawford of Lovington, N.M. Parents of the future bridegroom are Alice MacPherson of Claresholm, Alberta, and Charles and Lucy MacPherson of Las Vegas, Nev. Miss Crawford graduated from Midland High School in 1990 and from Angelo State University in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in education. Her fiancé finished school in Airdrie, Alberta, and is employed as an HVAC contractor for jet heating.



Crista Leigh Crawford and Derek Scott MacPherson

ANNIVERSARIES

Couple married for 60 years

Alvey and Virginia Bryant of Greenwood are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary today. Bryant and the former Virginia Yeats were married Jan. 18, 1938, in Stanton. They have five children — Alton Bryant of Tucumcari, N.M.; Billy Bryant of Big Spring, and Betty Simpson Carolyn Dunn and Alvey (Pete) Bryant Jr. of Greenwood — as well as 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The couple has lived in Greenwood most of their lives except for a brief stay in San Antonio.

Bryant was county commissioner from 1950-66. He is active in managing Bryant Farm and Ranch, serves on Midland Soil and Water Conservation District board, and teaches an adult Sunday school class. His wife is a homemaker and is involved in the Home Demonstration Club.

They are members of Greenwood Baptist Church.



Alvey and Virginia Bryant

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Bob and Dolores McCalman of Midland were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception Jan. 16 in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Steve and Carla Miles.

The couple was married Jan. 16, 1948, in Hobbs, N.M. In addition to Mrs. Miles, they have two sons, Kevin McCalman of Midland and Kerry McCalman of Claremore, Okla., as well as two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

McCalman was employed with Marathon Oil Company for 30 years before retiring in 1978. After his retirement, the couple moved to Oklahoma, where they lived until moving back to Midland in November 1996.



Bob and Dolores McCalman

Silver anniversary marked

Robert and Judy Judkins of Midland were guests of honor at a surprise dinner and reception Jan. 3 in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Hosts were their family.

Their nephew, Mike Gillaspia, minister at North Davis Church of Christ in Arlington, officiated at the renewal of their wedding vows.

Judkins and the former Judy Thompson were married Jan. 5, 1973, in San Antonio. They have one daughter, Tarah Judkins of Midland.

The couple lived in Lubbock until Texas Instruments transferred them to Midland in 1978.

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

The Reporter-Telegram publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.

Deadline to get an announcement in the Sunday paper — including wedding and engagement announcements — is 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, information should be received two days before it is to be published.

There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements are accepted to appear in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements are accepted up to six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or of the couple may be submitted with engagement announcements; photos of the bride only or the couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. Different photos must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

MILLS-CONKLIN

Jaime Dee Mills and Andy Conklin, both of Midland, are planning to be married 2 p.m. March 7 at Community of Christ Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Mills of Midland. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Mills of Midland, and Ray Eaton of Midland and the late Evelyn Eaton. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert White of Weatherford, and the grandson of Lois Conklin of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Bob White of Lubbock.

Miss Mills is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School. Her fiancé graduated from Amarillo High School in 1996 and is employed with The Bosworth Company.



Jaime Dee Mills and Andy Conklin

MILLS-BANKS

Stephanie Breann Mills and John Ryan Banks, both of Midland, are planning a 1 p.m. Feb. 14 wedding at Community of Christ Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Mills of Midland. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Mills, and Ray Eaton and the late Evelyn Eaton. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Banks of Midland, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Max Schumann of Midland and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Banks.

Miss Mills is a 1995 graduate of Midland High School and is employed with Dr. Curtis A. Nicholson, D.D.S. Her fiancé graduated from Greenwood High School in 1993 and is employed with the Bosworth Company.



Stephanie Breann Mills and John Ryan Banks

Trinidad: Memorable sights, sounds, tastes

By Somini Sengupta
N.Y. Times News Service

The panic set in when I saw him stuff the fourth book of bird pictures into his backpack. My partner, Joe, and I were setting off for a long-awaited vacation in Trinidad. And in terror, I pictured us traipsing through the island in checkered shorts and black nylon knee socks all week long, binoculars dangling from our necks, looking a bit like Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Howell III on "Gilligan's Island."

I tried not to let the panic show. Joe loves birds. And I — well, let's just say I find all those feathers and beaks a bit redundant after a while.

Thankfully, when we flew there in late September, Trinidad itself turned both our heads. Eleven degrees north of the Equator, the island is home to some 420 recorded species of birds, 620 varieties of butterflies and dank, hilly rain forests, where trees grow upon gnarled trees and the sharp-beaked ibis become scarlet from a diet of shrimp and crab in the mangrove swamp.

The island's social ecosystem turned out to be as rich, because Trinidad — home of calypso and roti, birthplace of C.L.R. James, the historian, and V.S. Naipaul, the writer — was once one of the most intensely colonized places on Earth. The Spanish, who conquered it in 1498, were followed by the French, who were followed by the British, who ruled until independence in 1962.

ALL THOSE CONQUESTS wrought a compact New World nation. Not much is left of its indigenous people save the billboards on the main highway out of the capital, Port of Spain, hawking Arawak-brand fried chicken and a beer called Carib. Today, the population is almost evenly split between Trinidadians of African and Indian ancestry — descendants of those who were brought as slaves and those who came as indentured servants, after slavery was abolished in 1834. Chinese migration to the island began in the 19th century. Syrians arrived in the early part of this century. All this on an island of 1,864 square miles — smaller than Delaware — with fewer than 1.3 million people.

Port of Spain rests on the coast of the Gulf of Paria, in the northwestern corner of the island. Rows of shanties line the highway that leads up to the city, and the homes of the poor clutch the hills that spread out behind it. In the city center, vendors arrive at daybreak with their baskets of yams and yellow pumpkins, filling the narrow streets lined with shops. By midday, the heat coats the air with a sweet, heavy smell, and private cars that double as cabs honk their way through the crowd.

The St. Ann's neighborhood is perched on a more prosperous hill, overlooking the Queen's Park Savannah — the city's Central Park — and a row of grand Victorian buildings that are monuments of British rule in Trinidad.

We unloaded our bags at Alicia's House, a functional white-stucco guesthouse in the St. Ann's section of Port of Spain. A no-frills room with a queen-size bed, private bath, cable TV but no complimentary breakfast costs about \$55.

According to local lore, Alicia's House, a sprawling house with gardens spilling over with bougainvillea, sits on what was once a large plantation. During a slave uprising there, the leaders of the revolt killed some 200 of their compatriots, effectively shutting down the plantation. To this day, the ghosts of those who were killed are said to wander the streets of St. Ann's.

TRINIDAD IS EASY to explore for visitors who are willing to rent a car, drive on the wrong side of the road — that is, keeping to the left, as you must in many of the former British colonies — and rely on their instincts. Trinidad has few road signs and even fewer tourist information offices. That suited us just fine. With a battered maroon Nissan — weekly rentals range from \$250 to \$300 — we set off on day trips to explore the nature and nurture of Trinidad.

On the afternoon we drove to Maracas Bay — Trinidad's most popular beach on the north coast, about an hour from Port of Spain in good weather — it was raining, which made our drive through the rain forest all the more ominous. Cars and jitneys came whizzing down the winding, mountainous two-lane highway.

The beach was mostly empty when we arrived, save several birds making a merry noise. Joe jumped out of the car with binoculars in hand, looked this way and that and happily announced his findings — among them the greater and lesser yellowlegs feeding on the slushy sand, a row of gray-breasted martins resting on a power line.

For me, Maracas had another attraction: It was reputed to have the best shark-and-bake, a deep-fried shark sandwich served with shado-bene, a tangy sauce of local herbs. Joe joined the line of local people in front of a food shack on the beach called Richard's. I went to try Natalie's. We later learned they were siblings who compete fiercely

for the title of the island's best shark-and-bake. Because the sandwiches are so tasty and so much in demand, shark is becoming perilously scarce in the waters around Trinidad.

SAVORING TRINIDAD requires suspending one's aversion to cholesterol. Street food is cheap, tasty and plentiful, but it is almost always greasy. In the St. James neighborhood, Trinidad's round-the-clock street-food mecca, there is a woman selling something fried from a cart on every block — potato fritters known as aloo pies, curried chickpea tacos known as doubles, freshly rolled rotis stuffed with shrimp or conch of beef. All are served with the ubiquitous, tart mango chutney called kuchela. More health-conscious visitors will find rickety bamboo stands selling broiled corn, pungent paw-paw (a close relative of papaya) and jars of pickled mango and local plum. And you're never far from Chinese takeout.

Our best meal was at Veni Mange, a snug restaurant in a coral-colored house in the Woodbrook neighborhood just outside Port of Spain with hip decor, an attractive and hospitable staff and comforting, carefully prepared food. Joe ordered fish, Creole style, simmered in tomato and herbs. I took a carnivorous plunge and ordered beef stew. We shared a side of provision oil-down, a slow-cooked concoction of root vegetables, as well as a steaming bowl of callaloo, made of okra and greens and delicately flavored with coconut milk. We finished with a platter of fruit. We would have returned, but it is open for dinner only once a week, on Wednesdays. Veni Mange is open for lunch the other days of the week, and on Fridays, it holds a festive happy hour, where the passion-fruit daiquiris are not to be missed.

The Woodford Cafe, also in the Woodbrook area, became our regular haunt. It is brightly lit with a cafeteria-like spread of nightly specials. The limited menu featured simple, well-seasoned Creole fare, and filled us up for under \$25. We also tried Solimar, which had a fine wine list and a piano player with a repertoire of elevator music.

One morning, we set off to explore Pointe-a-Pierre Wild Fowl Trust, a bird sanctuary about two hours south of Port of Spain. We ended up at the gates of the state-owned Petrotrin oil refinery, its rolling hills dotted with shiny tanks and flare stacks that spouted flames into the sky. It seemed less than hospitable to wildfowl. But the guard assured us we were in the right place. So we kept driving, up a winding road, past hibiscus bushes and red date palms, past sprawling mansions, which we learned were the homes of the refinery's managers, some of them Americans.

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WEDDINGS

WEED-YOUNG

Jenna R. Weed of Midland became the bride of Gary A. Young, also of Midland, 2 p.m. Jan. 17 at First United Methodist Church in Midland. The Rev. Molly Krueger and the Rev. Donita Lea officiated.

The bride is the daughter of LaDon Weed of Midland and former Midlander Glenn Weed, and the granddaughter of Nina Messer of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Phillip and Sandy Young.

Lora Ferguson of Midland was honor attendant for her sister. The bride's other attendants were Amy Young, sister of the bridegroom, Shanna Smith and Amme Cole, all of Midland. Flower girls were Katelyn Weed, daughter of the bride, and Alieshia Young, daughter of the bridegroom.

Phil Young was best man for his son. The bridegroom also was attended by Flint Weed, brother of the bride, and Kenny Young, brother of the bridegroom, both of Midland, and Mike Tucker of Artesia, N.M., uncle of the bridegroom. Ushers were Brad Sanders



Mrs. Gary A. Young

of Odessa and John Ferguson of Midland. Tanner Young of Midland, son of the bridegroom, was ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will live in Midland.

RAYMOND-BRYANT

ARLINGTON — Lake Arlington Baptist Church in Arlington was the setting for the 2 p.m. Jan. 10 wedding of Allison Gayle Raymond of Arlington and David Michael Bryant of Fort Worth. The Rev. Charlie Dodd of Midland officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Joel Raymond of Arlington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bryant of Midland.

Melissa Raymond of Dallas, sister of the bride, and Kasey Neece of Lubbock served the bride as honor attendants. The bride also was attended by Beth James of Gainesville, Courtney Allen of Virginia Beach, Va.; Tracie McCormick of Dallas, Stacy Davenport of Arlington, Mindy Murray of Austin and April Rentzsch of DeSoto.

Daniel Bryant of Midland was best man for his brother. His other attendants were Paul Mansour of Midland, Brandon Kirby of Ingram, Glenn Eubank of Abilene, Brandon Moore of Lawn, David Teer of Irving, Ben Snow of Alamogordo, N.M., and Matthew Irish of Fort Worth. Jacob Snow of Alamogordo, nephew of the bridegroom, was honorary ring bearer.



Mrs. David Michael Bryant

After a wedding trip to Arkansas, the couple lives in Fort Worth.

McKEE-ARNOLD

Rocheel McKee and Anthony Charles Arnold, both of Midland, were married 6 p.m. Jan. 17 at Northside Church of Christ in Midland. Dan Johnson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McKee Sr. of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are the late John Moore and the late Dorothy Arnold.

Attending the bride were her sisters, Lucille Mackey, Laura Young and Teresa Jackson, and her daughter, Virgie McKee, all of Midland. Flower girl was Tameisha McKee of Midland, niece of the bride.

Honor attendant for the bridegroom was Melvin McKee, son of the bride. He also was attended by Michael McKee and Kori McKee of Midland, sons of the bride. Ushers were Elroy McKee, Jasper McKee III, Ronald McKee and Leroy McKee, brothers of the bride, all of Midland.

The bride graduated from Midland High School in 1982 and attended Midland College. She is employed with Builders Square II. Her husband is a 1990 graduate of



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Charles Arnold

Love Joy High School in St. Louis, Mo. He also attended MC and is employed with Ruby Tuesday's.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in Midland.

ARISMAN-STAUTER

Sheryl "Shay" Lea Arisman and William Dale Stauter, both of Midland, were married 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at Christian Church of Midland. The Rev. Bobby C. Duncan officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Arisman. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. William E. Stauter of Cincinnati.

Shannon C. Wolfe of Midland was honor attendant for her sister. Her other attendants were Kimberly Miller of Denver, Diane Kelly of Midland and Sydney Stauter of Killeen, daughter of the bridegroom. Flower girls were Hillary Boatwright of Midland and Kelsey Stauter of Killeen, daughter of the bridegroom.

Charles Curless of El Paso was honor attendant for the bridegroom. He also was attended by Ricardo Natera of El Paso and Mario Rodriguez of Midland. Ushers were Gary Wolfe Jr. of Waco, brother of the bride, and Randall



Mrs. William Dale Stauter

Howard of Austin. After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple lives in Clinton, Iowa.

BROWDER-WARLICK

First Christian Church in Midland was the setting for the 7 p.m. Jan. 17 wedding of Julie Brooke Browder of Midland and 2nd Lt. Philip Owen Warlick II of San Angelo. The Rev. Tommy Potter officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Sara Bearden Browder of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. William B. Browder III of Lampasas. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Boeckel of Austin and Dr. Philip O. Warlick of Midland.

Catrina Browder Jones of Midland and Shelley Annycy Browder of Fort Worth were honor attendants for their sister. The bride also was attended by Allyson Wynn Warlick of Midland, sister of the bridegroom, and Tiffany Jo Cauthen of Lubbock. Brynli Alyssa Moore of Midland was flower girl.

James T. Stanton of Waco was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by 2nd Lt. James C. Lozier of Laughlin Air Force Base, Phillip J. Sublett of Salt Lake City and 2nd Lt. Michael D. Williams of Vance Air Force Base, Okla. Ushers were Stanley Anglin and Joshua Jones of Midland, Shane Densen of Stanton, 2nd Lt. Greg Ellingson of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Dale



Mrs. Philip Owen Warlick II

Whitmore of Tucson, Ariz. Coby Tomlin of Midland was ring bearer.

The bride is a junior at Texas Tech University, where she is a member of Chi Omega sorority. Her fiancé is a May 1997 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is serving in the U.S. Air Force at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in San Angelo.

THORNTON-WILLIAMS

Elisa Thornton and Ricky Williams Jr., both of Midland, were married 7 p.m. Jan. 17 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. The Rev. James Bridges officiated.

The bride is the daughter of James and Judy Thornton of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Richard and Linda Williams of Port Lavaca.

Tanya Shelley of Fort Stockton was honor attendant for the bride. Her other attendants were Heather Davis of Houston, Kim Metzger of Colorado Springs and Sherry Morish of Tivoli, sister of the bridegroom.

Greg Brooks of Lake Jackson served the bridegroom as honor attendant. Also attending the bridegroom were Kenneth Custer of Victoria, Brian Gutermuth of Lake Jackson and Scott Nonhof of Houston. Ushers were Michael Thornton of Midland, brother of the bride, and Jason Hanselman of Tivoli.

The bride graduated from Midland Christian School in 1993 and attended Midland College. She is employed with Hal J. Rasmussen Operating Inc. Her husband graduated from Calhoun High School in Port Lavaca in 1990, and earned a



Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Williams Jr.

bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University in College Station in 1994. In 1996, he earned a master's degree from Stanford University. He is employed with Anadarko, and is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

After a wedding trip skiing in Banff, Canada, the couple will live in Midland.

YEATES-CHISUM

LUBBOCK — April Yeates of Midland and Jason Chisum of San Diego were married 7 p.m. Dec. 27, 1997, at Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock. Preston Oden officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Molly Yeates of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Ronald and Sherry Chisum of Houston.

Laura Sumpter of Sarasota, Fla., and Chuck Sandross of San Diego were honor attendants for the couple.

The couple took a wedding trip to San Diego, where they now live.



Mrs. Jason Chisum

Couples flock to Atlanta church to vow: 'I still do'

By Tina Saunders
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Elizabeth and Wendell Heath arrived at Peachtree Christian Church in Atlanta out of breath and late for their wedding Sunday morning. But that didn't stop them from holding hands, gazing tenderly into one another's eyes and repeating their vows — just as they did three years earlier.

They were among several hundred couples to renew marriage vows in Peachtree Christian's annual Wedding Bells Service, a church tradition since 1931.

"I was nearly in tears when I thought we might miss it," said Elizabeth Heath. The family, which now includes 22-month old daughter Lexi, lives in Canton, Ga., an anxious 45-minute drive to the church in Midtown Atlanta. Although they rarely attend services at the church where they wed, because of the long drive, they make a special effort to take part in this one.

On the second Sunday in January each year, married couples in the 1,200-member church are invited to commit themselves to each other for another year.

"We decided to hold the service on the second Sunday of January, because I can't think of a better way to start off a new year," said the Rev. Jim Collins, who performed the 7,753rd wedding in the church's history on a recent Saturday night.

"It's such a nice way to be reminded of your vows," said Bahallah Newton. She and her husband, Herb, have renewed their vows each year since their wedding in May 1994. Even a recent addition couldn't keep the Buford residents from this service: Tucked into the pew between them was 11-week-old Jake.

Led by Collins and his wife, Sandra, and two other couples, husbands and wives all over the congregation turned to each other in their seats and repeated a short version of their marriage vows.

For some it was an intensely personal moment that brought tears. Others grappled with restless children. But all in the congregation, including the singles, seemed moved by the moment.

"It's an important ceremony and ritual," said newlywed Julie Frazier, who softly patted husband J.D.'s hand as she spoke, "because you tend to get caught up in the day-to-day routine and you forget to say the most important things to the one you love the most."

Is Cuba ready for a visit from Martha Stewart?

By Frank Cerabino
N.Y. Times News Service

I'm excited about the pope's visit to Cuba. It sets up what could be an historic meeting between two titans of our time — Fidel Castro and Martha Stewart.

Stewart, the United States' omnipresent homemaker, is using next week's papal visit as an excuse to travel to Cuba as a "journalist" for CBS' This Morning show.

The possibility of a Castro-Stewart meeting is a cultural event the likes of which we haven't seen since the Elvis-Nixon White House tete-a-tete three decades ago.

I think Martha Stewart's interview with Fidel Castro would go something like this:

Martha: First of all, Mr. Comandante, let me say that for years my country has been trying to overthrow the Communist Party, but my question is, "What does it take to throw a communist party?"

Fidel (in Spanish to interpreter): Who is this crazy capitalist shrew? Is she the one who has been floating candles in the public fountains?

Interpreter (to Martha): The Comandante said his people cannot throw parties because they are suffering greatly from the cruel American embargo.

Martha: Yes, but Mr. Comandante, you'd be surprised at what festive kinds of knickknacks you can make with household items many people would discard.

Fidel (to interpreter): I thought you said this was going to be an interview with one of the big Yankee television networks.

Martha: Just look at what I've done to one of your green fatigue shirts! (Martha pulls shirt from Bloomies bag) As you can see, I've created a flower over the left pocket by cutting up pieces of your nearly worthless, but very colorful, currency. By arranging the peso pieces just so, and then using a hot glue gun like the one I have here, you can ...

Fidel (to interpreter): Somebody will be tortured for putting me through this.

Interpreter (to Martha): The Comandante said he cannot bear to look at something as pretty as a flower when there's so much pain your country brings his people.

Martha: OK. Let's talk about the pope, then. Quick question on the Pope's upcoming Mass in the Plaza de la Revolucio. What kind of wine selection are you recommending for the event?

Fidel (to interpreter): If this keeps up, I'm going to use that glue gun on her mouth.

Martha: I'd recommend a

pleasantly tart Beaujolais. Something fun, yet full-bodied without being pretentious.

Fidel (to interpreter): For 40 years, the CIA's been trying to kill me. They launched the Bay of Pigs invasion. They hired the Mafia. They even tried to explode one of my cigars.

Martha: Did I hear you say "cigar"? I hope you're not throwing away your old cigar butts. With a little bit of thread, I could make them into a doormat for the front of your palacio.

Fidel (to interpreter): But this is the CIA's most devilish plot yet! What is she doing now?

Interpreter: She's showing you

how to fold dinner napkins so they look like swans.

Fidel: That's it. Arrest this spy! (Interpreter stands up, pulls out a pair of handcuffs, and slaps them on Martha Stewart's wrists.)

Martha: If you don't have handcuffs handy, there are plenty of other things you can use right from your own home. In a pinch, a man's necktie will serve as handcuffs and add a splash of color. My favorite though, is to take the cord from a set of Venetian blinds and two tuna cans with both ends removed. Now simply ...

Frank Cerabino writes for The Palm Beach Post.

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Alexandria is a black female (Date of Birth 07/14/89). At the time of her disappearance she was 4'8" tall and weighed 50 pounds. She has brown eyes, brown hair, a slight over bite and a scar under her right eye.

Alexandria was last seen May 9, 1997 in Ft. Worth (Tarrant County), Texas in the company of her non-custodial mother, Chere Lyn Tomayko, a white female (Date of Birth 02/23/62).

Anyone having information regarding this missing child's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Sergeant Fred Pendegross, Tarrant County District Attorney's Office Crimes Against Children, Ft. Worth, Texas at 817-332-5036 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2810 outside of Texas.



JESSIE LENOY WHITAKER

JESSIE LENOY WHITAKER

MPCH Case #R97-09-004
NIC/M021303868

Jessie Whitaker is a white male (Date of Birth 08/27/80). At the time of his disappearance he was 6'0" tall and weighed 190 pounds. He has brown eyes and brown hair.

Jessie was last seen April 30, 1997 in Henderson (Rusk County), Texas. He was wearing a gray T-shirt and blue jeans. Also missing is a red and white 1984 Chevrolet pickup, bearing Texas license plates #3849ZF.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact investigator Craig Sweeney, Henderson Police Department, Henderson, Texas at 903/657-3512 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2810



SARA KATHRYN MACISAAC

MPCH Case #R97-09-004
NIC/M042517304
AKA CTAR (STAR)

Sara is a white female (Date of Birth 02/14/82). At the time of her disappearance she was 5'5" tall and weighed 130 pounds. She has blue eyes, brown hair, a kidney shaped birthmark on her upper left arm and a heart shaped mole on the bottom of her left foot.

Sara was last seen July 17, 1997 in Euless (Tarrant County), Texas. She was wearing a striped T-shirt, blue denim shorts and black knee high boots. Sara wears silver jewelry and always carries a red back pack. She is interested in photography and took a 35 mm camera with her. She may be traveling to California.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Detective S. Lewis, Euless Police Department, Euless, Texas at 817/885-1528 or 817/885-1539 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2810 outside of Texas.

TANYA LYNN BAKER

MPCH Case #R97-07-002
NIC/M015259614

Tanya is a white female (Date of Birth 03/03/82). At the time of her disappearance she was 5'5" tall and weighed 135 pounds. She has brown eyes, brown hair and double pierced ears. Tanya may be in need of medical assistance.

Tanya was last seen April 9, 1997 in Takoma Park, Maryland. She speaks some Spanish and may frequent Hispanic communities.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact investigator Robert Schumde, Takoma Park Police Department, Takoma Park, Maryland at 301/270-1100 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2810 outside of Texas.



TANYA LYNN BAKER

LACIE LEWIS

MPCH Case #A93-11-001
NIC/M681154462

Lacie is a white female (Date of Birth 04/30/93). At the time of her disappearance she was 2'3" tall and weighed 17 pounds. She has blond hair and blue eyes.

Lacie was last seen October 11, 1993 in West Jordan, Utah in the company of her non-custodial father, Harry Edwin Lewis, a white male (Date of Birth 03/06/58). He was last known to be driving a blue 1977 Ford LTD with Texas license plate #FMS70X.

Anyone having information regarding this missing child's whereabouts is encouraged to contact the West Jordan Police Department, West Jordan, Utah at 801/569-5270 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/465-2810 outside of Texas.



LACIE LEWIS

CHRISTOPHER ENOCH ABEYTA

MPCH Case #A92-08-006

Christopher is a white male (Date of Birth 11/28/85). At the time of his disappearance he was 2'2" tall and weighed 22 pounds. He has blue eyes and blond hair.

Christopher was last seen July 14, 1986 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Christopher was abducted from his crib in his parent's bedroom.

Anyone having information regarding this missing child's whereabouts is encouraged to contact the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/465-2810 outside of Texas.

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KRISTEN FRANCES MAYS

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MPCH Case #R97-10-004
NIC/M062309208

Kristen is a white female (Date of Birth 06/14/81). At the time of her disappearance she was 5'4" tall and weighed 115 pounds. She has blue eyes, blond hair and wears a retainer with caps on her bottom teeth. Kristen wears silver jewelry.

Kristen was last seen September 29, 1997 in Edom (Van Zandt County), Texas. She was wearing a red and white striped T-shirt, blue jeans shorts and sandals. Kristen is in the company of Robert Steven Gipson, a white male (Date of Birth 03/25/75). He drives a 1988 red Pontiac Firebird bearing Texas License plate #VVP10X. They may be traveling to Houston, Texas or Lafayette, Louisiana.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Deputy Tommy Layman, Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office, Van Zandt, Texas at 903/567-4133 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2810 outside of Texas.

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DEAR ABBY

Untangling woman's personal, legal affairs is complicated

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, I became romantically involved with a prominent lawyer who represented me in a bitter legal battle. We secretly began spending lots of time together. I was 24 years old, Catholic, married with one child. He was 50, Jewish, married with three children.

We saw or called each other daily. I became pregnant and delivered a beautiful baby girl who is the spitting image of him.

Shortly after, his family learned about us through his office, and took it very hard. I apologized for the pain our relationship caused them. With great regret, he ended the relationship because he claimed he "had no choice." He has not called me since.

After the breakup, my husband insisted on a paternity test, which clearly proved HE was not the father.

I never told the lawyer that the baby is his, because I care for him and I'm afraid of jeopardizing his license. My husband agreed to raise her as his own, provided I never tell the lawyer he's the father.

Abby, I will be face-to-face with this lawyer at a trial very soon, and I will have to divulge pertinent information on him, and it's possible our relationship and daughter may be exposed. What should I do? — "BOOB-BIE"

DEAR BOOB-BIE: What a mess! VOLUNTEER no information, but under no circumstances should you lie under oath.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from Dr. Michael Gorbach with the Center for Pain Relief in Houston prompts this letter.

It is not as simple as he makes it sound. Narcotics are not dangerous merely because they cause addictive behavior or dependence. Narcotics progressively weaken the brain physically by destroying sleep quality.

Chronic pain patients are already sleep-deprived. That is why they require such large doses of narcotics to soothe.

We must find ways to protect restorative healing sleep for our chronically ill.

Poor sleep habits and sleep impairment are major public health problems in our nation. Sleep deprivation causes learning disorders, disease, substance

abuse, suicide, violence, and industrial and motor vehicle accidents. We cannot casually use medications that continue to destroy sleep quality. — EDWARD S. FRIEDRICHS, M.D., BROWN DEER, WIS.

DEAR DR. FRIEDRICHS: Most chronic pain patients suffer sleep deprivation due to pain, and pain medication makes a positive impact on their lives by allowing them to sleep more comfortably.

The message in Dr. Gorbach's letter was that narcotic pain medication, when administered properly, is restorative rather than addictive. Please read on for another letter from a fellow physician:

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the letter you printed by Dr. Michael Gorbach. You responded that Dr. Gorbach's philosophy may be viewed by some as audacious; nonetheless you thought it was sensible and logical.

Abby, 95 percent of physicians agree with Dr. Gorbach. His philosophy is not audacious at all. It is simply common sense and love for one's fellow human beings. The real albatross over the years has been state and federal regulatory agencies and overzealous bureaucrats.

Any person who does not endorse Dr. Gorbach's philosophy (simple humanitarianism and logic) is frankly ignorant.

You have done a great service by publishing that letter. I applaud and admire you. — A WISCONSIN PHYSICIAN

DEAR PHYSICIAN: Thank you for the supportive letter, and for the reassurance that the majority of physicians feel as you and Dr. Gorbach do.

In the past I have heard horror stories from families of people who suffered and died in terrible pain because their caregivers were afraid of what the law might do to them if they "addicted" a dying patient.

DEAR READERS: Thursday marked the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who inspired so many to reach upward for equality. Monday is the legal holiday that celebrates his birth.

It is only fitting that I share with you a passage from his "Strength to Love."

"Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Hate destroys a man's sense of values and his objectivity. It causes him to describe the beautiful as ugly and the ugly as beautiful, and to confuse the true with the false and the false with the true."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction... The chain reaction of evil — hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars — must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation."

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing because I think you will be pleased that there's a non-native speaker of English who reads your column every day to develop her reading skills.

I've learned many good expressions from the letters and your responses. Your column is also perfect for broadening my understanding of the American people. It's full of ordinary people, unlike the weird types we see on television talk shows.

I subscribe to my paper just for your column, and I read the section it is in before I read anything else.

Abby, I'm grateful that my tutor, Martha, who is also an enthusiastic reader, recommended I read your column to improve my English. — HIDEKO IN LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.

DEAR HIDEKO: Thank you for your flattering letter.

I have heard from other people in various parts of the world who sharpen their English skills by reading my column, but it's always nice to hear from another one.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

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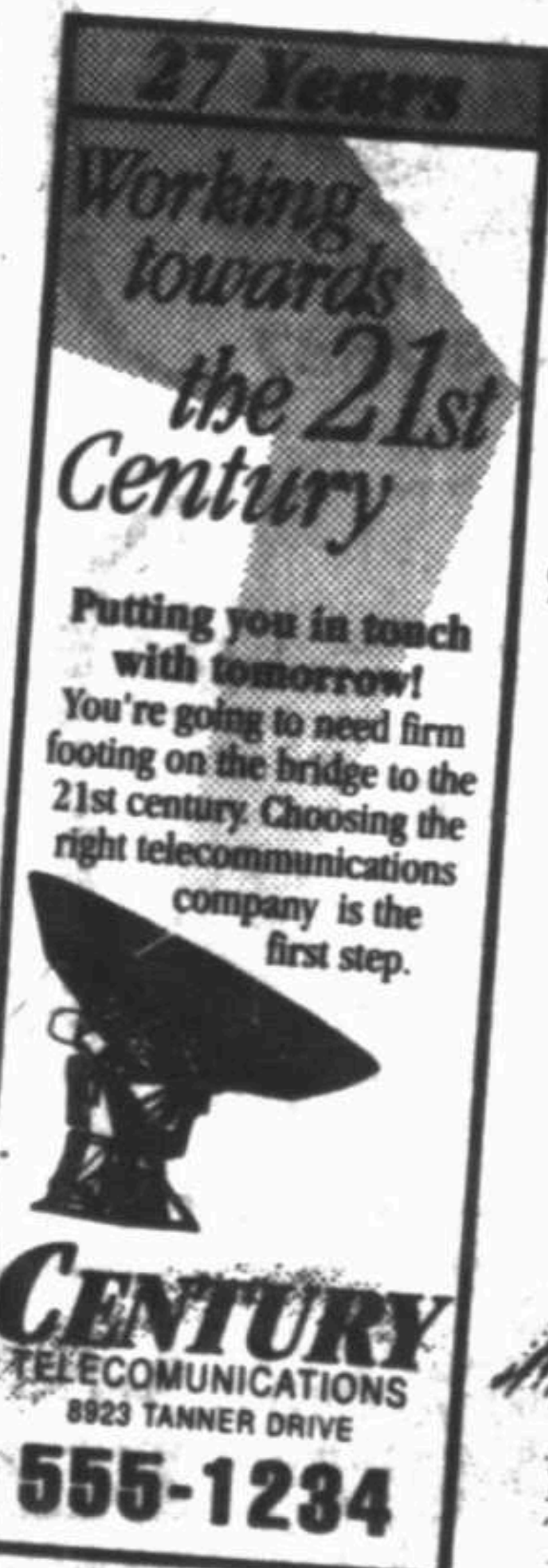
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TRAVEL

When traveling by train, the early bird gets the seat

By Betsy Wade
N.Y. Times News Service

Those who have been aboard lately know that Amtrak has been undergoing steady changes in the last five years.

For one thing, unlike their cousins, the daily commuters, long-distance travelers do not find a simple chart of sample fares in the back of the timetable. The fare structure is as fluid as chicken broth except for the Northeast Corridor, between Boston and Washington. For service outside the Northeast, the line has been using the system the airlines use, that is, yield management: the fare rises and falls, sometimes daily, on the basis of anticipated demand, which is affected by day of the week, season, and factors as unpredictable as the scheduling of a demonstration in Washington. And even in the Northeast Corridor the layers of services at various prices can confound passengers: custom class is not first class but some creature halfway between coach and first.

Things are in even more flux than usual. Thomas M. Downs, the president whose letter and picture appear in the front of the new Amtrak Travel Planner, quit his job on Dec. 10. The resignation came after a rough autumn for Amtrak, a quasi-government organization, with labor problems and difficult dealings with Congress. Money was allocated for railroad capital improvements but Congress in return asked that the entire nine-member Amtrak board be replaced by spring.

MEANTIME, THE RAILROAD is going ahead with new offerings for consumers. On Tuesday the line will begin selling a 30-day North American Rail Pass for the United States and Canada. The older Explore America passes, which are continuing, do not include Canada, and until now two-country passes have been sold only to international visitors. Details about the new pass were not ready in time for the 1998 catalogue. The pass covers 4,000 miles of Canadian right-of-way between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Vancouver, British Columbia, in addition to Amtrak's 24,000 miles. The link points are Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

The 30-day pass, providing unlimited travel and unlimited stopovers, will cost \$450 a person until May 30. The high-season rate, \$645, is effective for travel between June 1 and Oct. 15. Amtrak tickets are not taxed, and Rail Canada has waived taxes on passes sold in Canada, where the prices, in Canadian funds, are \$625 and \$895. There are no discounts.

The passes are available from travel agents and from Amtrak by telephone, (800) 872-7245. Reservations must be made at the time of purchase. The folder of tickets that constitute the pass are mailed. Changes in reservations, at no cost, can be made by telephone, and the new tickets can be picked up at a station on the way. The passes are refundable, with a \$30 cancellation charge, only if travel has not begun.

Getting a good price on regular tickets requires making plans promptly, according to Mary Anne Reynolds, a spokeswoman for Amtrak. The Amtrak computer system, called Arrow, opens for reservations as far ahead as 11 months. At that point, a certain number of seats at the cheapest price are available for travel on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at a somewhat higher price for the rest of the week. When these are gone, higher prices phase in one by one. Another category, or "bucket," as it is called in yield management, is set aside for holders of the Explore America fare. Holders of the North American Rail Pass are out of this struggle: they get a better shake, what is called "last ticket availability," which means that as long as there is an unsold seat, they may have it.

Take the coach fare between New York and Miami, for example. The cheapest ticket for a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday would be \$146 round trip, and for the other days, \$210 round trip. When those are exhausted, the fare for any day of the week would be \$226, and after that \$268. The full fare is \$406.

ALL THESE FARES provide only a reserved coach seat. If a passenger wants a sleeper space or a first-class seat, the cheapest coach fare will be used for the price of the ticket itself. The accommodations prices also have categories, and Ms. Reynolds said a traveler could ask the reservationist to check the computer for an advance date when the cheapest accommodation charge would be available. To carry on the New York-Miami example, she cited three levels for a standard bedroom, which can accommodate one or two people: one-way prices start at \$199, go to \$234 and then \$267.

To the plea that it is all confusing, Ms. Reynolds said that Amtrak sought to make the most of the equipment it had, bearing in mind the mandate of Congress that the line sustain itself by 2002. Right now, she said, it is paying 80 percent of its operating expenses.

Amtrak has discounts for tickets for various types of travelers; they do not apply to accommodations charges, the Autotrain between the Washington area and Florida or, generally speaking, to the Metroliner between New York and Washington. On parts of the system other than the Northeast Corridor, there are blackout dates around holidays.

Children under 2 travel free; children 2 to 15 traveling with adults pay 50 percent of what the adult pays. Disabled passengers and members of the military also get 15 percent off the applicable fare. The discount for travelers over 62 is also 15 percent. A college student with a Student Advantage card gets 15 percent off. The student card — \$20, plus \$2.50 handling — provides discounts for other products and services. It can be obtained with a credit card by calling (800) 962-6872 and it is also available free to students who have telephone service with AT&T or hold the company's Universal Credit Card.

The new Amtrak travel planner, with rail-air trips and other packages, can be obtained by calling (800) 872-7245.

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CONCURRENT TAAS/TEAMS TESTS ADMINISTRATION

March 3, 4 and 5, 1998

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 3, 4 & 5, 1998, the exit level sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test will be administered to eleventh and twelfth grade students who have failed to master one or more parts of the test, and to students taking the exit level test for the first time. During the same testing period, TAAS and the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests will be administered to out-of-school students who have completed all course requirements for graduation but have not mastered all sections of the tests.

TAAS test registration for students no longer enrolled in a Texas public high school and all students taking TEAMS must be received in Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, January 30, 1998. Students enrolled in Grade 12 in the spring of 1998 are considered enrolled students. Registration packets may be picked up in the high school counseling centers, district central office or regional service center.

Test dates are as follows:

Date	TAAS (Exit Level)	TEAMS
Tuesday, March 3	Writing	Mathematics
Wednesday, March 4	Mathematics	Mathematics
Thursday, March 5	Reading	English Language

Students must be present each day at the assigned test location no later than 8:45 a.m. There are NO make-up days. If there are questions regarding the tests, please contact the Department of Guidance and Testing at 689-1009.

Napa Valley train runs into controversy

By Paul Franson
Hearst News Service

ST. HELENA, Calif. — A new battle is being waged in the most contentious war fought in Napa Valley since it became an agricultural preserve in 1968.

The Wine Train, beloved by visitors, fought by many residents, is seeking to establish a new station in St. Helena to allow passengers to get off and stroll around the historic California town.

At present, passengers on the elegantly restored train board in downtown Napa for the leisurely 36-mile, three-hour round trip through the valley, and can leave the train only at Grigich Hills Cellars in Rutherford. They taste Napa Valley wines and enjoy the gourmet food and scenery as they slowly travel up the scenic valley.

The battle over the station is billed as a classic fight between developers and preservationists.

Vincent DeDomenico, the 83-year-old president and principal owner of the train, said St. Helena should be delighted to have the train deliver 100 well-heeled passengers to stroll around the upscale shops of the town rather than arriving in polluting cars, tying up traffic and circling for one of the few parking places available.

Opponents in the town, however, liken the train to Disneyland, and they don't want it in their agriculturally oriented residential community.

"It's unneeded," said Norm Manzer, an insurance agent who is one of the train's most vocal opponents. "It's not transportation. It's a bar and restaurant on wheels."

The battle over the station is billed as a classic fight between developers and preservationists.

The Wine Train originated in 1987 when DeDomenico and a few other partners bought an abandoned railroad right of way from Southern Pacific for \$2 million.

The original 35-mile-long line was completed in 1868. Southern Pacific took over in 1898. By 1912, an electric railway paralleled the tracks to Calistoga, but passenger service was abandoned in 1929. Eventually the train tracks beyond the Charles Krug Winery north of St. Helena and all the electric railway tracks were removed.

Enter DeDomenico, who along with his three brothers made a fortune with Golden Grain Macaroni Co., which was founded in San Francisco and made Rice-A-Roni nationally famous. Golden Grain is now a subsidiary of the Quaker Oats Co., which sold Ghirardelli in 1992.

DeDomenico plowed part of his fortune into the Wine Train, spending \$1.7 million fixing the tracks and \$10 million to \$12 million acquiring and restoring the old rolling stock.

After enduring heavy opposition from locals who feared an invasion of tourists, the train's first passenger run was in 1989. Business has grown annually since. It now carries about 110,000 passengers a year, said Erica Ercolano, sales director for the Wine Train. The \$10 million annual business employs 140

people, she said.

The Wine Train also carries some freight. Almost 65 percent of the train's passengers, roughly 30,000 couples, stay overnight in Napa, Ercolano said. They typically stay two nights, up from 1.7 a few years ago, and spend \$100 each a day, she said.

While train management is proud of attracting visitors and money to the Napa Valley, opponents like Manzer claim that once they get off the train, 60 percent of the passengers drive up the valley, thus adding to congestion.

"I'm not opposed to tourism, but they're like wine: a little bit is good, an excess isn't," Manzer said.

Many visitors stay in Napa, which has most of the valley's moderately priced rooms, but others drive up to bed and breakfast inns throughout the valley or to luxurious resorts like Auberge du Soleil or Meadowood.

Manzer fears that excessive tourism could destroy the qualities that make the valley special. "We don't want to turn into another Fisherman's Wharf where you can't find the fishermen," he said.

DeDomenico originally intended to let passengers off at various stations up and down the valley, including the towns of Yountville, Oakville and Rutherford, as well as at wineries. Opponents fought that idea, leading to the present situation with its single stop.

The train is rolling ahead, however. In April, it will inaugurate a station in Yountville.

Beyond that, the company is acquiring cars for an additional train and hopes to offer more stops eventually.

DeDomenico said he has other plans for the train. He wants to convert it from diesel power to natural gas.




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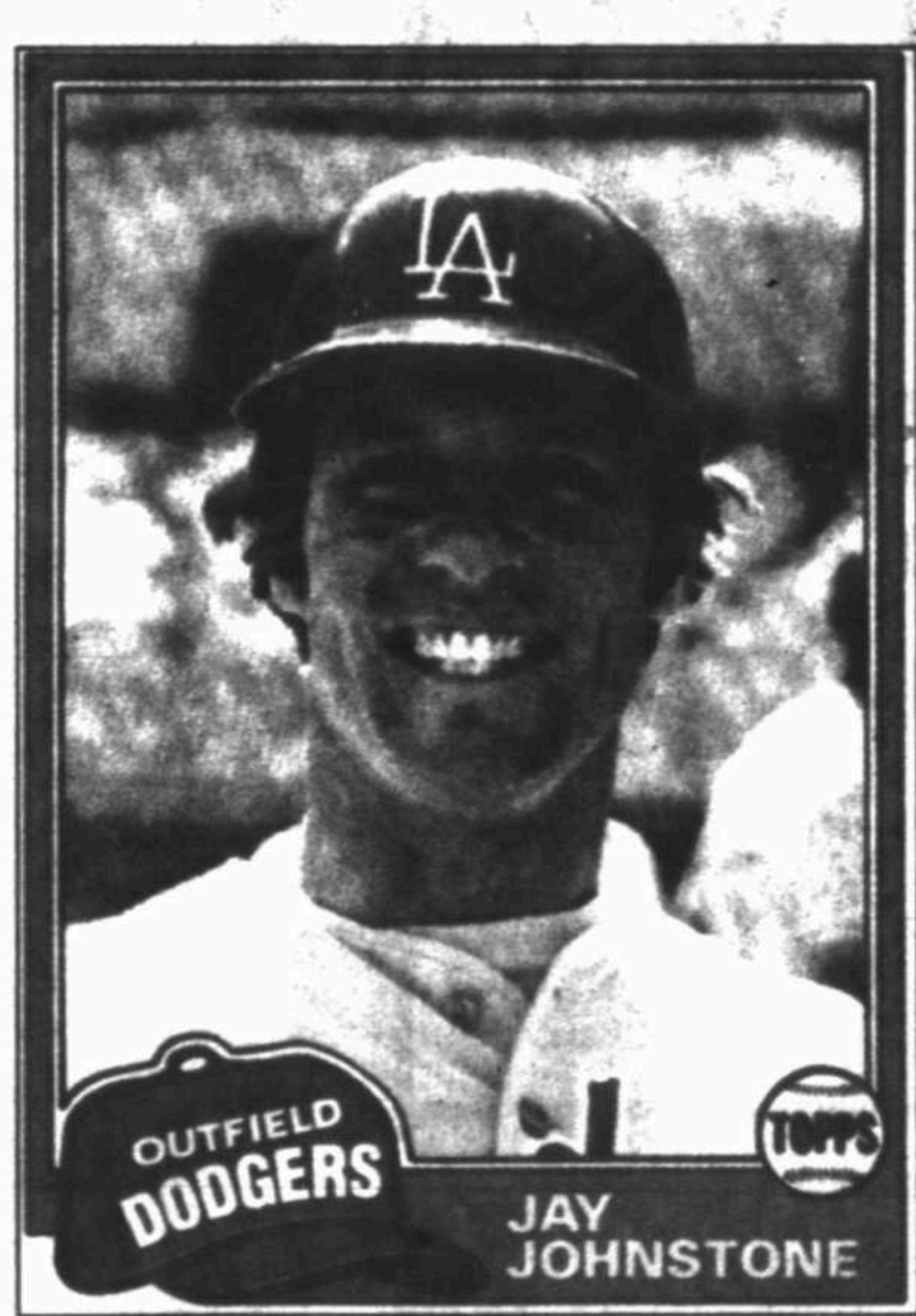
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By Richard En
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Shane McCarthy owns a lawn and garden business and is taking a horticultural class at Midland College to keep up with current trends.

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NO. GREEN THUMB REQUIRED

Midland College horticulture course attracts pros, amateurs alike

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

The fledgling Midland College horticulture program aims to make master gardeners of anyone, from home gardeners lacking green thumbs to aspiring nurserymen wanting to go into business.

The community college in the fall started its horticulture technology certification program and is adding more classes as more students progress.

Each class is typically a semester, 16-week long course. Sharon Thames heads up the new MC program. It had about 20 students in its first semester in basic classes.

Ms. Thames, horticulture tech instructor, recently led students Robin Ball and Shane McCarthy outside on the MC grounds to practice some gardening techniques. They are the first students in the program's woody plant materials course.

The three braved cold weather last week to examine plants and to trim shrubs and trees.

Ms. Thames said the program gives the students skills to run a gardening business or to maintain a large home garden.

"It prepares the student with plant knowledge and plant skills for retail nurseries or gardens," she said. "I have a lot of students who have their own business in lawn maintenance. Then there's some who want the certificate just so they can landscape around their home."

Many people mistakenly think all you need to do is stick a plant in the ground and water it to begin a garden, she said. Actually they need to examine the soil, know the plant's needs and watch for signs of pests and illness.

The program is a step in the right direction. Students can learn how to water properly for a certain species of plant and what plants won't grow in certain regions of the United States.

"They get a lot of hands-on activities," Ms. Thames said. "The student does the landscaping on campus. Of course there's field trips, but hands-on is important."

Ms. Ball took the first basic horticulture course in the fall. She said she learned a

lot.

"I learned the common names, the scientific names and the family of various plants," Ms. Ball said. "I learned the difference between soil and dirt. Dirt is soil where you don't want it."

It takes special care to cultivate soil for plants, she added. Proper amounts of rich earth can maintain a healthy garden.

The college grounds are a perfect place for the horticulture students to practice what they've learned. In the fall they cleared some bushes near the Scharbauer Student Center and replaced them with colorful pansies.

"I helped plant these pansies," Ms. Ball said. "They bloom, they thrive."

The flowers bloom in the winter and are not affected by the cold weather. They are believed to be the first flowers given on Valentine's Day, since they grow through February. Today roses are the choice.

"(Pansies) are so much cheaper," she said with a smile.

Ms. Thames helped her students examine the bed of pansies and provided an on-site lecture.

"If there's pests, it can be a problem," she said. "Pinch back the spent blooms and it'll help provide more blooming for the plant."

McCarthy runs his own lawn care business in Midland. He just started the horticulture program and he's already learning things.

"This is my first day and I'm already learning quite a bit," he said on Tuesday. "There's the little things you don't know anything about unless you open up a book."

McCarthy said it takes additional steps in West Texas to prepare soil for plant life. "Around here, every yard — unless you've done something to it — is caliche," he said. "It's an acquired knowledge, just getting the ground ready for the plants."

Caliche is a type of clay commonly found in Texas. It takes some knowledge of soil so that you'll know if it can retain water for plants, McCarthy said.

"You've got to have the ground ready so when you water, the water's going to stay

there and not run off," he said.

The program will expand its course offerings in the years ahead. The college plans to build a greenhouse on campus, possibly as early as March. Then horticulture students can work toward their

dream of a campus botanical garden.

"That is the vision of the administration," Ms. Thames said. "The purpose of the greenhouse is to show the students how to (maintain) plants. Also — for the community — with the demonstration gardens

it will affect the community (attractiveness). It's a community college, so it's going to affect everyone."

For more information on the new program, contact Ms. Thames at 685-4679.



ABOVE Instructor Sharon Thames checks a pansy.

AT LEFT Student Robin Ball works with pansies that had been planted by students in October.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE



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Board of trustees meet

The Midland College board of trustees will meet in regular session 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20 in the Gibson Board Room of the Pevhouse Administration building.

Networking Breakfast

Help For Small Business 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, Jan. 20 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.

Small business seminars

Four more seminars designed to help small business owners are scheduled at Midland College this spring.

The series continues with **Financial Statements**, Jan. 20; **Financing Your Business**, Jan. 22; **Labor Issues**, Jan. 27, and **Income Taxes**, Jan. 29.

The series consists of sessions that meet from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at Midland College. To register or for more information, call Mary Glenn at 687-0777, the Midland College BEDC at 684-4100, or the Midland College Continuing Education department at 685-4518.

New library hours

Effective Jan. 16 the Midland College Learning Resource Center hours will be 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Math Hotline

Having trouble with a math problem, call the Midland College math hotline, 685-4682, for help.

Elise Coombes is public relations director for Midland College.

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Geotechnical training set

The following continuing education classes begin in the next two weeks at Midland College (Jan. 20-31). For more information about these and other continuing education classes, call 685-4518.

3-D Seismic Interpretation will be in two sessions: 1-4 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 19 through Feb. 11. And, 6-9 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 19 through Feb. 11. W. Woodside is the instructor.

Crude Oil Measurement will be 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 20 through Feb. 3. D. Jordan is the instructor.

Country & Western Dance I will be 7:45-9:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20 through Feb. 24. Barbara Elliott is the instructor.

Introduction to PCs will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 20-22. Christi Reed is the instructor.

Re-promulgated Contracts will be 6-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Jan. 20 through Feb. 5. Sandy Hicks is the instructor.

Small Business Seminar Series—Financial Issues will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20. Mary Glenn is the instructor.

Step & Tone Walk Aerobics will be 9-9:55 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, Jan. 21 through May 6. Becky Speight is the instructor.

Adult Guitar I will be in two sessions 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21 through March 18. And, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21 through March 18. Albert Madrid is the instructor.

Private Pilots Ground School will be 7-10 p.m. Mondays & Thursdays, Jan. 22 through April 20. Deon Christiansen is the instructor.

Small Business Seminar Series—Financing Your Business will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Armando Garcia is the instructor.

Spanish I will be 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 26 through Feb. 16. Jan Vernon is the instructor.

Ballroom & Latin Dance will be 8:15-9:30 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 23 through Feb. 13. Bernadette Lindsey and Sergio Moraso are the instructors.

Smooth Ballroom Dancing will be 7-8:15 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 23 through Feb. 13. Bernadette Lindsey and Sergio Moraso are the instructors.

Geographix: The Basics Plus will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 23 through Feb. 6. Christi

Reed is the instructor.

Business Law I will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 24 through Feb. 28.

Environmental & Industrial Hygiene will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 24 through April 25. R. Strong is the instructor.

Geographix: The Basics Plus will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 24 through Feb. 7. Christi Reed is the instructor.

Human Relations & Motivation Management will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 24 through Feb. 28. Ron Sweatt is the instructor.

Human Resource Management will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Rick Brown is the instructor.

Activity Professional Insurance will be 6-9 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 26 through May 13. Lettie England is the instructor.

Step Bench Aerobics will be 5:30-6:15 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 26 through March 4. Debby Sevin is the instructor.

Cake Decorating I will be 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through Feb. 16. Pat Fisher is the instructor.

Calligraphy I will be 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through March 2. Herb Cooper is the instructor.

Country & Western Dance I will be 7:45-9:15 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through March 2. Barbara Elliott is the instructor.

Adult Guitar I will be 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through March 23. Albert Madrid is the instructor.

Teen Guitar I will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through March 23. Albert Madrid is the instructor.

How Does Your Garden Grow? will be 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through March 2. Barbara Porsch is the instructor.

Internet will be 2-4:20 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Jan. 26 through Feb. 5. Shawn Jantzen is the instructor.

Sign Language I will be 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through March 16. Shirley Campbell is the instructor.

Stained Glass I will be 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through March 2. Joyce Low is the instructor.

Tummy Trimmers will be 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 26 through March 4. Debby Sevin is the instructor.

Woodcarving I will be 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 26 through March 16. John Setzer is the instructor.

Wordperfect 7.0 will be 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Jan. 26 through Feb. 5. Ivan Meissner is the instructor.

Works will be 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Jan. 26 through Feb. 5. Kim Payne is the instructor.

Adv. Geographix Modules Defcoms: Importing will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 27 through Feb. 12. Christi Reed is the instructor.

Beginning Photography will be 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 27 through March 3. Don Sanders is the instructor.

Small Business Seminar Series—Labor Issues will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. Mary Glenn is the instructor.

Silk Flower Design will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 27 through March 3. Betty Sutton is the instructor.

Woodworking II will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 27 through April 21. Ralph Schultz is the instructor.

Optometric Assistant Training II will be 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 28 through March 4.

Optometric Assistant Training II—Glaucoma will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 28 through March 4. Penelope Torelli is the instructor.

Cake Decorating I will be 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 29 through Feb. 19. Pat Fisher is the instructor.

Small Business Seminar Series—Income Taxes will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29. Mary Glenn is the instructor.

Woodworking I will be 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 29 through April 30. Ralph Schultz is the instructor.

Wordperfect 7.0 will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 through Feb. 1. Kim Payne is the instructor.

Child Development Associate will be 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 31 through Aug. 15. Donna Fields is the instructor.

Health care workers to teach life-saving skills classes

Helping people learn life-saving skills is the goal of several courses offered through Midland College's Health Sciences Continuing Education program.

CPR—Health Care Provider gives instruction that includes how to remove foreign bodies from blocked airways and how to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilation.

A completion card is issued to each student who obtains a minimum score of 84 percent on the written evaluation and successfully completes the demonstration portion.

The next course is offered Feb. 21. Course fee is \$33.

Medic First Aid & CPR is a basic training course in emergency care. CPR and other important emergency care skills are taught in one eight-hour course that stresses the same set of priorities a professional would use in a medical emergency.

The next course begins Feb. 21, and the course fee is \$31. This course meets state requirements for child care and home health care providers.

Also, Midland College is an approved provider for the American Heart Association's **Advanced Cardiac Life Support** course.

Instructors for the courses will be Dr. Paul Best, Dr. Rickey Gross, Charles Hare, Steve Hodges, Lynn Glasscock, Gary Reid, Debbie Wright, Kevin Barnes and Joe Gillett.

"This is an outstanding group of instructors who will provide advanced training for health care professionals," Beverly Prichard, Health Sciences Continuing Education director, said.

This course will be Feb. 20, 21 and 22. Course fee is \$125.

For more information about these and other Health Sciences Continuing Education courses and how MC can provide on-site instructors for your facility, call 685-6440.

STACI STEVENSON

Student finds actions more important than words

■ The following is an excerpt from one of the winning entries in the Abell-Hanger Essay contest about the value of volunteer work for MC students.

For many years, people have said that actions speak louder than words. As a volunteer, I firmly believe that no statement could be more true. My experiences range from Hospice to the Permian Basin Food Bank to Christmas in April.

However, although all of these have been positive experiences, none touched my life like the five-year-old boy, Earsmo, I am currently working with.

I tutor Earsmo twice a week. The look on his face each time I come to his classroom door is enough to tell me how he feels about

my help. Every Tuesday and Thursday I am greeted by the same enthusiastic smile. In our 30-minute lesson, we spend half our time working on spelling words and reading new books. The other half of the time is spent telling stories—

with Earsmo doing most of the talking. He asks so many questions about life, specifically about me. Today, he was so excited about the new television his family had just purchased. To most of us one more television is hardly even noticeable, but to some, it makes all the difference in the world.

"Your intentions are irrelevant. It is your actions that make the biggest impact."

If my presence makes the least bit of impact on his life, I will be content. At the close of our session each week, he always wants to know the number of days until I will be back, and each time we meet he has something to show me that he brought from his house.

From volunteering I have learned that none of these organizations would be successful without the constant commitment of people in the community who give freely of their time.

Whether it is twice a week or one day of the year, the time and service given effects somebody's life in a way that may not have been touched otherwise. To these needy people your intentions are irrelevant. It is your actions that make the biggest impact.

For more information about the Abell-Hanger scholarship and how to complete volunteer hours, call 685-4693.

Language dept. sets Costa Rican trip

The Midland College Language Department, in conjunction with the Costa Rican Culture and Language Institute, is offering Spanish 1412, 2311, or 2312 in Alajuela, Costa Rica, for the spring interim session.

The dates for the study/travel program are May 10-May 24. However, 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.

Not included in the \$660 cost is tuition for the course. Airline reservations will be made as soon as 10 or more students have registered.

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MAKING THE GRADE

Lee and Midland freshman high schools have announced Outstanding Student Achievement awards and "Top Dawgs" for the third reporting period.

This PTA student recognition program recognizes students for their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, as well as exemplary behavior.

The outstanding Lee Freshman High School students are:

English-Linsey Johnson and Alisha Allen, Social Studies-Ryan Vinson and Lisa Veltman, Mathematics-Jeff Martini, Science-Jennifer Flores, Physical Education-Tara Wilhelm, Tech Prep-Jose Tarango, Choir-Joy Fitzgerald, Band-Amanda Cox, Orchestra-Emily Blake, Foreign Languages-Jason Matthews and April Adamson, Vocational-Christi Carruth, Art-Jesse Machuch, Speech/Drama-Bekah Simmons.

The Top Dawgs from Midland Freshman High School are:

English-I-Anne Billingsley, Social Studies-Jacob Kolman, Biology-I-Patrick Messersmith, Physical Science-Whitney Luikens, Geometry-Scott Winter, Algebra-Katie Kelton, Algebra 1-4-Tim Tidwell, Band-Jennifer Jordan, Physical Education-Miguel Bustilloz and Alicia Bradley, Dance-Latoya Borens, Art-Allan Solis, Choir-Lora Hayes, Theater Arts-Mark Clayton Smith, Technical Systems-Carlos Ramos, Homemaking-Jessica Busbee, Micro Computer Applications-Erika Estrada, Foreign Language-French I-Mary Maddox.

Midland Rotary Club has named **Brandon Black** and **Kevin Smith** as its students of the week.

Black, son of Mike and Cindy Black of Midland, attends Midland High School.

His honors and activities include National Honor Society, NJHS, Howdyweek class favorite, Texas Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National History and Government Award.

Black plans to attend the University of Texas and study engineering.

Smith, son of Ellis and Ronny Smith of Midland, attends Midland High School. His honors and activities include National Honor Society, Academic Letter Awards, Who's Who Among American High School Students, varsity golf, Top Junior and Sophomore Golfer and Fighting Bulldog Award.

Smith plans to attend Texas Tech or Texas A&M and study petroleum engineering.



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Smith



Fore



Bucy



Holt



Whitehead



Srinivas



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The Midland Morning Lions Club has named **Whitney Casey Fore**, **Erika Bucy**, **Kimberly Ann Holt** and **Sharee Whitehead** as its students of the week.

Ms. Fore, a student at Midland High School, is active in Student Council Senate, Senior Girls, Texas Scholars, National Honor Society, newspaper staff, basketball, Honors and Concurrent courses, and has been named Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She plans to attend Texas Tech and major in business.

Ms. Bucy, daughter of Keith and Vickie Bucy of Midland, attends Lee High School where she is active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society officer, Texas Scholars, Drug Free Youth in Texas, and Engineering Project. Her honors include Texas Best Engineering Senior Girls, All-American Scholar, National Service Leadership Award and National Science Award.

Ms. Holt plans to attend Texas A&M, where she has been accepted, to study bio-medical science. She plans to go to medical school.

Ms. Whitehead, daughter of Don and Glendy Whitehead of Midland, attends Lee High School and is a member of the National Honor Society, German Honor Club, varsity basketball and track.

Ms. Whitehead plans to attend college and further her education in elementary education.

WACO — Baylor University announced former Midlanders **Stephen Arne Johnson**, **Ryan Michael Ott** and **Kelli Diane Simon** received their academic degrees for the 1997 fall session.

Former Midlander **Shane J. Mock** was named to the Dean's List at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Those who achieved the honor recorded a 3.25 grade point average or better for the semester.

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets has named its Commandant's Honor Roll students for the 1997 fall semester.

Former Midlanders **Glendon George Abrams**, **Eric Ross Chandler**, **Brian Eric Danhof** and **Joshua Z. Gahr** were named on the list.

WACO — Former Midlanders **Angel Aguirre** and **Janis Lorraine Whitaker** are listed on the President's Honor Roll for the fall quarter at Texas Technical College in Waco.

Aguirre is a student in the biomedical equipment technology program.

Ms. Whitaker, a student in the computer networking & systems administration program, is the daughter of Margaret Johnson of Midland.

Senior **Kritika Srinivas**, daughter of Sri and Vidya Srinivas, has been chosen by the University Graduate Women as Midland

High's Outstanding Girl for January.

Ms. Srinivas has academic honors including National English Merit Award, National Science Merit Award, Math and Science Achievement Award, National Honor Society, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was also on the State winning Engineering Texas Team, MOAS, Student Council, and tennis team.

Ms. Srinivas hopes to major in Liberal Arts and have a career in communications/journalism.

Sarah Horn, daughter of Sharon Horn and the late Paul Horn, has been chosen UGW's Outstanding Senior Girl for January from Lee High School.

Miss Horn's honors include academic awards, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Texas Scholar, band and colorguard member, and the Texas Forensics Association. She is president of the Lee Speech/Debate team and has won numerous awards at tournaments including attending the National Forensics League Tournament. She also has been a member of the newspaper staff attending U.I.L. competition with the staff.

Ms. Horn plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and then seminary with the goal of becoming a Baptist Youth Minister.

Jo Heather Ford graduated in December from Angelo State University in San Angelo with a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education.

Ms. Ford, a Lee High School graduate, is the daughter of Jim and Sherry Ford of Midland.

SEARCY, Ark. — **Dawn Haines**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haines of Midland, is among the 1,038 Harding University students included on the school's Dean's List for grades achieved during the spring semester at the university.

Ms. Haines, a sophomore majoring in International studies, attended Lee High School.

KERRVILLE — Schreiner College recently inducted 14 students into the distinguished Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society.

Former Midlander **Jeremy D. Keener**, a junior business administration major and the son of Randy and Vickie Inman was named to this society.



Midland High School's Excel School marked its one-year anniversary last week. The program provides core courses for at-risk students and has been credited for reducing MHS' dropout rate. AT RIGHT: Excel student Justin King and teacher Karen Young open a can of fruit juice at last week's open house. ABOVE: Excel students Sara Wilson, left, and Dalila Martinez slice cake at last week's open house.

Photos by Brian Adamcik



SCHOOL MENUS

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday — School Holiday

Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast Express. Lunch: Yogurt and fresh fruit basket or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, wheat roll, fruit drink, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast Express. Lunch: Hamburger, cheeseburger or pot pie, tator tots, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit basket bread, fruit drink, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast Express. Lunch: Beef tacos or nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, pineapple, fruit drink, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast Express. Lunch: Choice of sandwiches, chili dog or hot dog, oven fried potatoes, vegetable soup, tomatoes and lettuce, fruit drink, milk.

GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, pasta salad with tomato sauce, English peas, pears, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Bacon and eggs, biscuits and jelly, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, potatoes with gravy, green beans,

hot rolls, peaches, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage and eggs, biscuits and jelly, juice and milk. Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, cheese, hot sauce, brownies, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Beef tip stew, carrots with ranch dressing, corn bread, apple cobbler, milk.

Friday — School Holiday

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EDUCATION IN BRIEF

ODESSA — Students enrolling at Odessa College for the spring semester may apply for a new program that provides intensive services including academic assistance.

Student Support Services (SSS) is a program that partners faculty and staff with 150 students and provides them with individualized counseling, tutoring, assistance in applying for financial aid and cultural enrichment activities.

The program's goal is to help students successfully complete courses and graduate from OC and/or transfer to a four-year university.

Students interested in information about the program may contact Chaparro at (915) 335-6576, or Karen Ellis at (915) 335-6314.

The mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF), the subsidiary of American Mensa Ltd., announces that applications for the annual essay contest may be requested by sending a stamp, self-addressed envelope to: Scholarship Chair, P.O. Box 2611, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All request for applications must

be postmarked by Jan. 31.

All essays and completed applications must be postmarked by Feb. 28.

ARCO Permian donated 20 IBM 486 Computers to DeZavala Elementary School in conjunction with their ongoing association through the Partners in Education Program.

The contribution of the computers will complement ongoing work at the elementary school in connection with a Reading Grant awarded earlier in 1997.

For more information contact Principal Barbara Wilson at 689-1440.

Hillcrest School is offering a remedial/tutorial program for any Permian Basin student in grades one through eight who might need extra help in a number of academic areas.

These areas will encompass but are not limited to: mathematics, English, reading, spelling/phonics, study skills and organizational skills.

For more information call Hillcrest School at 684-8681.

"Start Your Own Business" sponsored by the Small Business Development Center of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, is scheduled from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Tuesday at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economics Diversification (CEED), Highway 191 and FM 1788.

Pre-registration is required. A \$20 charge for lunch and seminar materials is payable at the time of pre-registration.

For more information on this workshop or others offered through the SBDC, call 552-2455.

ODESSA — Odessa College Testing Center is offering GED testing on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 28 with a writing skills test from 8:15 - 11:30 a.m. and a social studies test from 1:30 - 2:55 p.m.

Tests scheduled for Feb. 4 are mathematics from 8:15 - 10:30

a.m., science from 10:35 - 12:10 p.m. and reading skills from 1:30 - 2:35 p.m.

Writing skills and social studies test will be given again Feb. 11, followed by the mathematics, science and reading skills test on Feb. 18.

For more information or a complete testing schedule, call, (915) 335-6620.

Seventeen Lee High School students were selected to advance to the area-level tryouts that were Jan. 10 in Lubbock.

Michelle Blake, Chris Fierro, Heather Martin, Melissa Baer, Kristen Barr, Elizabeth Rowland, Mark McClurg, John McDaniel, Amanda Orozco, Joelle Glaser, Amy Boomer, Landon Luttrell, Edmundo Montoya, Matt Chase, Shannon Whitaker, Flint Weed, Byron Simpson and Amanda Harrison.

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At the Yucca Theatre

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Music City Mall is pleased to bring you **Linder and Brock**, January 24 & 25 at the Grand Stage. Linder and Brock are a high energy country and nostalgic rock and roll group with top-notch showmanship and stage presence that is packed with family fun for all ages. Don't miss Linder and Brock's only West Texas appearances January 24 & 25 where you have it all...Music City Mall.

Saturday January 24

Sunday January 25

MUSIC CITY MALL

Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."
By FRANCES HANSEN

ACROSS

- Garage event
- Cozy's stance
- Merit
- He knows where "Smoky" is
- Privy to
- Black Panther Bobby
- Swing around
- East away
- King's church affiliation
- Tree houses
- Like Fearless
- Ford's mark
- Dennis and others
- Liberal
- "Love Song"
- Sappho's Muse
- Part of A.D.
- Lingered over a book
- Fifth of a nickel
- Schoenberg's "Moses und..."
- King's male
- Arab Emirates org.
- Tense letter salutation
- Poppycock
- Saucy
- Althaus, for one
- Till the soil
- King's charismatic words
- Stuffed attire?
- Cruel
- Grieve
- Spelunker's spaces
- Rubber gasket
- Obfuscate
- Whopped mightily
- Big hits
- A — one's bonnet
- Adam's gift
- Suffers defeat
- King's concern
- Cunning
- Served perfectly
- Scuttled
- Tic-toe connection
- Grandstand feature
- Govt. advisory council

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- Tell — the Marines!
- Climbing ity type
- Jane Eyre's pupil
- Nairobi resident
- Bernstein, to friends
- Brunhilde's horse
- stocking aristocrat
- Local
- The supreme "Supreme," with 108 Across
- Kept at a low boil
- Bel — Italian cheese
- March on Washington terminus
- Severely
- Gentle flow
- Treasure —
- Outer: Prefix
- Yoke mates
- even keel
- Riflemen of yore
- See 93 Across
- Senor's assent
- By and by
- Oal
- Boards at Penn Station
- Germfree
- Hatcher and Garr
- Alexander's ragtime group
- White vestment
- Afternoon server
- Erik of "Chips"
- Sci-fi character
- Fall shade
- Court divider
- Dream up
- Where King earned a Ph.D.
- N.Y. times
- Legal matter
- Absorbed in
- Hockey Hall of Fame
- Actress Debra
- Jake Barnes' "Lady"
- Puccini's Rudolfo, for one
- Huge, poetically
- Japanese fish
- Heavenly hunter
- King earned a B.A. here
- Establish beyond doubt
- The bounding main
- Mother-of-pearl
- "Lapis Lazuli" poet
- Fall shade
- Chimp's cousin
- Whale type
- war?
- F.D.R.
- you: lonely lament
- Solo of "Star Wars"
- Arabian bigwig
- Cruella de Vil's creator Smith
- Regretting
- Hold in contempt
- Prodded
- All-glops transport
- Ford's catcher
- Look intently
- Song Go Out...
- Goller Nelson
- Actress Spacek
- Dickens title starter
- Talk on monotonously
- Mr. Fix-it, e.g.
- One with an affected gait
- Crusader's foe
- Hersey's bell town
- Speeding fine, e.g.
- Headwear at Henley
- Justification
- "Tickish" doll
- Famed Tokyo district
- Colander, e.g.
- Rue de la...
- Singer Celine
- Urban miasma
- Puerto —
- Beany come-on
- P.O.
- "mortuaries"
- Con's opposite
- Old card game
- F.D.R. measure

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

SUNDAY, JAN. 18, 1998

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Evaluate others' thoughts. The unexpected occurs, suddenly sending you in a different direction. Reach out for others, enjoy life and don't get uptight over a last-minute change of plans. Be spontaneous; be willing to take off at the drop of a hat. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ The time has come to slow down; you have pushed beyond your limits. A boss or older relative might ask you to do something extra; remember to take care of yourself first. A partner is full of ideas; heed him. He is on your team. Tonight: Soothe body and soul.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ It is apparent that you have mischief in your heart, and your imagination acts on it. A partner and friends are delighted to pitch in and make all this happen. Still, you could get touchy if you feel that events are getting out of control. Tonight: Accept a fun invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Home is where your heart is. You need quiet time, when you can slow down and take it easy. But a partner has lots of fun plans. Share ideas, swap stories or explore a new hobby, for a wonderful time. To-

night: Let it happen!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You make nearly everything look easy. You know what you want, but it might be hard to get it on your schedule. Others don't understand your fussing. Be spontaneous, and don't get caught up in details. Expenses are out of whack. Tonight: Return calls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You are usually careful about finances, but even you can make a mistake. Be disciplined; double-check all statistics before making an investment. There might be an even more desirable item on the market. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be more forthright. You probably are unsure about plans; a call will verify what is happening. Listen carefully because another could even be more confused than you are! Follow-through counts a lot with a child or loved one. Tonight: You are in charge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be discreet about what you know. You could inadvertently turn over the apple cart. You don't understand as much as you think. When others start talking, you see both sides of the story. A family member creates an uproar, as unusual. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Friends invite you over. Talks may get out of kilter. Understanding is important to create more of what you want. Laugh, lighten up and bounce ideas off a friend. Work with excitement and spontaneity. You've changed; others see it. Tonight: Do what you want!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your vision of what can happen if you let go might not be so far-fetched. Others look to you to be reasonable; but you have picked the wild card, especially financially. Your instincts are right on. Be willing to express what is on your mind. Tonight: A force to behold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Open doors, and break past your own barriers. No one can hold you back as much as you. It is time to change and let life's goodies come to you. Your spontaneity draws others. Go for that adventure; anything can happen! Tonight: Follow your mental meanderings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ One-to-one relating provides enormous security, happiness and fun. You enjoy the closeness between you and a partner. Confusion over plans could become a problem, but only if you let it. Be the fish, swimming with the flow. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

YOU BE THE JUDGE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 5
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A 10 9 6 3
♣ J 4

EAST
♠ A J 2
♥ J 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ 10 9 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K 10 7 6
♥ K 9 5
♦ K Q 5
♣ A K 7

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
INT Pass 2♣ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of hearts

Study the bidding, play and defense of this hand, then decide who is to blame for the debacle that ensued. If both defenders are to blame, assess the share of each in the catastrophe. North's two diamonds, by the way, was an attempt to play in that strain, rather than one no trump.

West led the six of hearts, won by the king in the closed hand. Declarer had only eight fast tricks, and once the opponents got in with the ace of spades, there was a chance they could collect four more heart tricks for a one-trick. Declarer elected to resort to guile.

South cashed the king and queen of diamonds, West following with the four and eight and East playing the deuce and seven. Now declarer led the king of spades from hand, looking for all the world like a player trying to force an entry to the table. East held up, and declarer quickly cashed three more diamond tricks and two clubs to land the game.

What's your verdict?
West is 95 percent at fault. The only reason we don't assign all the blame is that the bidding should have tipped off declarer's deception.

West should echo in diamonds, playing the eight first, then the four, to show an even number of cards in the suit. Since South's two-no-trump rebid showed a maximum no trump and a good diamond fit, however, East should have known. South held another diamond — king-queen bare was not enough to

try or game, because North might have no side entry.

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THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A project of
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FAX 687-1600

JANUARY 18 - 24
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at <http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html>. 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport. Hours: Mon-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Film Series: Let's 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 Mar 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.

HEB 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: SLIDE AND VIDEO PRESENTATION: Finding Your Vision, by Mary Lou King, Midland Arts Association general meeting, Stables Gallery at the Museum of the Southwest, 694-1078, Free, 1998 SPRING ART SHOW: Show opens March 6, Jurors are Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, call 699-7136.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Godspell, rock musical, performed by MCT's Pickwick Players, 2 p.m., Yucca Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITION: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5pm, Admission free, call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Painting, through January 18, 1998, EXHIBITION: Audubon's Texas Animals, through July 26, EXHIBITION: Works by Andy Warhol from the Cochran Collection and Eclectic Visions: Contemporary Artists Series featuring Jim Wagner, through Feb 22, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat. & Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural

Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy, SUNDAY RIG TOURS: tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5, call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Art, through January 18, 1998, EXHIBITION: JOIE DE VIVRE, paintings by Santa Fe artist, Evelyn Boren, Jan. 20-Feb. 26, EXHIBITION: The Inventions of Leonardo Da Vinci, through February 8, 2-4pm Weekends Only, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues.-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, 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/Ft. Worth, through Feb 20, Panel discussion Jan 21. UTPB Gallery, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E. Murphy St., Tues. 12pm-3pm, Wed.-Fri. 10am-3pm, Sun. 2pm-5pm, call 1-333-4072, Free.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: Guy Coheleach, In His Sights, nationally acclaimed wildlife artist, Main Gallery, through Feb. 6, 1998, Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Midland High School: WINTER PERFORMANCE: Drama, through January 30, call 689-1000.

Museum of the Southwest: ARTIST TALK: and Reception, 7pm, for contemporary artist Jim Wagner, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Presidential Museum: EXHIBITION: PARTNERS ACROSS AMERICA: Girl Scouts & First Ladies, Other Displays: Every Four Years, new portrait of Bill Clinton, the new First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton miniature, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Godspell, rock musical, performed by MCT's Pickwick Players, 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

West Texans for Life: FUND-RAISER DINNER: Oliver North, speaker, Midland Center, call 580-9835.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Camp Fire Boys and Girls: CONCERT: Trout Fishing in America, Live performances, aggressive folk-rock, 2pm and 7pm, Lee High School Auditorium, call 520-1522, Benefit, Admission charged.

Keep Midland Beautiful: WORKSHOP: Tree care workshop and treekeeper training, 1-4 p.m., Sibley Center, 688-4190.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Godspell, rock musical, performed by MCT's Pickwick Players, 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Concert planned

Clay Walker, with special guest Kenny Chesney, will present a night of country music beginning at 8 p.m. Feb. 12 at Ector County Coliseum. Tickets, priced at \$18.50 plus service charge, may be purchased at Endless Horizons, Odessa; CD Warehouse, Midland; Sound Decision, Big Spring; Dan's Music and Video, Pecos; or charged by telephone by calling 1-800-462-7979. Walker has sold more than 4 million albums, with platinum certifications for each of his first three Giant albums: "Clay Walker," "If I Could Make a Living" and "Hypnotize the Moon."

Artist to talk

Artist Jim Wagner will talk about his work at a 7 p.m. reception Tuesday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The public is invited to attend. Wagner's paintings, hand-painted and carved furniture, and wooden sculptures are on exhibit through Feb. 22 as the first of a six-part Contemporary Artists Series 1998. Eclectic Visions being shown in the Here and Now Gallery.

Carolyn Roden is the sponsor of the Wagner exhibition.

The artist, who moved to Taos, N. M., in the spring of 1992, uses the landscape of Taos, its adobe, culture mix, animals and people as the basis for his work.

Exhibit to open

ODESSA — "Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery" opens Tuesday in the Art Gallery at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and runs through Feb. 22.

The participating artists will conduct a panel discussion and slide lecture entitled "Consider the Source: Women and History," at noon Wednesday in the Art Gallery.

Panelists Terri Cummings, Melba Northum and Elise Ridenour use slides of their work to illustrate individual research into identity, language and education.

Palimpsest is a material that has been inscribed several times, often with remnants of earlier, imperfectly erased marks still visible. It is used as both form and metaphor. The works utilize a

variety of media including painting, fibers, printmaking, clay, photography, installation and book arts.

The exhibition and lecture are 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.

Performance set

The Midland Opera Theater is bringing the Riverside Light Opera Company here Feb. 5 for a performance of "The Mikado."

The California-based company will be on stage at the Yucca Theatre, 209 N. Colorado Ave. Tickets, priced at \$20, may be reserved by calling MOT's box office, 684-4101.

Writing contest

Entry deadline for the 1998 Writing Contest: Short Stories for Children is May 1. The Kassi Crites Award for writing children's sto-

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CONCERT: Musician to perform Mozart's Concerto for Clarinets

(From 6E)

it's Mozart, there's a very high standard of what it should sound like.

Originally, the work was written for a clarinet that extended down to a low C, and today's instrument only goes to a low E.

"The arrangement that we have today is not the original manuscript. The original was lost some time after it was written.

"An unknown arranger transcribed the music for the clarinet we play on today, or that most common people even then played on. The instrument it was written for was unusual, and not everyone owned one. A lot of notes had to be changed and that makes the technique a little more awkward than it normally would be."

Also on the program, which is sponsored by Huntsman is a

piece, commissioned by the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, entitled "Footprints of Water." The work, composed by Alice Gomez of San Antonio, will feature students from the Permian Basin assisting in the percussion section with instruments of their own design.

Tickets, priced at \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$5 for students and free to music students, may be purchased through the symphony, 563-0921, or at the door.

A native Texan, Ms. Browning is a 1995 graduate of Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y., where she earned a bachelor's degree in performance. She was born in Galveston, where she spent her early years. At age 6, she began piano lessons.

"It came naturally," Ms. Browning said of studying piano. "I made up my own songs, and I played a lot by ear."

Growing up, she also played softball and took dance lessons. Not until she was in the seventh grade, the same year her parents moved the family to Houston, did she begin studying the clarinet.

"I was really wishy-washy all through high school, I think I was more motivated by academics; and for a long time, I thought I would major in journalism or psychology, and I didn't really seriously consider music until I was a senior in high school.

"My private teacher at the time gave me some ideas about where I should go to school if I wanted to study music, and Eastman was one of the names she gave me. I recognized that name because my dad had recordings of the Eastman Wind Ensemble that he would listen to when I was younger. It kind of caught my attention. So I auditioned there and got accepted.

"I thought, well, if I was good enough to get into a school like that, then maybe it was something I should try."

Eastman was "difficult at first, focusing so much on performance when I'd been used to studying a lot of different subjects in high school," she said. "And I think I doubted for a long time that I would ever be successful at it, or that I would have a career. But the more I worked, the more experiences I had performing with different groups and playing different concerts, the more confidence I gradually developed. I really enjoyed it, too. And that helped."

Ms. Browning has been the principal clarinetist of the MOSC since September 1995. She said she was lucky to find a position so quickly after her May graduation.

"I did happen to be in the right place at the right time. A friend of mine from school was

in the orchestra, and that's how they got my name. They called and asked if I would play in a concert.

"And I came and played the first Masterworks Series concert of that season. That was sort of my audition. They were pleased, and so they asked me to stay."

Landing a job felt great and "was a big relief," however the position with the MOSC included working as the primary clarinet instructor for the Odessa public schools. Moving to West Texas meant taking on around 55 students.

"It was hard at first to make such a fast transition," said Ms. Browning, who had never taught before. "When you are in music school, so much of what you do is subject to criticism by teachers or conductors. Everything you do is scrutinized or analyzed."

"Coming here, that wasn't the case. Whatever I did, I had to be

the authority on what I was doing or my students were doing. I myself had to answer questions of my own students that I had previously been asking my own teachers. In other words, it's different from the other side of the desk."

The experience of teaching has heightened awareness of her own skills.

"You have to think more about what you are doing and translate that to someone else in different words so that they can understand," Ms. Browning said. "I'm dealing with 14-, 15-, 16-year-olds. It really makes you think about what you're doing a lot more rather than just playing. I feel it's helped me become a better musician."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

PLAY: Permian Playhouse to open comedy Friday in Odessa

(From 6E)

ple on stage all doing a double take at the same time. If one person's timing is off, the joke doesn't work.

The show is packed with jokes, particularly one-liners.

"It's lunacy," Wheatley said. "It's Marx Brothers. It's Three Stooges. It's 'I Love Lucy.' It's physical comedy, slapstick, and just plain silly. There's no message. There's no moral. There's just cheap, dumb fun, and I think we need that every now and then when we go to the theater."

The plot traces the disaster that unfolds when Jon Trachtman (played by Shane Collier) devises a way to save on taxes.

"It's about two guys who are living together, and one of the them decides they can save a lot of money on taxes if they say one of them is a woman, and they are married and filing jointly. And that works OK until the IRS man comes to audit."

IRS agent Floyd Spinner (John McCormick) has noticed certain discrepancies in the 1040s. For one, Leslie Arthur's sex has changed from male to female. The impending visit means the two roommates, Trachtman and Arthur (Jack Smith), must come up with a plan. And they do.

"The one whose sex has changed has to dress up like a female to try and fool the IRS man," Huddleston said. "I think they really are shacked up, and they are trying to hide that from me, which is not the case at all. But I drink a lot of beer so it's not hard to fool me."

The opportunity to dress in drag on stage provided a powerful impetus for Smith in auditioning.

"I just thought that would be a whole lot of fun, plus I've never gotten to do a comedy like this before," said Smith, who works at Michael's Arts and Crafts.

He's discovered his instincts weren't wrong. "It's more fun than you can imagine. Getting to wear the dress and wig and

tights, the whole nine yards is fun." Except, Smith added, "Running around in pumps hurts."

His stage roommate, Shane Collier, is a student pursuing a career in theater who works at Superior Controls. Although he was getting really tired of "working and going to school," he read the script and was hooked.

"It was one of those you couldn't not audition for," Collier said. "It was so good."

Vonnie Downey, who plays Arnold Grunion, the down-on-his-luck justice of the peace who comes in to perform a wedding ceremony, auditioned because he "was interested in the play."

The humorous script also drew Carla Griffith, who teaches at Zavala Magnet School in Odessa, to audition.

"I just love the theater," Ms. Griffith said. "I hadn't done anything in a long time. And I read the script, and it was really cute. And I thought, 'I can do that.'"

For Leslie Short-Henderson, a broadcasting major at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, the play marks her stage debut.

"I'm having a great time," said Ms. Henderson, noting that opening night may be a little nerve racking. "It hasn't hit me yet. I'm sure as soon as I walk out on the stage, I'll forget every one of my lines."

Production dates and times are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 25, 30, 31 and Feb. 6 and 7 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 8. For reservations call 1-915-362-2329.

Midlander Judd Vermillion has designed the set for the show, which is sponsored by KODM-FM and the Odessa American.

"It's a fun, fun, fun show," said McCormick, who moved to the Permian Basin last year from Detroit, where he was active in community theater. "Always moving, like a non-stop Marx Brothers movie."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 4E)

ries 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.

Paintings displayed

Watercolor paintings by Ginger Witte are on display in the Garden Room at Midland Country Club through January.

Ms. Witte is a local multi-media artist and teacher. Landscapes depicting rural Texas ranching and farm life are the focus of the exhibit.

Her work has been selected for Celebration of the Arts, September and Midland Arts Association shows.

For more information call 687-0908.

Heartbeat set

The 12th annual Heartbeat is set for 8 p.m.-midnight Feb. 21 at the Midland Hilton ballroom.

The evening's theme will be "Heart Rock Cafe" and the dress will be casual. "Heart Beat '98" festivities include a buffet dinner, cocktails, dancing to the sounds of The Project band, a silent auction and a benefit art show by Midland Gallery.

Tickets can be purchased through the Permian Basin American Heart Association, 520-7041.

The benefit art trunk showing, sponsored by Midland Gallery and the American Heart Association, will be open to the public 2-6 p.m. at no charge.

All art is available for sale and

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Mystery Night set

BIG SPRING — The Heritage Museum is planning a Mystery Night beginning 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31.

After snacking on hors d'oeuvres, groups of eight players will move to various sites throughout Big Spring to play one of three games with varied themes and settings.

Cost for the game and opening reception is \$15. Hosts play free.

Those interested in hosting a murder are asked to call the museum, 1-915-267-8255.

Prints displayed

"Works by Warhol: From the Cochran Collection," an exhibition of silk screen prints by the late Andy Warhol, is on display at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The Cochran Collection is a wide sampling of Warhol prints dating from 1974 through the last series of 1986.

Three Brown Bag discussions are scheduled in conjunction with the exhibition. Given by Danny Hovea, the museum's curator of collections and exhibitions, they are scheduled for 12:15 p.m. Jan. 28, Feb. 4 and 11 in the Thomas Gallery. They are open to the public. Hovea will discuss the works in the exhibition and the significance of Warhol in the art world. In addition, videos on the life and times of Warhol will be shown in the library during the exhibition.

Also on exhibition is the Flowers series on loan from the Albany (Georgia) Museum of Art.

Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

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.

Children's class

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America will present a needle arts and crafts class for children Feb. 8.

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There also will be a luncheon, fashion show and mini market place. Registration must be made by Jan. 31; the fee is \$25 per mother/daughter pair.

Class sizes are limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call 687-0320.

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Clarinetist turned love of music into career



Tammy Decker works through a piece as Rachel Browning looks on. Ms. Browning is the principal clarinetist for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale

Photos by
Tim Fischer

Music filled Rachel Browning's world as a child. When it came time to select a career, she chose to be a musician.

"Music was something that I knew would continually challenge me for the rest of my life," said Ms. Browning, principal clarinetist for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. "No matter how much I studied it, how many teachers I went to, there would always be something to learn."

"I also grew up with a lot of music in my house," said Ms. Browning, noting that her only sibling, a sister, also is a professional musician. "My parents are both amateur musicians, so it was just around and interesting to me."

When the symphony presents its classical concert 8 p.m. Saturday at Deaderick Auditorium on the Odessa College campus, Ms. Browning will perform Mozart's Concerto for Clarinet. The work was written two months before the composer's death.

"It's a beautifully written piece," Ms. Browning said. "It's easy on the ears (and) covers the full range of the instrument. Mozart wrote for the clarinet very well, which is remarkable because the clarinet was a relatively young instrument at the time. So the concerto is one of the first major pieces written of this quality for the clarinet."

The concerto is also technically challenging.

"It's difficult in its simplicity," said Ms. Browning, noting that the concerto is considered late classical. "It's not supposed to sound difficult."

"Mozart went to great lengths to write pieces that sounded easy and effortless, so to perform them you have to achieve the same goal, and that's real hard. It's very transparent music. It's got to be very even, the tone has to be very pure."

"There's a very fine line between playing it too literally and then doing too much to it — going over the top. And, because

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Stories by Georgia Temple
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'Love, Sex and the IRS'



AT RIGHT: Jansen (Jim Huddlestone) carries off Connie (Leslie Henderson) as Shane Collier and Carla Griffith look on. ABOVE: Mr. Grunion (Vonnie Downey), in the orange hat reading from Bible, performs an impromptu wedding for Leslie (Jack Smith) and Jon (Shane Collier), checkered shirt. Witnessing the event is John McCormick, the IRS man. BELOW: Leslie (Jack Smith), left, shocks Sue Smith in a scene. Sue Smith then faints.



Midlander Jim Huddlestone's working a full schedule these days. By day, he is the psychiatrist for Permian Basin Mental Health, Mental Retardation (MHMR). By night, he's Mr. Jansen, an apartment manager whose life revolves around watching others.

"It's my job, among other things, to see that men and women aren't living together without being married, and I keep trying to catch them doing that," said Huddlestone. He

laughed. "I'm pretty busy."

Huddlestone and his wife, Sue Smith, both auditioned for and received roles in the Permian Playhouse's current comedy, "Love, Sex and the IRS," opening Friday at the Odessa theater, 310 W. 42nd St.

"It was a comedy, which is the thing that I like to do the best, and the role looked like a lot of fun," Ms. Smith said. "I get to play a drunk lady, and I've never done that before. I thought that would be fun."

Acting as if you're drunk at times and sober at times has its challenges, Ms. Smith said. "Making yourself understood even though you're sounding drunk. Remembering when to sound drunk and when not to. It's kind of tricky to slur your words and have them understood."

Then again, "Love, Sex and the IRS" itself is tricky.

"Physical comedy is probably the hardest thing there is to do," said director Randall Wheatley, who selected the comedy. "Every moment of the show has to be choreographed to get eight people on stage on the same page all playing the same joke working for the same timing. We work moment by moment by moment, usually no more than four or five pages a night. It's frustrating for some actors to work that way."

The goal is having "eight people function as one actor," Wheatley said. "Sometimes we have eight peo

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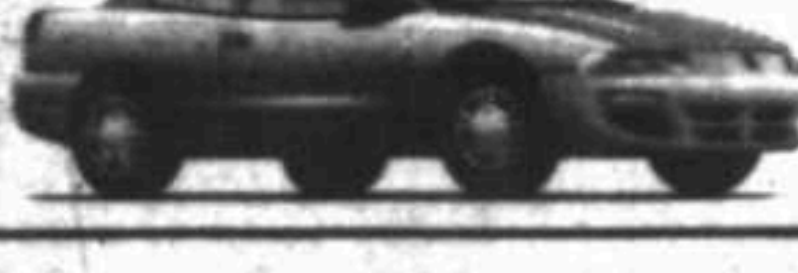
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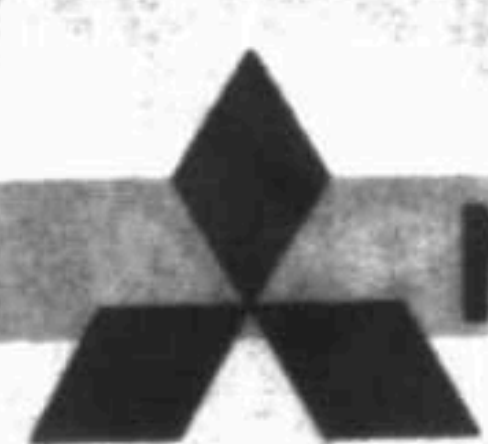
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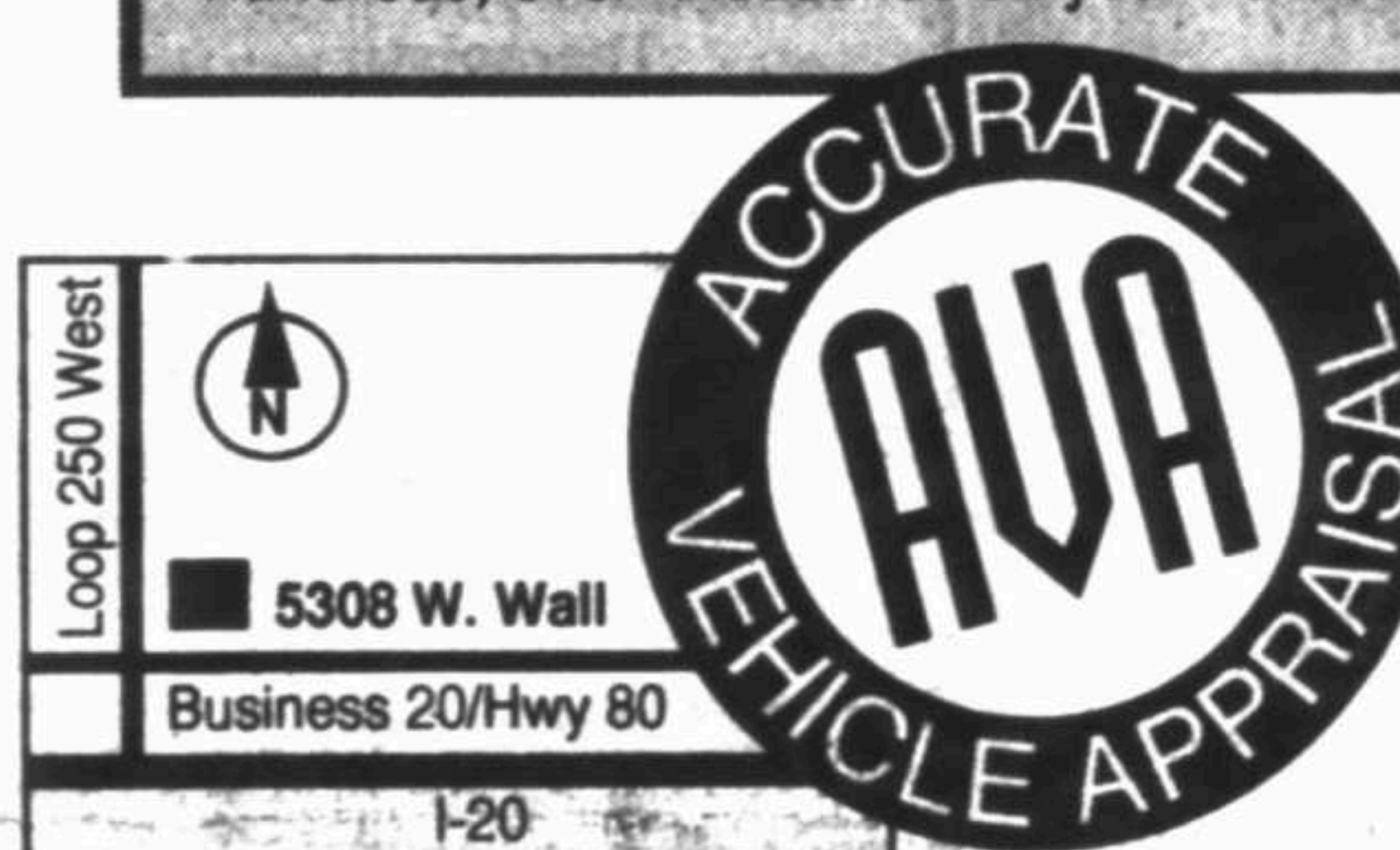
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310 General Help Wanted

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TELEMARKETERS needed at Otan Mills. Call Joanne at 915-694-2235, 1pm-9 pm, Monday-Friday.

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***HOME HEALTH AIDE**

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*One year experience
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contact: Pam Reed
Infusion Plus
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MT or MLT needed for busy physician's office. Must be people friendly & dependable. Please submit resumes to: 2401 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 or call 683-2723.

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Clinical Assistant/Secretary
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Surgery

For consideration, please send resume or apply in person:

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
Human Resources Department
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701
1-800-833-2916
Fax: 915-685-8934
EOE

DENTIST

Texas Department of Health is recruiting a dentist to be headquartered in San Angelo (Heart of the Hill Country). The primary duty of the position will be to provide and coordinate direct care services for a 12 county area utilizing a "State of the Art" mobile dental unit and professional staff. Other duties will be to develop and coordinate community based dental health education in the public schools and long term care facilities; and work with all sectors of the dental community and local health departments to develop functional and effective dental health initiatives. Requires a license to practice dentistry by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. Ability to provide quality care for all age groups. Experience in staff management and long range planning. Requires 75% day and 25% overnight travel. Salary range \$4,146 - \$4,626, plus excellent benefits. For application information, please contact Carl D. Foster at (915)774-6234. PRN# 98-09-0017. Closing Date: 02-11-98.

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Licensed/diploma eligible in TX. Work 7 days on/7 days off.

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Box B-04018

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P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

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- Accounting Clerk II, Accounts Receivable Midland
- Staff Accountant, Midland
- Accounting Supervisor, Midland
- Secretary, Midland
- Substance Abuse Counselor, Midland and Odessa
- Counselor Intern, Midland

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The qualified candidate will have basic computer knowledge and familiarity with chas. Must be able to establish and maintain good working relationship with team members, landowners, customers, contractors, etc., identify compressor and pipeline operating deviations and take necessary corrective actions, and use various test equipment: Volt, Ohm Meter, Loop Calibrator, Temperature Calibrator, Pressure Calibrator, and Dead Weights. Must have experience troubleshooting A/C and D/C circuits and communication problems, the ability to read piping schematics, leading curves, and operating manuals, and evaluate changing priorities, and be willing to work in all areas of operations. Must be willing to achieve Mechanic Level III and Controls Level II. Individual must be able to operate effectively in a team environment with a willingness to support team and company objectives and guidelines; be a productive, supportive, and contributing member of a self-directed work team; and take "On Call" responsibilities and work overtime when necessary. Must be able to work with a sense of urgency and responsibility.

Pay is tied to performance and skill level. Subject to call out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and possible extended work days. May have exposure to hazardous and cramped conditions, adverse weather, and some heavy lifting. Must be dedicated 100% to team goals, be mechanically inclined, and have proven troubleshooting knowledge.

Job Posting ends 1/23/98. Questions and responses: **Leonard Todd (904) 580-4312** or **Estalee Hickman (713) 853-6588**; **Enron Gas Pipeline Group, P.O. Box 1188, EB1142, Dept. 1ADMR803, Houston, TX 77251-1188**; Fax: (713) 646-3300; E-mail: hickman@enron.com Enron is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, and subscribes to a drug-free and smoke-free workplace. Visit our website at www.enron.com

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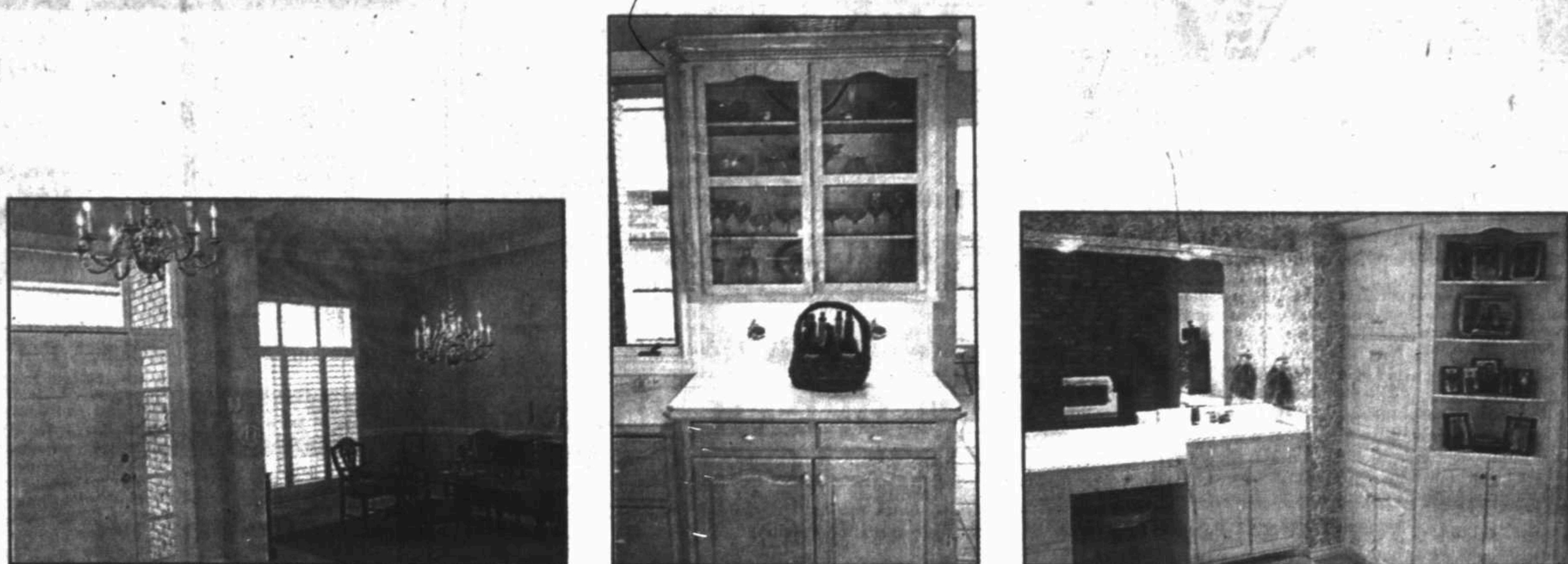
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Bright, light and extremely airy in feel, this four bedroom house in north Midland offers a number of super features throughout its sizable floor plan.

Probably the most impressive of all the rooms is the centrally

placed kitchen. Dramatically oversized, the focal point of the room is the center island (complete with sink) - which offers more counter space than most suburban kitchens. Of course this kitchen has plenty more space,

both in terms of work and storage areas. As with most custom homes practicality and design are blended together to produce an overall feel. In this case using spotlights and under-cabinet lights to aug-

ment the natural light has the effect of highlighting the beading and other accents in the custom cabinetry.

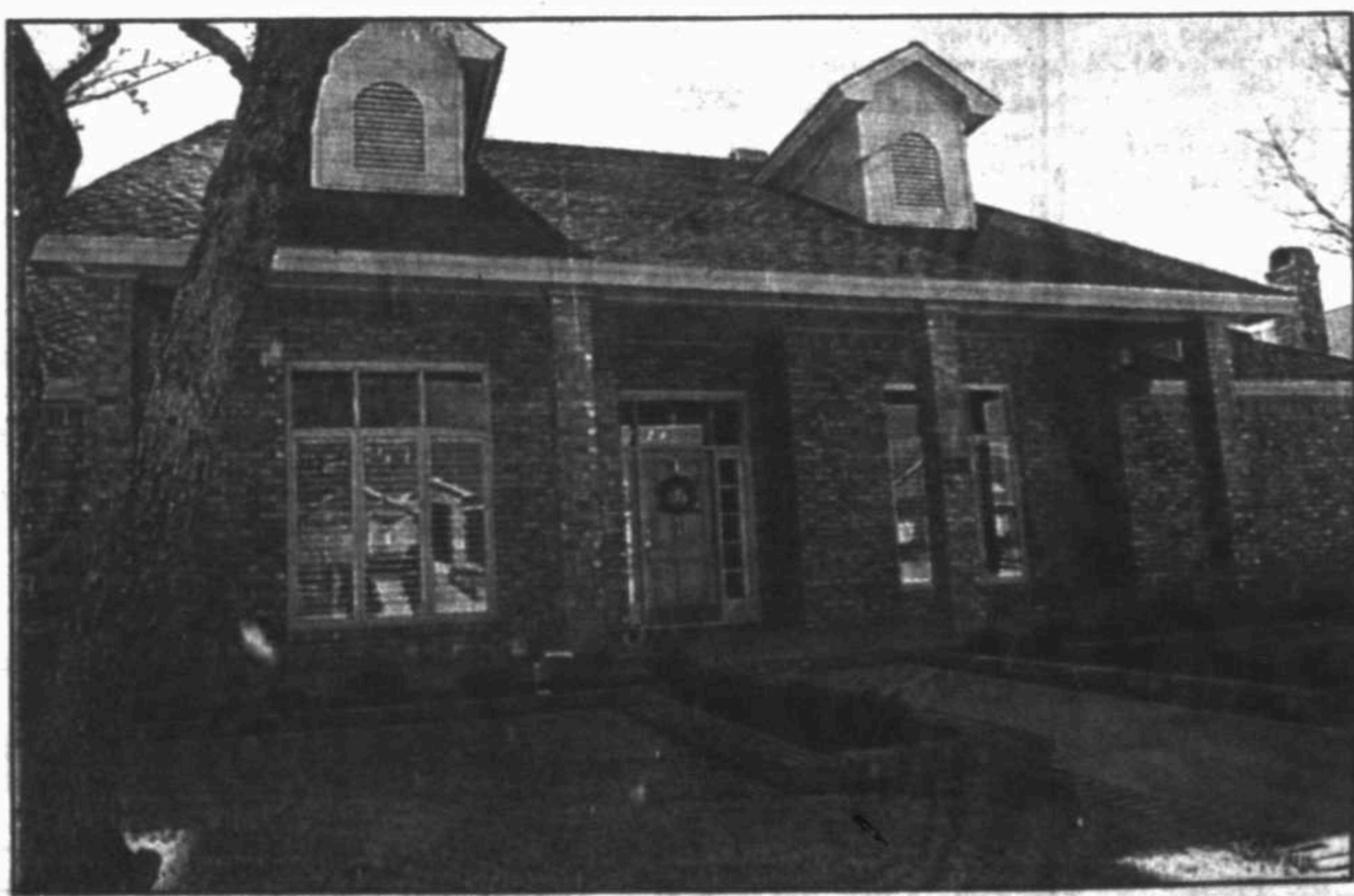
Tiled floors, a large pantry, crown moldings on the ceiling and fully built-in appliances round out this gourmet kitchen.

The rest of this home at 4009 Baybrook in Mockingbird Heights is similarly appointed. From the sweeping front facade to the master bathroom and its fireplace this is a four bedroom, three and one

half bathroom house that full of attractive features.

Aspects of the property such as the French doors and Georgian-esque fireplace in the formal living room and the columns in the hallway all add their own charm to the house.

Listed for \$278,000 the house will be open for view by appointment only. For more information, or to arrange an appointment call Roberta Aldridge of Langston Realtors at 683-3424.



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590 Legal Notices

WILLIAM S. Erskine will be responsible only for those debts incurred by himself after 11-25-97.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF SPECIFICATION FOR REMOVAL OF EXISTING ROOF (SHINGLE) AND INSTALLATION OF NEW METAL ROOF AT THE MAINTENANCE OFFICE AND GENERATOR ROOM AT MONAHAN'S MAINTENANCE YARD, 3411 S. STOCKTON, MONAHAN, TEXAS. CONTRACT NO. 068XXR1012

Sealed Proposals and Specification for Removal of Existing Roof (Shingle) and Installation of New Metal Roof at the Maintenance Office and Generator Room at Monahan's Maintenance Yard, 3411 S. Stockton, Monahan, Texas, to be received by the Texas Department of Transportation until 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 3, 1998 and then publicly opened and read.

Bid proposals and specifications will be available at the office of Arnulfo R. Valdez, 3901 E. 81st, Odessa, Texas 79761. Telephone Number 915-333-8296.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor and City Council, City of Big Spring, Texas for the construction of airport improvements at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

TXDOT CSJ No. 94-01-031 will be received at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 2000 Rickabaugh Drive, Building 1106, Big Spring, Texas, until 11:00 A.M., February 5, 1998, then publicly opened and read. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

In general, the work consists of Rehabilitate Runway 17-35, Taxiway B, and the aircraft parking apron; reconstruct Taxiway C; pavement marking; install windcone and segmented circle marker; drainage improvements; seeding; and related items of work.

Bidding documents may be examined at:
1. City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas
2. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas
3. TXDOT, Aviation Division, 150 E. Riverside Drive, South Tower Austin, Texas 78704

Bidding documents may be obtained at TXDOT, Aviation Division, mailing address: 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2483 or physical address: 150 E. Riverside Drive, South Tower Austin, Texas 78704; (512) 416-4516, upon deposit of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the complete bidding documents in good condition within fourteen (14) calendar days following opening of the bids.

Minimum wage rates have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the specifications.

All proposals submitted must have a Child Support State of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25% of the business entity submitting the bid.

Cashier's check, certified check, bank money order, bank draft on a state or national bank in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price stated in the proposal, made payable without recourse to the Owner or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to the Owner, must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into a contract, and make bond in accordance with the requirements of the specifications. The Owner reserves the right to retain any check, bank money order or bank draft as liquidated damages in the event the bidder withdraws its bid after the proposals are opened and before official rejection of the bid by the owner, or, if successful, in securing the award of the contract, the successful bidder fails to enter into the contract and fails to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the full amount of the contract price, executed by a surety company or surety companies authorized to execute surety bonds under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any irregular proposal and the right to waive technicalities if such waiver is in the best interest of the Owner and conforms to State and local laws and ordinances pertaining to the letting of construction contracts.

The Owner, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and 49 CFR Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively assure that minority enterprises are afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. The DBE Goal is 13%.

The proposed contract is subject to 49 CFR Part 23 concerning the participation of disadvantaged business enterprises and is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 and to the Equal Opportunity Clause contained in the bidding documents.

The proposed contract is subject to the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990.

A pre-bid conference concerning this project will be held at 11:00 AM on January 27, 1998 at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

City of Big Spring
By: Tim Blackshear
Mayor

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for **EXTERIOR WALL REPAIR**.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, January 12, 1998.

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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

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REGION 17 Education Service Center is accepting sealed bids for goods in (1) paper products, (2) office products/teaching supplies, (3) computer supplies. Bid packages will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., January 19, 1998. Bid packages can be obtained by calling (806) 792-5468, ext. 859. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., February 6, 1998 in room 137, Region 17 Education Service Center, 1111 West Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79416.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District is requesting bids for Mechanical Renovations at Midland ISD Schools, Bid #9M-0014 addressed to Mr. James Riggins, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Building #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 p.m., CST, January 28, 1998, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1505.

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The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District is requesting bids for Carpeting/Flooring for Midland ISD Schools, Bid #9M-0016 addressed to Mr. James Riggins, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Building #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 p.m., CST, February 4, 1998, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1505.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 5.767 km of planning, base repair, undersoil and asphalt concrete pavement on IH 20 from 3.6 km West of Business Interchange 20-East to 1.9 km East of Business Interchange 20-E overpass covered by IM 20-1 (1341144) Midland County, Texas will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 4, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADVISABILITY OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY OF MIDLAND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 5

In accordance with Texas Local Government Code 372.009, the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 1998, at the City of Midland Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to receive public input on the advisability of the establishment of City of Midland Public Improvement

District #5 pursuant to Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The proposed improvement is the construction of a water main service line within the public right of way of Pine Needle Lane, and Carol Lane, which lines will service properties in the proposed improvement district. The cost of the improvement is estimated to be approximately \$50,000. Assessment costs for each parcel are based upon a per acreage assessment method. The proposed apportionment of cost between the proposed improvement district and the City will be as follows:

The cost of the installation of the proposed water main service line will be born 100% by the owners of the property within the proposed improvement district except that the City will bear any cost over and above \$1,400 per acre for the installation of the line.

The description of the proposed assessment district is as follows:

Consisting of twenty (20) parcels of land with a cumulative area of 15.48 acres under eighteen (18) owners situated in the South half of Section 2, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas, the deeds of which are recorded in the Deed Records of said County, within the perimeter of said County, within the perimeter of said improvement district, being further described by metes and bounds as follows:

Legal Description of Proposed Public Improvement District No. 5, Consisting of Tracts 1 thru 12 North Estates Addition to the City of Midland as recorded in Cabinet B-102 Plat Records of Midland County, Texas, being those tracts adjoining Carol Lane, from Hollyberry Lane to Pine Needle Lane, located in the South half of Section 2, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Tract 12, said North Estates;

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UPLAND-Contemp. home! Large lot & water well! 3602BA. \$24,500

STANOLIND-Large home! Great floorplan! 3602BA/2LA. \$24,500

OWBWA-Country close to town! 4802BA/2LA. Large rooms, pretty tile in kitchen, den off breakfast area & lots of closets! Very spacious family home. NEW LISTING! \$27,500

KANSAS-Great family home! 3602BA/2LA. Perfect yard w/ beautiful pool! \$28,500

DOWNING-Gorgeous open living area. 3602BA Shows just the new! Large master bedroom. Pretty front kitchen, very nice cabinets. NEW LISTING! \$89,900

MARK LN-Terrific new home in Fairmont! 4802BA Bright & Open! \$101,900

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PRINCETON-Wonderful Country home in the town. Large 4802BA/2LA. Extra parking on side & barn on side. Reduced amount \$20,000! WOW!! \$120,000

ANDREWS HWY-8 offices, 2 restrooms, reception area & parking. \$125,000

WARD-Quaint Townhome! 3602BA. Great location! Mexican tile, mature landscaping, private courtyard & formal dining room. Wonderful! NEW LISTING! \$125,000

MELVILLE-Huge home in Vista! 4802BA. Inground pool, formal dining room, huge kitchen & den areas, mother-in-law bedroom, and oversized laundry. \$125,000

HIGHLAND-Another Gorgeous Roperhome home. 4802BA. Beautiful floorplan, high ceilings & just in time to select colors. Great buy for Greenacres! \$125,000

RUSTIC-New GTH Gardenhome! 3 & 4 BDR ON LEASE! \$128,000 to \$140,000

SHADY OAK-Outstanding home! 4802BA/2LA on golf course!! \$153,000

GRASSLAND-UNDER CONTRACT

HIGHLAND-UNDER CONTRACT

SEBASTIA-Luxurious 2 story, 5 BDR/3.5 BA. Owners want off!! \$162,000

S. CO. RD. 1285-64 acres between Midland & Odessa! \$224,000

CALEN CT-Incredible McPherson home in GTH! 4802BA/3LA-study! 2 patios, wood shutters, & 55400 landscaping allowance! Select colors now! \$257,000

PRIME ACREAGE Home! 307, in Greenwood school district, 80 acres... CALL OFFICE

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625 Houses Unfurnished

NICE, VERY clean 2 bedroom houses and apartments. \$350-\$375 monthly. 694-9853

GOLDEN PARK 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Now leasing. Call for details. 520-0998

2 BEDROOM. New carpet, water well, fenced yard. Nice inside and out! Call 684-7725

1,700 SQ. Ft. 3 Large bedrooms, 2 full baths, large living/ dining/ kitchen combination area, fireplace, central heat/ air, double car garage, sprinkler system, low maintenance lawn. Call 520-7228 after 5 pm.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 car garage, custom home. Northgate addition. Newly remodeled. \$795 per month. 570-9005/ 687-7333

WARM and inviting inside at 3107 W. Illinois in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with Satellite tiles, spacious bright kitchen, huge backyard. No smokers, outdoor pets \$600 monthly plus deposit. Call 697-0549

POLO PARK Executive: 4905 Stoneleigh, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage with 2 living & 2 dining areas. 1 year lease. Available December 1. \$1,700 monthly \$1,000 deposit. Jan Melton & Associates 682-2422

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 2 Carport Duplex on Haynes. New carpet/ paint. Fireplace. References Outside pets OK. Call Skeet at Langston Realtors. 563-7300 \$750 Month.

FEBRUARY 1st \$1300, 2812 Maxwell 2600' interior 4 Bedroom Formals. Gorgeous decor walnut, marble, stones. 699-4461

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

STYLE- PRESTIGE and Elegance- Intrusion alarms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 2,000 sq. ft. \$1,000 per month. Call for Move In Special! 563-4550.

1, 2, 3 BEDROOMS 1, 2 bath, 841-1391 Ft. Garage, washer/ dryer connections, microwave, fans. \$400- \$600- \$740/ up. 689-8116, 697-9768.

1 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath townhome. Washer and dryer included. Fireplace, patio with outside storage and ceiling fans. Great location and rates. Furnished and Corporate Suites available. Call for more information and move-in specials! 694-2011.

1, 2 BEDROOMS 616-1,186 ft. \$295 up. Garage, washer/ dryer, pool, fans. 689-8115.

2 BEDROOM Townhome at Sagewood. \$550 per month. Call 520-0998.

CHANDLER CONDO, 1400 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with jacuzzi tub, fireplace, ceiling fans, very pretty. \$700 a month. 682-0115

FAIRGATE Townhomes: 4400 Fairgate Drive 2 & 3 Bedrooms 12 and 6 month leases. \$700 & up. 1,600 sq. ft. Approx. All appliances furnished, freestanding, garage. Northwest side 697-9566.

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ALL SIZES and types of properties. Office, Warehouse. Retail. 800 to 40,000 square feet. 683-8681.

667 Commercial Property

905 S. MAIN STREET- 3,200 Sq. ft. Office/ Warehouse- \$750 per month. 559-0013.

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4313 W. ILLINOIS, 2,400 sq. ft., will divide, lease negotiable. 689-7107.

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RUIDOSO Cabins, Houses, Condos- nightly, weekly. Some with hot tubs. Don Harmon, Four Seasons Real Estate. 800-822-7654.

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LAKE COLORADO CITY- House on deeded water front with dock. Consider trade. Call 915-728-5914.

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FOR LEASE

✓ 4000 Crestridge \$1,300
✓ 110 N. Eisenhower \$550
✓ 111 Quail \$800

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655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

NICE, LARGE, 3 Bedroom, bath, with Hollywood tub, dishwasher, microwave. On Cloverdale. \$400/ \$150 deposit. No pets. 694-2047

TWO HOMES on Cloverdale, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$300. Both \$150 deposit. No pets. 694-2047

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

LOOK AT THE REST- THEN CHOOSE THE BEST

AIRLINE MOBILE HOME PARK

Between Midland & Int'l Airport West Hwy. 80 694-2534

COUNTRY VILLAGE Mobile Home Estates. Clean paved streets. Large trees in each lot. Paid water trash. 1st 3 months free. 694-1120, 3401 SCR 1223 1/2.

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SINGLE OFFICES, entire suites, free parking, secretarial services, copiers, faxes, phones provided at very reasonable rates. 4500 W. Illinois, 201 E. Michigan, 602 N. Baird. Call Midland, 620-1500.

EDGE OF Downtown: offices and reception area, cover parking at door. Excellent location! Call 683-6952

1-2-3 ROOM OFFICES. Bills paid. Downtown. Park at door. Call Don Rodenick, Langston Realtors. 685-0400

900 SQ. FT. building for office or tech shop. 200 West of 1101 N. Midkiff. Call 682-0706.

OFFICE SPACE, lots of parking. Reasonable rates. 3404 W. Illinois. 915-366-1323.

PROFESSIONAL Office building space for lease. Prime location. Covered parking & 24 hours security. 4305 N. Garfield. 683-3085.

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4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
2 Living Area, 1 Garage
Newly Remodeled!
\$56,000

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OPEN 3:30-5:30
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720 Homes For Sale

CONDO FOR Sale: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 3101 N. Midland Drive, Apartment 104. \$6,500. 550-7499

MUST SEE! 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths. Jacuzzi tub, well kept with nice accents. Ceramic tile in kitchen and bath, central heat and air, water softener, sprinkler system. Great patio, nice landscaping. Corner lot. 4501 Falcon. 685-3560 after 6 pm. or any time weekends.

EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE Picket Fence! Buy this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on the West side and you can even add the fence! Priced in the forties and ready for immediate occupancy of the new owner! Great backyard fenced for dogs and kids with a huge shade tree to keep off the Summer sun! Call today for your private showing at 302 S. Eisenhower. Century 21 Midtex, 915-689-0021 or 915-520-2120.

FANNIN AREA by owner: 2610 Dengar, 3,000 sq. ft., updated, ceramic tile kitchen jacuzzi tub. 694-0712

4704 BOWIE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$38,500. Please call, 694-4648 or 570-1730

4014 TANNER, \$32,500. Completely remodeled, low move-in. Hurry to see! Call Mary 694-2920, Chaparral Realtors.

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Polo Park-Dynasty 4BR, 2LA with 3 car garage. Won't last long.

Between Midland & Odessa- lovely 3BR, 2 LA home on fenced half-acre in subdivision behind Pee Wee Daltons

Crestridge-Custom 3BR with 2 large living areas + study/office. There are 2 fireplaces and a hot tub!

Neely-Landscaped across from St. Stephens Church this 3BR is great candidate for a lease purchase. Call for details.

25th Nov. Open- This Sunday, 1-3

Additional Properties

Trinity Estates-Smashing 5BR custom with wood floors, huge yard- call.

Grassland-Stunning 5BR, 2 story with 3 LA's + hobby + 4 car garage- Call.

Bishop-Castle-Under Contract

Haynes-Perfect 3BR, 2LA with walking distance of elementary & junior high! \$89,750

Duplex-3BR, 2BA each side of this handy duplex on Storey. Priced at a low \$78,000.

County Rd. 138-Under Contract

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4201 Thornberry
3BR/2BA/Pool... \$78,500

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NEW-3537 Boyd-22-Townhouse... UNDER CONTRACT \$99,500

2607 Harvard-43... \$129,900

3000 Buchanan-32, Spa... \$77,700

SUBURBAN

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GREENWOOD SCHOOLS-10607 E. CO. RD. 105-3/2... \$96,900

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3915 Co. Rd. 1244-3/2... \$134,900

STANTON

1210 Carpenter-3/2/3 LA... \$79,900

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4965 RUSTIC: Greentree North, 4 BR, 3 BA, on the course... \$210,000

5100 KING RICHARD: "Country in City", 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 LA areas... \$136,500

4805 SPRING MEADOW #7: Meadowpark Townhome, 3 BR, 2 BA... \$119,500

2800 MAXWELL: 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 LA, 2 dining areas... \$110,000

MISSION RIDGE: 2+ Acre Lots, North Midland... From \$40,000

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REDUCED TO \$42,500.
4 Bdrm., 2 Bath. Lots of potential. Needs TLC. Appliances stay. Possible owner finance. Call Shari Hamilton pager 742-2819, Kay Sutton Realtors 570-8200.

HUD & VA HOMES
2103 SCR 1083 4/3 \$104,100
4712 Laura 4/2/2 \$48,350
3616 Andrews H/2/2 \$47,800
3003 Phillip Pl. 3/2/2 \$84,450
321 Willowwood 3/2/1 \$35,100

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4630 ERIE, Midland
Texas: 3 bedroom, central air and heat, newly remodeled, \$44,000. Call 332-0231.

4 BEDROOM, 1 3/4 BATH, 2 car garage, unbelievable closets, totally redone. Following all new: central heat, air, Berber carpet, paint, appliances, tile counter, 1,940 square feet. Realtors welcome at 4%. \$88,500, 4340 Dengar, Call 689-3730.

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FULLFILLING lo-maint. townhouse, wkshp. 3/3/2, 2-liv. DENE \$140,000
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LEASE/PURCHASE possible 2/2 w/shop on 1/2 acre. CUTE! \$57,000

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COMMERCIAL SITE Call LINDA
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OFFICE BLDG. 1-story, near 10,000 sqft, ample parking. Call ANNA
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MARK LN 2 Lots \$6,000 ea
E. CR 1162 Greenwood, Approx 2.13 Ac. \$7,000
S. CR 1182 Approx 1.5 Acres - Del Norte Estates \$9,500
S. CR 1065 Mob. Hm. OK \$14,000
N. CR 1140 Approx 13.42 Ac. CR 1140 Frontage \$20,130
CHERRYWOOD Corner Lot \$25,000
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5112 Rio Grande \$88,446 - New Const.
5310 Rio Grande \$69,950 - One-Owner
5202 Belaire \$57,000 - Reduced
4501 Woodhollow \$174,900 - Reduced

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5500 Ridgemont \$172,625 - One-Owner
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DOGWOOD CT - Two-Story 4-bd-3-ba-2-lv-Cul-de-Sac \$168,500
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WHITMAN - UNDER CONTRACT
HEREFORD - Grassland Est. 4-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Sprinkler \$129,500
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BEDFORD - Updated Kitchen 4-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Lots of Color \$102,500
COMMUNITY - Unusual 4-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Beautiful Yard \$99,500
WESTMINSTER - Very Nice 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Rec Updates \$99,000
KESWICK - Large Living Area 4-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Big Closets \$98,500
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SUNSHINE PKWY - Spacious! 4-bd-3-ba-1-lv-Bonus Rm \$93,000
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LANHAM - Totally Redone! 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Built-Ins/Garage \$89,900
PLEASANT - One-Owner 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Cunningham Built \$89,500
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REBEL - UNDER CONTRACT
ST ANDREWS - Great Screened Patio: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv \$81,900
FLOYD - New in Fairway Park: 4-bd-2-ba-1-lv \$81,800
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LANAICA - One-Owner: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Open-Ally-Atrium \$79,900
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WINDSOR - NEW LISTING \$79,900
Nice One-Owner: 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Convenient Location
DOUGLAS - Roomy: 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Non-Quality Atrium \$79,000
FRONTIER - Nice Home: 4-bd-3-ba-1-lv-Seq. Master \$78,704
CONROE - Nice: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-5-ba-2-lv-Lots of Space/Equip. \$77,000
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SPENCE - New Whitehead: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Pick Options \$75,244
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ST ANDREWS - NEW LISTING \$74,900
Fairmont - 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Deco/Clos. Cost Allowance Offered
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FLOYD - New Whitehead: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Pick Colors \$74,244
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RIO GRANDE - Nice 1-Owner: 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Rec Updates \$69,500
TREVINO - Fairway Park: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Cm See Model \$68,225
SPENCE - Whitehead in Norgate: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv \$67,704
GRAHAM - New Construction: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv \$66,704
OHIO - Great Home! 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Lots of Space \$64,900
GRAHAM - Fairway Park: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Pick Colors \$64,704
PASADENA - Cute/Cute House! 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Corner Lot \$62,900
ILLINOIS - Roomy: 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Workshop/Garage \$59,500
DUBLIN (Odessa) - UNDER CONTRACT
BEAIRE - Pretty Home: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Move-In Ready \$59,000
ROOSEVELT - Updated 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Great 1st-Time Home \$57,000
OSAGE - UNDER CONTRACT
RIC - Great Family Home: 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Corner Fireplace \$52,000
SPRABERRY - Heads T-L-C: 3-bd-1-75-ba-2-lv-1-car gar. \$43,000
CUTHBERT - Potential! 4-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Owner Finance \$42,500
ILLINOIS - Lots of Updates: 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Tile in Kt. & Lvs \$42,000
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TYLER - Priced to Sell: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-As-Is \$7,000

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S. CO RD 1118 - Stone Home: 4-bd-4-ba-2-lv-Greenwood \$160,000
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S. CO RD 1065 - Horse Lover's Delight! 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv \$148,000
S. CO RD 1200 - Roomy: 4-bd-3-ba-2-lv-Wkshp-Approx 3.01 Ac \$137,500
S. CO RD 1184 - Fine Living: 4-bd-3-ba-3-ba-Horses OK \$110,000
S. HWY 349 - Two Story: 4-bd-3-ba-3-lv-Lots of Space! \$99,900
E. CO RD 109 - Greenwood: 4-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Approx 2 yrs old \$94,900
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ROBIN (Odessa) Approx 1 Ac: 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-4-Car Gar. \$79,000
W. CO RD 140 - 4-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Approx 1 Ac. \$69,750
S. CO RD 1130 - REDUCED! 3-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Greenwood \$59,000
W. CO RD 50 - UNDER CONTRACT
S. CO RD 1184 - Huge Mstr Bdrm: 2-bd-2-ba-2-lv-Approx 5 Ac. \$49,000
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Greenwood School! 3-bd-2-ba-1-lv-Approx 42 AC-Fenced Yard

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2903 W. WALL - Car lot and warehouse \$200,000
3605 HWY. 349 - Warehouse and yard \$100,000

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750 Lots & Acreage

4.74 ACRES undeveloped cleared land for sale. East off of FM 1788 on 150 West. \$16,590. 694-8292 After 5:30 pm.

BY OWNER - 450 acres 1/2 mile N.E. of McCarney. Excellent for home site development or ranching. Also smaller acreage on Hwy 385 two miles north. Owner financing. Call Jim Golden, 915-332-0361.

760 Farms & Ranches

GARDEN CITY. 400+ ACRES with 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 living areas, ranch house, 4 H2O wells (1 irrigation well), pasture fenced, large barn, hay shed, tank house, and working pen. Owner would consider carrying the note. Additional section of land may be available. Call Sandy Hanson for details. Langston Realtors. 685-0400 or pager 495-1233.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY, Texas. 960 Acres +/-, 2 miles southwest Garden City, 1 miles south Hwy 158, fronts County Road 110 for 1 mile. Good grass, water, and fences; some hunting, excellent location for a country home. No realtors. Larry Glass, 915-378-2109.

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OWNER FINANCE: 240 acres all or part. 90 acres CRP, Live Oaks, Red Oaks, Creeks, Callahan County. (972) 771-5739.

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822 NORTH GRANT ST., Odessa 3459, sq. ft. retail location. Showroom, service area, stockroom. High traffic. Call 332-1288.

5 ACRES Zoned C-3, 3510 Bankhead Highway (located between Midfield and Front Streets). 683-4295.

RETAIL AND Office Space Available for lease. North and West Part of Midland, Midwest Commercial Realty, Inc. 570-0705.

3501 W. INDUSTRIAL, large office - shop facility on 5.86 acres - owner financing available. Contact Dub House, Midwest Commercial Realty, Inc. 570-0705.

4301 ANDREWS HIGHWAY \$125,000, 8 offices, reception area, located in a medical community. High visibility, won't last long. Call Mary Maddox 694-2920, Chaparral Realtors.

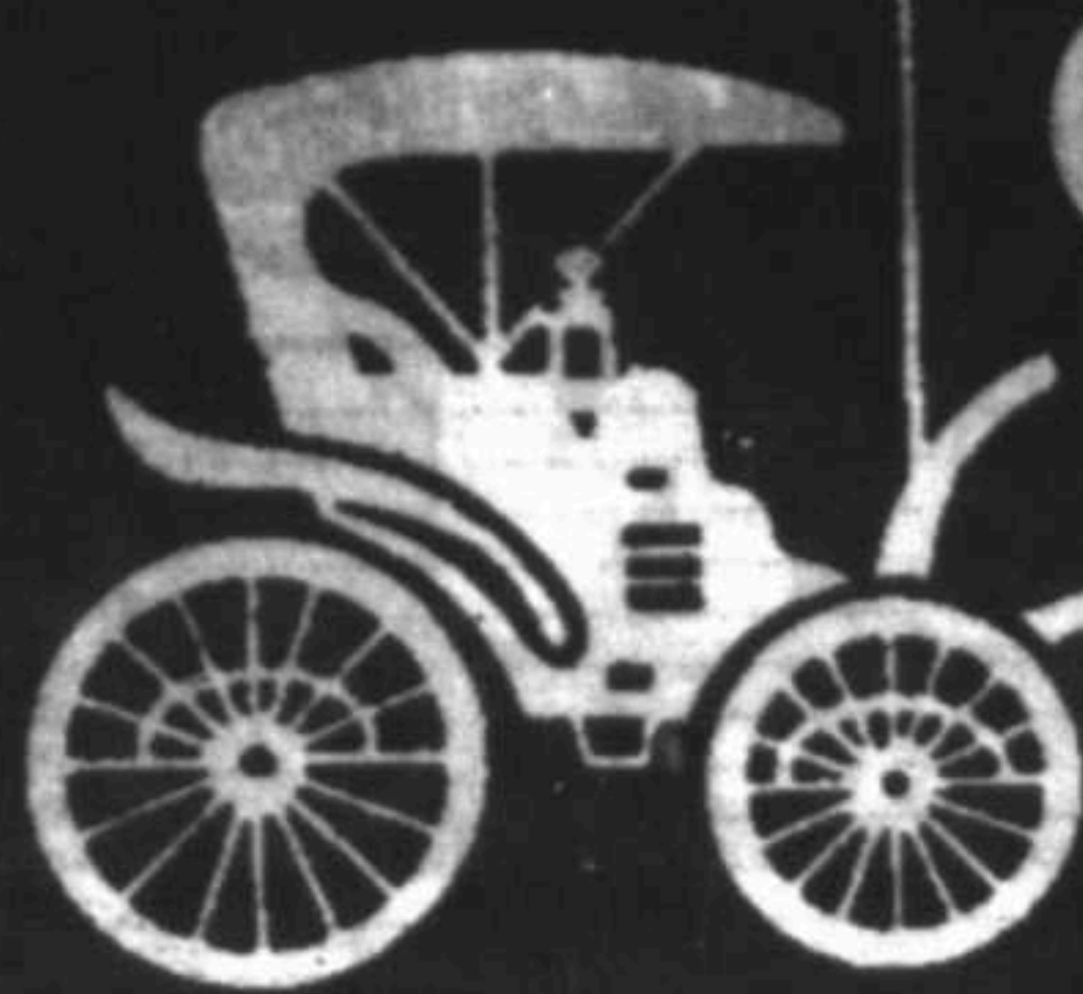
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CENTURY Plaza Building Downtown conveniences. Nice The Davis Company 687-0148.

FOR SALE
PROPERTY in Hobbs, New Mexico. 1406 N. West County Road with 6,783 sq. ft. shop containing 2 levels 1,450 sq. ft. offices on approximately 2 acres. Accepting sealed bids for property thru February 9, 1998, reserving the right to refuse any/all bids. For more information contact:
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1:30-3 4519 Woodhollow Reduced to \$168,400
Desirable 1994 Rasmick beauty with 4 br/3 ba/2 la, formal dining, 3 car garage and nearly 2800 sq ft. Just reduced for a great buy in Briarwood. Shown by Les Carnes



3:15-4:30 3509 Princeton \$81,900
Completely updated & beautifully decorated w/ Berber carpet, ceramic tile, counter tops, fresh paint & wallpaper and new a/c-heating units in last 14 mos. 3 br/2 ba/2 la, 2 car garage on large lot with water well. Shown by Les Carnes



1:30-2:30 5313 Chesley \$187,000
4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2 living area home in Greentree North. Lovely wall paper accents. Turn north off Rustic Trail. Great Cul-de-sac location.



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NEW LISTINGS

COMMERCIAL-8th St. in Odessa-Great visibility... \$180,000
CLAREMONT - Spacious 4 br with nearly 2500 sq. ft. Nice pool for the summer... \$124,950
GODFREY-Precious 3 br/2 ba immaculate home in Skyline Terrace... \$105,000
PASADENA-3 br/2 ba, 2 living areas, well maintained, refg. air... \$54,500
LONGSHORE-in Big Spring, Forsan Schools/3 br/2 ba, superb condition... \$42,500
BAIRD-3 br/2 ba/2 car garage... \$41,000
BECKLEY-2 br/1 ba-Recent updating... \$29,500
PARK LANE-Daring 2 br dollhouse, neat & clean, good location... \$28,000

SENSATIONAL HOMES OVER \$100,000

VERDE GLEN CT - Greentree North, Bent Tree Estates, 5 br/3.5 ba, luxury 2 story... \$345,000
S HWY 349 - 31.2 ac land with 2 houses... \$250,000
E CO RD 120 - 3 br/2 ba, 2 la, fp, pool, barns, pens, orchards & more... \$210,000
NEELY - Colonial 2-story 5+ br. Large pool, cabana, brick floors... \$199,500
OAKLAWN - Luxury Town home, 2 br/2 ba. MUST SEE!... \$195,000
CHESLEY CT - 4 br/3 ba/3 car gar, landscaped w/ sprink, gourmet kit... \$187,000
DRIFTWOOD - 4 br/3 ba/2 la, hobby room & office. New roof... \$177,000
CO RD B-2200 - Stanton, 315 acs, 2 300 gal irr. wells, baling equip., Mobile home... \$185,000
DAVENTRY - Lovely 4 br/3 ba/2 car gar. Quality everywhere... \$173,500
S CO RD 1130 - Lots of new in this 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 fp & 3 car gar - 2.63 ac... \$169,900
WOODHOLLOW - Fabulous 4 br/3 ba/2 la/formal div/3 car-gar... REDUCED! \$168,400
E CO RD 120 - 2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy... \$150,000
CO RD 1265 - Immaculate country home - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, fp... \$150,000
HIGHLAND - T. Hunt new const. 4 br/3 ba, seq. guest quart. Open kitchen & den... \$145,000
W CO RD 56 - Superior 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 car gar, huge workshop, 3 ac... REDUCED! \$139,500
LANHAM - Luxury new M. Jackson Patio Home, 3 br/2.5 ba/3 car gar... SOLD
QUAIL POINT - Desirable Pato Home w/3 br/2.5 ba/2 car gar, huge la & fp... \$129,900
PARKHURST - Super 3 or 4 br & 3 ba with great SHOP! Won't last long!... \$126,500
WEDGEWOOD - Superb TH, little maintenance to flower beds only. 1 yr. Old... \$119,000
KENSINGTON - 96 Custom build 3 br/2 ba, plantation shutters, crown moulding low maintenance, Home Warranty... \$116,000
RICHMOND - 3 br/2 ba/2 la-Lots of updates and amenities-Home Warranty... \$114,500
S CO RD 1315 - Awesome split level home! Amenities galore. 5+br/3.5 ba/2 fp... \$112,000
GARFIELD - Splish splash into summer - 4 br/3 ba, extra large master... \$112,000
LANHAM - Duplex - ea. unit has 3 br/2 ba, superb property... \$110,000
DURANT - Spacious 3 br/2 ba/2 la w/ bonus rm sec. sys, 2 half ba in Kimber-Lea... \$102,000

TERRIFIC VALUES UNDER \$100,000

E CO RD 110 - GREENWOOD SCHOOLS - 3 br/2 ba on 2 acres... \$98,500
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EDGEMONT - 4 br/2 ba, seq. master. Lots of new, corner lot... UC
LANHAM - Beautiful 4 br/3 ba with tall shade trees. New Corporate listing... SOLD
DYER CIRCLE - In fantastic condition, very roomy 3 br/2 ba, 2 levels... \$90,000
NEELY - Like new 4 br/2 ba, fp, 2 car gar, great yard. NO GRASS!... \$89,500
GREEN TREE BLVD - Updated-great area-a golfers bungalow-3br/2 ba/2 car gar... UC
PRINCETON - Beautifully updated 3 br/2 ba/2 la, 2 car gar w/large lot & w.well... \$81,900
FANNIN - 3 br/2 ba, fp, new kitchen cabinets, unusual floor plan... REDUCED! \$81,000

TANGLEWOOD - 3 br/2 ba/2 car-gar. Great shape... \$78,000
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LAVACA - 3 br/2 ba/2 car garage. Owner is extremely anxious... UC
NORWOOD - Town home 2 br/2 ba. Spacious floor plan. Home Owners Warr... \$74,900
BEECHWOOD - 3 Duplexes - 2 br/2 ba For Sale or Lease... \$70,000
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WESTWIND - Townhouse with 2 br/2 ba/2 car-gar, new paint, new carpet... UC
OHIO - 3 br/2 ba/2 la with some updates. OWNER WILL ACCEPT OFFERS!... \$64,500
CO RD 1175 - New 97 Mobile Home w/new septic & water well 3 br/2 ba on 4.8 ac... \$60,000
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CRENSHAW - Very nice 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, fp. Closing cost pd on full price offer... \$56,900
PASADENA - Lots of updating on this 3 br/2 ba/2 car-gar/tp in nice neighborhood... \$56,000
BELAIRE - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar. Sellers are offering \$1,000 incentive to buyer... \$54,500
SHADYLANE - 3 br/2 ba/1 car gar - completely remodeled from carpet to roof... \$49,500
GRAY - Bunked Mobile Home with 3 br/2 ba & large add. - workshop & RV parking... \$49,000
S. JEFFERSON - Exceptional 3 br w/ custom brick work, cir. dr, cer. tile floors... \$48,000
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BAIRD - Duplex - great investment property. Will sell as package for... \$41,750
CANYON - Super updated 3 br/2 ba all new in & out... \$38,500
SENTINEL - 3 br/2 ba, open kitchen & living area. Good investment... UC
JEFFERSON - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, workshop. Owner financing avail... \$33,500
HOLMSLEY - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, large room, close to town... UC
KENTUCKY - 4 br/2 ba converted duplex... \$32,000
KEITH - Charming older home, 3 br/2 ba/2 car-carport. Large front porch... \$31,900
SYCAMORE - 2 br/1 ba/2 la. Great starter home!... \$29,500
BAIRD - DUPLEX - Investment property, 2 br/2 ba/1 liv area... \$29,500
CO RD 57 - 2 br/1 ba sits on 7 ac with storage... \$29,150
BRUNSON - 2 br/1 ba, steel siding/new paint... \$27,500
HOLLOWAY - 2 br/1 ba, with exceptional potential. Great investment!... \$27,500
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES & VACANT LOTS

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COMMERCIAL - Lot on Big Spring... \$150,000
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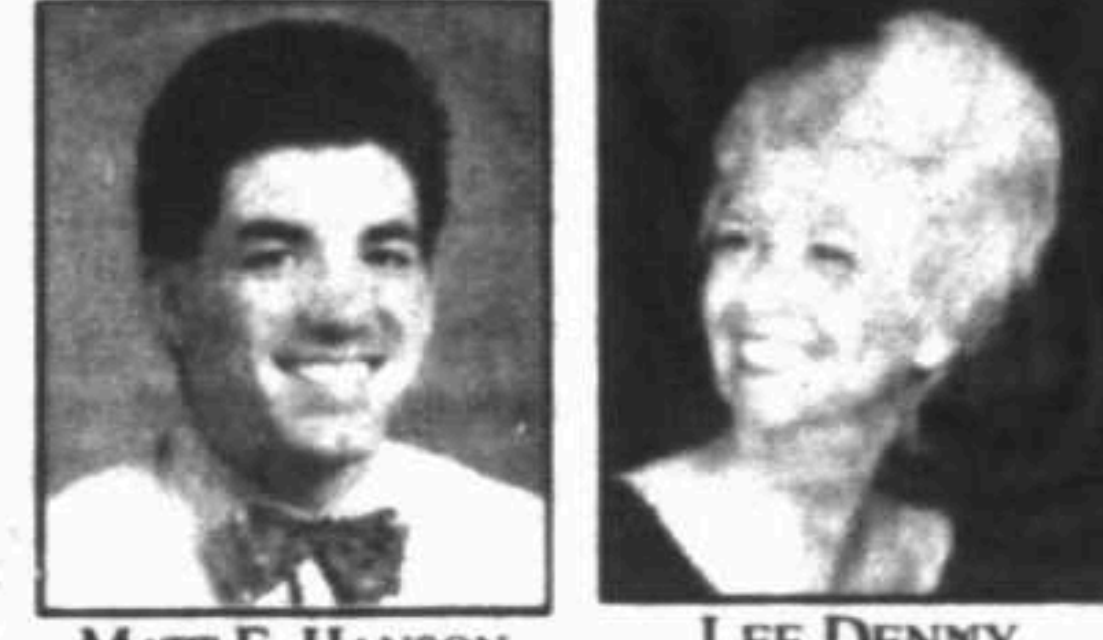
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SUPER DEAL/SUPER HOME...This special home in prestigious Polo Park has hardwood floors, sequestered master suite plus a sequestered guest wing with its own bath. Built-in wet bar and custom touches throughout. Interior has fresh paint and new carpet! Sellers are very anxious!... \$146,500

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4 OR MORE BEDROOMS

Island \$334,900
Fantastic 5 bedroom, 2 story, great view, located on Lake. Totally redone, pool & spa. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.
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Exquisite inside! Marvellous kitchen, wonderful family room, grand formal dining, luxurious master bath, 5 bedrooms, 2 LA, 3 car garage all of the amenities. Ask for Larry Hatfield 682-7758.
Riviera Trail \$232,900
4 bed, 3 1/2 ba, 3 car, workshop, view of Golf Course from front & back of property. New fence, many upgrades. Country Club membership stays with property. Please call Larry Hatfield 682-7884.
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Gorgeous 1 1/2 year new home with 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths has custom extras galore. Stone flooring, Berber carpet, plantation shutters, security system plus much more!
Heartland-EXCLUSIVE \$215,000
5 bedroom beauty, 3 car garage, 2 living areas, formal dining, stunning decor. HURRY and call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 682-1217.
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DREAMY builder's own home in Greenlee. Spacious living in 4BR, 4BA, steam shower in master. Fabulous built-in TV wall, 5 car garage with workshop. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 684-0377.
Edgewood \$198,000
Great Paddle-boat then new, sequestered master, in-law plan, built-ins, area large lot & parking pad. Call Vicky Garrett 570-889-900-583-5823.
Sequoia \$179,900
Beautiful pool, hot tub, 2 LA, skylights, breakfast nook and bar. Call Marilyn Jo.
Green Tree \$178,500
Elegant Green Tree home w/3400+ sq. ft. 2 fireplaces, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, 5 baths & fabulous pool. Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Heartland-Owner Wants Offers \$171,500
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Fabulous 4 1/2 with 2 living areas, study. Tons of builder extras - neighborhood clubhouse & pool.
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Greenland-New Construction \$154,500
Has 4 bedrooms, beautiful kitchen w/built-in desk, large rooms, wood blinds, full landscaped yard. Call Anita.
Polo Park \$148,000
Grand kitchen & breakfast area, 4th bedroom great for a study, 3 full baths, 3 car garage, lovely inside & out. Ask for Larry & Debbie Hatfield.
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4013 Lehigh \$128,900
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Wallace Townhome \$134,500
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Built by Tom Canton-New Listing \$125,000
3/22, water-pond. Call Lavonne Johnson 684-0444.
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3 bedroom, two bath, workshop. Huge master, two fireplaces. OWNER FINANCE. Call Sam House.
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Timber Lane \$110,000
Great new construction by 3rd/2nd bath, great floorplan, neat neighborhood. Be the first to see this dream home! Victoria Printz 689-4800.
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So much space - Great location & quality - workshop. Call Jo.
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Formal dining, 3 bedroom - open plan - seq. master, sunroom. Call Jo Braden.
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3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, workshop!
Old Middle \$79,900
It's a superior home! Sequestered master, vaulted ceiling in den, in-law, 3BR, 2 bath home. Great size, great home. Call Clayton 682-9494.
Neely \$79,900
Large 3 bdm, 2 bath, formal dining, hot tub, garden room, wonderful house. Call Sam 689-2163.
Harvard - Reduced \$79,900
Super home, totally redone in great location. 3BR, 2BA, 2 living areas - 2 car garage. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.
Downing \$79,900
Outstanding home with recent carpet, tile flooring, high ceilings, low maintenance yard - super! Vicky Garrett 570-889-900-583-5823.
Widewood \$79,900
Very nice three bedroom with 3 baths and a two car garage. Home has just been painted outside and has two new air conditioners. Fresh paint & New carpet! Call Kirk French at 682-8820.
Lanham \$79,000
Exceptional three bedroom, two bathroom patio home with no grass to mow! Recently new air cond. Compressor and water heater. Cul-de-sac location adds peace and quiet.

Preston \$77,500
Wonderful three bedroom with formal dining room, large living room, sprinkler system, water softener, RO system and located in Bush, Abel School district. Call Kirk.
San Antonio-Sale or Lease \$76,900
Cute & cozy 3+ BR, 2 BA home on cul-de-sac. Nice condition, great location. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.
McDonald \$76,500
REDUCED! Workshop plus over 1900 sq. ft. in immaculate condition. formal dining and much more! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.
W. Louisiana \$75,000
Cute 3/2 dollhouse in "Old Middle" has hardwood floors, large indoor utility. Huge trees in yard, within walking distance to park. Call Anita.
1 OWNER HOME \$74,900
Well maintained, roof replaced 1994, 3 BR, 2 BA, wonderful kitchen, professionally landscaped. Quiet location. Call Marilyn Jo.
Neely \$73,900
Nice three bedroom, two bath home with two living areas and an oversized two car garage. Call Kirk for your private showing - 682-8820.
Mark Lane \$73,500
Something Special describes this home with 3 BR, wet bar, built-in bookshelves and brick patio. Call Marilyn Jo.
Spartan \$69,950
Nice Stashed Home with over 2000 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath "Great" room, tile & fireplace. Call Clayton 682-9494.
Whitney Drive \$68,900
Great home w/rope plan updated flooring, tile counters, large rooms & great trees! Super buy...Priced to sell. Call today to see! Victoria Printz 689-4800.
Ainslee \$68,900
2 baths, formal dining & large backyard with workshop. Vinyl plank hardwood throughout. Carpeted bedrooms. Call Karen Czech 685-4028.
Wedgewood-Reduced \$68,900
WOW 3/2 so much updating, open plan, huge yard - it's Great! Call Donna 687-0490.
Old Middle \$67,500
Loads of house for the price, fireplace, sunroom, parking pad. Call Clemmie.
Terrace - Reduced - OFFERS PLEASE! \$65,000
A Real Deal! House! A really large den plus separate living room. 3 BR-2BA-2 car garage. Vicky Garrett 682-3191.
Wadley \$64,900
New Listing, 3 bedroom, great floors. Call Jo Braden.
Laura \$62,500
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of square footage for the money. Don't miss this one. Mary Jo 684-4268.
Stanton \$59,900
Loads of cabinets in this fantastic kitchen. Cozy den, great bedrooms, cute, cute, cute. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.
Ric-NEW LISTING \$55,000
Fabulous 3BR/2BA/2 car, pretty FF, high ceilings, fans, lg. master suite, call joey brickey 682-3191.
Shell \$54,900
Exceptional 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large yard w/age w/age yard & water well who much newer. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.
Melton Alley \$52,500
Great townhouse, no yard, lg. rooms. Call Clemmie.
Ric - Reduced \$51,900
Nice and well maintained best describes this three bedroom, two bathroom home with two living areas. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Mercedes \$49,900
Pretty home, lots of updating. Call Clemmie.
Story \$47,900
Precious 2 1/2 w/guest house, tile, appliances, 2 living, 2 dining & more. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.
Gaston-OWNER FINANCE \$47,000
Doll house in premium condition. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, ref. central heat & air, sprinkler system, 3 car garage & workshop! Victoria Printz 689-4800.
Ric-Sale or Lease \$46,900
Super location in this darling 3 1/2 baths, garage and oversized yard! Walls of windows make this one bright and cheerful! Victoria Printz 689-4800.
W. Illinois \$45,000
Large 3 bedroom with fireplace, walking distance to schools. Call Clemmie.
Bedford \$45,000
A tip to see to the hardware store and this 3-2-2 will show! Open living area, good BR apcs, mature neighborhood. Clayton Alexander 682-8820.
124 S. Glenwood \$42,900
Cozy 3 bedroom, 2 living areas, fireplace. Call Clemmie.
Cute 3 Bedroom-New Listing \$42,500
2 baths, on corner lot. Call Lavonne Johnson 684-0444.
Humble-Reduced \$39,900
3 bed, 2 bath, darling home in new neighborhood. Lots new in last 5 year. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.
Boyd-Reduced \$39,900
Cute! Large living area, nice bedrooms. Call Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.
Pleasant \$35,000
Unbelievable at this price. Midland housing program would finance this 3 bed, 2 ba, huge kitchen, corner lot, please call Ruth Young 682-7884.
Anetta Drive-Reduced \$34,900
New on Market, 3 BR, 2 Bath, 2 1/2 living areas, Nice wood deck in backyard. Must see to appreciate. Joe Oldham 689-9656.
1109 S. Camp \$32,000
Lovely starter home or investment property. Call Clemmie.
E. New Jersey \$28,000
Live in a Fire Station - easy conversion to 3 bedroom, 2 bath with huge garage - very large for the price. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.
S. Minnola \$24,950
This is it! A great starter home without being a fixer-upper. Nice and neat 3BR/1BA house which feels like home. Qualifies for HIP. Call Clayton.
Niles - Owner/Agent w/ep 6% Buyer's Costs \$45,000
Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious den w/fireplace, 1 car garage. Non-qualifying or new loan - pool not warranted. Sandy Scott 684-0370.
Bentwood-Reduced \$45,000
Darling Duplex, side "A" is 2 bed 1 bath w/fireplace. Covered parking and storage on both! Great investment! Victoria Printz 689-4800.
Danger \$44,900
Nice with 2 baths, great yard, RV pad, dog run, plus Home Warranty! Call Donna Pehl 687-0490.
Humble \$44,900
Cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in great condition. Nice area w/large yards. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.
Parker \$31,900
Just like new! Cute 2BR, 2BA, 1 1/2 bath w/central heat & air. Great house w/large fenced yard. Victoria Printz 689-4800.

SUBURBAN & COMMERCIAL

W. CR 60 \$850,000
Superior equestrian facilities, pool, tennis courts, 2 guest houses, 4 garages, RV garage, 17 acres, open to offers. Vicky Garrett 570-889-900-583-5823.
Wichita (Blandville) \$845,000
Roomy 3 BR, 3 bath on 20 acre Pecan orchard, pool, barn, farm equip. & more! Not just a house - a lifestyle! Victoria Printz 689-4800.
6201 W. Co. Rd. 95 \$399,000
Spectacular custom on 2.5 acres w/over 4800 sq. ft. Pool, barn, shop, RV/boat parking, lavatories, aquarium room, 3 jacuzzis and saunas! Victoria Printz 689-4800.
W. CR 64 \$285,000
Gleaming hardwood floors, gameroom, study, 4 bedrooms, 3 fireplaces, beautiful view of Midland skyline. Vicky Garrett 570-889-900-583-5823.
W. CR 64 \$235,000
Dream kitchen, exercise/hobby room off master, Teds-size home on 4-1/2 acres. Built in 90's. Vicky Garrett 570-889-900-583-5823.
N. Hwy. 349 \$189,000
A city home in the country where you can spread out - great barns, lovely 4 bedroom, 3 bath home - you will have to see it to believe it! Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.
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Located on approx. 3 acres, 3 bdr, 2 1/2 ba, 2 car garage. Come see this country acreage just south of Greenwood.
367 In Greenwood \$175,000
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Like new, but cleaner! 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 4 parking/RV Garage on 3 Ac. Ridge Heights. Shutters, bay windows, beamed cathedral ceiling. Circle Drive. Call Denise 687-1799.
S. Co. Rd. 1082 \$129,900
Can be 3 or 4 bdm home in Greenwood, New Construction. Call Clemmie.

Co. Rd. 1086 \$129,900
New Construction in Greenwood, lots of tile, great floorplan. Call Clemmie.
Co. Rd. 126 \$129,900
Great 2-story 5 bedroom or 4 plus study. Updated/prtly 3 acres with fenced area for animals. Call Marilyn Jo.
E. Co. Rd. 109 \$112,900
Large sequestered master, 3 or 4 bedroom. Call Clemmie.
1300 E. Co. Rd. 130-Great New Price \$109,900
Located on 2 1/2 acres, gorgeous new decor w/4 bedrooms, 2400 sq. ft. barn/workshop/RV garage. Pecan producing orchard. Roses galore. Terrific place of property. Call joey brickey 682-3191.
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Spacious 3 BR on 1.25 acres, 3 stall 15x15 horse barn, 14x28 workshop. Must see! Sandy Scott 684-0370.
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Located on 2 acres, close to town, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, country kitchen. Vicky Garrett 570-889-900-583-5823.
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Four bedrooms, 2 bath, workshop, walk-in closets. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.
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Big Tract of Land. Call joey brickey 682-3191.
Andrews Hwy \$79,500
Formerly kitchen store & gift shop. Call Lavonne Johnson.
Co. Rd. 64 East \$79,500
4 acres in Greenwood school district with a nice grey brick home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Nice master bedroom, curved drive in front. Call Lavonne.
Co. Rd. 60 \$81,000
Great property, workshop and barn, 5 acres. Call Clemmie.

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Half with mobile home hook-up. Call Vicky Garrett with partially completed home - \$25,000. Or, \$50,000 for all. Call Karen Czech 685-4028.
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Co. Rd. 1140 N. \$39,900
12.5 acres with 8 1/2 apts, 4 water wells, 6 mob. home spaces. Victoria Printz 687-5636.
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3.16 acres behind the Ranger Station Cafe in Greenwood (corner of 307 & 1083). This property has great potential. Call Kirk at 682-8820.
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2516 NOEL
Terrific 2BR TH w/fireplace in master. Great closets, delightful patio!
3110 TEALWOOD
2-story TH, quiet cul-de-sac across from mall. 2BR/2.5BA w/lovely courtyard.
5205 TEAKWOOD TRACE
3BR/2.5BA, much updated in the past 2 years. Light & bright.
4904 CHON COVE
Don't miss this Wyndwood Beauty! 3BR/2BA, spacious kitchen/dining w/computer desk. Right off Sunshine Parkway & Lindora Way.

OPEN 1-3
Pat Paxton
98,300

74,500

139,000

OPEN 1:30-3
Cynthia Brown
78,500

4612 CROCKETT
Lots of updating, tile, sprinkler system, designer ceiling fans, formal dining and much more!
4915 LANCASHIRE
4BR/3 full baths, plenty of room. Lots of windows. Great floor plan.

OPEN 1:30-3 (CONT.)
Donna Omar
57,500

OPEN 2-3:30
Shella McKown
122,000

OPEN 3:30-5
Fran Billingsley
89,900

5205 CANADIAN
Wonderful home in Northgate built by Kahler. Customized by owner. 4/2 w/large LA.

\$200,000 AND UP...THE CITY'S MOST EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF HOMES IN THE UPPER PRICE RANGES, CALL US!

PECAN CT-Architecturally designed home with every amenity! True master piece!
MISSION ESTATES-Incredible style, luxury and space. 5BR/4 1/2 BA, formal, den, gameroom, study and home gym. Stunning appointments, only recently completed.
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INCREDIBLE TOWNHOME-Indoor pool, stunning architecture, gorgeous terraces, 4/6, studio, office, darkroom.
TATTENHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mkt! 5BR/6BA, 3+ acres, pool, incredible style, quality.
TRINITY DR-Spectacular custom in Trinity Estates! Huge house, huge yard.

SADDLE CLUB ESTATES-Incredible home & guest house surrounding gorgeous pool & terraces. Gameroom, hobby room, exercise spa. It's all here!
WESTWIND-Fabulous Morris Construction in Green Tree - ready for your personal touch! Wonderful amenities.
FAIRWOOD-Incredible Bill Brown! 5BR/5BA, formal + den + hg. plym. 2 patios.
RUSTIC TRAIL-MR Lary custom home, on course, large private pool, very spacious rooms.
HILLCREST-Fabulous 5BR in Grasslands, 3LAs + hobby room + shop - Hurry! 309,000.
L-Old Midland remodeled beauty, unique custom design, wonderful detail.
CANONERO-Saddle Club North TH. 4/4/office. Fabulous quality and space.

BAYBROOK-Beautiful plan, fabulous gourmet kitchen, immaculate condition, Bill Brown construction.
BAYBROOK-Fabulous 5BR, better-than-new Morris resale.
FAIRWOOD CT-Absolutely stunning Bill Brown 2-story corner lot. 4BR/2LA + study.
BASSWOOD-Dropped \$20,000! Victorian delight in Greentree. 4/4/3 w/huge playroom & study. Beautiful millwork.
SEABOARD-Indescribable! 4/4/2 w/study/country kitchen, totally redone and updated.
CHESLEY CT-Custom plan, 5BR/3BA, lots of upgrades, light & airy.
SHELL-Lovely home in Warwick. Spacious room, lovely landscaping, popular neighborhood.

\$100,000-\$200,000...A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

SEABOARD-Classical Revival with tall white columns plus big oval porch.
CYPRESS CT-New on golf course! Lovely 4/3.5/2 w/pool. Has all the bells & whistles.
CUTHBERT-Open, custom designed home, updated, 4BR/3BA, pool-EXTRAS!
STANOLIND-Simply beautiful MaMar 4BR w/pool.
WINCHESTER CT-Lush & lovely TH w/pool newly refurbished 4BR or 3+ study. Don't Miss.
TRINITY MEADOWS-4BR/5BA/2LA/3-garage in Trinity Meadows. Excellent condition - wonderful price.
THAMES CT-Traditional in Polo Park! 4BR/3BA, op kit/den/breakfast. Tall ceilings, super condition.
BLUEBIRD BRANCH-Kahler construction underway. 4BR/2BA off Bluebird in quiet cul-de-sac.
VALLEY FORGE-Professionally decorated TH - extra special master suite - park-like landscaping.
CRESTRIDGE-Custom home, upgraded kitchen, 2LAs + study + large master w/sitting area.

CONCORD-Newly listed TH in quiet cul-de-sac and centrally located 3/2/1LA. Won't last!
TEAKWOOD TRACE-Simple elegance, carpet, ceramic tile, AC, 3BR/2.5BA/2-car garage, recent paint.
MABERRY-Spacious w/low maintenance, 3BR/2BA/2LA, formal dining. Lots of new.
DUNKIRK-Super on quietest (shortest!) street in town. 3LA/4BR/2BA, new kitchen, recent roof.
HARVARD-Patio style 4/3/2 plus 2-garage, shop w/overhead door & covered parking for 4-5 cars.
PRINCETON-Country living - City convenience. Guest house w/FP, 2.5 acres, hardwood floors.
PRINCETON-Fabulous Old Midland home w/huge rooms! Three living areas.
STUTZ-The Best! 4BR/3 1/2BA/2LA, Lovely yard w/spr. sys. Berber carpet & tile, lots of updates.
HUMBLE-Unique, custom 3BR w/living room, spacious gameroom + bonus room in MaMar Terrace.

LANCASHIRE-4BR/3BA/1LA, formal dining. Nice corner lot, new fence - come see for yourself!
GODFREYA must see...wonderful large 4BR, 3BA, pool, sauna room, bonus room & much, much more!
BELFIELD CT-It's only perfect! Superb decor, space, quiet cul-de-sac, impeccable condition! 4BR/3LA.
PRINCETON-Country living in the city! Spacious home on 3.19 acres, over 600 sf workshop.
MAXWELL-Pool at this price! Plus 4 big bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths close to everything.
GOLF COURSE-Special Hickory TH - one-owner custom, spacious rooms, 2FP 112,500.
AMHURST-23 x 30 game room w/pool table, wet bar, 1/2 bath, dark room, computer room! Incredible! Also large formal, great den, new paint.
SPRING MEADOW-Super 4BR/2 1/2 BA, 2 FP, study, townhouse, excellent condition, tasteful decor.
FAIRVIEW-This light & bright 3BR has Sathillo tile, formal living and dining and a pool.

UNDER \$100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

NORTHUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School, very contemporary, 3BR/2BA.
McCLINTIC-Adorable 3BR in popular Old Midland. Wonderful condition, pretty decor, great yard.
NOEL-Snappy 2BR TH! Great privacy & security, RV Parking.
GREEN TREE-A heart throb! Attractive 3BR TH w/pool & hot tub. Much refurbishing. Home warranty.
MAXWELL-Beautiful updated home w/gracious front porch, huge rooms & lush backyard. Immaculate.
GREEN TREE-Beautiful home on Green Tree Blvd. 3/3 w/whisper hot tub room. Tub included.
BRIGHTON PL-Super 3BR plus an office with fabulous master bedroom, courtyard and more.
LOCKNEED-Super - good price - great location, 3BR/2BA, 2 open LAs, new exterior paint.
CRESTWOOD-Qual. Assump. High ceilings, picture pretty, decked patio, 3+ study or 4BR/2.5BA.
BOYD-One-owner TH, 3 years old, 22' high ceilings, spotless! Bring offers.
WYDEWOOD-Great Wyndwood with master BR loft. Tons of kitchen storage!
CANADIAN-Wonderful Kahler construction w/neutral colors. Just like new 4BR or 3BR and study.
HARVARD-Old Midland - over 2000 sq ft, 3BR/2BA, flagstone floors, wet bar, landscaped yard.
HAYNES-Extremely appealing! 2 super LAs, large seq. MBR, wonderful condition.
MICHIGAN-Charming "Old Midland", large, sunny rooms w/neutral updating. Lots of parking area!
TERRACE-Lots of space, new flooring & bonus room make this a super buy that won't last long!
VENTURA-A Christmas present! 3BR/2BA/2LA/2GA. Lots & Lots of redone! Much tile.
MARK LANE-Very nice 3BR on quiet cul-de-sac. Good condition w/large yard.
ELMA-Perfect shape! Wonderful home in Wyndwood, 3BR/2BA. Sprinklers front and back.
FANNIN-Wonderful 4BR/2LA in great area. Large backyard.
FAIRBANKS-Great 3BR/2BA in top condition. Big bedrooms, formal dining, corner lot, pretty house!
BEDFORD-3BR, updated, sparkling pool, light and bright formal living & dining and 3LAs.

ST. ANDREWS-3BR/2BA, formal dining, screened-in patio w/tile floor-offering \$1,000 in Buyers Closing Cost.
THORNBERRY-New Listing! Wonderful 3/2/2 w/2LA. Tile floors and tall ceilings. Must See.
CARPENTER-Stanton. Updated 3BR/3BA + 3LA. 3rd LA huge would make wonderful master.
CHON COVE-Secluded yet convenient Wyndwood beauty on quiet cul-de-sac.
STOREY-A super west side duplex! 3BR/2BA each side! Shown by appt.
BUCHANAN-Spotless! Move-in to jewel tone colors! Seq. master w/hot tub room.
GULF-Seller to pay for 2 p's plus up to \$1,500 of buyer's closing costs!
KANSAS-Brick charmer w/guest house, 2BR/2BA in main house. Hardwood floors.
SHELL-No yard care, top notch TH, many amenities, close to everything, 2BR/2BA, lease purchase terms.
TEALWOOD-Great TH located near mall area. 2-story stucco w/2BR/2.5BA. Low maintenance.
STEWART-Fantastically maintained 4BR on quiet street w/many updates & park-like backyard.
NEELY-Charming 3BR across from St. Stephens! King size family room.
WHITNEY-Beautifully maintained, easy-to-care-for 3BR in great location.
BELTON-Great home on quiet cul-de-sac. 3/2 with nice LA and backyard for play.
BOYD-So roomy, 4BR/2.5BA, beautiful drive-up. Great opportunity.
WADLEY-#666 Spacious, low maintenance condo, 2LA, 2BR, 2 1/2 BA, very low maintenance.
GODFREY-Nice 4BR home w/pool across from park. Large open living & dining w/FP.
GOFF-New paint throughout! Good floor plan tucked into quiet street.
DENGAR-Really nice 3BR in Fannin - Nice condition, good plan.

MICHIGAN-Darling 3BR cottage! Call to check on non-qualifying assumption possibilities.
BRAZOS-Large home for the money! Fresh paint, good floor plan, good price!
NEELY-Great home centrally located to schools, shopping and more!
GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is.
BEAURE-Loads of fresh paint in nice 3BR w/high ceiling. Quiet neighborhood!
NICKLAUS-Charming & comfortable, spacious, MBR, pretty tile floors. Great fireplace.
CROCKETT-Super 3/2 with tons of updating! Seller ready to go.
SHADYLANE-Adorable 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl, fence, laundry room. All repairs done this year.
WILSHIRE-Super 3/2 with garage. Tons of updating. Beautiful home and yard!
ROOSEVELT-Take a double take! Talk about redone!! 3BR/3LA, new kitchen, new everywhere.
MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside, 3BR/2BA.
KANSAS-3BR/2LA bonus room/workshop. New paint, carpet & large yard, great windows.
ILLINOIS-Great 3BR/2LA w/new paint and wallpaper. Don't miss this one.
BRUNSON-Great property on 3 lots. House 4BR/1BA with 1BR rental.
MARIANA-3BR ready to move into - even has its own refrigerator. New roof. 2LAs & more.
CENTURY-Great home on the corner.
WAVELY REDUCED-Great little property 3BR/2BA-car garage, corner lot, workshop.
CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well.
KENTUCKY-Fabulous place to belong. Very neat 2BR, large LA, water well and sprinkler system.
DELANO-Priced to sell quick! 2BR/1BA, updated carpet & flooring.
BENTON-Nice 2BR with large, fenced yard. Priced to sell.

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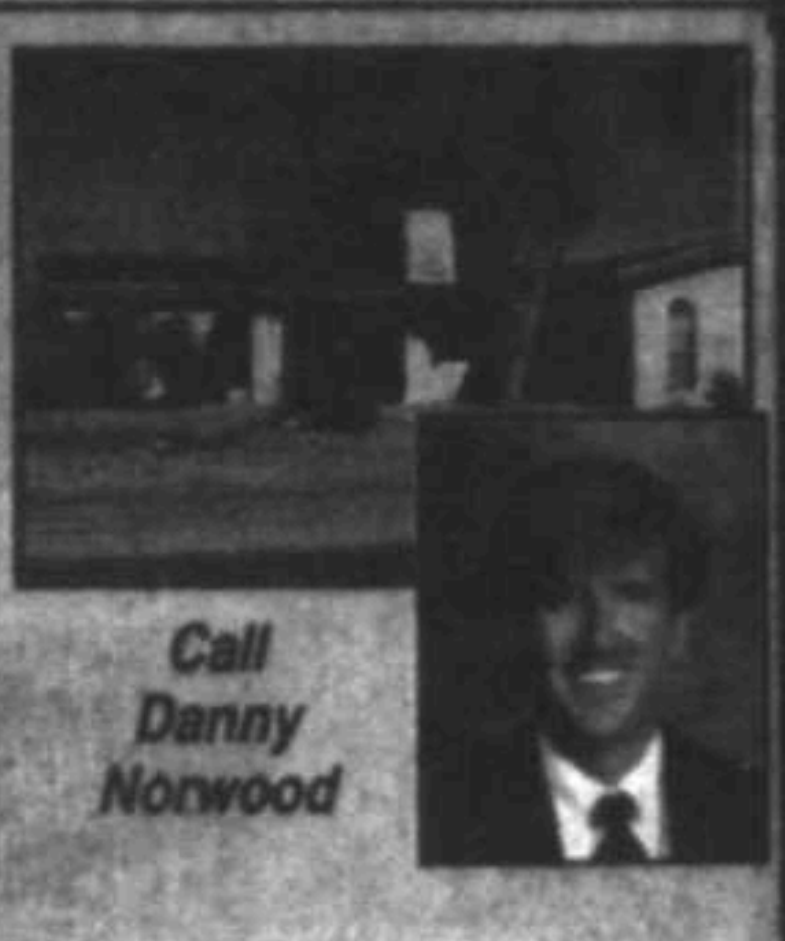
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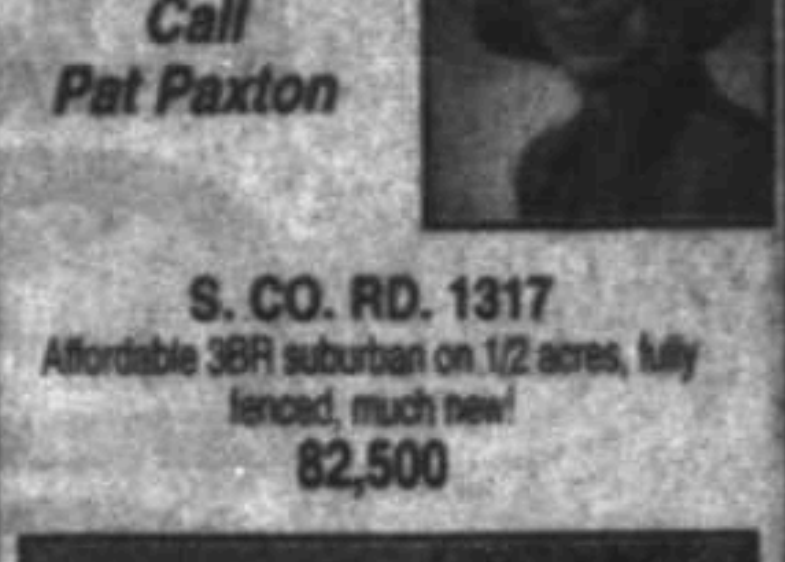
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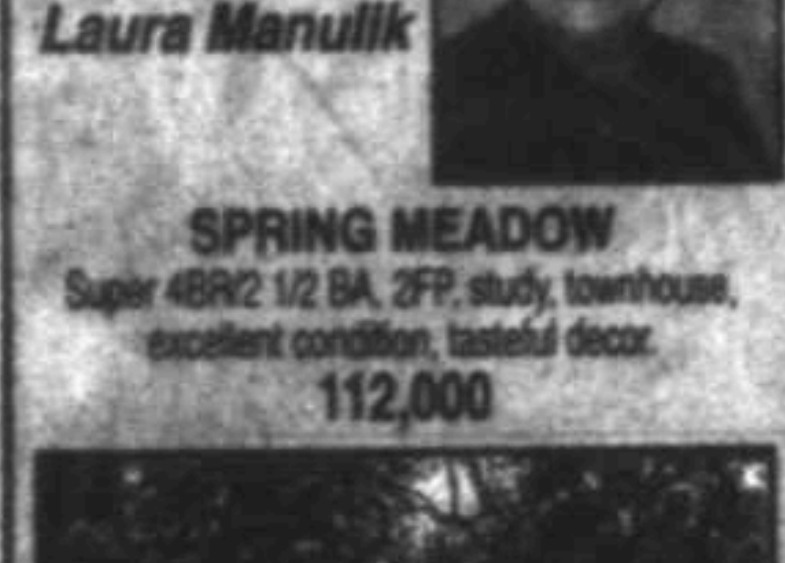
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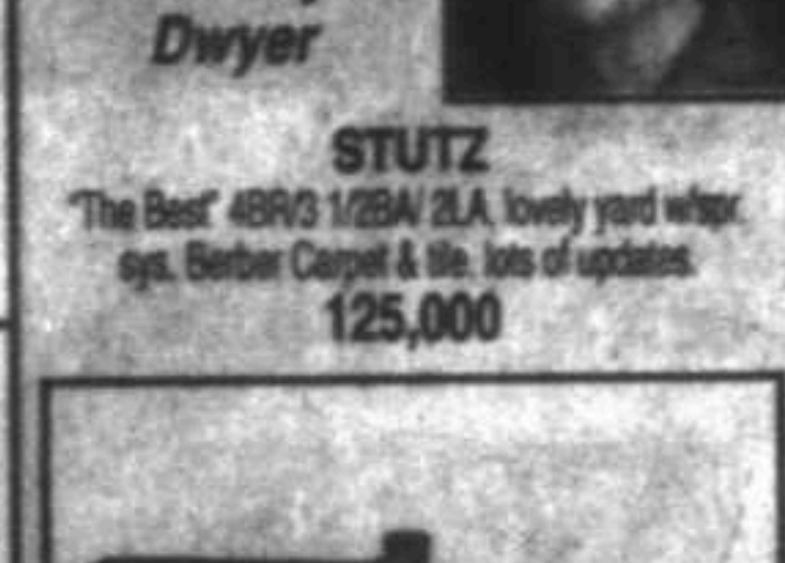
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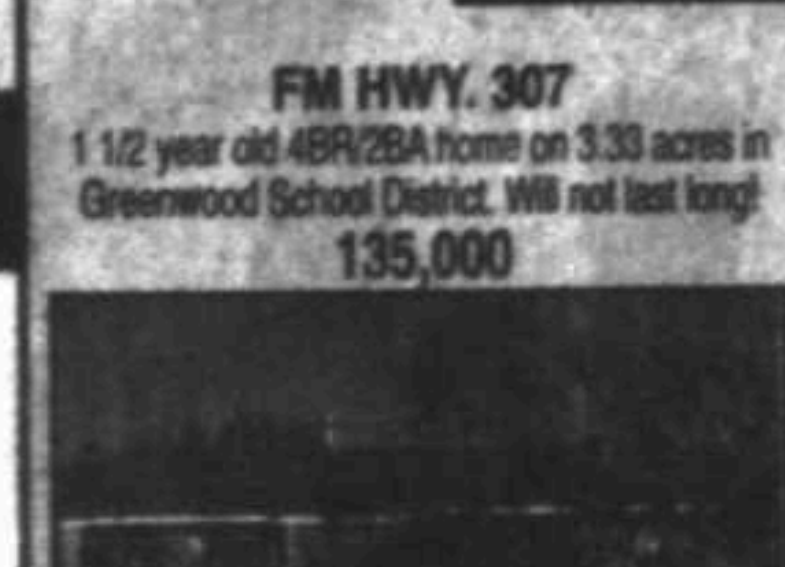
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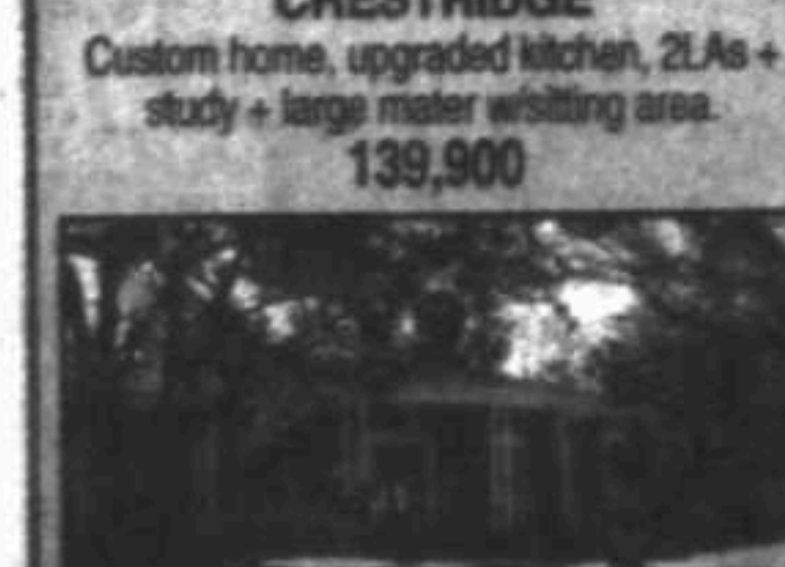
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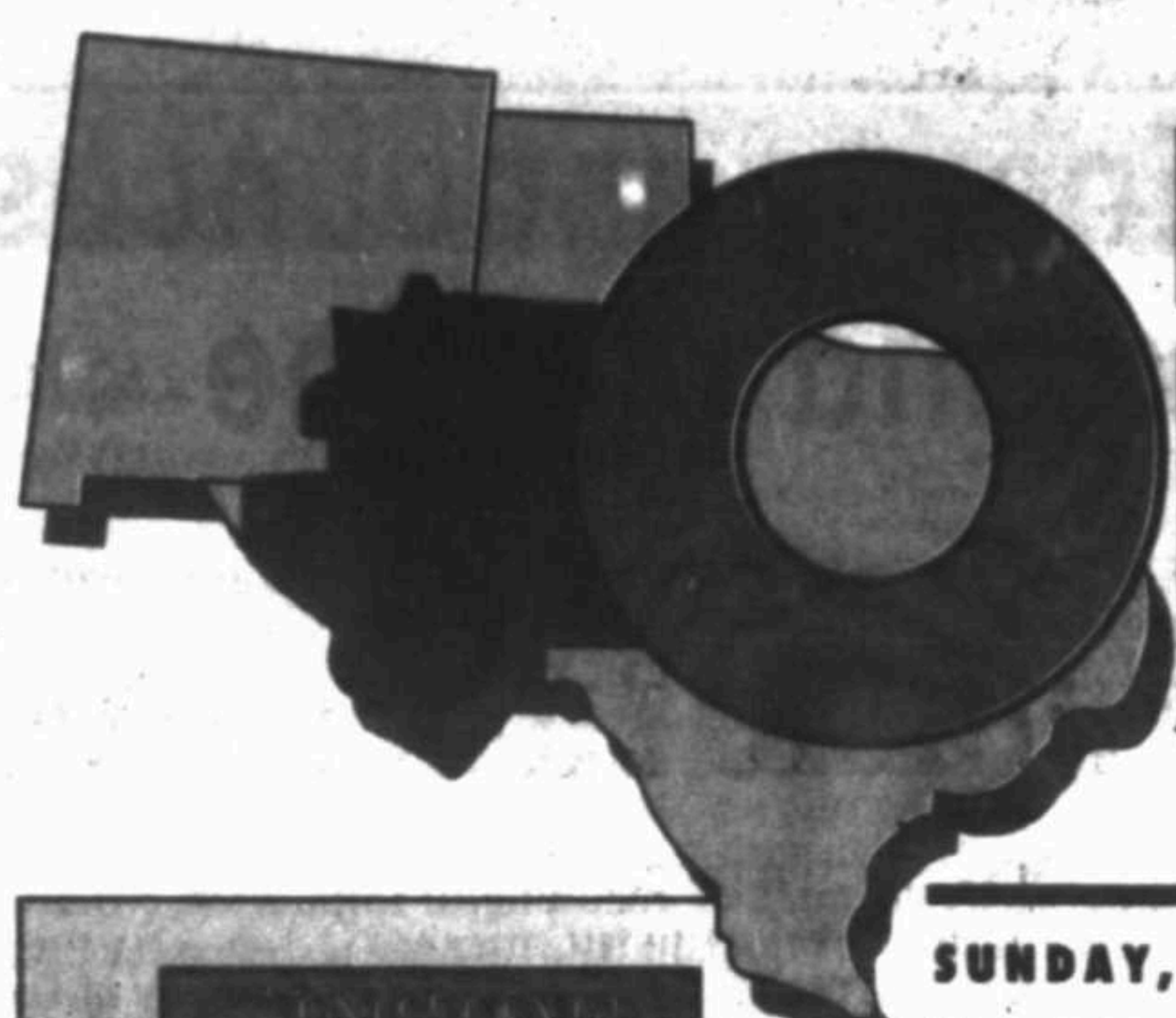
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PETROLEUM CLUB OF MIDLAND ... 50th ANNIVERSARY

Petroleum Club of Midland marks 50 years of service to industry movers, shakers

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

For over a half century, the Petroleum Club of Midland has been the place where the movers and shakers of the Permian Basin oil industry have met to eat, form partnerships, formulate deals and create wealth.

The Midland Petroleum Club, notes Jerry Clemens, Petroleum Club Manager, has played a key role in the development of the community and the Texas oil industry, and is now 50 years old. "Over the years, millions of dollars worth of deals have been hatched or consummated at the Petroleum Club," said Clemens.

Chartered shortly after World War II, the Petroleum Club of Midland, which now numbers approximately 625 members, was the dream of a group of Midland oilmen who met regularly for lunch at the Scharbauer Hotel Coffee Shop. The group envisioned a club where Midland's oil men could meet to eat and discuss business in private.

According to Reporter-Telegram files, the Petroleum Club was chartered on December 1, 1947 with about 35 members for "the development of

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Jerry Clemens,
Manager

the human mind, through reading, discussion, exchange of ideas, lectures, information and social contacts and all other means that will contribute to such educational improvement and development of the members of the Club."

The original 35 members purchased all the stock in the Midland Petroleum Club and later resold it to joining members. The original location was the former home of George Wolcott at 219 N. Big Spring. The elaborate and stately home, built in the 1920s when Big Spring was a residential street, was considered a mansion and one of Midland's finest. It was purchased from Midland oilman Henry Black for \$75,000, a hefty sum for the forties.

The location is now a parking lot behind the Vaughn Building. "One of



The old and the new

R.L. "Pat" O'Brien, photo below, holds a brick from the original Petroleum Club. Above, the "new" Petroleum Club of Midland stands at the corner of Wall and Marlenfeld. The Petroleum Club has been serving the Permian Basin petroleum industry for 50 years. See more photos on pages 4, 5, and 13.

Photo by Curt Wilcott/Midland Reporter-Telegram

the biggest motivations for moving to this location," said Clemens was the large sum of money paid for the property. "The offer was too good to pass up. The present petroleum club was paid for within five years."

The first presidential ball was held in the Wolcott residence on October 7, 1948 and opened the next day for full service of a membership of over 200. John House was elected the first president. There have been 50 presidents since. Mark Philpy is the current president.

Over the years the former Wolcott residence, which was remodeled several times, served as the site of some of Midland's most elaborate parties. Photos shot over four decades by Mid-

land photographer Randy Rubin, now deceased, indicate it was used frequently for company parties for Valentines day, Halloween and Christmas.

When it closed November 27, 1980, to make way for the present Petroleum Club, at Marlenfeld and Wall, it marked the end of one era, and the beginning of a new era, as a new Petroleum Club took on an expanded role in the community.

The present Petroleum Club opened for lunch on December 8, 1980. With almost 40,000 square feet of dining facilities, it has become an important location not only for industry events but for civic events as well. On any given day, the Petroleum Club may be

host to two or three meetings ranging from the Natural Gas Society to the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Now more than ever, the Club, with eight private dining rooms and a 250 person ballroom, is meeting the specifications in its charter of "improving and developing the minds" of its members through lectures, seminars, and symposiums.

Even though the Petroleum Club is woven tightly into the social fabric of Midland, Clemens says it is still a private club. "Our first priority is to serve our members."

Apache, Altura start year with major trade

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

In the first major swap of the year, Apache Corp. and Altura Energy Ltd. have announced a major swap of Permian Basin assets that is expected to give both companies distinct upside advantages.

Apache said this week that it had signed an exchange agreement that would swap its interest in the Cogdell Canyon Reef Unit of Kent and Scurry Counties for Altura's interests in the New Mexico Federal Unit (NMFU) and Drinkard Unit of Lea County. The exchange, which was facilitated by a small amount of cash (approximately \$2 million) is expected to be final by the end of January.

Steven Farris, Apache President and COO, said the exchange would benefit Apache by immediately adding to production and reserves, and providing future upside potential while foregoing significant capital outlays for implementation of a CO2 flood in the Cogdell Unit. "It would have been very expensive to implement a CO2 flood in the Cogdell Unit," said Tony Lentini, spokesman for Apache, "but Altura is the guru of CO2 recovery."

Altura, the largest owner of CO2 assets in the world, will benefit by being able to utilize its significant expertise in the development and operation of CO2 projects. Altura has estimated that implementation of a CO2 flood in the Cogdell Unit would generate in excess of 30 MMboe of incremental reserves, while increasing current production from 1,200 boe per day to an estimated 10,000 boe. Altura will

acquire Apache's 86 percent working interest in the unit. The swap includes approximately 80 producing wells in the Cogdell and 130 wells in the NMFU and Drinkard units.

Oddly, Apache acquired a foothold in the Cogdell Unit in 1991 which the purchase of a large package of Amoco

er working interest owners, but most of the stake came with the Texaco acquisition in 1995.

Said Jim Posey, Altura President: "The exchange allows both companies to take advantage of their expertise and focus on core work. Altura has the all the experience and tools to make



Altura employees begin the flow of CO2. The recently-negotiated trade between Altura and Apache will increase Altura's CO2 properties in the Permian Basin by about 8,800 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

properties and interests. Some additional interest was purchased from oth-

the Cogdell a successful venture," Altura, through its parent companies

Amoco and Shell, also has access to significant CO2 supplies.

While Altura will have to wait for some of its return, Apache's return will be immediate. The acquired New Mexico properties are currently producing 3,500 boe per day, and the Drinkard Unit is adjacent to NMFU, in which Apache has owned an interest since 1991. Both assets are expected to give Apache an additional 14.2 MMboe of reserves.

Lentini called it a "match made in heaven," saying it brought out the exploitation expertise of both companies. Kari Flugel, spokesman for Altura, called it a "win-win deal, that enhances both companies." She said the Cogdell Unit was a natural for Altura, because it was bordered on two sides by existing CO2 projects.

Said Lentini: "It gives us an immediate boost to production and reserves, while allowing us to do what we do best, which is to develop upside potential through workovers, recompletions and infill drilling." He said Apache acquired approximately 125 drilling prospects in the swap.

Lentini said the two companies had been talking about the possibility of swaps since early last year. With two distinct areas of expertise between the two companies and a widespread number of assets, (Altura operates 6,300 wells in the Basin) some say it is entirely likely that more Altura-Apache swaps will follow. "We are dedicated to making Permian Basin production more profitable, and we are always looking for opportunity," said Flugel.

INSIDE



The Permian Basin rig count continued its slow, but steady decline, this week with 147 rigs reported active as compared to 158 reported last week.

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Parallel discovery

Parallel Petroleum Corporation reported the successful completion of a natural gas discovery well on its Toro Grande project in the Yegua/Frio/Wilcox Gas Trend in Jackson County, Texas. The Peters-Sklar No. 1 was drilled to a depth of approximately 11,000 feet and logged 50 net feet of potential gas and condensate pay from three zones in the Yegua formation.

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OPEC emergency meeting

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could convene an emergency meeting of its oil-production subcommittee this month, after a 28 percent drop in prices since early October, traders said. The subcommittee consists of three oil ministers from the 11-member group. All 11 aren't scheduled to meet together until June 25.

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Golden Anniversary

A pictorial review of the history of the Petroleum Club of Midland, which is celebrating 50 years of services to the oil industry, brings back memories of yesterday.

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Joint venture

Coconino Oil & Gas, Inc. (CO&G), a wholly owned subsidiary of Coconino, S.M.A., Inc., reported that it has begun its first major oil & gas development project in joint venture with M3, Inc. of Dallas, Texas. The finalized agreement provides for the development of the first 200 acres of a 1,250 acre natural gas prospect in Coonroe, Texas.

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OTC

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC), the annual Houston event that attracts more than 40,000 engineering and technical professionals involved in all aspects of offshore resource development.

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Employees of Carl O. King Drilling company enjoy a Christmas buffet at the old Petroleum Club in 1950.

U.S. Iran isolation policy could end with investors poised to resume spending

By Reed V. Landberg
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LONDON - The 18-year-old U.S. policy of isolating Iran politically and economically could be on its last legs as corporations agitate to resume investment in the world's third-biggest oil exporter, industry officials and observers said.

Officials at Mobil Corp. and Conoco Inc., a unit of DuPont & Co., hope that remarks by Iranian President Mohammad Khatami earlier this week calling for a "dialogue and understanding" between the two countries result in warmer relations.

The big U.S. oil companies are eyeing some of the world's richest oilfields as well as pipeline access to the oil-drenched Caspian Sea region of the former Soviet Union, where they're considering investing more than \$20 billion in the next few decades. They're also concerned that they'll be left behind by foreign competitors less troubled by governmental interference.

One sign that President Bill Clinton's administration could soften an embargo that's been in place since the Iranian revolution in 1979 is its delay in deciding whether to impose sanctions on France's Total SA for a \$2 billion Iranian oilfield development project announced in September. Without a decision, analysts said more oil projects contemplated by European companies including Elf Aquitaine SA and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group are likely to move forward.

"It's significant the U.S. has delayed its reaction to the Total project," said Rosemary Hollis, head of the middle east program

at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, a London policy think tank. "The longer the delay goes on the more bold potential investors in Iran are going to become."

In reviewing the policy, Clinton's administration is torn between isolating Iran as a "rogue nation" and a desire to allow companies like Mobil and Conoco to compete with European ones to develop major fields and pipeline projects in Iran.

Still, there's evidence that Iran supports terrorism, has gathered weapons of mass distraction and

remarks "useful" and saying officials were reviewing what specific measures might be appropriate.

Companies have stepped up their opposition to unilateral sanctions the U.S. enforces against the likes of Cuba, Libya, Sudan and Iran without the support of European allies. The Institute for International Economics in Washington estimated sanctions cost U.S. industry up to \$20 billion a year in lost revenue, translating into 250,000 lost jobs. Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana proposed legislation that would require sanctions to meet specific criteria before

White House spokesman McCurry said earlier this week.

Conoco, barred from a separate Iranian project in 1995 that Total eventually took up, is one of the oil industry's more vocal opponents to sanctions, arguing that U.S. industry is losing out to Europe in the region.

Elf is considering its own projects in Iran, and Shell is reviewing the prospect of building a natural gas pipeline through Iran. Russian and Chinese companies also are seeking work to tap Iranian oil fields where the U.S. majors are forbidden to compete.

In Paris, Total said it's going ahead with the South Pars development regardless of U.S. laws forbidding investment in Iran.

"It is not French law and it is not a law of the European Union, so it does not apply Total," said Thomas Fell, a spokesman for Total. "We will act in Iran without considering the view of the Americans."

There are some indications the U.S. is looking for a way to soften its embargo against Iran without losing face. U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas Pickering met with his opposite number from the French foreign affairs ministry earlier this week, and Total was one issue on the agenda.

"There is some room for maneuver for the application of the U.S. laws," a French foreign ministry spokesman said. "We would never aspire to influence U.S.-Iranian relations, but we make no secret that we would be in favor of warmer ties between the two."

being imposed.

"I am particularly pleased with reports that the U.S. government seems to be encouraging governmental dialogue following Iranian president Khatami's address," said Conoco President Archie Dunham.

Total's announcement in September that it would develop a field in Iran's part of the Persian Gulf underscored one key argument against sanctions -- that they're not working because European companies work there even if U.S. ones don't.

"Most European countries have made it clear they're going to continue to be commercially engaged with the government of Iran,"

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Rosemary Hollis,
Royal Institute of International Affairs

is interfering with peace efforts in Israel. Iran has been linked by western intelligence officials to riots in Bahrain in 1994 and the bombing of the U.S. military base in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in June 1996.

A year ago, after the Saudi base bombing, softening the U.S. embargo was unthinkable in Washington, and some leaders such as New York's Sen. Alfonse D'Amato called for more stringent action.

Now, the mood has shifted with the election of the more-moderate Khatami in May. Earlier this week, White House spokesman Mike McCurry welcomed Khatami's remarks, calling the

Enron oil, gas 4th quarter profit rises on gas

HOUSTON - Enron Oil & Gas Co. said fourth-quarter earnings rose 23 percent because a smaller-than-expected increase in natural gas production offset higher natural gas prices.

The Houston-based natural gas and oil producer, which is 60 percent owned by Enron Corp., said net income rose to \$43.2 million, or 28 cents a diluted share, from \$35.1 million, or 22 cents, a year earlier.

Enron also recorded a \$5.8 million, or 2 cents a share charge, during the fourth quarter because of a lawsuit, said Hardy Davis, an Enron Oil & Gas spokesman. Enron wouldn't provide details because it said the lawsuit's effect on earnings is immaterial.

Enron Oil & Gas was expected to earn 29 cents a share, according to the average estimate of 18 analysts surveyed by IBES International.

"Exploration was running full tilt but they didn't add much to gas volumes and their drilling costs got away from them," said Robert Christensen, an analyst at Gerard, Klauer Mattison, who has a "hold" rating on Enron Oil & Gas.

News of Enron's lower-than-expected earnings was offset by strength in the oil and gas drilling stocks today. Enron Oil & Gas rose 1/4 to 20 1/16 in early afternoon

trading, rising along with other oil exploration stocks. The Standard & Poor's index of oil and gas producers' stock rose 0.98 to 66.27.

Enron's natural gas production in the U.S. during the quarter rose 3 percent to 656 billion cubic feet, from 638 billion in the year-ago quarter.

"This is symptomatic of fourth-quarter gas production in the U.S.," Christensen said. "They need to start having some drilling successes."

Enron's dry hole expenses, or the cost of drilling wells that never produce gas, surged nearly three times during the quarter to \$9.9 million, from \$3.7 million the previous year.

Though natural gas prices tumbled during the quarter, Enron's sales prices averaged 2.2 percent higher than during the year-ago quarter. Natural gas futures contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange fell 36 percent from a high of \$3.55 per million British thermal units on Oct. 24, to \$2.26 on Dec. 31.

U.S. companies now report per-share earnings two ways: diluted, which reflects options, warrants and other securities convertible into common stock, and basic, which doesn't reflect them.

Parallel completes Toro Grande discovery

Parallel Petroleum Corporation reported the successful completion of a natural gas discovery well on its Toro Grande project in the Yegua/Frio/Wilcox Gas Trend in Jackson County, Texas. The Peters-Sklar No. 1 was drilled to a depth of approximately 11,000 feet and logged 50 net feet of potential gas and condensate pay from three zones in the Yegua formation. The lower Yegua zone was perforated and the well is currently producing 1.1 Mmcf of gas and 113 barrels of oil per day with flowing tubing pressure of 5,100 pounds. The two upper Yegua zones will be produced at a later date. Parallel owns a 21.5% working interest (16.0% net revenue interest) in the project. Industry partners and individual investors own the remaining interests.

Six exploratory wells have been drilled on the Toro Grande project, of which five are productive and

one is dry, and additional locations are planned to be drilled this year. The Company's previously announced O'Conner-Miller No. 1 well is its most significant discovery to date on the 30,000-acre project. The well went on line in September 1997 and is currently producing 5.1 Mmcf of gas and 273 barrels of condensate per day with flowing tubing pressure of 4,150 pounds.

During 1997, Parallel successfully drilled 16 out of 23 wells on its approximate 320,000-acre position in the Yegua/Frio/Wilcox Gas Trend, onshore the Gulf Coast of Texas. Of these, 11 wells are producing and five wells are awaiting completion.

Larry C. Oldham, President, commented that even in the current environment of soft oil and natural gas prices, he expects 1998 to be a year of significant exploratory drilling activity for

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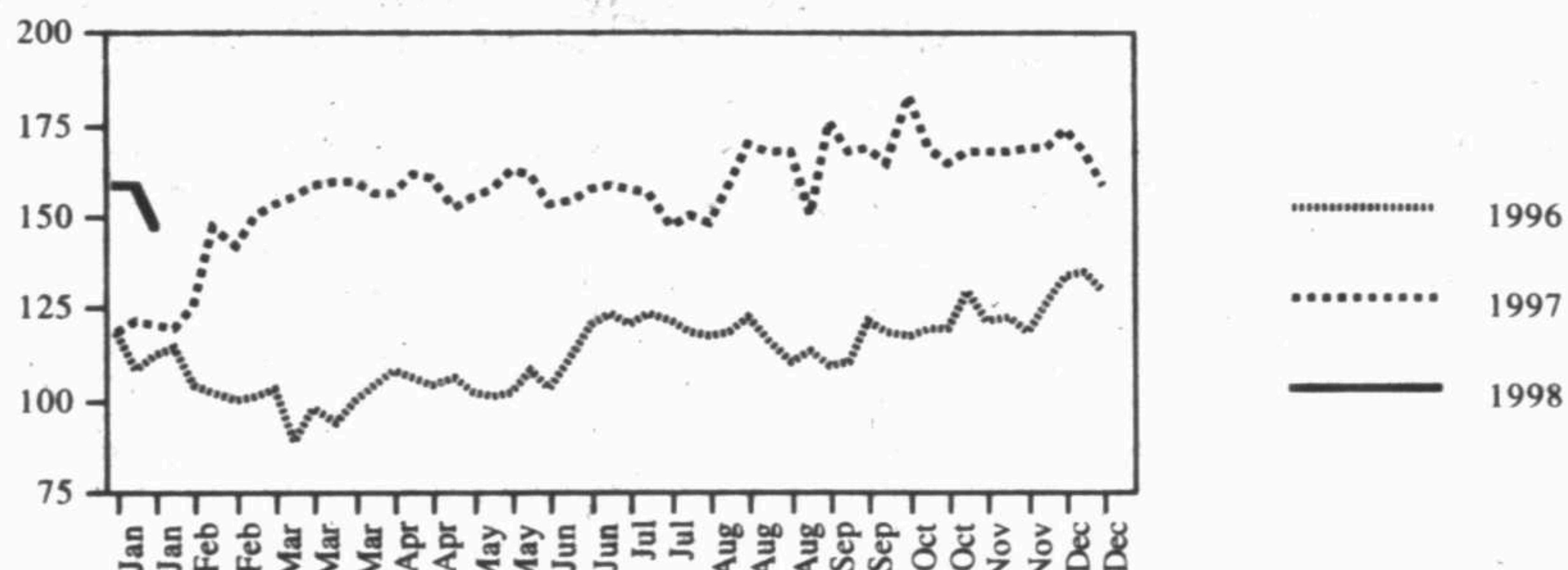
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USA Land	N/A	851	N/A
USA Offshore	N/A	129	N/A
Canada	N/A	368	N/A
U.S. Directional	N/A	235	N/A
U.S. Horizontal	N/A	58	N/A
U.S. Gas	N/A	633	N/A
U.S. Oil	N/A	366	N/A

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PERMIAN BASIN

TEXAS	Glasscock	04	Gaines	04
DIST. #7C	Howard	02	Garza	03
Coke	Hudspeth	00	Hale	00
Concho	Jeff Davis	00	Hockley	01
Crockett	Loving	01	Kent	00
Irion	Martin	03	King	01
Kimble	Midland	19	Lamb	00
McCullough	Mitchell	01	Lubbock	00
Menard	Pecos	03	Lynn	00
Reagan	Presidio	00	Motley	00
Runnels	Reeves	05	Scurry	01
Schleicher	Sterling	00	Terry	02
Sutton	Ward	06	Yoakum	04
Terrell	Winkler	03	TEXAS TOTAL	102
Tom Green				
Upton				
DIST. #8	BAILEY	00	NEW MEXICO	
Andrews	Borden	02	Chaves	00
Brewster	Cochran	01	Eddy	20
Crane	Cottle	00	Lea	26
Culberson	Crosby	00		
Ector	Dawson	01	N.M. TOTAL	47
El Paso	Dickens	00		
	Floyd	00		

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Shell proposes \$800 million oil swap

RIO DE JANEIRO - Royal Dutch/Shell Group, in an innovative effort to benefit from Brazil's desire to narrow its current account deficit, proposed an \$800 million oil swap to Petrobras Brasileiro SA.

Under the transaction, state-controlled Petrobras would import Shell fuel products this year and pay Shell back in three years with its own fuel products, said an official in the press office of Shell's Brazilian unit.

"This is a very positive development for narrowing the current account deficit, since Brazil's dependence on foreign oil is so significant," said Odair Abate, an economist with Lloyds Bank Plc in Sao Paulo.

Brazil imported about \$6 billion of oil last year, or close to 10 percent of its total imports of \$61 billion. Shell, the world's largest international oil company, could use its ample supply of oil to help satisfy Brazil's demand with the swap. The company declined to disclose details of the transaction, saying it's awaiting a response from Petrobras to start negotiations.

Because Petrobras would pay for the products with oil later, rather than with currency now, the transaction would help Brazil's government narrow its current account deficit, which at 4.3 percent of gross domestic product concerns investors. Some Southeast Asian countries were forced

to devalue their currencies after running up high current account gaps.

Brazil has rejected suggestions by some economists that it weaken its currency, the real, which is the anchor of an three-year-old economic stabilization plan. Inflation would be rekindled by a devaluation since the price of imports would rise, the government argues.

Instead, the government has hiked interest rates to slow economic growth and the inflow of imports and has sought to limit travel abroad by Brazilians by raising the airport tax. Oil swaps are also part of the government's strategy to close its trade and current account shortfalls.

The Brazilian government authorized Petrobras to seek out oil swaps late last year, since oil accounts for such a large part of all Brazilian imports. Rio de Janeiro-based Petrobras declined to comment on Shell's offer.

Petrobras rose 8 reais to 239 in Sao Paulo trading. Shell Transport & Trading Co., which owns 40 percent of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, fell 7/16 to 40 3/16 in the U.S. Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., which owns 60 percent of the group, rose 2.3 to 105.6 guilders in Amsterdam.

"For Petrobras, it's an innovative offer that's similar to taking out a loan for three years," said Jay Bhutani, an analyst with Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette Securities

who has a "neutral" rating on Petrobras. "It's good for Brazil."

Brazil's domestic oil production, mainly at platforms off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, supplies about 57 percent of the daily 1.5 million barrels consumed in the country. The remainder is imported.

Brazilian oil consumption grew about 6 percent last year, although its expected to drop this year, in line with an overall economic slowdown.

For Shell, the oil swap would help the company form an important alliance with Petrobras at a time when Brazil's oil industry is undergoing massive changes. The country's constitution was amended last year to allow Petrobras to form exploration and production ventures.

For instance, Shell, like with other large oil companies like Texaco Inc. and Elf Aquitaine SA, is vying for the exploration rights for the Albacora Leste oil field in the Bacia de Campos area, which will require some 1.2 billion reais in investment.

In any rate, the oil swap may be one of the first subjects to be considered by Brazil's newly-formed national fuels agency, the ANP, which will be formerly established on Jan. 16.

The agency will supervise the opening up of Brazil's oil and gas industry to foreign participation, offsetting Petrobras's once dominant position.

El Paso Energy Corporation reports pipeline operating

HOUSTON - El Paso Energy Corporation announced that the \$35 million Samalayuca Pipeline is operational and flowing clean-burning natural gas into Mexico.

El Paso Natural Gas Company and El Paso Energy International Company, business units of El Paso Energy Corporation, are partnered with Pemex Gas Y Petroquimica Basica in a 50/50 joint venture agreement. The 45-mile pipeline project, which includes 22 miles of pipe in the United States and 23 miles of pipe in Mexico, has a capacity of 212 MMBtu/d.

Pipeline operations began on December 20, 1997, initially transporting 70 million cubic feet a day (MMcf/d) of natural gas to the Samalayuca I natural gas-fired power plant in Northern Mexico and to consumers in the state of Chihuahua. The Samalayuca II Power Plant will begin receiving gas supplies this year as it becomes operational in three phases.

"The international partnership between El Paso Energy and Pemex is an historic accomplishment and creates the basis for a prosperous future for both sides of

the border," said William A. Wise, chairman, president, and chief executive officer of El Paso Energy. "This pipeline will provide the necessary fuel to the Samalayuca Power plants to generate much needed electricity for the people of Mexico."

The Samalayuca pipeline will transport natural gas from El Paso Natural Gas Company's Hueco Compressor Station, located east of El Paso. The gas will continue south across the border approximately 30 miles to the Samalayuca I and II Power Plants. The pipeline will supply the energy demands of the cities of Juarez, Mexico and Chihuahua, Mexico and provide gas at a competitive price for consumers.

The Mexico portion of the pipeline, known as Gasoductos de Chihuahua, is the first privately owned and operated natural gas pipeline in Mexico. The construction of the pipeline was the result of an international public bid by the Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE), who requested transportation service of 172 MMcf/d of natural gas through a pipeline that would transport this energy from the United States to

the Samalayuca Power plants. In addition, Pemex Gas Y Petroquimica Basica will transport 40 MMcf/d for customers on its system.

The transportation system is managed through a Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, which will be controlled and operated remotely from the El Paso Natural Gas operations control center. This system measures the flow in real time at each measurement station, obtaining information on the conditions and physical characteristics of the gas such as composition, temperature, heat value and pressure.

El Paso Energy Corporation provides total energy solutions through five business units: El Paso Natural Gas Company, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, El Paso Field Services Company, El Paso Energy Marketing Company and El Paso Energy International Company. With offices worldwide, the company has operations in interstate natural gas transmission, gas gathering and processing, energy marketing, and international energy infrastructure development.

OPEC committee could convene emergency meeting on price fall

By Simon Roper
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LONDON - The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could convene an emergency meeting of its oil-production subcommittee this month, after a 28 percent drop in prices since early October, traders said.

The subcommittee consists of three oil ministers from the 11-member group, though others could attend if they're concerned OPEC should consider ways to reverse the drop in prices, traders said. All 11 aren't scheduled to meet together until June 25.

Oil prices are the lowest in

since the meeting could take place Jan. 23-26, which would allow ministers to leave Vienna by Jan. 28 in time to be home for the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, Platt's Global Alert said.

News that the meeting might be held early helped spur oil prices today in London and New York, amid concern the meeting might result in OPEC lowering its quotas to boost oil prices.

The MMC is chaired by Iranian oil minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh and includes Kuwait oil minister Issa Mohammed Al-Mazidi and Nigerian oil minister Dan Etete as well as the OPEC Secretary General Rilwanu Lukman. Other OPEC oil ministers are free to attend MMC meetings. The committee's main job is to assess the group's adherence to production quotas before the full group meets June 24 in Vienna.

Last week OPEC headquarters denied comments from a Venezuelan oil ministry official that OPEC would convene for an emergency session. The OPEC secretariat was unavailable for comment today.

Oil prices lost their initial gains because OPEC wasn't able to officially confirm an early MMC meeting.

"We need more than just headlines to sustain a rally," said Eric De Vries, a broker with Prudential Bache (Futures) Ltd. in London. De Vries said he would sell during any rally without official confirmation from OPEC.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, February crude oil was 12 cents higher at \$15.47 a barrel, after rallying 32 cents earlier. On the New York Mercantile Exchange, February crude was 3 cents down at \$16.42 a barrel after climbing as much as 36 cents earlier.

Some analysts doubted that OPEC would be willing to alter new quotas so soon after adopting them.

"I think prices would have dropped to \$15 before (OPEC) would jettison market share and go after price defense," said Bill O'Grady, an energy analyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis. "There's a danger that unless enough members are in agreement they'll hold a meeting and come away with nothing."

New York crude oil prices have fallen about 28 percent since October, while OPEC's internal basket price of crude oils has declined about 21 percent in the same time period to \$16.02 a barrel.

Nigeria said it would attend an early MMC meeting, because its national budget is based on a crude oil price of \$17 a barrel, an official

at the Nigerian Ministry of Petroleum told Bloomberg.

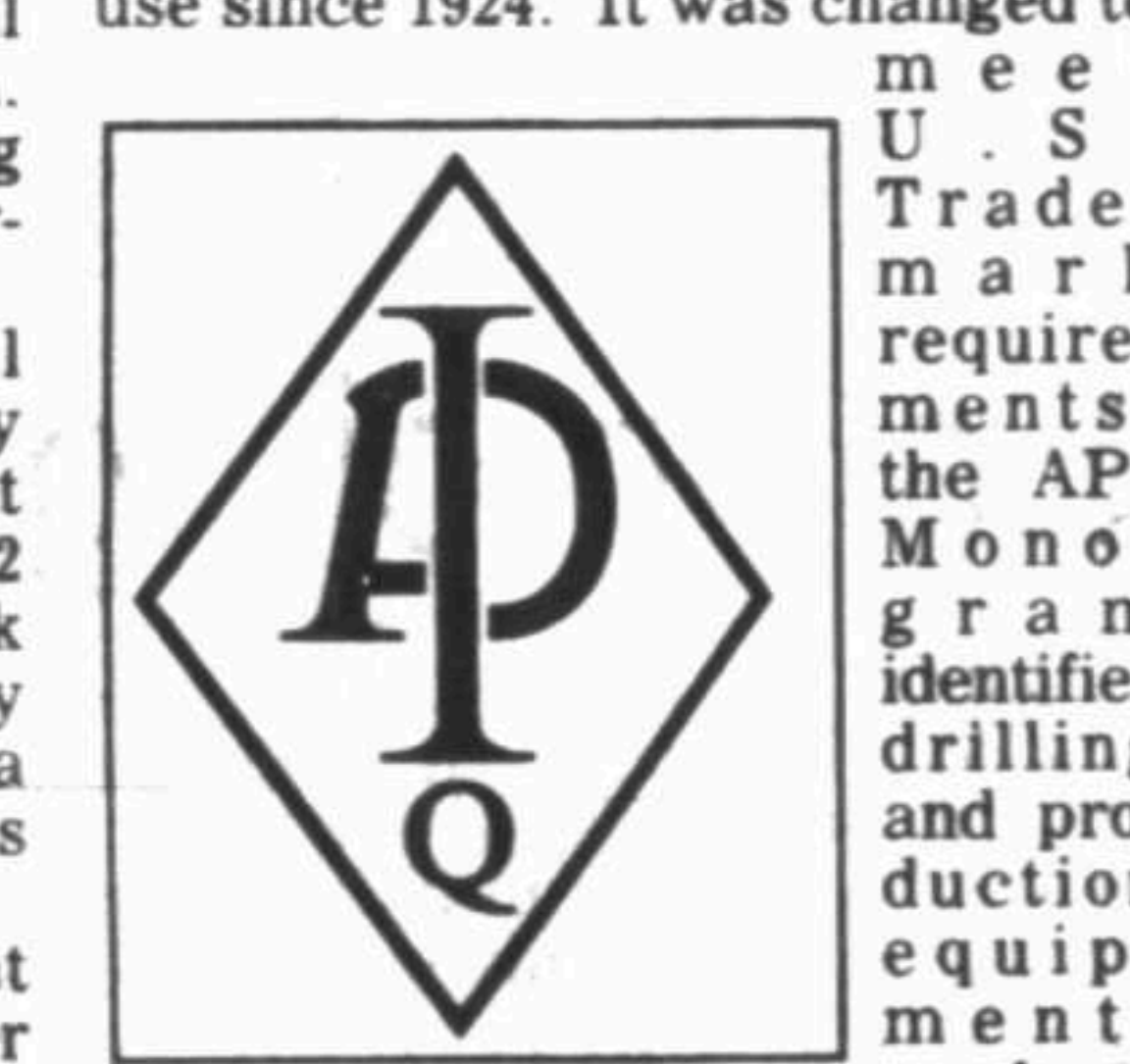
OPEC provides about a third of the world's oil. At its November meeting in Indonesia, OPEC agreed to boost its production target to 27.5 million barrels a day on Jan. 1. OPEC exceeded its old quota and last month produced 27.28 million barrels a day, according to the Bloomberg Energy Service.

Should the producer group cut supply, it would reduce the glut of oil that traders expect this year.

As well as higher OPEC supply, oil prices have also dropped because of a resumption in United Nations-sponsored Iraqi oil sales, lower-than-expected growth in Asia and warmer-than-normal winter weather in the Northern Hemisphere that's cut heating demand.

API replaces logo used since 1924

WASHINGTON - The American Petroleum Institute's Monogram Program has a new logo replacing the one that has been in use since 1924. It was changed to



meet U.S. Trade mark requirements. The API Monogram identifies drilling and production equipment, products

and materials that meet specific quality requirements of the oil and natural gas industry.

About 1,200 licensees worldwide use the monogram on 53 different categories of equipment such as pipes, valves, pumps, cements and other equipment. API's Monogram Program complements or exceeds the international ISO 9001 requirements.

Through API's own ISO 9000 registrar, API offers applicants and licensees a dual API/ISO registration option.

The new monogram is similar to the previous symbol. A diamond outline and the letter "Q" were added to reinforce the quality aspect in all licensed products and equipment.

For more information on API's Monogram Program or regarding API/ISO 9000 dual registration through API, contact Chip Evans, American Petroleum Institute, Industry Services Department, 202/682-8574.

R&B Falcon agrees to renewal of term contracts for 8 Gulf of Mexico drilling units

HOUSTON - R&B Falcon Corporation announced that it has executed an agreement for renewal of its term drilling contracts with Applied Drilling Technology Inc. for eight of its offshore drilling units that are operating in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

Under the terms of the renewal, Falrig 17 and Falrig 84, both jackups and Falrig 78, a submersible rig, are contracted through December 31, 1998; Falrig 19, Falrig 20 and Falrig 86, all jackups, are contracted through January 31, 1999; and Phoenix I and Phoenix III, both jackups, are contracted through February 28, 1999. ADTI will continue to have an option to extend the contracts for all eight rigs.

The renewal provides for rate adjustments to be mutually agreed upon at three month intervals beginning April 1, 1998. The

contract rates shall fall within the most recent applicable rate range as specified in the Offshore Data Services rig price survey, but are subject to floor prices.

Mr. Steven A. Webster, President and CEO, commented: "We continue to have an excellent relationship with ADTI, which is the leading turnkey operator in the U.S. Gulf. These contracts are indicative of the health of the domestic drilling business. Most of our capacity in the Gulf is now committed for the year."

R&B Falcon Corporation operates the world's largest fleet of marine-based drilling rigs for the international oil and gas industry. The combined rig fleet includes 12 drillships (including seven under construction), 11 semisubmersible rigs (including two under construction), a floating production vessel, 26 jackup rigs, three sub-

mersible rigs, two tender rigs and 55 barge drilling and workover rigs. Including units committed under long-term contract, but not yet in service, R&B Falcon actively markets 96 of these units in the offshore and inland waters worldwide. R&B Falcon also operates an inland marine towing and service

DALLAS - GulfWest Oil Company, announced it has arranged financing and is commencing a program to drill seventeen (17) infield wells in the Vaughn Field, Crockett County, Texas at an estimated cost of \$1 million. If successful, upon completion of the drilling program, the Company will have increased its proved producing oil reserves in

the Vaughn Field from approximately 700,000 barrels to an estimated 1.7 million barrels.

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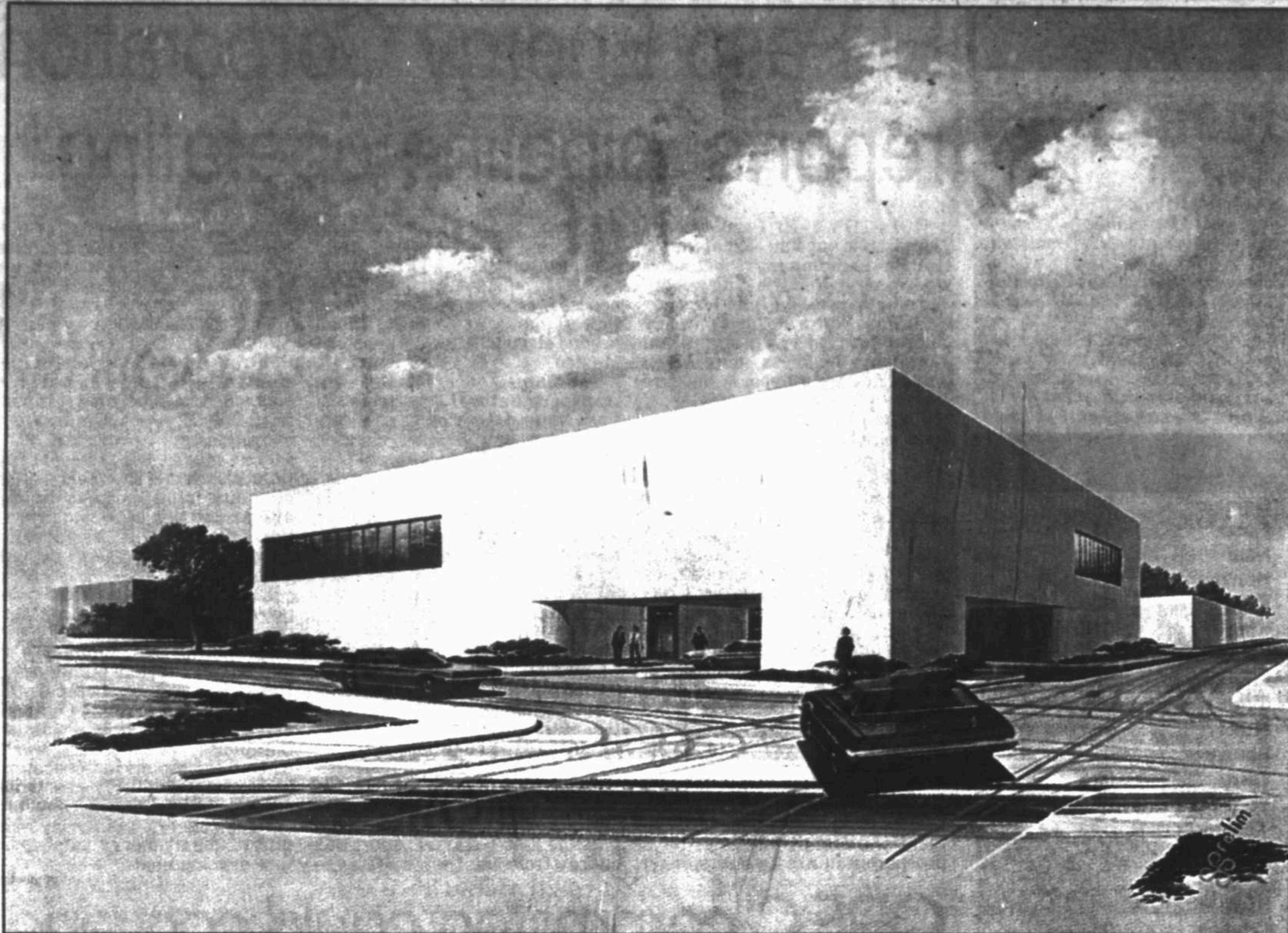
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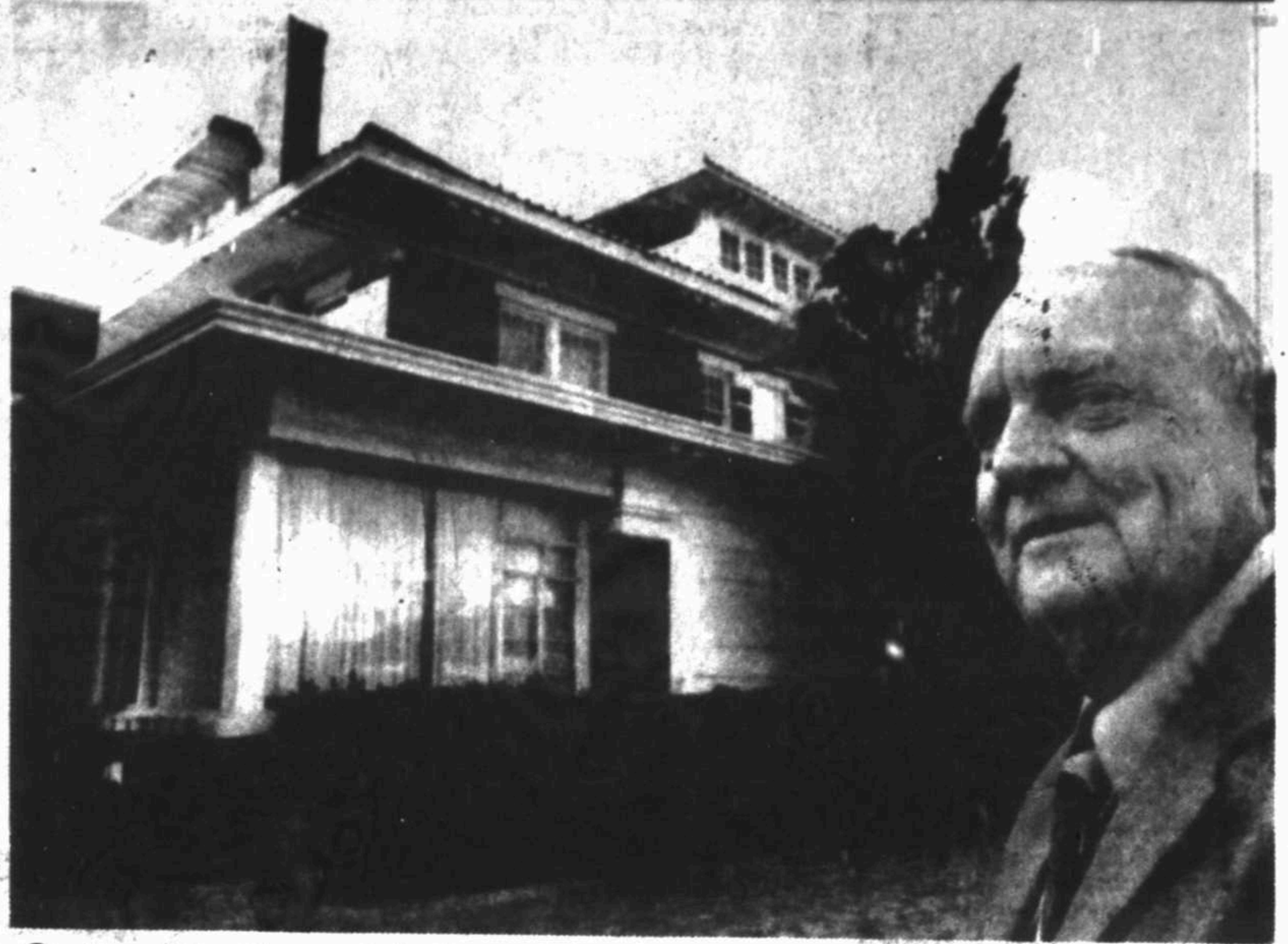
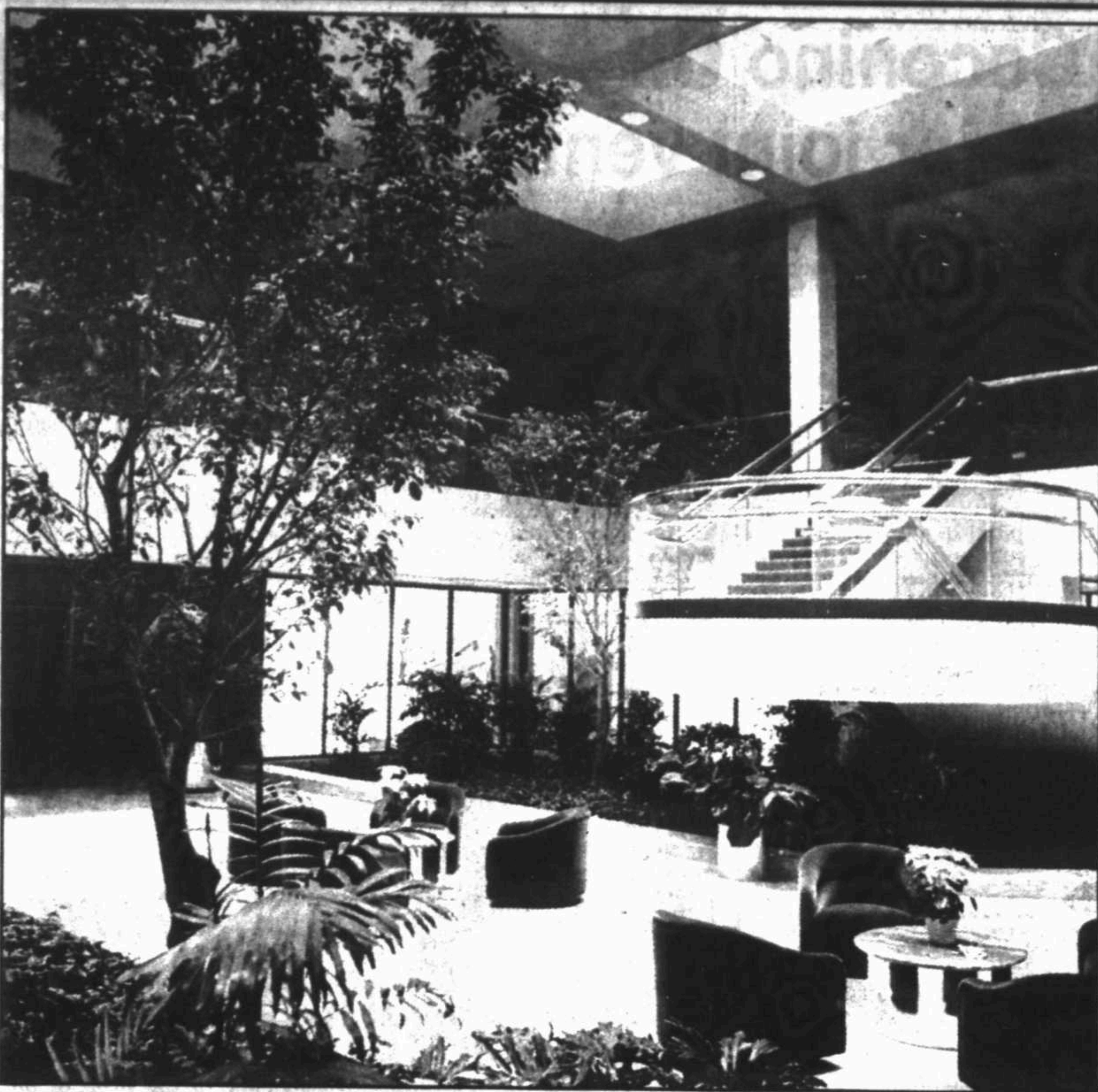
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Out with the old, in with the new

Left an artists rendering of the new Petroleum Club. Next is the new club under construction and an interior shot of the lobby, shortly before it opened. Right, Victor Brockman poses for a Reporter-Telegram photo in front of the old club shortly before it was torn down.

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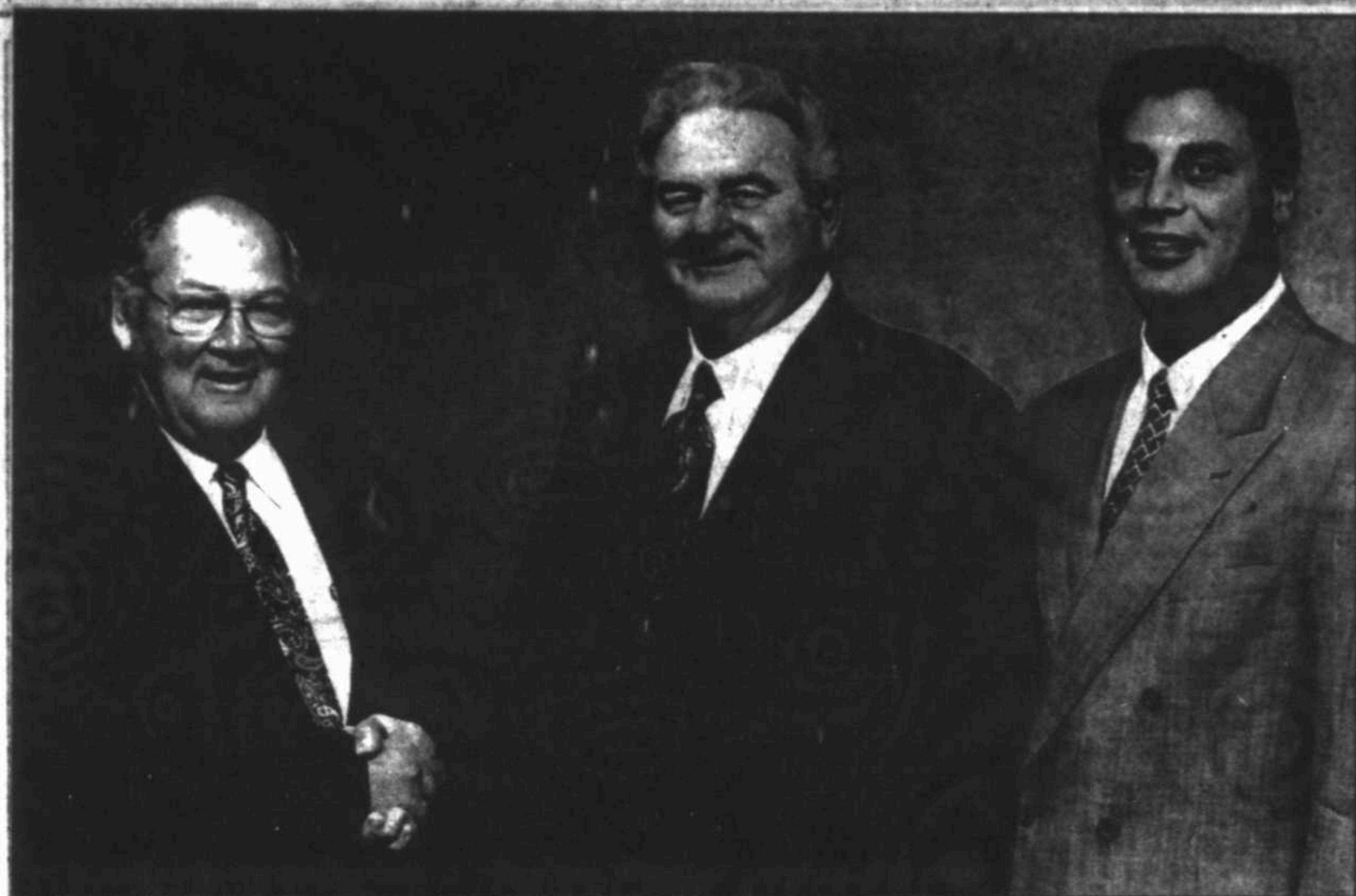
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Jack Cave, far left, senior vice president of ICO Production Services, Curley Beard, president of Curley's Inspection Services, and Isaac Joseph, far right, executive vice president of ICO Oilfield Services shake hands at the sale of Curley's Inspection Service, Inc. to ICO, Inc. of Houston.

ICO acquires Curley's Inspection Service

HOUSTON - ICO, Inc. announced the acquisition of the assets of Curley's Inspection Service, Inc., terms of the transaction were not disclosed. Curley's provides drill pipe and casing inspection services from locations in the Permian Basin and southeast New Mexico.

According to a company spokesman, Curley's offers a complement to ICO's existing business in these markets. While ICO traditionally has focused on in-plant inspection, Curley's business focuses on mobile inspection of

new and used drill pipe and casing. Sylvia Pacholder, president and CEO of ICO, stated, "ICO remains committed to providing its customers with a broad range of services, including the inspection of drill pipe and casing in the Permian Basin. We expect to be able to grow Curley's through ICO's name recognition and strong reputation in the Permian Basin. Moreover, Curley's enhances ICO's ability to offer integrated services in drill pipe coating, storage and inspection." The Permian Basin has seen a significant rise

in drilling activity in the past year, and ICO expects current trends to continue to drive demand for drill pipe services in the area.

With the acquisition of Curley's ICO continues to strengthen its drill pipe services an important market segment. ICO now provides drill pipe services in all major domestic oil-producing regions. ICO also has developed a new drill pipe inspection unit, ProSpect 2000, and a breakthrough powder coating for drill pipe, IPC 100.

Pogo reports successful onshore and offshore drilling, recompletions

HOUSTON - Pogo Producing Company announced successful drilling and recompletions in the western and central areas of the Gulf of Mexico and in the onshore Gulf Coast area.

Pogo, a 50% working interest owner and the operator of High Island Block A-356, has today logged the "A-5" well. The four pay sections in that well are found at horizon depths between 1,800 feet and 6,000 feet subsea, and are calculated to contain approximately 130 net feet of new natural gas reserves. Production from the well is expected to begin in February.

In other news, Pogo's Chairman, Paul G. Van Wagenen said that production has been restored this week from the prolific "E-2" well at East Cameron Block 334. "In late September we announced that the well had encountered mechanical difficulties," Van Wagenen said, "and we are pleased to report that we have now restored production." Rates from the E-2 well have stabilized, at present, at approximately 31 million cubic feet of natural gas per day (mmcf/d) along with 928 barrels of oil and/or condensate per day. "We hope that after a week or two of stabilized production, the gross production rates might be increased by an additional 10-12 mmcf/d from the E-2 well," according to Van Wagenen.

The East Cameron Block 334 "E-

1" well, which like the "E-2" well is producing from the "E" platform in which Pogo is the operator and a 58% working interest owner, has continued to produce at impressive gross rates, currently 58.2 mmcf/d of natural gas and 2,066 barrels of oil and/or condensate per day. Elsewhere on East

'We are pleased to report that we have now restored production.'

Paul Van Wagenen, Chairman

Cameron Block 334, the "F-1" well was completed in December 1997, and is now producing approximately 22.5 mmcf/d of natural gas and 1,073 barrels of oil and/or condensate per day. Pogo owns 42% working interest in the "F-1" well.

Van Wagenen also stated today that, "Pogo's onshore operations

are bearing fruit." In the last several days at the Zapata County, Texas, Lopeno Field, in which Pogo is generally a 50% working interest owner, the No. 7 R. Guerra well was brought on production at 4.4 mmcf/d of gross natural gas and the No. 5 M.R. Ramirez well has started production at a rate of 4 mmcf/d. Also in that same Lopeno field, the No. 5 J. Ramirez well began production in mid-December and is now producing approximately 6.3 mmcf/d; and within about three weeks, the No. 4 F. Munoz well, which has tested at rates of over 6 mmcf/d is expected to be brought on stream.

Pogo Producing Company explores for, develops, and produces oil and natural gas. Headquartered in Houston, Pogo owns interests in 101 federal and state lease blocks offshore Louisiana and Texas in the Gulf of Mexico. Pogo also owns approximately 212,000 gross leasehold acres in major oil and gas provinces onshore in the United States and approximately 735,000 gross acres in the Kingdom of Thailand. Pogo is listed on the New York and Pacific Stock Exchanges under the symbol PPP.

Coconino Oil & Gas enters first major joint venture in Conroe

ROSWELL, N.M. - Coconino Oil & Gas, Inc. (CO&G), a wholly owned subsidiary of Coconino, S.M.A., Inc., reported that it has begun its first major oil & gas development project in joint venture with M3, Inc. of Dallas, Texas. The finalized agreement provides for the development of the first 200 acres of a 1,250 acre natural gas prospect in Conroe, Texas.

An independent geological evaluation of the property estimates substantial quantities of natural gas could be produced from the property. The gas wells in the Conroe main field have produced from 1 to 3 billion cubic feet of gas per well. The geological evaluation indicates that gas wells on this property could have the same reserves. Using SEC valuation guidelines of between 60 to 80 cents per thousand cubic feet (mcf), the value of the reserves in a successfully completed well on

this property may range from \$600,000 to \$2,400,000. Natural gas is quoted at \$2.00 per mcf in Tuesday's Wall Street Journal.

"This is Coconino Oil & Gas' first development project and we are excited to get under way," said Derry Moore, CO&G president. "We plan to spud the first well prior to March 1st. Our plans call for as many as eight wells on this prospect in order to accelerate its potential cash flow. The property could provide significant returns to Coconino for as many as ten years, maybe longer."

CO&G also plans to develop another revenue source on the property; an existing saltwater waste disposal will be operated by Coconino S.M.A.'s wholly owned subsidiary, Envirotec, Inc. Envirotec plans to apply for Class II and Class V commercial permits on this disposal well as it has on its Duchesne, Utah well.

Obtaining these permits could

result in significant revenues for the Coconino subsidiary. Class II waste typically generates fees in the \$.50 per barrel range, whereas Class V waste can produce fees upwards of \$10 per barrel or more. Envirotec's permit application in Utah calls for capacity allowances of 7500 barrels per day. The company plans to apply for similar allowances in Texas.

Coconino S.M.A. is a diversified company involved in natural resources development through its Coconino Oil & Gas, Inc. subsidiary located in Roswell, New Mexico, and non-toxic industrial waste disposal through its Envirotec, Inc. subsidiary, with offices in Salt Lake City, Utah and Roswell, New Mexico. The company also offers consumer products and services through subsidiaries, Ad-HaTTeRs, Inc., headquartered in Centennial Park, Arizona, and LPS, Ltd., headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Venezuela's growth could slow as international oil prices fall

CARACAS - Slumping international oil prices are threatening to derail Venezuela's economic recovery.

With 40 percent of Venezuela's fiscal revenue coming from oil sales, lower prices could force Venezuela to either slash spending or devalue its currency. Either option could cause the economy, forecast to grow 5.5 percent in 1998, to slow.

"The drop in oil prices makes Venezuela poorer," said Frank Freisinger, chief economist for Latin America at Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York. "It's only a question as to how you distribute the pain."

Venezuela, a founding member of OPEC, has long been at the mercy of swings in oil prices. Last year the country took advantage of prices above \$20 per barrel to crank up output by 9.7 percent and - in a bid to boost future growth - allowed foreign oil companies back in for the first time since their operations were nationalized in the mid 1970s.

A 25 percent decline in oil prices since October, however, could reduce government revenue by as much as \$2 billion this year, or 10 percent of the \$22.7 billion budget. At the same time, slower growth in Asia and increased production by Iraq and other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could push oil prices lower.

Venezuela's price of oil closed yesterday at \$12.85 a barrel, about \$2.70 a barrel below the government's 1998 budget estimate of \$15.50 a barrel. Lower dollar revenues translate into fewer bolivars to spend.

After contracting 1.5 percent in 1996, investment in the oil industry and the increase in production helped the economy grow 5.1

percent last year. As a result the crunch caused by lower oil prices has caught many of the country's budget makers unprepared, prompting criticism even from within the government.

"The problem here isn't falling oil prices," said Energy and Mines Minister Erwin Arieta. "The problem is that we always spend more than we budget."

One solution - a devaluation - would enable the government to cover its deficit since it would convert the same number of dollars into more bolivars. However, it's a step President Rafael Caldera is loath to take, since it could put a chill on consumer confidence and cause growth to slow dramatically. Prices could rise, making it difficult to meet the government's inflation target of 25 percent.

Ricardo Penfold, an economist at Santander Investment, said a 20 percent to 30 percent devaluation of the bolivar could halve growth to 2.2 percent this year, while spending cuts could cause the economy to slow to 4.5 percent.

"We don't think that Caldera will want to pay the inflationary price of a devaluation," said William Romary, an analyst with UBS Securities. "We don't think that Caldera will want to see high inflation in his last year of office."

Still, a devaluation of the bolivar, which Freisinger estimates is 30 percent overvalued, would help many companies that rely on imports to manufacture goods.

"A devaluation would help us," said Francisco Parraga, comptroller general of Metacal, a manufacturer of auto parts, which exports much of its production to Colombia.

No one expects the govern-

ment will be able to avoid responding to the drop in oil prices. Today, Mexico said it would slash spending by 15.2 billion pesos because of lower oil prices. The government also trimmed its estimate for economic growth this year to 5 percent from 5.2 percent.

Ian Campbell, chief economist for Latin America for ABN Amro in Amsterdam, is predicting that the bolivar could fall to \$50 to the dollar by the end of 1999, as the incoming president will have no choice but to devalue.

Many Venezuelans aren't waiting to find out. Long lines have formed at many exchange houses. Yesterday the central bank sold \$120 million of dollars, three times daily average.

"A devaluation is possible, and could happen at any time," said Xavier Fernandez, a shoe salesman, who was hoping to buy \$500. "Also, buying dollars is a good hedge against inflation."

The alternative - a cut in spending - is also unattractive, especially with elections looming in December. With several ministers being touted as possible candidates for the government's Convergencia party, the government is likely to do everything in its power not to take any steps to anger voters.

A government plan to cut the 1998 budget by 3.9 percent has already met strong congressional opposition because it has targeted public works such as improving the country's drinking water and sewage.

And the government has avoided tackling what many analysts call the chief challenge: reducing the country's massive 1.35 million army of bureaucrats and public employees.

Pioneer Natural Resources issues notes in public offering

DALLAS - Pioneer Natural Resources Company announced that it has sold \$600 million of senior notes in a registered public offering. The senior notes were issued in two series: \$350 million of 10-year debt with a coupon rate of 6.50 percent and \$250 million of 30-year debt with a coupon rate of 7.20 percent. The notes are rated Baa3 by Moody's Investor Services, Inc. and BBB-minus by Standard & Poor's and are unconditionally guaranteed by Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pioneer.

Pioneer received net proceeds of

approximately \$593 million in the offering, which will be used primarily to repay indebtedness under Pioneer's existing bank facility. Salomon Smith Barney, Chase Securities, Inc., J.P. Morgan & Co., Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, and NationsBanc Montgomery Securities were underwriters of the offering.

"With long-term interest rates at very attractive levels, we are pleased to capitalize on this opportunity to extend the maturities of 35 percent of our bank debt at excellent interest rates," said Scott D. Sheffield, Pioneer's president and chief executive officer.

MEETINGS

The AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE (API) and INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING CONTRACTORS (IADC) will hold a joint meeting 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 20 at the Midland Petroleum Club. Ray Peterson, President of Midland-based Peterson Drilling and Chairman of IADC, will be host speaker. For reservations please call Janie Leary at 570-0687 or Fred Schwiening at 682-7880.

The WEST CENTRAL TEXAS IADC meets at noon, January 21, at the Petroleum Club in Abilene. Speaker will be the new chairman of the IADC, Ray Peterson. Dr. Lee Hunt will also attend. Cost is \$15. Call Sandra Chrane, 529-3511, or fax 529-4337 by noon Monday, Jan. 19, for reservations.

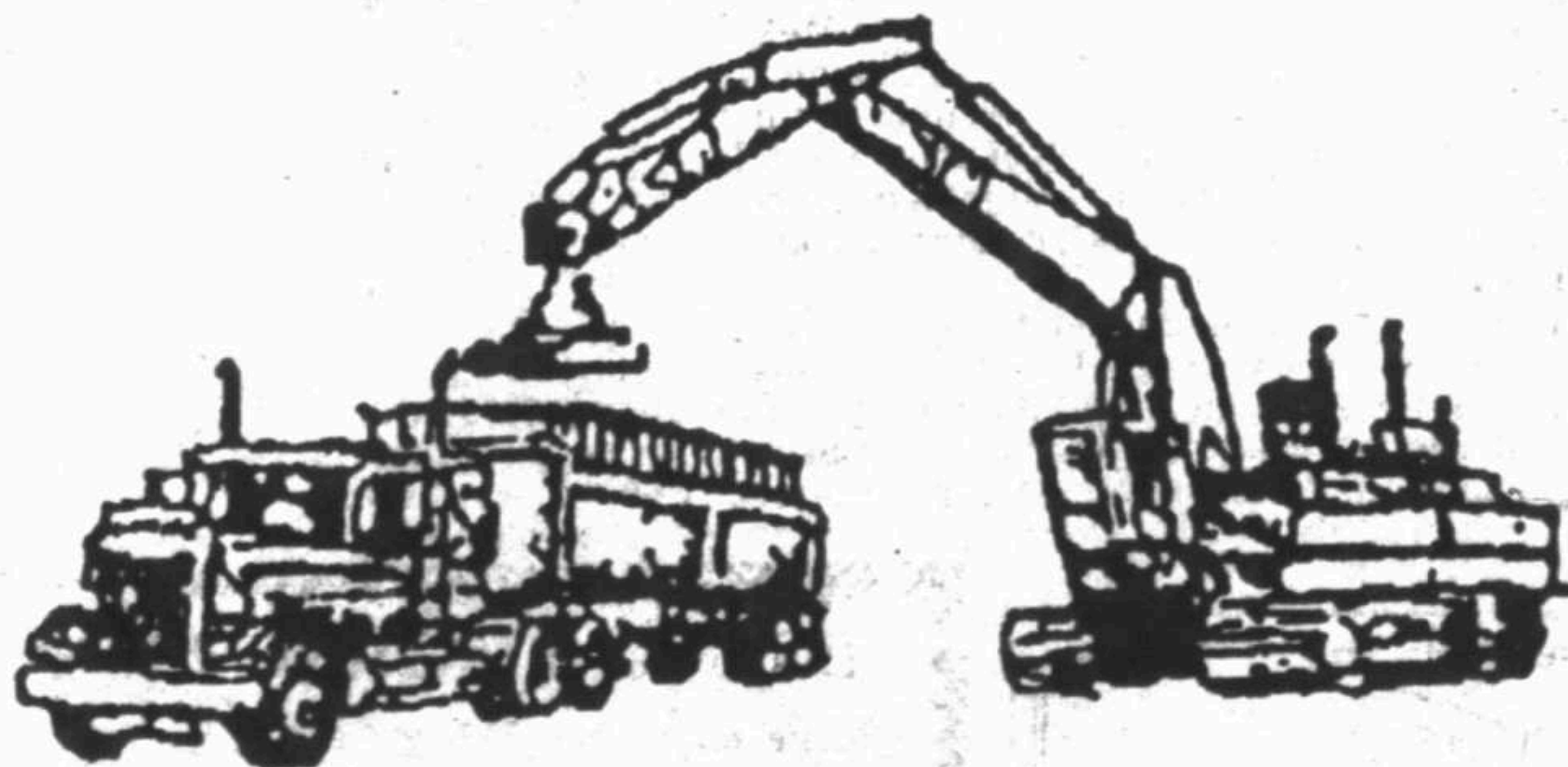
Martha Cather of the New Mexico Petroleum Recovery Research Center, New Mexico Tech, at Socorro, NM will speak on "Characterization of Natural Fractures in the Spraberry Formation, Midland County, Texas" at the PERMIAN BASIN SECTION-SEPM luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$8. Call Paula Mitchell at 683-1573 for more information.

The GEOQUEST USER MEETING will be at 11:30 Thursday, Jan. 22, in room 215 of the Arco Permian Building. Topic for the meeting will be Geograme 3.0: What's Hot - What's Not. Lunch will be served. Call 688-7245 for reservations.

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INDUSTRY BRIEFS

Clayton Williams announces seismic results

Clayton Williams announced preliminary seismic interpretation results from its 3-D seismic survey covering approximately 55,000 net acres in Robertson County, Texas. The company, after interpreting the first 1/3 of its initial 55,000-acre shoot, has identified 11 Cotton Valley Pinnacle Reef type anomalies and is optimistic that further anomalies will be found as interpretation continues. Exploratory drilling will be necessary to determine if the identified anomalies are gas bearing. The company expects to drill its first evaluation well in early March. The company has an additional 50,000 net acres to the south which is prospective for Cotton Valley Pinnacle Reefs but has not yet been surveyed using 3-D seismic.

Spirit Energy 76 makes 12 oil discoveries

SUGAR LAND - Spirit Energy 76, Unocal Corporation's Lower 48 exploration and production business unit, announced twelve new oil discoveries in Van Zandt County.

Nine of the wells had a combined initial test rate of 3,800 barrels of oil per day (bopd) and 3.7 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) of gas from intervals between 4,600 to 5,000 feet. The nine wells are currently producing 1,900 bopd and 3.0 mmcf of gas.

Spirit Energy 76 holds a 100 percent working interest in these wells. In addition to these nine wells, three other wells are waiting to be completed and approximately twelve new wells are scheduled to be drilled by the end of the second quarter, 1998.

Wood appoints Sackash president

Wood Group ESP, a worldwide supplier of oil field service and equipment, announced that Michael L. Sackash has been appointed as president. Sackash, previously senior vice president of operations at ESP, now has general management responsibility for all domestic and international business units.

Sackash has over 24 years of experience in the industry and holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from Penn State University.

Company operating sour gas well is fined

TYLER - A company operating a controversial sour gas well in Henderson County has been fined \$50,000 for safety violations.

Ultra Petroleum, Inc., failed to install warning signs or monitors, the Texas Railroad Commission ruled Tuesday.

Non-compliance with safety rules was alleged at the White Estates lease well No. 1 near Tool and at another well in Bowie County.

Agency spokesman Bob Kaufman said it probably was the biggest administrative penalty related to sour gas release laws since the commission adopted the safety regulations in 1975.

The company has said it plans to use the well to supply a 22-mile sour gas pipeline that would wrap around the southern half of Cedar Creek Lake.

Pennzoil shareholders get proxy materials

NEW YORK - Wyser-Pratte & Co. said it will begin mailing Pennzoil Co. shareholders a proposal that calls for weakening the anti-takeover defenses that thwarted Union Pacific Resources Group's \$6.4 billion buyout of the oil company.

Guy Wyser-Pratte, president of Wyser-Pratte, said the "poison pill" plan allowed Pennzoil's board to reject Union Pacific Resources' \$84-a-share offer against the wishes of shareholders.

"Now that Pennzoil is trading at \$61.88 per share, it is time for Pennzoil shareholders to hold this board accountable for having torpedoed UPR's extremely attractive cash tender offer," Wyser-Pratte said in a statement.

Pennzoil's board rejected Union Pacific's offer, saying the company could create equal or greater value if allowed to remain independent. Union Pacific couldn't proceed with the takeover offer because the "poison pill" defenses made it too expensive.

Wyser-Pratte said proxy materials would be sent to Pennzoil shareholders as soon as the company sets its annual meeting.

American Resources to buy Teco wells

Versailles, Kentucky, Jan. 14 (Bloomberg) - American Resources of Delaware Inc. said it will buy all of Teco Energy Inc.'s Gulf of Mexico oil wells and drilling rights for \$57.5 million, almost doubling its size.

The Versailles, Kentucky-based oil and natural gas producer will get four wells that are already producing oil, one well that is ready for production, and data needed to build at least 27 additional wells on 40 tracts in the gulf leased from the U.S. government.

"This is the acquisition we've been looking for," Rick Avare, president and chief executive of American Resources, said in a statement.

Shares of American Resources fell 1/16 yesterday to 27 15/16. Tampa, Florida-based Teco Energy fell 1/16 to 26 15/16.

Pemex to lower crude prices for U.S. clients

MEXICO CITY - Petroleos Mexicanos, Mexico's state-owned oil company, said it will lower the price for U.S. and European customers of heavy Maya and light Isthmus crude oil by \$0.10 a barrel.

The world's fifth-largest oil producer also will lower Maya oil prices by 30 cents and Isthmus oil by 10 cents for Far East clients.

The price changes will become effective on Feb. 1, Pemex said in a statement.

The oil company also said it will keep unchanged the price of its extra light Olmeca crude oil bound for the U.S.

Pemex crude oil prices are expressed as a discount to a formula, which is calculated from the price of several U.S. domestic crude oils and the North Sea-dated Brent blend.

Dated Brent refers to cargoes with specific assigned loading periods at the Sullom Voe terminal in the Shetland Islands of Scotland.

TransCanada to spend \$1 billion in Latin America

MEXICO CITY - TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. plans to spend about \$1 billion (US\$698 million) over the next three to five years on energy projects in Latin America, an official said.

Calgary-based TransCanada, which has three pipeline projects underway in Colombia and one about to start in Mexico, is looking at several projects in Venezuela and Peru, said John W. Harkins, the company's new Mexico City-based president of Latin America operations.

"We're looking at investments of about \$1 billion, that would be our contribution," said Harkins, who joined the company last year after working with Amoco Corp. in Trinidad & Tobago, Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China.

In Mexico, TransCanada and its partners Grupo Gutsa SA of Mexico and the Bechtel Group's InterGen division expect to begin construction next month on a 700-kilometer pipeline costing \$266 million that will connect Ciudad Pemex in Tabasco state to the cities of Campeche, Valladolid and Merida, the capital city of Yucatan state.

Bidness

By Norman Johnson



Jack Chance named NEHI CEO, chairman

HOUSTON - The board of NEHI Petroleum, Inc. has appointed Jack Chance chairman and chief executive officer. He will remain executive manager of Horse Energy LP and Rotary Steerable Tools USA LP (RST), both of which are 25% owned by NEHI. The appointment is another step toward restructuring NEHI from a West Texas-focused company drilling shallow vertical wells into a technologically advanced production and oilfield service organization.

In 23 years of upstream oil industry experience, most recently with Schlumberger, Chance specialized in re-entry and horizontal drilling applications. As lead directional drilling specialist for Anadrill Schlumberger in Saudi Arabia, he drilled the first Khuff horizontal well, the first offshore multilateral re-entry and short radius re-entry wells. He also brings experience in Egypt with Smith International; in the Austin Chalk of Texas, South America and the UK North Sea for Eastman-Christensen; and South Texas, Gulf of Mexico and the Rocky Mountains for Wilson Downhole Industries and Howell Drilling. His expertise includes the use of milling techniques, whipstocks, horizontal and multilateral drilling, open hole sidetracking, air drilling and geothermal drilling applications.

Chance replaces interim Chairman/CEO Bill Knollenberg, who now serves as NEHI's vice chairman and executive vice president of new business development.

In November 1997, NEHI completed negotiations regarding mergers with Horse Energy LP and Rotary Steerable Tools USA LP, two new companies formed by four ex-Schlumberger and Halliburton oilfield service industry professionals. NEHI acquired 25% interest in each company, and the principals of Horse Energy and RST became principal officers of NEHI. Jack Chance, George Sutherland, Feroze Variava and Steve McLoughlin are responsible for managing and expanding NEHI's oil and gas operations, as well as evaluating ways for NEHI to augment its oil-

field service business. Together, they have more than 70 years of international drilling experience, including 500 horizontal, 50 re-entry horizontal and 20 multilateral horizontal wells. Through NEHI and its affiliate companies, they are developing a unique directional drilling tool and plan to develop properties where they have a well production interest.

Rotary steerable technology, now in demand by the drilling industry, provides the ability to steer the wellbore directionally without using steerable mud motors. Such technology allows extended reach wells, long horizontal lateral hole sections, improved hole cleaning, and faster rate of penetration of the well. While most major directional drilling service providers are

actively pursuing this technology, the RST patents have been issued, and NEHI is participating in the development of two prototypes. RST's tool is a technologically updated version of a similar tool Jack Chance utilized in the 1970s.

Also as announced in November 1997, NEHI acquired a 10,129-acre oil and gas lease in Wirt County, West Virginia. The play is at the southern end of the Burning Springs anticline in an area with a long history of oil and gas production. Primary targets for exploitation are the shallow Injun Formations, the Devonian Shale Formations, and the deeper Newberg Sandstone (6800 feet). NEHI plans to drill at least nine wells on this acreage in 1998. The highly faulted and fractured Devonian Shale formations will be targeted for

multilateral horizontal technology in conjunction with the Horse Energy merger.

NEHI Petroleum, Inc. acquires and exploits proven oil and gas reserves through advanced technology and innovation. The company also acquires and develops oil field service technology and expertise to produce oil and gas reserves more effectively and profitably. NEHI owns 25% operating interests in Rotary Steerable Tools USA LP, which designs and leases technologically advanced drilling tools, and Horse Energy LP, which identifies and, through advanced technology, develops oil and gas reserves previously considered unproductive. NEHI Petroleum trades on NASDAQ's electronic bulletin board under the symbol NEHI.

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Case History #934

PowerPerf Technique Brings in "Sleeper Morrow Zone"

TYPE OF JOB: Extreme Overbalanced PowerPerf

Customer Challenge:

- Bring innovative new technology to the completion process for Atoka and Morrow completions in Se New Mexico.
- Successfully complete the tight, water sensitive Morrow formation.
- Previous perforating techniques included perforating with casing guns, under-balanced TCP, and through tubing perforating. All of these techniques often showed significant skin damage after perforating.
- Typical completion procedures for these zones call for acidizing the perforations if a "natural" completion is not achieved from perforating.
- The Morrow formation is known to be easily damaged by injected fluids because of the mineralogy and clay content in the rock. Many times acidizing the perforations only creates additional skin damage.
- The operators AFE included a \$100,000 contingency for fracturing the well if necessary. Challenge to HES was to delay or eliminate the need for major stimulation.

Halliburton's Solution:

- Halliburton engineers and TCP specialists reviewed open hole logs, tubular and well bore details to custom design a PowerPerf completion.
- No acid and a minimal amount of formation compatible fluid was used to provide a carrier fluid for the proppant.

Major Obstacles:

- The Morrow zone did not exhibit many of the classic signs of a good productive zone.
- The background gas did not show a significant increase when the well was drilled.
- Drilling break through the zone was not exceptionally faster than the previous ROP.
- Open hole logs average porosity was low and the resistivity log did not indicate good permeability in the zone.

Details Of Job:

Products Used	PowerPerf-Extreme Overbalanced
Proppant	20/40 Sand
HES PSL's used:	Completion Products Tools, Testing & TCP Stimulation-Nitrogen Services Engineering Tech Support

Job Procedure

- Check for PBTD
- Pickle tubing and spot formation compatible fluid across zone of interest.
- TOOH and Pick up TCP assembly.
- TIH, correlate depths and set packer/TCP assembly on depth.
- Pressure tubing to achieve a minimum BHPT of 1.4 times the formation fracture gradient to fire the TCP guns and

release proppant from the carriers.

Results:

- Well responded with stabilized production of 20,000 Mcf/D plus 420 BOPD condensate.
- The well was flowing gas to the sales line 6 hours after shooting the well.
- Nodal analysis predicts the well is capable of 30 MMcf/D if the tubing is perforated above the packer and flowed up the annulus and tubing.
- This well was successfully completed without acidizing the perforations.
- Major fracturing stimulation costs of \$100,000 were eliminated.
- The stabilized rate is 8.33 times the operator's estimated rate for the zone. This far exceeds the customer's expectations of 2.4 MMcf/D and 50 BOPD.

Uniqueness Of Job:

- Halliburton's ability to communicate and interact among its specialized product lines and disciplines enables Halliburton to provide a total evaluation and solution to the completion process, from reservoir evaluation to job execution.
- Successfully stacked 2 proppant carriers above the gun assembly.
- The PowerPerf technique successfully achieved a low skin completion without the use of acid.

Information To Determine Economic Value

To The Customer

Cost Analysis:	
PowerPerf Cost	\$ 26,000
with packer and N2 pumping	
Total completion cost including PowerPerf	\$ 54,360
Total Well Costs	\$900,212

Payoffs:	
Daily revenue (20,000Mcf/D gas @ \$2.00/Mcf)	\$40,000
Daily revenue (400 BOPD @ \$15/bbl)	\$ 6,000
PowerPerf Cost payout (\$26,000/\$46,000)	0.56 days
Completion cost payout (\$54,360/\$46,000)	1.18 days
Total Well cost payout (\$900,212/\$46,000)	19.57 days

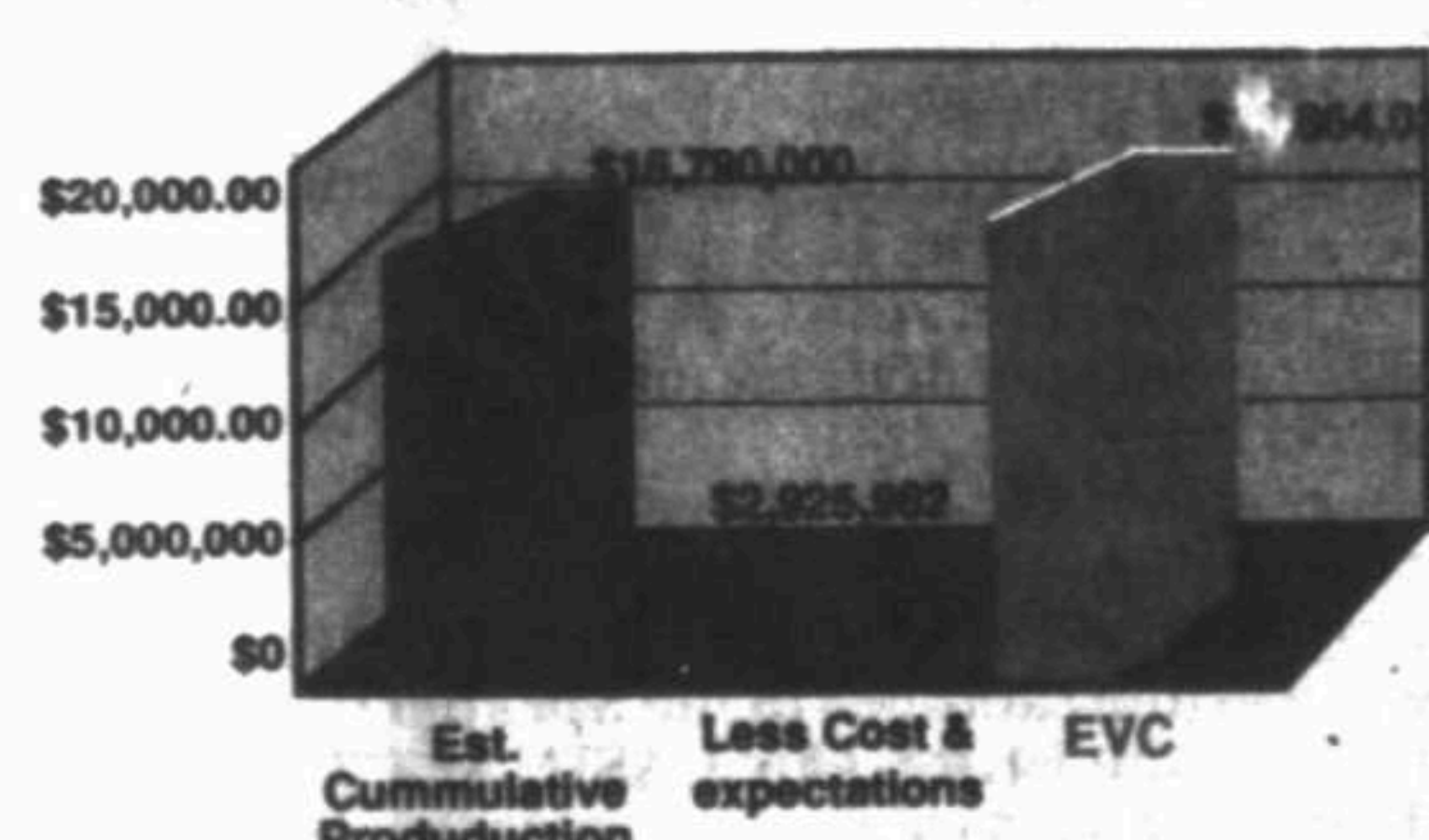
Benefit Analysis:

Estimated Cumulative production from PowerPerf (7.3 BCF 1 year @ \$2.00/MCF)	\$14,600,000
(146,000 bbls condensate @ \$15.00/bbl)	\$ 2,190,000
Less expectations (2.4 MMcf/D + 50 BOPD)	\$-2,025,750
Less total well costs	\$- 900,212

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8305; IPP: 73 BOPD, 40 MCFD, 63
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MAVERICK CREEK RANCH #1
WILDCAT-D; T&N O RR CO SUR, A-
886, BLK 72, SEC 117; 2047 FWL 3603
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SUR; 5.5 MILES SELY OF EDEN; OBJ:
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WESTCO OIL COMPANY

J. M. SHANNON A- #18
WILDCAT-D; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-
2582, BLK UV, SEC 5; 684 FNL 644
FEL OF LSE; 684 FNL 644 FEL OF
SUR; 13 MILES NW OF OZONA; OBJ:
1900; PERMIT # 471885; API # 42-105-
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MARATHON OIL COMPANY

TWEEDY "A" #12

WILDCAT-RECOMP; GC&SF RR CO
#1031 SUR, A-137; 3622 FNL 2781 FEL
OF LSE; 1725 FSLYSL 800 FSLYEL OF
SUR; 6 MILES E OF MERTZON; OBJ:
6200; PERMIT # 471868; API # 42-235-
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ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY

UNIVERSITY 6-7W #2
WILDCAT-D; UL SRU, BLK 6, SEC 7;
660 FEL 1984 FSL OF LSE; 1984 FSL
1982 FWL OF SUR; 28 MILES SW OF
BIG LAKE; OBJ: 9300; PERMIT #
471808; API # 42-383-34904

RUNNELS COUNTY

TRACER ENERGY INC

JACK PRITCHARD #1
WILDCAT-D; JOHN EARLY #449, A-
130; 561 FSEL 490 FNL OF LSE; 561
FSL 5314 FWL OF SUR; 2.5 MILES NE
OF WILMETH; OBJ: 4999; PERMIT #
463211; API # 42-399-34533

TEPCO INC

WENDELL ANDERSON #1
WILDCAT-D; NORVELL TRAVIS #533
SUR, A-449; 500 FWL 648 FNL OF
LSE; 648 FNL 1540 FNL OF SUR; 6
MILES SW OF CREWS; OBJ: 5000;
PERMIT # 471851; API # 42-399-34577

TEPCO INC

HILDA KURTZ #1
WILDCAT-D; SA MG RR COV. H.
FORD #8 SUR, A-785; 842 FEL 495
FNL OF LSE; 500 FWL 495
FNL OF SUR; 4 MILES SW OF
CREWS; OBJ: 5000; PERMIT # 471853;
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TEPCO INC

R. W. MATHIES #1
WILDCAT-D; JOHN S. MOORE 360
SUR, A-374; 1891 FSWL 886 FSEL OF
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SCHLEICHER COUNTY

TXP INCORPORATION

MCILLAN #2
WILDCAT-D; GH & SA RR COV. T.
WRIGHT SUR, A-1758, BLK M, SEC 60;
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525 FSL OF SUR; 15 MILES NE OF

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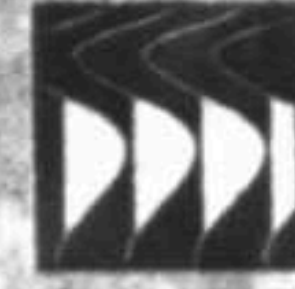
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Around the Oil Patch

Control Dynamics automation systems boost productivity and profitability

By using computers to collect and process data and to control equipment, automation systems have proven their worth in the oil patch over the last few years. How that's being done is changing rapidly—the old days of "black box" automation, where the same vendor provided the hardware, software and services for automation are passing quickly. Now, systems integrators such as Control Dynamics, Inc. are putting together packages containing the best soft-

ware and hardware from a variety of vendors to tailor systems to each user's specific needs.

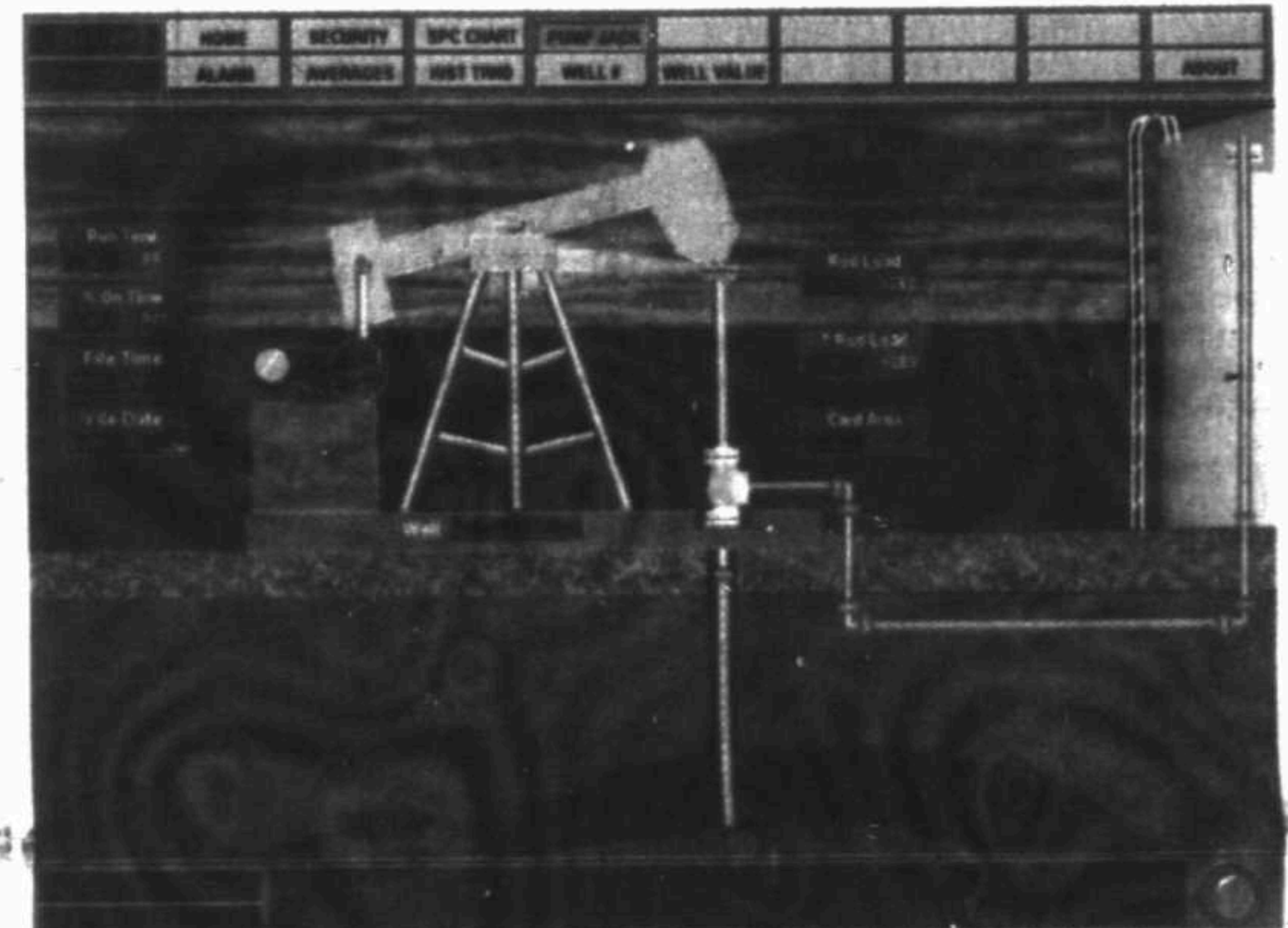
Because today's automation systems often span several different hardware and software platforms, Control Dynamics has developed the expertise to provide vertical systems that integrate these components and deliver information and control into one system. Applications include batch control systems, continuous control systems, SCADA (super-

visory control and data acquisition) systems and MES systems for oil and gas, chemical, refining and plastics companies, among others.

The Mobil Chitwood Gas Processing Plant in Ninneka, Oklahoma is one facility for whom Control Dynamics increased productivity and profitability. CDI installed a SCADA system using PCs, programmable controllers (PLCs) and operator interface (OI) software which allows Mobil

Chitwood to run the entire plant from a single control room. No longer must crews roam the facility taking readings and turning equipment on and off—operators now perform these procedures from two PCs.

The SCADA/OI system gives operators real-time information on compressor engines, allowing them to head off trouble when it first starts, reducing losses due to down time. Personnel also monitor how much liquid and gas prod-



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1998 Investment outlook: Will the bull sprint, trot or limp through this year?

There were plenty of financial fireworks in 1997, but not all of them shot upward. The Dow Jones Industrial Average posted another solid annual increase, yet it sustained several triple-digit losses. 1997 also saw the Dow's biggest daily point gain and biggest daily point drop. Consumer Price Index levels showed little inflation, and the Federal Reserve maintained a neutral stance on interest rates. So, what may the stock market and economy hold for us this year? Here is one set of perspectives:

* The economy should grow slow and easy. A number of economists forecast that real gross domestic product (GDP) growth, which measures the increase of products and services produced by U. S. companies, should rise about 2.3 percent this year, compared to a projected 3.7 percent increase in 1997. The recent financial turmoil in Southeast Asia is one reason why the U. S. economy's growth could stay restrained.

* Inflation could go up, but not much. Despite slower economic growth, wage increases stemming from a continued tight labor market could provide some modest upward pressure on the inflation rate. This anticipated rise in wages could lead to a slight uptick in the inflation rate (as measured by the Consumer Price Index) this year to 2.8 percent, compared to the 2.4 percent projected inflation rate for 1997.

* Interest rates should stay at bay. Despite an expected minor boost in the inflation rate, slower economic growth in 1998 should keep any possible short-term interest rate increases small. A softer economy later in the year accompanied by surprisingly weak inflation might even inspire the Fed to make a small reduction in short-term interest rates.

* Economy's history favors the financial markets. In both 1993 and 1995, the U. S. economic growth rate softened a bit but then in-

creased again in the following year. In both of those years, the U. S. Treasury and stock markets were higher at the end of the year than at the beginning. While past performance can't guarantee future results, a similar market scenario is possible should the growth softening in 1998 prove to be temporary.

* Stocks should still forge ahead. Several stock market experts believe the combination of slow but steady economic growth and low inflation provide the "best of two worlds" for the stock market. They expect the Dow to reach all-time highs between now and the middle of 1998.

Recent instability in stock markets overseas, combined with attractive U. S. corporate earnings growth, could result in more investors flocking to the U. S. stock market in search of solid, stable companies in the first half of the year, which could be good news for large-capitalization stocks. If concern about the economy fades, however, investors may want to consider small-capitalization companies, as they could offer greater return potential. Keep in mind small companies' stock prices generally are more volatile than those of large-company stocks.

Overall, you may want to consider stocks of companies whose fortunes are typically less dependent on the economy's performance. Among the industries that are expected to see favorable results in 1998 are consumer nondurables (i. e. household products, foods, beverages, cosmetics), international oil producers, electrical equipment and life/property insurance.

Here's hoping 1998 brings you another year of investment happiness.

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Apache completes two gas wells offshore Texas; wells flow at combined rate of 30.6 MMcf per day

HOUSTON - Apache Corporation announced that it completed two new gas producers in the Gulf of Mexico off Texas flowing at a combined rate of 30.6 million cubic feet (MMcf) of gas and 154 barrels of condensate per day.

On High Island Block 195, Apache's 5 confirmation well is flowing into pipeline at a daily rate of 16.3 MMcf of gas and 30 barrels of condensate. The company owns a 40.7 percent working interest in the well and is operator. The new production brings to 78 MMcf the daily gas volumes being moved

duced at a later date. Total measured depth of the new producer is 15,591 feet.

Other working interest owners in the well are Exxon Company U.S.A. with 33.3 percent, Forcenergy Inc. with 23.5 percent, and Ridgewood Energy Equity Income with 2.5 percent.

On Matagorda Island Block 705, the 5 well flowed 20.3 MMcf of gas and 124 barrels of condensate during tests of the Marg A sand perforated at a depth of approximately 13,950 feet. The flow rate was gauged on a 20/64-inch choke with a flowing tubing pressure of 7,525 psi. Recombination opportunities exist in several other productive intervals. Initial gas sales from the well are expected next week.

Apache and EEX Corporation, the operator, each own a 25 percent working interest in the new producer. The remaining working interests are held by CCNW, Ltd., with 31.6 percent, and Barrett Resources Corporation, with 18.4 percent.

Apache Corporation is a large oil and gas independent with operations in North America, Egypt, Western Australia, Poland, People's Republic of China, Cote d'Ivoire and Indonesia.

'The new production brings to 78 MMCF the daily gas volumes being moved through Apache's upgraded platform.'

through Apache's recently upgraded platform on the block.

The well was tested on a 28/64-inch choke with a flowing tubing pressure of 3,075 pounds per square inch (psi). It confirms production from the Rob M Deep zone, which was discovered with the drilling of Apache's 4 well last August. The well also penetrated productive uphole zones, which will be pro-

Europe, Africa, Middle East see first solid-streamer survey

LONDON - Western Geophysical is conducting the industry's first Sentry (SM) solid-streamer seismic survey in the Europe, Africa, and Middle East region. The survey is currently underway in offshore Croatia.

Western Geophysical's recently upgraded vessel M/V Western Patriot is expected to acquire over 2500 square kilometers of data using a configuration of eight Sentry solid streamers and two energy sources. The streamers are being deployed at shallow depths in order to generate high-resolution data.

Developed jointly with Thomson Marconi Sonar Pty Ltd in Sydney.

Australia, the proprietary Sentry streamer incorporates seismic sensors into streamers made of a solid yet flexible material, eliminating the need to fill the streamers with oil for buoyancy. Field tests have indicated the Sentry streamer's potential for dramatically reducing the life-cycle costs and improving acquisition efficiencies during seismic surveys. An additional benefit of the Sentry streamer is its extremely low-noise operation.

For the offshore Croatia survey, the Sentry streamer's low-noise characteristic allows Western to continue collecting high-quality data in weather conditions that would shut down a conventional streamer. Since the Sentry streamers contain no cable oil, it is possible to repair any cable damage onboard the vessel, thereby improving survey efficiencies.

For more information on the Sentry streamer surveys and Western

Geophysical's extensive portfolio of marine seismic technologies, please contact William Rabson in Western Geophysical's London office at 44-181-560-3160 or by fax at 44-181-847-3131.

Western Geophysical is a division of Western Atlas Inc.

Based in Houston, Texas, Western Atlas is one of the world's leading oilfield information technology companies, providing seismic, well-logging, and reservoir description and monitoring service to the energy industry.

Cougar Directional opens two Texas sales, service facilities

HOUSTON - Cougar Directional Services announced it will open two new Texas facilities to handle sales and service in support of its directional and horizontal drilling services clients in Oklahoma, Louisiana, East Texas and the Permian Basin.

"We are pleased to announce that Cougar Directional Services has entered into a joint agreement with Therral Story Well Service, L.L.C. to share part of its Marshall facility. This new location will allow us to better serve our drilling customers in southeast Oklahoma, northern Louisiana and eastern Texas," explained Cougar President David Youngblood.

"Also, we are adding a sales office in the Permian Basin to

expand our presence there. We believe both of these areas hold a great deal of promise for future oil and gas exploration. We want to participate in these opportunities by providing services to our clients form both of these new locations," Youngblood said.

Cougar Directional Services is a provider of directional and horizontal drilling services and is involved in planning and supervising the drilling of directional and horizontal wells. The company provides experienced onsite directional drilling personnel who assist drillers in optimizing the well path in complex geological formations to reduce drilling costs in every phase of the directional and horizontal drilling process.

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

LEA COUNTY

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP
HENARD UNIT #1
GLADIOLA: T11S, R37E, SEC 26; 330 FNL 2310 FEL; 5.5 MILES N OF GLADIOLA; ROT 13000 DEVONIAN; API # 30-025-34255

PETROLEUM DEV CORP
PECO STATE #1
EAST ECHOLS: T11S, R38E, SEC 16; 660 FNL 1980 FWL; 8.5 MILES NE OF GLADIOLA; REENTRY OF CITIES SERVICE OIL CO STATE "BE" #1, P&A, OLD TD 12089; ROT 12200 DEVONIAN; API # 30-025-07102

YATES PET CORP
BLACKMON "ARM" ST #3
LOVINGTON: T16S, R36E, SEC 16; 990 FSL 1665 FWL; 1 MILE SW OF LOVINGTON; ROT 11800 STRAWN; API # 30-025-34256

WISER OIL CO
CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT #285
MALJAMAR: T17S, R33E, SEC 33; 330 FNL 2310 FEL; 7 MILES SE OF MALJAMAR; ROT 4800 GRAYBOW SAN ANDRES; API # 30-025-34257

ARCH PET INC
C. E. LAMUNYON #68
TEAGUE: T23S, R37E, SEC 27; 10 FNL 330 FWL; 10.5 MILES S OF EUNICE; ROT 6000 PADDOCK BLUEBRY; API # 30-025-34254

SEAY EXPL INC
C.C. CABLE #3
JALMAT: T26S, R37E, SEC 3; 660 FNL 660 FWL; 2.5 MILES SE OF JAL; REENTRY OF AMERADA HESS CORP, P&A, OLD TD 8824; ROT 3500 YATES SEVEN RIVERS; API # 30-025-11933

TEXAS RRCD 7C

CONCHO COUNTY

CONCHO OILFIELD SER & OPER CO
C. M. ELLIS #7
H&R-D: H&R RR CO/F. M. ELLIS SUR, A-435, BLK 9, SEC 31; 467 FNL 467 FEL OF LSE; 1675 FNL 1450 FWL OF SUR; 5.6 MILES NW OF EDEN; OBJ: 3500 (STRAWN 3490); PERMIT # 471750; API # 42-095-31805

IRION COUNTY

ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY
WARDLAW 1156 #1
DOVE CREEK, SOUTH-D: GC&SF RR CO/HAWLEY ALLEN SUR, A-1064, BLK 1, SEC 1156; 2100 FNL 2300 FWL OF LSE; 2100 FNL 2311 FWL OF SUR; 7 MILES S OF MERTON; OBJ: 7500; PERMIT # 471948; API # 42-235-33731

WILDCATS

(From 9)

471860; API # 42-003-38348

ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY

COWDEN #301

WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-44, BLK 43, T1N, SEC 3; 2538 FSL 2130 FEL OF LSE; 2538 FSL 2130 FEL OF SUR; 21 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 13500; PERMIT # 468859; API # 42-003-38299

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

TREND EXPLORATION COMPANY

POWELL "11F" #373D

WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-317, BLK 36, T3S, SEC 11; 770 FNL 641 FEL OF LSE; 1870 FSL 2011 FWL OF SUR; 13 MILES NW OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 8800; PERMIT # 471979; API # 42-173-32856

TREND EXPLORATION COMPANY

POWELL "2E" #53D

WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO/W. H. BRUNSON SUR, A-937, BLK 35, T3S, SEC 2; 728 FSL 1180 FSL OF LSE; 728 FWL 1281 FNL OF SUR; 13 MILES NW OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 8800; PERMIT # 471978; API # 42-173-32857

MEWBORNE OIL CO

GARDEN CITY "6" #3

WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO/S. M. PIKE SUR, A-848, BLK 34, T4S, SEC 6; 50 FNL 50 FWL OF LSE; 675 FNL 2087 FWL OF SUR; 5 MILES W OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 8200; PERMIT # 469500; API # 42-173-32838

MARTIN COUNTY

AUTRY C. STEPHENS

ELROD "4" #1

WILDCAT-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-776, BLK 35, T1N, SEC 4; 2150 FNL 2500 FWL OF LSE; 2150 FNL 2500 FWL OF SUR; 11 MILES N OF STANTON; OBJ: 11000; PERMIT # 471865; API # 42-317-33010

AUTRY C. STEPHENS

BAILEY "31" #1

WILDCAT-REENTER: T&P RR CO SUR, A-80, BLK 35, T2N, SEC 31; 660 FEL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 660 FEL 1980 FSL OF SUR; 5 MILES NE OF LENO RAH; OBJ: 11000; PERMIT # 471866; API # 42-317-33219

MENARD COUNTY

CONCHO OILFIELD SER & OPER CO

AUSTN #7

J. NICHOLS-D: H&W #112/OWEN BAKER SUR, A-1817, 233 FNL 330 FWL OF LSE; 2000 FNL 233 FNL OF SUR; 14.6 MILES NW OF MENARD; OBJ: 2200 (KING SAND); PERMIT # 471749; API # 42-327-30846

REAGAN COUNTY

MARATHON OIL COMPANY

UNIVERSITY #212

BIG LAKE-RECOMP; HORIZONTAL WELL; SIDE TRACK; UL SUR, BLK 9, SEC 25; 2375 FNL 3905 FEL OF LSE; 2375 FNL 1375 FWL OF SUR; 2 MILES NE OF TEXON; OBJ: 8900 (ELLENBURGER); PERMIT # 471838; API # 42-383-33976

SUTTON COUNTY

GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT

CO

WED DUNBAR #25

SAWYER-D: HEAVY RR CO/N. SANDHERR SUR, A-1338, BLK C, SEC 92; 500 FWL 1638 FSL OF LSE; 3650 FNL 500 FWL OF SUR; 8.9 MILES S OF SONORA; OBJ: 6500 (CANYON); PERMIT # 471784; API # 42-435-34780

TEXAS RRCD 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

TEXLAND/JMC JOINT VENTURE

LOGSDON "E" #20

FULLERTON-D: PSL/C. W. LOGSDON SUR, A-1977, BLK A-37, SEC 2; 1322 FNL 150 FWL OF LSE; 1322 FNL 1164 FEL OF SUR; 20 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 4900 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 471846; API # 42-003-38347

ECTOR COUNTY

NATIONAL ENERGY GROUP INC

GOLDSMITH ADOBE UNIT #3918

GOLDSMITH-D: T&P RR CO/R. D. PROFFITT SUR, A-777, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 38; 5331 FSL 7973 FWL OF LSE; 1320 FNL 2640 FWL OF SUR; 7 MILES SW OF GOLDSMITH; OBJ: 6100 (5600); PERMIT # 471804; API # 42-135-37586

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC

SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #14444

SPRABERRY-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-451, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 25; 11263 FNL 17877 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 660 FWL OF SUR; 6.4 MILES SW OF ST.

LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8600 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 471814; API # 42-173-32854

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC

SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1443A

SPRABERRY-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-451, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 25; 11261 FNL 15280 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 5.9 MILES SW OF ST. LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8600 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 471815; API # 42-173-32855

MIDLAND COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC

GERMANIA SPRABERRY UNIT #132A

SPRABERRY-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-127, BLK 36, T1S, SEC 43; 1980 FSL 4308 FWL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 660 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES S OF IRAAN; OBJ: 975 (SOMA); PERMIT # 471963; API # 42-371-36801

G. P. II ENERGY INC

MEYER LOGAN #3

ABELL-RECOMP; H&G RR CO SUR, A-268, BLK 9, SEC 31; 330 FWL 330 FSL OF LSE; 330 FWL 1626 FSL OF SUR; 6 MILES E OF IMPERIAL; OBJ: 2380 (PERMAN-GENERAL); PERMIT # 471886; API # 42-371-34560

PECOS COUNTY

HUNTINGTON ENERGY LLC

MARY RUTH PRICE #004

EL CINCO-RECOMP; H&G RR CO SUR, A-292, BLK 12, SEC 7; 940 FSL 1650 FWL OF LSE; 990 FEL 9006 FSL OF SUR; 5 MILES S OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 5200 (MCKEE); PERMIT # 471730; API # 42-371-30567

JAMES L. LAMB JR.

MILLARD, N. (SOMA) UNIT #303

MILLARD, N-D; I&G RR CO SUR, A-720, BLK 1, SEC 51; 1897 FSL 1066 FWL OF LSE; 83 FNL 428 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES S OF IRAAN; OBJ: 975 (SOMA); PERMIT # 471963; API # 42-371-36801

REAGAN COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC

SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2213A

SPRABERRY-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-662, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 43; 4670 FSL 3305 FEL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980 FWL OF SUR; 11.7 MILES SW OF ST. LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8500 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 471738; API # 42-383-34909

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC

SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2153A

SPRABERRY-D: T&P RR CO SUR, A-672, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 47; 5967 FSL 7613 FWL OF LSE; 660 FSL 1980 FWL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF ST. LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8500 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 471739; API # 42-383-34900

TEXAS RRCD 8A

COTTLE COUNTY

GUNN OIL COMPANY

VERDINE #2

WILDCAT-D: B&B #63 SUR, A-55; 1317 FSL 1500 FEL OF LSE; 1317 FSL 1500 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES SW OF PADUCAH; OBJ: 6000; PERMIT # 471940; API # 42-101-30563

DAWSON COUNTY

BRIGHAM OIL & GAS LP

ANNIE 12 #1

WILDCAT-D: PSL/A. S. HORN SUR, A-835, BLK C-38, SEC 12; 613 FEL 1194 FNL OF LSE; 613 FEL 1194 FNL OF SUR; 3.7 MILES NW OF WELCH; OBJ: 12200; PERMIT # 471956; API # 42-115-33008

GAINES COUNTY

TEXAKOMA OIL & GAS CORPORATION

TEXAKOMA-JONES ESTATE #2301

WILDCAT-D: PSL/E. HOLLEBEKE SUR, A-513, BLK A-7, SEC 23; 975 FEL 2000 FSL OF LSE; 975 FEL 2000 FSL OF SUR; 2.5 MILES SW OF HIGGINBOTHAM; OBJ: 8800; PERMIT # 471876; API # 42-165-35320

GARZA COUNTY

PATTERSON PETROLEUM INC

BROTHERS HORIZON #1

WILDCAT-D: T&N RR CO SUR, A-255, BLK 2, SEC 31; 1204 FEL 1316 FNL OF LSE; 1204 FEL 1337 FSL OF SUR; 10 MILES S OF POST; OBJ: 5100; PERMIT # 471753; API # 42-169-33501

KING COUNTY

PATTERSON PETROLEUM INC

SPRINGER 170 #1

WILDCAT-D: H&TC RR CO/W. S. MARTIN SUR, A-1090, BLK F, SEC 170; 467 FSL 1700 FWL OF LSE; 467 FSL 1700 FWL OF SUR; 16 MILES SW OF GUTHRIE; OBJ: 4000; PERMIT # 471754; API # 42-269-32300

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CHAVEZ COUNTY

UNITED DRILLING

ANGEL "ARMO"

SE ACME SAN

R27E, SEC 12; EL: 3942 GL; SP: 7/29/97; TD 229

63132

MARBOB ENERGY

CHANNEL CAT

EAST VEST RA

T14S, R30E, SE

1650 FEL; EL: 3

8/10/97; P&A 9/

30-005-21150

EDDY COUNTY

BASS ENTER

POKER LAKE

POKER LAKE

1980 FNL 660 F

COMP: 8/19/97;

8230; PRODUC

TREATED PER

IPP 68 BOPD; C

API # 30-015-25

LEA COUNTY

MATADOR OIL

LEA AP STATE

SWD: T19S, R3

2040 FEL; EL: 7

7/17/97; COMP

PBTD 6162; PR

THROUGH TR

TO 6054; IP: 9

34045

CHEVRON USA

MONUMENT "1"

COMPLETIONS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

CHAVES COUNTY

UNITED DRILLING INC
ANGEL "AMCO" STATE #1
SE ACME SAN ANDRES; T8S,
R27E, SEC 12; 1750 FSL 2310 FEL;
EL: 3942 GL; SPUD 5/8/97; P&A
7/29/97; TD 2290; API # 30-005-
63132

MARBOS ENERGY INC
CHANNEL CAT FEDERAL #1
EAST VEST RANCH MORROW;
T14S, R30E, SEC 15; 1650 FSL
1650 FEL; EL: 3909 GL; SPUD
8/10/97; P&A 9/10/97; TD 10800; API
30-005-21150

EDDY COUNTY

BASS ENTER PROD CO
POKER LAKE UNIT #129
POKER LAKE; T24S, R31E, SEC 20;
1980 FNL 660 FEL; SPUD 7/13/97;
COMP 8/19/97; TD 8306, PBTD
8230; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH
TREATED PERFS 8038 TO 8043;
IPP 68 BOPD, 68 MCFD, 179 BWPD;
API # 30-015-29552

LEA COUNTY

MATADOR OPER CO
LEA AP STATE #3
SWD; T19S, R3E, SEC 30; 2000 FSL
2040 FEL; EL: 3767 RKB; SPUD
7/17/97; COMP 9/11/97; TD 6220,
PBTD 6162; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5917
TO 6054; IP: SWD; API # 30-025-
34045

CHEVRON USA INC
MONUMENT "14" STATE #12
NORTH MONUMENT; T19S, R36E,
SEC 14; 800 FNL 525 FEL; EL: 3736
GL; SPUD 7/29/97; COMP 8/26/97;
TD 7500, PBTD 7500; PRODUCTION
IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS
7135 TO 7500; IPP 49 BOPD, 203
MCFD, 0 BWPD; API # 30-025-34047

AMERADA HESS CORP
NORTH MONUMENT GB/SA UNIT
#292
EUNICE MONUMENT; T19S, R37E,
SEC 32; 1270 FNL 1245 FEL; EL:
3589 GL; SPUD 9/11/97; COMP
12/2/97; TD 3933, PBTD 3931; PRO-
DUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED
PERFS 3785 TO 3925; IPP 110
BOPD, 9 MCFD, 40 BWPD; API # 30-
025-33996

CONOCO INC
WARREN UNIT #140
WARREN; T20S, R38E, SEC 28;
2080 FNL 530 FEL; EL: 3534 GL;
SPUD 7/3/97; COMP 8/22/97; TD
4750, PBTD 4250; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3984
TO 4092; IPP 20 BOPD, 25 MCFD,
225 BWPD; API # 30-025-33915

XERIC OIL & GAS CORP
JERRY STATE #1
EAST WARREN; T20S, R38E, SEC
36; 1650 FSL 2310 FEL; EL: 3568
GL; SPUD 9/5/97; COMP 11/5/97; TD
7700, PBTD 6978; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6642
TO 6804; IPP 52 BOPD, 80 MCFD,
45 BWPD; API # 30-025-34080

ARCH PET INC
C. E. LAMUNYON #59
TEAGUE; T23S, R37E, SEC 21; 330
FNL 1330 FNL; EL: 3318 GL; SPUD
10/14/97; COMP 12/6/97; TD 5990,
PBTD 5956; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5432
TO 5762; IPP 64 BOPD, 176 MCFD,
172 BWPD; API # 30-025-33443

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
NEW MEXICO "BZ" STATE NCT-10
#7
JUSTIS; T25S, R37E, SEC 2; 1700
FSL 330 FNL; EL: 3154 GL; SPUD
7/17/97; COMP 8/9/97; TD 6650,
PBTD 6500; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED
PERFS 5252 TO 6350; IPP 33
BOPD, 69 MCFD, 626 BWPD; API #
30-025-33952

SMITH & MARRS INC
MARY E. WILLS "A" FEDERAL #17
RHODES; T26S, R37E, SEC 34;
1090 FNL 990 FEL; EL: 2988 GL;
SPUD 4/12/97; COMP 6/6/97; TD

3520, PBTD 3484; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3262
TO 3356; IPP 68 BOPD, 45 MCFD,
230 BWPD; API # 30-025-33898

TEXAS RRCD 7C

CROCKETT COUNTY

J. CLEO THOMPSON
#1 VAUGHN #3
VAUGHN (ELLENBURGER); 83-OP
GC&SF RR CO SUR; 643 FNL 2403
FEL; 10 MILES NW OF OZONA; EL:
2594 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON
DRLG; TD 7800, PBTD 7740; PRO-
DUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED
PERFS 7686 TO 7693; IPP 138
BOPD, 627 MCFD, 8 BWPD

TEXAS RRCD 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

ARROW OPERATING COMPANY
WEST FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT
#123
FUHRMAN-MASCHO; PSL SUR, BLK
A-42, SEC 23; 4227 FSL 4004 FEL
OF UNIT; 11 MILES SW OF
ANDREWS; EL: 3213 GL; CONTR:
SITTON; SPUD 1/12/97; COMP
1/19/97; TD 4715, PBTD 4680; PRO-
DUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED
PERFS 4530 TO 4604; IPP 40
BOPD, 9 MCFD, 100 BWPD; PERMIT
457135; API # 42-003-38122

ARROW OPERATING COMPANY
NORTHEAST FUHRMAN-MASCHO
UNIT #133
FUHRMAN-MASCHO; PSL SUR, BLK
A-43, SEC 8; 3825 FNL 2871 FEL OF
UNIT; 5 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; EL:
3184 GL; CONTR: SITTON; SPUD
2/19/97; COMP 2/27/97; TD 4608,
PBTD 4577; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED
PERFS 4368 TO 4486; IPP 26
BOPD, 22 MCFD, 54 BWPD; PERMIT
458403; API # 42-003-38150

LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
WEST FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT
#134
FUHRMAN-MASCHO; PSL SUR, BLK
A-42, SEC 17; 2641 FNL 5545 FEL OF
UNIT; 10 MILES SW OF ANDREWS;
EL: 3213 GL; CONTR: SITTON;
SPUD 2/26/97; COMP 3/5/97; TD
4732, PBTD 4698; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED
PERFS 4554 TO 4612; IPP 59
BOPD, 25 MCFD, 329 BWPD; PERMIT
459125; API # 42-003-38164

LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
WEST FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT
#133
FUHRMAN-MASCHO; PSL SUR, BLK
A-42, SEC 17; 4119 FNL 5559
FEL OF UNIT; 11 MILES SW OF
ANDREWS; EL: 3212 GL; CONTR:
SITTON; SPUD 12/27/96; COMP
1/3/97; TD 4730, PBTD 4292; PRO-
DUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE
TREATED PERFS 4317 TO 4595;
IPP 32 BOPD, 9 MCFD, 132 BWPD;
PERMIT # 454407; API # 42-003-
38031

ARROW OPERATING COMPANY
WEST FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT
#128
FUHRMAN-MASCHO; PSL SUR,
BLK A-42, SEC 23; 1551 FSL 2930
FEL OF UNIT; 11 MILES SW OF
ANDREWS; EL: 3207 GL; CONTR:
SITTON; SPUD 1/12/97; COMP
1/20/97; TD 4710, PBTD 4676; PRO-
DUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE
TREATED PERFS 4378 TO 4470;
IPP 53 BOPD, 14 MCFD, 113 BWPD;
PERMIT # 457277; API # 42-003-
38130

ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY
COWDEN #301
VENTEAM (ELLENBURGER); T&P
RR CO SUR, A-44, BLK 43, T1N,
SEC 3; 2538 FSL 2130 FEL OF
UNIT; 21 MILES NW OF ODESSA;
EL: 3117 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON
DRLG; SPUD 10/19/97; COMP
11/30/97; TD 12700; PRODUCTION
IS THROUGH OH 12700 TO 12654;
IPP 260 BOPD, 153 MCFD, 29
BWPD; PERMIT # 468859; API # 42-
003-38299

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP

E. F. KING #13
FUHRMAN (WOLF CAMP); PSL SUR,
BLK A-42, SEC 10; 1853 FNL 996
FEL OF UNIT; 9 MILES W&S OF
ANDREWS; EL: 3202 DF; SPUD
11/10/97; COMP 11/18/97; TD
10255, PBTD 9690; PRODUCTION
IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS
9460 TO 8528; IPP 1 BOPD, 1
MCFD, 6 BWPD; API # 42-003-05218

CRANE COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
TAS #5
P&P (DEVONIAN); H&TC RR CO
SUR, BLK 3, SEC 19; 791 FSEL 580
FEL OF UNIT; 15 MILES SW OF
CRANE; EL: 2405 GR; CONTR:
LAKOTA DRLG; SPUD 11/11/97;
COMP 11/27/97; TD 5700, PBTD
5648; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH
TREATED PERFS 5366 TO 5452;
IPP 110 BOPD, 110 MCFD, 10
BWPD; PERMIT # 468479; API # 42-
103-34570

ECTOR COUNTY

TEXACO E&P INC
O. B. HOLT #136
N. COWDEN; T&P RR CO SUR, BLK
43, T1N, SEC 10; 838 FSL 656 FEL
OF UNIT; 8 MILES NE OF GOLD-
SMITH; EL: 3031 GL; CONTR:
NABORS; SPUD 5/26/97; COMP
6/1/97; TD 4850, PBTD 4812; PRO-
DUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED
PERFS 4555 TO 4710; IPP 28
BOPD, 0 MCFD, 270 BWPD; PERMIT
462428; API # 42-135-37452

OXY USA INC
TXL PHILLIPS #1
TXL (DEVONIAN); T&P RR CO SUR,
BLK 45, T1N, SEC 43; 660 FNL 2100
FEL OF UNIT; 7 MILES SW OF
GOLDSMITH; EL: 3299; CONTR:
PATTERSON; SPUD 8/21/97; COMP
9/15/97; TD 8716, PBTD 8113; PRO-
DUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED
PERFS 8038 TO 8110; IPP 23
BOPD, 78 MCFD, 141 BWPD; API #
42-135-37521

TEXACO E&P INC
PENWELL UNIT #4389
PENWELL; PSL SUR, BLK B-16,
SEC 12; 870 FSL 1040 FEL OF
UNIT; 4 MILES SW OF PENWELL;
EL: 2853 GR; CONTR: NABORS;
SPUD 9/8/97; COMP 9/14/97; TD
3950, PBTD 3800; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3630
TO 3650; IPP 70 BOPD, 22 MCFD,
426 BWPD; PERMIT # 464365; API #
42-135-37510

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

WAGNER & BROWN LTD
EDMONDSON B #132
CONGER (PENN); T&P RR CO SUR,
BLK 32, T5S, SEC 32; 792 FSL 1491
FEL OF UNIT; 15 MILES SE OF
GARDEN CITY; EL: 2665; CONTR:
PATTERSON DRLG; SPUD 9/15/97;
COMP 10/13/97; TD 9850, PBTD
9008; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH
TREATED PERFS 8142 TO 8496;
IPP 27 BOPD, 375 MCFD, 4 BWPD;
PERMIT # 466836; API # 42-173-
32811

HOWARD COUNTY

MARALO INC
J. B. RYAN #10
LUTHER, SE (SILURIAN-DEVON-
IAN); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 32,
T2N, SEC 34; 1980 FSL 1980 FNL
OF UNIT; 10.2 MILES NE OF BIG
SPRING; EL: 2663 GR; CONTR:
ROBINSON DRLG; SPUD 9/20/97;
COMP 10/16/97; TD 10020, PBTD
9974; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH
TREATED PERFS 9914 TO 9930;
IPP 125 BOPD, 52 MCFD, 0 BWPD;
PERMIT # 465767; API # 42-227-
35232

MARTIN COUNTY

ODESSA EXPLORATION INC
MEERS #3
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P
RR CO SUR, BLK 37, T1N, SEC 37;
660 FNL 660 FNL OF UNIT; 4 MILES
NW OF STANTON; EL: 2767 GR;
CONTR: CLINT HURT; SPUD
8/20/97; COMP 9/8/97; TD 9425,
PBTD 9362; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7423
TO 9134; IPP 66 BOPD, 48 MCFD,
90 BWPD; PERMIT # 466396; API #
42-317-34118

ODESSA EXPLORATION INC
LOUVER #5
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P
RR CO SUR, BLK 37, T1N, SEC 45;
1870 FNL 749 FEL OF UNIT; 7
MILES NW OF STANTON; EL: 2725
GR; CONTR: CLINT HURT; SPUD
5/29/97; COMP 6/16/97; TD 9403,
PBTD 9308; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8091
TO 8910; IPP 28 BOPD, 34 MCFD,
80 BWPD; PERMIT # 462655; API #
42-317-34094

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
MIDKIFF UNIT #606 A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P
RR CO SUR, BLK 38, T4S, SEC 34;
7275 FNL 7260 FEL OF UNIT; 15
MILES SW OF SPRABERRY; EL:
2768 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD
3/5/97; COMP 3/15/97; TD 9000,
PBTD 8500; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7345
TO 8256; IPP 28 BOPD, 32 MCFD,
250 BWPD; PERMIT # 458969; API #
42-329-33667

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
PRESTON SPRABERRY UNIT #1606
A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P
RR CO SUR, BLK 37, SEC 18; 4622
FNL 9991 FNL OF UNIT; 8.5 MILES
N OF MIDKIFF; EL: 2745 GL; SPUD
5/15/97; COMP 5/28/97; TD 8930,
PBTD 8906; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7951
TO 8805; IPP 36 BOPD, 34 MCFD,
117 BWPD; PERMIT # 461130; API #
42-329-33703

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
PRESTON SPRABERRY UNIT #2909 A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P
RR CO SUR, BLK 37, T4S, SEC 28;
15219 FNL 395 FEL OF UNIT; 13.18
MILES S OF SPRABERRY; EL: 2703;
SPUD 4/29/97; COMP 5/10/97; TD
8800, PBTD 8744; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7049
TO 8611; IPP 45 BOPD, 36 MCFD,
115 BWPD; PERMIT # 461284; API #
42-326-33714

ARCO PERMAN
CHARLOTTE PARKS "18" #5
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P
RR CO SUR, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 18;
660 FNL 660 FNL OF UNIT; 15
MILES SW OF MIDLAND; EL: 2883
GR; CONTR: JSM 76; SPUD 9/14/97;
COMP 9/29/97; TD 9950, PBTD
9893; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH
FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 8110
TO 9790; IPP 39 BOPD, 20 MCFD,
206 BWPD; PERMIT # 467011; API #
42-329-33887

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
MARY FOSTER #395
IATAN, EAST HOWARD; T&P RR
CO SUR, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 7; 3482
FNL 4847 FNL OF UNIT; 9 MILES
SW OF WESTBROOK; EL: 2331 GL;
CONTR: RILEY DRLG; SPUD
12/10/96; COMP 12/15/96; TD 3330,
PBTD 3305; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2921
TO 2866; IPP 60 BOPD, 3 MCFD,
426 BWPD; PERMIT # 454860; API #
42-335-33888

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
MARY FOSTER #360
IATAN, EAST HOWARD; T&P RR
CO SUR, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 8; 842.6
FNL 3336.28 FNL OF UNIT; 9
MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; EL:
2369.3 GL; CONTR: RILEY DRLG;
SPUD 7/13/97; COMP 7/18/97; TD
3250, PBTD 3228; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2821
TO 2752; IPP 28 BOPD, 2 MCFD,

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STERLING CITY; EL: 2418 RKB;
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COMP 11/8/97; TD 8100, PBTD
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Above is the first roster of Midland Petroleum Club officers. John House was the first president. R.S. Brennand was vice president and J.P. "Bum" Gibbins was secretary-treasurer. The roster below lists club presidents from 1947 to 1995. Grant Billingsley was president in 1996 and Mark Phillips is current president.

Courtesy Petroleum Club of Midland

U.S. replenishing oil inventory,
increasing imports, says report

WASHINGTON — The nation replenished its oil inventory last year, increasing imports as prices fell, the American Petroleum Institute reported today.

The booming economy fueled an increase in energy consumption in 1997, the industry group said.

But Edward H. Murphy, API director of finance and statistics,

inventory declined 80,000 barrels per day.

"In retrospect, that was a wise decision" to reduce inventory when prices were high and replenish at lower costs, said Murphy.

The average price of a barrel with 42 gallons of crude oil is \$16.60, he said. A year ago it was \$26.10.

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API Director

declined to predict oil prices and supplies for this year.

Asked if the economic problems in Asia will have an impact he said: "Really, nobody knows," even though most experts expect lower demand for oil.

In 1996, U.S. oil imports were up 4.4 percent with the increases coming primarily from Mexico, Venezuela and Canada as worldwide production exceeded the growth of oil use.

As a result, U.S. petroleum inventories were built up at a rate of 161,000 barrels per day in 1997 and ended the year at about 1 billion barrels.

That's about 60 million barrels more than at the end of 1996, when

Murphy attributed the drop to increased production, including the return of Iraqi oil to the world market.

Other findings of the group's annual report:

—Oil production in the lower 48 states increased, though slightly, for the first time in six years due to the drilling of new wells and the use of new technology on deep wells in the Gulf of Mexico.

—Alaskan production continued to decline.

—Imports of crude oil and petroleum last year averaged 9.8 million barrels per day.

—U.S. dependency on imported oil rose from 51.8 percent to 53.1 percent of supply.

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The Petroleum Club of Midland, not unlike today, was the site of many professional and social events. The facility was in great demand for oil company parties at Christmas and other holidays. Left, a Christmas banquet meeting of the Midland Petroleum Landmen's Association in 1958. Below, officers of the Landmen's Association pose around a real Christmas tree. Bottom left is the officers and members of the Midland Petroleum Club in 1947. It reads like a who's who of the Permian Basin oil industry. Bottom right, Forest Oil Co. employees have a costume fling at a party in the early 1950s.

Photos from the Rubin Collection of the Petroleum Museum.

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Anadarko expects to announce record results

HOUSTON - Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (NYSE: APC) said today the Company expects 1997 operating and financial results to be the best levels ever recorded in its 29-year history. Comments from Anadarko senior management came today in a meeting with security analysts held in New Orleans. Key points made during that meeting include the following:

- Operating Results for 1997 reached record levels. Production of oil and gas exceeded the 1997 goal of 44 million energy equivalent barrels (EEBs), an

increase of more than 17 percent. The growth was achieved through a significant increase in exploration and development drilling activity in the U.S. The Company's five year average cost of finding new reserves should remain close to \$3.25 per EEB and reserve replacement should exceed 300 percent of production. Total proved reserves are expected to reach about 700 million EEBs at year-end 1997.

- Financial Results (to be released January 29) should exceed consensus analyst expectations for the fourth quarter and

full-year 1997. Annual cash flow and net income should be the highest levels ever recorded in Company history.

- 1998 Goals for Anadarko include an increased capital investment program that will exceed \$700 million. Company oil and gas production is expected to increase by about 20 percent compared to 1997 to more than 53 mil-

lion EEBs. First production from the Hassi Berkine South (HBNS) Field in Algeria is on schedule and should be reflected in operating and financial results for the second quarter of 1998.

Complete operating and financial results for 1997 should be released to shareholders on January 29, 1998 and capital spending plans will be announced January

Arch Petroleum names Dale R. Haley to board

FORT WORTH - Arch Petroleum Inc. announced that it has expanded its membership of Board of Directors with the unanimous appointment of Mr. Dale R. Haley of Fort Worth, Texas on December 23. Mr. Haley is Senior Vice President-Industry Relations of BJ Services, a position he held with The Western Company of North America prior to its 1995 merger with BJ Services. During his 39 years in the oil and gas industry he has held the positions of Vice President of Sales, Region Manager, Field Sales, Region Sales Manager and Service Manager. Educated at Pan American University, Mr. Haley is a member of the Petroleum Clubs of Fort Worth and

Dallas, Fort Worth Wildcatters, IOGA, SPE, IPAA, API and TIPRO.

"Dale Haley is a highly respected oil and gas professional and we are delighted to have his seasoned expertise on the board of Arch Petroleum," Arch President and CEO, Larry Kalas, said. "As we continue to grow in this highly competitive environment, Mr. Haley's experience and counsel will serve to complement our already strong board. We believe 1998 will be a year of growth as we actively seek opportunities to expand our presence in the United States and Western Canada through the drill bit and through corporate acquisition."

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Question: How long will oil prices stay down?

The question on everyone's mind these days is: "How long will the oil price slump last?" We have reason to hope it will not last beyond January, because OPEC has scheduled an emergency meeting for the end of this month — mainly to appease those members who do not have excess capacity and want higher oil prices.

However, if the Saudi oil production increases were a calculated move to halt the momentum of a robust non-OPEC oil industry, and restore OPEC market share, as we have speculated. It is a move that is already seeing results, and a solution may not come that quickly.

To see how quickly and effectively low oil prices eats away at the industry, one only has to look at the performance of energy stocks. Last year should have been a very good year for energy stocks. It started off like 1996, a very robust year, but in the last quarter, as oil prices began to tumble, so did the price of oil shares.

"There is no question that the deterioration was the result of the oil price drop. It correlates so perfectly to the drop," said Nick Cacchione, analyst for John S. Herold.

In a just-released report on Oil

Share Market Performance, John S. Herold has captured the damage by compiling price changes for 302 of the leading publicly traded oil and oil service companies. While not entirely



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unacceptable, the survey showed a definitely weaker performance.

The 302 oil and gas stocks, followed by Herold, showed a median return of 12 percent, or about 50 percent of the total Dow Jones Industrials which had a 25.1 percent increase. Even the Herold index of large integrated oil companies was slightly under the Dow at 23.6 percent. The signs of slowed activity were obvious.

Hardest hit by tumbling prices, says the report, were the medium and small cap E&P companies, which were crunched between falling oil prices and rising drilling and workover prices. Trapped in the "double whammy" independents found it difficult to add per share value in the latter part of 1997. The report notes:

"New and emerging technologies aside, it's still a tough game to create value in the upstream sector."

The report also noted that the oil service and drilling companies followed by John S. Herold were off in their rate of appreciation. When the dust had settled on the year and the surprise oil crash, drilling companies had advanced only 53 percent and service companies 43 percent. While this appreciation is very impressive and exceeds all other groups, there were signs of a weakening market. Some of the stocks that had shown gains of 100 percent in 1996, were knocked down to 50 percent gains in 1997.

By the same token, in 1996, 30 oil service company stocks doubled in price, but in 1997 only nine doubled. Little by little we see lower oil prices taking their toll on the industry.

If OPEC at its January meeting does not elect to accommodate those who want higher prices. Then, how far will it go, before the Saudis call off their over-production strategy? When we talk about advances of "only" 53 percent, and "only" one third as many companies doubling in value, we are talking about "fat." Fat in this case, being generally defined as the ability

to generate profits and add value.

Domestic oil prices probably will not head back up until the industry has burned up all of its fat and begins to burn muscle. When annual gains turn to declines, optimism fades and momentum slows, then and only then, will they break their price stranglehold on the oil industry.

Cacchione does not believe prices will stay down as long as they did in 1986 or go as low as 1986. "It is a different time. In 1986 Saudi Arabia market share was down to almost 3 million a day and heading toward zero. Today, supply and demand is much more closely balanced. There far less excess capacity than in 1986, and the Saudis have not show a willingness to spend the money to increase excess capacity." Still he acknowledges that the Saudis and Kuwaitis have a very strong incentive to protect market share.

Make no mistake about it, the Saudis and OPEC are well-informed traders and competitors. They do not deal in shoot-from-the-hip market strategies. The strategies at work now are hatched by well-educated Saudi executives and high-priced consultants — maybe even a few U.S. government

employees are in the loop.

When Jesus spoke about the "end of the age" in Matthew, he compared it to the blooming of a fig tree. "Just as you know summer is near when the twigs become tender and the leaves bloom," said Jesus, in so many words. "When these signs appear you will know the end is near." The end of this price travail will come to an end, when all the bloom is gone from the oil industry.

A close eye will be kept on all U.S. economic indicators, stock prices and production records. When the bloom is gone from the oil industry, they will know it is time to let prices rise again.

We will have a clearer picture of how over-production and low prices are impacting the domestic oil industry when the Oil Report completes its annual survey of producers and operators and publishes the results February 22. In that survey, we interview most of the producers and operators in the Permian Basin, comparing activity and spending levels for 1997 and 1998.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Kelley Oil and Gas announces 1998 capital expenditure budget

(BW) (KELLEY-OIL-GAS) (KOGC) Kelley Oil and Gas Announces \$62 Million Capital Expenditure Budget for 1998

Business Editors
HOUSTON -- (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Jan. 9, 1998 -- KELLEY OIL & GAS CORPORATION (Nasdaq NM: KOGC) announced today its initial capital expenditure budget for 1998 is \$62 million, compared to the initial 1997 capital expenditure budget of \$38 million which was subsequently amended to \$52 million. The 1998 capital expenditure budget is allocated evenly between development and exploration.

John F. Bookout, Chairman and CEO of Kelley Oil & Gas Corporation stated, "The Company allocated most of its financial resources in 1996 and 1997 to

development drilling in north Louisiana. The Company's improvements in cash flow permit increases in exploration activities in 1998, primarily focused on south Louisiana, including prospects acquired in the SCANA acquisition. The resultant 1998 capital expenditure budget balances continued development in north Louisiana with higher risk exploration that has the potential to add significant reserves."

The 1998 development budget of \$31 million provides for the drilling of 44 gross (21.0 net) wells in north Louisiana, where the Company believes it has at least a two year inventory of economic drill sites at this pace. Of 78 gross (33.3 net) development wells drilled in 1997 in north

Louisiana, 71 gross (29.3 net) have been completed as producers and 7 gross wells (4.0 net) are currently in progress. The 1998 development budget also provides for several recompletions and other proved undeveloped locations, some of which are on properties recently acquired from SCANA.

The 1998 exploration budget of \$31 million is allocated among south Louisiana, the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Texas and New Mexico. Of the \$31 million, \$18 million is for participation in the drilling of prospects in south Louisiana, where the Company has identified over 20 prospects which vary in depth and cost. The number of south Louisiana prospects drilled in 1998 will depend upon, among

other things, the working interests retained by the Company, which typically will not exceed 50%. The 1998 exploration budget includes the drilling of a prospect in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico at Matagorda Island Blocks 619/620, where the Company currently holds a 100% working interest. The Company may seek an industry partner in this offshore prospect which the Company expects to spud in the first quarter of 1998. The balance of the 1998 exploration drilling budget is primarily for prospects in Texas and New Mexico. The 1998 exploration budget also includes an aggregate of approximately \$10 million for 3-D seismic surveys, delay rentals and other geological and geophysical costs.

Duke Energy joins Alliance Pipeline project; pipeline to begin transportation in late 1999

HOUSTON - Subsidiaries of Duke Energy Corporation have acquired a 9.8 percent ownership position in the Alliance Pipeline partnerships for an undisclosed amount.

A Duke Energy subsidiary also contracted for 67.25 million cubic feet per day of capacity.

The Alliance Pipeline system is designed to transport natural gas from Western Canada to the Chicago-area market center for distribution throughout North America. The pipeline, scheduled for start-up in late 1999, is being developed by limited partnerships comprised of gas producers and marketing and pipeline companies.

"Alliance provides Duke Energy with additional direct access to a major producing region and an uninterrupted pathway from western Canada to the East Coast and into southern Ontario using Duke Energy's existing pipeline

systems," said Steve Roverud, president of Duke Energy's Midwest Pipeline Group. "Duke's

development of the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, which will move gas from the Sable area of

'Duke Energy has become a major player in the transportation of Canadian natural gas through its participation in Alliance.'

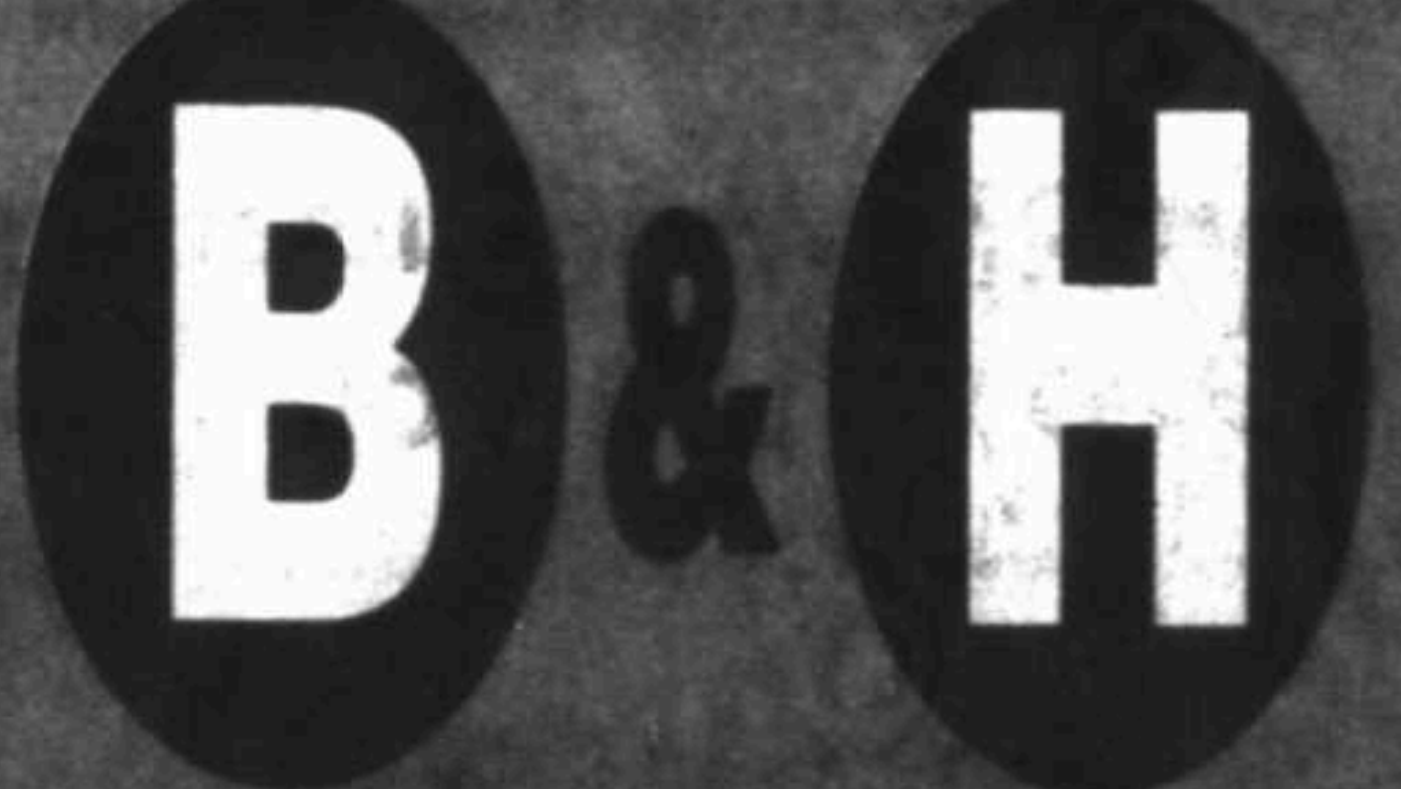
Steve Roverud,
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position in Alliance fits hand-in-glove with our previously announced plan to move gas from the Chicago area east."

"Duke Energy has become a major player in the transportation of Canadian natural gas through its participation in Alliance and its

offshore Nova Scotia into the Maritime Provinces and New England," Roverud said. "Both of these initiatives complement the company's long-standing participation in the Northern Border Pipeline."

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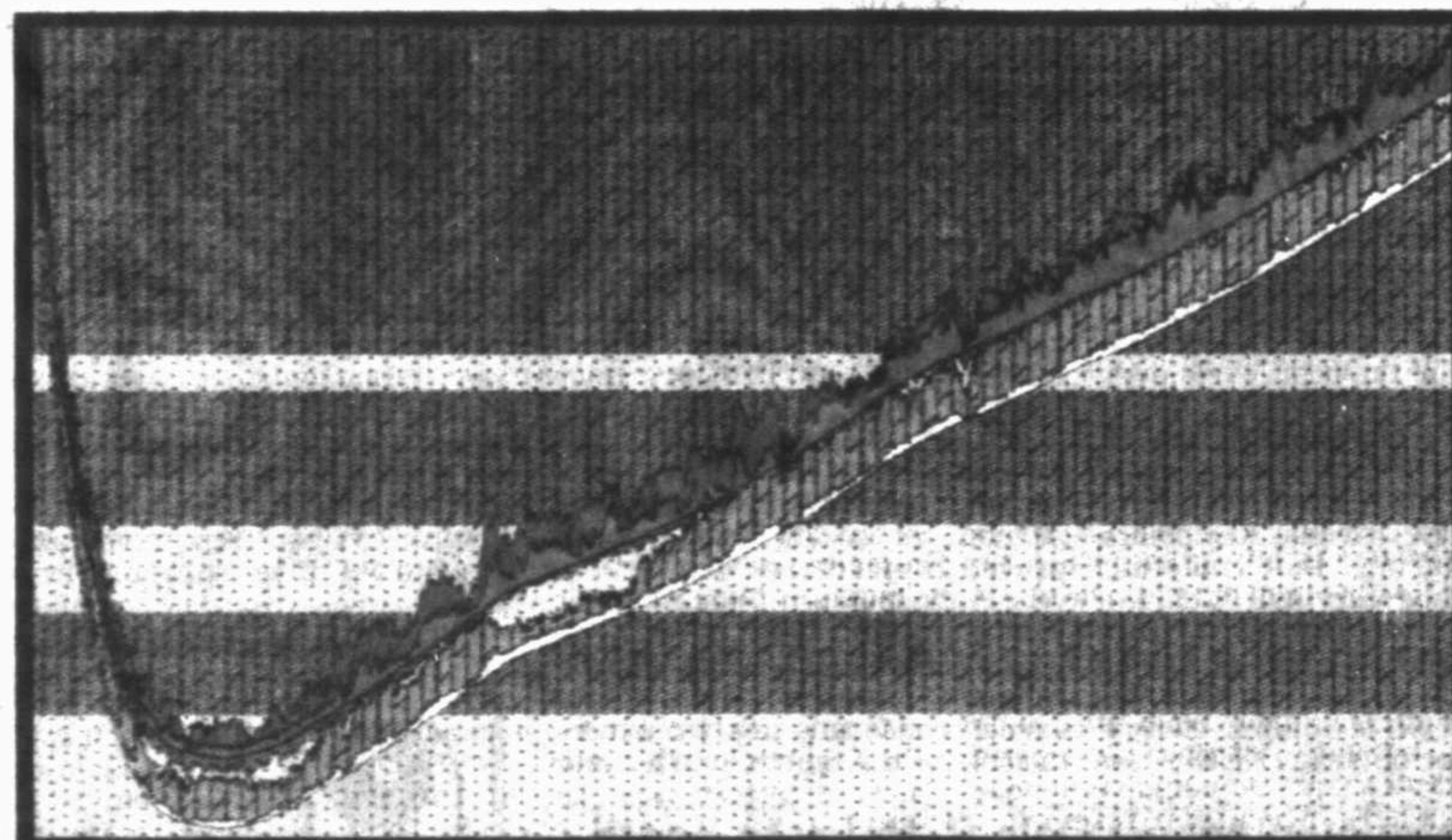
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